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Grand View sets its big day for Saturday

Annual parade moved to evening

Maybe there won't be a community water fight this year.

The Grand View Days parade, typically held in the heat of the day, will help cap the one-day celebration Saturday.

The parade pushes off at 8 p.m., on Saturday. Call Ed Collett at (208) 599-1400 to register an entry.

In years past, the parade has been held in the middle of the day, and the fire department helped initiate a community water fight to help folks cool off.

This year, Grand View Days will start with the Raiders Cross Country Grand View Days 5-kilometer Fun Run.

Open to walkers and runners of all ages and abilities, the fun run will start at 8 a.m., at the American Legion Post 134 hall at 410 Roosevelt St.

Pre-registered participants will receive event T-shirts, and the shirts will be available on a first-come, first-served basis for those who sign up on race day.

The entry fee is \$20 per

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Birthday No. 2 at the library's petting zoo

Emelia Price (left), coincidentally celebrating her second birthday, looks like a natural aboard Fancy, with the assistance of Trinity Neeser. Emelia enjoyed the farm animal petting zoo held outside Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library on Thursday. She is the daughter of Neil and Michelle Price of Homedale.

Cemetery Rd. to become asphalt again

Demshar on cusp of another 4 years on highway board

By the end of the next fiscal year, residents on Cemetery Road may be able to dust less.

Homedale Highway District's board of commissioners set in motion a two-year plan to return the ground-up, graveled portion of the road back to asphalt during its meeting last Wednesday.

The first phase of the project will take place later this year. The \$98,500 project will pave 2,150 linear feet of Cemetery Road east of Johnstone Road.

"That will keep the dust down for everyone on there," Subdistrict 2 Commissioner John Demshar said.

"We get to do an improvement we've wanted to do, and now finally have the funds."

Director of Highways Daniel Herman said putting the road back to asphalt has been a dream about 10 years in the making.

Board chair Larry Prow, the Subdistrict 1 commissioner, suggested that the project include paved aprons at all private accesses to extend the life of the new pavement.

The 24-foot-wide road was milled into gravel several years ago because the district didn't have the money to rehabilitate the pavement.

A similar process took place on a longer stretch of Nielsen Lane off Graveyard Point Road. That road remains gravel, and area residents have complained of washboard conditions.

The plan is to convert the remainder

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Marsing civic group to spruce up business corridor

City gives \$1,300 to beautification project

The Marsing Beautification Project (MBP) has been busy in recent weeks.

Saturday, a group of MBP volunteers and Canyon Creek Gardens Greenhouse and Nursery placed 20 large potted plants at multiple locations on Main Street.

The work was postponed from Friday because of high winds.

The service by Caldwell-based Canyon Creek is called custom planting, in which plants will be delivered to Marsing and will then be picked up in the fall and taken back to the nursery for upkeep during the colder months. If all goes well this year, the process

will continue in 2022 with the delivery of healthy, fully mature plants.

The service is going to be an expensive one, according to MBP president Julie Franklin, so the Marsing City

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Truck pulls to precede Lions Club derby on Fourth of July

Derby drivers’ meeting set next Wednesday

Organizers have pulled together another attraction for the daylong entertainment in Homedale on the Fourth of July. More accurately, Believe Pulling organizers have pulled something together — truck pulls, specifically. A truck pull will be held on the edge of the Snake River at the Owyhee Fairgrounds at noon on Sunday, July 4 as one of the lead-ups to the 40th annual Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derby. Another precursor to the demolition derby is the annual drivers’ meeting.

Attendance is mandatory for the Lions Club-led meeting, which will take place at 7 p.m., next Wednesday in The Bowling Alley banquet room, 18 N. 1st St. W. Derby spectator admission is still available online at TicketLeap.com. A combination ticket will give folks admission to the truck pulls and the derby. Gates open for the derby at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds rodeo arena at 4:30 p.m. Believe Pulling will play host to the Homedale truck pull, which will start at noon on July 4 alongside the Snake River at the fairgrounds. The competition is open to anyone who would like to pull with their truck or tractor. “We have classes set up for just about any style of truck from stock to highly modified pulling trucks,” Believe Pulling spokesman Jake Petero said. For more information on getting involved as a con-

tant, contact Petero at (541) 212-4123. Petero previously competed in the Homedale derby. Anyone attending the Fourth of July truck pull is encouraged to bring seating. Concessions also will be on site. Believe Pulling is promoting six motorized events this year, including a truck pull and demolition derby weekend Friday and Saturday in Emmett. The truck pull will be held on Friday at the Gem County Fairgrounds, and many prospective Homedale derby participants will be on hand Saturday for the demolition derby at the Gem County Fairgrounds. After the Fourth of July truck pull in Homedale, Believe Pulling will stage a truck pull during the Gem County Fair in Emmett on July 28 followed by another truck pull on Saturday, Sept. 11, in Emmett. The group’s 2021 season finale is an invitation-only demolition derby on Saturday, Sept. 25 in Emmett. — JPB

Third of July event brings frivolity back to Marsing

The return of a popular summertime event is on the horizon for the City of Marsing. The Third of July celebration will return to Island Park along the Snake River in the “Gateway to the Owyhees,” and some old favorites will be riding shotgun. The Marsing Lions Club barbecue will be staged yet again, and also on hand will be a slew of vendors, games for young and old alike, and, of course, fireworks. Vendors will begin setting up shop around 5 p.m., on Saturday, July 3, but citizens can come down to the park at any point before then if they would like, Lions Club member and Marsing clerk and treasurer Jolyn Thompson said. Various food items, such as doughnuts and ice cream, will be available to visitors, as well as music, face painting, information about various services within the city, and more. The barbecue will begin at 6 p.m., and will continue until the food is all gone. Thompson said that Brown Bus Co., will provide shuttle service for the event, picking up folks from parking locations at the Marsing schools on 8th Avenue West and the old high school gymnasium on Main Street, and then bringing them down to Island Park. Parking will not be allowed in the park, and pedestrians are asked to use either entrance to Island Park and avoid crossing Main Street. More information about the event, including a list of activities and vendors, will be available in the June 23 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche. — TK

Homedale water report available for review

There are no surprises in the City of Homedale water system’s 2020 consumer confidence report. The city’s Well No. 6 located near Ustick Road on the Canyon County side of the Snake River continues to show traces of arsenic and barium. The Riverside well, located on the southern boundary of Riverside Park, near where East Montana Avenue and North 3rd Street East meet, shows traces of barium. The contaminants, which have been present for years, were found during regular testing in December. The Riverside well testing registers 0.06 milligrams per liter of barium. The Ustick well’s barium level is 0.07 milligrams per liter, while the well has a reading of 0.01 milligrams per liter for arsenic. Arsenic is naturally occurring. All contaminants in Homedale water are present at acceptable levels according to state and federal regulations. The city’s report is available for public review at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) Monday through Friday. For more information, call City Hall at (208) 337-4641.

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Homedale’s newest K-9 cop to visit library for summer reading

Summer readers to learn how animals help in community

Homedale’s summer reading program got off to a roaring start earlier this month, and the fun is just beginning.

On Thursday, the third installment of the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library summer program is themed “Animals in the Community.”

The session from 1 p.m., to 2 p.m., continues the Tales and Tails summer at the city library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave.

Newly certified as a dog handler, Homedale Police Officer Danny Zenor and his K-9 partner Ruger will visit with the children as well as Marsing-area resident Amber Clay and her dog. Clay served as a Husky Pups preschool teacher in the Marsing School District during the most recent school year.

Clay and Zenor will talk about how they and their animals help in the community.

The featured stories are “The Detective Dog” and “Officer Buckle and Gloria.”

Afterward, the children will make a wash-cloth puppy and

show their appreciation to the police department.

During a June 7 board meeting, library director Sharla Jensen reported that 54 children (and five adults) attended the first summer reading program session on June 3. She mentioned that participation may wane as the summer goes on because of families taking vacations.

For more information on the library’s programs, call (208) 337-4228.

The library is open from noon to 6 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, from noon to 7 p.m., on Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturday. The building is closed on Sunday.

The library’s website is homedale.lili.org, and its online catalog can be perused at homedale.biblionix.com.

Story Time’s animal theme

The preschool Story Time, which will be held at 10:15

a.m., on Monday will conclude with the children making a bird nest craft.

Stories planned include “Mel Fell” by Corey R. Tabor, and “What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?”

Animal sleepover set

The summer reading session for Thursday, June 24, will have some bonus time the following morning.

Children of any age can bring their favorite stuffed animal to the library at 4 p.m., on June 24, and the children attending the summer reading program earlier at 1 p.m., can drop off their favorite stuffed animals.

Be sure to make a tag for your animal so no one will be lost during the “stuffed animal sleepover.”

The children can pick up their stuffed animals at 10 a.m., on Friday, June 25 and also enjoy doughnuts.

Members of the library’s Teens and Tweens program will help out with the summer reading session on June 24. There will be a craft activity, games, a STEM activity, pizza, and stories.

Rodeo queen entries now being accepted

Owyhee queen to be named Aug. 7

Entries are now open for young ladies who hope to succeed Hannah White as the Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo queen.

The contest is open to women ages 16-24 who have lived in Idaho for at least the past year.

Contestants must be unmarried.

Queen coordinator Annie Phelps, herself a former Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo queen, will receive candidate applications through Saturday, July 10. Mail applications to Phelps at 44312 Eagle Island Loop, Oxbow, OR 97840.

Call or text Phelps at (208) 989-1575 for more information.

The competition and judging will take place between Monday, Aug. 2 and Saturday, Aug. 7. Contestants will be judged on horsemanship, knowledge, personality and appearance.

The 2021-22 queen will be crowned during the final

performance of the rodeo on Aug. 7.

All the contestants will ride in the fair and rodeo parade at 10 a.m., on Aug. 7.

The queen contest begins at 7 p.m., on Aug. 2 to cap the first night of the fair. Contestants will give a speech and model their outfits during a public event at the fairgrounds.

Horsemanship judging takes place at 5:30 p.m., on Wednesday, Aug. 4 when the contestants complete patterns in the arena. The first night of the rodeo begins at 8 p.m., with the Idaho Cowboys Association slack, admission for which is free.

The queen contestants will ride in the grand entry for the rodeo performances on Thursday, Aug. 5, Friday, Aug. 6, and Saturday, Aug. 7.

Judges will interview the queen hopefuls on Aug. 5.

A trophy saddle will be awarded to the queen during Saturday’s coronation. There are also prizes for first runner-up, second runner-up, speech, Miss Congeniality, and horsemanship.

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Final “knot” of Outpost Days winners leap in

The 2021 Outpost Days World Championship Horny Toad Race winners took home some new hardware on June 6. **From left:** Liberty McDonald, with her toad Sage Rage, won Best Name; Kate Hipwell (2nd place, Itchin’ to Win); Zoey Paperfuss (1st place, Captain Jack Sparrow); and Spencer Boyce (3rd place, Dickshooter). Submitted photo.

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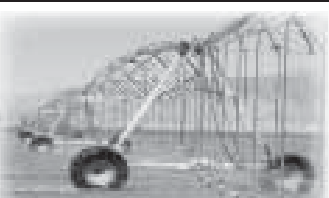
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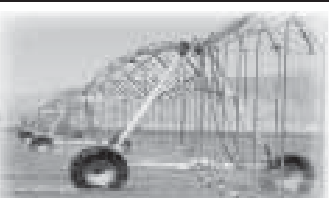
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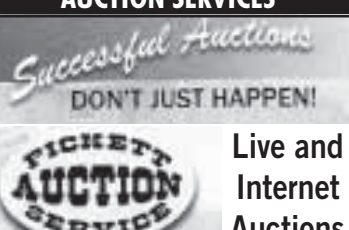
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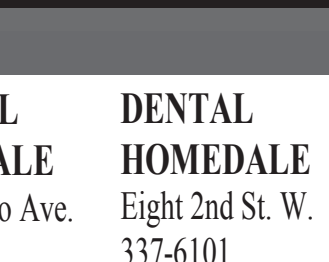
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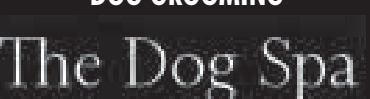
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Social Security benefits add up differently for early and late retirees

When you draw your Social Security benefits matters. Re-tire early, and you will forfeit a portion of your monthly benefit for as long as you live. However, if you delay your benefits then you will receive an added portion to your monthly benefits for as long as you live.



Andrew Bingham

How much less and how much more first depends on your retirement age, which is somewhere between 66 and 67 depending on the year you were born. The amount you would receive at your full retirement age is referred to as your “base benefit.” This is the monthly amount that is impacted by your decision of when to start drawing your benefits.

You can collect your benefits as early as 62, but your base benefit will be reduced by .55 percent for every month early you withdraw for the first 36 months and about .42 percent for every early month beyond that. That would equate to a 20 percent reduction to your base benefits if you were to retire three years early, and a 30 percent reduction if you were to collect five years before your full retirement age.

On the other hand, you would receive an eight percent “retirement credit” for every year that you delayed your benefits up to the age of 70. So, if your retirement age is 66 and you did not start collecting your benefits until age 70, then you would collect an additional 32

percent of your full retirement benefit, and 24 percent if your retirement age is 67.

In 2020, the average Social Security retirement benefit was \$1,544 per month. Using this as our base benefit, we can contrast the cumulative impact of drawing early vs. drawing late. For instance, if this individual retired at age 62, they would collect \$1,081 monthly (\$1,544 x 70 percent), assuming a retirement age of 67. If they delayed retirement until 70, then they would collect \$1,915 instead (\$1,544 x 124 percent).

While that is a big difference, remember that the early retiree has collected eight years worth of benefits totaling approximately \$105,000 before the late retiree receives their first check. Even though they collect nearly \$900 more a month, it would still take the late retiree more than 10 years to catch up to the early retiree’s cumulative benefit.

This is how the math plays out in nearly every scenario. No matter what the base benefit is, you can expect a late retiree to “catch up” in 10 years or more. So, is it worth it? To answer that question, you must ask yourself another: What does life look like in your 80s?

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Marsing drug offender may avoid prison

A Marsing man who struck a plea deal in a felony drug case has been placed in a rider program.

Mark A. Neal could find himself on probation if he successfully completes the Idaho Department of Correction rehabilitation program Third District Judge Andrea Courtney ordered on Friday, May 14 in Murphy.

If Neal is successful in rehab, he may avoid a state prison

term of two to seven years.

Neal must pay \$250 in fines and \$635.50 in court costs.

As part of a plea agreement, Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Jeffrey Phillips dropped a misdemeanor count of drug paraphernalia possession.

Neal was charged on Dec. 14 and served 62 days in jail. Courtney gave credit for the time he has already spent behind bars.

Calendar

Today

Food distribution

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., The HUB food pantry, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 649-5411

Ladies coffee group

9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Story Time

10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Thursday

Exercise class

10:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Yoga class

4 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale

Alcoholics Anonymous

7 p.m., open to alcoholics, their families and those contemplating recovery, Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder.

Friday

Benefit yard sale

8 a.m., to 5 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 22 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Saturday

Grand View Days 5K Fun Run

8 a.m., \$20 per individual, \$50 per family, American Legion Post 134, 410 Roosevelt St., Grand View. (208) 863-0335

Benefit yard sale

8 a.m., to 5 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 22 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Grand View Days

10 a.m., Vendors, bounce houses, duck races, horseshoe tournament, lawn mower races, Centennial Park, Grand View

OCHS Chinese settlement tour

10 a.m., 9902 Wilson Cemetery Road. Carpool to ranch if possible. (208) 495-2319.

Free lunch

11:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419

Grand View Days pit BBQ

5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Lions Park, Grand View

Grand View Days parade

8 p.m., Grand View. (208) 599-1400

Grand View Days dance

9 p.m. to 1 a.m., Centennial Park, Grand View

Grand View Days fireworks

Dusk, Grand View

Sunday

Lions Club breakfast

8 a.m., Lions Park, Grand View

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Story Time

10:15 a.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

Young marriage class

7 p.m., The Rock of Homedale, 310 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. Free. (208) 794-1048.

Tuesday

Writing group

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

Exercise class

10:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W.

Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Live music

11:30 a.m., to 12:30 p.m., performed by Wilder, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

Homedale Chamber luncheon

Noon, The Bowling Alley, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale.

Yoga class

4 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale

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Homedale Lions derby driver meeting

7 p.m., mandatory, The Bowling Alley, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 866-2629

Thursday, June 24

Exercise class

10:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Food bank drop off

1 p.m., to 3 p.m., (weather permitting; holidays could change date), Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 902 Bassett St. (U.S. Hwy. 95), Jordan Valley. (541) 889-9206 or (541) 586-2562

Yoga class

4 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale

Teen summer reading

5 p.m., to 6 p.m., “Pets and Pizza,” Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Alcoholics Anonymous

7 p.m., open to alcoholics, their families and those contemplating recovery, Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder.

Friday, June 25

Idaho Foodbank drop-off

9 a.m. to 11 a.m., First Presbyterian Church of Homedale, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 473-9331

Saturday, June 26

Free lunch

11:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419

Sunday, June 27

Catholic Mass

1 p.m., Our Lady of Tears Catholic Church, Silver City. (208) 466-7031

Monday, June 28

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

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Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Salad bar: **Not Available due to the Coronavirus*
Congregate lunch resumes at noon on April 6
Curbside pickup available before 12:30 p.m.
Phone ahead 208-337-3020 to order
Dessert is included in curbside lunch
Milk available each day
Roll available each day except June 16th, 23rd, and 30th
June 16: Taco salad with ground beef, cheese sauce, tortilla chips, salsa, sour cream, lettuce, rice
June 17: Baked ham, sweet potatoes, green beans
June 22: Beef and gravy, broccoli, rice
June 23: Pepperoni and cheese flatbread pizza, Italian pasta salad with vegetables, carrot salad
June 24: Baked salmon, baked potato, spinach

Sandbar Community Room, Marsing

Noon to 12:30 p.m., inside Marsing City Hall
Milk and wheat bread/roll available each day except June 23rd, 28th, and 30th
Suggested donation: \$6
June 16: Teriyaki chicken, brown rice, oriental vegetables, mandarin oranges
June 18: Polish sausage and sauerkraut, baked beans, carrots
June 21: Chicken and pesto, Alfredo sauce, carrots, peas
June 23: Hamburger sliders, loaded mashed potatoes, cascade vegetables
June 25: BBQ pork, ranch beans, Normandy vegetables

Rimrock Senior Center

All meals are served with milk & fruit juice
Curbside pickup from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or delivery only.
Call (208) 834-2922 beginning at 7 a.m. to place order
June 17: Chef salad (ham, turkey, bacon, cheese, egg, tomatoes), whole grain crackers, cheese stick, sour dough roll, melon, cottage cheese
June 22: Loaded baked potato, chili (cheese, sour cream, olives, onion), green salad, melon, garlic bread, pudding
June 24: Hoagie sandwich (ham, turkey, bacon, cheese, sliced tomato), macaroni salad, fresh fruit, carrot and celery sticks, yogurt

Summer menu

Marsing

Free meals will be provided to all children, ages 1-18
Breakfast: Includes juice/fruit and milk each day
Lunch: Includes milk each day
Thursday distribution will include meals for Fridays

Breakfast and lunch

11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., Marsing City Park
Noon to 12:45 p.m., Marsing Labor Camp
June 16: **Breakfast:** Banana bread **Lunch:** Chicken quesadilla, Juice Alive, celery stick
June 17: **Breakfast:** Berry twins **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, tropical fruit, cauliflower
June 18: **Breakfast:** Tornados **Lunch:** Cheese sandwich, pears, cucumber, chips
June 21: **Breakfast:** Apple bites **Lunch:** Turkey & cheese sub, Craisins, carrot sticks, chips
June 22: **Breakfast:** Cereal **Lunch:** PB&J-strawberry sandwich, applesauce, peppers
June 23: **Breakfast:** Pancakes **Lunch:** Ham & cheese stuffwich, peaches, celery sticks, chips
June 24: **Breakfast:** Breakfast bar **Lunch:** Bean & cheese burrito, Juice Alive, cucumbers

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Obituary

Chane Le “Chain” Barnard

Chane Le “Chain” Barnard, age 66, of La Grande, Ore., died June 2, 2021, at the Grande Ronde Hospital. A celebration of life will be announced later by Daniels~Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center. Those who wish may make contributions in his memory to Firebird Safety Team, and they can be made by calling (208) 938-8986 or by mail P.O. Box 1398 Eagle, ID 83616 or St. Luke’s Neonatal Unit, 190 E Bannock, Boise, Idaho 83712.

The family has made a private facebook group called Celebrate Chane to keep people updated on burial and celebration of life information. The link to the page is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/803232833714365>

Chane was born on March 6, 1955, the son of W. Tennan and Delilah (Nicely) Barnard in Hawthorne, California. In 1971 Chane moved to Homedale, Idaho with his Grandparents. Later the rest of the family



followed. Chane graduated from Homedale High School in 1973. He worked as a welder fabricator for Parma Company in Parma, and in very early years for Dels Flying Service out of Homedale Id. In 1998 he moved to Orovada, NV and for a short time he worked for Kings River Ranch. He met a very special friend Diane, and they set out as fur trappers together.

In 2015 Chane moved to La Grande to be closer to his daughter, stepson and grandchildren. He enjoyed

racing, fishing and a good game of pool. For years he competed in pool leagues with Last Chance Saloon in Homedale, Id and was a member of Todd’s Pool League in La Grande.

His family and friends were very important to him and as a very outgoing and courageous person he made friends easily. His favorite pal and dog was ‘Buddy’, who preceded him in death.

Survivors include his mother, Delilah Barnard of Wilder; daughter, Brandy Larison of La Grande; stepson, Bill Sharpe of La Grande; stepdaughter, Tesiea Ann of Moses Lake, Wa; sister, Kelly (Tony) Burns of Homedale; brother, Wes (Donna) Barnard of Homedale; 5 grandchildren; many nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father W. Tennan Barnard, sister, Deonna Aberasturi and son, Derek Tennan Barnard in 1993.

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 85° 56° Sunny and pleasant	 92° 60°	 96° 67°	 100° 64°	 91° 59°	 94° 61°	 96° 60°
June 8 78° 51° .00	June 9 80° 56° .00	June 10 77° 54° .34	June 11 65° 48° .10	June 12 79° 51° .00	June 13 83° 59° .00	June 14 95° 56° .00

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 46 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 183

cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 134 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 326,401 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.

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Silver City masses start later this month

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call St. Paul's in Nampa at
(208) 466-7031 or visit www.nampacatholic.church.

Four hurt in Silver City Road accident

— JPB

Historical society to tour Chinese settlement

For more information about the tour or potluck, call (208) 495-2319.



Owyhee County Church Directory		
Calvary Fellowship Homedale Pastor Rich Wright 711 W. Idaho Ave. Church time is 10:00 am on Sunday & Wednesday at 7:00 pm River Youth Wednesday 7:00pm (208) 880-4033	Knight Community Church Grand View Pastor Ivan Shetler 630 Idaho Street (208) 834-2639 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am	Our Lady of Tears Church Silver City Mass Summer Schedule TBA All are welcome For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa (208) 466-7031 www.nampacatholic.church
Iglesia Misionera Biblica Homedale Pastor Fernando Gomez 132 W Owyhee • (208) 337-5975 Servicios: Vier - 7pm - Oracion Mier - 7pm Predicacion Dom - 10am Esc. Dom y 6:30pm "Una Iglesia Diferente."	Golden Gate Baptist Church Wilder Pastor Robert Potter, Jr., CLP Corner of Second and "B" Streets Church time is 11:00 am on Sunday Call (208) 880-4308 for information	Crossroads Assembly of God Wilder Pastor Michael McCormick Hwy 19 & 95, (208) 890-3046 Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Worship 6pm Wed. Bible Study 7pm
Assembly of God Church Homedale 15 West Montana, (208) 412-2946 Senior Pastor: Ivar Moore Sunday services, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. 11 a.m. has nursery, children's program Wednesday and Kidz services, 7 p.m. www.homedaleagchurch.com	Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale 17434 Hwy 95, (208) 337-3464 Pastor: Scott Morin Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Services: 10:45 am Sundays www.homedalefriends.org	Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church Caldwell 1122 W. Linden St. (208) 459-3653 Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:30 am Spanish Mass: Saturday 7:00 pm Spanish Mass: Sunday Noon
Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Homedale (208) 337-4248 Sunday Services 10am Pastor Sean Rippey Adult and Children Sunday School 9-9:45am Visitors Always Welcome! Call Church for Prayer requests	Homedale Baptist Church 212 S. 1st W., (208) 960-4496 https://homedalebc.org Sunday Fellowship 11am-Noon Second Sunday soup/meal Noon Fourth Sunday Communion Celebration and shared meal Noon Pastor: Paul Chismar	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale 708 West Idaho Ave (208) 337-4112 Sunday 1st Ward, 1130 a.m. Bishop David Hann Sunday 2nd Ward, 9:00 a.m. Bishop Chris Varuska
Chapel of Hope Hope House, Marsing Look for the Blue Church South Bruneau Hwy at the Hope House Welcoming Families, especially those with special needs children. Keith Croft, Pastor (208) 880-2767 Jake & Alisha Henriouille, Youth Pastors (208) 761-6747 Sunday Services at 10 am	Wilder Church of God Wilder 205 A St. E., (208) 649-7698 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Service 11am Sunday Eve. 6:00pm Wed. Eve. 7:00pm	Mountain View Church of the Nazarene Wilder-Homedale 26515 Ustick Road (208) 337-3151 www.mvcnaz.org Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm Children's Caravan Program
MARSING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY Asamblea Apostolica de Marsing 107 W. Main • Marsing, Idaho Pastor Jose Gutierrez (208) 461-9016 or (208) 880-6172 Sunday School 10:00 am Sunday Service 1 pm • Wednesday Service 7 pm Bilingual Services/Español	Iglesia Evangelica Wilder 317 3rd St., Pastor Ramiro Reyes 10 am Sunday School 11 am Service (208) 482-7484 Bilingual	St. David's Episcopal Church 1800 Arlington Ave. Caldwell, ID 83605 (208) 459-9261 stdavids@stdavidscaldwell.org www.stdavid.episcopalidaho.org
Christian Church Homedale 110 W. Montana Pastor Maurice Jones (208) 319-4650 Don Vanderbough (208) 867-5418 Sunday Morning Worship 11am Church school 9:45	Bible Missionary Church Homedale West Idaho, (208) 337-3425 Pastor Ron Franklin Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7:30	Assembly of God Church Marsing 139 Kerry St., (208) 965-1650 Pastor Sergio Aristizabal Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am Wednesday Service 7pm
Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing Pastor Daniel Swaim 116 4th Ave. W., (208) 859-2059 Sunday worship: Morning: 11am-Noon • Evening: 6-7pm Sunday School 9:45am-10:45am Wednesday evening 7pm-8pm	Nazarene Church Marsing (208) 649-5256 12 2nd Avenue West Worship Services - Sunday 11am and 6pm Sunday School - 9:45am Mid Week TLC Groups	Trinity Holiness Church Homedale Pastor Samuel Page (208) 337-5021 Sunday School 10am, 112 N. 4th St. Sunday Evening 5:30pm Thursday Evening 7:30pm Sunday and Thursday evening services held at First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W.
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Marsing 215 3rd Ave. West, (208) 896-4151 Sunday 1st Ward, 10:30 a.m. Bishop Sean Rowley Sunday 2nd Ward, 9:00 a.m. Bishop Lon McRae	Calvary Holiness Church - Wilder Corner of 3rd St. & B Ave. Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. • Sunday Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday: 6:00 p.m. • Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. calvarypantry@gmail.com Food Pantry hours: 2nd Friday of month 5-7pm 4th Friday of month 12-2pm Calvary Holiness Food Pantry Wilder Idaho	United Methodist Church Wilder Exploring the Bible: Public Invited 2nd & 4th Tuesday: 4-5pm Corner of 4th St. & B Ave. Pastor Dave Raines (208) 880-8751 Sunday Service 9:30am
First Presbyterian Church Homedale 320 N. 6th W. Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am Rev. Heidi Smith-Takatori (208) 303-7414	Vision Community Church Marsing 221 West Main Marsing, Idaho (208) 779-7926 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Adult, Kids & Youth Meetings Wed. 7:00 p.m.	Garnet Seventh-Day Adventist Church 16613 Garnet Rd., Wilder (208) 649-5280 Email: garnetSDA@icloud.com Sabbath School 9:30am Worship 10:45am Wednesday Bible Study 7:00-8 pm
Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale 711 W. Idaho, (208) 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am	Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church - Oreana 2021 Mass Schedule - 10:00am on second Saturday of month thru November All are welcome! For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa (208) 466-7031	Amistad Cristiana de Wilder UMC Esquina de 4 y calle B Domingos Servicio: 12:00 pm El Ropero (Banco de ropa) Miercoles 12- 2pm Martes y Jueves: 6:30 pm Ingles Sabados: 12:00 pm Arte Infantil Todo en Espanol, Inf. (208) 989-7508
Church in the Dirt Cowboy Church Service The Tango, Homedale 406 U.S. Hwy. 95 Pastors Blaine and Molly Lilly Every Sunday, 10 a.m.		

Country market makes its return to Marsing

Special market to coincide with Third of July celebration

Marsing’s Snake River Country Market is underway for the second year, bringing a variety of vendors to The Spot Pizza Pavilion at 12 Sandbar Avenue in Marsing.

The market gathers from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., every other Saturday.

There will be a special market on July 3 to coincide with Marsing’s annual holiday celebration. Billed as the Freedom Festival, the market will be held from 2 p.m., to 8 p.m.

The July 3 market will include live music, as well as 2C Brewing Co. and Potter Wines at the beer garden.

Prizes will be awarded to visitors in the most patriotic dress.

The market season extends through Oct. 16, but there will be no market on Sept. 4. — TK

Snake River Country Market vendors

Present at every market

Massages by Emily
Steele Legacy Honey
Beauty from Ashes — Furniture, décor
Red Hat Cakes — Baked goods
Soul Creations — Wood signs and décor
Village Market Designs — Jewelry, baked goods
Home & Heart Essentials — Soap, bath bombs and salt, beard oil
Knotty Girl — Jewelry, art
Tamera Reed — Jam, bread, plants
Triple Moon Boutique — Jewelry
Usborne Books — Books, puzzles
Mama Celia’s — Balsamic, oils
Handpicked Antler Works — Antler jewelry
Goat Grown LLC — Flowers
Under the Cover Dreams — Minky blankets
New to the Country Life — Resin art
Wendy’s Bows and More — Bows, purses, mirrors
Grandma Viettis Kitchen — Granola, keto nuts, cookies, candy
ArtHasLegs Coffee — Coffee, soap
Owyhee Candle Company — Candles, melts, gnomes
Oh Me Oh Pie — Baked goods
Waite Family Farms — Chicken, eggs, produce (not present Saturday)

Making occasional appearances

Boise Best Kettle Corn — July 3, 17, Aug. 7, 21
Thor’s Creative Crafts — July 3
T-Mobile — Cellphones, giveaways, July 3, Aug. 17, Oct. 16
Owyhee Trading Co. — Jewelry, hats, plants, July 3, Aug. 7, 21, Oct. 2, 16
Waffle Dutchess/Huckleberry Hut — Lemonade/waffle stick, July 3, Oct. 16
Challah Bread — July 3, Aug. 7, 21, Oct. 2, 16
Small Town Confections — Baked goods, July 3, Aug. 7
Below Zero Snow Cones — July 3-Oct. 16
Meticulous Eclections — Jewelry, bags, décor, July 3-Oct. 16
Mama Knows Best — Microgreens, Saturday and Oct. 16
Ivy Rose — T-shirts, baby onesies, wall hangings, Saturday, July 17, Aug. 21, Sept. 18, Oct. 2
Natures Balance — Dog supplements, July 17, Aug. 7, Sept. 18-Oct. 16
High & Low 2nd Hand — Knickknacks, antiques, July 17-Oct. 16
Sage to Sawtooth Bushcraft — Outdoor products, July 17, Aug. 7, 21

From page 1

✓ Cemetery Rd.: District crew will embark on chip sealing next month

of Cemetery Road’s gravel roadway east of the canal to asphalt in Fiscal Year 2022. No action was taken on that part of the proposal because there could be variables such as negotiating with the South Board of Control about widening the canal crossing and culvert replacement.

Herman suggested the commissioners split up the project over two phases to keep the initial cost below the \$100,000 threshold that would trigger the requirement to advertise for bids.

With the estimated project cost under \$100,000, Herman only has to solicit bids from three public works contractors to get the ball rolling.

Herman figured the estimated cost at \$1.91 per square foot. The scope of work would include a three-inch gravel base and three inches of asphalt.

There are 2,950 feet of gravel roadway in that section of Cemetery Road, and Herman figured the total price tag at

\$137,520. The district only has \$165,000 in its current budget for roadwork.

Demshar affirms oath

Demshar, who ran unopposed in the Subdistrict 2 election in May, affirmed his oath of office earlier in last week’s meeting.

Demshar’s latest four-year term will end on June 30, 2025.

District secretary Terri Uria used a 100-year-old stamp to affix the seal on Demshar’s election certificate.

Chip sealing planned

Herman’s crew will execute a cooperative work agreement with the City of Marsing as part of a monthlong schedule of chip sealing in July.

The work crew will chip seal 11½ miles of road beginning July 1 on Gulley Road.

Chip sealing streets in Marsing is part of the work.

A rebuild of Thompson Road will begin in about mid-July, Herman said.

— JPB



Homedale Highway Subdistrict 2 Commissioner John Demshar reads the affirmation of the oath of office last Wednesday to start another four-year term on the board. His colleagues are Subdistrict 1 Commissioner Larry Prow, the board chair, and Subdistrict 3 Commissioner Scott Salutregui.

✓ Grand View: Lawnmower races, horseshoes tourney, dance scheduled

individual and \$50 for a family. One member of the family team must be an adult.

Proceeds from the fun run benefits the Rimrock cross country program.

For more information on competing or sponsoring the event, call cross country coach Melissa Raymond at (208) 863-0335.

Vendors and children’s attractions

will open at 10 a.m., at the city park.

Lawnmower races will be held at 11 a.m. Entry fee is \$25 for stock mowers and \$30 for modified mowers.

There are four age classes:

- Ages 6-10 with push mowers only
- Ages 11-17 with parental permission
- Ages 18-55
- Ages 55 and older.

Everyone except those in the youngest age group must wear helmets, and no one is allowed to drink alcohol before the competition.

Call Laura Zaragoza at (208) 590-9133 for more information.

Duck races will start at 1 p.m.

The annual horseshoes competition gets underway at 2 p.m., at Centennial Park.

A pit barbecue will be held at 7 p.m., at Lions Park.

After the parade, fireworks will begin at dusk.

A dance is planned from 9 p.m., to 1 a.m., on June 19 inside Centennial Park.

The annual Lions Club breakfast at Lions Park caps the weekend at 8 a.m., on Sunday.

Librarian: Homedale patrons want taxing district

Board members inch along in process

Forming a taxing district to support the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library is a complicated proposition, but officials are taking baby steps toward the goal.

The formation of a taxing district has long been a chip in the negotiations to build a new library in Homedale, dating to the effort more than a decade ago to build a library next to City Hall on West Wyoming Avenue.

The current library board has developed a mission statement and recently adopted a logo specific to the new library at 121 W. Owyhee Ave.

Other small steps were discussed during the board’s June 7 meeting, including figuring out what the district boundaries would be.

Library director Sharla Jensen told library board members that a few patrons have approached her voicing their desire to have a library district.

Right now, the library gets money from the City of Homedale’s general fund to operate. Other revenue sources include memorial donations and money raised through Friends of the Library activities.

Forming a district is a decision that would be left up to the voters. The

City could take legal action over persistent library roof leaks

Homedale officials apparently are still dealing with a faulty roof on the new library.

“Every time we get a major storm, we have roof leaks,” Mayor Gheen Christoffersen said during the city council’s June 7 regular meeting.

The leaks came back during the latest torrential spring rain, and Christoffersen is worried that the persistent problem will outlive the building’s warranty.

R & S Constructors, the subcontractor on the roof, already had to rebuild the roof once, flipping it 180 degrees and replacing “burned-out” rubber grommets on fasteners. The damaged grommets and the angle of the roof contributed to the leaks, and building donor Rob Roberts of R&M Steel Co., in Caldwell, and city officials insisted on the reconstruction to make things right.

Alas, things may not be right yet. “They’re saying they’re fixing it, but every time we have a big storm, we have a big leak,” Christoffersen said.

Andrew Kimmel of Great West Engineers advised the council that they could ensure the work was done correctly by filing a claim against the performance bond. The contractor files a performance bond before beginning work as a guarantee that the project would be done correctly and completely.

Kimmel also had the perfect trouble-shooting suggestion.

“When they come out and fix (the roof), have the fire department dump a bunch of water on it,” he said.

City attorney Paul J. Fitzer said the city has grounds to sue if the roof issue isn’t rectified.

— JPB

library board would like the library district boundaries to mirror that of Homedale School District, meaning that votes would come from both sides of the Snake River.

Formation of a library district isn’t as simple as acquiring a simple majority of all voters in the affected area.

If the question of district formation is sent to the ballot, a majority of voters in each affected county (Owyhee and Canyon) would have to be in favor of the district otherwise the measure would fail.

Jensen has discussed having the library board huddle with a representative from the Idaho Commission of Libraries as well as reading up on the districting handbook.

The library would have to operate on its own — without infusion of city funds — for between one year and 18 months before any tax revenue would be available from a new levy.

Jensen told board members that being solvent for that funding gap would require beefing up the library’s trust fund.

But it is still unknown how much more of the library funds are needed to close out the construction project.

Furthermore, the library trust fund would have to be used to finance the election on the district question.

Once the district is formed, an acquisition agreement would need to be hammered out between the city and the library trustees, the first set of which would be appointed. The library and all its books, furniture, etc., are city-owned assets.

— JPB

Commissioner: County will drill well for fairgrounds RV park

Homedale council advised against further eroding funding eligibility

Two governments protecting their own interests couldn’t come to an agreement last Wednesday in Homedale.

City leaders held steadfast to the need to keep the water enterprise whole, and the Board of County Commissioners — represented by Dist. 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi (R-Homedale) — refused to budge off its request to pay for two residential hookups and then revisit the agreement after measuring water usage for a year at the planned Owyhee County Fairgrounds RV park.

“If we use more water, we’ll pay for the entire cost,” Aberasturi said.

The city council declined the county’s offer because shorting an enterprise fund would jeopardize Homedale’s chance to receive federal funding for future improvement projects.

Andrew Kimmel, who represents the city’s engineering firm Great West Engineers, said the city barely met the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development threshold to qualify for funding assistance for the upcoming wastewater system improvements. He added that jeopardizing the revenue potential — and ability to pay back loans

— of the water system by shorting the city 44 Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDUs) would put Homedale in a similar situation if improvements were needed.

Eighty-eight spaces are planned for the RV park, and each space equates to a half of an EDU.

Mayor Gheen Christoffersen had another reason for denying the county’s request.

“We have another RV park coming into town, and I don’t want to set a precedent,” he said, referring to a private RV park developer who has received a special use permit to build on the old Homedale Auto Recyclers property at Idaho Avenue and U.S. Highway 95.

City attorney Paul J. Fitzer said shorting the water fund would jeopardize the city’s ability to service the debt on previous improvements because enterprise funds are supposed to be self-sufficient.

The city would probably have to dip into its general fund to keep the water fund whole.

“If you don’t bill for (44 EDUs), you are still responsible for it when it comes to funding,” Kimmel told the council. “You would have

No residents show up for Riverside Park update

For the second time in as many weeks, a Great West Engineering representative was a lonely individual at a public meeting.

Great West grant administrator LaNette Jones sat in an empty magistrate courtroom Thursday with everything she needed to educate Homedale residents about the city’s plan to expand Riverside Park into the Peterson property across North Main Street from the city’s RV park.

No one showed up, just as no citizens had taken advantage of a public meeting a week earlier about the proposed \$10.5 million wastewater system improvement project. Engineer Andrew Kimmel also sat alone in the meeting room as no one showed interest in the major construction project.

Last week, Jones told The Owyhee Avalanche that the city’s plan to create a Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant restroom with parking at the Peterson property was moving ahead slowly.

Homedale has received a \$135,000 Idaho Community Block Grant for the park.

Water and sewer lines are stubbed in, but a concrete pad must be placed for the restroom. Furthermore, the State of Idaho has to inspect the restroom before it can be hauled in, Jones said.

The city also plans a paved parking area and underground sprinklers and turf at the park extension, Jones said.

— JPB

to make up the revenue you would receive from 44 homes from the general fund.”

Aberasturi told Homedale officials the county does have another option.

“We’re doing this as a courtesy,” he said. “If you

don’t want to do this, fine. We’re willing to drill our own well.”

Kimmel said payment for the full 44 hookups was crucial because the city still owes about \$1 million on its water bond.

“We’re not going to pay for 44 hookups,” Aberasturi said as he left the meeting. “Thank you. I have better things to do.”

Civil Dynamics engineer Kirby Cook, the county’s technical representative, showed up just before Aberasturi left.

Cook also tried to convince the council that the two EDUs would leave the city with 42 hookups to essentially use for new development.

“It’s not a matter of that,” Councilman Steve Atkins said. “We have to follow A, B, and C to stay compliant.

“I’d rather be hand-and-hand with the county than have it out. This has everything to do with what Paul and Andrew are talking about.”

Tattoo shop SPU OK’d

Jenny Brown, who is managing a piece of property after her son passed away, received unanimous council approval to rent a downtown building for a tattoo studio.

The conditional special use permit for 116 W. Idaho Ave. was issued to wrap up a public hearing that had been continued from two months earlier when Brown told the council that original plans were in flux after her son’s death.

— JPB

Jordan Valley Lions spend busy weekend raising money

Building fund, cancer fighter to benefit

by Tara Echave
Jordan Valley Lions Club
The Jordan Valley Lions Club has been busy over the last year, working to keep the building maintained and the bills paid. Similar to many other non-profits, the Lions have seen a severe loss in income as fundraising changed because of COVID-19 rules. During the weekend, the Lions Club played host to a couple of events to raise money — a yard sale and the Jordan Valley Lions Run, Ride & Walk.

The South Mountain Livestock 4-H club teamed up with the Lions to present the run, ride and walk.

Yard sale

Lions members accepted yard sale donations last Wednesday and Thursday then organized and tagged all items ahead of the Friday-Saturday sale. There was a line of waiting customers when the doors opened at 9 a.m., on Friday. Hot sale items included portable heaters, air filters, televisions, book shelves, golf clubs, children’s toys,



Jordan Valley Lions Run, Ride & Walk participants gathered at the cemetery for a moment of remembrance before starting the fundraiser Friday. Submitted photo

livestock equipment and a variety of other items. The yard sale is one way the Lions can help the community and still make some money. The yard sale was coupled with a bake sale, for which Lions made a multitude of baked goods. And, once again, the community stepped up and contributed greatly. Many local bakers made wonderful desserts to donate to the bake sale, oftentimes

to turn around and make a purchase as well. There were baked goods available for all preferences and tastes: pies, cookies, brownies, cupcakes, cakes, you name it ... and of all flavors. In addition, the kitchen was open, and hot food was served. JV Lions president Diana Fillmore made authentic Indian Tacos, which were available from 10 a.m., to 2 p.m., both days. Root beer floats and a

multitude of sodas and water were also offered. The yard sale, bake sale and lunch netted \$4,301.20, and the proceeds will be placed in the Lions Club’s building fund. The Lions are raising money to construct a new community center with modern bathrooms, an improved kitchen and a much larger indoor gathering area to accommodate greater crowds for weddings, funerals and the like.

Run, ride & walk

This event started at 10 a.m., on Friday, and participants gathered at the Lions Hall, traversed to the cemetery for a moment of remembrance, then started the race that trailed up and over Pharmacy Hill, back down to the Bureau of Land Management station, by the high school and eventually back to the Lions Hall. Cooper Mackenzie took first place in the youth division (winning \$50 cash) with Quincy Dufurrena taking second (\$10 Lions gift certificate). Chris Elsner won the adult division (\$50 D&B gift card) with Sheila Quintero taking second place (\$10 Lions gift certificate). Adults were asked to donate \$20 to run, with youth making a \$10 donation. Kelsi Skinner and Randy Carson provided water and rides for participants on the four-mile jaunt. The event generated \$1,065 in donations, which will be given to a local individual affected by cancer. Overall, the weekend was a success, albeit a lot of work. The Lions would like to thank everybody for their support. It truly takes a community effort to have this type of success in a small town.

Marsing will shine more light on Old Bruneau Hwy.

Council cleans up lot width ordinance

Marsing’s city council voted to remedy safety concerns on Old Bruneau Highway during its regular meeting last Wednesday. The council unanimously approved \$7,500 to install eight streetlights on North and South Bruneau Highway. The vote came after city engineer Kirby Cook of Civil Dynamics provided an update following his conversation with an Idaho Power designer. He said the approximate price will be \$4,500, but requested the council appropriate more money in case the work is higher than the estimate. “That’s a cheap way to get lights out there,” council president Chris Even said. The lights will be placed on existing poles along the highway, providing more light for motorists and pedestrians. Area resident Floydine Egurrola petitioned the council to take action months ago, saying that the poor lighting was dangerous for people walking along the road because of speeding motorists and poor visibility. Had new poles been necessary, the project would have cost \$40,000, or

\$8,000 per light. Lights with a transformer would cost between \$7,000 and \$9,000, but Cook was assured a transformer would not be necessary. **Frontage ordinance approved** Council members unanimously approved a zoning ordinance setting minimum lot frontage width requirements for new construction in the city. The ordinance was adopted because frontage requirements had not been explicitly laid out in existing city code. The new code calls for a 60-foot frontage for regular lots and 35-foot for flag lots. Frontage is described as the measurement from one property line to another along the front of the lot. Flag lots are land parcels that lie at the end of a long driveway, accessed by a long driveway. “It’s simple enough that developers on cul-de-sacs can get away with lot land that’s a little crooked in order to make that work,” Cook said. “They would have to make it really weird to not work, and we would just have to make them change it at that time.” Wherever the property widens (where a residence might be), the property must be 60 feet wide at that point.

NAPA sidewalk project extended NAPA Owyhee Auto Parts in Marsing has been granted a 4½-month extension to complete its sidewalk construction project after a council decision. The deadline, set for July 1, has been extended to Nov. 15. The auto parts store was originally granted an extension last winter when bridge construction would have made the project difficult to complete. Owyhee Auto Parts owners had to change their plans after the Idaho Transportation Department replaced a rounded pedestrian ramp at Riverfront Drive and Main Street with a more straight-edged design. Cook said that the construction company responsible for the sidewalk wants to meet with him to decide how the plan should be changed to accommodate the different corner. “I’m going to meet with them in the next week or two ... to decide how they’re going to do it,” Cook said. “Let’s just push it out until Nov. 15 — that will give them all the way to the cold weather season to get it done.” **Up Road dust control planned** The city’s attempt at dust abatement on Up Road, running parallel with C-Line Canal behind the Morning

Dove subdivision has a target date. Public works superintendent Philip Gibson said that the projected cost for the job is \$1,328, and the work should be carried out near the end of the month. Gibson has planned for oil to be applied to suppress dust. He also said that City Park’s upgraded playground equipment has been installed. “I’ve finally got that put in after about three years,” he said. Gibson said that he hopes to have his crew reinstall the repaired middle dock at Island Park soon. His team will also be prepping Island Park for the Third of July celebration in coming weeks. **New business licenses approved** The council approved three new business licenses. D & G Market, a Hispanic grocery store, has been approved to set up shop at the old location of the Sleepy Hollow Quilt Shop, near the corner of 2nd Avenue West and Main Street. Technical Computer LLC and FTL Transportation Inc., also received business licenses and are located in the old Nova Realty building on Main Street near Canal Street.

Courthouse report

Felony and misdemeanor dispositions from courtrooms in Murphy and Homedale:

June 5
Pavel Sergeyevich Shepelyuk, Auburn, Wash. — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations, no logbook (serious violation): \$263.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs.

June 4
Abrielle Kestner, Homedale — Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession (plea deal): \$100 in fines, \$304 in court costs. **Dismissed by court:** Misdemeanor controlled substance possession
Sergey Yarmoliuk, Antelope, Calif. — Commercial freight regulations violation, false logbook (bond forfeiture): \$343.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

June 3
Gabriel M. Chaves, Marsing — Misdemeanor disturbing the peace (amended from misdemeanor carrying a concealed weapon while under the influence; plea deal): 180 days in jail (1 day served, 1 day to serve on work release, 178 days suspended), 12 months unsupervised probation, \$142.50 in fines, \$330.50 in court costs
Joseph J. Waller, Homedale — Misdemeanor petit theft (plea deal): \$250 in fines, \$307.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by court:** Misdemeanor commercial burglary, first offense

June 2
Jesus Aguirre Cabrera, Kennewick, Wash. — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, failure to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading or weighting: \$118.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs

May 25
Kevin Dean Allender, Parma — Misdemeanor running red untaxed fuel on public highway: \$300 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by court:** Misdemeanor failure to appear

May 24
Vicente Amador, Homedale — Misdemeanor fail to maintain liability insurance, second or subsequent offense (plea deal): 5 days in jail, \$310 in fines, \$190 in court costs
James W. Melton, Fresno, Calif. — Misdemeanor controlled substance possession, misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession (plea deal): \$797.50 in fines,

May 21
Kayla Laryssa Mejia — Misdemeanor fail to maintain liability insurance, second or subsequent offense (plea deal): \$131.50 in fines

May 20
Gabriel Hernandez, Palmdale, Calif. — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations, false logbook, serious violation: \$263.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

May 19
Brian Joseph Rhodes, Parma — Misdemeanor controlled substance possession (plea deal): \$300 in fines, \$197.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession

May 18
Artur Purliev, Pembroke Pines, Fla. — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, failure to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading or weighting: \$118.50 in fines,

\$160.50 in court costs

May 17
Roberto Ramos Escobedo III, Nampa — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, failure to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading or weighting: \$118.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

May 14
Mark A. Neal, Marsing — Felony controlled substance possession (plea deal): 2 to 7 years in prison (62 days served; retained jurisdiction), \$250 in fines, \$635.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession
Ismael Mark Salazar Jr., Nampa — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, failure to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading or weighting: \$118.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs
Robert E. Worthington Jr., Parma — Felony battery-domestic violence: 3 years felony probation. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Felony attempted strangulation; misdemeanor malicious injury to property; misdemeanor intentional destruction of a telecommunication line or instrument. **Withheld judgment:** Defendant can petition to have record expunged upon successful completion of sentence

May 12
Jasmin Mustajbasic, Spokane, Wash. — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, over width: \$118.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs

May 11
Jahmiah Gonzales, Conyers, Ga. — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, failure to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading or weighting: \$118.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs

May 10
Hector Neri Perez, Marsing — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, failure to obtain overweight or oversize permit: \$68.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

May 7
Abbeygale L. Ballesteros, Marsing — Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession: \$300 in fines, \$347.50 in court costs

May 6
Quintrell S. Alexander, Vancouver, Wash. — Misdemeanor controlled substance possession: \$300 in fines, \$347.50 in court costs
Dismissed by court: Misdemeanor controlled substance possession, misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession
Juan A. Ayala-Torres, Weiser — Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession: \$300 in fines, \$347.50 in court costs
Krista M. Slawson, Homedale — Misdemeanor driving under the influence: 1 year supervised probation, \$300 in fines, \$368.50 in court costs. **Withheld judgment:** Defendant can petition to have record expunged upon successful completion of sentence

May 5
Luis Enrique Escutia, Greenleaf — Misdemeanor DUI: 3 days in jail (served), 12 months unsupervised probation, 180 days driver’s license suspension, \$300 in fines, \$202.50 in court costs. **Withheld judgment:** Defendant can petition to have record expunged upon successful completion of sentence

Craig Norwood Roberts, Portland — Commercial freight regulations violation, securing dress lumber improperly: \$43.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs

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Canyon Creek Gardens Greenhouse and Nursery provided 20 large potted plants to be placed on sidewalks in front Main Street businesses in Marsing. **From left:** Marsing Beautification Project president Julie Franklin, and Sam and Annmarie John from Canyon Creek. Submitted photo.

✓ Marsing: City agrees to pay for water for plants, too

Council agreed to pay for the beautification committee’s \$1,300 project.

Based on estimates Franklin provided councilmembers during last Wednesday’s monthly meeting, the money will cover purchasing the plants, pots, and fertilizer.

The city also offered to pay for the water to be used for care for the plants for the first year. The city cannot donate the water because the system is an enterprise fund, so money will be pulled from the general fund to pay for it.

The MBP also received a \$1,000 donation from an anonymous local resident to help pay for someone to water the plants twice a day for four months. Additionally, the group has been given the use of a side-by-side with a 40-gallon water tank from MBP board member Stacey Gulley to take care of the plants.

Franklin said she has been in contact with a local senior citizen who would be responsible for watering the plants in exchange for feed for her horses.

Franklin said that she would begin raising funds for next season soon.

The Marsing Beautification Project board consists of Franklin, Marsing Mayor Chad Sevy, Civil Dynamics engineer Kirby Cook, Debbie Bell (secretary), Chantyroise Davison (fundraising), Marsing School District superintendent Norm Stewart, Randall Samples, and Gulley.

City cleanup completed

MBP volunteers and schoolchildren have completed a citywide cleanup of the school district grounds and private properties.

The event was supposed to be carried out over a three-day period, but ultimately took more than two weeks to finish up because of inclement weather.

On May 20, project volunteers, including Franklin, helped coordinate with the Marsing School District to clean up around the district’s campus. For the most part, schoolchildren and teachers took care of that aspect of the cleanup.

Torrential rains on May 21 and May 22 threw a wrench into MBP’s plans, postponing the cleanup of residential properties. A few volunteers braved the weather and weeded and cleaned up along the roadside in front of the apartments on Main Street, across from Kerry Street.

The project was again taken up on June 8 with volunteers cleaning up a couple residential properties, including that of Veterans of Foreign Wars Samuel C. Phillips Post 11036 Cmdr. Daniel Carlson, who was in need of help as he recovers from eye surgery.

Franklin said 12 volunteers participated in the last stage of the cleanup.

“It went great for the first time for us,” Franklin said. “It was a great team-up with the school doing their part on the 20th.”

She said that she has been very grateful to the mayor for finding time to participate in many community-centered activities within the city.

“(Sevy) is super-involved in many things and functions for our city,” Franklin said. “He attends a lot of meetings that affect the schools, the Marsing Beautification Project, (3rd of July) fireworks, council meetings, of course, and much more.”

— TK



Melba athletes cited for academic, sports success

Melba High School is one of three Class 2A schools pegged for recognition as a School of Excellence. The Idaho High School Activities Association announced the top three schools in award program last week. The Idaho Army National Guard sponsors the yearlong, voluntary program. Schools earn points based on how student-athletes perform in athletics, academics and sportsmanship. Bear Lake High School won the Class 2A distinction, and Melba was runner-up. Ririe captured third place. All three schools, and the top three schools in other classifications, will receive recognition during the IHSAA annual meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 4.



Volunteers from Kids First Cast outfitted the young anglers at the 22nd annual Leroy Breshears Family Fishing Day at Island Park in Marsing with rods, reels, tackle, bait and fishing tips. Submitted photo

Breshears Fishing sponsors

- The Owyhee County Sheriff's Posse has announced the sponsors that helped stage the 22nd annual Leroy Breshears Family Fishing Day on June 5:
- Reverence Farms
 - Albertsons
 - City of Marsing
 - Owyhee County Sheriff's Office
 - Sheriff's Posse
 - Owyhee County Farm Bureau Insurance — Dave Cereghino Agency
 - Perfection Repair — Jerry and Randy Breshears
 - Homedale Chiropractic — Dr. Perkins
 - Marsing Lions Club
 - American Legion Post 128, Marsing
 - Arvella Breshears
 - Meadow Gold
 - Breshears Family
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 - M & W Market
 - Kids First Cast

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Never too young for lunch and a show

Earl Hughes (seated) gets a little help tuning his guitar from Ryker Newman (right), 4, during Wilder's lunchtime performance last month at the Homedale Senior Center. Jay Fromlath accompanied on bass. Hughes describes himself as the country music ambassador to Alaska and Hawaii and frequently performs for U.S. troops. Fromlath and Gary Eller, who are part of local band Wilder, plays live music for the senior center lunch crowd every Tuesday.

Sr. center slates indoor yard sale

The Homedale Senior Center will hold a two-day fundraiser to help operate the building on West Idaho Avenue. An indoor yard sale will take place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Friday and Saturday at the senior center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. Coffee and a donut will be available for \$1, and cold drinks will cost 50 cents each. The senior center is open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week. The thrift store helps raise operating capital, too, and is open when the senior center is open. The center also serves congregate meals each

day it is open. The meals begin at noon and are accompanied on Tuesdays by music from the band Wilder. Curbside pick-up of meals is still available, too. Call ahead at (208) 337-3020 to place an order each day, and pick-up is available before 12:30 p.m. In addition to congregate meals, the senior center holds fitness classes at 10:30 a.m., each Tuesday and Thursday. A ladies coffee group meets at 9 a.m., each Wednesday. Foot clinics are available every other month.

Givens woman wins MRW rifle

Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire Capt. Louis Monson (left) delivers the prize to raffle winner Heather Garcia of the Givens Hot Springs area. During the June 6 final day of Outpost Days, Owyhee County Historical Museum director Eriks Garsvo drew the winning ticket in the MRW Fire and EMS raffle for an engraved 30-30 Henry rifle. Monson said MRW would like to thank everyone who supported this year's raffle. Submitted photo

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense Father’s Day

Mother gave me a small box of old pocket watches and a book entitled “A Practical Course in Horology.” It was a Christmas gift. A family heirloom, of sorts. “I don’t know if you’ve got anything of your father’s,” she said. “Fixing watches was his hobby. I thought you might enjoy these.”

A wave of emotion swept through me. Although the sensation lasted only seconds, I felt the complete awareness of how much of me was him.

“Did I get anything of my father’s?” I should say so.

Agriculture, for lack of a more glamorous word; cowboy, livestock veterinarian, horseman, meats man, cattle feeder, animal scientist. This that I am, he gave to me. I don’t mean specifically my first horse, ol’ Maggie, when I was in the third grade. Nor even the evening milking chores I started at age 9. But the whole encompassing gift of the world of soil and sky and grass and animals and manual labor.

I grew up speaking the language of agriculture. It was his language and that of his family. Over the years, I became absorbed in and by his farming heritage. His father was a horseman, as well as some of his siblings, my cousins, and now my children. They were livestock people, cowmen, small farmers, cotton, grain, row crops, big gardens, chicken yards, pig pens, milk cows, draft horses, tractors, combines, pickup trucks, windmills, coon dogs, barn cats, big Sunday dinners, fishin’ in the tank and goin’ to church.

His family was musical. They all played instruments. It was literally in their blood. Grandpa, aunts, uncles, cousins, brothers, sisters, children and grandchildren. They play ... we play, I should say, as easily as some people swing a bat, bake a pie or shoe a horse.

He wrote songs. I have a box full of his old songs, lyrics only. The notes are not written. The melodies all died with him. I have a notebook full of living room hits of my own. Only the words are written down. I don’t read music either.

They say he was a raconteur, an entertaining public speaker and could tell a funny story. That’s how I make my living today.

So to my sweet mother who raised us, I say thanks for the watches and the book on horology. But even without them I can say with gratitude and fondness that, yes, I have something of his ... I am my father’s son.

— Visit Baxter’s Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features and to purchase Baxter Black books, CDs and DVDs. His latest release is a collection of three audio books taking his usual humorous look at rodeo. Be sure to mention The Owyhee Avalanche when ordering.

Letter to the editor

Conservatives can stay, liberals must leave

Larry Kendrick, stick around and fight. We need people like you.
It is the liberals we need to run off.
P. T. Rathbone
Marsing

Letters to the editor

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

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

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

Education

Kudos to agile higher ed system

by Kurt Liebich

Now that Idaho’s public higher education spring 2021 commencement ceremonies are over, as state Board of Education president, I want to congratulate the administrators, faculty, and staff at each of Idaho’s colleges and universities, and draw attention to their remarkable accomplishments since March 2020 when the pandemic disrupted the entire education system.



More than 10,400 students graduated this spring from our eight public community colleges and four-year institutions. This is an extraordinary accomplishment that occurred because of the agility demonstrated by the institutions, first by quickly transitioning to remote learning 14 months ago, and then by immediately

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From Washington

Expanding Supreme Court would invite partisanship into rulings

As participants in the decisions made in Congress, Idahoans contact me with valuable input about the issues our country faces. Realizing that many may not have the chance to contact me, I post information about various issues of importance on my website, <http://crapo.senate.gov>. One of the issues Idahoans have contacted me about is the makeup of the U.S. Supreme Court, especially in the wake of President Biden’s new Presidential Commission on the Supreme Court of the United States. The following is my response:

On January 22, 2021, Senator Marco Rubio (R-Florida) introduced S.J.Res. 4, a proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution. I am a co-sponsor of this measure, which would limit the number of Justices on the Supreme Court to nine. S.J.Res. 4 has been referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee for further consideration.

The Supreme Court plays a vital role in safeguarding the United States Constitution, and has done so in a nonpartisan manner with nine justices for more than 150 years. Packing the Supreme Court and increasing the number of justices would give way to more partisan infiltration for many generations to come and would present greater and unnecessary volatile challenges in fairly and constitutionally settling the most pressing judicial cases affecting Americans.

I share concerns about court packing. The judiciary is not an unelected legislative body; rather, the men and women who serve on the federal bench are charged to enforce and interpret the law before them. I will fight all attempts to undermine the integrity of the federal judiciary.

For more information about the issues before the U.S. Senate as well as news releases, photos, and

U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo
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— 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.

Commentary

Financial management

Homeowners insurance is a keeper, even for financially secure

Dear Dave,
Recently, I made a claim on my homeowner’s insurance for hail damage. It was my first claim ever. Since I’m retired and completely debt-free — including my home — and have over \$1 million in the bank, is homeowner’s insurance still a good idea? The house is insured for \$250,000, with a \$5,000 deductible, and the insurance is about \$1,200 a year.
— Mary

ance on every single one.
It’s just good risk management to transfer the chances of a fire, tornado, or other catastrophic events to homeowner’s insurance. If something disastrous happened, you could write a check to cover the deductible with no problem. But writing a check for \$250,000? You’d feel that one. Keep the policy, Mary!
— Dave



DAVE Says
by Dave Ramsey • www.davesays.org

Dear Mary,
You’re obviously in good financial shape, but I’d still recommend you have an up-to-date homeowner’s insurance policy. If something happened to my home or one of my rental properties, I could write a check and replace any of them. But I still have homeowner’s insur-

I’m on Baby Step 2, and I’m working hard to get out of debt. My last two debts are \$6,000 on a credit card, and \$10,000 on a car loan. I’ll be receiving a \$6,000 bonus at work in a couple of weeks, and I was wondering what to do with the money. I’m single, and I make about \$45,000 a year, so should

I sell the car and get rid of some debt that way, or use the extra money to completely pay off the credit card debt?
— Aaron

Dear Aaron,
Just remember the debt

snowball — pay off your smallest to largest. In your case, that means knocking out the credit card debt completely, and *then* attack the car loan with a vengeance.
It will be a lot easier once you’re rid of that credit card debt. A \$10,000 car with a \$45,000 income isn’t unreasonable, but don’t mess around and let that note hang around longer than absolutely necessary.
My rule of thumb when it comes to things with motors, wheels — I’m talking about big toys, here — is when they’re all added together, they shouldn’t equal more than half your annual income. You don’t want that much money wrapped up in things that are going down in value. You’re in no danger of that here, but at this point you’re so close to being debt-free you can practically taste it.
Follow the plan, Aaron. And stay focused and intense about becoming debt-free. You’re almost there!
— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 18 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

Center for Rural Affairs

Urban vs. rural media narrative pulls focus away from improving lives

Each of the past several elections has thrust rural people into the media spotlight. Rural and urban people are divided, the pundits tell us. Neither understands the lives of the other, the news reports read.
I find the entire narrative rather tired. It is rife with inaccuracies that I won’t try to unpack here.
It is also a distraction. Spending our energy debating an unhelpful caricature of cultural divides keeps both voters and policymakers distracted from making changes that matter.
I suggest we focus our energy instead on a simple question: What action can policymakers take today to materially improve the lives of people regardless of where they live?
There are relatively popular ideas like investing in broadband and supporting entrepreneurship. Also critical is the need for acting on immigration reform, investing in clean energy, and near-term pandemic relief.
We must take our thinking a step further.
Elected officials should adopt policies to encourage

Brian Depew
Executive director

The Lyons, Neb.-based Center for Rural Affairs was established in 1973 as a private, non-profit organization working to strengthen small businesses, family farms and ranches, and rural communities through action oriented programs addressing social, economic, and environmental issues.

a wider geographic distribution of economic growth. For decades, policymakers pursued the opposite, contributing to an acute housing affordability crisis in many urban areas and a lack of quality housing in many rural areas.
We should create the frameworks and support to encourage cooperative and employee ownership of businesses and assets to provide more ways for workers



to share in economic growth and business success.
Policymakers must also confront corporate power. Rural advocates have long pressed for meaningful antitrust action against big corporate agriculture interests. Now-unchecked corporations like Amazon and Dollar General are reshaping our communities and pose new threats to rural economies.
The conversation must also be more inclusive. Too often, the media narrative about rural falls prey to the trap of focusing solely on white people in the Midwest. Some white people are left behind by the current system, but so, too, are there Native Americans, new immigrants, and Black people across rural America who have been left out and who face overwhelming systemic barriers.
While the dominant narrative keeps us divided from one another, a renewed focus on how our elected representatives can improve the lives of everyday people could serve to unite. As people see government acting as a force to improve their lives and their communities, the perceived cultural divides will recede into the background.

✓ Higher ed: Staff, administrators navigate crisis

From Page 14
getting to work on detailed plans to bring students safely back to campus as soon as possible.
Institution leaders held daily and then weekly conference calls, sharing ideas and strategies. They operated as one system, and it paid off. When most colleges and universities across the nation were shut down, Idaho’s public institutions opened their doors last fall, and they have remained open. It was an extraordinary effort, and I commend everyone involved.
Institution presidents and administrators also did an amazing job managing finances during a very uncertain time. The pandemic caused enrollments to drop, forcing furloughs and even layoffs. The colleges and universities were the only entity in state government that reduced

their payrolls as a result of the pandemic.
The University of Idaho actually eliminated its \$20 million operational deficit in less than two years — a notable accomplishment during normal times, let alone during a national crisis. Unfortunately, several hundred people across the higher ed system lost their jobs or took early retirements as a result of restructuring.
The pandemic warranted hard choices, and our college and university presidents stepped up and made many difficult decisions, keeping our institutions financially sound.
We cannot forget how important these institutions are to our state’s economy — generating more than \$3.3 billion annually in gross state product, providing a trained and educated workforce for Idaho businesses

to compete and grow. More than 10,400 newly minted graduates are now prepared to make their mark in Idaho and beyond.
These graduates will lead productive and fulfilling lives as a result of their time at one of our public institutions, all of which worked extremely hard to keep their students in school and on track, while managing perhaps the most difficult crisis in the 132-year history of higher education in Idaho.
— Boise businessman Kurt Liebich is president of the Idaho State Board of Education. Gov. Brad Little appointed him in December 2019. His term ends on June 30, 2024. To correspond with board members, call (208) 334-2632, fax to (208) 334-2632, email board@osbe.idaho.gov, or mail The Office of the State Board of Education, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0037.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

June 19, 1996



Fire brigade

The Homedale Fire Department put out a brush fire that was moving across a vacant lot towards Sunset Trailer Park last Friday. The blaze consumed a 25-acre field, without damaging any property.

Fujishin earns Eagle Scout rank

Martin Fujishin, 17, of Troop 400, Ontario, Oregon, was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout, the Boy Scouts of America’s highest honor, on June 4, 1996. Troop 400, sponsored by Ontario’s First United Methodist Church, held a Court of Honor to bestow the Eagle badge.

Fujishin, son of Barry and Margaret Fujishin of Adrian, Oregon, has been involved in Scouting since 1987 when he joined Cub Scouts. His Eagle Scout service project was organizing a farm safety program for the Adrian Elementary School students.

Afterward, Fujishin’s program was distributed to FFA chapters throughout Malheur County to be used in other schools and 4-H clubs.

Shoo-fly 4-H club to showcase wares

Michelle and Pam Travis, members of the Shoo-fly 4-H club, will showcase their dairy products Saturday, June 22, at the Meridian Dairy Days show.

Shoo-fly 4-H, an association of livestock owners, also will sponsor a judging contest July 6 at the fairgrounds, and a car wash July 12 in the parking lot of Homedale High School.

The organization sponsored a number of events in June. On June 2, Rusty and Lee McBride demonstrated their products at the fairgrounds.

On June 6, members showcased their agricultural products before a panel of judges in Marsing.

On June 15, Kathy Roy organized a field day at 9:00 am at the Caldwell fair grounds.

Homedale girl attends session

Miss Crystal Bale of Homedale is attending the 50th Annual Session of Idaho Syringa Girls State at Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa, Idaho, an event sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.

Bale, who will be a senior at Homedale High School this coming year, was elected to the office of precinct committee woman of the Nationalist Party in Heather. She is the daughter of Elaine and Duane Bale.

Grant will help refurbish Homedale airport

A \$37,500 grant from the Idaho Department of Transportation will help the city of Homedale repair the airport, city supervisor Larry Bauer said.

Homedale promised another \$12,500 towards the project to receive the grant from the Department of Transportation, which will cover the \$50,000 cost of repairing the airport, Bauer expects.

50 years ago

June 17, 1971



SWIMMERS FOUND the water pretty cold when they tested Homedale’s new swimming pool in early May after it was first filled with water. These boys slipped in through an opening in the temporary fence to be first “in the swim.” The pool officially opened Saturday at 1 o’clock to the public. Photo by Everett A. Colley.

School board reorganizes, re-elects Arima chair

Bills paid totaled \$7,702.89 at the regular monthly meeting of the Homedale school board Monday night.

Re-elected trustees were sworn in, Paul Zatica, Harold Wilson and Chuck Yost.

Tom Arima was re-elected chairman with Les Aufer as new vice chairman.

The second Monday of each month was again designated as the regular meeting date.

The bus maintenance schedule was awarded to Texaco for the coming year.

The board offered a contract to Duane Root, music instructor, as principal to replace Darrel Reisch.

Sarah Cornell was hired as high school commercial teacher, replacing Mrs. Norene Kellum, who resigned.

DARREL REISCH has resigned as principal of Homedale High School to accept appointment as Principal of Nampa High School.



Owyhee girls enter competition for rodeo queen

Two Owyhee County girls, Jackie Mewhinney, 19, Homedale, and Linda Tyson, 17, Murphy, have entered competition for queen of the Snake River Stampede. Jackie will represent the Old Fort Boise Riders of Parma and Linda the Murphy Roping Club.

A Homedale girl, Linda Basey, 19, who attends TVCC at Ontario, has been named queen of the Vale Rodeo. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Basey of Central Cove and a graduate of Homedale high school. Runner-up is Rene Collins, 19, Jordan Valley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Collins, and granddaughter of Mrs. Ruth Sevy.

‘Kirt’ Skinner chosen to lead Vale parade

A well known Jordan Valley pioneer, S. K. “Kirt” Skinner, has been named as Grand Marshal of the Vale July 4th parade.

Skinner will lead the wild horse parade held especially for him and will be honored at special ceremonies in the Vale City Park after the parade.

Skinner, a native of Jordan Valley and a lifetime rancher, has not only been a leader in modern ranching techniques, but has been active in community affairs, serving on local school boards for many years, as well as the IED Board since its inception. He has been active in and held offices of various livestock associations, the Farm Bureau, and both the Idaho and Oregon Historical societies, among other civic interests.

155 years ago

June 16, 1866

RANCHES JUMPED. – A Jordan Valley gentleman tells us that several ranches have been jumped this Spring. He says none but legally abandoned ones have been thus occupied, but that former claimants have since attempted to exercise possession and propose to be troublesome. What we’ve before stated, we now repeat, that jumping ground is attended with danger, however legal the action; but when claimants have failed to comply with the law giving them possession, they should understand that their claims are as legally open to settlement and possession by others as land never occupied or claimed by any one. They should not be permitted to retard improvements by illegally possessing desirable public lands. Ranches that have been abandoned for months at a time and never had fences nor houses thereon, cannot be held under the Territorial Possessory Act, nor the U.S. laws regulating ownership of the public domain by parties who fail to “continue to occupy and to cultivate or graze the same, or some portion thereof; either *in person* or by *his agent or employe.*” The lands of the United States can be held legally by actual possession. As a police regulation, the Territorial legislatures usually declare what must be done to constitute possession, and a failure to comply with the requirements is a complete abandonment. The Idaho Statutes say the lands must be continually occupied and grazed or cultivated, “either in person” or by an “agent or employe” of the claimant.

CRICKETS. – Many a man in this country is losing money by not having hogs to eat the crickets that abound in various parts of the county. Apropos of crickets, Jack says he swept up and carried out of the store in Silver City, last Summer, five wash basins full of these unctuous insects before dinner; while George asseverates that he saw several piles, drifted in a small stream, that would measure twenty bushels, and that a man engaged in digging a grave laid his coat on the ground and having completed the work went to look for his garment and found nothing but the buttons and a few strings, the crickets having devoured the rest of the fabric. The worst case of cricket ice ever experienced was last Summer while en route to Owyhee from Boise City in the stage. It is customary, while the passengers take supper at Babbington’s, for the stage to go ahead up the mountain — it being comparatively easy to overtake it. Charley Barnes was driving. He was attacked by a host of extra-hungry crickets; was compelled to abandon the stage and take to the rocks; the horses being cleaned of harness in a twinkling, made their escape; about a mile this side of Bab’s we met Barnes with two iron axles on his shoulder, looking as mad as __, which showed what had become of the coach. Ask Barnes if crickets ain’t bad.

GOODS FOR SILVER. – The large mule and oxtains loaded for Ewing, Boving & Co. and J. F. Dye & Co., with an aggregate of nearly one hundred tons of general merchandise, having left Red Bluff on the 16th of May, may reasonably be expected to arrive within the next ten days or two weeks, and even now may be lumbering on the threshold of this camp. E. B. & Co. are ready at the old Tregaskis corner. The Butler Bros., of J. F. Dye & Co., are progressing finely with their stone building nearly opposite, and will be ready. Let the trains come on.

Public notices

SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

May 3, 10, 17, 24, and 27 May 3

- Set the agenda as presented.
 - Approved and pay all outstanding bills for the following departments: Current Expenses \$53,606; Road and Bridge \$883; District Court \$1,105; Probation \$1,224; Health District \$4,507; Indigent and Charity \$30,107; Revaluation \$429; Solid Waste \$7,494; County Vessel \$367
 - Approved the 04-26-2021 minutes.
 - Approved the hiring of Irma Mutton for the part time position at the Grand View DMV, to begin on April 26, 2021, at the pay rate of \$13.30 an hour.
 - Approved the hiring of Francesca (Frankie) Williams for the full-time position of Dispatch for the Sheriff's Office, to begin on May 11, 2021, at the pay rate of \$16.12 an hour.
 - Approved the transfer of Deputy Dygert from Jailor to Sheriff Patrol Deputy, to begin on May 10, 2021, at the pay rate of \$17.74 an hour.
 - Approved the Public Defender Extension Agreement to commence October 10, 2021 and end on September 30, 2022.
 - Prosecutor Phillips presented Owyhee County felony and misdemeanor case numbers for 2018 and 2021 to the Board of Commissioners; stated that the County case load has close to tripled over the three (3) years.
 - Approved the 2022 Alcoholic Beverage License renewals for #10 – The Bowling Alley, LLC – Homedale; #11 – JC Landing – Grand View; and #12 – Owyhee Motor Sales, Inc. – Homedale.
 - Approved Certificate of Residency 21-08 for College of Western Idaho.
 - Approved the lien on I&C case 21-12.
 - Approved I&C case 21-07.
 - At 9:46 a.m. Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (a) regarding personnel. Motion was unanimous. No action was taken. Open session was resumed at 10:21 a.m.
 - Approved the repeal of the Owyhee County COVID-19 Policy as established on August 17, 2020 and amended on subsequent dates; rescinded effective May 3, 2021.
 - Chris Cromwell, BLM Fire Management Specialist, spoke about the current agreement, which expires on November 30, 2021. The agreement discussed is a five (5) year agreement between Owyhee County and BLM and provides funds for County road maintenance as it pertains specifically to fire prevention.
- May 10**
- Set the agenda as presented.
 - Approved the May 3, 2021 minutes.
 - Approved the re-hire of Terry McGrew for the part time position of Idaho Power Deputy and Waterways with the Sheriff's Department, to begin on May 10, 2021, at the pay rate of \$20.93 an hour.
 - Approved Indigent Defense Financial Assistance Compliance Proposal Application FY 2022.
 - Approved the renewal of Alcoholic Beverage Licenses #13 –Y Bar & Café and #14 – Rebecca's Market & Restaurant.
 - Approved a letter regarding the road maintenance contract between Owyhee County and Mt. Home Air Force Base.
 - Approved the re-zoning of

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held on Thursday, July 24,2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the Bruneau Quick Response Building, 32531 Belle Ave., Bruneau, Idaho, at which time the Board of Commissioners will meet to consider adjusting the Bruneau Fire District 2021 Adopted Budget in order to expend necessary funds not known to be required at the time the budget was originally adopted. The additional amounts will not result in an increase of anticipated property taxes over the amounts previously levied. Additional revenues (Grant funds) will be used to cover the additional expenditures.

Owyhee County Grant	\$10,800
Total Requested Increase:	\$10,800

Dated this 9th of June, 2021
Brandi Lisle,
Clerk of the Board of
Bruneau Fire Protection District
06/16/2021

Fuquay and Gruenwald properties south of Murphy. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.

- Approved Certificates of Residency 21-09 & 21-10 for College of Western Idaho and Certificates of Residency 21-01 & 21-02 for College of Southern Idaho.
- Approved I&C case 21-10.
- At 9:51 a.m. Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (c) acquisition of an interest in real property. Motion was unanimous. No action was taken. Open session was resumed at 10:03 a.m.
- Engineer Cook with Civil Dynamics provided an update on the Owyhee County Fairgrounds RV Park Project.
- At 10:23 a.m. Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (a) personnel matters and (f) possible litigation. Motion was unanimous. No action was taken. Open session was resumed at 11:07 a.m.
- Commissioners met with Jarbidge District BLM for the monthly coordination meeting.

May 17

- Public Comment – Indian Cove residences gave public comment on the topic of the County's decennial land use plan pertaining specifically to the land from Oreana to Indian Cove in Owyhee County and their desire for the current zoning to remain unchanged.
- Set the agenda as presented.
- Approved and pay all outstanding bills for the following departments: Current Expenses \$31,536; Road and Bridge \$37,901; District Court \$1,459; Fair: Grounds & Buildings \$265; Probation \$447; Historical Society \$307; Indigent and Charity \$48,302; Junior College \$1,000; Revaluation \$5,901; Solid Waste \$12,583; TORT \$8,398; 911 \$2,671; County Vessel \$808; Off Hwy Vehicles \$899
- Approved the 05-10-2021 minutes.
- Approved the hiring of Melinda Gage for the part time position at the Grand View DMV, to begin on May 11, 2021, at the pay rate of \$13.30 an hour.
- Approved the transfer of Madison Anderson from part-time to the full-time position of County Agent and 4-H Program Coordinator for the Extension Office, to begin on May 11, 2021, at the pay rate of \$14.00 an hour.
- Approved the re-hire of Greg Bishop for the full-time position of Patrol Supervisor for Sheriff's Office, to begin on May 17, 2021, at the pay rate of \$25.00 an hour.
- Approved the renewal of Alcoholic Beverage Licenses #15 – The Pour House and #16 – Grand View Store.
- Approved the Hyde House Catering Permit for The Farm Collective for June 4, 2021 – 4:00

p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and June 5, 2021 – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

- Approved Chairman Merrick to sign the Road Agreement between Owyhee County and Mt. Home AFB if a version is finalized before the next Commissioner meeting on May 24, 2021.
- IAC Scholarship Award Presentation – Chairman Merrick presented the Bob McKenzie Scholarship Award for \$1,000 to Madison Miller.
- Owyhee County Fair Grounds RV Project Bid Award – Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to Approved Thueson Construction, Inc. for the bid amount of \$767,996.00 under the condition that the electrical component can be completed with-in this bid amount. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi. Motion carried.
- The Commissioners met with the Boise District BLM for their monthly coordination meeting.

May 24

- Set the agenda as presented.
- Approved the May 17, 2021 minutes.
- Commissioner Aberasturi will schedule a meeting with Denise Rogers the County's Water System Monitor for Thursday, May 27, to go over options for the Murphy Water System.
- Approved Resolution 2021-10 Opening Silver City Road.
- Approved the Xerox contract for the printer/copier in the Deputy Clerk's Office for \$170.93 per month for 60 months beginning on June 1, 2021.
- Approved the renewal of Alcoholic Beverage Licenses #17 – Salinas Raiders Express Café; 18 – Alejandras Mexican Restaurant; 19 – Jumbo's Auto Supply; 20 – Moxie Java Bistro/Tango Saloon/ Arena; 21 – Cowboy's Pastime; 22 – Golden Ocean; 23 – Fisher's Saloon; 24 – The Spot Pizza Place.
- Approved the Liquor Catering Permit for Cowboy's Pastime on June 5, 2021 from 8:00 am to 1:00 am and on June 6, 2021 from 8:00 am to 11:00 pm.
- Approved the Liquor Catering Permit for The Spot Pizza on June 5, 2021 from 8:00 am to 10:00 am and on June 6, 2021 from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm.
- Approved a Grant Letter of Support for MRW.
- Approved Certificate of Residency 21-03 for College of Southern Idaho.
- County Commissioners confirmed that current County policy regarding liens needs to be followed for I&C case 03-22.

May 27

- Approved the Sheriff's Office part time new hire of Tim Riha for the position of Supervisor over part-timers in Idaho Power/ Waterways/OHV at the pay rate of \$21.09 per hour, with a start date of May 28, 2021.
- Approved the Sheriff's Office part time new hire of Steve Carlin for a position with Idaho Power/

Waterways/OHV at the pay rate of \$17.22 per hour, with a start date of May 28, 2021.

- Approved the Sheriff's Office full time new hire of Justin Rawson for a Detention Officer at the pay rate of \$15.50 per hour, with a start date of May 28, 2021.
- Approved the Clerk's Office part time new hire of Aiesha Zenor for Court Clerk 1 in Homedale at the pay rate of \$13.75 per hour, with a start date of June 7, 2021.
- Approved the Sheriff's Office part time new hire of Tearsy Freeman for a position with Building Maintenance at the Murphy Courthouse at the pay rate of \$12.00 per hour, with a start date of May 27, 2021.

06/16/2021

PUBLIC NOTICE ANNOUNCING THE AVAILABILITY OF A FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Rural Development City of Homedale: Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact

ACTION: Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact.

SUMMARY: The USDA RD has made a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) with respect to a request for possible financing assistance to the City of Homedale for the construction of new wastewater treatment lagoons and wastewater collection system in Homedale, Idaho.

FURTHER INFORMATION: To obtain copies of the EA and FONSI, or for further information, contact: Noe Ramirez, RD Caldwell Office, 9 2208 E. Chicago St., Ste. C Caldwell, ID 83605, Phone: 208-779-3440, or noe.ramirez@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed project consists of the following:

Collection System Alternative 3- 18,650 feet of 8-inch sewer pipe, 17 manholes to be replaced, 52 manholes to be rehabilitated, and reconnect and replace 183 sewer connections. *Wastewater Treatment Alternative 4-* Construction of 3 partial mix lagoons, mechanical headworks equipment and building, rehabilitate main lift station, aeration equipment, backup power generator, polishing reactor, and UV treatment building and equipment.

Alternatives considered by USDA RD and the City of Homedale include: Three collection system and five treatment/disposal alternatives were evaluated in the Facility Plan and EA. The alternatives are discussed in the City of Homedale Wastewater Improvements Project EA. The USDA RD has reviewed and approved the EA for the proposed project.

The availability of the EA for public review was announced via notice in the following newspaper: Owyhee Avalanche on May 26 and June 2, 2021. A 14-day comment period was announced in the newspaper notice(s). The EA was also available for public review at the USDA Rural Development office and website as well as the City of Homedale's offices. No comments were received. Based on its EA, commitments made by the City of Homedale, and public comments received, USDA RD has concluded that the project would have no significant impact (or no impacts) to water quality, wetlands, floodplains, land use,

aesthetics, transportation, or human health and safety.

The proposed project will have no adverse effect on resources listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The Agency has also concluded that the proposed project is not likely to affect federally listed threatened and endangered species or designated critical habitat thereof. The proposed project would not disproportionately affect minority and/or low-income populations.

No other potential significant impacts resulting from the proposed project have been identified. Therefore, USDA RD has determined that this FONSI fulfills its obligations under the National Environmental Policy Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR §§ 1500-1508), and USDA Rural Development's Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR Part 1970) for its action related to the project. USDA RD is satisfied that the environmental impacts of the proposed project have been adequately addressed. USDA RD federal action would not result in significant impacts to the quality of the human environment, and as such it will not prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for its action related to the proposed project.

06/16/2021

ORDINANCE NO. A-220

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARSING, IDAHO, ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION TO 8-6-2 OF THE MARSING CITY CODE, REQUIRING FRONTAGE FOR RESIDENTIAL LOTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The City of Marsing finds that residential lots shall have a frontage requirement for the benefit of public safety, health and welfare;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARSING, IDAHO:

SECTION 1: That Title 8, Chapter 6, Section 2, "Enumeration of Nuisances" is hereby amended to read as follows:

D. Lots are required to have a minimum of 60 feet of lot width at front setback line, unless the lot is determined by the City to be a flag lot. Flag lots require a minimum of 35 feet of lot frontage and the minimum lot width and setbacks are measured from where the lot widens for a building.

SECTION 2: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval, and publication in the official newspaper of the City.

APPROVED by the Mayor and City Council this 9th day of June, 2021.

CITY OF MARSING
Owyhee County, Idaho
s/: Chad Sevy, Mayor
ATTEST:
s/: Jolyn E. Thompson, City Clerk
06/16/2021

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Roll ends: Great for packing material, building fires, lining birdcages or for your kids to doodle on. The Owyhee Avalanche, Homedale

YARD SALE

Yard Sale - 4809 Sagewood Ln, Caldwell, Idaho, June 18-19 - 7-5. Oak headboard, 18 cf refrigerator, clothes, dishes, miscellaneous.

Multi-Family yard/ garage sale. Friday & Saturday, 8am to 3pm. 6022 Waterview Ln, Marsing Idaho.

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Wild start to Rivercats' Legion baseball season

Jr. Legion squad begins 2-1

The American Legion baseball season opened with three losses for the Owyhee Rivercats. The Rivercats are a Class A squad coached by Burke Deal and sponsored by the George D. VanDerhoff American Legion Post 32 in Homedale. The team (0-3 at week's end) is back in action at 6 p.m., today at John Jackson Field against visiting New Plymouth.

Thursday: Emmett 7, Rivercats 2 — Owyhee held a 1-0 lead until the Blue Devils jumped on starting pitcher Dillon Fine for four runs in the top of the sixth inning at John

Jackson Field. The Rivercats grabbed their one-run lead in the second inning after Sigmund Goode drew a leadoff walk. Goode scored from third base on Jayden Wutherich's base hit. Owyhee made two outs at home plate in the inning. Emmett built a 7-1 lead with three runs in the top of the seventh before the Rivercats scored again. D'Orr Packer drew a one-out walk and stole second before scoring on Jed Simpson's double. Fine struck out 10 and walked three while scattering seven hits in six innings of work.

Last Wednesday: Nampa 12, Rivercats 10 (5) — The

Braves scored twice in the bottom of the fifth inning for a walk-off victory. Four of Nampa's final five runs were unearned and sent reliever Xavier Delgadillo — a Marsing product — to the loss. Owyhee sent 12 batters to the plate in the top of the fourth inning to score its first runs of the game and take an 8-3 lead. Tommy Muir smashed a bases-loaded triple for the big hit in the inning. He scored on a balk. It was the first of two triples in the inning for Muir, and Goode also tripled in the uprising. After Nampa rallied for seven runs in the bottom of the fourth, the Rivercats pushed two across to tie the game, 10-10, in the fifth. Wurtherich was stranded

at third with the go-ahead run. **June 8: Emmett 10, Rivercats 8** — The season's early theme of late scoring began in the opener as the host Blue Devils padded a slim lead with two runs in the sixth then held on. Simpson started the seventh with a walk for Owyhee. He moved along on a passed ball and wild pitch before Andrew Marston's run-scoring ground-er. The Rivercats wouldn't put the bat on the ball for the rest of the inning. The game started as a see-saw battle. The Rivercats grabbed a 3-2 lead in the second inning with the help of some Emmett miscues. Wutherich drilled a run-scoring single, and Marston scored the go-ahead run on a

wild pitch. Wutherich was 2-for-4 with two runs scored. Simpson also scored twice. Owyhee surged ahead again, 6-4, with a three-spot in the fourth. Terron Morrison and Fine smacked RBI singles to put the Rivercats in front again. Delgadillo's sacrifice fly plated Morrison. **Jr. Legion** — The Owyhee Rivercats won two of their first three games. The team scored in the bottom of the seventh for a 7-6 walk-off victory over the Co-County Elite 13U squad on June 2. After losing, 12-2, to Melba on June 8, the Rivercats rebounded with a 10-0 shutout of Emmett last Wednesday.

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County takes on more employees

New sheriff's patrol deputy, magistrate court clerk

The Owyhee County employee carousel continued with a slew of new hires approved by the Board of Owyhee Commissioners in recent meetings. Three new employees joined the sheriff's office: • Tim Riha was hired to replace the recently retired Mike Rabourn supervising part-time Idaho Power, waterways, and off-highway vehicle deputies. Riha will be officially retiring from the Nampa Police Department in August. The latest Public Employees Retirement System of Idaho pensioner hired by OCSO will be paid \$21.09 per hour with OCSO. He will be subject to the same

employment restrictions of other PERSI enrollees on the Owyhee County payroll. • Steve Carlin has been hired as a part-time reserve deputy, working with Riha as an Idaho Power deputy at C.J. Strike Reservoir and on the waterways and OHV crews. He began May 28 and makes \$17.22 per hour. • Justin Rawson was hired as a jailer, filling a spot vacated when Kyler Dygert transferred to patrol on May 10. Rawson's position is full-time, and he will earn \$15.50 per hour. His start date was May 28. • Aiesha Zenor has been

hired as a magistrate court clerk in Homedale. She was hired to replace the recently retired Cindy Chavez. Zenor is making \$13.75 per hour, effective June 7. • Providing temporary help for the Reynolds Creek Road project, Tim Freeman was hired at \$18 per hour as a water truck driver. Freeman has construction experience, operating equipment and trucks. • Pamela Springer was hired in the building maintenance department at the county government offices in Murphy. She will work 15 hours or fewer per week and will earn \$12 per hour for general office cleaning. Springer replaces Tearsy Freeman, who was offered the job but declined it for personal reasons. — TK

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