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Show will go on at county fair, rodeo

Sanitizer, hand-washing stations on site

Fair week is on the horizon in Owyhee County, giving residents a much-needed distraction.

This year's Owyhee County Fair theme is "Barn in the USA."

The Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Parade kicks off the weeklong celebration Saturday morning in downtown Homedale.

The annual 4-H horse show will serve as centerpiece for the first two days of the fair on Monday and Tuesday.

The fair gets into full swing next Wednesday when the doors open on the Owyhee County Community Center

for its second year as the exhibit hall, 4-H and FFA youth continue check-in and weigh-in of their animals, and the county rodeo holds its free slack performance for the Idaho Cowboys Association professional event.

The fair runs through Saturday, Aug. 8, and will include livestock exhibitions, small-animal exhibitions, and contests galore for both

children and adults.

Live music will be available for dancing each night from next Wednesday through Aug. 8.

Fair organizers are cognizant of the COVID-19 concerns fairgoers may have.

In fact, organizers took to Facebook earlier this month to quell rumors that the fair

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Marsing modifies graduation ceremony

Start of school moved to Aug. 19

The Marsing School District board of trustees held a special board meeting Thursday evening to address, among other things, details concerning the Class of 2020's graduation ceremony.

Trustees decided that, instead of the planned graduation in the junior/senior high school gymnasium, the ceremony will be held on the

— See *Graduation*, page 12

Library repairs to begin Monday

Repairs to the new Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library originally discussed in early spring have been delayed another week.

According to a post on the Homedale city library's Facebook page last week, subcontractor R&S Constructors announced a one-week delay in the start of the construction mitigation project.

Originally scheduled to start this week, work will begin Monday.

The library will be closed for about two weeks as a new roof is installed and repairs are made to the building's metal siding.

Saturday will be the final

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Homedale Police wives, others march to salute first-responders

Family and friends of local first-responders organized a walk through Homedale on Saturday, showing their support for law enforcement, and fire and emergency medical services. Volunteers of all ages walked down Idaho Avenue, waving flags and holding a sign that read "Let's be an example for our children by respecting first responders and those on the front lines." Citizens in passing vehicles showed their support by honking horns and shouting words of encouragement.

Homedale takes steps to improve infrastructure

Resources shifted in FY 21 budget for hire, projects

More efficiency in the public works department and in infrastructure repair are goals

Homedale City Councilmen set when they crafted the proposed fiscal year 2021 budget.

The public hearing on the nearly \$4.6 million budget will take place during the council's regular meeting next month, which is set for 6 p.m., on Wednesday, Aug. 12 at City

Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

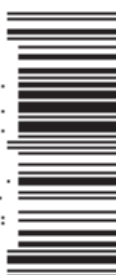
The overall budget is nearly \$370,000 leaner than the FY 2020 appropriations, primarily because of the end of the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library construction project.

The library budget is set below \$87,500 for FY 21, while

last year's budget because of grants related to the library build weighed in at more than \$472,000.

The water and sewer funds are set at about the same amount as the current budget,

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Two Owyheean vie for fair and rodeo queen title

New contest coordinator takes over this year

This year's Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Queen contest launches Monday with a new queen coordinator, but the previous coordinator will still be in the wings.

Annie Phelps, the 2012 Owyhee County queen as Annie Kunerth, has stepped in the coordinator role



Annie Phelps

Shearn retired from the post because her daughter, 16-year-old Kali Shearn of Caldwell, is one of five hopefuls seeking to succeed Marsing's Annie Miller as queen.

Kali and the other candidates begin their quest for the sash, crown and chaps at 7 p.m., Monday with the speech competition at the Tumbleweed Theatre on the Owyhee County Fairgrounds.

The horsemanship judging takes place at 5:30 p.m., next Wednesday.

All candidates are expected to ride with Miller in Saturday's Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo parade in downtown Homedale.

Two of this year's candidates — 16-year-old Hannah White, and 24-year-old Bridget Black — have Owyhee County ties.

Bridget Black

The Bruneau native is the

daughter of Chris Black and Dixie May.

She'll ride her horse Lucky during the rodeo.

Black attends the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls where she is involved with the Ag Club and the Ag Ed Society.



Bridget Black

Michaela Bocci

The 22-year-old Kuna resident is the daughter of Yvonna Bocci and is attending the College of Western Idaho.

"I love to ride my horses," Bocci said. "I also like to draw and write in my free time."



Michaela Bocci

"Another hobby I have taken up throughout the years is learning American Sign Language. I'm not fluent, but I do know a few phrases."

Bocci will ride Babe during the horsemanship competition and each night of the rodeo.

She is a member of the Western Riding Club.

Kali Shearn

Kali is the daughter of Debbie and Tom Shearn. She will be a junior this fall at Vallivue High School where she is active in high school rodeo, FFA, welding and horse activities.

She will ride Calamity Boon during the rodeo next week

and during the queen's horsemanship contest.

Kali is affiliated with the Gem State Stock Horse Association, FFA and 4-H.

Her hobbies include reined cow horse competitions, pole bending and cutting during rodeo season, showing pigs and cattle, and hunting.



Kali Shearn

Hannah White

The 16-year-old daughter of Scott and Tonia White attends Marsing High School and is a Caldwell resident. She'll start her junior year of high school next month.



Hannah White

Her school activities include FFA, District 2 high school rodeo, and volleyball.

Jesse is her horse for the queen competition, and she raises horses as a hobby.

"I'm currently employed by a horse trainer and learning new skills through his mentorship," she said.

Many of Hannah's hobbies are tied to horses.

"Horsemanship is my main hobby," Hannah said. "I've been driving draft horses for seven years."

She is also active in barrel racing, goat tying, and pole bending.



Marsing resident Annie Miller is in the final weeks of her reign as Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Queen. Submitted photo

"I enjoy raising my horses, Boer goats, dog and now a bottle-fed calf," she said.

In addition to her membership in the Idaho High School Rodeo Association, Hannah is involved with Marsing FFA and the Saddle Tramps 4-H club.

Hayley Williams

An 18-year-old from Caldwell, Williams is a recent Notus High School graduate planning to attend the College of Western

Idaho in the fall.

Her daughter of Duane and Sonya Williams currently works as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA).

She will ride her horse Ally each night of the rodeo, and she is a member of the National Barrel Horse Association.

Her hobbies include barrel racing, hunting and spending time with family.

During her days at Notus High, she was a varsity cheerleader and played varsity volleyball in addition to competing with the school's rodeo club and participating in the pep club.



Hayley Williams



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Longtime Homedale librarian checks in final book

Diane Williams retires after 23 years of service

After 23 years as librarian at the Homedale City Library, and now the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, Diane Williams set down her book stamp for the final time Friday.

The library she is leaving has a significantly different look than the one she started with all those years ago.

Gone are the dusty old card catalogs, which have given way to a computerized system instituted in 2013. Gone are the days when adults and children would simply find a book and take it home.

Now people have access to multiple computers, iPads, and virtual reality gear. Classes and activities are geared around the use of modern technology.

“Attendance has increased and more e-books are available and computer use is way up,” Williams said. “Having the new library is great, with more space available for people.”

Williams came to the library in 1997, first working alongside Margaret Fujishin, then current director Sharla Jensen. Jensen says Williams’ impact on the library is evident and valuable.

“There are things that Diane does that I don’t even know how to do,” Jensen said. “Guess we’re going to have to figure it out.”

Williams’ father was in the military and the family moved around quite a bit until they eventually settled in Homedale in 1964.

She said she attended 11 of her 12 school years in Homedale before graduating in 1974.

After graduation, Williams began working at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Boise. She worked in multiple departments there until she got married and moved to Reno, Nev. She continued working for the VA in Nevada, in the medical library, for eight years, before moving back to Idaho.

It was after her time in Nevada and her return to Homedale that she began working with Fujishin and Homedale City Library.

She said that she has no immediate plans upon her retirement, but she has plenty to keep her busy with four grown children and three grandchildren.

“Being available to my family will be great,” she said.

— TK



Right: Diane Williams (left) and Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library director Sharla Jensen smile as they stand beneath a portrait of the new library’s namesake during Friday’s farewell party for Williams.

County’s ranchers ride out COVID-19 uncertainty

OCA summer meeting postponed

The 142nd annual Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association summer meeting was postponed days before it was set in Silver City.

OCA president Paul Nettleton announced the decision to postpone the meeting on July 21. He specifically said the event wasn’t cancelled.

The general membership meeting traditionally is held on the final Saturday of the month in the historic mining town and is accompanied by a potluck lunch for attendees, a catered dinner and a dance.

Nettleton said the board of directors made the postponement decision after a flurry of communication on the day of his announcement.

The biggest variables factoring into the decision were the age and vulnerability of many of the association’s members as well as the ever-changing COVID-19 situation. The meeting is held in close quarters inside the Silver City schoolhouse and the historic mining town has been overrun most weekends by recreationists.

Scott Bunderson, who was set to accept the president’s gavel Saturday afternoon, echoed Nettleton’s disappointment in having to postpone the meeting.

The current vice-president said board members were concerned that state and federal officials could be directed not to attend large gatherings as the COVID-19 conditions evolved, even day-to-day.

Both men said a membership meeting will be rescheduled as soon as possible. But no one has considered a firm date.

Scenarios include mid-September in Silver City, or a fall meeting in Oreana, or waiting until the winter meeting, which takes place in February in Oreana.

Whenever the membership meeting is set, Connie and Richard Brandau will receive Honorary Life Member Awards.

In the meantime, the OCA board will try to meet to conduct business, Bunderson said.

— JPB



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Homedale market to set up shop in old library

Gardeners can sell at farmers market in August

The spread of COVID-19 throughout Idaho, and Owyhee County in particular, has prompted a renewed interest in obtaining local produce.

According to Homedale Farmers Market president Denise Dixon, farmers markets across the state are booming with customers wanting to buy local.

“People want to know ‘Where is my food coming from, and how do I buy it locally?’” she said.

Dixon struck a deal with the City of Homedale to make the old city library building at 125 W. Owyhee Ave. as a pilot location for a foodstead.

“The meaning of foodstead means anything local — produce, meats, dairy, nuts, baked goods, etc.,” she said.

The city’s deal with Dixon

involves a one-year lease for the foodstead, which will expire on June 24, 2021. The city is not charging Dixon for the use of the building, but Spark Strategic Solutions will be responsible for all utility expenses, on behalf of the tenant.

Dixon has partnered with Shannon McGuire of Spark Strategic Solutions to realize the project. McGuire agreed to fund the project.

The process has begun of purchasing cold storage, a freezer, refrigerator, a large farm table with 12 chairs, and various other items needed to furnish the building.

The first step to the foodstead, according to Dixon, was the launching of the online market on July 16. On this platform, customers can place orders between 5 p.m. Thursday and 5 p.m. Sunday each week. They will also pay online.

The orders are then sent to the vendors, who deliver the items to the foodstead where customers can pick up their

purchases between 6 p.m., and 8 p.m., each Tuesday.

The online market is ongoing. To check out the current list of vendors and to place orders, visit www.homedale-farmersmarket.ordernext.com/.

Dixon said that she hopes the foodstead can help those in need, as well as provide local foods for the community.

“As we progress, we hope to have food boxes for insecure community members, as well as other events,” she said.

The Homedale Farmers Market will continue to receive vendor fees, as well as five percent of sales. If foodstead vendors are not farmers

market vendors, vendor fees and the five percent of sales will be applied toward sustainability of the foodstead.

Dixon said that she has received a lot of positive feedback and financial collaboration for the foodstead, including from the Boise Co-op, St. Luke’s, Saint Alphonsus, and the Idaho Foodbank. She said she has also received support from the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office in Marsing and Southwest District Health.

Also, during the month of August, the farmers market will offer home gardeners an opportunity to sell their produce at the market. The ven-

dor fee has been reduced to \$10 per market or \$30 for the month, plus five percent of sales.

To take advantage of this deal, visit www.homedale-farmersmarket.com/join-the-market.html and complete the vendor application.

For more information about the foodstead or other Homedale Farmers Market activities, visit www.homedale-farmersmarket.com, or call (208) 840-0440.

The Homedale Farmers Market is held from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. every Thursday, through Aug. 27, at Bette Uda City Park on East Idaho Avenue.

— TK

Clarification

In an email to The Owyhee Avalanche, Schkade explained her reasoning for her dissenting vote:

“I voted against the plan because of one point: it removed one teacher from Bruneau this school year. Implying that there would be three grades per one teacher (Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd) and (3rd, 4th, 5th). Right now, Bruneau receives CSI [Comprehensive Support and Improvement] funds and other resources specially for

improving the education and increasing the test scores for those specific students. I didn’t feel removing a teacher would support this goal.

“In the long term, I will support a plan that is financially responsible (doesn’t require a levy) and uses our resources equitably throughout the district while providing the highest quality education for our students. I look forward to what ideas and solutions our panel comes up with.”

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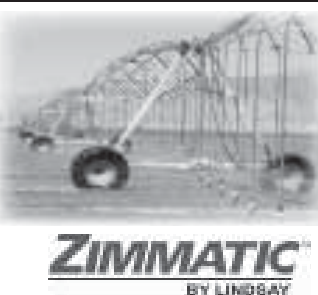
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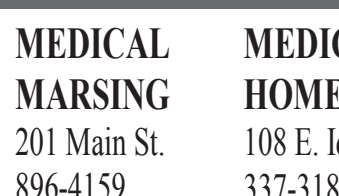
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Health board sets COVID-19 mitigation recommendations

County is in orange zone according to new health level system

Owyhee County Dist. 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi and other regional health board members have established COVID-19 public health guidelines.

Under those guidelines — and according to the seven-day average of new cases figured with data at coronavirus.idaho.gov — Owyhee County is in the orange health alert zone with an average six new daily cases between July 21 and Monday. Recommended mitigation activities include wearing a mask in public and establishing 64 square feet of social distancing space in large gatherings.

Aberasturi, who is vice-chair of the Southwest District Health Board of Health, and his colleagues met Thursday morning inside the Canyon County Courthouse in Caldwell with sheriff’s deputies in attendance. The meeting was twice cancelled over security concerns after the original special meeting was disrupted by vocal and physical protesters led by Emmett resident Ammon Bundy.

The guidelines established Thursday are recommendations and are not mandatory, as repeatedly reiterated by board chair Bryan Elliott, a Gem County commissioner. Elliott took pains to correct fellow board member Viki Purdy from Adams County when she more than once referred to the agenda item as a mask mandate.

“We’re talking about

recommendations,” Elliott told Purdy sternly. “If you can’t stick to that, I won’t call on you again.”

Purdy was concerned about the economic impact restrictions have had, and she pointed out that 80 percent of the COVID-19-related deaths have occurred in nursing homes. She also claimed that there has been no spike in cases among the 600 people who had attended the Republican Party state convention 14 days earlier.

Purdy was the only board member to vote against the recommendations.

The adopted recommendations are suggested for Owyhee County residents because the county is part of the region SWDH oversees.

Aberasturi put what was in front of the board in perspective.

“The good Lord said we are to love our neighbors as we love ourselves,” the Homedale resident said. “So I think it’s very, very important that when we go outside around other people that we love and respect other people as the Lord requests us to do.

“I think it’s my responsibility to be careful and not spread something to someone else.”

In an effort to contain the virus, the board adopted a color-coded health alert levels chart and mitigation recommendations that correspond with those levels. There are four levels — red,

Confirmed Owyhee County COVID-19 cases:

173

July 21 to July 27 statistics:
New confirmed cases, 42
Health alert level: Orange
Probable cases, 13 (New: 1)
Source: coronavirus.idaho.gov

Malheur COVID-19 cases:

557

New cases, July 21 to July 27: 81
Deaths: 7 (New: 2)
Negative tests: 2,734 (New: 206)
Source:
govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19

orange, yellow and gray — based on the intensity of daily case developments per 10,000 residents.

Spokesperson Katrina Williams said the color-coded alert system would be publicly available as part of the next phase of the health district’s mitigation efforts.

Recommended mitigation ranges from basic hygiene procedures when the threat is low to limiting gatherings, observing social distancing and wearing face coverings when the threat rises.

“Owyhee County has already used this alert system — red, (orange), yellow and gray — for the (Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July) Demolition Derby,” Aberasturi said. “It’s strictly for information for people to have an idea that they’re entering an area that is high risk.

“It’s just a recommendation that if you’re going into an area like that, our recommendation is to either stay home or wear a mask.”

Few people attending the demolition derby at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds wore masks or observed social distancing.

“After the derby, we have

seen an increase for positive tests in Owyhee County,” Aberasturi said without drawing a specific connection to the event and the increase in cases, which has been seen throughout the health district in the wake of lessening social restrictions statewide.

None of the board members present in the courtroom — two members attended online via Zoom — were wearing masks. The only person involved with the meeting wearing a face covering was SWDH director Nikole Zogg.

Zogg told the board that local health leaders were worried about the spread of the virus affecting hospitals’ abilities to offer outpatient procedures within the next two to four weeks.

“What I think is my personal responsibility (as a board member) is to make sure people who need to receive medical attention can do so when they need it,” Elliott said.

Elliott acknowledged that there has been a surge in cases in every county within the health district.

“How many people can get the medical attention that they need?” Elliott asked.

“At present time, everyone

can. At least, available spaces exist, present-day, at medical facilities.”

Outbursts during the meeting were rare. Williams said about 80 people were in the courtroom for the meeting. Another 450 checked into the meeting online.

Audience members jeered Canyon County representative Tom Dale when he mentioned that other health districts are performing contact tracing to determine virus hotspots.

“I encourage people to take this seriously,” Dale said. “And knowing that where you’re going to go is a hotspot is going to protect yourself and others.”

Elliott was greeted with cheers from the gallery when he said that masks were not required in the meeting room.

Later, Elliott asked a sheriff’s deputy to remove a disruptive spectator, but the man was allowed to stay after he promised to remain quiet.

Washington County health board member Nate Marvin said he was glad that the guidelines were recommendations.

“I can go along with them,” he said. “I think we need to be diligent with our efforts.”

— JPB

Health risk levels and mitigation recommendations

The Southwest District Health Board of Health, of which Owyhee County Dist. 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi is vice-chair, approved COVID-19 mitigation recommendations during a special meeting Thursday morning.

Board chair Bryan Elliott of Gem County took pains to ensure community members understood the guidelines are recommendations and not mandatory. The recommendations are tied to the SWDH COVID-19 Health Alert Level:

- **Gray (threat risk routine)** — Less than one new virus case per 10,000 people (based on a criteria that includes the seven-day daily average incidence and other data thresholds, according to the SWDH explanation).
- **Yellow (low)** — 1 to 2.5 daily new cases per 10,000 people
- **Orange (medium)** — 2.5 to 5 daily new cases per 10,000 people
- **Red (high)** — More than five daily new cases per 10,000 people

The chart is not yet publicly available, but SWDH spokesperson Katrina Williams said that is in the works.

- When the level is at or above Yellow, wear a face covering in public areas where physical distancing of at least 6 feet between non-household members is not possible.
- When the level is at or above Yellow, limit the density of persons at events to a minimum of one person per 64 square feet of space.
- When the level is at Orange, people are encouraged to limit or postpone non-essential travel, avoid public gatherings where social distancing is not possible, monitor for symptoms, and businesses are asked to take enhanced safety measures for employees and customers.
- When the level is at or above Red, temporarily suspend visitation to older adult living and correctional facilities. Visitation should also be suspended when new COVID-19 cases are detected within the facility.
- Under the Gray level, hand-washing, covering coughs and sneezes, staying home when sick, frequent cleaning and disinfecting and social distancing are encouraged.

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Obituary

Shannon Beth (Hayes) Eells was born April 7, 1963 in Boise, Idaho to Howard and Carol Porter. Shannon was a lifelong member of the Followers of Christ Church.

She married Rick Hayes in January of 1981. Rick and Shannon built their home in Nampa, Idaho and had two children - Curtis Rick and Kristy Carol. Shannon and Rick spent their time with their family and friends, until Rick's passing.

Shannon married John Eells in November of 2013, and they enjoyed their days camping, going to the Oregon coast

and spending time with their children and grandchildren.

Shannon was preceded in death by her son Curtis, husband Rick, father Howard and brother Shane.

She is survived by her mother Carol Porter and daughter Kristy (Nick) Granden.

Husband John Eells, Willie (Kelsey) Eells, Charlie (Owen) Morris, and Jonica (Oliver) Granden and treasured grandkids.

Brothers Stan (Laura), Spence (Gail), Steve (Kelly), Scott, Sean (Jama) Porter and sister Sandy Porter and beloved nieces and nephews.

Meals to go available three days per week; thrift store opens Tuesday

The Homedale Senior Center will not open next month as originally planned.

Coordinator Sandra Ledford said the center, located at 224 W. Idaho Ave., will remain closed as COVID-19 cases continue to grow in Owyhee County.

While the center remains closed for daily activities and the congregate lunch, the kitchen continues to prepare takeout meals on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week.

Order lunch by calling the center at (208) 337-3020 before noon each day. Lunches will be

ready for pick up at noon.

The center also continues to operate its Meals on Wheels program.

The continued closure means activities such as the ladies coffee group, Fit and Fall exercise classes and blood pressure and foot clinics remain on hold.

But Ledford said the senior center's thrift store will be open from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., beginning Tuesday.

Center staff will limit the number of people who can shop at one time, and wearing face coverings is encouraged.

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

Aug. 4: Salisbury steak w/mushrooms & onions, mashed potatoes w/gravy, peas & carrots

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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

Owyhee County Church Directory		
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Obituaries

Joyce E. Currie

6/29/1934 - 07/17/2020
Joyce was born in Ferrysburg, Michigan in 1934 to Louis and Christina Meyer. The youngest of five and with four older brothers, she grew up with tenacity. She was raised loving the Lord, attending Christian school and a member of the Christian Reformed Church.

In her early 20s she traveled with friends to California, with Hawaii as the intended destination. In God's providence, through the help of mutual friends, she met the love of her life Marshall, never making it to Hawaii until many years later. They were married in Michigan and returned to California to live and raise their family. In their 62 years of marriage, Mom and Dad were blessed with two children, Tamara in 1959 and Scott in 1960. As a family they enjoyed summer vacations which included camping, fishing and periodic road trips back to Michigan and North Carolina to visit family. Many weekends were also spent at their cabin and on the lake in Big Bear, CA.

Joyce worked at General Dynamics in Pomona, CA before starting their family. After Scott and Tami began attending school she worked as the church secretary for Lincoln Ave. Reformed Church. The job she loved most was as a real estate agent. Ultimately, she got her broker's license and served as President of the Corona-Norco Board of Realtors. She was assisting in transactions up to the time of her death.

In 2004 Dad and Mom moved to Marsing, Idaho fulfilling Dad's desire to leave California and live in the country. They became members of Mountain View Nazarene Church and remained active until their



failing bodies prevented them from attending. Their last years became challenging with limited mobility, Dad's dementia and Mom's constant pain. All that seemed to disappear when the grandchildren and great-grandchildren would visit.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents, siblings and husband Marshall. She is survived by her daughter Tamara (Howard) Tucker and son Scott (Kathy) Currie, grandchildren Danielle (Danny) Steinmeyer, Ryan (Jenna) Tucker, Kevin (Ashley) Tucker, Jacquelyn Currie and Jared (Meaghan) Currie and 13 great-grandchildren.

The Lord was gracious and merciful in removing her pain and providing total rest with Him, awaiting the day of Christ's return when our bodies will be resurrected.

A memorial to honor Joyce will be held on August 7, 2020 at 1:00pm at the United Reformed Church of Nampa, 12693 W. Orchard Ave., Nampa, Idaho 83651. The family asks that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Lifeline Pregnancy, 1323 12th Ave. Rd., Nampa, Idaho 83651 or Love INC, 16446 N. Franklin Blvd., Nampa, Idaho 83687.

Daniel Joseph Nelson

Aug. 21, 1930 – June 23, 2020
(age 89)

Daniel Joseph Nelson passed away peacefully early evening of June 23, 2020 at the Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation Center in Homedale, Idaho. Joe enjoyed a full life until he suffered a stroke in May 2019.

Joe was born in Huston, Idaho on August 21, 1930 to Elmer (Eddie) Edward and Mary Rose (Shaw) Nelson. He was their 7th child out of 10 and remained close to his parents, brothers and sisters. Joe attended Adrian High School where he played football but mostly enjoyed courting his sweetheart Donna Alza Tarr. They married on June 27, 1948 and had two children, Stanley Joe and Victoria Louise. They lived for a short time in Seattle, Washington where Joe worked as a milkman and helped to build a Free Methodist church in Bothell, Washington.

Joe and Donna farmed in the Ridgeview, Napton and Adrian, Oregon areas. Joe put in a section of potatoes in the desert area of Jungo, Nevada near Winnemucca.

In the early 1980s, Joe and Donna sold their ranch and moved to Caldwell where Joe operated his own trucking business. Joe drove many times to California delivering potatoes and onions amongst other things. At one time Joe was the No. 1 supplier of potatoes for Campbell Soup Company!

Joe was an adventurer and a dreamer. He dabbled in mining gold in Nevada and loved to fly his Cherokee airplane as much as he could. Grandkids enjoyed



it when he would fly over their houses and drop candy!

Joe loved hunting and boating and being with his family. He loved to play games including Monopoly and Rack-O or just about anything his grandkids put in front of him and was a great storyteller up until he would fall asleep before finishing. Joe and Donna shared 60 years of marriage before Donna passed away in 2008. Visiting them was always a treat and they made everyone feel special and loved. They were very generous and always willing to help family, neighbors, and friends of which they had many. They loved our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and attended church services at Adrian, Deer Flat and Caldwell Free Methodist churches. Joe and Donna went on a mission trip with their church to San Palo, Brazil to help build a church there.

After Donna passed away, Joe made many new friends and was quite the bowler with his lucky pink ball.

Joe is survived by his brothers Edgar Earl Nelson (Mary), James (Jim) Leon Nelson (Connie) and his own



thriving legacy including son Stanley Joe (Georgia) Nelson of Homedale, daughter Victoria (Vicki) Louise (Nelson) Rosenberger (Chuck) of Caldwell. Nine grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife Donna Alza (Tarr) Nelson; parents, Eddie and Mary Nelson; sisters, Maryanna (Nelson) Langer (Warren), Yvonne (Nelson) Hill (Harold), Winifred Rose (Nelson) Sorrell (Roy Junior); brothers Clarence Nelson (Lorena), William (Bill) Emery Nelson (Mary Ellen), Allen Noble Nelson (Helen) and Theodore (Ted) Royal Nelson (Ila).

The family would like to extend a very special thanks to the staff at Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation who lovingly cared for Joe the last year of his life. A graveside service will be held at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery on August 21 at 11:00 am.

Condolences may be shared with the family using Dakan's online guestbook at www.dakanfuneralchapel.com.

Service notice

ROBIN L. BUGHER, 56, of Martin Tenn, formerly of Homedale, died on Sunday, July 12, 2020. Graveside memorial service will be held at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2020 in the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. A full obituary can be read online at www.flahifffuneralchapel.com. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapels, Homedale.

The Owyhee Avalanche



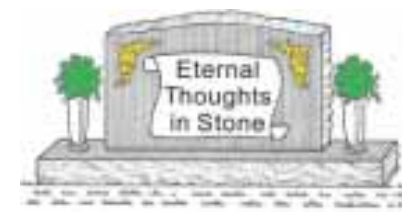
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Homedale resident Holden Kleppinger (far right) spins the prize wheel at the University of Idaho Extension booth July 18 at the Marsing Country Market. Looking on are U of I Master Food Safety advisors (from left) Suriñe Greenway, Luz Miles, Don Bowman, and Jean Bowman. The advisors were on hand to provide research-based food preservation recommendations and share Centers for Disease Control recommendations.

Food safety crucial as canning season ramps up

The Marsing Health Coalition was excited to support efforts that have been established by Andi Hansen with the newly founded Snake River Country Market. On Saturday, July 18, the first market of the season was held at the pavilion and grassy area right next to The Spot pizza, and it was a successful event. There were a variety of vendors who sold hand-made items, locally harvested product and much more. The event had a steady attendance throughout the duration, and it was a fun sight to see all of the youth attendees with their faces painted enjoying a day out and about.



Suriñe Greenway is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Family and Consumer Sciences educator. For more information, you can reach the U of I Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104 or owyhee@uidaho.edu. The office is located at 238 W. 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.

This market will take place on the first and third Saturday of each month from 10 a.m., to 2 p.m., through October.

While at the event, University of Idaho Extension Master Food Safety Advisors assisted in co-hosting the Marsing Health Coalition booth to provide current, research-based recommendations to the public. With many preparing to preserve the season's harvest, it is important that we be aware of up-to-date recipes when preserving food in the home.

We are lucky that we live in an area that provides a variety of produce that we can preserve for year-round consumption, but there are many recommended practices that should be followed throughout the process to ensure quality and safety of our completed

food product.

If you are looking for sources to access canning recipes, a great free source is the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Complete Guide to Home Canning, which is available online at https://nchfp.uga.edu/publications/publications_usda.html

Please contact the Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104 with food preservation questions today.

The University of Idaho would like to take a moment to address the fact that the number of COVID-19 cases in Idaho continues to increase with exposures to communities statewide. We encourage you to please take the risk seriously and follow the recommended guidelines provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and local health districts.

These recommendations include social distancing (keeping a 6-foot distance from individuals not residing in your household) and the use of facial coverings when social distancing cannot be maintained. Additionally, proper handwashing for 20 seconds is highly recommended during this time, and always. Facial coverings, social distancing, and hand washing are easy ways to limit the risk of transmission.

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Calendar

Today
NW Owyhee CWMA meeting
2 p.m., Owyhee County Community Center, county fairgrounds, 423 W. Nevada Ave.

Thursday
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
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
The Rock benefit garage sale
9 a.m., sale item donations welcome, The Rock of Homedale, 314 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 794-1048 or therock83628@gmail.com
Owyhee County Fair & Rodeo Parade
10 a.m., (9 a.m. registration, HHS and Deward Bell Stadium parking lots; 9:30 a.m., judging), downtown Homedale
Snake River Country Market
10 a.m. to 2 p.m., The Spot pavilion, 12 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 989-2273 for vendor information
Marsing High School graduation
10 a.m., high school football field, Marsing. (208) 649-5411

Sunday
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
Owyhee County 4-H horse show
8 a.m., Owyhee County Fairgrounds rodeo arena, 420 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale
Board of County Commissioners meeting
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421
Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Queen contest
7 p.m., Owyhee County Fairgrounds, 420 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale.

Tuesday
Owyhee County 4-H horse show
8 a.m., Owyhee County Fairgrounds rodeo arena, 420 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale
Writing group
9 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale.

Wednesday
Owyhee County Fair
8 a.m., Owyhee County Fairgrounds, 420 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale
Grand View Fire commissioners meeting
5 p.m., Grand View Fire Station, 721

Roosevelt Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2511 (call ahead to ensure the meeting will be held)
Owyhee County Rodeo
7 p.m., gates, 7:30 p.m., pre-rodeo, 8 p.m., slack, free, Owyhee County Fairgrounds rodeo arena, 420 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale

Thursday, Aug. 6
Owyhee County Fair
8 a.m., Owyhee County Fairgrounds, 420 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale
Homedale Farmers Market
3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Bette Uda City Park, Homedale
Cultivate children's program
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Bette Uda City Park, Homedale.
Owyhee County Rodeo
7 p.m., gates, 7:30 p.m., pre-rodeo, 8 p.m., \$10 general admission, \$7 youth and seniors, Owyhee County Fairgrounds rodeo arena, 420 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale

Friday, Aug. 7
Owyhee County Fair
8 a.m., Owyhee County Fairgrounds, 420 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale
The Landing teen support group
6 p.m., Rising Light Farm Ministry, 5189 N. Old Bruneau Hwy., Marsing. Contact Iliana Bialy (208) 807-0680
Owyhee County Rodeo
7 p.m., gates, 7:30 p.m., pre-rodeo, 8 p.m., \$12 general admission, \$7 youth, Owyhee County Fairgrounds rodeo arena, 420 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale

Saturday, Aug. 8
Owyhee County Fair
10 a.m., Owyhee County Fairgrounds, 420 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale
Owyhee County Junior Livestock sale
Noon, buyers lunch, sale to follow, Owyhee County Fairgrounds livestock arena, 420 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale
Owyhee County Rodeo
7 p.m., gates, 7:30 p.m., pre-rodeo, 8 p.m., \$12 general admission, \$7 youth, Owyhee County Fairgrounds rodeo arena, 420 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale

Monday, Aug. 10
Board of County Commissioners meeting
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421
Homedale school board meeting
7 p.m., school district boardroom, 116 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4611

Tuesday, Aug. 11
Writing group
9 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale.
Gem Highway District meeting
6 p.m., district office, 1016 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4581
American Legion Post 128 meeting
7 p.m., Phipps-Watson American Legion Hall and Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing

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

Submit information on upcoming fundraisers, meetings, reunions or community events to The Owyhee Avalanche by noon Fridays for inclusion in the calendar. Drop off press releases at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale, mail them to P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628, fax them to (208) 337-4867 or e-mail them to jon@owyheeavalanche.com (an e-mail link also is available on our Web site). For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.

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✓ Fair: 4-H, FFA youth to distribute hand sanitizer

would be shelved this year because of virus fears.

“Safety is a top priority for attendees and we encourage everyone to follow (Centers for Disease Control) recommendations related to your personal health needs,” a July 7 Facebook post read.

Dist. 2 County Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi said during a Southwest District Health Board of Health special meeting Thursday that he would work with the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office to ensure that proper education of the health risk level and recommended mitigation strategies were publicized at the fairgrounds.

The SWDH Board of Health on Thursday passed recommendations for folks to wear masks and observe social distancing of 64 square feet (essentially an 8-foot boundary on all sides) during large gatherings when the health risk level is Yellow or above. A community reaches the Yellow level when, among other data points, there are 1 to 2.5 new daily cases per 10,000 people based on the seven-day incidence average.

Owyhee County averaged six new cases each day between July 21 and July 27, according to www.coronavirus.idaho.gov, the state’s COVID-19 information website.

Owyhee County’s health level was reportedly above yellow Monday.

During Monday’s meeting, Board of County Commissioners meeting, County Clerk Angie Barkell said that 4-H and FFA youth will be walking through the fairgrounds all week offering hand sanitizer to anyone who wants it. Barkell learned this from a conversation with fair board secretary and event manager Ginger Loucks.

In the 2020 fair book, fairgoers are asked to practice social distancing and “wash/sanitize your hands often.”

Face coverings won’t be required, but there will be hand-washing and sanitizer stations located throughout the fairgrounds.

In keeping with the agricultural theme of the fair, social distancing is defined as keeping “one cow apart” — or at least six feet.

— JPB

✓ Library: Book check-in will continue during work

day of operation for the library before the project begins.

Library staff will continue to check the white book drop box in front of the old library at 125 W. Owyhee Ave. Patrons may continue to drop checked-out items in that receptacle.

The Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library’s original completion date was September 2019.

The library construction has been financed by an Idaho Community Development Block Grant, a \$100,000 donation from Gypsy Jackson’s family, a \$20,000 donation from Opal Nash’s family, and various public funds and in-kind work and donations.



Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo schedule

SATURDAY Downtown Homedale 9 a.m. — Parade registration, Homedale H.S. parking lot and Deward Bell Stadium parking lot 10 a.m. — Parade	contest 6 p.m. — Style Revue 8 p.m. — Cliff Miller Music Rodeo arena 7 p.m. — Gates for ICA slack (free)
MONDAY Rodeo arena 8 a.m. — Owyhee County 4-H Horse Show: Flag salute; showmanship; western equitation; and bareback equitation 1 p.m. — Owyhee County 4-H Horse Show: Ranch riding; English equitation; and walk trot/pleasure 6 p.m. — Owyhee County 4-H Horse Show: Boxing 8 p.m. — Owyhee County 4-H Horse Show: Cow work Tumbleweed Theatre 7 p.m. — Fair and rodeo queen speech competition	THURSDAY Livestock barn 8 a.m. — Beef show 3 p.m. — Dairy show Community center exhibit hall 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. — Hall opens to public By Tumbleweed Theatre 11 a.m. — Veggie Creature Contest 1 p.m. — Dog show 3 p.m. — Watermelon eating contest Tumbleweed Theatre 1 p.m. — Rabbit show 2 p.m. — Bird show 2:30 p.m. — Cat show 3 p.m. — Small animal round robin 4 p.m. — Moo-a-Palooza cow imitation contest 5 p.m. — Milk Mustache contest 6 p.m. — Art the Bra and Pink Shirt Design contest 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. — Buckin’ Country (live music) Rodeo arena 7 p.m. — Gates open for ICA and local rodeo Kick Cancer Night (wear pink)
TUESDAY Rodeo arena 8 a.m. — Owyhee County 4-H Horse Show: Parade of clubs and flag salute 8:30 a.m. — Owyhee County 4-H Horse Show: Recognition of graduating seniors, ranch horse and trail 1 p.m. — Owyhee County 4-H Horse Show: Reining and green horse 5 p.m. — 4-H Horse Show awards Community center exhibit hall Noon to 6 p.m. — Entries accepted: County commissioners cookie contest, Salt Block Lick Art contest Noon to 8 p.m. — Entries accepted: Owyhee County Nature’s Wonder Contest, Mask Madness Contest, Items Made by a Man Contest Livestock arena 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. — Sheep and goat weigh-in	FRIDAY Livestock barn 8 a.m. — Swine show 4 p.m. — 4-H and FFA livestock judging Exhibit hall 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. — Hall opens to public Tumbleweed Theatre 1 p.m. — Roping contest 2 p.m. — Stick horse race 3 p.m. — Pedal tractor pull 5 p.m. — Leapin’ Louie 6:30 p.m. — 4-H awards ceremony 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. — Jeff Palmer Band (live music) Rodeo parking lot 5 p.m. — Siphon tube-setting contest Rodeo arena 7 p.m. — Gates open for rodeo
NEXT WEDNESDAY Community center exhibit hall 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. — Enter open class leafy vegetables, flowers, and sugar beets, and all 4-H food projects 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. — Enter “A Bountiful Harvest” contest 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — closed for judging 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. — Hall open to public 5 p.m. — County commissioners judge cookie contest Livestock barn 8 a.m. — Swine weigh-in; 4-H and FFA dairy check-in; and beef weigh-in Note — Meeting to follow weigh-in 10 a.m. — Meat goat show 12:30 p.m. — Cloverbud, pygmy and dairy goat shows 1 p.m. — Sheep show 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. — Homedale FFA bingo By goat barn Noon — Cow patty toss Small animals 8 a.m. — Rabbits and birds check-in Tumbleweed Theatre 4 p.m. — Frozen T-shirt and Jello Eating	SATURDAY Rodeo parking lot 10 a.m. — Old-time tractor pull Livestock barn 10 a.m. — Large animal round robin Noon — Junior Livestock Sale buyers lunch Immediately afterward — Owyhee County Junior Livestock Sale (Order: Swine, sheep, goat, and beef) Exhibit hall 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. — Hall opens to public 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. — 4-H exhibit checkout Tumbleweed Theatre 6 p.m. — Leapin’ Louie 8 p.m. — Jeff Palmer Band Rodeo arena 7 p.m. — Gates open for rodeo

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✓ Graduation: Commencement moved to morning to beat anticipated heat

football field.

However, with concerns about the heat, the event will be moved from Friday evening to 10 a.m. on Saturday. The hope is to be able to finish the ceremony before the temperature becomes unbearable. Temperatures on Saturday are expected to hover around 100 degrees.

In addition to the change in time and venue, the board laid out specifics to keep students, staff and visitors safe during the ceremony:

- Graduates will be assigned a chair on the football field in a 10-foot x 10-foot space.
- Students will enter single-file and report to their seat.
- An area will be roped off for parents and other family members to sit in lawn chairs behind the graduates' seating area. No parents are allowed in the graduates' area.
- Spectators can sit in the bleachers, if they wish.
- The ceremony will continue in a traditional manner but with tweaks to the protocol including no hand-shaking and changes to diploma presentation and flower delivery, among others.
- No slide show will be presented for this year's class.

Graduation will be live-streamed on the district's YouTube channel.

The board also released information regarding school calendar changes.

The first day of class, originally planned for Aug. 12, has been pushed back to Aug. 19.

New teacher orientation will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 12, and all teachers must report the following day for the first day of meetings.

The district's professional development (PD) day scheduled for November will be moved up to Aug. 18.

Other modifications to the district's calendar include shortening Thanksgiving break by two days, which would mean that the break will begin on Wednesday, Nov. 25. Students will also attend school on both Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday and Presidents Day.

The desire for the board is to have the last day of school remain as originally scheduled, May 27, 2021.

The re-opening plan for the Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency was accepted, which includes a requirement for students attending COSSA to wear masks because of the potential of exposure from multiple other districts and communities.

The academy's first day is scheduled for Aug. 17. — TK

✓ Infrastructure: Bond relief money shifted to save for future projects

but city officials have decided to stop doubling up on water and sewer bond payments.

Instead, the money previously marked for extra debt payments will be squirreled away to build a contingency fund. The money will be set aside to prepare for large infrastructure repairs or projects.

In years past, the city has been paying \$262,000 on the water bond and about \$233,000 on the sewer bond.

In FY 21, however, only about \$248,000 will be paid on the bonds.

Originally, the other \$248,000 was going to be placed in a capital improvement fund, but the council decided in a budget workshop last month that about \$38,000 of that money will be used to hire a part-time public works employee.

"Over the last couple years, we've found some deficiencies with the way we are running things or the assets, and (the FY 21 decisions are) the city looking at what can we do to be more self-sufficient and more effective with these projects," Councilman Aaron Tines said.

A help wanted ad the city recently placed seeks "an experienced water and wastewater operator." Heavy equipment experience is a must, and preferred skills include installation of water mains, gravity sewer mains, manholes and experience operating and installing lift stations.

"We're hiring somebody that can help us lay pipe," Mayor Gheen Christoffersen said. "The whole goal is to help our young crew learn to do it better."

The end game is to cut down on some of the work the city has been hiring contractors to complete.

Christoffersen said that an ideal candidate could help with the sewer main repair on West Idaho Avenue.

But, even with a seasoned employee on staff, the city still would have to contract for the boring work to replace the sewer main under Succor Creek, the mayor said.

There are other projects that need to be completed and could be kept in-house with the right experience, such as storm drains in two different locations a block apart on Owyhee Avenue.

Tines is pleased that the city is moving toward developing a capital improvement fund for the water and sewer system.

A new hire with experience would help economize that money when work is needed.

"We're trying to save money by being able to do more things in-house," Christoffersen said.

Tines has an idea of where some of that money could be saved.

"We would want our staff specifically trained with that trenching work," Tines said. "A lot (of the expense) is having to outsource these projects. They're expensive, and the more that we can do with our staff, the cheaper they are and the more projects we can do."

Tines is frustrated that the city hasn't kept up on routine infrastructure maintenance despite developing master plans for both the municipal water system and the wastewater system.

"There were projects that we should have done ourselves, and in a number of years I don't think any of those projects on that master plan have been touched," Tines said.

Tines said department heads have the responsibility to communicate to council members what work needs to be done.

"We rely on them to keep us in the know and let us know what's deficient in the city," Tines said. "But if we don't know that, we can't effectively govern that or repair it or improve it."

Public works supervisor Bret Smith started the ball rolling on that with a priority list submitted to the city council during its July 8 meeting.

The project list, dated June 29, contains 14 items listed by importance plus asphalt needs for the downtown business corridor.

Some of the projects date back more than a decade to the Local Improvement District assurances made by Harold Wilson's mayoral administration, Christoffersen said. The current mayor said none of the LID assessment revenue was earmarked for the projects that haven't been completed.

"I know we have at least one member of the council that would like to see them get finished up," Christoffersen said, referring to Tines, who was on the council when the LID was approved.

Christoffersen said there are three LID-era asphalt projects on Smith's list.

"Looking at the list, some of (those) things should not be prioritized above some of the projects that we need to have done," the mayor said, pointing to drainage projects in particular.

The top three projects on Smith's list deal with the sewer system, including the two main line repair issues and trying to stop freshwater infiltration into the wastewater system through the city's manholes.

"I'd like to get (the projects) done in the right priority," Christoffersen said. "If there is something affecting business, we need to get that done first."

— JPB



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Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 64 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 208 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 197 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 460,098 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.

Heroin, marijuana land man in jail

An Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputy spotted a vehicle parked in Marsing’s Island Park at 10:30 p.m., on July 20, after the park’s regular hours.

As a result of the deputy’s investigation after making contact with the gray pickup’s occupant, multiple drug charges have been filed against Michael Shepard, 32, of Wilder.

The man initially gave a false name to the deputy, but after a search, for which Shepard gave permission, his legal identification was discovered.

According to sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman, also found were small plastic baggies of marijuana and a brown substance that later tested presumptive positive for heroin. Also, multiple syringes and spoons with a brown residue were discovered.

A total of 1.4 grams of marijuana and heroin were found in the vehicle, Bowman said.

Shepard was booked into the Owyhee County Jail in Murphy on felony and misdemeanor counts of controlled substance possession, misdemeanor possession of paraphernalia, and misdemeanor providing false identification to a police officer.

Shepard made his initial appearance before Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington on July 21, and is scheduled for his preliminary hearing at 1:30 p.m., on Monday, in the same Murphy courtroom.

Marsing man cited for pot possession

A Marsing man faces a pair of drug charges after a sheriff’s sergeant made a traffic stop last Wednesday.

Bowman said that Jeremy Madrid, 38, was pulled over in his Ford Escort, which the deputy noticed did not have license plates.

Bowman said a search of Madrid’s vehicle turned up a small amount of marijuana and paraphernalia. The search was allowed because Madrid is on felony probation, Bowman said.

Madrid was cited for controlled substance possession and possession of paraphernalia, both misdemeanors, and subsequently released.

— TK

Courthouse report

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

July 20

Guadalupe Pichardo Quijada, Othello, Wash. — Misdemeanor IDAPA commercial freight regulations, false logbook (serious violation): \$263.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

Michael J. Short, Bellingham, Wash. — Misdemeanor marijuana possession and misdemeanor driver possess or consume open alcoholic beverage container: \$370 in fines, \$385 in court costs

July 17

Magdaleno Ruiz Juarez, Boise— Misdemeanor IDAPA commercial freight regulations, failure to secure cargo or vehicle: \$43.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

Frank Phillip Sandoval, Fresno, Calif. — Misdemeanor IDAPA commercial freight regulations, false logbook: \$43.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

July 15

David Kalani Labatad, Tigard, Ore. — Misdemeanor Fish and Game violation, fishing without a license: \$26 in fines, \$168 in court costs

Leslie M. Nichols, Marsing — Misdemeanor driving without privileges: \$285 in fines, \$172.50 in court costs

Joseph T. Villagrana, Lakeview, Ore. — Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession (plea deal): \$300 in fines, \$347.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecutor:** Misdemeanor controlled substance possession

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Lizard Butte closes out summer reading with a roar

Above: Lizard Butte Library director Catriona Hardy reads “Not Your Typical Dragon,” by Daniel Bar-el to an enraptured audience at Marsing’s City Park. Present for the library’s last summer reading program event of the year were, clockwise from left, Linda Ineck, Ineck’s grandchildren Wesley, 5, and Josephine Adamson, 8, Hardy, and their friend Sedona Murray, daughter of Christina Murray.

Summer reading has its rewards in Homedale

Above: Kira Manley won the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library Teen Summer Reading Program Roaring Springs gift basket. Kira earned chances in the prize drawing for every book she read this summer. The next drawing will be held Aug. 20 for the prize of a \$25 Barnes & Noble gift card.

Left: Todd Thatcher (left) thrills the audience with his rings trick, but magician Kipp Sherry appears to be more amazed during the summer reading program Thursday at the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library.

Submitted photos

The Rock accepting donations Thursday ahead of benefit sale

With a few days before a fundraiser garage sale, The Rock of Homedale proponents are still accepting donations for sale items.

The sale will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturday at 314 E. Owyhee Ave., the location of the new non-profit non-denominational Christian youth center.

Folks will have an opportunity to see the building, too.

Stella's Ice Cream will sell refreshment during the event, and part of the proceeds will benefit The Rock.

Proceeds from the sale will help complete construction details so The Rock can open in time for the start of the 2020-21 school year.

Deal said an anonymous community member will match all donations up to \$10,000.

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

Tax-deductible cash donations to help with the center are welcome, too. Visit www.therockofhomedale.org for information on how to make a contribution and to get more information on the organization and its mission.

Call (208) 794-1048 or email therock83628@gmail.com for information on how to donate to the garage sale.

— JPB



Whosoevers bring message of hope and fun to Homedale
Robert Johnson (left), the winner of the Whosoevers “Kill the Noise” tour’s dance competition, celebrates with tour founder Ryan Ries and mascot Riot Raccoon on Friday at Homedale’s Bette Uda City Park. Homedale resident Amber McBride (right) finished second.

The Extreme Tour returns to Homedale

For the second consecutive year, the Homedale Assembly of God church is bringing The Extreme Tour to town.

The 2020 “Together! Together!” show will take place from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Sunday at Bette Uda City Park.

The event is free and will feature live music, while encouraging people of all ages to attend.

Tour stops typically involve action sports events, including BMX and skating competitions, but the park cannot accommodate those activities.

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

For details about the tour, visit TheExtremeTour.com.

For information about the Homedale Assembly of God, visit www.homedaleagchurch.com, or visit the church’s Facebook page.

Crews quickly squelch wilderness fire near GV

Owyhee County’s first major wildfire of 2020 has burned about 2,000 acres of wilderness.

Lightning started the Antelope Fire last Wednesday in the Little Jacks Creek Wilderness, 16 miles southwest of Grand View.

The fire was contained at noon on Friday and Bureau of Land Management Boise District firefighters had the blaze under control by 8 p.m., on Friday.

No structures were threatened by the smoldering, creeping fire that burned in grass, brush and juniper.

The fire did force closure of the Perjue Trail until after crews gained control.

Containment lines were established Thursday morning after the fire grew from 450 acres overnight. Crews mopped up hot spots Thursday and Friday.

The fire sparked in a Red Flag Warning area susceptible to thunderstorms and winds ranging from 40 to 60 mph. the warning expired at 9 p.m., on Thursday.

By Thursday, fire resources deployed included 50 personnel with five engines, two dozers, a water tender, a pair of hand crews and two medium helicopters.

On Wednesday, BLM had deployed a very large airtanker (VLAT) to help battle flames as crews dealt with high winds and steep terrain.

Gather planned to shrink Saylor Creek wild horse population

The Bureau of Land Management will use sustenance to bait wild horses in an attempt to thin a herd that roam an area covering parts of Owyhee and Elmore counties.

The BLM Jarbidge Field Office within the Twin Falls District is conducting the operation in the Saylor Creek Wild Horse Herd Management Area (HMA).

The gather will be carried out over four months through the use of temporary water and bait traps.

A series of corral panels stocked with water and hay/mineral will help gather 131 horses. Eighty-one animals will be removed to maintain the HMA’s 50-horse Appropriate Management Level.

No helicopters will be used during the project, which aims to reduce wild horse overpopulation and prevent further degradation of public lands by balancing herd size with what the resource can support.

The current population is 2½ times the target population, which is based on range conditions, water availability and acreage comparisons as well as seasonal movement during the summer and drier winter months. The management objective is to maintain a 50-50 ratio of studs to mares. All mares returned to the range to maintain the AML of 50 horses will be treated with the fertility control vaccine GonaCon to reduce foaling rates and overall population growth.

In a press release, the BLM said the top priority is to conduct safe, efficient and successful wild horse gather operations, while ensuring humane care and treatment of all animals gathered. The BLM will use the best available science and handling practices for wild horses, meeting overall gather goals and objectives in accordance with the Bureau’s Comprehensive Animal Welfare Policy.

Because of the nature of the bait and water trap method, wild horses are reluctant to approach the trap site when there is too much activity. Therefore, only essential gather operation personnel will be allowed at the trap site during operations.

All horses identified for removal will be transported to the Boise Wild Horse Corrals, where they will be checked by a veterinarian and readied for the BLM’s wild horse and burro Adoption and Sale Program. For information on how to adopt or purchase a wild horse or burro, visit www.blm.gov/whb.

The BLM is conducting the gather under the Saylor Creek Herd Management Area Wild Horse Bait and Water Trap Gather Environmental Assessment signed on Oct. 2, 2019. Access the Decision Record and determination of National Environmental Policy Act adequacy at <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/119817/510>.

Gather reports and additional information will be posted on the BLM website at: <https://www.blm.gov/site-page/programs-wild-horse-and-burro-herd-management-gathers-and-removals-idaho-2020-saylor-creek>

For more information, contact Wild Horse and Burro specialist Katie Shewmaker at (208) 736-2369 or ksheemaker@blm.gov.



Jordan Valley cowgirl excels in Crouch rodeo
Jordan Valley’s Cassidy Gluch was runner-up in the July 19 Junior Division Steer Daubing in 3.5 seconds during the Idaho Girls Rodeo Association event in Crouch. Photo by Cherie Rolland / Cherie Rolland Photography

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Sheriff’s office looks into theft, destruction of autos

The Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office is continuing its investigation into a pair of stolen vehicle cases believed to be connected.

Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said that a 2000 GMC Sierra that was found a smoldering ruin 40 yards off Wilson Creek Road on July 19, 1.6 miles after the pavement ends, is likely connected to the case of a 2013 Dodge Journey discovered on July 19 in the Snake River near Bernard’s Landing.

Both the Sierra and the Journey were reported missing July 16 from Nampa residences that are in close proximity to one another.

Bowman said shotgun and pistol casings were found around the burned-out GMC pickup, which had multiple gunshot holes.

Investigation into the incidents is continuing. Anyone with information is asked to call the OCSO non-emergency dispatch line at (208) 495-1154.

— TK

Homedale schools registration looms

The Homedale School District is offering pre-registration for all incoming kindergarteners.

Because of social distancing and other COVID-19 precautions, parents with children who will begin their schooling at Homedale Elementary next month can provide information through a Google Form.

Parents can begin the process at <https://forms.gle/fan-Tiujy2F79RCeq8>

Children entering kindergarten must turn 5 years old on or before Sept. 1.

After pre-registration, incoming kindergarten students will need to complete registration in August on the scheduled day. Parents must bring their child’s birth certificate, Social Security card, immunization record, and proof of residency. Proof of residency can be any utility bill for the residence or a rental agreement. Cellphone bills, insurance bills or any other document not directly used by the residence are not valid.

According to the event calendar at www.homedale-schools.org, registration and fee payment will take place online between 9 a.m., and 3 p.m., between Monday and Thursday, Aug. 6.

Parents can register returning first- through fourth-graders at the school, 420 W. Washington Ave., from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., next Wednesday.

Registration for first- through fourth-graders new to the district takes place from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., on Thursday, Aug. 6.

Middle school and high school registration will be held Aug. 10 through Aug. 12.

Registration at the high school, 203 E. Idaho Ave., will take place:

- **Monday, Aug. 10** — Seniors, 10 a.m., to noon; juniors, 1 p.m., to 3 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Aug. 11** — Sophomores, 10 a.m., to noon; freshmen, 1 p.m., to 3 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Aug. 12** — New students, all grades, 10 a.m., to noon

Sixth- through eighth-graders can register at the middle school, 3437 Johnstone Road, from 2 p.m., to 7 p.m., on Monday, Aug. 10.

Fifth-graders and all sixth- and eighth-graders new to the district can register from 9 a.m., to noon on Tuesday, Aug. 11.

A district-wide open house is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 20.

NOCMA directors to meet

The next Northwest Owyhee Cooperative Weed Management Area board meeting takes place today.

The directors will meet at 2 p.m., inside the Owyhee County Community Center at the county fairgrounds, 423 W. Nevada Ave., in Homedale.

The directors will discuss accepting a bid to purchase chemicals for weed spraying.

The meeting is open to the public, and people are welcome to wear masks and social distance.

OCD grant helps clear juniper

A Jordan Valley-area producer recently completed an Owyhee Conservation District-backed project to enhance the habitat for native animals and increase water flow in the Indian Creek watershed.

The conservation district helped out with its 50/50 match grant program, putting up its \$5,000 maximum allowance, to go with the \$5,500 from the producer.

OCD partnered with the producer, who requested to not be identified, and Idaho Department of Fish and Game to cut 347 acres of dense juniper to improve the habitat for mule deer, elk, and sage-grouse, and increase water flow for the riparian areas.

After cutting the juniper, there was a targeted piling of 150 acres of downed trees, focusing on areas where some of the brush could be saved, and moving the trees out of the riparian areas. This work was performed with a Hitachi 210 excavator.

The plan also involves burning the downed trees and slash piles, which will be carried out this fall or potentially next year.

According to OCD’s release about the project, “junipers deplete the environment’s groundwater, eliminating small streams and natural ponds, which wildlife and natural plants depend on for survival, so controlling them is vital.”

The release goes on to note that juniper removal has a long-lasting, positive impact but is very expensive to stewards of the land. The areas that require juniper removal are frequently remote, making access for equipment difficult, particularly with the goal of causing minimal damage to the surrounding area.

“Our grantee has met these goals and continues to implement conservation measures



An unnamed agricultural producer recently received a 50-50 grant from the Owyhee Conservation District to help clear out hundreds of acres of dense juniper along the Indian Creek watershed with the intent of enhancing the habitat of native fauna and to increase water flow.

which will benefit Idaho for years to come,” the release reads.

The 50/50 match was a one-time grant, but the conservation district is always looking for more ways to help producers. Anyone interested in similar projects can contact OCD administrative assistant Debbie Abel at (208) 896-4544 for information.

— TK

OWC accepting water quality grant requests from Oregon landowners

The Owyhee Watershed Council’s small grants team is accepting small grant project applications.

The grants are available to Oregon landowners only through the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB).

As much as \$10,000 can be received with a 25 percent cash or in-kind match.

The application acceptance period runs Monday through Aug. 15.

Eligible projects include:

- Water quality improvement projects that reduce erosion, sediment, nutrient and bacteria transfer into streams in waterways, such as converting from flood irrigation to drip or sprinkler irrigation and piping ditches.
- Upland process and function projects to control erosion, vegetation and nutrient/ sediment inputs to streams. Examples include cross fencing, spring development, livestock watering troughs and pipelines, juniper removal, and native upland plantings and seedings.
- Riparian process and function projects to manage nutrient and sediment inputs and riparian vegetation, such as fencing, off-channel livestock watering systems, and planting or seeding native vegetation.

To apply or get more information on the small grants program, call the OWC office at (541) 372-5782 or email Nicole Sullivan at nsullivanowc@qwestoffice.net.

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense Littered with progress

The other day on the internet, I saw an old commercial of a semi truck that had these words painted on the side: JONNY KAT, KITTY LITTER. For some reason that had a profound affect on me. Imagine a semi full of kitty litter! 40,000 pounds of scented, colored, and packaged cat box contents!

That has to say something about our affluent society, about the shape of our civilization. Some of our past inventions are quite practical and ingenious. The self-sealing, puncture-proof tire, mercury lights, insecticide ear tags, microwave ovens, the Salk vaccine, four-wheel drive, frozen orange juice and boxed beef. Pistachio tree roots are susceptible to certain kinds of root rot. But peach tree roots are more resistant. So the pistachio growers graft pistachio trunks onto peach tree roots. Clever.

Consider how much artificial insemination has done to improve the quality of our livestock production. Genetic engineering is space age technology.

But sometimes when we strive to achieve we go off the deep end. Take the cellphone. When they first appeared on the scene, they were expensive, heavy and required two hands to operate. Now you can get a disposable one with a camera that adds, subtracts, calculates square roots, tells you the time in Singapore, wakes you up, plays you a tune, gives you the weather and news, takes your pulse, calendars all your events and reminds you of them all, and controls all appliances in your house! What I'd like to find is a cellphone that gives me more hours in a day!

And speaking of rotting-edges affluence, how about aerosol cheese spread? I thought plastic-wrapped, individual cheese slices were pretty decadent, but you can also foam it onto your crackers like shaving cream.

Yep, we've surrounded ourselves with creations that have gone a step beyond their original purpose: fender skirts, square headlights and veterinarians with PhD's. Some might even include Pekingese, Chihuahua or Appaloosa in that group, but I know how sensitive animal breeders are so I certainly wouldn't include them. Obviously our adventures into the extreme or entertaining are useful. We learn and perfect by doing.

Well, my digital ballpoint pen is playing "Mammas Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up To Be Cowboys," so I guess it's time to brush my teeth and hit the sack. I hope the batteries are still charged in my computerized flosser.

— 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*.

Gov. Brad Little

From the Statehouse Idaho positioned well to handle COVID-19 budget impacts



Idaho just ended its fiscal year with a surplus nearly three times what was expected before COVID-19.

How, in the middle of a global pandemic, did we manage to do that?

Through conservative principles of governing.

In late March, shortly after the first coronavirus case was confirmed in Idaho, I asked state government agencies to do what businesses and families across Idaho were having to do — tighten their belts. I called for agencies to cut spending and freeze hiring and any planned salary increases. We were one of the first states to announce a formal holdback.

Conservative revenue forecasting also contributed to our relatively positive budget situation. With the support of the Legislature, we used a more conservative revenue forecast than in previous years in order to provide a greater cushion at fiscal year-end. We also moved the tax filing deadline to June 15, giving citizens more time to file their taxes but kept filings in the same fiscal year. Other liberal states had to look for ways to cover shortfalls.

We've also taken steps to catalyze Idaho's economic rebound. Idaho was one of the last states with a confirmed COVID-19 case and one of the first states with a plan to safely and responsibly open our economy in stages. In fact, Idaho was ranked as the No. 1 state for economic momentum during the pandemic because of our wage growth and

employment figures.

While other states already withdrew approximately \$1.7 billion from their rainy-day funds during COVID-19, we strengthened Idaho's rainy-day funds with year-end transfers. We anticipate having close to \$580 million in reserve. This will prepare us well for the coming years.

I'm not trying to be overly optimistic about our budget situation. We anticipate there will be a three-to four-year budget impact because of COVID-19. However, ending our fiscal year with a large surplus means Idaho is well-positioned to deal with the ongoing economic reality of living during a global pandemic.

We will be able to carry over the surplus into the current fiscal year and minimize service disruption to Idahoans. While other states are facing 20 to 40 percent cuts, I have asked Idaho state government to prepare for a five percent holdback this fiscal year. Holdbacks are never easy, but a lot of states would love to be in our position right now.

Thankfully, Idaho's public school system will be minimally impacted by COVID-19 in the new fiscal year because of our efforts to strategically leverage federal funds to offset planned reductions. Fiscal conservatism elsewhere in the budget combined

— See *Impacts*, Page 17

From Washington Work continues to restore due process to Dept. of Justice asset forfeiture policy

Requiring Americans to prove their property should not have been taken by the government, rather than the government proving guilt, undermines our system of justice. Commonsense restraints must be instituted to protect against civil asset forfeiture abuses. I am again backing legislation to address problems with civil asset forfeiture.

According to a March 2017 U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Inspector General report, the department seized more than \$28 billion over the past 10 years via asset forfeiture. Despite the staggering sum collected during that period, the report found that the DOJ does not collect data to measure how often seizures and forfeitures advance or relate to criminal investigations.

I joined in reintroducing S. 4074 the Fifth Amendment Integrity Restoration (FAIR) Act, led by Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.). This legislation would better protect property owners from wrongful property seizures and decrease potential monetary incentives for agencies to seize assets. I have co-sponsored this legislation in multiple congresses because it would put the burden of proof where it should be — on the government, not innocent Americans. The government would have to prove the assets were used to facilitate criminal activity. Importantly, to address unjust incentives, the legislation would require proceeds from the disposition of seized property to be deposited in the General Fund of the U.S. Treasury, instead of going to the agencies seizing property.

Reintroduction of this legislation builds on ongoing efforts to end forfeiture abuses. This includes urging

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the DOJ to reform its asset forfeiture practices. For example, in a 2017 letter to the DOJ, fellow senators and I requested the retraction of the department's expansion of its use of civil asset forfeiture writing, "Civil forfeiture does not reflect the fundamental principle of 'innocent until proven guilty' that is vital to our nation's criminal justice system. Law enforcement can confiscate property from individuals without ever giving them a day in court, and it does so with increasing regularity. ... In 2014 alone,

— See *Forfeiture*, Page 17

Commentary

Financial management

Celebrating business success gracefully can inspire others

Dear Dave,
So many companies and entrepreneurs are hurting right now. With everything that's going on in the world, I find myself ashamed to celebrate business successes. In the past, I've always shared highlights with our customers to show them how amazing they are and how much their support means. How can I navigate this time without making others feel bad?

— Alyssa

Dear Alyssa,
You know, in most cases people who ask this kind of question are already self-aware enough to celebrate their business success with grace and so-

cial awareness. You didn't ask how to brag, you asked how you can still celebrate what's going on in your business with your customers.
You're not firing shots at other people when you do something like this with the right heart and an attitude of gratitude and humility. You're not talking about jumping around and yelling about how great you are while saying everyone else is a doofus. All you're doing is letting people know what's working and that you're thankful for it — and them.

People need to hear success stories. They need to hear stories about winning, whether times are good or bad. It might actually inspire and encourage



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them. It's good news!
— Dave

Dear Dave,
My husband and I are about

to start Baby Step 5. We want to save money for college to help our children, but we're a little worried about starting a 529 Plan and being penalized if we pull the money out for trade school or they don't finish their studies. What do you think we should do?

— Dani

Dear Dani,
You'd only be taxed on the growth, not what you put into the plan. And you'd be taxed on the growth anyway if you put it into something else, so there's no reason not to go with a 529 Plan.
The truth is a 529 will work for a lot of trade schools. It may not be accepted if they do

a straight-up apprenticeship, but it's fine for a course of study at a vo-tech school.
Now, if you don't use all of what's in your 529 for education, the portion that goes unused will be taxed. You'll want a chunk of cash sitting in your 529, enough to make a difference in their educational goals, but you don't want to overfund it.
— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including *The Total Money Makeover*. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.

Farmers Market Week

Eight ways to make farmers markets successful

by Erin Schoenberg

Are you a part of your local farmers market, as a customer, vendor, manager, cheerleader, or funder? Markets carry great tradition, and whatever your current or future role is, here are some tips and experiences from managers and staff, for National Farmers Market Week, which begins Monday and continues through Sunday, Aug. 8.

1. Markets need to be dependable and well-advertised — day of week, time of market, and location should be established, well-known, and consistent.
2. A core group of vendors is important; customers want to know what to expect, and vendors see more consistent sales if they stick to a steady schedule.
3. There's such a thing as too much product duplication — unique and value-added products are important for customer interest and demand, and for vendor revenue.
4. Markets are often more successful when there are reasonable rules in place and enforced. Vendors and customers know what to expect, and any potential conflicts can be handled with respectful communication.
5. Everyone should feel welcome at the market. Take steps to ensure race, religion, age, and income level don't discourage anyone from participating.

6. Programs such as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as Food Stamps), Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), and the Seniors' Farmer Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) can play a crucial role in access to healthy local food, and can be taken advantage of at farmers markets.
7. A great opportunity exists when small towns are in close vicinity to one another. Market managers can collaborate (not compete) for the greater good. Think about forming a coalition made up of multiple small-town markets; schedule market times so they don't overlap; hire one marketing coordinator for multiple markets to standardize messaging.
8. Likewise, consider innovative partnerships that could help distribute the workload and make markets successful. We've seen markets partner with hospitals to provide nutrition information and demonstrations, and other markets invite the public library and local nonprofits to occupy a booth once a season.

— Erin Schoenberg is a project associate for the Lyon, Neb.-based Center for Rural Affairs. Established in 1973, the private, non-profit organization works to strengthen small businesses, family farms and ranches, and rural communities through action-oriented programs addressing social, economic, and environmental issues.

✓ Impacts: Leveraging fed funds helps schools

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with the relief funds we directed to K-12 mean teachers, students, and parents won't feel as much of an impact in schools like they will in other states.
Between direct federal support for schools and our actions through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, a total of \$122.2 million has been committed to K-12 public education for the next school year.
I've said it before — it's what you do in the good years that sets you up for failure or success. Under criticism from some, the Legislature and I chose to pad our rainy-day funds during times of economic prosperity, so we are better able to weather economic downturns like the one we are experiencing across the country now.
I want to thank my partners in the Legislature who have helped position our state for a strong economic rebound.
These are uncertain, challenging times but we are far better off here than elsewhere right now, thanks to our focus on fiscal conservatism in state government.

— Brad Little (R-Emmett) is in his first term as Idaho governor. He previously served 10 years as lieutenant governor and was a state senator for nearly eight years.

✓ Forfeiture: State, federal programs skirt Constitutional amendments

From Page 16

the federal government took more cash and property from Americans than burglars did." I also joined fellow senators in urging our colleagues in the Senate to deny the use of federal funding for expanding DOJ's civil asset forfeiture program.
Additionally, the U.S. Supreme Court applied constitutional restrictions to state civil asset forfeiture actions in a 2019 decision determining the Eighth Amendment, our Constitution's protection against excessive fines, applies to the states. The Court found that excessive fines undermine other liberties. This is a step in the right direction as it pertains to protecting

property rights, but civil asset forfeitures may still be subject to abuse.
The Fifth Amendment to our Constitution clearly states that no person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation. As civil forfeiture and other reforms are discussed in the overall context of rebuilding the lost confidence in many institutions designed for the purposes of keeping communities safe, I continue to maintain that 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. I will continue to work with my colleagues in Congress and the Trump Administration to end civil forfeiture abuses and continue to support legislation to improve and reform policing practices, accountability and transparency.
— 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.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

Aug. 2, 1995



Proclaiming Fair and Rodeo week

From left: Rodeo board president Fonce Salutregui, reigning rodeo queen Jonni Lynch, and Homedale Mayor Paul Fink declared August 7-12 official Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Days.

Fair-Rodeo Parade this Saturday

Instead of winding up the Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo week with a parade, this year event organizers decided to kick off the week with a parade Saturday, August 5th.

And they’re going to do it in style.

Besides the parade at 10:00 am, organizer Diana Maxwell said there will be food and entertainment at the Homedale City Park afterwards. Maxwell said the Booster Club will have hamburgers, chorizos, and hot dogs; the Friends Church will have corn on the cob and snow cones; and the Homedale wrestlers will have nachos for sale.

The Homedale Chamber of Commerce will also be in attendance with a Coke booth, and entertainment will be provided by the Caldwell Basque Dancers, the Caldwell School of Dance, the Jeffrey fiddler boys from Wilder, and Woody Purdom. Patti Syme will also sing with piano accompaniment, and Dolly Hyer and her Owyhee Hoedowners will be in attendance.

Impact area still unresolved

Homedale city council members and Owyhee County commissioners will come together once again to discuss the proposed impact area agreement. The next joint public hearing is scheduled for August 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Council members hope this will be the final hearing on the impact area that will mandate the Subdivision Ordinance of the City of Homedale “shall apply to the Area of City Impact within the unincorporated area of Owyhee County, Idaho.”

Ensuring standard subdivisions in a rapidly growing community is the primary principle behind enforcing the impact area.

Herb Fritzley, a member of Planning and Zoning, believes it is time to take action. “I encourage this impact area to be accepted,” Fritzley said. “I think it will take care of problems in the past, present and future.”

Jordan Valley to host High Desert Days

You simply shouldn’t miss Jordan Valley’s High Desert Days August 19 and 20, organizers say.

The two-day event will include an ATV poker run from Jordan Valley to Silver City on Saturday, a parking lot dance Saturday night featuring *Runnin’ for Cover*, a barbecue hosted by the Basque Inn, a flea market, food vendors, and cowboy poetry.

50 years ago

July 30, 1970



LINDA TYSON, a 17-year-old Murphy contestant received the highest score for horsemanship and riding ability to win the crown and title of “Miss Owyhee County Rodeo Queen of 1970”. The first runner-up was Ruth Campbell, Caldwell, and second runner-up was Linda Basey, Homedale.

Work progresses at new park in Homedale

Work is proceeding on the Riverside Park in Homedale with leveling and earth-moving being done by Ernie Bales and Ivan Riese.

Two blocks of road along the riverfront, from Main Street to Second Street East, also were graveled under the direction of City Superintendent Warren Stimmel, who operated the city’s grader.

Trucks belonging to the city and Gem Irrigation District handed gravel from the pit near the airport, with a Homedale Highway District loader being used, and the district’s water wagon for sprinkling.

The park area is being put on grade and the riverbank will be cleared to the water’s edge.

Homedale will exercise an option to purchase eight lots adjacent to other parkland from Mrs Alta Coffey, and Bob Jewel, Boise, according to Norman Tolmie, city councilman in charge of the park improvement.

Cattlemen ask BLM to return fairer share of fees

SILVER CITY – Members of the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association Saturday called for a more equitable share of monies received from federal land fees and updating of the state’s mining laws.

Meeting for their 92nd annual meeting at the historic mining town, the cattlemen adopted a number of resolutions, including one favoring the Public Land Law Review Commission’s recommendation that public lands agencies be consolidated.

Special guests for the meeting included Rep. James McClure, R-Idaho, and Boyd Rasmussen, Washington, D.C., national director for the Bureau of Land Management.

Dick Bass of Reynolds Creek was elected president for the coming year to succeed Ernie Bahem of Murphy. Ben Panzeri of Marsing was elected vice president and Jesse Wilson, Marsing, was re-elected secretary.

New directors elected Saturday were Bill Ross, Jordan Valley, and Ray Colyer, Bruneau. Holdover directors are: Frank Jayo, Oreana; Don McKay, Jordan Valley; Bob Collett, Oreana and Pete Jackson, Riddle.

145 years ago

July 31, 1875

THOSE among us who are in the habit of “eating and running” will find themselves dyspeptics before long. Nothing is more conducive to good digestion than an exhibition of mirth and cheerfulness at the table. Good conversation and good food go well together. It is best, therefore, while eating to think and say something pleasant. Cultivate mirth and laugh whenever anything witty is said. Never eat alone if you can avoid it. Try and have a good time with someone. He who brings happiness to a crowd at a table is a public benefactor.

SOMETIMES we hear a man, who has been spliced for many years, bemoan the fated day upon which he immolated himself on, the marital altar. Formerly, he says, he scorned the idea of wearing a pair of socks with holes in the toes, but now day, light peeps through at the heel, toe and elsewhere and he supposes he must take things as they come.

SOME gentlemen in this community will be interested in knowing that the appetite for intoxicating drinks can be cured by eating an orange daily before breakfast.

BLED SOE’S ROAD.—Captain Bledsoe came over from South Mountain by to-day’s stage, and informs us that he has completed the grading of his new road through the Owyhee Canyon, and is now grading up the hill on the opposite side of the river. In no place does the grade exceed fifteen inches to the road. The Captain says that teams can go over his road from South Mountain to Camp McDermitt by the 10th of next month.

WE advise persons whose business requires them to sit in a chair much, to make the hind legs two inches shorter than the front ones, as this will much relieve the fatigue of sitting, and place the spine in a better position.

THE first woman who crossed the plains to this coast is now living in Lompoc, California. She came through from independence, Missouri, thirty-five years ago with a company of thirty-three men, one of whom was her husband. Up to the time of the discovery of gold in 1847, the company had rather a precarious time of it. Mrs. Kelsey the lady referred to, made a trip to Texas in 1859, and returned to this coast two years after. She is now in destitute circumstances, and the old pioneers intend doing something for her relief.

(From Thursday’s Daily.)

“A WOMAN IN IT.”—Quite a little commotion was created this morning in the vicinity of a house on Jordan Street, caused by a well-known caterer being in dead hot pursuit of a sporting gentleman who had captured his girl from him during the night. He vowed vengeance against his rival and was prepared to demolish doors and windows in order to gain access to his haunts. He was armed and equipped as the law didn’t direct, and his mission was not at all peaceful in its character. He did not succeed in coming in contact with the object of his revenge and the temporary destroyer of his happiness, and while engaged in a fruitless search for him among the debris of certain premises lying between Washington and Jordan streets, the Sheriff happened along that way and invited him to take a walk in another direction to which he reluctantly consented.

Public notices

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting of qualified voters of the Lizard Butte Library District will be held on the 13th of August, 2020 from 4:00 to 5:00pm at the Lizard Butte Library in the said library district, Marsing, Idaho, at which time there will be a public hearing on the maintenance and operation budget for the forthcoming year. This special budget hearing is called pursuant to section 332725 of the Idaho Code as amended.

General Fund		
Lizard Butte Library District		
October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021		
Revenue	2019-2020	2020-2021
Property Tax	\$80,148.00	\$86,550.00
State Replacement Funds	\$ 3,419.00	\$ 3,419.00
Sales Tax & other	\$ 8,551.08	\$ 9,014.00
Grants & Matching	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Carry Over	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Forgone	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 0.00
Total	\$109,118.08	\$113,983.00

Expenditures		
Plant Operations	\$22,100.00	\$24,100.00
Library Supplies	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 4,873.00
Book Purchase	\$22,918.08	\$24,510.00
Insurance	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,900.00
Election/Legal	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Summer Reading/		
Story Time	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00
Salaries	\$28,600.00	\$29,800.00
FICA	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,700.00
Literacy	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Contingency	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Computers	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Total	\$109,118.08	\$113,983.00
Bond Repayment		

October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021		
Revenue	2019-2020	2020-2021
Property Tax	\$62,000.00	\$62,000.00

Expenditures		
Bond Repayment:		
Principal	\$41,729.71	\$43,451.06
Interest	\$15,930.29	\$14,208.94
Audit	\$ 4,000.00	
Contingency	\$ 4,340.00	\$ 4,340.00

07/29,08/05/2020

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	\$12,500.00

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FY2021 PROPOSED BUDGET

Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (FY2021)
CITY OF MARSING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of City of Marsing, Idaho will hold a public hearing for consideration of the proposed budget for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 (FY2021), pursuant to Section 50-1002, Idaho Code. The hearing will be held at Marsing City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave. 7:00 pm on August 12, 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 with details are available for review at Marsing City Hall during normal business hours, Monday - Friday 8 am - 5 pm. Anyone desiring accommodations for disabilities, please call City Hall at 208-896-4122 at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing.

Expenditures			
	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021
	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
	ACTUAL	Budget	PROPOSED
	Expenditures	Expenditures	Expenditures
3rd Quarter Actuals			
Funds			
01 General	\$621,537.00	\$830,718.00	\$676,466.00
02 Roads & Streets	\$406,702.00	\$344,593.00	\$264,275.00
03 Parks	\$150,331.00	\$277,871.00	\$110,800.00
05 Planning & Zoning	\$71,016.00	\$58,000.00	\$125,500.00
25 Water	\$302,231.00	\$1,391,501.00	\$696,555.00
29 Irrigation	\$45,147.00	\$68,108.00	\$108,805.00
30 Sanitation	\$103,444.00	\$92,870.00	\$115,100.00
35 Sewer	\$230,998.00	\$1,041,252.00	\$594,524.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES (all funds)	\$1,931,406.00	\$4,104,913.00	\$2,692,025.00

Revenues			
	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021
	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
	ACTUAL	Budget	PROPOSED
	Revenues	Revenues	Revenues

Property Tax Levy			
General Fund	\$131,751.00	\$129,872.00	\$137,700.00
Roads & Streets	\$34,461.00	\$32,872.00	\$36,450.00
Park	\$15,482.00	\$17,634.00	\$17,729.00
Total Property Tax:	\$181,694.00	\$180,378.00	\$191,879.00
Revenue Other Sources			
01 General	\$218,310.00	\$700,846.00	\$538,766.00
02 Streets & Highways	\$305,109.00	\$311,721.00	\$227,825.00
03 Parks	\$227,575.00	\$260,237.00	\$93,071.00
05 Planning & Zoning	\$53,486.00	\$58,000.00	\$125,500.00
25 Water	\$556,137.00	\$1,391,501.00	\$696,555.00
29 Irrigation	\$53,523.00	\$68,108.00	\$108,805.00
30 Sanitation	\$99,705.00	\$92,870.00	\$115,100.00
35 Sewer	\$306,940.00	\$1,041,252.00	\$594,524.00
Total Other Sources	\$1,820,785.00	\$3,924,535.00	\$2,500,146.00
Total All Funds	\$2,002,479.00	\$4,104,913.00	\$2,692,025.00

Jolyn E. Green
Marsing City Clerk-Treasurer

07/29,08/05/2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That a public meeting will be held on the 12th day of August, 2020, at 4:30 PM at the Bruneau Valley Library in said Library District in Bruneau, Idaho, located at 32073 Ruth Street, in Bruneau, ID, at which meeting there will be a public hearing on the maintenance and operation budget for the forthcoming year. The budget hearing is called pursuant to Section 33-2713A Idaho Code as amended. A regular meeting of the Board will follow:

Budget Bruneau Valley District Library Oct. 1, 2020 – Sept. 30, 2021		
	2019	2020-2021
Balance to be levied on	\$15,932	\$15,443
Sales tax revenue	\$2,000	\$2,000
AEPTR	\$936	\$936
Unencumbered Funds	\$3,200	\$3,700
E-Rate Reimbursement	\$900	\$900
Personal Property Repl. Tax	\$116	\$116
Budget	\$23,084	\$23,995
Payroll-Expenses	\$9,300	\$9,300
Utilities	\$1,700	\$1,700
Insurance	\$1,443	\$1,600
Continue Ed/mileage	\$100	\$100
Legal Ads	\$160	\$160
Expendables/Supplies	\$500	\$800
Books	\$1,541	\$1,695
Dues/Subscriptions	\$40	\$40
Internet Fees/Phones	\$1,700	\$1,700
Child. Read/Sp. Prog.	\$2,000	\$2,000
Emerg. Repairs/Cap. Projects	\$4,000	\$4,000
Total Expenditures	\$23,084	\$23,095

Dated this 8th day of July 2020
By Order of the Board of Trustees
Bruneau Valley District Library
Lyndie Easterday, Clerk / Kathy L. Mori, Chair
07/29,08/05/2020

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Commissioners of GEM HIGHWAY DISTRICT, Marsing, Idaho, Owyhee County, Idaho have tentatively adopted the 2020-2021 budget for said district as set forth below. A public hearing will be held for the adoption of the budget at the Office of the District at 1016 Main Street at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, August 11, 2020. The budget is available for public inspection at the District Office between the hours of 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday. Call 896-4581 for an appointment.

Dated this 15th day of July, 2019

Proposed Budget Oct. 1, 2020 – Sept. 30, 2021

	FY 2021 Proposed
Anticipated Beginning Balance:	\$916,987
Anticipated Revenue:	
County and Local Revenue:	
Property Tax	82,621
Ag Equipment Replacement Tax	2,709
Sales Tax	12,000
Interest	10,000
Miscellaneous	5,000
State Revenue:	
Highway Users Fund	515,000
Total Anticipated Revenue:	\$627,330
Anticipated Expense:	
Gas, Oil, and Tires	15,000
Insurance and Bonds	10,000
Labor and Salaries	125,000
Lease	5,000
Professional Fees	8,000
Office Expense	10,000
Payroll Taxes and Benefits	35,000
Repairs and Maintenance	10,000
Equipment Capital Outlay	50,000
Roads & Bridges	331,330
Shop Expense	5,000
Utilities	6,500
Weed Control	16,500
Total Anticipated Expense:	\$627,330
Anticipated Ending Balance:	\$916,987

Stella J. Bush
Secretary-Treasurer
07/29/2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Bruneau Cemetery District will hold its annual budget meeting at 30073 Hot Springs Road in Bruneau, Idaho at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, August 17th, 2020. A copy of the proposed budget will be posted at the Bruneau post office.

PROPOSED 2020-2021 BUDGET FOR BRUNEAU CEMETERY DISTRICT

BRUNEAU CEMETERY INCOME:

OWYHEE COUNTY REMITTANCE FUNDS	\$15,125.00
BURIALS	\$1,825.00
PLOT FEES	\$2,100.00
DONATIONS	\$250.00
	\$19,300.00

BRUNEAU CEMETERY EXPENSES:

POWER	\$2,500.00
MOWER	\$6,700.00
IRRIGATOR	\$3,600.00
TAXES	\$550.00
BURIALS	\$1,700.00
MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS	\$3,850.00
INSURANCE FUND	\$400.00
	\$19,300.00
EMERGENCY WELL REPAIR FUND	\$44,020.00
EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE FUND	\$10,754.00
07/29/2020	

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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.

EXPENDITURES			
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
REVENUES			
Fund	FY 2019 Actual Revenues	FY 2020 Budget Revenues	FY 2021 Proposed Revenues
Property Levy-Taxes			
General Fund	\$46,354	\$47,913	\$7,702
Street	\$21,643	\$21,515	\$2,567
Total Tax Levy			\$10,269
Other Tax Revenues			\$50,420
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 07/29,08/05/2020			

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 hours. 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 hours. Financial figures may include fund transfers, service charges, refunds, reimbursements and other accountig procedures

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

Public notices

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Commissioners of MARSING RURAL FIRE DISTRICT, Marsing, Idaho, Owyhee County and Canyon County, Idaho have tentatively adopted the 2020-2021 budget for said district as set forth below. A public hearing will be held for the adoption of the budget at the Office of the District at 303 Main Street at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, August 12, 2018. The budget is available for public inspection at the District Office between the hours of 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday.
Dated this 15th day of July, 2020

Marsing Rural Fire District
Proposed Budget
October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021

	FY 2020 Original Budget	FY 2020 Amended Budget	FY 2021 Proposed Budget
Beginning Balance:	\$ 1,111,596	\$ 1,111,596	\$ 416,096
Revenue:			
Property Tax	400,000	400,000	477,375
Ag Equipment Replacement Tax	17,000	17,000	16,525
Personal property replacement	17,000	17,000	714
Sales tax	15,000	15,000	15,000
Interest Income	24,000	24,000	12,000
Road inspection	1,500	1,500	1,500
Miscellaneous	12,000	12,000	12,000
Total Revenue	\$ 486,500	\$ 486,500	\$ 535,114
Expense:			
Personnel costs	20,000	20,000	20,000
Operations and maintenance	52,000	52,000	105,114
Support services	10,000	10,000	10,000
Capital outlay	750,000	1,000,000	300,000
Contingency	100,000	100,000	100,000
Total Expenditures	\$ 932,000	\$ 1,182,000	\$ 535,114
Fund Balance - End of Year	\$ 666,096	\$ 416,096	\$ 416,096

Stella J. Bush
Secretary-Treasurer
07/29/2020



Homedale team wins Star cornhole title

Homedale residents Kevin Beebe (left) and Caleb Meligan won the cornhole tournament at the Southwest Idaho Business Alliance Saturday Market in Star. The tournament and other aspects of the market raised money to help Eagle Police Officer Brandon Austin, who was shot in the line of duty recently. Beebe and Meligan won passes to Wahooz! and the Roaring Springs water park. “The experience was awesome,” Beebe said. Submitted photo

Feds’ latest decision reduces threatened plant’s critical habitat

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has updated its critical habitat designation for slickspot peppergrass. The federal agency has designated more than 42,000 acres in Owyhee, Elmore, Ada, Gem and Payette counties as critical habitat under the Endangered Species Act. Slickspot peppergrass is a flowering sagebrush-steppe plant located on the Snake River Plain and Owyhee Plateau. Thursday’s announcement started a 60-day comment period that will end on Sept. 21. Send comments: • Electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Enter docket number FWS-R1-ES-2010-0071 in the search field and on the next screen click the Proposed Rule box to locate this document. You may submit a comment by clicking on “Comment Now!” • By mail at Public Com-

ments Processing, Attn: FWS-R1-ES-2010-0071; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: JAO/1N, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803 The proposed acreage is half of the designation proposed in 2014. According to its Federal Register filing, the USFWS has proposed a revision based on new information available about the current condition of slickspot peppergrass occurrences, as well as use of an alternative method for mapping critical habitat for the species that more precisely includes areas that provide the physical and biological features essential to the conservation of the species. The revisions come on the heels of an October 2019 agreement between USFWS and the Center for Biological Diversity. Stemming from the environmentalists’ lawsuit, Fish and Wildlife agreed to finalize a new designation by June 30.

Malheur County Jr. Livestock Sale online through Friday

Prospective buyers have two more days to make bids on livestock raised by youth poised to show at the Malheur County Fair. The Junior Sales Committee teamed with JB Salutregui of JBS Auctions to preserve the annual livestock auction after the fair was cancelled because of Gov. Kate Brown’s COVID-19 mandate ending all events with 100 or more people through September. The Malheur County Fair Board decided on May 11 to cancel the 111th annual fair, which was set for July 28-Aug. 1. Market animals are on the auction block at <https://www.jbsauctions.com/>. Bidding ends Friday. Malheur County youth exhibited their animals at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds as part of the Border Hop on Saturday and Sunday.

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