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Owyhee entities could seek nearly \$2M from CARES Act

County isn't sure plan follows fed guidelines

The City of Homedale and Owyhee County have submitted estimates of public safety salary costs as part of the

state's reimbursement program.

But it's unclear if county commissioners will stay the course.

Many local officials are worried about the legality of the state's plan, which now could provide less than half of the funds requested by local

and county governments. Originally, the fund was to provide 103 percent of the requests, making up for the three percent governments must forgo to qualify.

Owyhee Prosecuting Attorney Jeffrey L. Phillips is among 25 county

prosecutors from around the state who have voiced concerns that the state's property tax reduction plan doesn't jibe with the federal government's intended use of the CARES Act funds.

— See *CARES Act*, page 13A



County museum event takes folks back in time

Above: Cindy Emry (left) and Susan Newman took a trip back in time in Newman's 1919 Ford Model T during the Owyhee County Historical Museum's car show on Friday.

Right: Car show regulars Jessikah Lowe (left) and Rosie Schaffer gave Friday's Owyhee County Historical Museum Ice Cream Social and Car Show an authentic look, showing up in their best period costumes in Murphy.

Museum director Eriks Garsvo didn't provide an exact car count. No car show award results were available.

The classic and antique car show was part of the museum's ice cream social and facility tour.



Looking for green flag, Homedale schools could start on yellow

Superintendent: Educational mixture probable if conditions continue

There could be three ways to learn under Homedale School District's 2020-21 reopen plan if current COVID-19 conditions persist.

Trustees finalized the back-to-school plan during their regular meeting on July 13.

The plan consists of three levels of schooling, depending on the severity of community spread of coronavirus.

Full on-campus instruction, hybrid (part in-class and part online) or full distance learning are all possible under the yellow portion of the district's plan.

"The current reality is that we will likely reside in yellow for the next several months and hopefully avoid moving

— See *Homedale*, page 12A

Marsing trustees adopt COVID-19 plan

by Logan Finney

For The Owyhee Avalanche
Marsing School District trustees approved a reopening strategy last week, building upon the green, yellow and red framework released by the state with corresponding plans for traditional, hybrid and remote instruction.

Last Wednesday's meeting featured a town hall period for officials to answer attendees' questions and explain details. A Southwest District Health representative attended virtually to give feedback on the proposal.

Marsing superintendent Norm Stewart said despite a smaller turnout of 12 patrons, there was plenty of community input.

"There was some concern about not having masks, and then there was concern about requiring kids to wear masks," Stewart said Thursday.

Masks are recommended but not required under the plan, he said.

"We've already ordered masks for every staff member, and we are ordering masks for every student, so that when everyone starts the school year, everyone will at least have a mask."

After the town hall and SWDH's help with some technical rewording, the board approved the document, which comes in both a plain-language version for parents and students

— See *Marsing*, page 12A



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Confirmed Malheur County COVID-19 cases:

473

New cases, July 14 to July 20: 187
Deaths: 5 (New: 4)
Negative tests: 2,528 (New: 510)
Source:
govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19

Confirmed Owyhee County COVID-19 cases:

131

July 14 to July 20 statistics:
New confirmed cases, 51
Probable cases, 12 (New: 0)
Source: coronavirus.idaho.gov

Albertsons now requires masks

Customers are now required to wear masks when shopping at Albertsons grocery store in Homedale.

Signs posted last week on the doors of the store at 20 E. Wyoming Ave., reminded customers that the company would require masks inside the store beginning this week. The first day of the new policy was Tuesday.

The new policy follows the suit of major store chains across the nation — including Walmart and Shopko and Kroger (which owns Fred Meyer) — of requiring shoppers to wear masks as a precaution during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Bowling Alley in Homedale will end a two-week closure on Thursday, according to the restaurant's Facebook page.

The restaurant closed earlier this month after an employee had tested positive for COVID-19.

County could pay just \$81,000 for new road grader

BOCC corrects tipping attendants' starting pay errors

County commissioners have agreed to buy a road grader for more than \$250,000 but Owyhee County could get most of the money back in seven years.

The commissioners approved the sales agreement with Western States Caterpillar during their July 13 meeting in Murphy.

The county could pay \$269,300 for a 2019 Caterpillar road grader after slicing \$55,000 off the original price with the trade-in of a 1998 model.

The trade proposal is contingent upon a final inspection by Western States. If the inspection does not meet expected standards, the \$55,000 valuation will become invalid.

The grader will be stationed in Road & Bridge District 3.

The county also bought an 84-month, 3,000-hour extended warranty.

The list price for the grader, according to information from Caterpillar, Inc., is \$531,837, minus 30 percent from a Sourcewell contract vendor discount (\$159,551) and a \$75,837.90 discount from Caterpillar. A \$27,852 charge is assessed for freight, machine prep, and warranty, bringing the total to \$324,300 (before the trade-in allowance).

Additionally, Western States

agreed to purchase the machine at the end of the seven-year term as part of a governmental payback for \$185,000. The buyback agreement assumes that the vehicle will be in sound mechanical condition and working order, have all the attachments it came with, have no structural damage to the frame, and other conditions.

Error leads to solid waste worker raises

Commissioners adjusted the pay rates of solid waste department employees after an error was discovered.

Roy Joiner and Carissa Hall were both hired at the incorrect pay rate of \$11.50 per hour.

Joiner was hired in April and will get a pay bump to \$12.40 per hour. He will also receive back pay of \$180.67 for 203 hours worked at the incorrect pay rate.

Hall was hired at the same pay and will also get a raise to \$12.40 per hour. She will receive back pay from June 8 in the amount of \$71.20.

• Laura Anglin, who has worked for the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office for five months, and will move into a newly opened position.

Effective Aug. 1, Anglin will be the Extension Office's administrative assistant at a rate of \$15.50 per hour. She is currently earning \$14.36 per hour.

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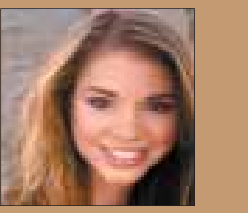
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**Poster winners
earn A's with
artwork about bees**

Owyhee Conservation District administrative assistant Debbie Abel (left) stands with poster contest winners outside the U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center in Marsing last month. **From left:** Abel, Keaganne Buhler, 11, and McKynlee Archer, 9, daughters of Ciera and Dallas Buhler; and Daiza Balderaz, 12, daughter of Jerika Sanchez and Frankie Balderaz. The girls, along with other entrants, were tasked with creating a poster about pollinators.

**Homedale man dead after
Canyon motorcycle crash**

A Homedale man has died after trying to drive his motorcycle past a pickup on Idaho highway 55 about eight miles northwest of Marsing.

Idaho State Police reported that 44-year-old Mogan D. Lisby died at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center on Sunday night.

According to ISP, Lisby was riding northbound on Idaho 55 at milepost 9 on a 1994 Harley-Davidson near Wagner Road in Canyon County when he tried to pass a 2011 Dodge R1500 driven by Kenneth J. Kubosumi, 67, of Nampa.

Lisby's motorcycle collided with a southbound 2007 Ford F350 pulling a loaded UTV trailer. Nolan R. Williams, 78, of Notus was driving the Ford.

Lisby and his juvenile passenger were transported by ground ambulance to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Another ambulance took Williams to West Valley Medical Center in Caldwell.

Williams and Kubosumi were wearing seatbelts.

Lisby wasn't wearing a helmet. A juvenile passenger was.

Both lanes were blocked for about two hours. ISP responded at 6:17 p.m.

No further information on the juvenile's age, gender, condition at the hospital or relation to Lisby was given.

**Homedale library programs
slow with construction nigh**

With mitigation construction efforts set to begin Monday, the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library is down to its final Summer Reading Program activity.

On Thursday, magician Kipp Sherry will lead the children in activities at 5 p.m., at the library located at 121 W. Owyhee Ave., in Homedale.

The gathered youths will also engage in a craft activity.

"Even though it will be our last activity, we are encouraging kids to keep reading," library youth coordinator Carol McMichael said.

The library will have Summer Reading bingo cards to hand out to the children to take home. With every bingo they receive, they can choose a candy bar or small toy.

Children need to bring their bingo cards to the library to receive their prizes.

- The scene shifts to the city swimming pool at Riverside Park at 3 p.m., on Friday for the final STEM From Your Library event.

Participants will make "circuit bugs" in keeping with the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics education.

With the library roof replacement and exterior wall repairs scheduled to start Monday, Story Time has been cancelled.

The library will be closed during the construction project. Library youth services coordinator Carol McMichael said she is unsure how long work will go on.

The last day of library operation could be Saturday.

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Mask mandate could get complicated for school districts

by Logan Finney
For The Owyhee Avalanche

School districts across the county have purchased face coverings for students and staff.

If COVID-19 cases increase dramatically, however, the

mask decision may be taken out of local officials' hands.

As of now, though, the local board of health hasn't had a chance to talk about a possible mask mandate. Southwest District Health officials have cancelled a special meeting twice over safety concerns.

"There were questions with Central District Health requiring Ada County to be in masks," Marsing superintendent Norm Stewart said. "What if Southwest District Health made that same requirement through their board meeting that was supposed to be (Thursday)? Was that going to be Canyon County, or was

that going to be Canyon and Owyhee County?"

The Southwest District board of health — on which Owyhee County District 1 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi serves — has cancelled two special meetings at which members were to hear via Zoom teleconference from regional hospitals and consider future mitigation efforts, including a potential mask mandate.

The first meeting, scheduled for Thursday, was cancelled after delays.

"Prior to the start of the board meeting, a group of protesters gathered at the entrance to the SWDH Caldwell building demanding to physically attend the meeting in the same room as board members," the district said in a news release.

Video posted to Facebook by one of the protestors shows Ammon Bundy shoving a staff member who was attempting to block

him from entering the door.

A second meeting, scheduled for Tuesday morning, was cancelled Monday afternoon because of ongoing safety concerns, according to a SWDH press release.

Stewart says if a mask mandate is implemented, it will be crucial to know whether it covers county-to-county within the district or across the entire Southwest District.

"Where we're a joint school district," Stewart said. "Part of our students come from Canyon County. We're trying to understand how that [a mask requirement] would pertain to us as we bus and transport kids from Canyon County to our school district in Owyhee County."

"You know, do you have to wear a mask until you cross the river? What does that really look like?" he joked. "Those are some details that are still yet to be worked out depending

on what decisions come from Southwest District Health."

Homedale faces the exact dilemma as Marsing as an Owyhee-Canyon district. Bruneau-Grand View is primarily in Owyhee County, but the joint district does take in part of Elmore County, which is in the Central Health District.

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Man placed on probation for attempted strangulation

A man arrested on Christmas Day after a domestic battery incident has been sentenced.

Joshua Joseph Harden of Homedale must serve four years probation after his guilty plea to a felony charge of attempted strangulation.

Third District Judge Thomas J. Ryan presided over Harden's July 10 sentencing and entered a withheld judgment. Harden can petition to have his record expunged after successful

completion of his penalty.

According to an Owyhee County Sheriff's report, Harden was arrested just before 3 a.m., on Dec. 25, more than five hours after his wife filed a domestic battery report.

The couple apparently argued during a drive from Nampa to Marsing. The argument resumed, and Harden allegedly struck his wife and placed his hand on her neck and squeezed.



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Owyheean populates largest U of I spring grad class in years

Several local students are among the largest University of Idaho spring graduating class in six years.

A total of 1,616 students graduated. The university will recognize the many accomplishments of the Spring and Summer 2020 graduates with personalized video messages and social media attention beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 1.

Spring ceremonies planned across the state were cancelled because of concerns about the spread of COVID-19.

“The Class of 2020 will always hold a special place in the history of our alma mater,” U of I president Scott Green said. “Our spring graduates have demonstrated, given the unforeseen obstacles of this semester, that they can overcome adversity and pivot to new ways of learning.”

“We are proud of our Vandal graduates, and our graduates can be proud that they did it, they graduated from one of the top public universities in the country.”

Each graduate will receive a “Celebration in a Box” in the mail that includes the diploma cover they would have received

at the spring ceremony, as well as an event program and other Vandal-themed gear.

Local graduates include:

Homedale — Derek Pfost, College of Agricultural & Life Sciences, Bachelor’s of Science in Ag Econ., Ag Econ-Agribusiness emphasis; Justine B. Rose, College of Agricultural & Life Sciences, Bachelor’s of Science in Plant Science, Crop Science; and Richard A. Symms, College of Business & Economics, Bachelor’s of Science in Business, information systems; Adrianna C. Salutregui, College of Agricultural & Life Sciences, Bachelor’s of Science in Animal Veterinary Sciences, Animal & Vet Science-Production Option; Andrew Martinez, College of Agricultural & Life Sciences, Bachelor’s of Science in Family Consumer Sciences, CFCS-Family Development & Aging Option; Jacky King, College of Letters Arts & Social Sciences, Bachelor’s of Science in Psychology; Michael J. Lejardi, College of Engineering, Bachelor’s of Science in Computer Engineering; Nash J. Johnson, College of Education, Health

& Human Sciences, Bachelor’s of Science-Education in Secondary Education; and Lawsen J. Matteson, College of Business & Economics, Bachelor’s of Science in Business, Accounting and Finance

Grand View — Antonio Ayala, College of Letters Arts & Social Sciences, Bachelor’s of Art in Sociology-Criminology emphasis

Marsing — Jordan M. Goins, College of Agricultural & Life Sciences, Bachelor’s of Sciences in Family Consumer Sciences, CFCS-Child & Youth Development option

Melba — Janey A. Reeves, College of Education, Health & Human Sciences, Master of Science in Adult/Org Learning & Leadership; and Morgan Monson, College of Art & Architecture, Bachelor’s of Science in Architecture

Wilder — Emmet Hibbs, College of Business & Economics, Bachelor’s of Science in Business, Marketing-General Marketing emphasis; and Stephanie Linares Vega, College of Letters Arts & Social Sciences, Bachelor’s of Art in Psychology, second major: Spanish

Obituary Kimberly C. Garcia

July 28, 1958 – July 16, 2020

Kimberly “Kim” Garcia, 61, of Homedale, passed away on Thursday, July 16, 2020 in the loving arms of her husband, Martin, who helped fight her battle with cancer from the beginning to the end.

Kim was born July 28, 1958, in Elizabeth, New Jersey and grew up in Englishtown. She loved the family’s vacation home on Lake Naomi in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania where she spent summer and winter vacations enjoying all the great things the lake and mountains had to offer.



In 1974, her family decided to sell their home in New Jersey so they could live year-round on the lake in the Poconos. During Kim’s high school years, she worked as a lifeguard on the lake’s pools, enjoying the sunshine and pushing her boundaries to the limit, “in a fun way”. When she graduated, she and her best friend, Denise, took off to seek new adventures starting in Florida, doing odd jobs, sleeping on beaches, and having the time of their lives.

Her family moved back to Idaho in 1977, where her mother was born and raised in Wilder. Kim married and divorced, but was blessed with two beautiful daughters, Cassandra and Rachel. She later went to work for Kit Manufacturing and met Martin, the love of her life. They were married on August 6, 1993 and Martin helped raise both of the girls. Soon after they were married, they purchased their home in Homedale and lived the rest of their married life there.

Kim worked for the Homedale School District for eleven years while raising her family and was always thought of fondly for her outstanding work ethic.

Kim always enjoyed a great

cup of coffee, carrying her coffee mug everywhere she went. She loved walking on the beach with the wind blowing through her hair, surprising her family with gifts from the home shopping networks, and she never met a FedEx driver she didn’t like. She had a heart of gold and always gave so much love and care to everyone she met. She had a kind word for any situation and was always so forgiving. She will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her kind soul.

Kim was preceded in death by her mother, Donna Sweet Sennick. Her survivors include her husband, Martin Garcia; daughters, Cassandra Guess and Rachel (Stuart) Tice; grandchildren: Sydni, Alex, Emma, Lauren, Kiley, and Morgan; father, Louis (Diane) Sennick; brother, Louis “Dusty” (Cindy) Sennick; sister, Elizabeth (Nathan) Glenn; her best furry friend, her beagle, Junie; and nieces and nephews.

A viewing will be held for immediate family only. A graveside service will be open to family and friends on Friday, July 24th at 11:00 A.M. at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. Social distancing and masks are kindly required.

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

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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

Locals make Oregon St. spring 2020 honor roll

Three area students have landed on the Oregon State University Spring 2020 honor roll.

Shelby R. Tyler is a junior from Homedale majoring in Nutrition.

Mary L. Gordon, is a Nyssa, Ore., resident who graduated from Adrian High School. The sophomore in majority in General Engineering.

Freshman Luis J. Vargas of Wilder is studying Agricultural Sciences.

They are among more than 7,000 OSU students to earn a B-plus (3.5 grade-point average) or better to make the listing. Students must carry 12 graded hours of course work in the semester to be eligible.

Oregon State is located in Corvallis, Ore.

Action sports, music return to Bette Uda

The Homedale Assembly of God church is bringing The Extreme Tour to town again.

The tour’s “Together! Together!” show for 2020 will take place from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., on Sunday, Aug. 2 at Bette Uda City Park.

The free event encourages the community to come together and celebrate through live music and live action sports performances with a

message.

The Homedale event is one of six tour stops in the Treasure Valley between July 30 and Aug. 5.

For more details on the tour, visit TheExtremeTour.com.

For more information about the Homedale Assembly of God, visit www.homedaleagchurh.com or find Homedale Assembly of God on Facebook.

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Obituaries

Steven Murray Daniel

Steven Murray Daniel passed away at St. Al's in Nampa, ID on July 13, 2020.

Steve was born in Boise, ID on April 10, 1957 to Juanita "Faye" & Leoniel M "Pete" Daniel. He was a proud father of 5 children. He learned to cook working at Owyhee Tavern with Mike Dilulo. He served in the Air Force for 25+yrs. After retiring from the Air Force, he followed at the Job Corps and TSA at the Boise Airport, until he retired.

He had a kind heart and was always there to help. A loyal friend, father, and son. He enjoyed spending time with dogs/his loved ones laughing, eating good food & spending time with good views. He will be remembered for his groovy hair and handsome face. He will be missed greatly.

He is survived by his three sons: Danny Michael & Sarah Daniel of Marsing, Joseph Anthony Daniel of Marsing, and Patrick Benedict Daniel,



of Marsing; two daughters Lillian Faye Daniel and Cherie Marie Daniel of Marsing; one brother Leoniel Wayne Daniel, of Silverdale, WA; one sister Sharon Baugh of Boise. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers Fred and David.

A funeral service was held at 1 p.m. Monday July 20th, at Alsip Funeral Chapel 404 10th Ave S., Nampa, ID 83651. There was also live streaming for those unable to make it in person.

Florence Lucille Chadez Paxton

Florence Lucille Chadez Paxton, 94, of Homedale, passed away peacefully at home at sunset on July 6, 2020. Florence was born December 6, 1925 on the family farm to John and Mary Chadez. Florence lived her entire life in view of what she called "my beautiful Owyhee Mountains."

As a young woman of the Greatest Generation, Florence endured the privations of the Great Depression and the rationing of the war years. By the age of 16, Florence was doing the work of a man on the family farm, working horses and milking cows to help support the family and the war effort. In her spare time Florence volunteered for USO functions, made her own uniform to wear while selling War and Victory Bonds, working scrap drives to collect iron, rubber, and kitchen grease for the war effort. She donated blood, which she continued to do throughout her life. Perhaps her most heroic work was the countless "letters from home" that she wrote to her loved ones, friends, and classmates in action overseas. Lifting the morale of those in harm's way could never be measured. A hero of the home front, Florence was a lifetime member and volunteer of the American Legion Auxiliary and proudly flew the American flag, keeping her colors vibrant and mending it when it began to fray. A graduate of Homedale High School, class of 1944, Florence married her high school sweetheart, Robert Paxton, on November 13, 1949. They raised their children on the family farm in Central Cove.

Florence was an accomplished artist in crocheting, knitting, painting and drawing. At one point she even carved



a chipmunk from a block of wood. For the last years of her life, she drew hidden picture puzzles that were published in the Idaho and Montana Senior News. She loved music and shared it through her beautiful voice, as well as playing the violin, accordion, and piano. Her love of music lives on in her children and grandchildren.

Florence received her license in Cosmetology in 1947 and kept her license current until her passing. She had an in-home business, but also made it mobile when love called for it.

A full-blooded Slovenian, Florence was always proud of her heritage in the Austrian Settlement. She enjoyed baking Slovenian "potica" and homemade bread, which she shared with friends and family. Her bread became known as "Grandma bread, made with love."

She was proud of her hometown, Homedale, and the community that she loved. She participated every year in the Owyhee County Fair since the age of five, and is the sponsor for the Youth, First Time Exhibition category. She has bushel baskets full of ribbons and rosettes from all categories of the fair.

Florence knew no strangers,

and so many considered her as a mother and grandmother. She loved so many, and was loved by all who knew her. It would bless her and her memory if you offered a kindness to others, particularly those who have no one to pray for them. Her heart reflected the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi, "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace."

Florence is survived by her brother Eddie Chadez, daughter Colleen Paxton, sons Bob (Cathi) Paxton, Matt (Brenda) Paxton, and Jim (Kym) Paxton. She is also survived by her grandchildren John, Tony, and Mike Lowder and families, Elias and Daria Paxton, Jessie and McKenzie Mangun, Roger and Mark Ports and families, as well as nine great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by many "adopted" sons and daughters. She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers John Chadez, Ted Chadez, sisters Dorothy Mansisidor and Mary Cegnar, nieces Carol Cegnar, Terri Davis, and nephew Dan Cegnar.

The family wishes to thank the many health care professionals who treated our mother with love and compassion. A celebration of life will be held later in the year.

Death notices

JOSE CISNEROS AYALA, 68, of Marsing, died Wednesday, July 15, 2020. Cremation: All Valley Cremation, 1538 11th Ave. N. Ext., Nampa. (208) 899-9361.

ROBIN L. BUGHER, 56, of Martin, Tenn., formerly of Homedale, died on Sunday, July 12, 2020. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapels, Homedale.

JOYCE ELAINE CURRIE, 86, of Marsing, died on Friday, July 17, 2020. Cremation: All Valley Cremation, 1538 11th Ave. N. Ext., Nampa. (208) 899-9361.

KIMBERLY C. GARCIA, 61, of Homedale, died Thursday, July 16, 2020 at her home. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-0833

VIRGINIA MAE SHARR, 89, of Homedale, formerly of Caldwell, died Monday, July 13, 2020 at a local care facility of natural causes. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

RICHARD "DICK" ALLEN SYMMS, 84, of Caldwell, a 1953 Marsing High School graduate and instrumental in the growth of Symms Fruit Ranch and Ste. Chapelle Winery in Sunny Slope, died on Monday, July 13, 2020. A graveside service was held on Friday, July 17, 2020 at Canyon Hill Cemetery in Caldwell. Memorials can be made to Hope House in Marsing and Deer Flat Church in Caldwell. Arrangements: Dakan Funeral Chapel, Caldwell.



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Junior livestock sale rewards youth for hard work raising animals

I do not think anyone would disagree that so far, the year 2020 has been challenging! Despite the uncertainty, most of our Owyhee County 4-H and FFA members stayed involved in the programs and purchased animals to raise and sell at the 2020 Owyhee County Jr. Livestock Sale. These market animal projects help teach kids responsibility, the value of hard work, and give them some life experience raising livestock.

Fortunately for our kids, the Owyhee County Fair board and the Jr. Livestock Sale committee are planning full steam ahead for the 2020 fair. The shows will begin at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, Aug. 5 with the goat show. The sheep show will follow and is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. The beef show begins at 8 a.m., on Thursday morning, Aug. 6. The dairy show will begin Thursday at 3 p.m. The swine show will get underway at 8 a.m., on Friday. On Saturday, Aug. 8, the large animal round robin begins at 10 a.m. The Owyhee County Jr. Livestock Sale will begin about 1 p.m. A buyers' lunch precedes the sale at noon. This lunch is paid for by the young exhibitors from the proceeds of the sale of their animals.

There are three ways you can support youth at the sale:

- First, you can purchase the animal outright to have it butchered for your personal consumption. The sale com-

mittee will see that it is delivered to the custom butcher of your choice.

- The second option is to purchase the animal and then "turn it back to the floor." You would then pay the difference between the bid price and the floor price. The animal is then sold/delivered to the floor buyer.

- The third option is to do an "add-on." To add on to a youth, you simply complete an add-on form for one or more children and submit the form along with payment to the sale committee.

If you would like to bid on a project animal but have concerns regarding the COVID-19 situation or cannot attend the sale, please contact the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104, and we will put you in touch with a sale committee member who can handle the bidding for you.

The sale committee will disperse funds to the kids when all the money has been collected. The sale committee collects a small commission from the sale of each animal and from each add-on to cover the expenses of putting on the sale and buyers' lunch.

Market livestock projects provide an excellent learning opportunity for our youth. I encourage you to show your support during the livestock shows at the Owyhee County Fair and especially at the Owyhee County Jr. Livestock Sale on Aug. 8 at the fairgrounds.

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



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County rodeo entries open next week

Entries for both facets of the Owyhee County Rodeo will be taken early next week.

The rodeo, which coincides with the county fair in Homedale, will take place Aug. 5 through Aug. 8.

The books for the Idaho Cowboys Association professional rodeo will be open on Monday. Entries will be taken online at ica.enterup.biz until 5 p.m., or competitors

can register by phone at (208) 845-2051 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Pro events include bareback broncs, saddle bronc, bull riding, tie-down roping, team roping, barrel racing, breakaway roping, and ranch broncs.

All contestants must enter through Rodeo Central.

Call backs will take place between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m., on Tuesday, and the draw will be

posted at enterup.biz before 5 p.m., on Tuesday.

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

Events include local team roping (at least one member must live within the boundaries of a school district serving Owyhee County), steer riding, wild cow milking, and mutton busting.

Whosoever's bring message of hope to Homedale

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

The Whosoever's Kill the Noise Tour will include a free hot dot barbecue, music and

product giveaways.

Ryan Ries, co-founder of The Whosoever's 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. According to the group's website, The Whosoever's mission is to deliver the message of the gospel and "empower students to realize their true purpose in life."

Calendar

Today

Owyhee County P&Z public hearings

3 p.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 17069 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2095, ext. 2

Thursday

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

Cultivate children's program

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Bette Uda City Park, Homedale.

Friday

Idaho Foodbank drop-off

9 a.m. to 11 a.m., First Presbyterian Church of 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

The Whosoever's Kill the Noise Tour

7 p.m., youth outreache with an inspirational message, free, Bette Uda City Park, Homedale.

Saturday

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

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421

Tuesday

Writing group

9 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale.

Wednesday, July 29

No activities scheduled

Thursday, July 30

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.

Friday, July 31

Marsing High School graduation

6 p.m., high school gymnasium, 301 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 649-5411

The Landing teen support group

6 p.m., Rising Light Farm Ministry, 5189 N. Old Bruneau Hwy, Marsing. Contact Iliana Bialy (208) 807-0680

Saturday, Aug. 1

The Rock benefit garage sale

9 a.m., to 1 p.m., sale item donations welcome, The Rock of Homedale, 314 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 794-1048 or therock83628@gmail.com

Snake River Country Market

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., The Spot pavilion, 12 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 989-2273 for vendor information

Sunday, Aug. 2

The Extreme Tour

5 p.m., to 9 p.m., The Extreme Tour Together! Together!, action sports performances and contests and live music, free, Bette Uda City Park, Homedale. www.theextremetour.com

Monday, Aug. 3

Board of County Commissioners meeting

9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421

The Rock of Homedale steams toward benefit sale

Organizers are still seeking items for a garage sale that will raise money for The Rock of Homedale.

The non-profit non-denominational Christian youth center should be open at its 314 E. Owyhee Ave., location by the time the school year rolls around, spokesperson Kathy Deal has said.

The benefit garage sale is set from 9 a.m., to 1 p.m., on Saturday, Aug. 1, at the new building. An open house to show off the new center is also planned.

Anyone who has items to donate to the sale can drop off merchandise at the sale location beginning Thursday, July 30.

Deal said that sale proceeds will fund the lingering construction aspects.

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.

Courthouse report

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

- July 14**
Darrin Eugene Bryant, Fernley, Nev. — Misdemeanor IDAPA commercial freight regulations, false logbook: \$43.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs
- July 13**
Jose Arreguin, Bakersfield, Calif. — Misdemeanor IDAPA commercial freight regulations, no logbook (serious violation): \$263.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs
- July 10**
Joshua Joseph Harden, Homedale — Felony attempted strangulation: 4 years felony probation, \$275.50 in court costs.
Withheld judgment: Defendant can petition to have record expunged after successful completion of sentence
- July 2**
Amani Esipoire Hawazi, Denver — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, fail to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading or weighting: \$118.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs
- July 1**
Raul Navarro Alvaro, Mendota, Calif. — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, fail to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading or weighting: \$118.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs
Paul Tarek Dupree, Boise — Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession: \$300 in fines, \$197.50 in court costs



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Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 67 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 218 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 189 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 479,745 acre-feet of water on Monday.

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

Homedale man stops runaway car with a little help from above

Rick Echevarria says divine intervention helped him in Caldwell recently.

Despite recent knee surgery, the Homedale business owner sprung into action to stop a runaway car when a woman passed out behind the steering wheel near West Valley Medical Center on June 26.

“It was God,” Echevarria says of his right-place, right-time moment. “I wasn’t even going to go to the doctor’s office that day.”

But the 70-year-old Echevarria decided to make a trip to one of the medical office buildings adjacent to the hospital on Elm Street, anyway.

That was the first bit of God’s plan, he figured.

The second came when he actually visited the wrong office building only to redirect himself to the correct building across the street.

According to his statement to Caldwell Police, Echevarria was exiting a medical arts building when he noticed a woman whom he had expected to exit the parking lot actually turn her vehicle back into the area.

Suddenly, the car sped up and hit a curb, heading north.

“I saw it coming toward me and knew I had to stop the car,” Echevarria wrote in his report.

He was on the passenger side of the vehicle when it zoomed past, nearly hitting him.

Echevarria said he ran for about a block before he was able to get into the driver’s-side door.

By this time, the car had bounced on shrubbery in the parking lot.

“I was able touch the car,” Echevarria reported. “I asked God to have the door unlocked.”

The vehicle crossed the sidewalk and heading into Elm Street when Echevarria was able to open the door, grab the steering wheel and pull himself into the car.

He tried to put the car in park, but the gearshift broke off, and he said another prayer as the car continued on its path toward the Saint Alphonsus Medical Building.

“My arm went up, I hit the roof, and said, ‘God, I need the key,’” Echevarria wrote in his witness statement.

Unable to see the key because of the steering column, he brought his hand down from the roof with his fingers spread and was able to find the key and turn it.

Echevarria said he was able to stop the car just before it reached a post that more than likely would have smashed his legs.

According to the Caldwell Police report, the woman was conscious and breathing after the incident.

Echevarria said the woman has Homedale ties, but he wouldn’t identify her for privacy reasons.

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Targeted grazing in the Owyhee Front — an experimental approach to creating firebreaks

by Steve Stuebner
Life on the Range

Big wildfires are burning up crucial wildlife habitat in Idaho and the Great Basin. In 2015, the Soda Fire burned 280,000 acres in Idaho and Oregon in only eight days. Three years later, the Martin Fire burned more than 400,000 acres in four days in Oregon and Nevada. The list goes on.

“Back when I got here in 1981, a big fire was 100,000 acres,” says Mike Pellant, a recently retired rangeland ecologist for the Bureau of Land Management. “Fast forward to 2007, the Murphy complex fire, from Twin Falls to Nevada, 650,000 acres. Then, two fires in Oregon, total fire footprint 1 million acres. So what we’re seeing is these mega fires, these huge landscape-scale fires.”

The big wildfires are burning up some of the best wildlife habitat that’s left in the Great Basin — primo sage-steppe habitat for sage-grouse and many other wildlife species such as songbirds, pronghorn and mule deer. Native rangelands also are highly valued by ranchers for livestock grazing. Native perennial plants provide a sustainable food source for livestock and wildlife.

To give firefighters a better chance to stop wildfires when they’re small, the BLM is working to create a series of strategically located fire breaks. Grass, weeds and shrubs are the “fuel” for wildfires on rangeland. At the foot of the Owyhee Mountains, the BLM is partnering with six ranchers to create fire breaks with targeted livestock grazing.

The objective is to use livestock to reduce highly flammable cheatgrass vegetation



Fronting the fire risk

Owyhee County ranchers are banding together with the Bureau of Land Management to build firebreaks along 30 miles of the Owyhee Front.

in the spring when it’s green and palatable to eat. The goal is to create a fire break 200 feet wide on either side of a road that runs for 30 miles along the front side of the Owyhee Mountains.

“The goal is to reduce vegetation there to give firefighters a safe place to operate,” says Ben Sitz, BLM field program manager. “And hopefully stop any fires. We’re using cows to try to get to that end point.”

“Fuels management is a large part of the solution,” adds Pellant. “But the only ubiquitous fuel managers on this land are the livestock that graze it. So the challenge is, can we marshal the livestock into strategically doing fuel work that’s going to be a huge impact with the fires that we’re having occurring out here now? I think there’s a lot of promise.”

In the Owyhee Front, the ob-

jective is for the cattle to graze cheatgrass and grasslands down to a 2-3 inch standard by June 1.

By the end of the 2020 spring season, the cattle were hitting that standard to create fire breaks and safe zones for firefighters. A continuous carpet of short cheatgrass, “mowed” by cattle, could be seen at the base of the Owyhee Front.

“It’s going really well this year. This is the third year of full implementation,” BLM Boise District assistant fire management officer Lance Okeson says. “I think we’ve reached our objectives in a big portion of that fuel break.”

Participating ranchers support the program.

“Yeah, I think it’s good program to keep going,” says Daniel Richards, who runs an Owyhee County ranch with his wife, Bailey. “We’re still in the

experimental stage, kinda new to everybody. But I think it’s going in a good direction.

“We just had the Soda Fire not too long ago. That kind of fire is not very good for anybody, anything you can do to slow those catastrophic fires down and helps the firefighters out, that’s good in my book.”

“We’ve learned a lot,” adds Owyhee County rancher Ted Blackstock. “We’ve tried different classes of cattle to see what would work the best, trying to hold cattle in certain areas has been kind of tough, have to ride every day and keep water where you want them.”

Blackstock and Richards are former Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association presidents.

Under the BLM targeted grazing program, the ranchers bear the cost of herding, water-hauling and managing livestock to create the fire

breaks, and the federal agency provides the public range at no cost as an incentive for ranchers to participate. The alternatives are mechanical mowing, blading, seeding or spraying herbicides to control vegetation — all of which cost taxpayers more money.

Ranchers say the benefits outweigh the costs so far.

“It’s cheaper than feeding hay,” says Blackstock.

Richards says his cattle have shown good weight gains, even on dry cheatgrass.

“Yes, they’re doing pretty good. Even the year that we did it in May on dry feed, the cattle did very well on it,” he says.

Pellant is working together with Pat Clark, a rangeland scientist and research team leader for the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Agricultural Research Service, on a multi-regional research study to see how experimental targeted grazing projects are working in Idaho, Arco, Nev., Lakeview, Ore., and other forthcoming sites.

The research is tracking how much fuel is reduced by targeted grazing, changes in plant composition in targeted grazing areas, and what methods seem to work best to keep cattle focused on fire break areas next to existing roads.

In the second year of the study in Elko, the grazed fire-break helped snuff out a grass fire. The Boulder Creek fire started on a Monday, and it was 100 percent contained at 1,030 acres in 48 hours.

The research site, west of Elko, is tracking the effectiveness of targeted grazing in a 21-mile-long pasture. The pasture is fenced on both sides of the firebreak.

It has been grazed by up

— See *Targeted*, next page



Rancher Ted Blackstock says his range rider Howard’s herding proficiency is crucial to the success of his ranch’s targeted grazing efforts. Photo courtesy Life on the Range

Marsing Country Market draws several vendors

Owyhee Candle Co., owners Vance (left) and Nikki Barowsky help a customer choose from a large selection of scents and styles at Saturday's inaugural Marsing Country Market at The Spot pavilion. The Marsing market will be held on the first and third Saturday of each month through the end of October.



Meth, pot found on traffic stop

A Marsing man faces three drug charges — including a felony — after a traffic stop in town Sunday.

Juan Ruiz-Diaz, 31, of Marsing, has been charged with felony and misdemeanor counts of possession of a controlled substance and misdemeanor possession of paraphernalia.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said that the arresting deputy discovered methamphetamine and marijuana in the man's 1993 Ford Ranger.

Ruiz-Diaz was stopped on 1st Street North in Marsing when a sheriff's deputy noticed no front license plate on the pickup. Ruiz-Diaz also had no driver's license or proof of insurance.

A search of the man's vehicle turned up one gram of methamphetamine and 4.5 grams of marijuana. Multiple items of paraphernalia were also discovered.

Ruiz-Diaz received infractions for no driver's license or insurance, and for the vehicle being unlicensed.

He made his initial court appearance before Magistrate Judge Darrington on Monday in Murphy and remained behind bars at the county jail at press time.

— TK

Booze suspected in violent Idaho 78 rollover

Alcohol is suspected to be a factor in a one-vehicle accident that injured a Boise man Thursday evening nine miles west of Grand View.

Jackson Hersey, 23, was driving westbound on Idaho highway 78 near milepost 51 before 10:30 p.m., when he failed to negotiate a turn in his Ford F-250, Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn

Bowman said.

Hersey's vehicle left the roadway, hit a ditch, and rolled end-over-end before coming to rest upright.

Hersey was trapped in his vehicle and required extrication. Deputies who arrived on the scene reported smelling alcohol in the vehicle and on Hersey's person.

According to Bowman, Hersey's injuries are serious but not life-

threatening. The man required transport from Air St. Luke's to Boise.

At the hospital, a blood draw was administered to start the process of testing blood alcohol concentration. The sheriff's office is awaiting results from the test.

Criminal charges could be filed once the test results are returned.

— TK

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✓ Targeted: Cooperative program with BLM benefits ranchers, resource

to 2,400 cow-calf pairs from March to May. Stocking rates have varied. Using permanent fence to focus cattle on firebreak areas is highly effective but expensive.

Richards tried using temporary solar fencing to keep cattle focused on the firebreak area in the Owyhee Front.

"The first year we did it with fencing. That was later in May, and the whole thing was dry. Still got good results, but you have to put a fence in to keep them there," he said.

Since then, Richards has used herding, water, minerals, salt and protein supplements to keep his cattle focused on the firebreak area.

"We're trying to keep the cows right here as much as possible without having to put in miles and miles of fence," he says. "And cows do what cows do. When it's cool, they tend to fan out and spread out, they have their favorite spots in this allotment that they've had for years. So it's trying to train my cows to stay here during a certain time. It can be tricky. Very labor-intensive."

Overall, the grazing management side of the project is challenging because ranchers raise their cattle to spread out and disperse on the range.

"Before we started doing this, we tried to train our cows to spread out throughout the



Ted Blackstock's cows roam near an electrical transmission tower during their targeted grazing assignment. Photo courtesy Life on the Range

allotment, so we're not hammering on one spot versus another spot. Now we're trying to train them the other way," Richards says.

"Well, yeah, to hold them in an area, that's the tough part," Blackstock adds. "Keep them focused on eating the grass along the road."

Blackstock uses a range rider to keep his cows focused on the firebreak areas.

"I've been really lucky to have Howard. He's been really good about taking on this project. He really enjoys riding his horses, and it works really good for us," he says.

The ranchers do like being able to graze livestock on the cheatgrass when it's ripe and palatable, starting about March 1.

"This year, things are working a lot better," says Jason Miller, who runs an Owyhee County ranch with his father, Tim. "We got to come out here quite a bit earlier."

"We got the cows on the cheatgrass while it was nice and green. They were happy. We kept them where they were happy with the water ... and the salt and minerals. That's been key."

Okeson says it's interesting how the ranchers are using different management techniques.

"We have one operator who's using herding. He's got cowboys out there every day, and he's moving the animals where they need to be," he says. "Others are using the supplements and the water, and we've got

another one that's using temporary electric fencing."

At a bigger-scale, the BLM is rolling out ambitious plans to create about 990 miles of fire breaks along existing roads on 3.6 million acres of public lands under the Tri-State Fuel Breaks project in Idaho, Nevada and Oregon.

The BLM plans to use a mix of mowing, seeding and blading to create hundreds of miles of fire breaks per year. Targeted grazing will be used as one method of maintaining those fire breaks.

"You're trying to modify fuels, and then that modifies your fire behavior, right?" Okeson says. "As the fire burns into one of these fire break areas, let's take the targeted grazing area, the flame lengths will be

reduced, and the rate of spread is going to go way down, and that's going to make your fire community more successful on that fire break."

Okeson reminds us about the fire triangle — oxygen, heat and fuel.

"You take any one of those legs away, it can't burn, right? So the land management agency's control over it is the fuel."

Lessons learned from the targeted grazing project in the Owyhee Front, plus findings from the ARS research project on targeted grazing, will provide guidance on how best to create fire breaks in the future, Okeson says.

"Can we do this at a landscape level? Can we graze on an annual basis in a strategic manner, and reach our objectives? So far we're showing good results," he says. "I'm really excited. I really like the project."

"Everybody's been bouncing off ideas about what's working and what's not working, I think we're kind of coming along with it," Richards says. "For a fuel break, yes, it makes a lot of sense to me."

— Steve Stuebner is the writer and producer of Life on the Range, an educational project sponsored by the Idaho Rangeland Resources Commission. Article and photos used with permission.

Bus drivers will be Bruneau-Grand View’s front line

Schools could develop “sick rooms”

by Logan Finney
For The Owyhee Avalanche
Bruneau-Grand View School District superintendent Ryan Cantrell is preparing for an in-person opening. “Our families have indicated a strong preference for face-to-face instruction in the fall,” Cantrell said. “The vast majority of what I’m hearing is ‘When are we opening? When are we coming back?’”
The Bruneau-Grand View school board has seen a few versions of the

district’s plan, Cantrell said, but updates will continue until trustees consider it at their regular Aug. 11 meeting.
The Bruneau-Grand View plan recommends masks but does not require them, except in the particular case of a student who has a fever but has ridden the bus to school. In that case, a family member would pick the child up at the school at the end of the day. Cantrell said his remote and rural district may have issues on long bus routes if a child shows a fever, but their parent or guardian has already left for work.
“Our bus drivers have asked for touchless thermometers so they can scan kids as they get on the bus, which

I’m great with,” Cantrell said.
Once the feverish child is at school, another phase of the plan kicks in. “How are we going to isolate them if they’re showing symptoms? Each school is really having to work on what are we going to do for a sick room or some kind of isolation room where that kid can hang out by themselves until their parent gets there. Being in a rural district, some of our parents are working 30 to 60 minutes away from our school.”
The district has purchased 500 reusable cloth masks to offer teachers and students.
“We’ll essentially have two 5-gallon

buckets. When you get on (the bus) you’ve got a bucket for clean masks and when you get off you throw it in the dirty bucket, then we’ll wash and sanitize them and reuse them.”
Like neighboring Owyhee County school districts, Bruneau-Grand View plans for multiple sanitizing stations at school entrances and in classrooms.

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Analysis provides details on BGV consolidation vote

The vote breakdown on two attempts to modify Bruneau-Grand View School District superintendent Ryan Cantrell’s short-term consolidation recommendation was not included in the July 15 issue of The Owyhee Avalanche.
Meeting minutes and audio provided to the Avalanche by the district on Monday show that Zone 2 Trustee and board vice-chair Allen Merrick made a motion to amend the second paragraph of the recommended plan. Zone 1 Trustee Gary Jones seconded.

Paragraph two suggested that the district keep the recommended short-term plan in effect through 2027 when a \$5 million bond is set to expire. The board voted unanimously to remove the exact year and instead decide a termination date for the short-term plan at a later date.
Jones made a second unsuccessful attempt to remove the plan’s fourth paragraph, which called for reassigning a teacher from Bruneau Elementary to Grand View Elementary. Jones instead proposed leaving

Bruneau Elementary staff as-is and hiring a teacher at Grand View.
Trustee Jones proposed instead to leave staffing at current levels at Bruneau Elementary and hire a teacher at Grand View. Zone 3 Trustee Raelynn Schkade seconded the motion.
After Cantrell advised the board that the amendment would require hiring two new Grand View teachers to provide one teacher per grade and ensure an equitable enrollment-based allocation of resources, the motion failed with Merrick,

Trustee Steven Boren (Zone 5) and chair Scott McNeley (Zone 4) casting dissenting votes.
Two other modification attempts were successful. Boren moved to direct Cantrell to recommend a committee to look at long-term solutions by the next board meeting, and Jones moved to excise wording specifying a 50 percent reduction in the supplemental levy and instead applying no exact figure on the reduction.
The amended short-term plan the board approved, 3-1, directed the district to:

- 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 approximately \$147,000 in “separate elementary school” funds to provide an enrollment-based allocation of certified elementary teachers for the 2020-21 school year.

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✓ Homedale: Staff to train on recognizing symptoms; masks encouraged

into the red category,” district superintendent Rob Sauer said in a July 14 letter to parents.
But school officials are anticipating a green light.
“We are planning on having students and staff attend in person beginning with the first day of school on Aug. 24, 2020,” Sauer wrote.
Physical distancing will be implemented when possible, too.
“Please know that we don’t take the reopening of our facilities lightly and care deeply about our students, staff members and community,” Sauer wrote.
Parents and guardians should receive a survey this week to

try to determine how many families may opt for distance learning regardless of the plan level.
“We want the opportunity to keep all of our students and recognize that it might need to be different for some rather than the traditional setting,” Sauer wrote. “We will continue brainstorming on how to best serve all of our students.”
Once the number of in-person opt-out students is determined, a teacher will be assigned to limit the number of staff involved in online instruction and to improve the overall educational experience for staff and students, Sauer wrote.
Modeled after the State

Department of Education framework, Homedale’s plan is color-coded:
• **Green** — With no spread to low spread of the virus, school buildings will be open for traditional instruction. Preventative practices such as face coverings (optional) and sanitization and hand-washing stations will be implemented.
• **Yellow** — With minimal to moderate spread, any mode of instruction could be seen from traditional to hybrid to full distance learning.
Hybrid would see limited, staggered use of school buildings. Students would be placed in alternating schedules, and target distance learning

would begin.
• **Red** — Full distance learning would call for minimal use of school property with either targeted distance learning or either school- or district-wide remote learning as necessary.
Sauer said the district has purchased reusable masks for students and staff and hand sanitizer stations for every classroom in the district’s three schools.
“As a district, we will encourage the use of masks by students and staff but at this point are not requiring it,” Sauer wrote.
He added that Southwest District Health officials have

recommended students take masks off in class but wear them when moving through common areas from class to class.
The district also has acquired sanitation machines to deep clean buildings and buses.
District officials seek teamwork from parents and guardians in making sure children who may be ill are either kept home or discovered when they are on campus.
Staff members will be trained to recognize possible symptoms, but Sauer is asking parents to keep an eye out and keep their children home when they exhibit symptoms.
— JPB

✓ Marsing: District could devise lesson plans to help parents teach at home

and a more formal version with resources for the district.
“It really was a means to be able to ... take what we’ve learned through the spring and improve — whether we’re in session, whether we’re in rolling closures or extended closures,” Stewart said.

“The teachers recognize that we need to treat that situation if we are in an extended (closure) like the parents are almost substitute teachers.
“Just like we’d have to do a lesson plan for a sub, we need to do kind of a lesson plan to give a little bit more direction.”

Case numbers have increased recently in Owyhee County, but Stewart said that if the school year started today the district would hypothetically be open with traditional instruction at the low end of the “yellow” category under minimal to moderate community spread.

“Our ultimate goal is to be in session and to have kids here and continue with face-to-face delivery if at all possible,” he said.
Within Marsing’s plan are provisions for multiple sanitizing stations at school entrances and in classrooms.

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✓ CARES Act: County PA signs on with colleagues expressing legal concerns

A July 3 letter penned by Latah County Prosecutor William Thompson Jr., asserted that the state plan isn’t equitable for rural counties, as required by Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act language.

In particular, Thompson and other attorneys worry that the requirement that counties forgo their three percent property tax increase in Fiscal Year 2021 will create hardship for governments with small tax bases.

“While some local governments do not need the 3 percent increase this year, many do,” Thompson wrote.

“This further creates an unequitable situation for property taxpayers in those counties which need increases to provide their services year after year.”

Thompson also asserted that the federal guidelines appear to require the funds be sent only to governments that exceeded budgeted amounts and had to move money from other funds to pay for COVID-19 personnel costs.

The governor’s office apparently ignored Thompson’s request to move the opt-in deadline back a week in order to get a legal opinion from the Treasury Department and the state Attorney General’s Office. Friday was the last day to apply; Little’s office released the list of participating governments Monday.

Bonnars County went so far as to sue Little and other state officials — as the Sandpoint Reader reports — because of fears about unlawful requirements from the state to receive the funding and the possibility of a federal lawsuit. County commissioners took their stand in a July 14 meeting.

Owyhee County commissioners moved ahead with submitting an application by the original deadline.

The county’s estimated pay-

roll from March through the end of the year is \$1.93 million, according to a breakdown commissioners sent to the governor after its July 13 meeting in Murphy.

City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram said Homedale will seek about \$20,000 in CARES Act funds to cover the same 10-month timeframe.

It’s unclear if all the money requested will be received. With a large number of requests, the state has said it could fund less than half of each individual total.

The governor’s office reported Monday that 83 governments opted in to the program, including Canyon County. Marsing and Grand View are ineligible because neither city has public safety staff, defined as sheriff deputies, police officers, coroners, jailers and probation officials. Each department can also use the relief funds to pay non-front-line staffers.

The interest in the plan exceeded the funds available, so a pro rata allocation will cover approximately 44 percent of local government payroll costs, according to the press release.

The governor’s office press release reports that taxpayers in participating cities and counties could see a 10 to 20 percent one-time property tax reduction on their December bill.

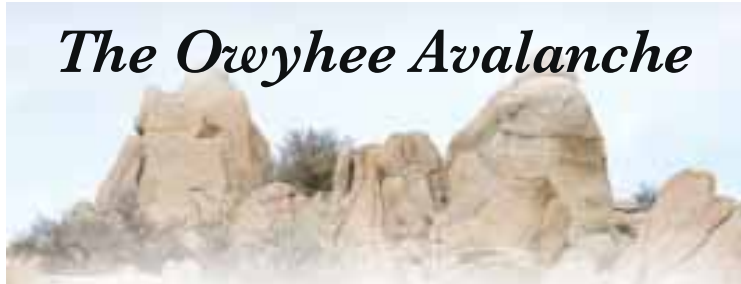
Both Homedale’s city council and the county commissioners decided to forgo allowed annual three percent increase in property tax revenue for the Fiscal Year 2021 budget.

Pegram said the Homedale City Council decided to opt-in during a budget meeting last month.

Taxing districts funding fire and ambulance services apparently aren’t eligible for the program.

— JPB

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense



Another White Horse Just Rode By

Another white horse just rode by. I guess I saw him comin’
I felt him breathin’ down my neck, I heard his hoofbeats drummin’.

I’ve seen ’em pass this way before. They mark the separation
Of mossy horns from yearlin’ bucks. Each one’s a generation.

I saw one pass at seventeen, at thirty-five and fifty
They rode by loud and brave and bold or snuck by sly and shift.

They had no time to stop and talk or ponder gettin’ older
They pushed their elders for a while then pushed ’em off the shoulder.

They stamped their feet and scraped their horns and kept the turmoil brewing
With no regard to consequence or history they’re undoing.

Another white horse just rode by. The crowd is gettin’ thinner.
I’ve got no urge to follow ’em, I’d rather go eat dinner

And spend my time with folks I love who’d care if I was missin’.
Where I can tell the things I know and likewise, sit and listen.

See, time has worn my edges smooth, a temporal erosion,
That keeps me outta useless fights and outta constant motion.

Oh, I still get my dander up, and I still tell my stories
But you won’t find me wishin’ I could re-ride long-gone glories.

Another white horse just rode by, but you won’t see me mopin’.
My grandkid’s home from school at three ... I’m takin’ her a’ropin’.

— 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*.

Wayne Hoffman, Idaho Freedom Foundation president

COVID-19 mandates Decision to wear a mask should be yours alone



Lewiston Tribune opinion writer Marty Trillhaase boldly claims that if Lt. Gov. Janice McGeachin, Rep. Heather Scott, or I were to recommend people wear coverings over their noses and mouths, it will convince skeptical Idahoans to drop their opposition to government mask mandates. Though his belief in the extent of my influence is flattering, I’m not going to do that. I strongly believe that people are best equipped to make their own health choices, not me, Marty, or the government.

I find it endlessly fascinating that statists like Marty are so convinced of the appropriateness and wisdom of the government’s ideas even though they must force compliance. So it is for every single public policy, whether it’s funding for a government park or school, or government edicts to force otherwise free people to wear a mask or buy insurance.

My friend and policy scholar Jim Payne, of Sandpoint, has often written about this phenomenon: A politician will tell us Program X is wonderful. The program is so wonderful that the government will use force — usually the threat of fines or imprisonment — to make us pay for it or participate in it. This necessarily raises a question: If Program X is so wonderful, why does the government have to force us to cooperate? Maybe because the case for voluntary participation isn’t compelling enough. Or, maybe it’s not compelling enough to us. Or maybe we have other priorities that warrant our time or money.

As it pertains to masks, government officials have done a lousy job arguing their case. Federal and state government health experts, at best, have been inconsistent, adding to people’s skepticism. Recall, as recently as March, officials were telling healthy people to not wear masks. These “experts” also famously asserted that viral transmission by asymptomatic people was “rare.” Later, they changed their minds and started advocating — even demanding — mask usage.

That flip-flopping aside, even if a compelling case for mask-wearing were made, it is impossible for the government or for me to manifest a solution and apply it singularly to an entire population. I don’t know all 1.7 million Idahoans. You don’t either. Everyone is different. What one “expert” concludes is a smart precautionary measure for some, in practice, is pure torture to others.

My reason for disobeying the government’s mask mandates is the same as it applies to all government mandates that confer “rightness” or “wrongness” to a given behavior: A mandate denies me my right to make my own decisions based on conditions and desires unique to my situation. My decision to not wear a mask is supported by other compelling evidence, which suggests that at my age and with no pre-existing conditions, my risk of dying from Covid-19 related complications is

— See *Decision*, Page 15

From Washington

Senate works for transparency, accountability in police reforms

When there is a need for a major reform in our country, listening is the starting point for sound change. Recently, I had the opportunity to discuss proposed federal policy changes to address police use of force at a Senate Committee on the Judiciary hearing. The input of those who have worked closely on this issue is instrumental as we work to enact legislation to rebuild the lost confidence in many institutions designed for the purposes of keeping communities safe.

The vast majority of law enforcement officers are hard-working Americans who put their lives on the line every day to keep our communities safe. Unfortunately, we have seen several instances of horrific and inexcusable conduct by some very bad actors under the guise of law enforcement. Reforms are needed, as well as greater accountability and transparency, to help eliminate racial inequality and rebuild the trust all Americans deserve to have in these important institutions.

During the hearing, I heard recommendations of how to approach this issue on the federal level. The discussion I had with Dr. Phillip Atiba Goff,

U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo
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Conference on Civil and Human Rights, can be viewed at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B_YoFR3u0iM&feature=youtu.be. I heard clearly the need for accountability improvements, more oversight tools and enhanced resources. Better enabling the removal of bad-actor law enforcement officers is also among requested reforms.

I joined Sen. Tim Scott (R-S.C.) and 45 of my Senate colleagues, including fellow Idaho Sen. Jim Risch, in introducing S.3985, the Just and Unifying Solutions to Invigorate Communities Everywhere (JUSTICE) Act. This legislation would improve and reform policing practices, accountability and transparency. The JUSTICE Act would:

Law enforcement reform

- Strengthen the training methods and tactics throughout law enforcement jurisdictions, especially regarding de-escalation of force and the duty to intervene, and providing law enforcement with new

— See *Reforms*, Page 15

Commentary

Financial management
Confidence will soar as debt snowball rolls downhill

Dear Dave,
What exactly is the debt snowball, and why is it such an important part of your plan?
— Lee

Dear Lee,
The debt snowball is Baby Step 2 of my plan for getting out of debt and gaining control of your finances. Specifically, it's the part of the plan where you sit down with your budget, and look at all the money you owe. Then, list your debts from smallest to largest — except for your home — and pay them off in that order.
I know, there are all sorts of arguments about paying off the ones with the highest interest rates first. But this is psychology class, not math. Personal finance is 80 percent

behavior, and 20 percent knowledge. Besides, if you were so great at math you wouldn't have debt, would you? Pay off your debts from smallest to largest, unless there's a huge emergency, such as you're facing foreclosure, or the IRS is banging on your door.
The reason we pay off debts from smallest to largest is to build confidence and enthusiasm by notching quick wins. If you go on a diet and lose weight in the first week, you'll probably stay on that diet. If you go on a diet and gain weight, or go weeks with no visible progress, chances are you'll quit. When you start the debt snowball, and in the first few days pay off a couple of debts, it lights a



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fire underneath you, and you start to believe you really can do it.
After you list the debts from smallest to largest, pay the minimum payment to stay current on all the debts except

the smallest. Every dollar you can squeeze out of your budget goes toward the smallest debt until it is paid. Once the smallest one is paid, the payment from that debt — plus any extra "found" money — is added to the next smallest debt. Then, when debt No. 2 is paid off, you take the money that you used to pay on No. 1 and No. 2, and you pay it on No. 3. When No. 3 is paid, you attack No. 4, and so on. A lot of folks get to the bottom of the list, and find they can pay well over \$1,000 a month on a student loan or a car. At that point, it won't take long to bust out and be debt-free except for your home.
The main elements that make the debt snowball so powerful are budgeting,

getting current before you start the debt snowball, the smallest-to-largest pay-off, sacrifice, discipline, and focused intensity.
If you think the debt snowball is just another trick, or something you might *kind of* try, it won't work. You've got to go all-in to win!
— 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.

✓ Reforms: Jurisdictions would be required to report use of force to feds

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funding to do so;
• Reform hiring practices by providing more resources to ensure the demographics of police departments more closely match the communities they serve;
• Ensure a hiring department has access to view all prior disciplinary records of the officer in consideration;

Accountability
• Provide grants for more body-worn cameras, as well as penalties for failing to ensure correct usage;

• Require a report establishing best practices for the hiring, firing, suspension and discipline of bad-actor law enforcement officers;
Transparency
• Require all police jurisdictions nationwide to report to the Federal Bureau of Investigations instances of use-of-force and discharge of an officer's weapon; and
• Require new reporting on the issuance of no-knock warrants.
Additionally, the JUSTICE Act will make lynching a federal crime and will create two commissions

to study and offer solutions on a broader range of challenges facing Black Americans and the criminal justice system as a whole. Text and a section-by-section of the JUSTICE Act can be found on my website at www.crapo.senate.gov. I look forward to enactment of this legislation to help ensure justice for all.
— 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.

✓ Decision: Each person's circumstances are different for wearing or not

From Page 14
fairly low. If I were to contract Covid-19, my survival rate is about 99.9 percent. I'm willing to take my chances, knowing there are those who'd cheer my demise if I'm wrong. Nonetheless, if Marty is correct that I am a thought-leader in our state, I choose to use that position to remind people that they have the absolute right to weigh the facts for themselves, and to choose whether it is appropriate for their circumstances to wear a mask.
As with other mandates, my priorities are often at odds with the government. When President Barack Obama compelled Americans to buy health insurance, I was often asked, "But isn't it a good idea to be covered by a health insurance policy?" Perhaps. But who am I to make that choice for others? To a family that can barely afford food, it is hardly my place, or the place of politicians, to force a person to choose health insurance over the need to eat. Perhaps the family is saving for a car, which would make it easier

to get to work or find a better-paying job. An order to instead buy health insurance superimposes the government's judgment for that of the family, making the objective to buy a car that much more difficult. Government doesn't know a person's individual situation. Nor do I. The ability to choose right from wrong — buying insurance or wearing a mask — is a positively personal one.
Moreover, a person can be both concerned about a dangerous virus and come up with his or her own ways to mitigate the personal risk and the risk to others. Options might include staying home more, washing hands frequently, wearing other protective gear besides a mask, or being careful to maintain distance from strangers. The government's prescribed solution — masking the masses — might work for some, but not others.
I subscribe to Henry David Thoreau's viewpoint that a person should not "resign his conscience to the legislator." If we, as individuals, do not have the

freedom to make decisions, "why has every man a conscience, then?" This is an important question Thoreau asks in his essay "On the Duty of Civil Disobedience." He continues, "I think that we should be men first, and subjects afterward. ... The only obligation which I have a right to assume, is to do at any time what I think right."
In sum, to wield the influence Marty Trillhaase asserts that I have: Choose to wear a mask, if that is right for you and the people you care about. Choose not to wear a mask if that is what your circumstances dictate, or if you believe the government has failed to prove its case regarding face coverings.
But never surrender your right to decide to others.
— Wayne Hoffman of Nampa is president of the Idaho Freedom Foundation, which on the IFF website is described as a non-partisan educational research institute and government watchdog.

Letters to the editor are due by noon on Friday.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

July 26, 1995



Owyhee County Assessor Larry Bachman hopes the county will go to computer mapping in the near future. Boise Blueprint company demonstrated the technology Monday to the assessor’s office and the commissioners

Assessor considers computer mapping

Owyhee County Assessor Larry Bachman says it’s time for the county to move into the future.

Computer mapping of the county, he says, will allow for rural addressing, the setup of 911 phone systems, instant availability of maps and plots for the assessor’s office, and general increased productivity for many other county offices, including the sheriff’s office.

Bachman invited Boise Blueprint to demonstrate their computer mapping system Monday so the county commissioners could ask questions on the process as well. Chris Powell with Boise Blueprint said he scanned several Owyhee County plots into their personal computer using a large document scanner. Powell was then able to bring the map up on the computer screen, make adjustments to it, zoom in on any section, and print out any piece of it.

Powell said the main computers with all the maps would be stored in the assessor’s office for continual updating, but the rest of the computers in the courthouse could also be linked in to “view only.”

Local youths place in rodeo

The 38th annual Hells Canyon Jr. Rodeo at Halfway, Ore., on July 7 & 8, 1995 drew 168 contestants from Idaho, Washington, eastern and western Oregon. Listed below are the placings from the kids that live in the Jordan Valley, Pleasant Valley and Arock areas.

Pee Wee boys (8 & under)

Shane Smith, Pleasant Valley-dummy roping-1st place, 1st go. Pole Bending-2nd place, 1st go. Goat tail untying-6th place, 1st go, 3rd place, 2nd go.

Junior girls (9-13 years)

Lindsey Smith, Pleasant Valley-goat tying-5th place, 1st go, 3rd place, 2nd go. Pole bending-6th place, 2nd go. Marcia Lequerica, Arock-won team roping buckle. Team roping-1st place, 1st go, 1st place 2nd go. Barrel-5th place, 1st go. Goat tying-5th place, 2nd go.

Junior boys (9-13 years)

Tyler Smith, Pleasant Valley-won Jr. boys all around breast collar, won ribbon dogging buckle. Ribbon dogging-1st place, 1st go, 2nd place, 2nd go. Breakaway roping-4th place, 1st go, 2nd place, 2nd go. Goat tying-4th place, 1st go, 2nd place, 2nd go. Team roping-2nd place, 2nd go.

Josh Bruce, Pleasant Valley won breakaway buckle & team roping buckle. Breakaway roping-1st place, 1st go, 3rd place, 2nd go. Team roping 1st place, 1st go, 1st place, 2nd go.

Senior girls division

Shelly Carson, Jordan Valley won the 2nd place buckle in the barrels.

50 years ago

July 23, 1970

Outpost Day benefit pleases historical society

MURPHY – Nearly 1,000 dinners were served at the Owyhee County Historical Society’s “Outpost Day” celebration here Sunday, a benefit for an Owyhee County Historical Museum project.

An estimated 2,000 persons took part in the various activities during the afternoon in spite of the “extremely hot day” in which the maximum temperature was estimated at 108 degrees, according to Paul Evans of Sunny Slope community, a former president of the society and a member of its governing board.

Proceeds from the event will be used to either enlarge the existing museum building, or to purchase a building. Evans said the historical society’s displays are kept in an old one-room schoolhouse in Murphy, and the exhibits have outgrown the structure.

200 4-H’ers, parents attend picnic at Givens

The Owyhee County 4-H Picnic was held at Givens Springs on July 11 with 200 4-H’ers and parents attending. Mistress of ceremonies was Bonnie Takasugi of Homedale.

After lunch in the park, skits were presented by the following Owyhee County 4-H Clubs: Kitchen Maids, Steady Stitchers, Snake River Livestock, Little Thumpers, Junior Spurs and Knutty Knitting Chefs.

Games followed the skits and were organized by the Homedale Builders Club. Winners in the sack race were Joleen Robinson, under 10 and Alan Larsen, over 10. Winners in the three-legged race were Reva Cummings and Doris Tyson, under 10 and Alan Larsen and Curtis Quick, over 10.

The Balloon Toss was won by Marc Kubosumi and Jim Bass. Winners in the watermelon eating contest were Lonny Abermann, first, and Matt Meininger, second.

Youth named corpsman for July

MARSING – Maurice Lockhart was selected by the staff of the Marsing Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center as the Corpsman of the Month for July.

Lockhart is currently taking training in the building trades and has already completed the welding course and received his certificate. This corpsman is 20 years old and comes from Greenwood, S.C. He will receive a total of \$25 in awards — \$10 from the Corpsmen Welfare Fund and \$15 total in gift certificates from Marsing Drug, Justos and Morfitt’s Marsing store.

Homedale Scouts win 9 out of 10 awards at camp

Homedale Boy Scout Troop 474 won nine out of 10 awards in camp competition at Camp Tapawingo, McCall, during their stay the week of July 5-11.

Awards included log sawing, stretcher bearing, match lighting, rope toss, chariot race, rope tying, nature, tug of war and aquatics.

Members going to camp were Charlie George, Daryl and Wesley Jemmett, Gary Godlevsky, Carson Blackman, Darrell Bevan, Gary Daniels, Robbie Frye, David Cook, Ken Kubosumi, Ricardo Uria, Kenny King and Willie Kubosumi, assistant scoutmaster.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yamamoto and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Blackman joined the scouts July 10 returning to Homedale the next day, Saturday.

Succor Crik Sam Sez: “Looks like what Idaho needs is more clean industry and less dirty politics.”

145 years ago

July 17, 1875

(From Monday’s Daily.)

J.H. HART, engaged in manipulating his “little games” on the street here last week, returned from South Mountain to-day. He did a good business there on the day of his arrival, but when the AVALANCHE came to hand describing his exploits here, the citizens of South Mountain lost faith in him and his projects and the result was a failure. The South Mountain boys did not take much stock in Mr. Hart, and when he commenced his second day’s “oration” on the wagon, they set him in motion down the street at such a lively rate that he was glad to “git up and git.” He made no further attempt at business in that patriotic burg. The boys there have too high a regard for the teachings of the AVALANCHE to allow such irregularities to go unchecked. Mr. Hart might as well “hang up the fiddle” so far as business prospects in Owyhee are concerned.

GONE A FISHING.—

A jolly party of Silver City folks, consisting of Dr. J. A. Rupert, Miss Maggie Reid, Miss Frankie Stuart, Miss Jennie Greathouse, Miss Lu Peck, E.H. Moore and Clarence Coburn, left town about five o’clock this morning on a fishing excursion to Cow Creek, in the vicinity of old Camp Lyon. They went in a wagon and go prepared to camp out, expecting to return on Wednesday evening.

NOTHING contributes more to a man’s success in business than harmony in his domestic affairs. A cheerful wife, with a pleasant sunny temper, diffuses an electrical influence upon everything that she is brought in contact with, and under such home auspices, a man goes forth into the world and finds prosperity in his business affairs comparatively easy of accomplishment.

IT is said that the romance of married life ceases when the baby’s teething begins, and that the wife then stops calling her husband “darling,” using commanding and common-place terms instead. The idea of having any sentiment at seeing a man travel around in his night-shirt of a hot summer’s night with a squalling young one dangling over his shoulder is simply absurd.

ON THE RAMPAGE.—There was quite a commotion among the “free-and-easy” element of our population during the small hours of this morning. One of them better known as the “music teacher,” in the exuberance of her rowdyism, discharged a revolver and appeared on the streets *en dishabille*. She came near going to the lock-up, and this ought to be a warning to herself and others to be less boisterous and not disturb the community unnecessarily.

THE POTOSI MINE.—Blasting is going on daily at this mine and we understand that some rich rock has recently been taken out. It looks very encouraging and the prospects for a handsome yield from the Potosi this season are very promising.

THE present style of dress is just a little trying to thin girls. No matter how they pad, the murder will out, and angular womanhood sails along in all the glory of misshape. Divest the ordinary girl of the period of her zephyr bosom pads, her false hair, teeth, powder-paint, striped stockings and bustle, and what have you left? Why, about six freckles, a few dozen hairs, and a scrawny caricature of old mother Eve.

Public notices

ITEM TO SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION

The following item, belonging to Owyhee County, will be auctioned off at the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy 78 Murphy, ID 83650 on August 3, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. For more information you can contact the Owyhee County Sheriff Office at 208-495-1154 ext. 108.

Item: 1- 1954 Jeep, CJ% (M38A1) Serial number 72451 07/22/20

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 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



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Notice of Public Hearing

FY2021 PROPOSED BUDGET

Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (FY2021)

CITY OF HOMEDALE

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing pursuant to Idaho Code 50-1002, will be held for consideration of the proposed budget for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 (**FY2021**). **A proposed Budget Hearing will be held at Homedale City Hall, 31 W Wyoming at 6:00 p.m. on August 12th, 2020.** Copies of the proposed city budget with details are available for review at Homedale City Hall during normal business hours. All interested persons are invited to appear.

Funds	EXPENDITURES
01 General	
02 Streets & Highways	
03 Parks	
04 Library	
05 Local Improvement District	
06 Law Enforcement	
25 Water	
26 Sewer	
27 Sanitation	
30 Airport	
60 Irrigation	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (all funds)	

Property Tax Levy	REVENUES
General Fund	
Park & Rec	
Total Property Tax:	

Revenue	Other Sources
01 General	
02 Streets & Highways	
03 Parks	
04 Library	
05 Local Improvement District	
06 Law Enforcement	
25 Water	
26 Sewer	
27 Sanitation	
30 Airport	
60 Irrigation	
Total Other Sources	

TOTAL REVENUE	(all funds)

POSSIBLE GRANTS - FY2021	CITY SUPPORT FROM GENERAL FUND TO:
General Fund \$ 35,000	Streets/Hwy \$54,617
Streets/Hwy \$ 20,000	Library \$59,980
Parks \$ 25,000	Parks \$96,542
Library \$ 15,000	Police \$549,417
Law Enforcmt \$ 45,000	Irrigation \$42,007
Water \$ 25,000	
Sewer \$ 50,000	\$802,563
\$215,000	

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Alice E. Pegram
Homedale City Clerk/Treasurer
July 22 and July 29
07/22, 29/2020

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CITY OF MARSING
Quarterly Expenditure & Revenue Report
3rd FISCAL QUARTER, FY 2019/2020

FUND	BUDGET AMOUNT	Expended to Date	% of Budget Expended	Revenue to Date
01 General	\$ 830,718.00	\$ 245,292.00	29.53%	\$ 256,230.00
Law Enforcement	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 26,266.00	75.05%	
02 Roads & Streets	\$ 344,593.00	\$ 169,145.00	49.09%	\$ 125,329.00
03 Parks	\$ 277,871.00	\$ 86,482.00	31.12%	\$ 22,832.00
05 Planning & Zoning	\$ 58,000.00	\$ 50,501.00	87.07%	\$ 26,185.00
Sub-Total	\$ 1,546,182.00	\$ 577,686.00	37.36%	\$ 430,576.00
25 Water	\$ 1,391,501.00	\$ 255,891.00	18.39%	\$ 280,059.00
29 Irrigation	\$ 68,108.00	\$ 23,535.00	34.56%	\$ 25,814.00
30 Sanitation	\$ 92,870.00	\$ 77,905.00	83.89%	\$ 65,734.00
35 Sewer	\$ 1,041,252.00	\$ 172,087.00	16.53%	\$ 178,076.00
Sub-Total	\$ 2,593,731.00	\$ 529,418.00	20.41%	\$ 549,683.00
TOTAL (all funds)	\$4,139,913.00	\$ 1,107,104.00	26.74%	\$ 980,259.00

The General Public is invited to inspect all supporting documents for the above Financial Statement at City Hall during regular business hour.
Financial figures may include fund transfers, service charges, refunds, reimbursements and other accountig procedures

June 30, 2020
Jolyn E. Green
City Clerk-Treasurer
07/22,29/2020

CITY OF MARSING
Quarterly Expenditure & Revenue Report
2nd FISCAL QUARTER, FY 2019/2020

FUND	BUDGET AMOUNT	Expended to Date	% of Budget Expended	Revenue to Date
01 General	\$ 830,718.00	\$ 123,851.00	14.91%	\$ 196,074.00
Law Enforcement	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 17,500.00	50.00%	
02 Roads & Streets	\$ 344,593.00	\$ 57,110.00	16.57%	\$ 101,690.00
03 Parks	\$ 277,871.00	\$ 51,831.00	18.65%	\$ 18,524.00
05 Planning & Zoning	\$ 58,000.00	\$ 33,903.00	58.45%	\$ 19,492.00
Sub-Total	\$ 1,546,182.00	\$ 284,195.00	18.38%	\$ 335,780.00
25 Water	\$ 1,391,501.00	\$ 208,141.00	14.96%	\$ 160,538.00
29 Irrigation	\$ 68,108.00	\$ 19,496.00	28.63%	\$ 15,475.00
30 Sanitation	\$ 92,870.00	\$ 51,923.00	55.91%	\$ 37,067.00
35 Sewer	\$ 1,041,252.00	\$ 90,010.00	8.64%	\$ 102,072.00
Sub-Total	\$ 2,593,731.00	\$ 369,570.00	14.25%	\$ 315,152.00
TOTAL (all funds)	\$4,139,913.00	\$ 653,765.00	15.79%	\$ 650,932.00

The General Public is invited to inspect all supporting documents for the above Financial Statement at City Hall during regular business hour.
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March 30, 2020
Jolyn E. Green
City Clerk-Treasurer
07/22,29/2020

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF GRAND VIEW
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing, pursuant to Idaho Code 50-1002, will be held for consideration of the proposed budget for the 2021 fiscal year (FY 2021), from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021. The public hearing will be held at City Hall, 425 Boise Ave, Grand View, Idaho at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, August 12th, 2020. All interested persons are invited to appear and show cause, if any, why such budget should or should not be adopted. Copies of the proposed City budget in detail are available for current charge per copy at City Hall at 425 Boise Ave, Grand View, ID, during regular office hours 11:30 am to 3:30 pm - Monday through Thursday. City Hall is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone desiring accommodations for disabilities to the hearing, contact City Hall at (208) 834-2700 at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing. The Proposed FY 2021 budget is shown below as the FY 2021 Proposed Expenditures and Revenues.

Fund	FY 2019 Actual Expenditures	FY 2020 Budget Expenditures	FY 2021 Proposed Expenditures
City General	\$58,143	\$91,921	\$75,761
Grants	\$0	\$0	\$0
General Fund Total	\$58,143	\$91,921	\$75,761
Parks	\$4,136	\$0	\$0
Sewer	\$121,870	\$163,358	\$132,671
Street	\$32,072	\$57,216	\$40,958
Water	\$129,235	\$301,441	\$229,423
Water Grant	\$0	\$0	\$27,500
Total All Expenditures	\$345,456	\$613,936	\$506,313

Fund	FY 2019 Actual Revenues	FY 2020 Budget Revenues	FY 2021 Proposed Revenues
Property Levy-Taxes			
General Fund	\$46,354	\$47,913	\$45,689
Street	\$21,643	\$21,515	\$15,000
Total Tax Revenue	\$67,998	\$69,428	\$60,689
Other Revenues			
City General	\$18,311	\$44,008	\$30,072
Parks	\$0	\$5,200	\$0
Sewer	\$86,183	\$163,358	\$132,671
Street	\$9,251	\$30,501	\$25,958
Water	\$112,612	\$301,441	\$256,923
Other Revenues			
Total All Revenue	\$294,355	\$613,936	\$506,313

Kathy Brown
City Clerk/Treasurer
07/22,29/2020

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Board of Commissioners for the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery Maintenance District has tentatively adopted a budget for the 2021 fiscal year, as set forth below. A public hearing will be held for the enactment of said budget at the office of The Marsing-Homedale Cemetery, located at 4410 Cemetery Rd in Marsing, Idaho, at 6:15pm on Wednesday August 15th 2020. The budget is available for public inspection between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm, Monday through Friday, at the cemetery office.

Proposed Budget, dated August 5th 2020
Budget Term: October 1st, 2020 through September 30th, 2021

Available Funds	
Balance Forward	\$51,316.00
State Investment	\$38,500.00
Anticipated Revenue	
County Tax Levy	\$86,975.00
Farm Rental	\$ 7,500.00
State Investment	\$ 500.00
Opening & Closing	\$10,000.00
Plot Sales	<u>\$12,500.00</u>
Total Funding	\$207,291.00

Anticipated Expenses	
Payroll	\$73,720.00
Utilities	\$14,000.00
Insurance	\$ 7,300.00
Maintenance	\$23,400.00
Capital Improvements	\$32,000.00
Legal & Accounting	\$ 6,520.00
Contingency	\$50,351.00
Total Disbursement	\$207,291.00

Total Budget **\$207,291.00**

J.Aldrich, Sexton, Sec/Tres/Clerk
07/22,29/2020

BUDGET HEARING - PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Idaho Code section 27-126. Notice is hereby given that the Owyhee Pioneer Cemetery District will be holding the 2020-2021 FY budget hearing on Tuesday, 4 August 2020 at 4 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Owyhee County Courthouse, Court Room 2, 20381 State Highway #78, Murphy, ID.

A copy of proposed budget will be posted at the Owyhee County Court House, Murphy Idaho.
Nina Bachman – Secretary/Treasurer Owyhee Pioneer Cemetery District. 07/16/2020.

Owyhee Pioneer Expenses:	
ADVERTISING	\$ 150.00
COMPENSATION	\$1381.00
OTHER EXPENSE	\$1347.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$2878.00

Revenue:	
TAX LEVY	\$2528.00
PROPERTY TAX REPLACEMENT	\$ 350.00
TOTAL REVENUE:	\$2878.00
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Caregivers Needed: Must pass a background check. Call 208-880-4793

Part time: Measure and take photos of clothing. \$13.50/hour. Dependability, accuracy, attention to detail. Call 208-401-6096 after noon.

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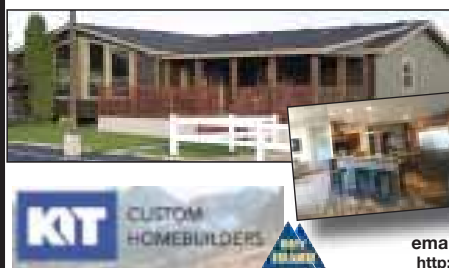
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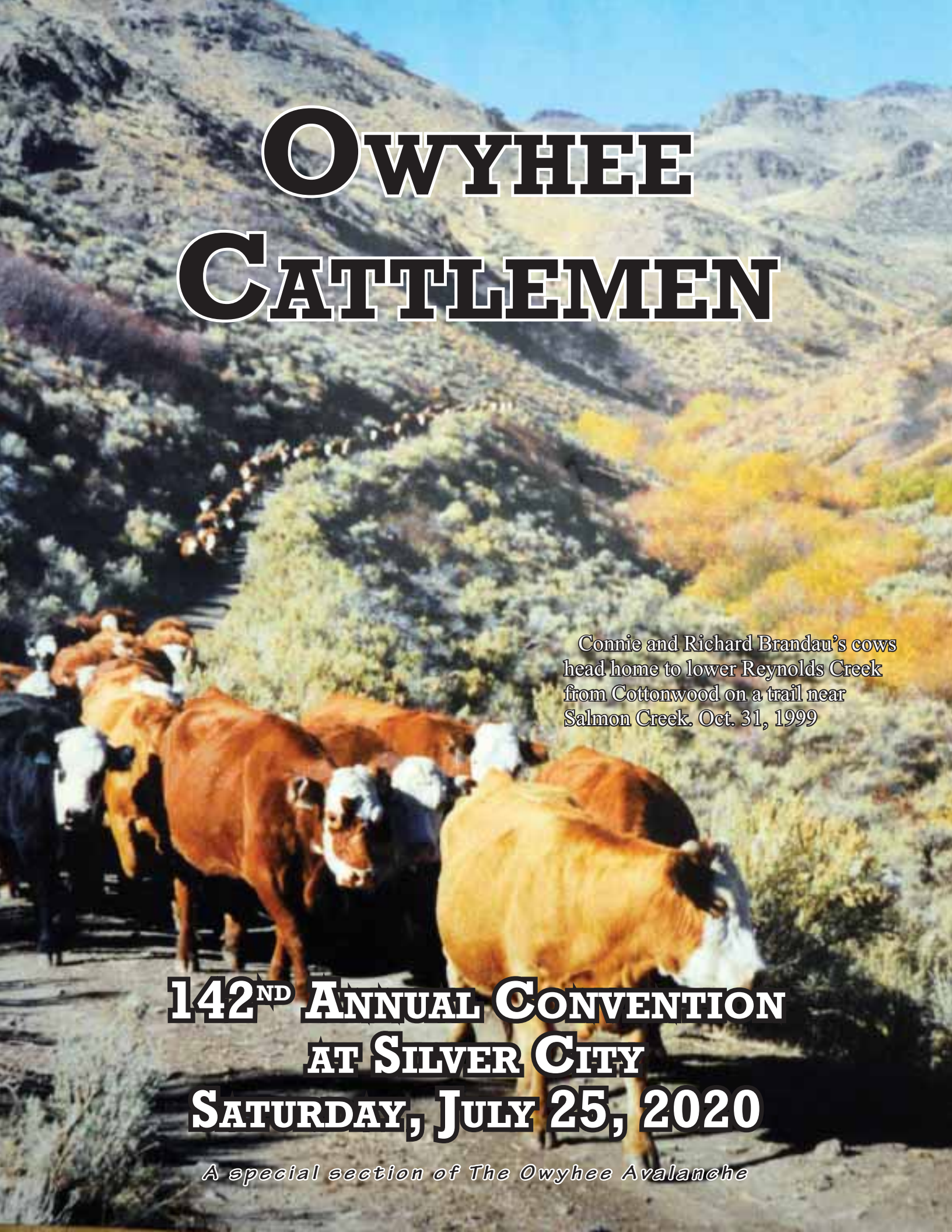
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142ND ANNUAL SUMMER CONVENTION

SATURDAY

9 a.m. — Registration at the Silver City schoolhouse

9:30 a.m. — Association meeting

Pledge

Membership bit drawing

Introductions

Cevin Jones

U.S. Meat Export Federation president

Break

Deck o' cards raffle

Layne Bangerter

USDA Rural Development Idaho state director

Lance Okeson, BLM fuels lead

Juniper Mountain juniper control project update

OCA Beef Heifer Replacement Program

Noon — Potluck lunch

Reports and updates

Paul Nettleton, OCA president

John Ruhs, BLM state director (invited)

Idaho Cattle Association

Dawn Anderson, president

Cameron Mulrony, executive director

Break

Deck o' cards raffle

Political updates

Honorary Life Member

Richard and Connie Brandau, Wilson

Resolutions

New Business

Election of Directors

Passing of the gavel to new OCA president Scott Bunderson

5 p.m. — Social hour

6 p.m. — Brisket dinner by Savory Layne Catering

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9 p.m. — Dance with music from Runnin' for Cover

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SUNDAY

7 a.m. — Coffee available at Idaho Hotel

9:30 a.m. — Breakfast buffet at Idaho Hotel

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10 a.m. — OCA board meeting at Nettleton Horse Corrals



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142ND SUMMER MEETING



President Paul Nettleton drops the gavel on the summer meeting at 9:30 a.m., on Saturday.

Exports trade group chief to address OCA members

As usual, there will be plenty of information to absorb during Saturday's Owyhee Cattlemen's Association summer meeting.

President Paul Nettleton, in the penultimate year of his second go-round on the board of directors, will drop the gavel at 9:30 a.m., inside the Silver City schoolhouse.

A handful of confirmed speakers will take the podium throughout the day.

This year's keynote speaker is

— See *OCA*, Page 29B

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INCOMING PRESIDENT



Scott Bunderson is prepared to take over as new OCA president on Saturday in Silver City.

Bunderson: COVID-19, growth will shape how cattlemen do business

The Owyhee Cattlemen's Association incoming president thinks that his term will be at least partially influenced by the COVID-19 pandemic and obstacles it has created.

Scott Bunderson, who has been involved with the OCA for more than 20 years and has served on the board

of directors since 2015, said he is not able to really anticipate what his time as president will be like. He does think that the current COVID-19 pandemic will likely have an impact.

"My guess is ... interesting," he said. "Things are changing so fast,

and I believe this next year is up in the air. The onset of the coronavirus is likely to have a significant impact on the way business and personal activities are handled from here on out.

— See **Bunderson**, Page 16B

OUTGOING PRESIDENT

Life comes full circle as Nettleton leaves podium

Paul Nettleton must feel like he's going in circles as he prepares to hand over the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association board president's gavel.

On Saturday in Silver City, he'll end his one year at the head of the table, and will be one year closer to ending his second stint as a director.

As he leaves, though, the same old problem — in an all-too-familiar package — is flowing to the forefront again.

Water.

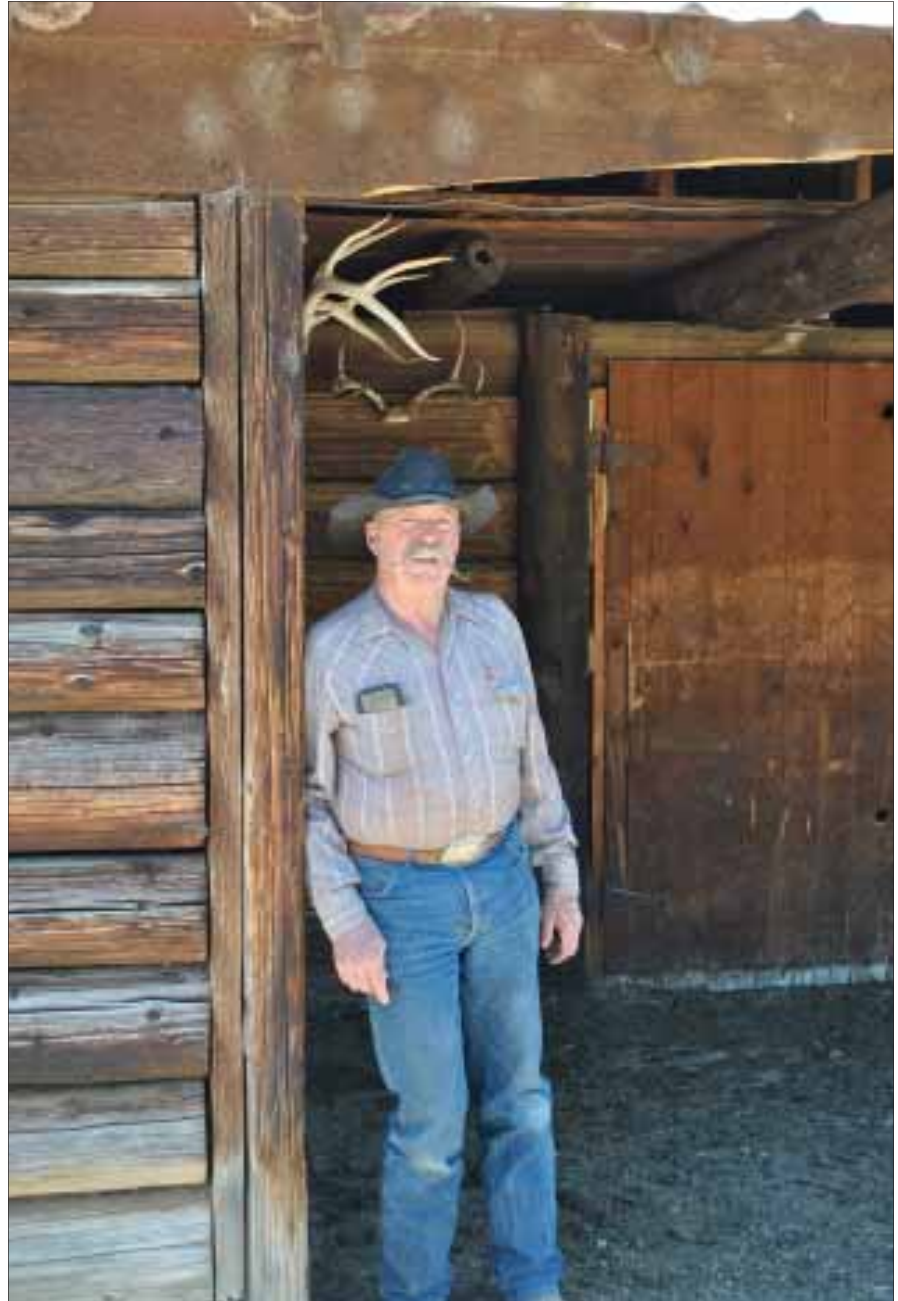
Nettleton said that he is proud of the things that the OCA has worked on in his year at the helm, including advocating for Jordan Valley rancher Mike Hanley's water rights permit renewal case as a "friend of the court," as well as reducing fuels by cutting back junipers, and rangeland reform talks with the Bureau of Land Management.

But Hanley's fight is just part of a current struggle that must have Nettleton harkening back nearly 25 years to the beginning of a monumental court battle that he and LU Livestock's Tim Lowry enjoined against the federal government.

And he'll deal with it again Saturday as the BLM continues its latest push to acquire usage rights through contracts that establish ranchers as "agents."

"The big thing now is the limited agency agreement," Nettleton said. "It looks like a few folks did sign it, I'm told. We'll probably have to talk to them up in Silver City (on Saturday). Not sure how many there were, but I heard there were a few.

"(Fellow rancher) Tim (Lowry) and I spent a lot of time and money to get our water rights. Just to have someone give them back to the gov-

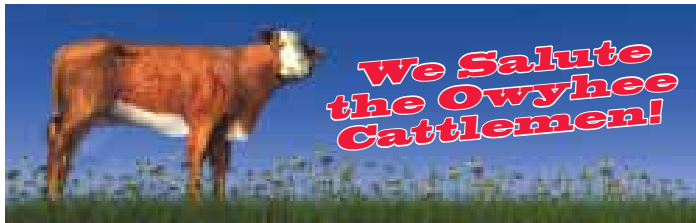


Paul Nettleton leans against the entryway to his barn, built in the 1940s from old power poles that led up to Silver City. The barn is just one of many old buildings at Joyce Ranch that date back many decades.

ernment, it doesn't make any sense. I think there are just people who don't know, who don't understand — or (are) not informed enough and have

received pressure from BLM, from their rangeland conservationist."

— See *Nettleton*, Page 18B



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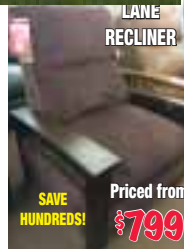
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Nearly a decade ago, the Brandaus began to step away from an active role in ranching.

Eventually, they leased their cows to former OCA president Daniel Richards and his wife, Bailey.

The move to pay it forward and

keep the cattle industry moving forward in Richard's home county helped Richards get a foothold in the lifestyle in which he grew up. Daniel, Bailey and their two young children live on Idaho highway 78 property owned by the Brandaus, too.

The decision to put Daniel on the path to success wasn't a snap judgment by any means.

Connie, 71, tells the story — memorialized in a photograph — of 10-year-old Daniel and his father, Tony, on horseback during a gather years ago.

Looking at that photo at the kitch-

en table in the home they've shared for more than a half-century, Connie and Richard recalled how they both shared an instinctive idea that that young boy would be the perfect candidate to take the reins of the Brandaus' third-generation cattle operation in the future.

"I told Richard, 'That's the kind of kid you'd like to (have) our place,'" Connie said.

Years later, at that same kitchen table, the Brandaus negotiated the lease of their herd of Hereford and Black Baldys with Daniel and his

— See *Brandaus*, Page 28B

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The Owyhee Cattlemen's Association board of directors includes, from left, Jerry Wroten, secretary Scott Jensen, Ira Brackett, president Paul Nettleton, vice-president Scott Bunderson, Rex Hoagland, Russell Erwin, Josh Bruce, and past president Lorna Steiner.

2019-20 board of directors

Paul Nettleton

Position: President

Age: 70

Occupation: Cattleman

Family: Wife, Tracy (newly-weds). Four grown children (three daughters, one son)

Residence: Silver City (Murphy)

OCA membership: Lifelong

Joined board in 2015

Background: Nettleton served previously on the board from 1984 to 1987. ... His great-grandfather, Matthew Joyce Sr., was a founding member of the OCA in 1878. ... His uncle, Jim Nettleton, was OCA president in 1955-56, and his father, Hugh, was treasurer in the 1930s. ... His son, Chad, also served as OCA president ... His great uncle, Jim Joyce, and uncle, Joe Nettleton, also served on the board of directors.



Paul Nettleton

Scott Bunderson

Position: Vice-president

Age: 48

Occupation: Tax accountant, rancher

Family: Debbie Bennett (fiancée)

Residence: Nampa (has ranched in Owyhee County for more than 15 years)

OCA membership: 15+ years

Joined board in 2015

Background: Fiancée's dad, George Bennett, led OCA in 2000



Scott Bunderson

OCA membership: Seven years (Johnny was a member previously)

Joined board in 2013

Background: The 39-year Owyhee County resident was the OCA's first female president and the second female director in the association's history. ... On why she joined the board: "(Former board president) Bill White coaxed me into it," she jokes. "Actually I thought it would be good to give my time to help the industry and support our local association that helps us."



Lorna Steiner

Lorna Steiner

Position: Past president

Age: 59

Occupation: Rancher

Family: Husband, Johnny (38 years), sons JR (33; wife, Sammie; 2 children, Macie, 6, and Eli, 4) and Jake (31; wife, Ashley; 2 children, Chuck, 4, and Miles, 16 months)

Residence: Oreana

Steve Boren

Position: Director

Age: 46

Occupation: Rancher

Family: Wife, Mandi (10 years); Children: Tyson, 17; Ella, 14; Loyd, 12; Eli, 9; Robert, 5; Zach, 3

Residence: Oreana

— See **Board**, next page

OCA LEADERSHIP

Cattlemen's board of directors

From previous page

OCA membership: Seven years
Joined board in 2016

Background: Bruneau-Grand View school board member since 2017. ... Moved to Owyhee County from central Nevada in 2011. ... Of his time on the board thus far, "It's been great. I like the people I get to work with."



Steve Boren

Ira Brackett

Position: Director
Occupation: Commercial cow/calf operator

Family: Wife, Kim; children Cade, Zane, Chantry, and Rhett

Residence: South of Homedale
Joined board in 2019

Background: Brackett has ranches halfway between Marsing and Jordan Valley. ... Idaho Beef Council board of directors.



Ira Brackett

Josh Bruce

Position: Director
Age: 38

Occupation: Rancher

Family: Wife, Alica; Children: Pace, Houston, and Jaxon

Residence: Jordan Valley

OCA membership: Seven years



Josh Bruce

Joined board in 2017

Background: Lifelong Owyhee County resident.

Russell Erwin

Position: Director

Age: 51

Occupation: Feeder, producer

Family: Wife, Deidre (26 years); sons Travis, 22; and Mitchell, 16; daughters Kaitlin, 25; and Ainsley, 13

Residence: Bruneau

OCA membership: 5 years

Joined board in 2019

Background: The 47-year Owyhee County resident became a director to give back to the organization.



Russell Erwin

Oscar Evans

Position: Director

Age: 53

Occupation: Realtor and purebred producer

Family: Wife, Clara-Leigh (23 years), children Ashleigh (19), Ainslee (17) and Garrett (15)

Residence: Homedale, 10 years

OCA membership: Eight years
Joined board in 2018

Background: Vicepresident-elect, in line for the presidency. ... Why he joined the board: "At the heart of our rural lives and communities lies the need to preserve our ranching and agricultural lands, businesses and heritage. The OCA is one of the premier groups dedicated to these objectives, and the organization needs



Oscar Evans

involvement from a broad spectrum of producers and livestock interests to continue this important mission." ... Also sits on Owyhee County Farm Bureau board of directors.

Rex Hoagland

Position: Director

Age: 59

Occupation: Cattle procurement director, CS Beef Packers

Family: Wife, Karen; children J.D., Brandy, Kassi; 11 grandchildren

Residence: Melba

OCA membership: 3 years
Joined board in 2019

Background: The lifelong Owyhee County resident spent 16 years traveling the U.S. as a cattle buyer. ... On joining the OCA: "I was asked, and I'm hoping to make a difference."



Rex Hoagland

Jerry Wroten

Position: Director

Age: 31

Occupation: Relationship mgr., Northwest Farm Credit Services; owns cow/calf herd in Jordan Valley

Family: Wife, Hanna (6 years)

Residence: Wilder

OCA membership: Eight years
Joined board in 2017

Background: Joined board to advance ranching industry in Owyhee County and "promote our local community's well-being." ... Dist. II rep on ICA board ... Grandson of OCA Lifetime Member Marion Wroten (1975).



Jerry Wroten

HISTORY OF LEADERSHIP



Outgoing president Russ Turner of Bruneau (left) presents the gavel to South Mountain's Dana Rutan near the end of the 129th summer meeting in Silver City on July 28, 2007.

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Paul Black
Bob Gluch

1984 Walt Yarbrough
Noy Brackett
Johnny Miller

Jim Alzoa

1985 Bill Maher
Art Bahem



Nita Lowry (right) accepts the silver membership bit during the 2007 summer meeting. Lowry and her husband, Bill, became Honorary Life Members 25 years ago. Elias Jaca (background, center) and his wife, Inez, were honored later in the meeting in which Nita won the bit. Current OCA president Paul Nettleton is in the background at right.

1985 Emeline Nettleton
Rollie Patrick
Dick Benham
George Johnstone
Henry Brandau

1986 Al Curtis
Jay Thompson
Clayton Turner
Bill Tindall

1987 Harold Markley
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Willie Panzeri

Bob Harris

1988 Frank Maher
Owen Barton

1988 Fostino Alzola

Bob Davis

1989 Monk Stimmel
Don McKay
Rufus Lequerica

1990 Arsen Alzola
Bill Swan
Chuck and Frankie Dougal
Gertrude Anderson
Gusty Elordi*

1991 Chet Tindall
Bill Tindall
Ruby Staples

1992 Roy Hoagland

1993 Ted Cossel
John Malmberg

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Don Davis
 1994 LeRoy Beaman
 Walt Morgan
 1995 Calvin Johnston
 1995 Joe Churruca
 Bill and Nita Lowry
 1996 Bob Collett
 Bus Cummings
 Gene Davis
 Hazel Hanley
 Tom Skinner
 1997 Frank and Nathalie (Tally)
 Davis
 Ray and Bonnie Colyer
 Frances Field
 1998 Tom and Celia Hall
 Jack and Elvira Potter
 Gene Stanford
 1999 Joe Black
 Ronald Hutchison
 Herb Mink
 Merv Robinson
 2000 Bud Greeley
 Clarence and Virginia
 Miller
 2001 No one chosen
 2002 Richard Bennett
 2003 Ace and Marilyn Black
 2004 Frankie Dougal
 Virginia Stanford
 Dick and Karen Bass
 Curt Strickland*
 2005 Juanita Johnstone
 Dick and Barbara Jayo
 Virginia Belknap
 2006 Fred and Lodice Grant
 Bob Kelly
 Barbara and David
 Lahtinen
 2007 Elias and Inez Jaca
 2008 Ernie and Sherry Bahem
 Walt Nilles
 2010 Benny and Mary Panzeri
 Forest and Nancy Fretwell
 2011 Tom and Connie Hook
 Chad Gibson
 2012 No one chosen

2013 Pete and Nancy Jackson
 2014 No one chosen
 2015 John Biar
 Vern and Bonnie Kershner
 Tim Nettleton
 John Richard
 2016 George and Donna Bennett
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INCOMING PRESIDENT

✂ Bunderson: Strong ranching roots all around

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“The trick will be trying to figure out new ways to effectively interact with people in public places. Change is here, and we are all going to have to figure out how we can all make it work.”

Bunderson has been part of the Bennett family’s ranch north of Mud Flat Road for more than 20 years. His longtime fiancée Debbie is George and Donna Bennett’s daughter.

The Bennetts also own a farming operation in Grand View consisting of several hundred acres of hay, silage, and other crops.

Bunderson, who has a finance and accounting degree from the University

of Idaho and has done contract work for Nile Clark & Associates for 13 years, said that he has ranching roots on both sides of his family, as well.

His great-grandparents on his mother’s side homesteaded on the banks of the Little Weiser River in Indian Valley. They raised cattle and crops as well as broke and sold wild horses.

On his father’s side, his great-grandparents originated near St. Charles and farmed and ranched.

“My Uncle Dean and several of my cousins have made their living taking care of cattle most of their lives,” Bunderson said. “One way or the other, I have been involved in cattle

and agriculture most of my life.”

Bunderson said he anticipated his time as OCA vice-president to be more work than what it actually involved.

“I almost hate to say it, but fortunately the past year has been relatively quiet compared to prior years,” he said. “There have not been some of the big-ticket items that the previous boards have had to deal with like the Owyhee 68 or the Soda Fire.”

A president, Bunderson will be spokesman for the OCA membership. Membership typically meets just twice a year, but the board of directors meets monthly. It’s also the

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INCOMING PRESIDENT

✕ Bunderson: Novice public lands users a concern

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president's job to ensure the OCA is accurately represented in public forums and meetings.

Just as some of the older OCA members have voiced, the 48-year-old Bunderson believes that more young people need to be involved in the ranching industry, and by extension, the association.

He also believes Idaho's rapid population growth and its impact on the ranching community needs to be addressed.

But, as has been said for many years, relations with Bureau of Land Management are central.

"I would like to continue working

with the BLM and the State of Idaho to increase target grazing opportunities that could potentially decrease fire danger in several key areas, as well as how we deal with the juniper encroachment problem," he said.

Bunderson said that BLM State Director John Ruhs seems to be a standup guy.

"I have only had limited dealing with Director Ruhs since he took over," he said. "To date, he has been very direct and seems to want to work to improve the relationship between the ranching community and the BLM ... he seems to be willing to pursue letting more control go to the local BLM representatives, but

that is a slow process."

Bunderson said that a big issue for the ranching community is the large number of people, recently migrated from urban areas, headed out to public lands without a lot of outdoor experience.

"My guess is that lack of experience has the potential to increase tensions between ranchers and the general public," he said.

"A major increase of traffic, open gates, trespassing and litter are just some of the issues the ranching community is having to deal with while trying to maintain a good relationship with the public."

— TK

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OUTGOING PRESIDENT

☿ Nettleton: Third family member to wield gavel

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Nettleton and Lowry won their stock water battle with a favorable ruling from the Idaho State Supreme Court more than a decade ago.

The struggles against the federal government are all too familiar to the longtime cattle producer.

Nettleton has been an OCA member for virtually his entire life and originally served on the board of directors in the 1980s.

"It's kind of funny," he said. "I had been a director almost 40 years ago, and I told them 'I have too many irons in the fire. Call me again sometime when you want me back on, and I'll get back on track (for the president's position).'"

"I didn't know it would be 40 years."

Nettleton's son, Chad, was OCA president in 2017, and Paul thought maybe his time and opportunity had passed.

"They had called Chad because they knew he was an up-and-comer, and he accepted (the director's position)," he said. "I thought 'Dang, thought you guys would call me again, but you never have,' and then they did."

The Joyce/Nettleton family has deep roots in Owyhee County, extending back to the year the American Civil War ended (1865).

Nettleton's family has been deeply ensconced in the fabric of the county for more than 1½ centuries, since his great-grandfather, Matthew Joyce Sr., immigrated to the United States from Ireland, worked on the Mississippi River, and then moved west after war broke out.

He said his family moved north from Nevada to Ruby City, then down to their current property

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— Paul Nettleton, OCA president

south of Murphy in 1865. In those days, there were 10 Joyce children with homesteads in the area, adding to the family's holdings; they also bought out other ranches nearby.

Currently, Joyce Ranch has a nucleus of 3,500 acres, with a total of around 11,000 acres in the area, including property and mining claims near Silver City and War Eagle Mountain.

Nettleton has cherished his time with the OCA and the fact that he could serve as president, joining his son and uncle Jim Nettleton (1955-56) among those who have held the position. Paul's great-uncle, Jim Joyce, served as president of the Idaho Cattle Association.

When Nettleton rose to the presidency, he became one of the oldest board leaders in the past 20 years. That fact magnifies a troubling issue that has cropped up in recent years for the OCA — membership attrition.

A lot of the old ranchers are no longer active or dying, and fewer of the younger generation are getting involved.

"Cattlemen's has had to recycle some of the older guys through because membership is getting low," Nettleton said. "A lot of ranchers have been taken up by some of the big outfits, grazing associations, Simplot — there isn't a whole lot of new blood in there. We have to get

some of the new guys in there."

When reflecting on his year at the helm, Nettleton feels that many of the issues that he spearheaded are ones that have been around for years, including abating the Mormon cricket infestation, water rights, and of course, a huge focus on Bureau of Land Management relations.

"When the OCA first started in the 1870s, they were worried about Indians, rustlers, and predators," Nettleton said. "I'll bet they never thought that their biggest issue would be their own government."

He admits that the relationship with the BLM has been pretty good overall the past few years but said that it ebbs and flows depending on the presidential administration. He said that there are a few bureaucratic holdovers from the previous administration that can make things a little difficult.

"We'll have a good relationship with the BLM for a while, then it goes into a kind of cold-war state," he said.

On Saturday, Nettleton will hand the reins over to new president Scott Bunderson, at the traditional passing of the gavel ceremony. He will continue for one more year as past-president on the board of directors, before stepping down.

"I'll be just one of the guys again," he said. — TK

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HEIFER REPLACEMENT



From left: Jackie Montgomery, Tyler Thompson, Gene Showalter, and Josie Showalter, the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association beef heifer replacement program participants, at the OCA's summer meeting last year in Silver City.

4-H'ers show up strong in heifer program

After a two-year upswing, the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association Beef Heifer Replacement Program is down to one new recipient this year.

Marsing youth Brogan Gebauer will receive a heifer certificate from Jordan Valley rancher Josh Bruce at Saturday's summer meeting in Silver City.

The calf will be delivered in the fall, signaling the start of the three-year program that ends with the recipient showing a cow-calf pair at the Owyhee County Fair in Homedale.

Brogan is the 12-year-old son of Jared and Mindi Gebauer.

The seventh-grader is getting into the program for the right reason.

According to his application, the Barnyard Brigade 4-H club member will show a market steer at next month's county fair for the first time.

The heifer from the OCA program is a step in starting his own beef

herd.

While Brogan will enter the program Saturday, four other program participants will deliver first-year reports.

- **Jacquelin Montgomery, Homedale** — The Wilson Butte 4-H member received a heifer from OCA member Dan Mori.

- **Josie Showalter, Marsing** — The Owyhee Silver Spurs 4-H member is raising an animal from Morgan Ranches, which is operated by David and Ann Rutan.

- **Gene Showalter, Marsing** — Also a Silver Spurs 4-H club member, Gene is working with a heifer provided by Kenny and Teresa Kershner.

- **Tyler Thompson, Homedale** — Another Silver Spurs member, Tyler received a heifer from Brian and Chris Collett.

All three will show bred heifers at the Aug. 4-8 fair in Homedale.

Third-year participants Mitch-

ell Erwin of Bruneau Canyon 4-H, Rimrock FFA'er Emma Eldridge — also of Bruneau — and Marsing's Fallon Wasson (Owyhee Sage Riders) are set to show their cow-calf pair at the fairgrounds in Homedale next month.

Erwin's project began with a calf from Lynn and Tiffany Bachman, while Eldridge raised an animal donated by John and Lorna Steiner. Wasson's heifer came from Matt and Lisa Tindall.

All participants must maintain record books, too.

The 2020 sole recipient marks the lowest participation since 2017 when no heifers were awarded.

Ranchers have donated seven heifers in the past two years, and Saturday's heifer will mark the 44th animal for the program launched to help preserve the legacy of cattle ranching in Owyhee County while

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HEIFER REPLACEMENT

History of heifer replacement program

2020-21 — Brogan Gebauer, Marsing (Josh Bruce)

2019-20 — Jacqueline Montgomery, Homedale (Dan Mori); Gene Showalter, Marsing (Kenny and Teresa Kershner); Josie Showalter, Marsing (Morgan Ranches); Tyler Thompson, Homedale (Brian and Chris Collett)

2018-19 — Emma Eldridge, Bruneau (John and Lorna Steiner); Mitchell Erwin (Lynn and Tiffany Bachman); Fallon Wasson (Matt and Lisa Tindall)

2017-18 — No applications received

2016-17 — Mitchell Erwin, Bruneau (Joyce Livestock); Chloe Heitz, Marsing (Doug Rutan); Zane Helm, Melba (David Rutan); Lauren Jensen, Marsing (Dan Mori); Gabe Shaffer, Homedale (Ed Olson)

2015-16 — Baylee Davis, Jordan Valley (Mike and Jeanne

Stanford); Brody Gaertner, Marsing (Kenny and Teresa Kershner); and Seth Gaertner, Marsing (Morgan Ranches)

2014-15 — Taylor Ann Fisher-Thomas, Marsing (Justin Christensen); and Jaiden Vincent, Wilder (Bill and Bev White)

2013-14 — Michael Babcock, Homedale (Dan Mori); Cheyenne Davis, Jordan Valley (Ted and Mary Blackstock); TJ Davis, Jordan Valley (Chad Hensley); Devin Edmiston, Melba (Gene and Ruth Clapier); and Lauren Jensen, Marsing (Morgan Ranches)

2012-13 — Cheyenne Davis, Jordan Valley (Wintercamp Ranch Trust, Don Barnhill); Jaycee Engle, Melba (Chad Hensley); Bo Pickett, Caldwell (C Lazy 2 Ranch, Ruth and Gene Clapier); Caleb Smith, Caldwell (Ted and Mary Blackstock); Taylor Ann Thomas-

Fisher, Marsing (Justin Christensen); Jaiden Vincent, Wilder (Bill and Bev White); and Jordyn Vincent, Wilder (Steve Yarbrough)

2011-12 — Cheyenne Davis, Jordan Valley (Tanna Gilbert); Lyndsey Salutregui, Homedale (Matt and Lisa Tindall); Suzi Stirm, Melba (Dan Mori)

2010-11 — Wesley Grim, Marsing (Joyce Livestock — Paul Nettleton); Lorenzo Lankow, Marsing (Brian and Chris Collett); Zachery Tindall, Bruneau (06 Livestock)

2009-10 — Tom Nelson, Jordan Valley (Bodie Clapier); Dalton Penrod, Marsing (David Rutan); Brittany Roberts, Melba (Doug Burgess); Adrianna Salutregui, Homedale (Dan Mori); Suzi Stirm, Melba (Vern Kershner); Evon Timmons, Marsing (Sierra del Rio, Craig Baker); Samantha Woods, Homedale (Doug Rutan)

4-H'ers

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providing educational and financial opportunities for the youth.

The program is open to boys and girls who are in the fifth through 10th grade. They must be a member of an Owyhee County 4-H club or FFA chapter.

As with his predecessors, Brogan underwent an interview process before his application was approved.

Youth have until June 1 each year to submit an application. They can work through their 4-H leader or FFA advisor to apply for the program.

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IN MEMORIAM

Don Basey

October 28, 1931 to March 15, 2020

Don "Pops" Basey, 88, of Caldwell, passed away at his home surrounded by family on March 15, 2020. Don was born on Oct. 28, 1931 near Lake Lowell. He was the youngest of seven kids born to Clayton and Clara Basey. He attended Knowlton Heights and Riverside schools. Don also attended Marsing High School for three years before moving to the Sunny Slope area to farm.

In 1953 at a dance in Homedale, he met a nurse from Wilder. On April 18, 1955, he married that nurse and love of his life, Dorothy Brown. They were married for 65 wonderful years. While working on the family farm, they welcomed their son Dave and daughter Debbie. The Basey fam-

ily continued to grow, welcoming a daughter- and son-in-law, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Basey enjoyed years of hunting, fishing, being a 4-H leader, team roping, and family camping trips.

He was a founding member of the Owyhee County Rodeo Board and served for more than 60 years.

He was the last surviving child of Clayton and Clara Basey.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy, children Dave (Patty) of Caldwell, Debbie (Jeff) of Caldwell, and grandchildren Dave Charters, Bret Hall, Jennifer Hall, and Brandon Stover and their families.

He was laid to rest at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Caldwell.



Gene Clapier

April 1, 1929 to March 30, 2020

Gene Clapier, 90, passed away March 30 at his Marsing home surrounded by his family.

Clapier was born in Ogden, Utah on April 1, 1929 to Archemad and Lida Clapier. When he was 3 years old his mother died, and he and his brother went to live with their grandparents. In 1934, his father married Donna Jenkins and they had 4 children.

In the early 1940s the family moved to Marsing. He served in the Army from 1948 to 1952, playing football at Fort Benning and in Germany.

In 1954 at a New Year's Eve dance in Jordan Valley, he met the love of his life, Ruth Loveland. They later eloped to Reno to get married. In the years that followed they had five children. They lived in Marsing, Jerome, Arock, and Caldwell before returning to Marsing in 1969.



Clapier worked for the Idaho Highway Department, and he and Ruth owned Owyhee Feed and Seed and V & F Produce as well as farm-

ing and ranching.

Clapier will be remembered for his honesty, sense of humor, outgoing personality and never meeting a stranger. He was active in the American Legion.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Ruth, as well as his five children: Rochelle (Jeff), Lynnette, former Owyhee Cattlemen's Association president Bodie (Tina), Craig, Yvonne, his nine grandchildren: Lyndsey, Quincy, Gena, Angie, Hannah, Scott, RyeLea, Marshall, Garrett, his two great-grandchildren: Cash and Frankie; brothers David (Connie) and Steve (Janet); sister Lauralee (Derrell); and sister-in-law Judy; and his beloved dog, Reba.

He was predeceased by his father, mothers, brothers Aaron, Dwaine (Rip) and Brent and son-in-law Ryan.

IN MEMORIAM

Frank Dines

September 22, 1936 to August 9, 2019

Frank Dines, 82, of Marsing died peacefully at home in the arms of his beloved wife Ellen on Aug. 9, 2019. He was born at home in Caldwell to Russell and Faye Dines on Sept. 22, 1936, the second of six children raised in Marsing on a farm. He graduated high school in 1955 and remained in Marsing for most of his life.

Dines married Ellen Snyder in 1958, and they were blessed with two children, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Dines delivered milk for Home Dairies, worked in the logging industry in Burns Ore., as a gas station attendant at Justo's while Ellen



worked in Justo's grocery next door, feed salesman for Moorman's Feed, all in his younger years. Then he was

self-employed as a farmer and dairyman for the rest of his career.

Dines was active in the community, volunteering for the Marsing Fire Department, and serving as an emergency medical technician for Marsing Ambulance. He was chair for the Gem Irrigation District and Owyhee County Fair Board, and was a member of Branch 67 of the Early Days Gas Engine & Tractor Association.

Dines enjoyed being outdoors hunting, fishing, camping, and taking his family for long, scenic drives.

After retiring, he enjoyed

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IN MEMORIAM

Fred Kelly Grant

July 2, 1936 to March 19, 2020

Fred Kelly Grant, the man who spearheaded the government coordination fight and helped build the coalition that led to the Owyhee Initiative law, was 83 when he died in Nampa.

Grant was a champion for public land issues and fought to put local governments on equal footing with the federal agencies that manage land within county boundaries.

"Fred was a great hero to the ranching community of Owyhee County," OCA president Paul Nettleton said. "He should be considered the father of the Owyhee County Land Use Plan that forced the (Bureau of Land Management) to sit down at the table with our elected county commissioners in the CCC process: consultation, coordination, and cooperation.

"Without his leadership many ranchers in Owyhee County wouldn't be in business today."

Grant was instrumental in building county government comprehensive land use plans to trigger coordination with federal agencies, such as



the BLM, through the Federal Land Policy Act of 1976 (FLPMA).

Owyhee County was one of the first governments to require the BLM to include local officials in public land decisions through coordination after the passage of the county's first comprehensive land use plan about 25 years ago.

The Owyhee Initiative was perhaps Grant's most important work

for Owyhee County residents, ranchers and recreationists.

When locals became concerned about rumblings that the Clinton administration planned to turn the Owyhee Canyonlands of Idaho into a national monument, Grant was again on the scene, building a consensus between livestock ranchers, conservationists and recreationist groups to work to preserve activities and ways of life in the Owyhee Wilderness by, as Nettleton said, hammering out "a compromise with environmental groups over wilderness and wild and scenic rivers.

"He had the respect and admiration of all public land advocates no matter which viewpoint they held," Nettleton said. "If Owyhee County gave out its own Nobel Prize, he would be a sure winner."

In part to recognize his role with the Owyhee Initiative Work Group, Fred and his late wife, Lodice, were named OCA Honorary Lifetime Members in 2006.

Laz Mendieta

December 27, 1925 to November 26, 2019

Lazaro "Laz" Mendieta passed away Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2019 at the age of 93 in Nampa.

Mendieta was born on Dec. 27, 1925 to his parents, Galo and Ysabel Mendieta, at the Glass Ranch with the assistance of a midwife "Maggie," Margaret Gluch.

He attended schools with his sister Bene at South Mountain (Pleasant Valley) and McDermitt, Nev.

On October 15, 1952 Laz married Vivian Gabica. They were blessed with the birth of their children, Frank Galo and Lisa Kay.



Mendieta held a passion for his family and friends. He worked hard and played hard, enjoying his

ranching/cowboy lifestyle of horses, cattle and fishing, good food and drinks, jokes and a lot of laughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Galo and Ysabel; his wife Vivian of 56 years; his daughter Lisa Burke; his siblings, Bea Jaca, Galo Mendieta, Millie Ugalde, Santy Mendieta, Eloise Smith, Markie Gearhardt, Mary Parker, Emma Albisu, Isabel Eiguren, Tony Mendieta and Victoria Margarite (infant).

Laz is survived by his son, Frank, and sister Benita Anderson, and numerous nieces and nephews.

IN MEMORIAM

Mary Gill

June 16, 1946 to May 31, 2020



Mary L. Gill, 73, of Bruneau, formerly of Mountain Home, passed away Sunday, May 31, 2020.

She was born June 16, 1946 to Ralph and Margret Pierce, the youngest of eight children.

Gill never missed the Bru-

neau Round-Up.

She was a lifelong rancher, always preferring the outdoors to the indoors, and enjoyed spending summers at the cow camps on Juniper Mountain. Together with her husband Gary, they made a life to be proud of. She was

always proud of her grandkids and great-grandkids.

Gill is survived by her husband Gary Gill, her children, grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her best friend and loyal canine companion Cisco.

Frank Dines

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refurbishing one-cylinder engines, traveling the world with Ellen to engine shows, museums and auctions looking for the next great deal.

Frank is survived by his wife El-

len, brothers Ralph (Margie) Dines and Richard (Sherrie) Dines, sister-in-law Jackie Dines, brother-in-law Bob Webb, children Dianna (Gordon) Roberts and Craig Dines, grandchildren, Amy (Jared) Rovig, Emily (Joshua) Bakko, Mykaela Dines, and Brady Dines, great-

grandchildren RyLee Rovig, Austin Rovig, Amity Bakko and Jackson Bakko.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Lucille (Don) Aldrich & Donna Webb, brothers Donald and George Dines and grandson Hayden Dines.



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IN MEMORIAM

Bill Lowry

June 6, 1921 to November 27, 2019

William “Bill” Anson Lowry was born June 6, 1921 to Charles and Sally Lowry joining a sister, Hazel in Bend, Ore. He was later joined by three brothers (Bob, Al, and Richard) and seven more sisters (Effa, Gladys, Rhonda, Alta, Dorothy, Betty Jean, and Peggy). The family lived in Prineville, Ore., where Bill began school. They moved a couple times but landed back in Prineville where Bill graduated from the eighth grade.

After his 8th grade graduation, he began working for the Stearns Cattle Co., of Prineville. It was there that he met the love of his life, Vernita “Nita” Hein, who was working in the cookhouse.

In 1942, after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Bill was drafted into the U.S. Army. However, his induction was pushed back because of the flood of boys enlisting. Bill always wanted to honor the boys who quit school and rushed to enlist, describing many of them as being “too young to shave.”



After Lowry chatted with Dist. 23A Rep. Christy Zito, poet Brian Arnold composed “Too Young to Shave,” and the poem was engraved on a marble plaque now displayed at the Warhawk Museum in Nampa, fulfilling Lowry’s dream of honoring these young men.

While on leave from his time in the Army Corps of Engineers, he

married Nita on July 31, 1945. He was discharged in November, and the young couple returned to Bill’s job on the Stearns ranch.

While saving money for their own ranch and working hard, they welcomed sons Tim and Mike.

After leasing a couple ranches, the couple purchased a ranch in Pleasant Valley in 1965. One of Lowry’s greatest joys was working on his ranch and with his Hereford cattle. His passions were family, Hereford cattle, thoroughbred saddle horses, conservative politics, education, and unwavering patriotism.

Bill is survived by his sons and their families: Tim (Rosa Maria) and Mike (Gaylene); 10 siblings; five grandchildren: Miren Lowry, Amaya (Jim) O’Connor, Luke Lowry, Micki (Kevin) Golden, and Melissa (Cody) Bullock; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Sally Lowry; oldest sister, Hazel; and wife, Nita.

Ted Payne

July 15, 1944 to April 19, 2020



George Theodore “Ted” Payne, 75, passed away on Sunday April 19, 2020, at his home in Jordan Valley.

He was laid to rest in a private ceremony at Jordan Valley Cemetery.

Payne was born at the Maher Ranch near Cliffs on July 15, 1944, to Elbert Dallas “Tex” and Agnes Amy Maher Payne.

Payne had many adventures as a child on the mountain and growing up at the Lowry. Ted started his first colt, Sun Down, at the age of 11. He attended a one-room grade school at Cliffs. It was a long ride each day

throughout the summer and fall.

Payne graduated from high school in Jordan Valley, then later went to work for Bill and Nita Lowry in Prineville, Ore.

Payne married Dorothy (Dot) Pauline McKay from Harper, Ore., on June 12, 1970 in Vale, Ore., at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church. Ted and Dot were married nearly 55 years. They bought the Lowry Ranch on Juniper Mountain from Ted’s parents. The Lowry was their home, and where they raised their family.

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IN MEMORIAM

John Salove

April 26, 1931 to October 8, 2019

John F. Salove, 88, of Marsing, died Oct. 8, 2019, at his home surrounded by his loving family.

Salove was born April 26, 1931, at Nampa, the second of two children born to Agustin and Santa Quintana Salove. Agustin and Santa had immigrated to the U.S. near the turn of the last century from Vizcaya in the Basque country and settled in Idaho at Marsing where they became sheep ranchers.

In the early years, Salove attended school in both Marsing and Murphy. After World War II, the family moved to Nampa and began running cattle at Marsing and on the Owyhee rangelands.

While in ninth grade at Nampa High School, he met Dot Hampson. They became high school sweethearts and were active in sports with



John captain of the football team and Dot Homecoming Queen, and in student council, John was student body president and Dot was secretary. A day after graduation from Nampa High School, they were married on May 28, 1949.

John and Dot eventually grew their family to five: four sons and a daughter.

In 1972 John and Dot bought the Jayo ranch at Oreana and moved there. In 1979, they sold the ranch and “retired,” moving to the Marsing area.

Ultimately retirement didn’t set well with Salove, and they bought ranches at New Plymouth, Reynolds Creek and Marsing, and owned and operated the Royal Manor apartments in Caldwell.

In October 2000, John and Dot bought The Sandbar Riverhouse Restaurant at Marsing and operated it until 2011. Together with their daughter, they built and opened The Spot Pizza restaurant in Marsing.

Dot and John were wed 69 years.

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Ted Payne

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Ted was preceded in death by his wife, Dot; parents, Tex and Agnes Payne; sisters-in-law, Michelle McKay Mackenzie, Danice Brown Payne; brother-in-law, Rod McKay; grandparents, Chauncey and Francis Payne and Ambrose and Ethel Maher; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Ted is survived by his children and grandchildren: daughter, Polly (Cody) Baldwin and their children, Ellie and Jonathon Brunko, Rossin and Fallyn Baldwin, of Homedale; daughter, Rena (Rick) Britton of Homedale, and their children, Rick-ey and Sue Britton, Nathan and Kim Britton, and Stacy Soelberg; son, Jack (Rachel Casey) Payne and their children, Emily and Garrett Payne of Fallon, Nev.; and son, Paul J. Mc-

Kay of Boise. Ted is also survived by his brother, Pat and his children, Terry and Jerry White, and Gary Payne, all of Jordan Valley; aunt, Alice Maher; brothers- and sisters-in-law, Mary Barbara McKay, Rena

Uhalde, Gracian Uhalde, Karen and Bob Skinner, Joe and Joyce McKay, Bob and Karla McKay, Mark and Julie Mackenzie, Kate and Mike Autio; and many cousins, nieces, nephews, great- nieces and great- nephews.

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HONORARY LIFE MEMBER

✕ Brandaus: Pioneers in resource photo monitoring

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father, setting another generation of Owyhee County ranching in motion.

The Brandaus, who retired from ranching for good in 2016, were set up in a similar way when they started out.

One day, the Owyhee native Richard told Connie, the Middleton High School student, that his dad, 1975 OCA Life Member Henry Brandau, would buy a ranch if they got married.

A year later, he told Connie, "Well, Dad bought a ranch. I guess we're getting married."

After that unorthodox marriage proposal, the Brandaus started out on the Hurley Ranch, living in a three-room home with no indoor plumbing. They still live in that home today — after five or six remodels.

"His dad gave us a chance to not go into debt, and we want to give someone else a chance," Connie said.

The lease with Richards wasn't the first time that the Brandaus went to bat for the sustainability of the industry.

The couple was on the ground floor

of the ongoing grazing permit reduction fight with the Bureau of Land Management. They're original members of the Owyhee Resource Area Permittees (ORAP) organization.

"We started a group to kind of stop all the stuff (U.S. District Judge B. Lynn) Winmill was deciding and doing," Connie said.

Connie credits Fred Kelly Grant, Chad Gibson and Jim Desmond with helping preserve ranching in Owyhee County. She served on the ORAP litigation committee with Tim Lowry and Tom Hook.

The Brandaus fought to preserve their grazing rights and emerged with a 35 percent reduction in animal units monthly (AUMs) instead of the 50 percent cut BLM had originally come forward with.

The couple agrees that governmental coordination established by the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and solidified through Grant's efforts helped save their livelihood.

The fight against BLM's flawed

utilization analysis also pushed the Brandaus to take photos of the forage conditions on their allotment. Photo monitoring is an innovation that the federal agency and others involved in cattle ranching consider second-nature today.

The couple still has photo albums crammed with those nearly 30-year-old utilization records.

Richard, 72, is the third generation of his family to ranch in Owyhee County. The couple, who celebrated 53 years of marriage on July 21, has two children and several grandchildren. But that generation has moved on to other careers that still have ties to cattle ranching in some ways.

Richard's grandfather, George Brandau, came from Germany in 1903 to visit his uncle, John Wagner, in Silver City. Four years later, George was just hours from boarding a train to begin his return to Europe when he stepped into a bar for a going-away beer and his life changed. He heard about John Arvidson's cattle, bought 125 head and got a brand.

The Brandaus mark the third set of Life Member Award winners from the family.

In addition to Henry, Richard's uncle, Cliff McMahan, was named a Life Member in 1982.

"To honor you for being a cattleman in that way lets you know you're getting old enough to fit the shoe-print," Richard said.

— JPB



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142ND SUMMER MEETING



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Cevin Jones, the Idaho-based president of the U.S. Meat Export Federation.

A native of Eden, Jones is general manager, president and CEO of his family's InterMountain Beef feedlot operation outside Twin Falls.

A previous Idaho Cattle Feeder of the Year Award winner, Jones once was chair of the Federation of State Beef Councils and also sat on the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) board of directors.

Headquartered in Denver, the USMEF trade association represents companies and individuals in several facets of the nation's livestock industry, including producers, feeders and packers and processors.

Through offices located around the world, the USMEF works on market development in more than 80 countries to bolster red meat exports for American producers.

In addition to Jones' talk, the county's cattlemen will hear from

familiar voices, including:

- Layne Bangerter, a former natural resources director for U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo who now serves as the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Idaho state director. Bangerter is a Melba resident.

- Lance Okeson, the Bureau of Land Management Boise District fuels lead, will give an update on the Juniper Mountain Western Juniper control project.

- Idaho Cattle Association president Dawn Anderson and ICA executive director Cameron Mulrony are scheduled to speak, too.

John Ruhs has been invited, but as of Thursday, OCA secretary Scott Jensen said he wasn't sure if the BLM state director would make the trip.

Connie and Richard Brandau, who were nominated by board member Rex Hoagland, will receive the OCA Honorary Life Member Award near the end of the meeting.

The meeting will end with the election of new directors, including the installation of Scott Bunderon as the next board president. Homedale's Oscar Evans will be-

come vice-president. New directors, one of whom will take past president Lorna Steiner's spot on the board, have not been identified yet.

Nettleton doesn't expect meeting attendance to falter because of COVID-19 concerns.

"To be honest, I don't know if there are going to be very many that don't come," he said. "(It's) probably going to be as big a crowd as usually comes."

In the OCA summer meeting letter, the 69-year-old Sinker Creek rancher wrote "We will be taking precautions as necessary to avoid the spread of COVID-19. If you have been exposed to the virus, are not feeling well for any reason, or fall into the high-risk category, please stay home."

He added that folks can wear masks if they want.

But he added his observations as a Silver City resident:

"I bet that, with the tourists that come up to Silver City, I've only seen a half-dozen masks out of the probably 1,000 people I've seen."

—JPB and TK

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IN MEMORIAM

John Salove

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After Dot's passing, Salove and Donna Goiri became close friends.

Salove was a charter member of Euzkaldunak in Boise and together with his parents, contributed to building the original Basque Center downtown. More recently he was a member of Txoko Ona Basque Club of Homedale. He served the Marsing community as a school board trustee and chair, with the Marsing Fire Department, the Marsing Disaster Auction, the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association, and St. Hubert's Catholic Church in Homedale and Our Lady of the Valley in Caldwell.

Salove is survived by four children, Tom of Boise, Neal (Susan) of Parma, Cindy Howarth (Rob) of Marsing, and Dave of Nampa; 11 grandchildren, Matt Salove and Chris Salove; Mary Salove, Jessie Tookey, J.J. Salove; Andy Percifield, Amy Chadez, Adam Percifield; Ethan Salove, Kacie Hoffman, Jessica McBride, by 16 great-grandchildren and by numerous nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, his youngest son, Chris Salove; son-in-law, Tim Percifield, daughter-in-law Geneve Salove and sister Lola Salove Mateo, one great-grandson, and Donna Goiri.

Pat Stanford

June 22, 1957 to Feb. 27, 2020

Patrick Henry Stanford died on Feb. 27, 2020, in Homedale.

He ranched in Jordan Valley and announced rodeos across the West, including the Jordan Valley Big Loop Rodeo, the Owyhee County Rodeo and rodeos in McDermitt, Nev., Burns, Ore., as well as for the Western States Ranch Rodeo Association.

He is survived by his wife, Ada, children Wyatt, Lee, Frances and Cheri, his mother, Virginia, and a large extended family.



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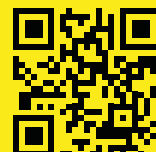
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