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SLICE OF NORMALCY AT RIVER'S EDGE



Above: Marsing resident John Clark puts a shine on the fender of his 1937 Plymouth coupe in the early stages of Sunday's Snake River Show. Mayor Chad Sevy hopes the show, produced by the Vintage Gems club as a fundraiser for Hope House, returns to Island Park in Marsing next year. For more photos, including of the award winners, see **Page 10**



Right: A family took advantage of great fishing weather Sunday afternoon at Island Park in Marsing, sharing the day with their reels with the hot rods on hand for the Vintage Gems Car Club's Snake River Show.

Twice-monthly Marsing market caters to local entrepreneurs

A local farmer looking out for her colleagues and tapping into the community's desire for fresh produce has started the Marsing Country Market.

Andi and Seth Hansen produce a little bit of everything on their Raw Life Farms, and that raw milk, pastured chicken, beef and eggs, and pork are all sold on-site at the family farm off Sommercamp Road near Givens Hot Springs.

"I don't know how many times I've heard of our milk customers who buy our milk in the stores in town end up being a close neighbor or right in our community," Andi Hansen said.

The Marsing Country Market is a way

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Market organizer Andi Hansen sits outside the pavilion where the market will take place.

Bruneau's school stays open; panel to analyze solutions

Parents can bus children to GV; superintendent predicts district fund balance will continue to dwindle

by **Mandi Boren**

For *The Owyhee Avalanche*

After nearly three months of discussions regarding elementary school consolidation, Bruneau-Grand View School District trustees have approved a short-term plan to keep Bruneau Elementary School's doors open — at least for now.

The 3-1 vote came during a July 6 meeting. Zone 3 Trustee Raelynn Schkade cast a dissenting vote, and a vote from board chair Scott McNeley (Zone 4) wasn't necessary.

District superintendent Ryan Cantrell had laid out five options for trustees to consider on May 19, but it was option C — Consolidate two elementary schools to Grand View Elementary — and a sixth option presented in an open email to trustees on June 30 that were on the agenda last week.

After a couple amendments, trustees opted for the short-term sixth option, which directs the district to:

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Local districts, SWDH to huddle on back-to-school plan

Homedale to finalize strategy in coming weeks

by **Logan Finney**

For *The Owyhee Avalanche*

As schools prepare to welcome students back for a new year, the Idaho State Board of Education approved reopening guidelines for the coronavirus pandemic last week. The 34-page "Idaho Back to School Framework" creates a three-level plan based on how severely the virus is spreading with considerations including preventative measures, student instruction, transportation and food service.

"Despite the incredible ad-

vances in digital learning, you can never replace the value and impact of in-person interaction with a professional, dedicated teacher," Gov. Brad Little said when he introduced the plan at a Thursday press conference. "The expectation is that schools will not be closed for extended periods of time."

The plan recommends schools remain open with physical distancing and sanitation protocols as long as there is no community transmission and only isolated cases of the virus.

In the case of minimal to moderate transmission, the plan calls for modified or staggered class schedules to limit the number of students

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✓ Bruneau: Trustees want to allocate teachers by schools' enrollment

- Form a committee with board-appointed members from all three communities to develop a long-term plan.
- “Maintain the operation of all three schools,” if trustees agree that the district can afford it.
- Reduce the \$400,000 annual supplemental levy set to expire in 2021.
- Reallocate an approximate \$147,000 in “separate elementary school” funds to provide an enrollment-based allocation of certified elementary teachers for the 2020-21 school year.
- Offer busing to Grand View Elementary for any Bruneau Elementary student

In his letter, Cantrell said, “I believe that school consolidation is necessary, inevitable and will ultimately provide a more holistic education for our students K-12.”

He went on to say that for this to occur all three communities — Grand View, Bruneau and Oreana — must agree to work together in a board-appointed committee. Trustees directed Cantrell to begin the committee selection process and to report to the board during next month’s regular meeting.

Trustees agreed for the time being to maintain all three

“It is imperative for us to recognize that this is not a long-term solution. ... ”



— **Ryan Cantrell**
Bruneau-Grand View district superintendent

schools, which Cantrell said “temporarily addresses the primary concern expressed by parents in the Bruneau community ... for their child to continue attending BES as their local neighborhood school while long-term options are discussed.”

The agreement points out that future levy support, fund balance and State Department of Education funding were all key components that the board would consider when determining whether the district could continue to maintain three schools.

Before approving the plan, trustees removed a clause suggesting all three schools remain open until 2027 — when the district’s \$5 million bond is set to expire.

Cantrell said the district is currently using an approximate \$200,000 of its fund balance each year for operations, and

that it was “very likely that this temporary solution will cause BGV to use a portion of the existing fund balance ... to support this agreement.”

The district currently has a \$1.62 million fund balance with an additional \$890,000 in a capital expenditures account.

Auditors recommend that the district operate with at least three months operating expenses in the fund balance. The BGV 2020-21 budget shows annual expenditures at approximately \$4.4 million, which puts the monthly operating expenses around \$367,066. With these figures, BGV is currently operating with 4½ months of reserves.

The presented plan also included a suggested levy reduction of 50 percent, but trustees opted to remove the exact amount and instead consider the amount at a later date. District patrons are

currently paying an annual \$400,000 levy, which is due to expire in 2021.

The district will also reallocate approximately \$147,000 in “separate elementary school” funding.

According to Idaho codes 33-1003 (2) and 33-1001 (25) the district qualifies for this money because it has two elementary schools with one located more than 10 miles on an all-weather road from both the nearest elementary school and secondary school and from the location of the superintendent’s office.

Cantrell asked trustees to consider how the “separate elementary school” funds were being allocated and pointed out that while Grand View Elementary has nearly twice as many students as Bruneau Elementary, the schools are operating with nearly the same number of certified teachers — BES with 4.5 and Grand View with five.

Trustees approved Cantrell’s suggestion to reallocate the “separate elementary school” funding to “provide for a more enrollment-based allocation” of the district’s certified elementary teachers.

Cantrell said this model would allow for one teacher per grade at Grand View Elementary and

would address the concerns of parents in all communities who support consolidation and want their child to receive their full reading and math instruction from a certified grade-level teacher.

To further address the desires of these parents, the board also gave Bruneau Elementary parents the option of busing their child to Grand View Elementary.

Cantrell pointed out that this short-term solution addresses the needs of a long-term solution, reduces taxes, maintains the operation of Bruneau Elementary School and offers one teacher per grade at Grand View Elementary School.

“It is imperative for us to recognize that this is not a long-term solution ...” Cantrell said. “It is a short-term solution while BGV trustees, parents and patrons work towards the long-term solution of school consolidation.”

The next scheduled school board meeting is set for 7 p.m., on Aug. 11 in the Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School library.

— *Mandi Boren, an Oreana resident, covers the Grand View-Bruneau-Oreana area for The Owyhee Avalanche. Send news tips to her at mandi@owyheeavalanche.com*

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County, taxpayers due for relief through CARES Act

State plans tax relief, first-responder salary payments

Owyhee County property owners and the county emergency services agencies apparently are getting a boost from the federal government.

County commissioners are in the midst of building the Fiscal Year 2021 budget, and County Clerk Angie Barkell said that the Board of County Commissioners has committed to forgoing the three percent increase in property tax revenue that is allowed each year.

“Everybody is in the same boat,” Barkell said of the board’s reasoning.

“(Ranchers) can’t sell their cows, and people are being laid off.”

That commitment makes the county's taxpayers eligible for a chunk of federal money that the State of Idaho has received as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

Although it is unclear exactly how much property tax relief can be expected (it may show up as a credit on the December tax bill), Barkell said that local landowners will see direct savings from the state when property tax bills arrive in December.

“The governor’s office has passed that money on as property tax relief to the individual property owners,” Barkell said.

Apparently, whatever formula is figured

out, the county will receive 103 percent of the total reimbursement. The extra three percent will be retained by the county, essentially making up for not taking the annual three percent increase.

"We may not receive more than \$20,000 or \$30,000," Barkell said.

Alas, with property values still on the rise, it's unclear what type of impact the rebates will have on bills.

Barkell said that the county planned to commit to another program that will save money on first-responder wages, too.

Also tied to the CARES Act, the state has another pool of funding that allows governmental agencies to claim all emergency responder-related wages for the final 10 months of 2020. There also are provisions to pay some portion of emergency management costs and

health district expenses.

Owyhee County could claim wages for emergency dispatchers and sheriff's deputies, and coroner's office personnel, Barkell said.

“We have to commit to the governor by the middle of July if we’re going to jump on the program, which we are because it’s a smart thing to do for our taxpayers,” Barkell said.

The county must submit an estimate on emergency services payroll for the 10-month period. Once the state receives that estimate, a formula will be calculated and a percentage of allocation will be determined.

Barkell said that Homedale and Marsing could also recoup wages related to COVID-19 response, too.

— JPB

Oregon man dies in Idaho 51 head-on crash

Only drivers were
wearing seatbelts

A 55-year-old Oregon man died last week in a head-on crash on Idaho highway 51.

The Idaho State Police responded to the crash early in the afternoon of July 7 at milepost 32 near Grasmere. According to dispatch logs, the Owyhee County Sheriff's

Office assisted on the call.

Rocky L. Maley, 55, of Fox, Ore., died at the scene after suffering injuries when he was ejected from a 2019 Chevrolet Suburban driven northbound by 53-year-old Deanna M. Maley, also of Fox.

According to ISP, Macquinzi A. Marlar, 18, of Crescent Valley, Nev., was heading southbound in a 2003 Subaru Legacy when she crossed

the center line and struck the
Maleys' vehicle.

Troopers report that Marlar and Deanna Maley were wearing seatbelts.

Both were transported by air ambulance to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Rocky Maley and three other adult passengers in the Suburban weren't wearing safety restraints, according to

an ISP press release.

Dillon L. Maley, 21, Cole J. Maley, 29, both of Fox, and Council resident Kelsei L. Kiser, 20, were transported to St. Al's in Boise by ground ambulance.

All three were riding in the Suburban.

ISP began its investigation at 1:50 p.m., and the roadway was blocked for about 4½ hours as crews cleared the crash.

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“Malt Shop Memories” come alive at museum

The Owyhee County Historical Museum is a place where one can go back in time. On Friday, the trip is back to the malt shop.

The museum is playing host to a Malt Shop Memories ice cream social and classic car show from 4 p.m., to 9 p.m., at the museum, 17085 Basey St., in Murphy.

The museum will be open to tour, and staff will conduct prize drawings originally set for Outpost Days last month.

Outpost Days was cancelled because of COVID-19 concerns, so the ice cream

social and car show is the first large-scale event at the museum this year.

Fresh pies and ice cream as well as sloppy joes will be sold.

On the Depot Stage, StoneRock Sound & Lighting from Elko, Nev., will provide classic tunes and the opportunity to sing karaoke.

The raffle prizes are a Henry .22-caliber rifle, a homemade quilt, and Created Alexandrite earrings provided by Stone Rock Jewelers in Elko, Nev.

For more information about the event or the museum, call (208) 495-2319.

Grant try aims at county 911 backup

Sheriff’s office hires jailer

The Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office has applied for a grant for 911 backup.

County commissioners approved the application July 6.

County 911 coordinator Sarah Kipper applied for an Idaho Public Safety Communications Commission (IPSCC) grant to fund several aspects:

- Purchase of a Make Busy Switch, which is a physical switch CenturyLink would install in the OCSO dispatch center so dispatchers could transfer calls to Canyon County in case of an emergency.

The switch would create immediate continuity in 911 dispatch coverage in Owyhee County.

“It literally occurs at the flip of a switch, rather than having to call CenturyLink to make the transfer, which takes several minutes at best,” Kipper said.

Emergencies in which the switch could be deployed include phone service outages and dispatch center evacuations.

- Kipper said the application also will seek funding to cover two years of networking fees for a dedicated circuit needed for the switch.
- Kipper’s IPSCC grant application also seeks money to cover CallWorks 911 maintenance fees for the second and third years of the system’s operation. CallWorks 911 is scheduled to go live on July 29.
- Funding is also sought to assistance with networking fees for Years 1 and 2 for the Make Busy Switch and Years 2 and 3 for 911 CallWorks.

Kipper told commissioners she would also like to apply for an Idaho Broadband Grant. According to the state Depart-

ment of Commerce website, the grant will provide public organizations with funding to purchase broadband infrastructure, equipment and services from private internet service providers.”

Further discussions on the application are ongoing.

Board approves more sheriff’s office hires

OCSO continued to take on new and returning staff, with commissioners approving two hires on July 6.

Shane Trautman has been hired as a full-time jail deputy at a rate of \$15.50 per hour, with an effective hiring date of July 6.

John Cossel has returned as a part-time courthouse security officer and an off-highway vehicle deputy. His rate of pay is \$18.08 per hour.

— TK

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Youth outreach event coming to Homedale

Homedale Calvary Fellowship plans a youth outreach at 7 p.m., on Friday, July 14 at Bette Uda City Park.

Ryan Ries, co-founder of The Whosoovers Movement,

will serve as guest speaker. There also will be free food and music.

Ries’ non-profit organization aims to empower students to make positive choices.

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All systems go for fair and rodeo

Directors for the Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo came together in a joint meeting July 7 to ensure that both boards were full speed ahead for the popular event.

The fair, dubbed “Barn in the USA” this year, takes place during the first full week of August.

According to fair manager Ginger Loucks, fair and rodeo directors discussed social distancing measures and safety for coordinators and visitors.

This year’s fair book reads “Safety is a priority for us at the Owyhee County Fair. Please practice social distancing and wash/sanitize your hands often.”

Loucks said that wearing

masks is welcome but not required to partake in fair and rodeo activities. Hand sanitizer will be available in multiple locations throughout the fair and rodeo grounds.

Individuals have until Monday to submit nominations for Owyhee Fair and Rodeo Parade grand marshal. The fair board will choose who will lead the parade, which is set for 10 a.m., on Saturday, Aug. 1.

Float registration begins at 9 a.m., with judging at 9:30. Registration will be at the Homedale High School parking lot and outside Deward Bell Stadium.

Fair events will begin at 8 a.m., on Monday, Aug. 3, with the opening day of the two-day Owyhee County 4-H

Horse Show. 4-H, FFA, and Open Class events will begin on Wednesday, Aug. 5. The rodeo begins with a free slack performance at 7 p.m., on Aug. 5, and will run through Aug. 8.

Tickets for the rodeo are available at Matteson’s in Homedale, D&B Supply in Nampa and Caldwell, or at the gate.

Local rodeo entries will open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Tuesday, July 28. Call (208) 337-3666.

Idaho Cowboys Association professional rodeo entries will be accepted from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., on Monday, July 27. Enter online at <http://ica.enterup.biz/>

— TK

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Next month’s Farmers Market Week focuses on shopping local

After weathering uncertainty, delays, a few cancellations and some big changes to business as usual, farmers markets in Idaho are looking forward to celebrating National Farmers Market Week, Aug. 2-8. And while this year, visitors may miss the busy market social scene and some of the special events or entertainment, there are still so many reasons to visit and enjoy a farmers market in your community.



Ariel Agenbroad

In normal years, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) estimates that farmers markets and farm stands account for roughly \$2 billion of the \$3 billion that Americans spend annually on products purchased straight from the farm. And this means that growers selling locally not only help increase the supply of fresh food, they also create 13 full-time jobs for every \$1 million in revenue earned, supporting the livelihoods of more than 165,000 mostly small and mid-sized farms and ranches and the businesses that support them. The demand for fresh, locally grown food and farm products and the support for small farmers has continued to be strong in our region this year. And that is good news for local economies.

What changes can you expect to see for this season? Many markets have streamlined their operations, temporarily reducing the number of vendors, or spacing vendor booths further away from each other. Some markets, like in Homedale, have adopted technology that allows shoppers to place an online order in advance for pick-up. Others are only allowing a certain number of customers in the market at one time so that social distance may be observed. Be prepared to see more hand-washing stations, and signs with new market policies.

These changes have been made with input from the local health districts and are meant to protect the vendors and customers, and require a little getting used to, but the familiar faces behind the booths and the products they have lovingly grown, baked, crafted and brought to market for you will be worth it! And because the majority

of markets in the state accept electronic SNAP benefits (food stamps), just about everyone can have access to the same high-quality, delicious food and agricultural products. At the Homedale Farmers Market, SNAP benefits are even doubled when used to buy fresh fruits and vegetables.

Here is information on some local markets. Be aware that dates and times may be subject to change this year, so it’s best to visit the Market’s website or social media page for the latest updates.

- **Homedale:** Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., through Aug. 27 at Bette Uda City Park, 200 E. Idaho Ave. www.homedale-farmersmarket.com
- **Greenleaf:** Fridays from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., through Sept. 25 at 20535 Academy Rd./Idaho highway 19. Visit fb.me/greenleaffarmersmarket.
- **Farm to Fork Farmers Market in Caldwell:** Wednesdays from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., through Sept. 29 on Indian Creek Plaza, 106 Kimball Ave. Visit www.indiancreekplaza.com for more information.
- **Nampa:** Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., through Oct. 31, downtown at Front Street and 13th Avenue. www.nampafarmersmarket.com
- **Weiser:** Thursdays from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., through Sept. 10 at the Weiser Train Depot, One State Street. Visit fb.me/WeiserFarmersMarket
- **Emmett:** Wednesdays from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., through Oct. 31 at Blaser Park, West Park Street and North Washington Avenue. www.emmettfarmersmarket.com

Find every market in Idaho at <http://www.idahofma.org/findamarket> or pick up a copy of the 2020 Idaho Farmers Market Guide at the University of Idaho Extension Office in Marsing.

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Engineer: Marsing’s new City Hall poised for August opening

Dog fees on the rise; other hearings shelved

Remodeling the old Sandbar Restaurant into Marsing’s new city hall will cost \$105,291.

City engineer Kirby Cook reported the final price tag, which includes all change orders, at last Wednesday’s City Council meeting.

Cook said the building’s new doors won’t be delivered until July 28, and the final walkthrough on the project would likely be the second week of August.

The total cost of the project, including buying the building from Marsing Senior Citizens Inc., is \$265,291. The city’s \$160,000 purchase of the building was funded by \$100,000 in proceeds from the sale of city property to Am-Vac Chemical, and a \$60,000 draw-down out of the city’s Capital Outlay Fund.

In other engineering developments, Cook is working with public works superintendent Philip Gibson on a plan to introduce probiotic enzymes into the town’s sewer ponds to reduce sludge. He said that sludge has been particularly bad because of the recent cyanobacteria blooms.

Dog fee increase OK’d

Only one of the three sched-

uled public hearings were held last Wednesday.

No public input was received during a hearing on proposed administrative dog fees.

After closing the hearing, the council passed a resolution enacting a dogs-at-large impound fee of \$40. Previously, dog owners with animals impounded at the Wilder city kennel were charged \$5.50 per day.

The multiuse rezone request by Marsing Ag Labor was continued for a third time and will be heard prior to the council’s Aug. 12 meeting.

Marsing Ag Labor director Luke Ankeny is attempting to rezone the property on 8th Avenue West to commercial so that a new office can be built, and is still getting his ducks in a row. June’s public hearing was continued because he was waiting to hear from a surveyor to reset the property’s boundaries and legal description.

The hearing to address the request for a lot size variance to a property on South 14th Avenue West was resolved prior to the hearing. According to City Clerk and Treasurer Jolyn Green, the lot was already nonconforming, so all that was necessary was to submit building plans that followed existing setbacks.

Coronavirus complicates code officer training

With COVID-19 restrictions putting up roadblocks to his training, code enforcement officer Cory Callison has applied for a scholarship

to receive American Association of Code Enforcement virtual training.

The council voted to pay the \$240 training fee if Callison does not receive the scholarship.

Chip-seal project slated

Gibson hit the ground running in his return to the position of superintendent.

He said his crew will begin prepping for chip-sealing multiple roads in Marsing. The total project will cover slightly more than two miles.

Gibson said that he received a bid on the project from Winn and Co., based out of Buhl, for \$88,430, with an additional \$15,000 for chips from Showalter Construction.

The money for the chip-sealing would come from the city’s capital improvement budget.

The council marked a 1988 GMC pickup and a Dixie chopper mower as surplus and will send them to Musick Auction.

Green to attend IAC

Mayor Chad Sevy announced in his monthly report that Green will attend the Idaho Association of Cities conference, Sept. 22-25, in Post Falls.

The conference costs \$235, plus \$99 per night for the hotel room.

The council voted to accept Skyline Painting’s \$2,485 bid to paint the gable and open soffit at the city’s shop.

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Obituary

Janice Lee Scott

Janice Lee Scott passed away April 27, 2020, at her home in Jordan Valley, OR. She was born March 13, 1948 in Eugene, OR to John and Delores (Helfrich) Scott and raised on the family ranch in Junction City, OR. She attended Junction City schools, graduating in 1966.

Janice loved rodeo and spent many summers traveling to rodeos with her photographer grandparents, DeVere and Helen (Reed) Helfrich. In 1967 she was a princess on the St. Paul, OR court.

She also loved animals and raised many dogs, cats,

horses and goats. Janice held a variety of jobs allowing her to work with or around animals including working on a dude ranch in Arizona, working as a dog groomer and a pen rider at a feedlot in George, WA.

At the feedlot, she met Richard Plourde. They moved to Chehalis, WA, were married and had 2 children, Brandon and Teresa. While the children were growing up, Janice was a stay-at-home mom volunteering at their schools.

Janice was a member of the LDS Church, the Lewis County Trail Dusters and the Lewis

County Rodeo Association for many years.

In 2011, Janice moved to Jordan Valley to be closer to her parents and sisters. She is survived by her mother, Delores Scott of Prairie City, OR, son, Brandon Plourde of Hermiston, daughter, Teresa (Dustin) Stromme of Winlock, WA, two grandsons, Braden and Cole Stromme; sisters Zelda (Mike) Workman of Prairie City, OR and Helen (Jim) McDonald of Denio, NV, 4 nieces, 2 nephews and many great-nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father John Scott.

Local author’s fundraiser shindig returns to Silver City

The Children’s Tumor Foundation will again get a boost thanks to the efforts of a local author.

Homedale native Jacquie Rogers, who now lives outside Marsing, will host her fifth annual readers’ event, “Much Ado About Silver City,” Friday through Sunday at the Idaho Hotel in Silver City.

The first event takes place at 4 p.m., on Friday, and the final event is scheduled for 10:30 a.m., on Sunday.

Honey Beaulieu, a character throughout Rogers’ books, will co-host the event, including the popular “World’s Best Melodrama.”

All money raised through an authors basket charity auction will be donated to the foundation. Any person or business can contribute a basket. Jack Sprague will be the auctioneer.

To donate an auction basket,

email Mercedes Christesen at hurricanemercedes@yahoo.com

Poet Roberta Whittemore and author Sean Dwyer, who penned “A Quest for Tears: Surviving Traumatic Brain Injury,” will join Rogers for the weekend.

There will be a multi-author book signing.

New events this year include Friday night bingo and a fashion show on Saturday night.

“OK, so it’s actually a costume party,” Rogers said. “With wine.”

There will also be tomahawk throwing on Saturday.

The event’s special guests are Kiffer and Andy Brown, owners of Chanticleer Book Reviews, in Bellingham, Wash.

Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday evenings.

Dinner on Friday is \$16 per

person and consists of oven-roasted seasoned pork loin, oven-roasted red potatoes, a vegetable, tossed green salad, dinner rolls, and Mercedes grain-free crème puffs.

On Saturday, dinner is \$19 per person and consists of Santa Maria barbecue tri-tip, grain-free adult macaroni and cheese, grilled French bread, tossed green salad, Santa Maria barbecue beans, and rainbow sherbet.

All sauces are gluten-free.

To make dinner reservations, email Moriah McCormick at moriahhh@yahoo.com.

To reserve a room at the Idaho Hotel, call (208) 863-4768 or (208) 583-4101, or for camping information, email Chelle Gluch at chellejamiegluch@yahoo.com.

For more event information, email Diane Garland at diane.garland12@gmail.com.— TK

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FLORENCE PAXTON, 94, of Wilder, died Monday, July 6, 2020. Arrangements: All Valley Cremation, 1538 11th Ave. N. Ext., Nampa. (208) 899-9361

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July 21: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, country trio veggies

July 22: Ham & cheese on roll, potato salad, beet salad

July 23: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, creamed spinach

July 28: Stir-fry chicken & veggies, rice

July 29: Cheeseburger on bun, fries/tater tots, mixed veggies

July 30: Roast pork, mashed potatoes w/gravy, beets

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July 21: Birthday Dinner: Oven-fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, green salad, corn, fresh fruit, whole grain slice bread & butter, birthday cake

July 23: Pork chops, funeral potatoes, sauerkraut, green beans, spiced applesauce, whole wheat roll, pudding

July 28: Roast beef, baked potato, sour cream, Waldorf salad, yogurt w/granola, whole grain roll

July 30: Tostada bowl salad: whole grain tostada bowl, refried beans, tomatoes, olives, onions, salsa, cheese, sour cream, whole grain tortilla chips, green salad, fresh berries, cottage cheese

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Homedale council signs off on senior housing idea

Homedale officials made it clear last Wednesday that they won’t stand in the way of commercial or residential development within the city limits.

The city council approved a special use permit to green-light a planned 32-unit senior housing development on what is now a pasture between Utah Avenue and Kansas Avenue on South Main Street.

Greg Urrutia of New Beginnings Housing, LLC, said construction on the project could start next spring if the Nampa-based developer receives funding. An answer on funding could come in September, he said.

The Vineyard Cottages Homedale development will feature one- and two-bedroom units grouped in four-plexes and six-plexes. Urrutia said the majority of the units would be two-bedroom homes.

Thirty-two covered parking spaces are planned, and another 16 uncovered.

The density works out to about 12 units per acre on the 2.7-acre parcel.

“This will be a really good asset for Homedale,” Urrutia said. “From our perspective, there’s a lot of demand and not a lot of options here.”

The affordable housing will be open for individuals 62 and older, and Urrutia said rent would range between \$400 and \$800 monthly.

Neighbor backs new laundromat

At the behest of city attorney Paul J. Fitzer, the council revamped a planned discussion with a business owner about a planned coin-operated laundry into a public comment period.

Tom Gaskins, owner of the Corner Laundry, had requested time on the agenda to voice his concerns about the planned Wishy Washy laundromat that Wilder resident Jesse Denton plans to open in the old Homedale Laundromat location on West Owyhee Avenue.

Gaskins concerns include the lack of off-street parking and the possibility of high vehicle traffic near residential developments. West of the laundromat stand under-construction townhomes and established apartments.

“This looks like a sloppy, poorly executed witch hunt,” Denton said.

Gaskins and Don’s Automotive owner Don Young spoke out against the laundromat, while Dog Spa building owner Faydra Given supported the idea of another business in the same mixed-use block.

“It’s nice to see things perking up,” Given said. “Healthy competition is good for the economy.”

Young told the council that the parcel marked for the new laundromat has a drainage problem and that the neighboring vacant lot — now owned by Gaskins — would be affected.

Fitzer, who says he was against an agenda item on the subject to begin with, pointed out that a drainage issue would be a civil matter between property owners. He also said Gaskins was mistaken in his assertion that city ordinance required off-street parking for businesses.

The attorney also pointed out that, even though a laundromat hasn’t operated at the location for more than a decade, that laundries are a permitted use in Homedale’s mixed-use zones.

“There is nothing we’re going to do to stop the business going in,” Mayor Gheen Christoffersen said.

Denton, the building owner, has scrapped the idea of building a second story on the building for apartments. The council had previously approved a special use permit for that.

— JPB

Calendar		
Today No activities scheduled	Monday 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.	Friday, July 24 Idaho Foodbank drop-off 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., First Presbyterian Church of Homedale, 320 N. 6th St. W, Homedale. (208) 473-9331 STEM From Your Library 3 p.m., Homedale City Pool, Riverside Park, North 2nd Street West. (208) 337-4228 The Landing teen support group 6 p.m., Rising Light Farm Ministry, 5189 N. Old Bruneau Hwy., Marsing. (208) 807-0680
Thursday Summer reading 1 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 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	Tuesday No activities scheduled	Saturday, July 25 OCA summer meeting 9 a.m., Silver City Schoolhouse OCA summer meeting social hour 5 p.m., Silver City Schoolhouse OCA summer meeting dinner 6 p.m., \$16 per person, Silver City OCA summer dance 9 p.m., \$7 per person, \$12 per couple, Silver City Schoolhouse
Friday STEM From Your Library 3 p.m., Homedale City Pool, Riverside Park, North 2nd Street West. (208) 337-4228 The Landing teen support group 6 p.m., Rising Light Farm Ministry, 5189 N. Old Bruneau Hwy, Marsing. (208) 807-0680 OCHS ice cream social and car show 4 p.m., to 9 p.m., Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St, Murphy. (208) 495-2319	Wednesday Owyhee County P&Z public hearings 3 p.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 17069 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2095, ext. 2	Monday, July 27 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.
Saturday Snake River Country Market 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., The Spot pavilion, 12 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 989-2273	Thursday, July 23 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 & Tweens 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Homedale Library, 125 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.	
Sunday No activities scheduled		

Submitting a calendar item

You can find a comprehensive listing of local events online at www.theowyheeavalanche.com. Click on the “Calendar of Events” link on the left-hand side of the page.

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 on our Web site). For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.

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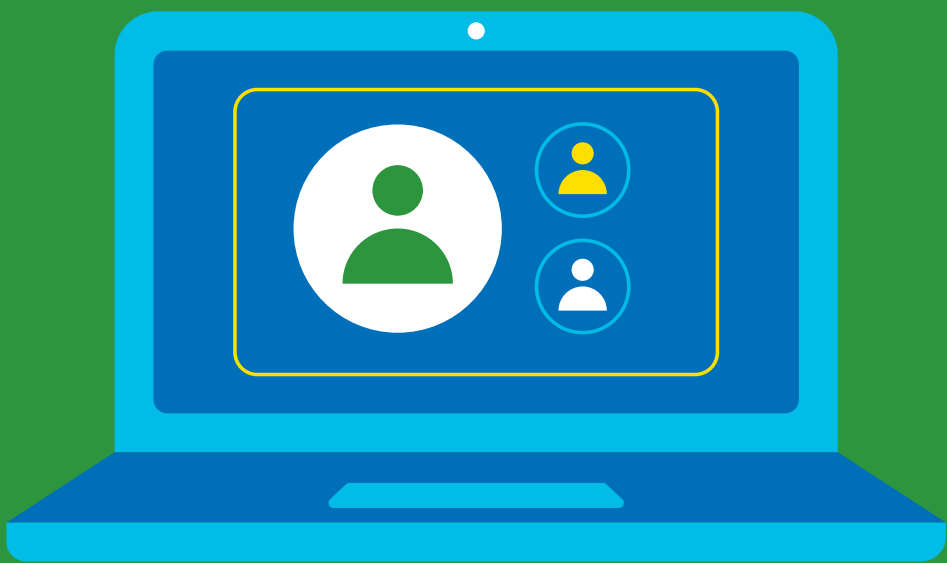
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Vandals jeopardize Homedale park restroom access

Homedale officials could shut down public restrooms at Bette Uda City Park if a spate of vandalism continues. City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram confirmed Monday that vandals have broken a urinal off the men’s bathroom wall and have spread feces on the bathroom walls. The vandalism — which also has included clogging toilets with plastic bottles — has led police officers to lock the restrooms at dusk each evening and begin regular checks of the interior.

“It’s just senseless stupidity,” Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said. The vandalism probably started last week, Eidemiller said. If anyone has information on the vandalism incidents or witnesses further vandalism, call HPD at (208) 337-4642 or (833) 337-4222, ext. 2. Eidemiller said vandalism of a public building is a misdemeanor crime punishable by up to six months in jail and/or a \$1,000 fine.

— JPB

Garage sale to benefit The Rock of Homedale

A garage sale will raise money for a planned non-profit non-denominational Christian youth center in Homedale. Sale item donations are being sought for The Rock of Homedale, which is under construction at 314 E. Owyhee Ave. The sale will take place at 9 a.m., on Saturday, Aug. 1, at the new building. An open house to show off the new center is also planned. Project spokesperson Kathy Deal said that sale proceeds will fund the lingering construction aspects for the center, which has a planned opening to coincide with the

start of the 2020-21 school year next month. Deal said that an anonymous community member has agreed to match all donations The Rock receives up to a total of \$10,000. Tax-deductible cash donations to help with the center are welcome, too. Visit www.therockofhomedale.org for information on how to make a contribution and to get more information on the organization and its mission. Call (208) 794-1048 or email therock83628@gmail.com for information on how to donate to the garage sale.

— JPB

Deputy allegedly finds heroin in woman’s car

A Homedale woman faces multiple drug charges after a traffic stop on July 4 on U.S. Highway 95 between Homedale and Marsing. Owyhee County Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said that Elizabeth Snow, 33, faces a felony controlled substance charge after a substance that tested as heroin was found in her vehicle. She also faces misdemeanor counts of drug paraphernalia possession and driving on a suspended license. She was also written up for a failure to purchase car insurance infraction. Snow was driving a Nissan Altima south on U.S. 95 toward Marsing when she was pulled over after a deputy noticed her vehicle’s windows had excessively dark tinting.

Snow admitted to the deputy that her passenger, Ronald Schofield, 69, of Caldwell, had just smoked a joint. A search turned up a clear, plastic baggie containing a crystal substance that tested presumptive positive for methamphetamine and two plastic baggies with a brown, tarry substance that tested presumptive positive for heroin. The search also located several items of paraphernalia. Schofield was cited for misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance and released. Snow was arraigned before Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington on July 6, and faces a Monday preliminary hearing in Murphy.

— TK

SNAKE RIVER SHOW AND SHINE



Marsing Mayor Chad Sevy (bottom row, far right) handed out trophies at the inaugural Snake River Show presented by the Vintage Gems Car Club as a fundraiser for Hope House. **Top row, from left:** Peanut and Rich Henson, Nampa, 1955 Pontiac, City’s Choice; Susan Newman, Boise, 1919 Model T, Most Vintage from Marsing Hardware and Pump; Jorge Barjam, Nampa, 1939 Plymouth, Best Convertible; Stennett Bell, 1964 Dodge two-door sedan, People’s Choice; Mark Bauer, Homedale, 1952 Buick, Ladies Choice; and Marshall Morris, Marsing, 1968 Ford pickup, Spot Pizza Award. **Bottom row, from left:** Jason Richards, Nampa, 1965 Mustang, Vintage Gems Choice; Ernie Agueros Jr., Marsing, 1955 Chevy Sedan, Mayor’s Choice.



Above: Marsing resident Ernie Agueros Jr.’s award-winning 1955 Chevy (second from left) sits in a row. His father, Ernie Agueros Sr., won a best paint trophy years ago in the Angel Walk show in Homedale for his Chevy Fleetline (parked on the far right). **Right:** Classic cars owned by host club Vintage Gems members were parked in an area away from the judged vehicles, bringing the show count to more than 100 cars.



With about 100 car owners bringing out their rides, a third line of vehicles was created right at the edge of the pond.

LOCAL YOUTH RODEO IN EMMETT



Above: Header Sloan McFarlane teamed with heeler Sammy Saunders of Homedale to dominate Junior team roping on Saturday with a 7.91-second run. They also placed Sunday. Several Owyhee County boys and girls competed against peers from Idaho, Utah, Oregon and Nevada during a two-day Gem State Rodeo Association event at the Gem County Fairgrounds in Emmett on Saturday and Sunday. Photographer/reporter Cherie Rolland of Cherie Rolland Photography said the influx of out-of-state competitors is attributable to — among other things — Oregon shutting down social gatherings because of the COVID-19 pandemic.



Clockwise from bottom left: Karlee Smith, daughter of Tyler and Annie Smith, in Mini Mite girls' dummy roping. Carlee Mackenzie of Rockville, daughter of Sammy and Lacey Mackenzie, in Mini Mite girls' pole bending. Carlee's brother Stetson in the Pee Wee flag race. Trey Macfarlane, son of Jerad and Katie Macfarlane, handles his calf in Juniors. His twin brother, Trell, also competes.

Canyon, FBI officials probe Idaho 51 suicide

The Canyon County Sheriff's Office is assisting with the investigation of a man's apparent suicide on Idaho highway 51 inside the Duck Valley Indian Reservation.

A 57-year-old man from Battle Mountain, Nev., died of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound during Idaho State Police's investigation of a possible driving under the influence report at about 1:30 p.m.

Results of the criminal investigation, headed up by the FBI and CCSO, will be submitted to Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Jeffrey Phillips for review.

The man was traveling northbound in an RV with his dog about four miles from the Nevada border when a Bureau of Indian Affairs agent made contact following up on a 911 call about an impaired

driver.

An ISP trooper was called to investigate because the man was not a tribal member, and the BIA agent made the stop on a state highway.

According to the ISP release, the man failed BIA-administered field sobriety test. When the state trooper arrived, more evidence was found that led to the man's arrest.

Before taking him into custody the trooper escorted the man into the RV so he could care for his dog.

Once inside, the man grabbed a gun and shot himself. The trooper witnessed the incident but did not fire his weapon, the ISP release said.

Per protocol, the trooper has been placed on administrative leave. Neither the trooper nor the BIA agent, who remained outside the rig, were injured, according ISP.

Man gets five days in county jail for DUI

A Wilder man has been sentenced for his springtime drunk driving arrest.

Kenneth William Rose must spend five days in jail and serve two years supervised probation after reaching a plea agreement on a misdemeanor driving under the influence charge.

Homedale Police arrested

Rose on March 21.

In addition to the penal punishment, Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington also suspended Rose's driver's license until Oct. 21.

Rose must pay \$500 in fines and \$202.50 in costs and complete a treatment program.

Rose has until Dec. 1 to complete is jail time.

Unlicensed driver cited for pot possession

A non-operational headlight led to a marijuana citation late Saturday in downtown Homedale.

Jesus Gonzalez-Alejos, 29, of Homedale was cited for misdemeanor controlled substance possession after Homedale Police executed a traffic stop shortly after 11 p.m., near the corner of East Idaho Avenue and South 2nd Street East.

Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said the responding officer pulled over Gonzalez-Alejos

after spotting the left headlight out on the black Chevrolet Aveo the man was driving.

After immediately detecting the odor of marijuana, the officer conducted a search that turned up a package the contents of which presumptively tested positive for marijuana, Eidemiller said.

Gonzalez-Alejos was cited for the pot possession as well as an infraction of driving with an invalid license and released.

— JPB

Zane Brackett cuts to second to lead locals at Silver State rodeo

It was all in the family for local riders at the Silver State International Rodeo in Winnemucca.

The high school and junior high school rodeo was held June 8 to July 5, and competitors qualified through their individual state finals rodeos.

Marsing's Zane Brackett was runner-up in boys' cutting, while Adrian's Celie Davis finished third in junior high barrel racing.

Celie's sister, Sydney, was fourth in high school barrel racing, and Jordan Valley's Tayler

Eiguren took home fourth in pole bending.

Brackett's brother, Cade, finished sixth in boys' cutting, and Zane was seventh in the reined cow horse contest.

Celie Davis also took sixth in junior high pole bending and 17th in pole bending.

Meg Eiguren of Jordan Valley finished 14th in the junior high girls' breakaway roping standings, while Jordan Valley cousins Tayler and Birch Eiguren competed in team roping.

Celie Davis was 17th in junior high girls' goat tying.

BLM online wild horse adoption set

The Bureau of Land Management has begun another online wild horse adoption.

Forty mares, ages 6-12, housed at the Bruneau Off-Range Corrals in Owyhee County are up for adoption. Applications must be submitted online by noon Friday.

The horses are eligible for the Adoption Incentive Program, which provides \$1,000 to qualified adopters.

"The mares selected for this online adoption exhibit a nice range of size and color from Herd Management Areas in both Nevada and Wyoming,"

BLM Idaho State Range Lead Chris Robbins said.

"We were very pleased at the popularity of the last set of mares offered for online adoption from our Bruneau facility, so we anticipate another successful adoption this time around."

To learn more about the online corral adoption requirements or pick-up locations, visit wildhorsesonline.blm.gov.

Call (800) 370-3936 or email blm_es_int_adoption@blm.gov for questions about individual adoption cases.

Local sage-grouse meeting on Zoom

The Owyhee County Sage Grouse Local Working Group has altered its July meeting plans.

The group’s secretary, Murphy resident Karen Steenhof, announced via email that the next LWG meeting will be held at 7 p.m., on Thursday online via Zoom. The link is <https://uidaho.zoom.us/j/92425965682>.

In light of continuing COVID-19 precautions, the group has shelved its live meeting in Oreana that was to be followed up with a field trip along Bachman Grade.

Even with a remote meeting planned, there are plenty of presentations and updates scheduled:

- A team of University of Idaho researchers will share news of its study on the impact the Bureau of Land Management’s Bruneau-Owyhee Sagebrush Habitat juniper removal project is having on sage-grouse.
- Tracey Johnson will share information about wildlife and juniper in Owyhee County.
- Jordan Rabon’s “Habitat Selection and Stress of Female Sage-grouse in Relation to Western Juniper” presentation
- Sarah McIntire: “Greater Sage-Grouse and Mesopredator Interactions in a Sagebrush-Woodland Ecotone”
- Aaron Young: “Removing juniper to conserve sage-grouse: Implications for the non-target wildlife community”

Marsing High All-Class Reunion picnic cancelled

For the first time in its long history, the Marsing High School All-Class Reunion has been cancelled.

The picnic, which attracts Marsing High alumni from all years, was shelved this year because of coronavirus concerns, longtime organizer Jack Muldoon said.

Muldoon has been involved with the picnic, which typically takes place on the first Sunday in August at City Park, for about 20 years. He said the reunion has been a community fixture for 30 or 40 years.

“We anticipate being back on the first Sunday in August of 2021,” another organizer, Craig Clapier, said.

Earlier, organizers cancelled the Percifield Coed Softball Tournament, which is held annually at the end of July at Marsing High School.

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✓ School: State releases framework to help local districts formulate plans

gathered at once.

Under substantial community transmission, the framework recommends targeted short-term or extended building closures.

The plan leaves local school officials and health districts in charge of determining which of those criteria their communities meet.

Homedale schools superintendent Rob Sauer served on the 23-member drafting committee for the framework.

Sauer said his school district has been working to develop plans in conjunction with Southwest District Health, which covers Owyhee, Canyon, Payette, Gem, Washington, and Adams counties.

“Larger districts have more staff in-house that they can talk to,” Sauer said. “Rural districts like us don’t have as many resources, so the framework helps give a picture of who to talk to in your area and what questions to have.”

He said that Southwest District Health began surveying their school buildings early in the summer.

“We’re concerned with our high school and keeping everyone physically distanced,” Sauer said. “We have entry points that are easily congested and have narrow hallways. This becomes a challenge during passing periods.”

Sauer said that right now, he expects 85 percent of Homedale students to return to school in person. However, that could vary as circumstances change in the next month.

Before schools closed in the spring, Sauer said, students checked out Chromebooks, which they have been able to utilize over the summer. Some devices were returned, but Sauer said most students retained Chromebooks to continue learning during the break.

But Sauer said that if distance learning is necessary in the 2020-21 school year, the district may have to check out more computers to families with multiple children.

He prefers paper instruction packets for younger students.

“If the virus ramps up in our area and SWDH limits what we can do in person in schools, we need to make sure we see our K-6 students in person every school day,” Sauer said. “That may mean we have to get creative with how we use our buildings and facilities.”

He said that the school board would begin reviewing the district’s plan this week with a goal of finalizing a strategy later this month or in early August. The district also plans to send a survey to families about their educational plans around the same time.

State Board of Education president Debbie Critchfield said framework recommendations include encouraging parents to perform temperature checks but policies like mask requirements will be left up to local discretion.

The framework defers to the Idaho High School Activities Association for guidance regarding athletics.

The document says that any district may need to implement short-term closures if an infected person has been in a school building. It also says schools should be ready to respond to active COVID-19 cases regardless of the level of community spread.

While nothing in the plan is mandatory, the framework is meant to serve as a starting point for local officials to develop their own plans.

“Already, school districts and charter schools are working with their parents and their patrons and are considering a variety of options for reopening,” said Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra.

“The key to success this fall will be that parents and students have choices and options for their learning based on what is best for their situation and in their communities, because every single community in Idaho will look different.”

“It’s so important for us to do everything we can,” Little stressed at the press conference. “We don’t [want to] have a big asterisk on the years ’20 and ’21 and say these kids were lost in the coronavirus gap.”

“That is not acceptable to me, and I don’t think it’s acceptable to the people of Idaho.”

— Logan Finney is a former University of Idaho James A. and Louise McClure Center for Public Policy Research legislative reporting intern and a May graduate of the university. Follow him on Twitter @lfinneytweets.

Confirmed Owyhee County COVID-19 cases:

80

July 7 to July 13 statistics:
New confirmed cases, 40
Probable cases, 13 (New: 2)
Source: coronavirus.idaho.gov

Malheur COVID-19 cases:

286

New cases, July 7 to July 13: 151
Deaths: 1 (New: 0)
Negative tests: 2,018 (New: 460)
Source:
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Work to resume at Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library

Subcontractor to replace roof, fix walls

After months of waiting, Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library construction corrections are scheduled to start July 27. Email correspondence The Owyhee Avalanche obtained through a public records request doesn't specify how long the work on the metal building at 121 W. Owyhee Ave., in Homedale will take, but the library will be closed to public during the project. The final day of operation for

the library could be Saturday, July 25, although neither library administrator Sharla Jensen nor any board member has announced a specific closing date. R&S Constructors, a subcontractor for Excelsior Construction Co., will perform the repairs. R&M Steel Co., of Caldwell, provided the building materials at a reduced price to ensure that, as company owner Rob Roberts has said, the Homedale community gets the building it deserves. Setting a construction date moves forward the project to fix what Roberts called poor craftsmanship on the city's new library.

According to an email, R&S Constructors crews will:

- Replace all siding on the building's east wall
- Replace the building's roof. General contractor Chris Waldram of Excelsior confirmed in an email to architects and city officials that the roof would be replaced and not overlaid.
- Underside portions of the metal structure — known as soffits — and soffit trim will be either repaired or replaced. In his email, Waldram said the subcontractor would not replace all soffits and trim as requested, but damaged and/or bent soffits itemized in a May 27 list will either be replaced

or repaired.

- The window trim on the upper clerestory west wall (the architectural feature that includes a window above the lower roofline) will be replaced.
- Screws that were over-tightened by fabricators and burnt-out washers on screws that were used to fasten the metal structure together will be replaced. Replacement of the hardware is an essential part of ensuring the structure's watertightness.

Library staff already had reported leaks in the new building after spring rains. When the project was originally started in February

2019, a seven-month construction window was set with a completion date of September 2019. A walk-through in November produced a punch list for final repairs before the job could be closed out. By March, the punch list had not been completed. Roberts' subsequent visit in March triggered a new round of discussions about inefficiencies in the metal building's construction, and that led to a special city council meeting in late April and the subsequent repairs list near the end of May.

— JPB

Homedale library will stay busy up to construction date

Summer programs at library and pool

Although the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library is scheduled to close for construction by the end of the month, staff is busy keeping the town's youth active. STEAM Fairy Tales will be the focus for the next summer reading program at 1 p.m., on Thursday. The activities will immerse the children in science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics. "Jack and the Beanstalk" and "Hansel and Gretel" will be read before STEAM activities. Activities will include Jack and the Beanstalk Parachute, Golden Egg Drop, and a Hansel and Gretel Graham Cracker Challenge. The children also will be able to make their own story rocks to take home. On Thursday and July 23, summer reading program participants can buy prizes with the library bucks they've earned from reading. Children need to remember

to bring their reading logs each week to get credit for their work. Thursday also marks the beginning of a two-week STEM From Your Library series at the Homedale City Pool in Riverside Park. The activities will begin at 3 p.m., both Thursday and July 24. This week's activity is a STEM straw challenge, and on July 24 participants will make circuit bugs. "These are passive activities that the kids can take part in if they choose to," library youth activities coordinator Carol McMichael said. At 10:15 a.m., on Monday, Story Time will take on an outdoors vibe as the children make a popsicle-stick tent and enjoy s'mores made with a solar oven. McMichael will read "Curious George Goes Camping" by Margaret Rey, and "Nibbles the Book Monster" by Emma Yarlet. The library is located at 121 W. Owyhee Ave., in Homedale. Call (208) 337-4228 for information on the library's services and programs.



Children pet Fancy, who came to the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library Summer Reading Program dressed as a unicorn, on Thursday on the lawn of the old library. Photos by Cara Carson-Whitney



Right: Trinity Neeser, a 14-year-old Homedale resident, brought her horse Fancy, decked out with a single horn, to stand in for Thursday's summer reading program presentation of the children's book *Thelma the Unicorn* at the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library. Trinity is a great-niece of Gypsy Jackson and the daughter of Cara Carson-Whitney.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

July 19, 1995

Silver City meeting resolves mine questions

Silver City Water Board chairman Pat Ihli and Homeowners’ Association president Grant Danner Friday signed a contract with Kinross DeLamar Mining Company on maintaining Silver City’s water supply.

The town met Saturday at its annual Water Users and Homeowners meetings to discuss the contract, elect new officers, and discuss a structural survey of the town that is currently underway.

There was some contention over the water contract being signed the day before the town meeting, rather than letting the people vote on it. There was also some contention over the details of the contract.

Sign nuisance to be stopped

Yard sale signs are becoming a nuisance on utility poles and road signs around Homedale, city officials said, and an effort will be made to get rid of them.

Idaho Power utility men say people pound big nails into utility poles, and they’re afraid if they ever slid off a pole the nails would tear them up. People always use great big nails, too, they say.

City officials don’t like the signs either, because they’re always made out of cardboard and look bad, nobody ever takes them down, and they plug up storm drains when they fall off.

Officials said it is illegal to put the signs on utility poles, and it is against city ordinances to put them on road signs. Officials suggest people advertise in the newspaper or put the signs on stakes off the right-of-way.

Sculptor displays work at Rimrock Sr. Center

During the day he’s a field man for Amalgamated Sugar Company in Grand View, but at night, sculptor Larry Dean scrapes, rasps, files, and sands away at old pieces of wood, producing some of the most unique wood sculptures ever to surprise Grand View’s arts and crafts displays.

Dean displayed his wood sculpting handiwork at last weekend’s Grand View Homecoming Days, where it graced the Rimrock Senior Center with other arts and crafts, woodcarvings, paintings, and taxidermy.

Each piece requires a huge amount of hand labor, too, Dean said, because power tools just don’t work very well. Yet the hours and hours spent working with a rasp and sandpaper give Dean time to think about how he wants the wood to look, or as he puts it, “to release the expression of the wood.”

Some pieces have funny expressions, too. One ended up looking like a moose, another like a seashell, and a third like a duck (with an egg). Others don’t resemble animals, but instead are a miracle of symmetry, juxtaposing lines, startling shades of color, satin-smooth curves, or stark angles.

Owyhee students attend college livestock program

Dennis Merrick, Matt Tindall, Dana Rutan, and Kyle Colyer joined 40-45 other Idaho students for the Advancement of Cattlemen For Tomorrow IV program held June 12-16 in Moscow.

The program is sponsored each year by the University of Idaho Animal and Veterinary Science Department. While in Moscow, students gain hands-on experience in new technology and career opportunities related to the livestock industry.

Students are selected based on their involvement in the livestock industry, academic achievement, and involvement in extracurricular activities.

50 years ago

July 16, 1970

School district, city to build restrooms at Riverside

The Homedale school board voted at its regular monthly meeting Monday evening to enter into an agreement with the City of Homedale to build restrooms at the new Riverside Park adjacent to the athletic stadium. The district will pay 25 per cent of the cost. It is hoped bids can be called and the facility built before opening of football schedule this fall. The facility would also serve the proposed swimming pool.

Food Stamp Program comes to Owyhee County

The Food Stamp Program will begin in Owyhee County on Aug. 1, according to R.B. Roehr, Director of Owyhee and Canyon County Department of Public Assistance.

This program enables low-income families to buy more food of greater variety so they can have better diets. The health of the nation’s low-income families will be improved through better nutrition, Roehr declared.

The Food Stamp Program was created by Congress to assure that citizens of this country have opportunity to be well-fed and nourished.

This program should benefit Owyhee County in several ways. Retail food sales will increase because of greater buying power of food stamp shoppers. Farmers will benefit from the expanded market that is created by the Food Stamp Program. Low income families who may be unable to buy enough of the right kinds of food use Food Stamps to buy more and better foods, improving their health and well being.

Highway official tells C of C bridge is sound

Bill Sacht, district highway engineer, attended the regular semi-monthly meeting of the Homedale Chamber of Commerce Tuesday noon at Owyhee Lanes café.

Sacht reported that final inspection of the new Snake River bridge has been completed and only lights remain to be installed.

A few minor items remain to complete the highway to Wilder junction including seeding, mulching and fertilizing areas adjacent to borrow pits. Work still remains also in removing the old bridge, with three-fourths of the super-structure and deck removed.

Sacht said work is progressing with design on Highway 95 near the Oregon line about 30 miles south of Homedale. A \$500,000 grant of public lands highway funds has been approved for 3½ miles of this roadway improvement, but the funds are still frozen. The department now plans to start at the Oregon line and work north some 3½ miles to the bottom of the hill when the funds are available for contract, hopefully in late fall or winter.

Ag research station develops water loss tool

The Agricultural Research Station at Kimberly has developed a simple, yet apparently very accurate instrument for measuring water loss in canals and ditches.

In checking out canals in the Bruneau River S.C.D. [Soil Conservation District], it was found that one canal that had been lined with clay was losing as much as 4.5 C.F. [cubic feet] of water per day per square foot, in some spots. This loss was measured in the bottom of the canal, where the lining was the best.

This much water added to the ground water throughout the irrigation season is causing severe drainage problems to the cropland below the canals.

145 years ago

July 17, 1875

(From Monday’s Daily.)

SOUTH MOUNTAIN.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN, July 12.

Amid the multiplicity of speculations concerning the prospects of this camp, it is pleasing to a journalist to be able to notice a few leading facts connected with business. The prospecting and active operations that have been going on here in the mines for several months have resulted in leaving sufficient ore “in sight” to keep three furnaces running for twelve months. With one furnace running for the past two months it is credibly reported that the S.M.C.M. Co. have made expenses and cleared \$29,000 in addition. This is a good showing, and it is known that the business can be greatly enlarged and improved upon with additional facilities for conducting operations, concerning which, it is supposed, that Mr. Boyd’s present visit to San Francisco has something to do.

SHEEP.

Charles R. Hoppin arrived here recently from his sheep ranch near Camp McDermitt. His men drove 1,900 head of sheep from that point, all of them arriving here in safety. They are the pioneer trampers over Capt. Bledsoe’s new road, and the finest stock of sheep ever seen in this region. Among the collection are 100 bucks, and thirty thoroughbred Spanish merinos. The year’s clip of wool from some of the latter comes up to 27lbs, and by taking care of the stock in winter, the clip would exceed that of the Goldrop breed, which is the most productive of any in the country. The thoroughbred Spanish merinos range in value from \$40 to \$50 and the graded bucks from \$10 to \$15. It is Mr. Hoppin’s intention to supply the people here with a good quality of mutton, and he will drive a part of the stock over to Silver and give the citizens of that camp an opportunity to be regaled on choice meat. Mr. H. came through from his ranch in one day, a distance of seventy miles, and followed Bledsoe’s trail all the way. He thinks the new road will be a big thing for this part of the country.

An item in Friday’s AVALANCHE is construed by many readers here as expressive of too great sympathy for the man Fallon recently engaged in a stabbing operation. Further particulars justify the impression that Fallon is rather a dangerous man and had murderous intentions in assaulting his victim with the terrible weapon he used. It is well enough that he should be removed from doing further mischief at present.

REPAIRING THE LINE.—

Alexander McDonald has just got back from a three weeks job of straightening up the telegraph poles from here to Willow Creek. Superintendent Pope has also had a man doing the same work between Willow Creek and Winnemucca. It is Mr. Pope’s intention to have the line straightened between here and Wagontown, after which, it will be in splendid condition all the way.

IF you want to get around a Boston girl tell her you understand that her grandfather was killed at Bunker Hill.

IT is a little odd that whenever cold water is put into “the political pot” the most terrific and fierce of stews ensue.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense The herd sire



This is one of those stories that sound so unbelievable that you'll know I didn't make it up!

Mike studied the bloodlines. He checked performance records. He knew his herd like the top two layers of his tool box! He was a good young cattleman. When he decided on the course of action to improve his herd's genetics, he called the breed association rep. They discussed his needs. Plans were made for the fieldman to attend a bull sale in Texas with the express instructions to buy exactly the right bull.

The call from Texas delighted Mike. The fieldman had bought-in on the perfect yearlin' bull that would carry Mike's cows into the 21st century. \$10,000 ... for half interest. He agreed that the co-owner, a purebred breeder from Oklahoma, could use the bull that fall. Then he would ship him to Pine Ridge country of northwestern Nebraska in time for Mike's spring breeding.

In February, arrangements were made to put the bull on the back of a load going as far as Sterling, Colo. The trucker would call Mike on arrival. Mike waited anxiously. Several days passed and nobody called. He called his partner only to find they'd left Oklahoma territory a week before! Feeling uneasy, Mike called the Sterling sale barn. "No?" "No," they didn't remember any bull. "Let us check." They suggested possibly the bull Mike was lookin' for had been bought by a trader!

"What'd he pay?" asked Mike.

"Fifty-six cents a pound."

In a panic, he tracked down the trader. He'd run the bull through the Brush sale. The trader said he broke even. Packerland had bought him as a baloney bull! Mike drove all night to Packerland in a desperate effort to save his bull! "No," they said. "He was too thin to kill" so they'd sent him to a feedlot in Rocky Ford!

Mike smelled like burnin' rubber and was chewin' the upholstery when he boiled into the feedlot in a cloud of dust! The foreman was surprised but led him over to the receiving pens. There stood Mike's future: road weary, coughin' and covered with sale barn tags! Mike's knees were shakin'!

"Nice bull," the foreman said. "But ya cut'er close, sonny. Tomorrow evenin' he'da looked a lot different without his horns and cajones!"

— 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*.

Rep. 15B Jake Ellis (D-Boise)

From the Statehouse It's time to restore fairness to our property taxes



As an Idaho taxpayer and state representative, it is my priority to address the property tax problem that is crushing everyday Idahoans. Gov. Little has proposed the use of pandemic relief funds for lowering property taxes related to emergency services. Let's be clear, however: This is a temporary fix for a broken system. Property values are still rising, and we shouldn't kick this can down the road any further.

Idahoans want strong schools for our children, safe roads that get them to work, and a reliable emergency response system. They understand that our property taxes provide revenue for these crucial services and much more. What Idahoans expect is that the revenue will be raised fairly, and this is where the state is falling short. Property taxes are rising at an unsustainable rate, and we must enact real solutions urgently.

As a member of the House Revenue and Taxation Committee, I hear you and I agree: I don't want our elders choosing between medication and food just to stay in the homes they've worked their entire lives to pay off. Homeowners in Idaho find themselves surrounded by rapid growth, traffic, and increased costs for daily life. Unfortunately, the Idaho

Legislature has enacted policies that continue to shift the tax load onto homeowners and away from other taxpayers. And the House refused to hear workable solutions to reverse this trend.

Most homeowners receive an exemption — a portion of their home's value that is considered non-taxable. Before 2016, homeowner's exemptions were indexed to inflation, so as values rose, exemptions increased as well. But in 2016, exemptions were capped — a major victory for business lobbyists and one more straw on the camel's back for the rest of us. If I had been in the Legislature at the time, I would have voted against this bill (as did every Democrat in office) because one could have easily predicted how this would hurt regular Idahoans. We have seen the shift in Ada County. Today, homeowners pay 70 percent of the tax load, and the rest is divided among commercial and agricultural property owners. It is well past time to restore the inflation-index to the homeowner's exemption and make sure others pay their fair share.

Another avenue for help is Idaho's circuit breaker.

— See *Taxes*, Page 17

From Washington Federal funding programs help keep water systems safe, updated

Clean and safe drinking water is a necessity. We all need clean water, and it must be a priority for every community in our country. In the places where we do not have the assurance that water flowing through the faucets is safe, inadequate infrastructure should be addressed. I led a bipartisan letter urging Senate appropriators to dedicate robust funding to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF). These state revolving funds (SRF) programs help boost water quality initiatives in all states to increase access to clean drinking water for all Americans.

Helping cash-strapped communities with timely improvements to aging water delivery systems has been a longtime focus. When I served as chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Water, I conducted a hearing in 2004 to review the detection of lead in Washington, D.C., drinking water when increased lead levels led to a public health scare. The review focused on D.C. as a specific example and warning to all cities to mitigate similar circumstances. Since, we have seen other examples, such as in Flint, Mich., where water quality issues have highlighted the importance of investing in safe and clean water infrastructure.

Congress must ensure appropriate federal funds are available to assist with this effort. I led the bipartisan letter with fellow U.S. Sen. Jack Reed (D-Rhode Island), which was signed by 49 senators including fellow Idaho Sen. Jim Risch, to highlight the importance of adequate federal funding to sustain critical water infrastructure. We wrote, "Maintaining a state of good repair of our nation's drinking water infrastructure is critical to protecting public health by ensuring reliable delivery of safe drinking water to

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millions of Americans. Every day, communities face significant losses and damage from broken water and sewer mains, sewage overflows, and other problems because of infrastructure that is reaching the end of its useful life cycle. SRFs help address these conditions by investing in short- and long-term improvements to water and wastewater infrastructure in states and communities across the nation."

I commend the towns across Idaho and our nation that deliver clean water while facing costly requirements and growing pressures on our water resources. We expressed concern with estimates indicating nearly 2,000 water systems have elevated levels of lead in their drinking water. Across our

— See *Water*, Page 17

Commentary

Financial management

Teen with plan to move out shouldn't be a lifetime renter

Dear Dave,
What would be your advice for someone who is renting an apartment but has never rented before? I'm 16, and I'm trying to create a plan for when I get out on my own in a couple of years. I've never had any debt, and don't have a credit score. Is it going to be hard to find a place to live?

— Riley

Dear Riley,
I get where you're coming from. A lot of people believe it's hard to get an apartment without a credit score, and that's just not the case. In most cases, if you've got money for a deposit and proof of employment, you can find a little apartment somewhere. Anytime you're renting, it

should be because you're in a stage of your life where you're not going to be in the area long, you're saving money to buy a home, or you're working your way out from under a lot of debt. Think of it as "rent patience." Renting should be a temporary stop along the road, not a way of life. You're parked and you're on hold until you're ready for a house or you get your finances in order. I don't hate apartments, and renting isn't evil. But renting for a decade or two is not a smart move. How much do you want to pay for patience? The least amount possible. You want something clean and safe, but nothing too fancy. You don't need a racquetball court, skylight or hot tub. I love that you're a planner,



Riley. Keep looking ahead and thinking toward the future!

— Dave

Dear Dave,
Could you explain why buying a new car at 0% interest

isn't a good idea?
— Raina

Dear Raina,
The only way you have a chance of getting 0% interest on a new car is if you have perfect credit *and* pay full MSRP (manufacturer's suggested retail price). But, if you walk onto a car lot with cash, and haggle with the salesperson a little bit, they'll knock a bunch off the sticker price. If you can buy the car for less than the 0% interest gimmick, how is that 0%? See what I'm saying? The cash buyer pays less. Besides, you shouldn't even consider buying a brand-new car, unless you're debt-free and have \$1 million or more in the bank. You lose a ton in value the second you drive a

new car off the lot. How is that 0%? A new car also loses about 60 percent of its value in the first four years after you buy it. How is *that* 0%? The whole 0% interest gimmick tricks a lot of unsuspecting folks into buying something they don't need and can't afford!

— 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](https://twitter.com/DaveRamsey).

✓ Taxes: Idaho House must allow review of circuit breaker, exemptions

From Page 16
This property tax assistance program helps seniors and veterans with disabilities with a portion of their property tax if they are income-eligible. Yet even with the circuit breaker, low-income seniors are paying four times more in property taxes today than they did in 2006. Senate Bill 1417 was introduced in 2020 to update the circuit breaker and allow more Idahoans to participate, but House leadership refused to hear it. To make matters worse, there are 73 property tax exemptions written into state law. Entities like big business, developers, and oil & gas companies, don't pay property taxes in many cases. These exemptions are rarely reviewed and don't expire. Finally, it must be noted that a large portion of education funding was shifted from the state responsibility and placed on individual school districts beginning in 2006. Since then, levies and

bonds have added to property taxes. The Idaho Constitution requires that the state provide a "free and thorough" education, but schools are given inadequate resources to meet this obligation. The state also prevents school districts from assessing impact fees on developers to pay for the new school buildings that growth demands. Here's what I'll be working for in the 2021 legislative session: increase the homeowner's exemption. Increase the circuit breaker to assist more seniors and veterans with disabilities with their property taxes. Fund schools so bonds and levies are unnecessary. Devote a greater portion of sales tax revenues to benefit the cities and counties where they are generated. Allow school districts to assess impact fees on new development to pay for new school buildings, so that growth pays for itself. The State Office of Performance Evaluations is

systematically reviewing exemptions and deductions. I will study those results and look for ways to make our tax system fairer. The super-majority in Idaho's legislature has the power to help homeowners any time they choose. I supported numerous bills during 2020 that would have reduced property taxes, but the House of Representatives refused to give them a hearing. What we will continue to do, is listen to Idahoans, seek common ground with the majority party, and bring creative solutions to the table. We won't give up.

— Jake Ellis (D-Boise) will begin his second term as the Dist. 15, Seat B member of the Idaho House of Representatives in January. The retired firefighter sits on the Revenue & Taxation Committee, the Commerce & Resources Committee, and the Environment, Energy & Technology Committee.

✓ Water: Federal revolving funds help entities afford expensive repairs

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country, urban and rural water systems continually need updating and replacing. These upgrades are expensive, and the time and capital costs resulting from fixing water infrastructure come at an even greater expense when they arise in reaction to a crisis. The CWSRF assists communities with low-cost financing for water quality infrastructure projects. The DWSRF provides financial support to ensure safe drinking water.

Water infrastructure investments safeguard public health and support jobs. As we stressed in our appeal to our fellow senators, "Given the importance of water and wastewater infrastructure to the health and well-being of the American people as well as to the national economy, it is critical that the federal government remain a reliable partner in meeting the nation's clean water and safe drinking water needs." As we address federal funding challenges, enabling these projects must be a priority in annual, federal

funding legislation. I will continue to work for strong investment in these revolving funds to help with this effort. All water systems need to work reliably everywhere for everyone.

— 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.

Contacting elected officials

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Terms expire 2020
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Rogerson, ID 83302
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E-mail — bbrackett@senate.idaho.gov

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P.O. Box 61
Hammett, ID 83627
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House majority caucus chair
595 W. Thacker Road
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Public notices

SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES June 1, 8, 15 & 22, 24, 29 & 30, 2020 June 1

In old business: Amended a catering permit previously approved for the Cowboys Pastime and the Bruneau Ranch Rodeo to reflect the correct hours of 10:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.

Approved a letter to the BLM Idaho State Office regarding Owyhee Counties comment on the Programmatic EIS for Fuel Reduction and Rangeland Restoration in the Great Basin.

Approved and paid the appraisal furnished by Bull Appraisals for the county owned property adjacent to the Van Es property in the amount of \$700.00.

Approved and paid all outstanding bills from the following funds;

Current Expense \$21,105; Road and Bridge \$245; District Court \$1,149; Probation \$825; Indigent and Charity \$11,427; Revaluation \$692; Solid Waste \$6,688; 911 \$7,607; County Vessel \$113; Off Highway Vehicles \$27; Auditors Trust \$3,774; County Vessel Trust \$50

Approved and paid the Capital Crimes bills for Indigent and Charity in the amount of \$202.50.

Approved the FY21 contract with Zwygart John CPA for yearly audit services in the amount of \$11,450.00.

Set a public hearing to amend Owyhee County Ordinance 10-03: ATV Road Closures, Tuesday July 7, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Owyhee County Courthouse, Courtroom #1. Planning and Zoning Director Huff will act as the contact person and Jim Desmond as the Hearing Officer.

Approved (4) 2021 Retail Alcoholic Licenses for the following;

License #25 – Robert Lemieux dba Jumbo’s Auto Supply

License #26 – Golden Ocean Inc. Db a Golden Ocean Chinese Restaurant

License #27 – Family Dollar, Inc. dba Family Dollar Store #30526

License #28 – Family Dollar, Inc. dba Family Dollar Store #27059

Approved Indigent and Charity case 20-14.

June 8

Re-appointed Commissioner Aberasturi to the Southwest District Board of Health for a 5-year term.

Approved the Sheriff’s hire of Rick Wiley to begin June 8, 2020 at a rate of \$16.22 per hour.

Approved a letter to John Ruhs, Idaho State BLM Director, regarding a comment on a BLM proposal for limited agency agreement on stock water rights.

June 15

Approved and paid all outstanding bills from the following funds;

Current Expense \$33,867; Road & Bridge \$5,452; District Court \$4,681; Fair, Grounds & Bldgs. \$232; Probation \$158; Health District \$4,604; Historical Society & Museum \$198; Indigent & Charity \$16,667; Jr. College Tuition \$500; Revaluation \$84; Solid Waste \$15,141; 911 \$4,603; County Vessel \$1,123; Off Highway Vehicles \$523; Auditors Trust \$88

Approved Road and Bridge #3 seasonal hire of Carmela Barinaga as a flagger in early August at \$12.00 per hour.

Approved Resolution 2020-19: Destruction of Temporary Documents from the Owyhee County Clerk’s Office – Auditor, Elections and Courts.

Approved the pay raise and promotion of Lori Shephard as Dispatch Supervisor, from grade 7 to 9, and \$16.28 to \$18.08.

Approved a letter to Dale Van Es in regards to an appraisal that was performed on county owned property adjacent to Mr. Van Es that he is interested in purchasing.

Approved a letter to Richard Kershner regarding the assessment on his property.

June 22

Accepted the Idaho Departments of Parks and Recreation Grant in the amount of \$683,0953.00 to improve the RV area at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds.

Approved a letter of support for the Murphy Reynolds Wilson Fire Department in their efforts to secure a grant to obtain additional AED and UTV transport equipment.

Approved a rehiring of solid waste employee C. Hall effective June 12, 2020 at the rate of \$10.61 per hour.

Approved the 2021 retail alcoholic beverage license #2020-29 for The Spot Pizza.

Approved Certificate of Residency #2020-06 to the College of Southern Idaho.

Accepted a Withdrawal of Appeal for Hearing in Indigent and Charity Case #20-09.

June 24

Approved a letter of support for Bruneau QRU for a grant application to the Idaho Emergency Medical Services Bureau to purchase a defibrillator.

June 29 & 30

Approved a letter of support to BLM State Director John Ruhs for 2020 Rangeland Stewardship Nomination.

Approved Sheriff’s Department new hire Perry McCormack effective 6-29-20 at the rate of \$19.53 per hour.

Approved Sheriff’s Department new hire Greg Bishop effective 6-29-20 at the rate of \$25.00 per hour.

The complete minutes can be viewed online at www.owyheecounty.net or in the Clerk’s office.

07/15/2020

NOTICE OF PENDING ISSUE OF TAX DEED

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, AS FOLLOWS: That a delinquent entry was entered as of January 1, 2014, in the records of the County Treasurer as Tax Collector of Owyhee County, State of Idaho, for the following properties:

Parcel RPB0380006003A
Belle Bond
c/o Mary Bond
123 Patton St
Marsing, ID 83639

Property known as Lots 3&4, Block 6 Pattons Subdivision, 3 2N 4W, or more commonly known as 123 Patton St, City of Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho

Tax:	\$51.98
Late Charge:	\$1.05
Interest:	\$41.37
Costs:	\$125.00**
TOTAL	\$219.40

**Pursuant to Idaho Code §63-1005 (3), amounts will increase as additional cost and fees in the tax deed process are added.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED, that if said delinquent entry is not redeemed on or before August 3, 2020, by payment of said unpaid taxes together

with late charge, interest and all unpaid costs and expenses up to the date of said payment at my office as Tax Collector, Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, ID, I shall thereupon, as required by law, make application to the Board of County Commissioners of Owyhee County, State of Idaho, for a hearing to be held on August 10, 2020, or as soon thereafter as said application can be heard at the **Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, Idaho**, for tax deed conveying the above described property to **OWYHEE COUNTY**, State of Idaho, absolute title, free of all encumbrances, except any lien for taxes which may have attached subsequently to the assessment hereinafter referred to. **YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED**, that the record owner or owners or any party of interest as defined by §63-1005, Idaho Code, may appear in person or by counsel, and if appearing, shall have adequate opportunity to be heard for the purpose of protesting the procedures used in taking this tax deed. **NO OTHER TYPE OF PROTEST WILL BE HEARD. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED**, that inquiries and objections concerning this notice of the information contained therein shall be directed to the **OWYHEE COUNTY TREASURER** at 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650; or by calling (208) 495-1158 no later than five (5) working days before the hearing date.

7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29.
Dated this 30th day of June, 2020
Annette Dygert
COUNTY TREASURER
and EX-OFFICIO TAX COLLECTOR FOR OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO
07/08,15,22,29/2020

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that a public hearing will be held before the Homedale City Council on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 6:00 pm at Homedale City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave. Homedale, Idaho.

The subject matter of this hearing is the proposed rate increases for the Homedale Municipal Airport.

Current hangar lease rates are \$0.05 per square foot. Proposed rate is \$0.10 per square foot.

Current nightly tie down rate is \$2.00. Proposed rate is \$5.00 per night.

Current monthly tie down rate is \$10.00. Proposed rate is \$15.00 for Homedale City Citizens and \$30.00 for non-Homedale City citizens.

The public is invited to attend and offer input.

Alice E. Pegram
City Clerk
City of Homedale
07/15,22/2020

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. CV37-20-00200

In the Matter of the Estate of: MARVIN EUGENE CHANNER, SR. and ELSIE CALL CHANNER, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the

NOTICE OF BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT THE Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District Commissioners will meet Tuesday, August 11 2019, at 7:00pm, at the Wilson Fire Hall (School) Wilson, ID 83641, for the approval of the budget for 2020-2021. Budget questions may be directed to the treasurer at (208) 495-2154.

EXPENSES: FIRE & EMS Operations & Maintenance	
Building R & M	\$10,000.00
Dues (SRV, IVESFA, IFC, etc)	\$1,500.00
Office	\$1,000.00
Taxes	\$250.00
Utilities	\$8,000.00
Air St Luke’s	\$1,800.00
Phone & Internet	\$1,000.00
Auto R&M	\$10,000.00
Fuel	\$8,400.00
Supplies	\$9,000.00
Training	\$8,000.00
Insurance (ICRMP)	\$3,800.00
Insurance (Work Comp)	\$500.00
Building Fund	\$14,000.00
Reserve	\$11,067.00
Total Expense:	\$88,317.00

RECEIPTS:	
Tax Levy	\$45,565.00
Tax Replacement	\$10,752.00
Grants (IDL & EMS)	\$15,000.00
Cash Balance Forward	\$17,000.00
Total Receipts:	\$88,317.00

Total Approved Budget: 07/15/2020	\$88,317.00
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decedent or the estate 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 undersigned at the address indicated and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED: 06/29/20
Personal Representative
c/o Samuel F. Parry
GIVENS PURSLEY LLP
601 W. Bannock St.
Boise, Idaho 83702
07/08,15,22/2020

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. CV37-20-00195

In the Matter of the Estates of

JUSTIN GEORGE SMITH, JR. and CAROLINE LEHN SMITH, Deceased Persons.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above named estates. All persons having claims against the said decedents 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 both filed with the Court and presented to the Personal Representative of the estates at the law office of DAVID E. KERRICK, 213 S. 10th Avenue, (Post Office Box 44) Caldwell, Idaho 83605.

DATED this 22 day of June, 2020.

s:/Pamela Elaine Smith
Personal Representative
07/01,08,15/2020

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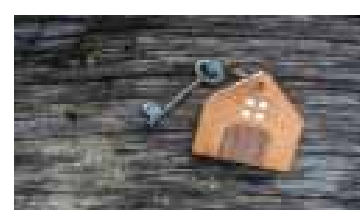
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