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County assessor stepping down later this year

Longtime county employee Gruenwald leaving midway through first elected term

The Owyhee County Assessor's Office will soon see a change in the top spot.

Assessor Toni Gruenwald, who has held her position since Brett Endicott retired in 2017, turned in her resignation notice to the Board of County Commissioners on June 14.

Her last day will be Aug. 31.

Anyone interested in finishing out Gruenwald's term as assessor should contact Shawn Dygert of the Owyhee County Republican Central Committee at (208) 250-9882, and/or email a letter of interest and a résumé to shawn.dygert@gmail.com.

The committee will vet all applicants, Dygert said. The committee's findings will be reported to the GOP precinct representatives, who will decide which candidates are appropriate to present to the BOCC for a final selection.

Gruenwald said she intends to

endorse deputy assessor Robin Monahan as her replacement after she leaves office, but acknowledged that the commissioners don't necessarily have to accept her endorsement.

Dist. 1 Commissioner Jerry



— See *Assessor*, page 3 Toni Gruenwald

Idaho Avenue rehab could stunt businesses' rebound

Merchants,
sr. center chief
worry about road
work's impact

Homedale citizens dreading detours to their routes home aren't the only folks affected now that construction crews have begun tearing up Idaho Avenue.

Perhaps most deeply affected by the rehabilitation project are myriad businesses that line the road from 4th Street East to 4th Street West.

The stretch from Main Street to 4th Street West is currently completely dug up on the north side, with no street parking available to the businesses there.

That means visitors to merchants such as Homedale Men's Hair Shack, High & Low Second Hand Store, Fisher's and Last Chance saloons, Trojan Take and Bake Pizza, Voodoo Tattoo and more must find alternative parking elsewhere.

Many of those businesses struggled to make ends meet when Homedale, like other places around the world, was held in the grip of COVID-19.

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A Knife River Corp., construction worker cleans off an asphalt profiler on Thursday. The Idaho highway 19 rehabilitation project through Homedale began June 14, and the north side of Idaho Avenue from Main Street to 4th Street West is torn up.

Trustees seek \$14M bond to improve HHS

After years of contemplation and conversation, trustees are ready to upgrade the 80-year-old portion of Homedale High School.

School board members passed a resolution during their June 14 meeting to ask patrons to approve a \$14 million bond in the Aug. 31 election.

The 4-0 decision to seek a 15-year bond comes on the heels of the City of Homedale receiving judicial confirmation to bond for \$10.5 million to upgrade the city's wastewater system.

Zone 3 Trustee and board vice-chair Dwayne Fisher was absent, and Zone 5 Trustee Shane Muir cast his vote telephonically.

The deadline to file measures for the election is July 12, but the city avoided an election by asking a district judge to grant the ability to levy taxes.

Schools superintendent Rob Sauer said the board's action two meetings before the deadline will give trustees a chance to fine-tune the request.

The school district also has a wider tax base than the City of Homedale with the district boundary stretching into Canyon County. That would lower individual obligations, but according to last week's resolution, property owners could pay \$212 per year for every \$100,000 in net taxable value.

Property owners in the district currently pay on a plant facility levy, but the last bond levy was retired in 2017 after the final payment on the 1997 middle school construction financing.

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Activities help Adrian youth shake COVID-19 blahs

Adrian 2040 establishes summer camps, library through grant

Adrian-area youth have several opportunities for summer activities after the Adrian 2040 group received a \$36,500 grant. The K-12 Summer Learning Fund of Oregon Community Foundation has committed money toward helping school-age children in Oregon make up for education, social connection and engagement lost during the COVID-19 shutdown.

“We so appreciate the investment by the Oregon Community Foundation in our youth,” Adrian 2040 president Nickie Shira said.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has been especially hard on the young people of our community, and we’re trying to do what we can to help them catch up from missed learning opportunities and to re-engage and rebuild relationships.”

There are summer classes planned in sewing, photography,

and woodworking as well as a summer “library in the park,” and several sports camps.

The grant will help reduce or eliminate costs to students. The instructors have offered their time at a deeply discounted rate, or in some cases for no cost at all.

Sewing camp

Third-graders through adults are eligible for this sewing camp, which will teach basic sewing skills, or more advanced skills for those who have some sewing experience.

The camp is designed to use sewing as an avenue to develop important skills, reinforce concepts learned in school, and encourage self-esteem by completing useful projects.

Heidi Purnell and Julene Bowns will teach the camp in partnership with the Oregon State University Malheur

County Extension.

Students will have the option to sell their creations at the Adrian Community Market and/or enter them in the Malheur County Fair.

Photography camp

This course for middle-schoolers, another partnership with the OSU Malheur County Extension, will be led by husband-and-wife team Eric Ellis and Angie Sillonis.

This camp will attempt to teach students the difference between “taking a photograph” and “making a photograph,” and how the photographer can make that distinction.

Students will be provided with their own camera and lenses, and laptops will be available for the students to edit their photos.

The grant will also provide wi-fi to the park where the community market and most of the courses will take place, as well as an opportunity for students to sell their photos at the market and show their

photography at the Malheur County Fair.

Woodworking camp

Youth will have the opportunity to use woodworking tools to make and paint a small wooden car.

Joe and Carol Condie will share their knowledge and tools with campers, who have the chance to show and sell their cars at the county fair and community market.

Library in the Park

A “Little Library in the Park” will be built and books for all ages will be placed inside. As conceptualized by Sarah Martin, the Little Library will be run on a “take a book, leave a book” system.

The library will operate during the summer because there is no other library in Adrian once the school year ends.

Martin and Martin Builders has volunteered to construct the Little Library, and the grant will help purchase books.

Students enrolled in Adrian

schools will be given the code to access the Little Library.

Sports camps

Sports offerings, in partnership with Adrian Sports Boosters, will include volleyball, basketball and football camps for middle-schoolers, Lil’ Lopes basketball camp for kindergarteners through fifth-graders, and a disc golf camp for boys and girls ages 8-14.

A flier with information on how to sign up for the camps will be sent to the homes of Adrian School District students.

The goal of Adrian 2040 is to make Adrian a place people are proud to live into the future, organization members said, and providing opportunities for youth is an important part of achieving that goal.

Officials stress that none of the summer programming would be available without the volunteer efforts of camp coordinators, the Oregon Community Foundation, and the community members willing to donate their time and expertise.

More retirees added to sheriff’s office duty roster

The county hiring surge continued June 14 when the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners approved taking on three new employees during its meeting in Murphy.

Glenn Dixon, a retired lawman from California, has been hired for part-time courtroom security in Murphy. Dixon began making \$17.22 per hour when his

employment became effective June 14.

Carol Rowe assumed many roles when she began working for OCSO on June 14. She is a part-time employee and will work primarily in dispatch. She will have other duties as well, including records.

She will make \$18.08 per hour and, like Dixon, is retired from law

enforcement and will be working 19.5 hours per week to abide by Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho regulations.

Under PERSI retirement conditions, anyone receiving benefits may continue to work fewer than 20 hours per week, or if employment does not total five consecutive months.

Marsing resident Kelly Ineck has been hired as a part-time county agent for the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office. She was hired on June 14 and will earn \$13 an hour.

Ineck will serve as an office assistant in the Marsing building on 8th Avenue West.

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Use of Homedale library buildings on docket

The Homedale City Council will hold two meetings in two different venues Monday.

First, the town’s elected officials are scheduled to convene inside the Homedale Community Center at 4 p.m.

The community center is located in the old city library building at 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

The council and other interested parties will discuss permitted uses for the community center, Homedale Community Foodstead (which shares the same building), and the original, century-old library building that stands behind the 1980

library building.

At 6 p.m., the council returns to City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., for a discussion and possible action on the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development letter of conditions.

The letter is part of the process through which the city can obtain funding to carry out the wastewater treatment lagoon rehabilitation and the replacement of pre-1967 piping in the city’s sewer lines.

The elected officials will continue their Fiscal Year 2022 budget workshop following the meeting.

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✓ Assessor: County GOP will suggest successor

Hoagland said the county definitely will miss Gruenwald.

“She has done a great job since she’s been here,” he said. “It’s a tough job, and the assessor is not always the most popular person in the world, but she had the personality and temperament for it.”

Gruenwald has served the county in a variety of positions over the past 14 years. She began in 2007 as a sheriff’s dispatcher before transferring to the Murphy branch of the Division of Motor Vehicles.

In 2013, she moved into the assessor’s office as the roll clerk and became a certified appraiser the following year.

In 2015, she took over the chief deputy assessor position and was then appointed to the top job when Endicott stepped down two years later.

She retained the elected position during the 2019 county elections. Whoever succeeds Gruenwald will have the option to run for their own four-year term in the 2023 election cycle.

As she rides off into the

sunset, Gruenwald and her husband Ross have opted to sell their Owyhee County property and move out into “the wilds of Oregon.”

“We have no real plans for travel or anything,” Gruenwald said. “We’re going to work on fixing the place up.”

Gruenwald and her staff have had to deal with many obstacles over the past year, as many businesses and government entities have. The spread of COVID-19 caused, and continues to cause, many changes to the way the county does business, especially in the county’s DMV branches.

“The DMV has been tough, having to please the public and (Idaho Transportation Department),” Hoagland said.

Gruenwald said she will be leaving what she thinks is a strong staff in the assessor’s office, and that the citizens of Owyhee County are in good hands.

“I’m proud of the group we have and of the work we’ve done,” she said. — TK



Seeking relief from the heat

Trisha Pascoe (second from left) of Caldwell and a friend search for some relief from the heat, springing for an ice-cold lemonade from the Sorenson brothers — Winston, 10 (right) and Remington Sorenson, 11, (right, obscured) — at the Homedale Farmers Market on Thursday at Bette Uda City Park in Homedale. The market takes place from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., every Thursday through Aug. 26.

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Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 43 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 140 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 151 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 307,610 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.

Melba motorist dies after colliding with ag machinery

A Melba resident died Thursday night in a head-on collision with a hay swather on Idaho highway 78 13 miles south of Marsing.

The wreck was reported at 8:41 p.m.

McCoy died of his injuries at the scene, ISP reported.

The highway was blocked in both directions for 2½ hours while crews investigated. The Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office and Marsing emergency medical services crews provided assistance.

The crash is under investigation.

According to Idaho State Police, 62-year-old James McCoy was driving westbound in a 1997 Toyota Camry when the vehicle crashed into an eastbound hay swather driven by Joseph Young, 36, also of Melba.

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✓ Rehab: Barber concerned about side-street pedestrians

Those that survived were looking for a resurgence in business as restrictions were lifted.

But the long-planned pavement and sidewalk work loomed.

Just as things were looking to return to a semblance of normalcy, the Idaho Transportation Department and its general contractor, Knife River Corp., rolled into town and threw a wrench into the gears.

Side streets such as North 1st Street West and North 2nd Street West are closed to all but local traffic, too. North Main Street remains accessible.

Now citizens and their companion businesses must wait until September before things can return to normal down Homedale’s major thoroughfare.

“My big thing is there is no side street access, from here (100 block of West Idaho Avenue) to (ExtraMile),” the Hair Shack’s Kari Clark said. “Where the heck are people going to park?”

“Plus, the noise alone is going to keep a lot of people away.”

Clark, who also lives on Idaho Avenue, said that she has told people that maybe they could park on West Owyhee Avenue near the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library and walk through the breezeway to the Hair Shack.

“It’s not good right now. Many businesses are going to be badly affected,” she said.

Clark also noted that drivers using other streets to commute, including Owyhee Avenue, one block north of Idaho Avenue, should keep in mind that there are a lot of pedestrians on those streets, including children.

“I sure hope that people are paying attention, particularly those from out of town,” she said. “I hope people are talking to their kids about being careful walking on those streets.”

The Homedale Senior Center just resumed congregate meals Tuesday to Thursday last month but is experiencing hardship. The center has parking availability to the west of the building, but the construction and the noise are likely going to keep participation in the meals and other programs low, center coordinator Sandra Ledford said.

“We’ve already had a hit,” Ledford said. “Our (Wednesday morning) coffee ladies had a really hard time getting in.”

The availability of parking is a chief concern as Ledford looks forward to the senior center’s annual Buckaroo Breakfast fundraiser, which coincides with the Owyhee County Fair during the first full week of August.

“We have to grill out in the parking lot, and that’s where everything gets set up,” she said. “But where are people going to park?”

“Normally they would have parking options, but not much this year, I guess.”

— TK



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— **John 3:7**

by Jack Muldoon

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There has never been a person who sought for the new birth who did not find it; even the seeking is created by the spirit of God. Are you tired of the emptiness and purposelessness of your life? Then look to the cross of Jesus Christ. Place your trust in Him. Ask Him to come in and be born in you today. For Jesus came into the world from glory to give us second birth because we must — we must — be born again.

Dear Jesus, thank you for preparing a place for us in your Father’s house. Help us make the necessary preparations in our lives today so we will be ready to enter our Heavenly home with you.

— *Jack Muldoon is a long-time Marsing resident who has been instrumental in the non-denominational prayer breakfast staged at the Nazarene church as well as the annual Marsing High School all-alumni picnic in August. During a 32-year mission at the Idaho State Penitentiary, he conducted a non-denominational service in the main yard and a service at maximum security.*



Religious expression

Longtime Marsing resident Jack Muldoon’s column this week is the latest installement in what we at The Owyhee Avalanche hope becomes a regular feature. “Religious Expression” will be presented as a way for Owyhee County pastors to deliver a message to our readers. We encourage religious leaders to email their writings, of no more than 500 words, and a photo plus personal information and information about their church and its services. The hope is to have a regular column rotating among the area’s pastors to publish in conjunction with the Avalanche’s Owyhee County Church Directory. For more information, contact managing editor Jon P. Brown at jon@owyheeeavalanche.com or (208) 337-4681, ext. 102.

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For fresh local food, week by week, check into the CSA option

I have talked about CSA before in this column, but from the consumer point of view. This week, I wanted to present it as a flexible, viable option for selling homegrown agricultural products of all kinds to your friends and neighbors.



Ariel Agenbroad

CSA stands for Community Supported Agriculture, and it is a type of farm marketing that connects consumers directly with local farms through “subscriptions.” Customers pledge or pay in advance to cover anticipated costs of the farm operation. In return, they receive shares in the farm’s bounty throughout the growing season.

There are many variations on the CSA theme. Selling shares of fresh vegetables are most common, but a CSA can also involve eggs, dairy, meat, value-added products like bread, jams and jellies, even cut flowers! Share prices in our area typically average \$300 to \$600 per share or more per season, depending on the length of the season, what is included in the share, and the size (some shares are designed for large families, others might be scaled down for single people or couples).

The benefits of CSA to a farmer include the potential to earn up-front, early operating capital. And unlike some sales strategies, a CSA can be structured to fit the farm and the farmer. CSA offers lots of flexibility, and can often lead to or supplement other marketing efforts.

However, there can be significant challenges to a CSA too, and, like selling at farmers markets, it’s not for everyone. Beginning and managing CSA can be complex, especially for new farmers. Meeting shareholder demands requires careful planning, timing and communication. It’s very important that you have access to a supportive customer base, and you’ll be most successful if you have organization, communication and production skills.

So, is CSA right for you? If you can answer “yes” to the following statements, CSA may be a good fit for you and

your farm:

- I have experience in producing high-quality, consistent products
- My community is interested in CSA
- There may be other CSAs in my community, but the market is not saturated
- I have enough land, water, and labor resources available to start and “grow” a CSA to meet my income goals
- I enjoy working with people
- I am a good communicator
- I am capable of planning for and attaining specific yield quantities
- I have a backup market for potential excess and a backup supply for unforeseen shortages
- I have researched the legalities and liabilities of this type of enterprise
- Lastly, I have talked to many farmers over the years who have successfully implemented a CSA.

Here are some basic tips:

- Talk to other growers about their experiences and process
- Start small — just a few families or individuals and get their feedback
- Diversify your crops and products and find out what people like best
- Explore additional marketing outlets if you grow too much or have trouble finding customers
- Build relationships with other growers so that you can potentially collaborate to expand on what you offer in your shares or get additional product if you have a crop failure

University of Idaho Extension has several resources to help you explore CSA. Check out our publications at <http://bit.ly/uiextsmallfarmspubs>. To view free, pre-recorded webinars that cover starting and managing a CSA, visit www.cultivatingsuccess.org.

— Ariel Agenbroad serves southwest Idaho as an Area Extension Educator in Community Food Systems, and Small Farms for University of Idaho Extension. Her areas of specialization include home and market vegetable production, direct marketing of small farm products, organics and gardening with youth. She can be reached at ariel@uidaho.edu.

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

Lions demolition derby driver meeting

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

Thursday

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

Homedale Farmers Market

3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Bette Uda City Park, Homedale

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

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

Free lunch

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

Sunday

Catholic Mass

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

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. (208) 337-4228

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., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

Performed by Wilder

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.

Wednesday

Ladies coffee group

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

Food distribution

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., The HUB food pantry, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 649-541

Story Time

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

Thursday, July 1

Exercise class

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

Reynolds Irrigation District meeting

1 p.m., Wilson School House, 10427 Johnston Lane, Melba.

Rimrock Sr. Center board meeting

1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922

Homedale Farmers Market

3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Bette Uda City Park, Homedale

Yoga class

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

Teens & Tweens

5 p.m. to 6 p.m., 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.

Owyhee County Fair Board meeting

7 p.m., Owyhee County Community Center, 423 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3888

Saturday, July 3

Free lunch

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

Third of July activities

5 p.m., Island Park, Marsing

Lions Club barbecue

6 p.m., Island Park, Marsing. \$10 adults and teens, \$8 seniors and children 5-11, younger than five eat free.

Third of July fireworks

Dusk, Island Park, Marsing.

Sunday, July 4

Independence parade

8:30 a.m., lineup, high school parking lot, 9 a.m., parade, downtown Homedale. (208) 606-6299 or (208) 250-9128 or lionsderbyparade@yahoo.com

Truck pulls

Noon, Owyhee County Fairgrounds along the Snake River, Homedale.

Fourth of July Demolition Derby

10:30 a.m., pits open, 4:30 p.m., spectator gates open, 5:30 p.m., grand entry, Owyhee County Fairgrounds rodeo arena, 420 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale. (208) 866-2629

Death notice

VIRGINIA RUTH AMAN, 99, of Homedale, formerly of Murphy, died early Tuesday morning, June 22, 2021 at the home of her daughter Sue in Nampa. Arrangements are being made by Nampa Funeral Home, Nampa.

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 23: **Breakfast:** Pancakes **Lunch:** Ham & cheese stuffwich, peaches, celery sticks, chips
June 24: **Breakfast:** Breakfast bar **Lunch:** Bean & cheese burrito, Juice Alive, cucumbers
June 25: **Breakfast:** Waffle sandwich **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, mandarins, broccoli
June 28: **Breakfast:** Cereal **Lunch:** Ham & cheese sub, Craisins, broccoli, chips
June 29: **Breakfast:** Apple filled donut **Lunch:** PB&J-grape sandwich, applesauce, carrot sticks
June 30: **Breakfast:** Banana bread **Lunch:** Chicken quesadilla, Juice Alive, celery stick

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 23rd, and 30th
June 23: Pepperoni and cheese flatbread pizza, Italian pasta salad with vegetables, carrot salad
June 24: Baked salmon, baked potato, spinach
June 29: Roast pork, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas and carrots
June 30: Beef, bean and cheese burrito, rice, California blend vegetables

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 23: Hamburger sliders, loaded mashed potatoes, cascade vegetables
June 25: BBQ pork, ranch beans, Normandy vegetables
June 28: French dip sandwich, garlic red potatoes, carrots, hoagie roll
June 30: Orange chicken wrap, white bean salad, peaches, tortilla

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 24: Hoagie sandwich (ham, turkey, bacon, cheese, sliced tomato), macaroni salad, fresh fruit, carrot and celery sticks, yogurt
June 29: Breaded cod filet or breaded chicken, gratin, cauliflower and broccoli, spiced applesauce, pears, yogurt, whole grain roll

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Obituary

Robert Ben Hays (Rob)

Robert Ben Hays (Rob) was born near Homedale, on the Wilder side of the river, with the help of a midwife on September 25th, 1925, and died peacefully with his family at his side on June 18, 2021.

His parents were Lee Bowman Hays and Eva Brown Hays. He had three sisters, Fay, Eulah, and Velma. Two brothers Lee and Carl. Rob was the youngest of his siblings. He was the last to pass away.

He met MaryLou Hill, the love of his life, at an outdoor skating park in Homedale in 1948. MaryLou was 19 and Rob 24 when they got married on July 20th, 1949. They had two sons, Robert Ray Hays and Allen Lee Hays.

He attended Last Chance school, on the corner of Hogg and Thompson Road, until eighth grade. Because of his father's poor health, he needed to quit school to help run the family farm. When he started farming, he had to use horses. Coalie, "was as black as could be," he would say and Blue was a blue roan. By the time he quit farming, he had moved on to using tractors and other equipment to raise his cattle feed.

He milked cows for years and finally sold the herd after Allen, his last helper, left home. He started selling his grain to Simplots after that. On one trip to Simplots, he had his grandson Josh sitting on his



lap. He fell asleep and Josh was driving the truck. Josh was only seven or eight years old. Rob loved his Hereford cattle the best. He kept them for a year after his retirement. So he didn't officially retire until the beef cows were sold.

He also liked to help his brother and best friend Carl with his race horses. He ponied at home helping work out the horses and saddled at the track.

Baseball was his favorite sport and he spent hours playing and coaching. He and MaryLou even had to hurry home after their wedding in Winnemucca so he could play in a baseball game. As a coach he coached his sons and grandkids and after his retirement enjoyed helping Jim McMillan with the girls

softball team at Homedale high school. He was the girls hitting coach and loved every minute of it. He supported his boys and grandkids in all that they did. He traveled all over the United States and parts of Canada so he would not miss one of their sporting events. His first large airplane trip was to West Palm Beach, Florida to watch his grandson Luke play in the National NAIA Tournament when he played for Albertson College of Idaho.

He liked to fish. He fished Bully Creek, Antelope, Cascade and a little mud hole called Little Camas Reservoir.

As he got older, he would sit in his machine shed in the shade and wave at the people driving by the farm. He did get visitors pretty often also.

Rob is survived by his wife, MaryLou, his son Robert (Susan) Hays, his son Allen (Teri) Hays, 4 grandsons, 12 great-grandkids and several nieces and nephews.

Rob was preceded in death by his parents, all of his siblings, an infant grandson and his daughter-in-law Marsha.

Rob was a friend to everyone he met and will be missed by many.

Graveside Service will be held Thursday, June 24, 2021, 10 AM at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery.

Memories can be shared at www.flahifffuneralchapel.com

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

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

Local couple to celebrate anniversary, birthdays

Mountain View Church of the Nazarene will be the site of a celebration of big proportions for a well-known local couple.

Homer and Jo Howell are both the organizers and guests of honor at a “Howell Celebration” from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 26, 2021.

The celebration will bring family and friends together for Homer’s 90th birthday, Jo’s 75th birthday, and the couple’s 20th wedding anniversary all rolled into one.

The celebration will be held outdoors if the weather cooperates and will feature vegetable and fruit trays, and other summer fare. There will also be three different cakes on hand: one for each birthday and one for the couple’s anniversary.

The public is encouraged



Jo and Homer Howell

to attend the Howells’ momentous day. They are also requesting no gifts.

Jo said that many local family members will be in attendance, as well as those from Maryland, Florida, Arizona, Alaska, Washington state, and other locales.

The couple now lives in Wilder, but Jo lived and worked in Homedale for 50 years.



Kinley Shanley, 11, earned the Junior Division grand championship for her illustrated talk about raising orphan foals during the Owyhee County 4-H Oral Presentation Contest on June 10 in Marsing. Submitted photo

Courthouse report

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

- June 14**
Hamlet Izquierdo Rodriguez, Gibsonton, Fla. — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations violation, no logbook (serious): \$263.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs
- June 9**
Higinio Apaza Vilca, Burley — 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

Youth excel at 4-H Owyhee County oral presentations

by Madi Anderson
U of I Owyhee 4-H coordinator

Owyhee County 4-H’s Oral Presentation Contest is an educational opportunity that allows our members to develop their abilities in public speaking.

Presentations offer 4-H’ers an avenue to share their skills and knowledge of their projects to others. The objective of these competitions is to provide an opportunity for youth to share their passion and knowledge while honing their abilities and confidence speaking in public.

The contests were held on June 8 in Grand View, and on June 10 in Marsing. Sixty-three youth gave presentations on topics ranging from four-stroke engines to types of horse bits.

The University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office staff would like to extend our utmost gratitude to the volunteers who donated

their valuable time to judge our contests and to Marsing Elementary and American Legion Post 134 for playing host to the contests. Without our volunteers and hosts, this opportunity for our youth would not have been possible.

Congratulations to our top speakers:

Junior Ag — Grand champion, Colby Starbuck; reserve champion, Paisley Starbuck

Junior Horse — Grand champion, Kinley Shanley; reserve champion, Garrett Hubler

Intermediate Ag — Grand champion, Ainsley Erwin; reserve champion, Hayden Higgins

Intermediate Horse — Grand champion, Ainsley Erwin; reserve champion, Jessica Hipwell

Senior Ag — Grand champion, Hannah Moos; reserve champion, Matea Jaca

Senior Horse — Grand champion, Gene Showalter; reserve champion, Kate Hipwell



The Steinmeyer siblings (from left) Luke (Senior Division, age 14), Timothy (Junior, age 10) and Bethany (Intermediate, age 12) earned a blue ribbon for a team illustrated talk about their sheep projects during the Owyhee County 4-H Oral Presentation Contest on June 10 in Marsing. Submitted photo

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Third of July anchors Marsing’s summer events

Games planned during community celebration

The City of Marsing and its citizens are gearing up for the annual Third of July celebration at Island Park featuring fireworks, games, music, and summertime merriment.

The Marsing Lions Club’s popular barbecue begins at 6 p.m. Club members will serve up tri-tip, funeral potatoes, cowboy beans, coleslaw, rolls and cookies. The meal costs \$10 for adults and teens, and \$8 for seniors 65 and older and children ages 5-11. Children 4 and younger eat for free.

The barbecue is one of the Lions Club’s largest fundraisers, and proceeds go toward various community service projects, including eyeglasses for the needy, the annual Easter egg hunt, Christmas baskets, and more.

Fireworks will likely be set off shortly before 10 p.m., depending on

the weather; if the night is cloudy, they may begin sooner. James Ferdinand and Garret Briggs are in charge of the fireworks.

Tina Clapier and Randy Messer won Monday’s raffle drawing for the fireworks viewing and catered dinner on the City Hall deck. The meal is catered by the Marsing Lions Club, and the two winners will be able to invite five friends apiece to enjoy the private viewing overlooking the Snake River.

Thompson said parking areas for the Third of July will be available at Marsing schools on 8th Avenue West and the old high school gymnasium on Main Street. Parking is not available at Island Park.

Brown Bus Co., shuttles will ferry folks to Island Park from the designated parking areas.

Shuttles will also stop by the Owyhee Manor. Any seniors or handicapped persons that need to be picked up can

call City Hall at (208) 896-4122 to arrange transportation.

There will be an increased Owyhee County Sheriff’s presence as deputies help with traffic control.

With the new access to the north side of Island Park, there are two routes to get into the riverside park for the Third of July festivities. Thompson said revelers must not cross Main Street during festivities, and with the second entrance there is no need to cross the street.

Vendors should be set up by 5 p.m., Thompson said, but folks can start coming at any point before that.

Games will also be available for children and adults alike, including ring toss, bean bag toss, ping pong ball toss, three-legged race, pie-eating contest, egg race, and Fruit Roll-Ups eating contest.

Third of July vendors and booths at Island Park will include:

- **Holy Oly O’s** — doughnuts

- **Idaho Fudge Company** — Italian soda and ice cream
 - **Idaho Central Credit Union** — music
 - **Left-Handed Body Art** — face painting
 - **Marsing High School cheer** — dunk tank and candy
 - **Marsing Health Coalition** — information and literature
 - **Ankeny Brothers** — kettle corn
 - **Musical train** — train and bounce house
 - **Idaho Army National Guard** — information and literature
 - **Nana Pops** — cake pops
 - **Scott Peterson** — lemonade
 - **Marsing Chamber of Commerce** — water and glow sticks
 - **Wilderness Wireless** — internet provider
 - **Owyhee Ruff Riders 4-H** — raffle and fundraiser
 - **2C Family Brewing** — beer
- TK

Lions Club gathers demolition derby drivers tonight

Prospective drivers are required to attend a meeting with Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derby officials each year.

The meeting for the 40th annual derby takes place at 7 p.m., today inside The Bowling Alley banquet room, 18 N. 1st St. W.

Derby officials will go over the rules, answer any questions, and gather information forms and photos from the drivers to be used in the event program. The information also will be used during the grand entry announcements.

Tickets for the derby and

the Believe Pulling truck pull set for noon on Sunday, July 4 at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds are available online at TicketLeap.com. Folks can buy tickets for either event or a combination ticket to see both events.

For more information:

- **Truck pull** — Jake Petero, (541) 212-4123
- **Entering a derby car** — Jeremy Townsend, (208) 337-4668
- **Car build questions** — Kaleb Hotchkiss, (208) 965-7457
- **Food booth information**

— Josh Love, (208) 880-8483

- **Program advertising or general information** — Will Pryor, (208) 866-2629
- **Parade** — Cat, (208) 606-6299, or Michael, (208) 250-9128 or lionsderbyparade@yahoo.com

Dean’s List

University of Idaho

Several local residents were among the more than 2,800 students who qualified for the University of Idaho’s spring 2021 Dean’s List.

To qualify, students must maintain at a 3.5 grade-point average while carrying a minimum of 12 graded credits during the semester:

Homedale

Amaya L. Beckman — College of Agricultural & Life Sciences, Bachelor’s in Animal, Vet & Food Sciences

Ashleigh A. Evans — College of Education, Health & Human Sciences, Bachelor’s in Education; Curriculum & Instruction

Cindy C. Albor — College of Business & Economics, Bachelor’s in Business

Gage C. Purdom — College of Letters Arts & Social Sciences, Bachelor’s in Music

Jacob A. Falls — College of Natural Resources, Bachelor’s in Fishery Resources; Fish & Wildlife Sciences

Kaylee E. De Witt — College of Education, Health &

Human Sciences, Bachelor’s in Education; Curriculum & Instruction

Kendall N. Nash — College of Business & Economics, Bachelor’s in Business; Accounting

Lyndsey N. Salutregui — College of Education, Health & Human Sciences, Bachelor’s in Education; Curriculum & Instruction

Nallely Gonzalez — College of Business & Economics, Bachelor’s in Business

Ricardo Hernandez — College of Business & Economics, Bachelor’s in Business

Dillon S. Pfost — College of Business & Economics, Bachelor’s in Business

Trevor S. Romans — College of Education, Health & Human Sciences, Bachelor’s in Recreation; Movement Sciences

Grand View

Elizabeth E. Bearden — College of Agricultural & Life Sciences, Bachelor’s in Ag Education; Agricultural & Ext Education

Jordan Valley

Kort M. Skinner — College of Agricultural & Life Sciences, Bachelor’s in Ag Economics; Agricultural Economics & Rural Sociology

Regann D. Skinner — College of Agricultural & Life Sciences, Bachelor’s in Ag Economics; Agricultural Economics & Rural Sociology

Marsing

Clancy E. King — College of Business & Economics, Bachelor’s in Business

Melba

Alejandra Guevara — College of Agricultural & Life Sciences, Bachelor’s in Family and Consumer Sciences

Faith M. Heuck — College of Letters Arts & Social Sciences, Bachelor’s in English

Kiera M. Packer — College of Agricultural & Life Sciences, Bachelor’s in Ag and Life Sciences; Agricultural & Extension Education

Trey M. Wilson — College of Business & Economics, Bachelor’s in Business

William W. Dyas — Col-

lege of Agricultural & Life Sciences, Bachelor’s in Soil & Water Systems

Wilder

Daria T. Paxton — College of Natural Resources, Bachelor’s in Forestry; Forest, Rangeland & Fire Science

Elias C. Paxton — College of Letters Arts & Social Sciences, Bachelor’s in Music

Elizabeth Mejia — College of Letters Arts & Social Sciences, Bachelor’s in Sociology & Anthropology

Isabella M. Tamura — College of Business & Economics, Bachelor’s in Business

Ismael G. Cortez — College of Letters Arts & Social Sciences, Bachelor’s in General Studies

Jedidiah J. Jones — College of Engineering, Bachelor’s in Electrical & Computer Engineering

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The College of Idaho

Three local students have earned spots on The College of Idaho’s spring 2021 Dean’s List.

To qualify for the honor roll at the private liberal arts college in Caldwell, a student must achieve a grade-point average of 3.75 or higher.

Homedale — Alexis Muir

Marsing — Katelyn Hobbs

Jordan Valley — Baylee Davis (Davis’ father Tom reports her GPA was 3.92 while pursuing a Biomedical Sciences degree)

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New era begins as JV museum curator retires

ION Heritage Museum open again after COVID-19

by Tara Echave

The Jordan Valley ION Heritage Museum is fixed on the future after celebrating a changing of the guard on Thursday.

After 19 years of service, museum curator Joanne Cunningham officially retired. The 82-year-old handed over the keys to newly appointed curator Kelly J. Stanford last week.

The museum has its roots in a group of locals that began working nearly 20 years ago to preserve the culture and history of the Idaho-Oregon-Nevada area.

The Jordan Valley Owyhee Heritage Council formed in 2002, and the Then and Now exhibit alongside U.S. Highway 95 in Jordan Valley was the group's first exhibit.

The ION Heritage Museum soon followed.

"At the time, we were trying to figure out how to afford to build a building," Cunningham said. "Then John Elorriaga donated his family home, property and most of the belongings inside."

According to Cunningham, "John's sister, Pilar, was very interested in the community and lived in the house for quite some time. Pilar had kept all kinds of historical documents and items. She was a packrat. The house was an instant museum because of the stuff that Pilar saved."

There was only one problem.

There was too much "stuff" to properly display everything for visitors, and there was not enough money to operate the former boarding house as a museum either.

At the time, the JVOHC voted to auction off items that were not needed for the museum and use the proceeds for initial operating funds.

It was at that point that Cunningham "fell into being the curator."

She was instrumental in putting on the auction and organizing the artifacts.

After the auction,

Cunningham started putting the "kept" items together and organizing the house.

The ION Heritage Museum opened in 2005 with the grand opening in 2006.

Once the ION Heritage Museum was actually opened, Cunningham took on various duties as curator: Receiving and keeping track of all items, cleaning the premises, greeting and teaching visitors, maintaining and organizing the property, ensuring that all property was cared for adequately, writing grants and participating in community events.

For 15 years, Cunningham kept the museum doors open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday — with very little help from other members.

"Joanne has done an excellent job setting up that museum and keeping it open," JVOHC president Mike Hanley said.

"Her donation to the community of Jordan Valley is almost unheard of in this day and age."

Cunningham admits that although the JVOHC is a 100 percent volunteer organization, that it is "probably not feasible in the future because few have the time and are willing to devote so much to one cause."

The JVOHC's yearly operating budget of \$5,000 comes from membership dues, donations and one fundraising mainstay — the community calendar.

Cunningham was born and raised in the Jordan Valley area. She grew up on Jackson Creek and attended high school at Jordan Valley. After marrying Pat Cunningham, she moved to Succor Creek and raised her family there.

When her husband passed away suddenly, her son Ronald stepped up to learn to run the ranch. Joanne helped keep the ranch going and continued to raise her younger children.

Joanne later moved to Arock, Nevada, and back to Jordan Valley where she took care of her mother, Lily Stanford, until her passing. It was at that time that the JVOHC was formed, and Joanne found that she had a true passion for history.

"Personally, I gained a lot of knowledge about the area," she said. "My dad was a historian, but I never paid attention."

"As curator, I really enjoyed learning the answer to why



Kelly J. Stanford (left) succeeds retiring Jordan Valley ION Heritage Museum curator Joann Cunningham. Cunningham's retirement was celebrated with lemonade and cake Thursday. Submitted photo

Jordan Valley is here and what makes it tick. I also thoroughly enjoyed meeting the people. We have had some very interesting visitors, like descendants of the early settlers. They would always bring a bit of history with them."

All good things must come to an end, and after 19 years, Cunningham was "just plain tired and facing some health issues," she said.

"Also, I had reached the end of what I knew how to do. I feel like the JVOHC needs someone with communication skills, one who can advertise more broadly and draw in groups. I don't have the knowledge or desire to use technology, and I believe the museum does need somebody with those skills."

Cunningham looks back on her years of service fondly.

"I enjoyed it thoroughly. There is so much history here. The locals really don't know what a treasure they have here," she said.

"I was pleased to be able to put that in a capsule, so that it could be known. I have really enjoyed working with the museum. It was a pleasure."

During the past year, the museum has been shut down most of the time because of State of Oregon COVID-19 regulations.

As curator, Cunningham was known for giving private tours,

though. There has been a sign on the door of the museum for years inviting any visitors to call her home phone number any time to set up a tour.

Many have taken her up on the offer. During 2020, Cunningham continued to give private tours.

"Everybody could see that Joanne was doing an excellent job, but I wanted to help her when I could," JVOHC board member Kelly J. Stanford said.

Cunningham took note of Stanford's interest in the museum as well as her family ties to the area.

"Kelly's great-, great-grandfather was Baxter, who was one of the two original settlers. Canter was the other. Baxter had the grocery store and the post office for a while," Cunningham said.

"Kelly has deep ties to the community, and I think she will carry on the culture and work to preserve the history for future generations."

Once COVID-19 regulations allowed the museum to open, Stanford set in motion cleaning and preparing. Currently the ION Heritage museum is open on Fridays and Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m., and Tuesdays from 10 a.m. 4 p.m.

Stanford greets customers at the door, carrying on the traditions Cunningham has

set forth.

The JVOHC has been working diligently over the past few months on a multitude of projects. First and foremost: Getting the museum opened back up full time after COVID-19 shutdowns.

Second, the JVOHC facilitated the Jordan Valley rodeo parade this year, calling the parade the Big Loop Parade of Champions. The parade was a great success, and the group has intentions of continuing its involvement in the future.

Furthermore, in the past six months, the JVOHC has been putting free food at the post office in Jordan Valley. Those efforts have been bolstered for the past month by an Idaho Power grant.

Right now, the JVOHC is selling community calendars (with the Big Loop Parade of Champions photograph by WT Bruce on the front) and running a membership drive.

The group also has recently been awarded two grants enabling the JVOHC to help improve the community and culture.

A \$5,000 Oregon Historic Cemetery Grant will help the group revitalize the historic Jean Baptiste Charbonneau gravesite in Danner, Ore. The group is working with local fence builder Dennis Elordi to replace the dilapidated fence to ensure the site is protected from livestock and such. The son of Sacagawea and an infant during the Lewis and Clark expedition, Charbonneau died at Inskip Station on May 16, 1866.

A second grant — \$10,000 from the Oregon Heritage Commission — will be used to install a new roof on the ION Heritage Museum. The museum's roof has a multitude of leaks endangering the collections within, and the JVOHC hopes to have the roof replaced before winter hits.

With an end to COVID-19 restrictions, the JVOHC invites folks to Jordan Valley to visit the museum.

There is no official cost to tour the museum at 502 Swisher Ave.; however, donations are recommended at the door.

A 20 percent coupon for the Big Loop Pizzeria is available for those who donate. The pizzeria is located a block away, serving pizzas, subs, salads, and a variety of desserts and drinks.

For questions or comments, visit the ION Heritage Museum's Facebook page or call curator Kelly J. Stanford at (541) 586-2181.

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GRAND VIEW DAYS



The Rimrock High School cross country team led the charge to start the Raiders Cross Country Grand View Days 5-kilometer race, but it was Rimrock alum DO Draper who crossed the line first. Eighth-grader Juana Lemus finished first in the women's race. Proceeds from entry fees will help buy additional uniforms for coach Melissa Raymond's growing program. Event T-shirts are still available for purchase for \$10. Contact Raymond at (208) 863-0335 for more information. Photo by Erica Mulberry

Harold and Merilanne Simper were Grand View Days parade grand marshals. Harold tosses a handful of candy to folks along the route Saturday evening. Submitted photo



A group of daredevils blaze down Idaho Avenue in Grand View in Saturday's lawnmower race. David Zaragoza crossed the finish line first. Photo by Erica Mulberry



Top: Marsing resident Amber Clay (left) introduces Archie to Jonathan Page and his father Samuel during Thursday's summer reading program at Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library in Homedale. Clay trains service dogs, including those like Archie that assist people with diabetes. **Left:** Homedale Police Officer Danny Zenor tells a large group of children about the skills law enforcement K-9s like his partner Ruger possess during a talk inside the Homedale Community Center.



Homedale children to have library sleepover by plushy proxy

Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library in Homedale figures to be a hopping place during the summer reading program at 1 p.m., on Thursday.

The Tales and Tails theme continues with the reading of "Tops and Bottoms," by Janet Stevens, and a second book featuring the classic Paul Bunyan character.

The gathered children will then play a Guess Who? Tall Tales character activity, followed by apple stamping, an axe toss game (axes made of cardboard and felt), a hammer and rock activity, and a Pecos Bill photo booth.

At 4 p.m., children can drop off their favorite stuffed animals for a sleepover. Library staff will take a picture, and the children can make a nametag for their friend. Photos of the animals participating in activities will be posted on Facebook by 8 p.m.

Friday morning, the children will pick up their stuffed animals and can join library staff for a story and doughnuts.

Activities during the teen summer reading program at 5 p.m., on Thursday include painting pet rocks, games, and pizza will be served. The youths will help the younger children when they drop their stuffed animals off.

Preschool Story Time at 10:15 a.m., on Monday will feature "Elmer the Patchwork Elephant" by David McKee. Afterward, the children will make a milk-jug Elmer.

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

The library opens 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. It's closed on Sunday.

Water quality project begins on island in the Snake River

Idaho Power continues conservation work

Idaho Power has begun work to improve water quality on the Snake River.

Construction of a cofferdam at the upstream end of Rippee Island started this week.

The island is near the Bernard's Landing boat launch southeast of Marsing.

The cofferdam will allow more construction later this summer.

A constructed floodplain will be installed in work stretching from August to October. Afterward, the area will be planted with native trees and shrubs.

The project will expand floodplain and wetland areas as part of Idaho Power's long-

term stewardship program, according to the utility company's press release.

The project includes the creation of about 16.5 acres of floodplain and excavation of the adjacent river channel to improve water quality and flow near the island.

Idaho Power's Snake River Stewardship Program aims to improve river function in key stretches by creating a narrower, deeper river channel.

The work will keep river water cooler, reduce the amount of unwanted aquatic vegetation and provide better habitat for fish and wildlife.

This is the second such is-

land project in the Marsing Reach of the river, which is plagued by slow-moving water and excessive aquatic weed growth because of wide, shallow channels; high nutrients and sediment input; and high water temperatures, according to Idaho Power.

Crews will work around the clock to build the cofferdam — a temporary earthen structure to divert water away from the area where construction will be taking place this summer. The constructed floodplain will be installed beginning in August, with completion expected in October, when the area will be planted with native trees and shrubs.

For more information on the project, visit idahopower.com/river.

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Avalanche Sports

Melba state champ leads national rodeo qualifiers

Three Creek’s Brackett siblings among those heading to Silver State

Three local rodeo athletes have reached the National High School Finals Rodeo. Several others are eligible to compete in the Silver State International Rodeo, which begins next Wednesday in Win-

nemucca, Nev. Melba’s Brenna Brown won the girls’ cutting state championship at the Idaho High School State Finals Rodeo, which wrapped up Saturday in Pocatello. Also capturing national finals berths with top-four finishes at the Bannock County Fairgrounds were Jordan Valley’s Tayler Eiguren in pole bending and Marsing’s Zane Brackett in boys’ cow cutting. The national finals take place be-

tween July 18 and July 24 in Lincoln, Neb. District 2 secretary Nikki Greenwood confirmed that Brackett is eligible for next month’s national finals rodeo even though he finished fifth in the state competition. Only the top four finishers get automatic berths, and Eiguren grabbed the fourth and final spot in pole bending. Brackett was elevated to Idaho’s fourth seed because Brey Yore from

District 6 is unable to make the trip to Nebraska, Greenwood said. Eight other local cowboys and cowgirls — including Eiguren — have earned spots in the Silver State International Rodeo by finishing between fifth and 20th at the state rodeo. Eiguren and her cousin, Birch, finished 13th at the state finals in team roping. — See *Rodeo*, page 13

Rivercats rebound with American Legion win streak

The Owyhee Rivercats closed out a busy week of American Legion baseball with dominant wins over New Plymouth and Melba. The Rivercats (4-3 overall) brought a four-game winning streak into the week. The team played the Payette Packers on Monday after The Owyhee Avalanche’s deadline. **Last Wednesday: Rivercats 14, New Plymouth 4 (5)** — Playing on home turf, Owyhee used a strong offensive showing for the second straight game to knock off New Plymouth at John Jackson Field. The Rivercats led 8-0 before New Plymouth tried to chip away with a three-run fourth inning. But Owyhee responded with six runs to open a 14-3 lead. Tommy Muir, who graduated from Homedale High School in May, smacked an RBI double in the first, scoring leadoff hitter Dillon Fine, who had been hit by the first pitch he saw. Muir scored on a passed ball, and John Lejardi’s sacrifice fly closed the scoring in the bottom of the first. Fine, Sigmund Goode, D’Orr Packer, and Jed Simpson all scored in the bottom of the third. Five of the first six Rivercats batters hit singles in the big fifth inning before Goode’s clubbed a two-run triple. The team had seven hits in the inning. Muir led the home team with a single and double, knocking in three runs and scoring twice. Fine, Terron Morrison, and Packer had two hits each. Jed Simpson earned the win, allowing three unearned runs on one hit in 3 2/3 innings. He

struck out three and walked six. Lejardi finished the game, pitching 1 1/3 of no-hit ball while allowing a run and two walks. Kaden Ray’s single broke up Simpson’s no-hitter in the fourth. **June 15: Rivercats 18, Melba Stallions 2 (5)** — The visiting Rivercats scored the game’s first 18 runs before the Stallions squeaked across runs in the fourth and fifth. Owyhee put up three runs in each of the first two innings before batting around in the third and scoring eight times. Muir provided all the offense the Rivercats would need with a grand slam in the third inning that plated Andrew Marston, Payton Fine and Dillon Fine. Marston notched two hits, three runs batted in, and two runs scored. Morrison and Payton Fine recorded two RBI each. Incoming Marsing High School junior Xavier Delgadillo scored three times after reaching base with a single and two bases on balls. Rivercats starter Dillon Fine pitched three innings, striking out eight and allowing just one hit. Payton Fine came on in relief, allowing both Melba runs, while striking out three. **June 14: Rivercats 6, Nampa Christian 4** — A seventh-inning double play preserved the Rivercats’ road victory. Nampa Christian snapped a 1-1 tie with two runs in the third inning, but Owyhee rallied with three runs in the fifth inning to snag a 5-3 advantage. Packer doubled home Morrison with the go-ahead run and then added insurance on Andreas Garcia’s ground ball.



Above: A New Plymouth baserunner just makes it back to the bag ahead of a pickoff attempt as Rivercats first baseman John Lejardi waits for the ball. **Below:** Rivercats southpaw Jed Simpson allowed just one hit into the fourth inning.

Earlier in the inning, Dillon Fine doubled and scored. The Rivercats scored once more in the top of the seventh. Nampa Christian scored its fourth run in the bottom of the seventh before Owyhee ended the game. Dillon Fine and Packer each managed two hits in the game, including one double each. Muir and Jayden Wutherich were responsible for the Rivercats’ other two hits. Muir surrendered three runs on five hits over the game’s first four innings. He struck out three and walked four. Lejardi scattered three hits and a run over the final three innings. Josh Tiersma led the way for Nampa Christian with a single and triple, knocking in a pair of runs and scoring once. Teammate Carson Atwood struck out four while giving up a run and three hits in three innings.





Above: Will Brackett, a Castleford High School student living in Three Creek, will travel to Nevada next week for boys' cow cutting at the Silver State International Rodeo. **Below:** Katie Brackett, Will's sister, will be in Winnemucca competing for the queen's crown and in reined cow horse. Submitted photos



Left: Tyler Urban shows off a record-setting Warmouth. **Above:** Jon Urban and his record Lahontan cutthroat trout. Angler-submitted photos courtesy Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Owyhee County waters surrender catch-and-release angling records

✓ Rodeo: Locals moving on

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Homedale's Georgia King just missed a state berth in pole bending, finishing fifth.

Two other athletes with Jordan Valley ties — Jace Grenke (16th in tie down roping) and Halle Burch (13th in breakaway roping) — also have the option to tow down to Winnemucca.

Adrian's Sydney Davis has qualified for Silver State in two events after a 13th-place finish in barrel racing and a 21st-place showing in goat tying.

A Three Creek brother and sister duo also will be on hand in Winnemucca for multiple events.

Katie Brackett was the second attendant at the Idaho High School Rodeo Queen contest, and she'll compete in the Silver State International Rodeo Queen contest.

She's also heading south to compete in girls' cutting and reined cow horse.

Brother Will will be on hand at the 36th annual rodeo in boys' cutting and reined cow horse.

The Silver State International Rodeo runs through Wednesday, July 7.

Will finished seventh in boys' cutting in Pocatello, and he was 18th in reined cow horse.

Katie was 17th in reined cow horse.

The siblings attend Castleford High School where Will is a sophomore and Katie is a freshman.



Silver State features 700 contestants from all over the United States and Canada.

In addition to competing for more than \$90,000 in prizes, SSIR contestants also compete for saddles, buckles and cash at the Winnemucca Events Complex.

The top 15 athletes after two long-gos in each event qualify for the short-go on the morning of July 7.

The long-go portion of the rodeo starts on Friday, July 2. Performances are held at 10 a.m., and 8 p.m., MDT each day. Results will be available at ssir.us each day.

Besides the rodeo, contestants can take part in shooting sports, mud volleyball, dog races, a Fourth of July parade, teen dances, practices and jackpots.

Urban family sets pair of state fish marks

A fisherman enjoying some time with his father set the Idaho catch-and-release record for Warmouth.

Tyler Urban was fishing with his dad on C.J. Strike Reservoir on May 26 when he caught the sunfish variety, which measured 7.5 inches long.

Urban's catch is the first record submitted for the species in the state.

Two days later, Jon Urban of Eagle, set the catch-and-release record for Lahontan cutthroat trout at Grasmere Reservoir south of Bruneau. Jon's catch on May 28 measured 18.5 inches and eclipsed a record set by Stephen Veals (17.25) in March.

Urban previously had held the record at 15.25 with another fish caught at Grasmere on Sept. 6.

The trout species is stocked in several of the "Riddle Lakes" in the remote high desert south of Bruneau. The non-native fish was introduced to provide unique sport fishing opportunity in the alkaline waters of that area of Owyhee County.

Anglers looking to set a catch-and-release record should be prepared with a tape measure and a camera. Catch-and-release records need to be broken by a minimum of a

half-inch to qualify, according to a Fish and Game release.

On May 26, Tyler Urban went out with his father, a fellow panfish enthusiast, looking for a chance at a new record species.

Warmouth are a species of sunfish similar to Bluegill and Pumpkinseed, which are much more common in Idaho.

Warmouth are not native to Idaho, and the date when they were first introduced is unknown. They are typically found in their native range in the Mississippi River drainage from Iowa south, in the Rio Grande River drainage, Florida, and along the Gulf and Atlantic coasts.

Warmouth look very similar to Green Sunfish, but have brown coloration, teeth on their tongue, and have a much bigger mouth.

Most eat aquatic insects, while the bigger ones tend to favor crayfish and fish.

Despite often living six to eight years, these stout little sunfish often grow slowly, so a fish of this size is often a trophy, especially in Idaho's colder climate. They prefer to hang out in warm water with abundant cover like vegetation and flooded brush, and seem to do well in muddy waters.

C.J. Strike yielded the state's bluegill weight record in 1966 when Darrell Grim caught a 3½-pound fish.

Joe Chapman caught a 9.5-inch record bluegill at C.J.

Strike in February 2016 for the catch-and-release record.

Other records in Owyhee waters include Jordan Rodriguez's 2.27-pound cutthroat caught on Dec. 12, and Hayleigh Urban's 1.17-pound trout reeled in on Sept. 6. Both fish were caught out of Grasmere Reservoir. Hayleigh is Jon Urban's daughter.

Scott Frazier II set the archery crappie record in July 2011 with a 67.65-pound, 47-inch fish out of C.J. Strike.

Jon Urban also holds the state record for catch-and-release black crappie after landing a 17-inch fish at Crane Creek Reservoir on July 27.

Jerry Chapman holds the catch-and-release record for pumpkinseed (7 inches) with a fish caught at C.J. Strike in February 2016.

Wayne Scott holds the catch-and-release record for smallmouth bass at 13.25 inches caught at C.J. Strike in March 2016.

Matthew Wilcox holds the white crappie catch-and-release record with a 14.25-inch fish caught in May 2017 at C.J. Strike. Scott landed the third-largest white crappie in catch-and-release records at 9.375 inches in March 2016.

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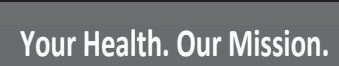
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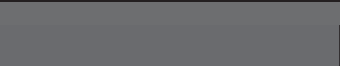
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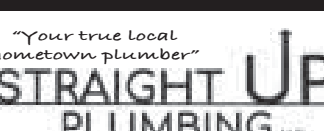
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On target
A competitor takes aim at a target during the preliminaries of the Idaho Sporting Clay State Championships on Friday.

Drivers spinning last wrenches for Derby
Once again it's Demolition Derby time in Homedale, and local drivers are putting the finishing touches on their big, heavy, and powerful 1970s Derby cars for the event next Thursday.
Once again this year over 30 drivers and muscle cars will compete in the Lions Club Demolition Derby at the Owyhee County Fair Grounds, blasting around the arena and smashing each other beyond recognition for \$800 in prize money, the cheers of a 5,000-person crowd, and the status of dominating the wildest, baddest motor vehicle event in southern Idaho.

Recorder considering optical scanning of docs
Owyhee County clerk/recorder Jim Huntley said optical scanning with computers is the wave of the future for recording and filing county documents.
Huntley has been looking into the new technology after increasing problems with the old camera and chemical system the county still uses. Huntley said the cameras are discontinued and outdated, and are becoming increasingly expensive to repair, are generating file cabinets full of microfilm, and should be replaced with a new computer scanning and filing system.
Huntley said the \$19,000 system he is looking at can store between 30 and 40,000 pages of data on each relatively small optical disk much like a music CD. The information can be sorted, indexed, and printed all at the touch of a computer key, he said.

Slots filled for Firecracker Fiasco
Once again the openings filled fast for the Firecracker Fiasco sports tournament next week in Homedale, organizer Kevan Barlow said.

The eight teams that will compete have registered, he said, and are in the process of getting all their players' names to Barlow before a players' meeting this week. Next week will kick off a full four days of sporting events, ranging from bowling to volleyball, horseshoes, closest-to-the-pin golf, tennis, and softball tournaments.
Eight ten-person coed teams will compete in the community sports event, beginning Monday, July 1st with tennis; will continue July 2nd with volleyball and horseshoes; July 3rd with bowling and the first round of softball; and wrap up July 4th with final softball matches and the closest-to-the-pin golf tournament.
Teams will again be made up of 10 persons, half male, and half female. As in the past, each team member must compete in at least two of the events, and other rules for each individual sport will make sure everyone gets a chance to play.

50 years ago

June 24, 1971



PATTI TUTTLE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gail Tuttle, Riverview, is crowned "Miss 16 of Idaho for 1971" Friday night by Debbie Morehouse, Boise, last year's winner.

Historical Society building takes shape in Murphy
Members of the Owyhee County Historical Society met at Murphy Friday evening and found the 40x50 foot floor for the new museum laid and delivery of siding for the new building is expected soon. Outside completion is expected by Outpost Day scheduled for August 1.
President Al Waldradt presided. Paul Swinney, chairman of the building committee, reported money is coming in. Each member is asked to make a donation of at least \$10 to be applied. Mrs. Marvin Jess brought a beautiful handmade quilt with proceeds to go to the building fund.
Julie Hyslop, museum director, reported a collection from the Thomas Edison foundation and an Indian collection are being given and will be displayed in the new building.

Range fires accompany area heat wave
Tuesday's hottest day of the year (near the 100 mark) was assisted in singeing some of Idaho's range area as fires broke out over a wide front.
A 10-man Boise BLM crew and two truck tankers brought a 100-acre grass fire under control about 3½ miles southeast of Murphy Tuesday afternoon.
A Vale BLM crew fought a 200-acre blaze in cheat grass near Antelope reservoir, south of Jordan Valley.

Homedale girl to attend summer seminar
Maxine Stansell, Homedale, recently a delegate to Syringa Girls State, has been chosen to participate in a two weeks Congressional Seminar this summer in Washington, D.C.
Maxine, a senior next year, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stansell.
The seminar features non-partisan study of American Government.

Swimming pool attracts many on official opening
Homedale citizens realized a 10-year-old dream Saturday, June 12 when its new \$62,500 modern swimming pool opened.
Over 100 youngsters turned out for a swim in the pool that is regulated to be heated at around 78 degrees.

155 years ago

June 23, 1866

RED MOUNTAINS.
EDITOR AVALANCHE: Responsive to your request, I write. The Red Mountains are about one hundred and thirty miles south of Silver City, between the North and Middle Forks of the Owyhee River; general direction east and west; presumed to be the Goose Creek Range. Formation – marble, red sandstone, slate, iron and granite. At the base of the mountains there are many thousands of acres of heavy worked boulders of marble and quartz. We found from seven to fifteen colors of ore shot cold into the pan from the surface to fourteen feet below the bed of the stream. We, in no instance, reached the bed-rock. From the heavy wash, we hope there is a large aggregation of gold on the bottom: to find this, we left four of our party. Those who came in with me, returned yesterday with supplies – hopeful of finding an extensive, deep and rich placer. There is an abundance of water and timber for the protection of their labors. We met a great many Shoshone Indians; they were friendly and acted as guides and herders for us. They expressed themselves anxious to join the Whites in either conflict with the hostile Indians. I think the Government would do well to employ them as scouts.
June 19, '66 Yours, M. H. WATSON.

Flint District, June 14, 1866
EDITOR AVALANCHE: For two years past, our hardy pioneer miners have lived in fancied security in this district, believing that, for some superstitious reason, the Indians would not molest them; but now we awake to the fearful certainty that here only eternal vigilance is the price of life, that we have either to desert our rich mines or to grasp our rifles and to hunt and attack the savages in their fastness. And yet Government has thousands of soldiers laying idle in forts where their presence is not required, and if we see any scout they are either too few or commanded by men only fit to adorn a drawing room. Our mines are rich enough to pay the national debt of the United States, and pay the cost of extraction, if our security was once established, but false philanthropic motives, the hope of civilizing the Indians and perhaps lack of correct information makes Government blind to our welfare and its own interest. Civilizing the Snakes? You may take a rattlesnake in your bosom and place its head in your mouth – you may play with a boa constrictor and allow him to coil himself around your body and a palm tree and not be hurt, but you cannot civilize the Snake Indian. For every one so civilized, an already civilized being will have his scalp taken, be roasted or buried alive. Let us not deceive ourselves – we have either to live in dread of an attack every day we remain here or proceed to exterminate them; but in this we implore and demand the aid of the Government. But if there is no chance of aid from Government – If these brutal savages are allowed unmolested to pillage our homes, murder our citizens and to steal our stock and no quick retaliation follow these deeds – then I say now is the time for prayers.
You, General Halleck, who are at the head of all the troops on the Pacific Coast, must certainly have the power to send them wherever you deem the lives of citizens endangered or the "pursuit of happiness" interrupted. Therefore, in the name of humanity and justice, we call on you to use your influence and the power at your command to stop the ravages daily committed by these fiends incarnate, and to chastise them as they deserve.
COSMOPOLITS.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense Animal bonding

Today there is an increased recognition of the bonding process between man and animals. Pets are now referred to in politically correct circles as companion animals. Companion. By definition: an associate, a comrade. It's not a bad choice of words in a world where families get fractionated, children leave home, neighbors don't know each other and people get lonely. A pet can be a good companion.

Of course, when the word "bonding" is used, they are almost always speaking of the bonding between humans and dogs or cats. Wait ... maybe not cats. I'm not sure one can bond with a cat. But, be that as it may, they are never referring to livestock people and the animals in their care. Livestock bonding does occur infrequently in fiction. Babe, the sheepherding pig, bonded with Farmer Hoggett. Mary had her little lamb. Colonel Sanders ... well, that might be a bad example.

I contend that in real life, there is a bonding between stockmen and their creatures. I have got a lot of miles out of pickin' on cowmen who keep an old cow "one more year."

As a vet, I have stood at the squeeze chute every fall as the cows are worked. My job is to give the cow a quick "going over" for physical fitness and do a pregnancy examination. Typical deal: This ol' mama comes stumbling in the chute at the speed of a sloth on Valium. The head gate clangs shut, never touches the cow. Run a stick down her side, sounds like a prod pole across a picket fence. Her tail head is stickin' up like a shark's fin, she's draggin' one teet on the ground. I'm thinkin' to myself, "Is there any point in putting on a plastic sleeve and torturing this poor beast anymore?"

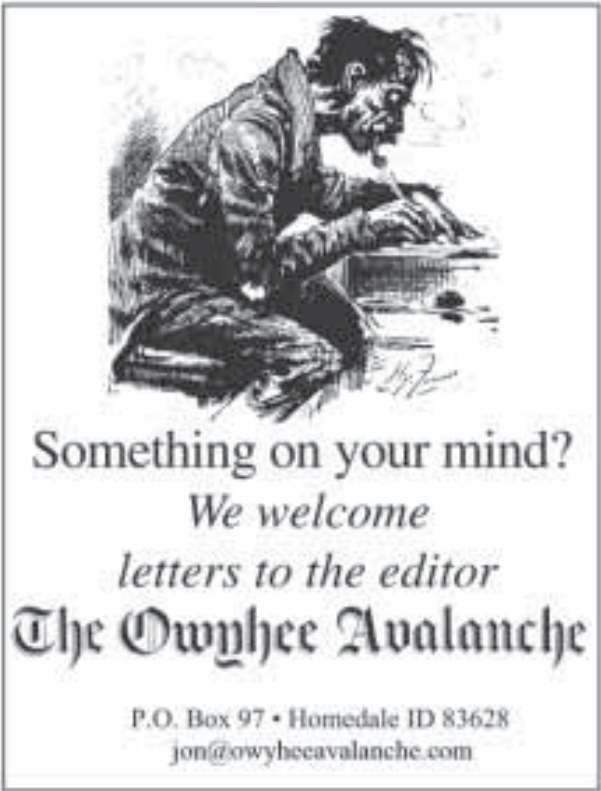
Then I look up to the headgate, and there is that good cowman, rubbing his chin and lookin' at that old cow like he's in a jewelry store. "Am I missing something here?" I ask myself, dumbfounded. I finally realized I was missing something. That good cowman and me were not looking at the same cow! See, I was looking at an economic unit. Will she have a calf, breed back and bring another one home next fall?

He, on the other hand, was looking at an animal that had taken him to the pay window for 10 years. He might know her even better than that. She might have put him over a fence, or he might have helped her throughout a bad calving. But he knows her and owes her. He wants to make sure she gets the benefit of the doubt.

And that's a bond. As genuine as a cat or dog. Granted he doesn't think of her as an associate or a comrade, as in "git along little comrade" or "let's go to the pasture and gather our associates." But it is a bond just the same, built on respect.

— 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



Another perspective on natives and migration

The migration from California isn't new except for the sheer size of it. Virtually every person down to the current U-Haul emigrants came or descended from folks looking for opportunity and a better life.

The definition "native" has evolved over time. The issue came up in the 1880s when newcomers clashed with native Californians. A rhyme, "The miners came in '49, the whores in '51, when they got together they produced the native son," expressed frustration.

My ancestor left California in the 1850s when Idaho was part of Oregon Territory. There wasn't a sign greeting him, "All Californians must be dipped before entering the Territory," either. It wouldn't have made a difference. If you are thin-skinned, keep on moving.

I've discovered those who left some place because people were jerks will find them wherever they go.

Michael F. Hanley IV
Jordan Valley

From Washington Pandemic telehealth explosion could guide federal programs improvement

Telehealth services have been especially useful during the COVID-19 pandemic. According to the Idaho Department of Insurance, telemedicine visits went from 200 appointments per month to 28,000 visits in April 2020 alone. We can use lessons learned from the expansion of telehealth and other flexibilities to make sensible changes that can better enable Idahoans' access to quality care going forward. Information on the impact of expanded telehealth on access, quality and cost helps guide permanent policy changes for the better.

As Ranking Member of the U.S. Senate Finance Committee, I have expressed interest in permanently extending health care flexibilities adopted during the pandemic with President Biden's nominees for key health care positions who have come before the committee. Republicans and Democrats often disagree on the best way to achieve shared health care goals. However, we have common ground on this issue. In May, the committee held a hearing, planned jointly with Finance Committee Chairman Ron Wyden (D-Oregon), to discuss what we can learn from experiences with the health care flexibilities adopted during the pandemic to inform what changes should be made to improve health care access beyond the pandemic. We reviewed the waivers and flexibilities made available in the Medicare and Medicaid programs during the pandemic, with telehealth as a key topic. Health care providers, a health policy expert and the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), which Congress tasked with monitoring the federal government's pandemic response, provided insight to guide our evaluation.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services waived more than 200 payment rules during the pandemic in Medicare alone. The GAO reported, "Medicare telehealth waivers resulted in increased utilization of telehealth services, and provided beneficiaries access to services that would not have otherwise been available during the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic." Reliance on telehealth increased in rural and urban areas alike, allowing patients to receive remote care from the safety of their home.

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To ensure financial stability, providers have been paid at the same rate as if the service was furnished in-person. This has facilitated care that otherwise would be risky or unavailable, and patients have appreciated the convenience. It has reduced the frequency of missed appointments, and assisted provider investment in the infrastructure needed for remote care. This long period of expanded telehealth will help us understand the impact on quality of care and program costs. It serves as a robust test project on a scale few could have imagined.

Permanent changes based on lessons learned from the pandemic to modernize Medicare payment systems related to telehealth or through other care efficiencies lend to the pressing need to address Medicare's financial struggles. Identifying smart reforms that make Medicare more efficient will be better for patients and better for taxpayers. Such changes alone will not put Medicare on a sustainable path, but they should be part of that broader conversation. Addressing Medicare solvency should also be a bipartisan issue, with time best spent determining how to shore up the current system

Commentary

Financial management

Debt-free law degree more important than IRA right now

Dear Dave,
I'm 19, and I'm about to finish my first year of community college. I have enough money through scholarships and help from family to get a bachelor's degree. After that, I plan on going to law school and cash-flowing that part of my education. I've already started a Roth IRA with money I've made working, but I'm wondering if I should continue contributing to retirement when I will have to pay for law school out-of-pocket.

— Jonathan

Dear Jonathan,
No, I wouldn't recommend

that. You should stop saving for retirement for now and put all that money aside to pay for your education.

An education that's *usable* in the marketplace to increase your income is more valuable to you right now than a mutual fund. A degree in left-handed puppetry or underwater bubble-blowing definitely is not. Believe it or not, people spend years, and tens of thousands of dollars — sometimes hundreds of thousands of dollars — getting degrees in silly things that have no real value whatsoever. But, if you're going to get a law degree, and use that degree



self, *that* is going to give you a better mathematical return on your investment at this point in your life.

You have plenty of time ahead to invest for retirement. I don't want you to put it off forever, but a debt-free education is the right investment for you right now. Just keep piling up cash, and let's pay for this law degree out-of-pocket. And, hey, if you end up with a bunch of money left over when you've graduated and are ready to become a lawyer, that's not the worst thing in the world, is it?

Good luck, Jonathan. Keep

up the hard work!

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is a seven-time No. 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 on Representative Government

America faces several existential security threats globally

Our national security experts confront many threats to order and stability in the world. In this column, I touch on a few of the most urgent of them.

Terrorism. While there is no universally accepted definition, we typically use the term to refer to the use of violence, usually by nonstate actors and targeting civilians, to achieve political objectives.

Terrorism has been a fact of international life for a long time. Governments denounce it, even declare war against it, but they have not been able to eradicate it. The challenge is to ensure it doesn't disrupt a country's way of life, seriously endanger its people, or damage its economic wellbeing.

Nuclear proliferation. Another critical threat is the spread of military technology, especially nuclear weapons, and other weapons of mass destruction. Arms control agreements are one tool for deterring this threat.

President John F. Kennedy predicted that as many as 20 countries would have nuclear capability by 1964. Today, however, only nine countries are known to have nuclear weapons, and they have not been used since the U.S. bombed Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945. So, in some ways, we have done better than expected. But can we keep it up?

Climate change. The shift in global climate because of the warming of the Earth's atmosphere is an existential threat. It results in rising sea levels, more frequent and damaging storms, higher average temperatures, expanding deserts and other threats.

Climate change is real, scientists say, and it is caused largely by human activity, primarily the consumption of fossil fuels. Efforts to slow it down have met with limited success, and it is likely to become more severe. Some call it the defining issue

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of the century.

Migration. The movement of people, usually across international borders, is another serious threat. There are 250 million international migrants in the world today.

Migration is a major source of innovation and talent, but it can have drawbacks, including increased competition for jobs and services. The United States, a magnet for migration, has more immigrants than any other country. More than 40 million people living in the U.S. were born in another country.

Cyberspace. The internet has transformed our lives, facilitating the flow of information, and keeping us connected, but it is vulnerable to abuses. Hackers and scammers prey on the vulnerable. Privacy has eroded as our actions are tracked online.

Regulating cyberspace effectively is difficult as

online technology evolves quickly.

Health and health care. The good news is that global health is probably better than at any time in history. The world has seen improvements in diet, technology, education, and diagnosis and prevention of disease. Life expectancy is increasing.

But the gap between where we are and where we want to be is huge. The COVID-19 pandemic, which has killed more than 3 million people, reminds us that global health remains a foremost threat.

Trade. The buying and selling of goods, products and services across borders is mostly positive. It creates jobs, improves efficiency, and strengthens the economy. But it can produce winners and losers.

Every nation wants to have a trade surplus, which is, of course, impossible. Nations compete, and they argue over what constitutes fair trade. Negotiating and enforcing new trade agreements will remain a challenge.

Development. Economic growth, population increases, the distribution of wealth and quality of life are encompassed in the category of development. Elaborate indexes attempt to measure it.

How can we best achieve it? We Americans link development, not just with economic progress, but with an improvement in our values such as freedom, democracy, and human rights. China advances a different model based on state control of economic life.

This list of threats is not meant to be comprehensive. I have not mentioned, for example, the difficulty of creating alliances to address global issues — or the greatest threat of all: war. But it suggests the breadth and difficulty of the issues we face in the years ahead.

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instead of further stressing the cracks in the dam by expanding it to a broader population.

Finding the right path on these priority issues is important to all Idahoans and Americans. The GAO found that Medicare spent about \$910 billion on health care services provided to about 62.8 million Medicare

beneficiaries in 2020, while Medicaid covered an estimated 77 million people and spent an estimated \$673 billion (total federal and state).

I look forward to further seizing this bipartisan opportunity to take advantage of what the pandemic has taught us to ensure access to high-quality health care options for those in Idaho and across our

country.

— 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.

Public notices

NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE Case No. CV 37-20-00246 Sheriff Case No. 2021-00089

Under and by virtue of Writ of Execution on Judgment of Foreclosure issued on March 9, 2021, and an Order of Sale of Foreclosure issued on March 11, 2021, out of the District Court of the Third Judicial District of the State of Idaho, in and for the County of Owyhee in the case of:

BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT SERIES I TRUST, Plaintiff,

v.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS AND DEVISEES OF PAUL L. TURVEY; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS AND DEVISEES OF LILLIAN E. TURVEY; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; AND DOES 1 THROUGH 20, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on the 13th day of July, 2021, at 10:00 o’clock am of said day, at Owyhee County Courthouse front entrance, 20381 State Highway 78 Murphy, ID 83650, I am commanded and required to proceed to notice for sale to sell at public auction the real property described in said Order for Sale of Foreclosure and Writ of Execution and to apply the proceeds of such sale to the satisfaction of said Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure with interest thereon and my fees and costs, all payable at time of sale to the highest bidder, for the following described property, situated in Owyhee County, Idaho:

31999 1st Street, Bruneau, ID 83604 and legally described as follows:

LOTS 21, 22, 23 AND 24 OF BLOCK 37 OF THE TOWNSITE OF BRUNEAU, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER FOR OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO.

The sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession, or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation of Defendants pursuant to the Judgment entered in this matter, and recorded in the official records of Owyhee County.

The real property sold at the sale shall be subject to the redemption rights of redemptioners, as that term is defined in Idaho Code Section 11-402, may redeem the property from the purchaser within six months after the sale, upon paying the purchaser the amount of their purchase, with interest on that amount at the rate allowed by Idaho Code from the date of the sale to the date of redemption, together with the amount of any assessment or taxes which the purchaser may have paid after the commencement of the action and which are not included in the judgment and interest allowed pursuant to Idaho Code Section.

In the event the purchaser is a creditor having a prior lien to that of the redemptioners, other than the judgment under which the purchase is made, the purchaser will also be entitled to payment of that lien amount with interest at the rate allowed in Idaho Code Section 18-22-104(l).

PUBLIC NOTICE OF WRITTEN AGREEMENT GOLDEN GATE HIGHWAY DISTRICT No. 3 and HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT [Pursuant to Idaho Code § 67-2323]

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Golden Gate Highway District No. 3, a highway district and government subdivision of the State of Idaho, and Homedale Highway District, a highway district and government subdivision of the State of Idaho, intend to enter into and ratify an Agreement, to wit: “Highway District’s Agreement for Sale and Transfer of Property” and “Bill of Sale Conveyance and Acceptance.”

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the general terms of the Agreement are as follows:

The Board of Commissioners of Golden Gate Highway District No. 3 will transfer all of its rights, title and interest, without warranty and in “as is” condition, in and to one (1) 1999 Kenworth T800 Truck with dump bed VIN 1NKDLT9X6XR824194, one (1) 2003 Monroe one-way snow plow S/N 97-03-2033, and one (1) 1993 Henderson heated sander ID #10528, (Truck, Plow and Sander) owned by Golden Gate Highway District No. 3 to Homedale Highway District for the monetary consideration of the sum of Thirty-five Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$35,000.00).

PURPOSE: To facilitate the transfer and subsequent use of the said Equipment by another Highway District and in the best interests of the public.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the time and place of the regular and/or special meetings of the respective parties to the Agreement wherein the proposal to ratify said Agreement will be considered is as follows:

Golden Gate Highway District No. 3
Location: Administrative Office
500 E. Golden Gate Avenue
Wilder, Idaho
Date: July 8, 2021
Time: 12:30 p.m.

Homedale Highway District
Location: Administrative Office
102 E Colorado Avenue, Homedale Idaho
Date: July 14, 2021
Time: 7:00 p.m.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a full text of the proposed Agreement may be examined at the Golden Gate Highway District No. 3 Administrative Office, 500 E. Golden Gate Avenue, Wilder, Idaho and at the Homedale Highway District Administrative Office, 102 E Colorado Avenue, Homedale Idaho.

Anita Herman, Secretary, Golden Gate Highway District No. 3
Terri Uria, Secretary, Homedale Highway District
06/23,30/2021

The Sheriff, by Certificate of Sale, will transfer all right, title and interest of the judgment debtors in and to the property at the time of execution of attachment was levied.

DATED this 25th day of May, 2021.

DEPUTY SHERIFF OF OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO

By: Luisa Jaca, Civil Deputy
NOTE: THE SHERIFF’S OFFICE DOES NOT GUARANTEE CLEAR TITLE OR GUARANTEE CONTINUED POSSESSORY RIGHTS.
06/16,23,30/2021

FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION 2021-02

LET IT BE KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS OF the City of Grand View that discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap, or familial status in the sale, rental, advertising, leasing or financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing or in the provision of brokerage services is prohibited by Title VIII of the 1968 Civil Rights Act (Federal Fair Housing law) and the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988.

It is the policy of the City of Grand View to encourage equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap, or familial status. Therefore, the City does hereby pass the following Resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED that within available resources the City will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, handicap, or familial status to seek equity under federal and state laws by referring them to the U.S.

Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Compliance Division.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City shall publicize this Resolution and through this publicity shall encourage owners of real estate, real estate brokers and sellers, rental owners, rental property manager, lenders, developers, builders, home buyers, and renters to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Law and amendments and any applicable state or local laws or ordinances.

SAID FAIR HOUSING PROGRAM will at a minimum include: 1) publicizing this resolution; 2) posting applicable fair housing information in prominent public areas; 3) providing fair housing information to the public; 4) preparing a fair housing assessment; and 5) declaring April as Fair Housing Month.

EFFECTIVE DATE
This Resolution shall take effect this 10th day of March 2021
Danny Martinez, Mayor
Kathy Brown, City Clerk
06/23/2021

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT OWYHEE
COUNTY, STATE OF IDAHO**
Case No. CV37-21-00193
AMERICAN LEGION
POST 32, an Idaho corporation,
Plaintiff,

v.
KATHERINE WITT;
DENNIS LEROY LENTFER;
LINDA L. LENTFER; JOHN
FOLEY LENTFER; JAMES B.
LENTFER; Unknown heirs and
devisees of JOSEPH J. WILSON;

Unknown heirs and devisees of JANET C. WILSON; Unknown heirs and devisees of WILLIAM H. BURLEY; Unknown heirs and devisees of ORTHAE. BURLEY; Unknown heirs and devisees of LILLIE M. LENTFER; Unknown heirs and devisees of FLOY LENTFER; Unknown persons who may claim an interest in the following real property: Beginning at the Southwest corner of Block 66 of the Amended Plat of the Townsite of Homedale; thence continuing South and parallel to the West boundary line of Block 66 to a point where the line bisects the South boundary line of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 9, Township 3 North, Range 5 West of the Boise Meridian; thence East along the South boundary line of said Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter a distance of 455 feet; thence North 56°40’ East 186 feet along the boundary of the right of way of the OSLRR right of way; thence North to the South boundary line of Block 83; thence following the South boundary line of Block 83 and the South boundary line of First Street East and the South boundary line of Block 66, to the Southwest corner of Lot 3 of Block 66; thence at right angles South on a line parallel to the West boundary line of Block 66 to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING, Defendants.

S U M M O N S B Y
PUBLICATION TO: Unknown heirs and devisees of JOSEPH J. WILSON; • Unknown heirs and devisees of JANET C. WILSON; • Unknown heirs and devisees of WILLIAM H. BURLEY; • Unknown heirs and devisees of ORTHAE. BURLEY; • Unknown heirs and devisees of LILLIE M. LENTFER; • Unknown heirs and devisees of FLOY LENTFER; • Unknown persons who may claim an interest in the following real property: Beginning at the Southwest corner of Block 66 of the Amended Plat of the Townsite of Homedale; thence continuing South and parallel to the West boundary line of Block 66 to a point where the line bisects the South boundary line of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 9, Township 3 North, Range 5 West of the Boise Meridian; thence East along the South boundary line of said Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter a distance of 250 feet to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing East along the South boundary line of said Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter a distance of 455 feet; thence North 56°40’ East 186 feet along the boundary of the right of way of the OSLRR right of way; thence North to the South boundary line of Block 83; thence following the South boundary line of Block 83 and the South boundary line of First Street East and the South boundary line of Block 66, to the Southwest corner of Lot 3 of Block 66; thence at right angles South on a line parallel to the West boundary line of Block 66 to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING.

You have been sued by the Plaintiff in the District Court for the Third Judicial District of the State of Idaho for Owyhee County, Idaho in the above-captioned case. This is an action to quiet title in the subject real

property. You may claim some right, title or interest in the subject property. Any time after 21 days following the last publication of this summons, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the Case number, and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at: PO Box 128, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy Idaho 83650, Phone number 208-495-2806 and served a copy of your response on the Plaintiff’s attorney, Matthew R. Cleverley, Fidelity National Law Group, 701 Fifth Avenue, Suite 2710, Seattle WA 98104, 206-224-6003.

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A-4731965

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✓ **Bond:** State subsidy expected to lessen the blow to property owners

The addition of four elementary school classrooms, which Sauer said will be completed and ready for the new school year in August, and the development and construction of the softball field complex at the middle school are two major projects funded by plant facility levy.

“(If a construction bond is passed), it will decrease the plant facility levy because the board wants to keep the levy rate the same,” Sauer said.

“If taxes go up, it won’t be because of the bond. It will be because of (property) assessments.”

The Owyhee Avalanche has reached out to Owyhee County Assessor Toni Gruenwald for information on how property assessments have changed now that the 2021 statements are out. The assessor currently is compiling figures for the newspaper.

Sauer said that property

taxes may not soak up the entire \$14 million because of a state law that went into effect after the last construction bond 24 years ago.

Now, the state Department of Education could pay for up to 35 percent of the bond, which would give local taxpayers a break of nearly \$5 million.

“The bond levy equalization funds are going to be huge,” Zone 1 Trustee and board chair Kurt Shanley said during the meeting. “It’s nice to bring some of the tax dollars paid in this community back.

“They’re still tax dollars, but we’re going to bring them home, and I like that.”

The district’s total bonding capacity sits at \$24 million, Sauer said.

The idea of a school improvement bond isn’t a new one, but the concept gained momentum since the trustees’ annual tour of the district’s schools.

“It has been building,” Sauer said.

The superintendent said the bond idea began to solidify after the school board held its own discussions and met with HHS principal Matt Holtry.

An exploration team of the superintendent, Holtry, veteran high school math teacher Matt Thatcher, science teacher Josh Sauer, and federal programs coordinator Christine Ketterling has toured area schools to get some concepts.

Work on the 1940 high school building would include meeting some long-standing needs.

“There are things at the high school, if we don’t take care of them, they could be a real safety issue for everyone,” Rob Sauer said.

Sauer said heating and air conditioning upgrades alone are expected to cost \$2 million.

“The heating and cooling ultimately impacts courses we offer upstairs,” the superintendent said.

Americans with Disabilities

Act requirements have made the second floor of the Works Progress Administration-built original high school more and more obsolete.

Currently, the second floor houses a Spanish class, English classes for upperclassmen, Idaho Digital Learning Academy classes, and senior leadership and GEAR-Up classes.

A couple years ago, school administration had to make accommodations for a disabled student by moving some second-floor classes to the ground floor.

Trustees would like to add high school classrooms, too. Sauer said the idea is to expand the campus footprint into the quad area near the ag building for science and math classrooms.

“We also have ADA issues accessing upstairs, so additional classrooms potentially allow us to remodel the upstairs and look at a possible elevator,” Sauer said.

The proximity of the new classrooms to the ag shop isn’t

purely because that’s where the space is.

“We historically have had ag teachers that are strong in science,” Sauer said. “To have them be able to partner with our science teachers and utilize that space would be beneficial to them as well.”

The fire alarm system needs upgraded, too, and the superintendent said that could carry a \$500,000 price tag.

Other work, according to the resolution, is envisioned for an auxiliary gymnasium, and the aging Deward Bell Stadium athletic track

In the end, Sauer admits, any construction financed through a future bond would just be the tip of the iceberg for the high school.

“The reality is there are things that we know we have to get done, but there are other things that, depending on construction costs ... we can get done,” he said.

“We have a lot more to get done than the \$14 million will cover.”

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