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Idaho Avenue workday to start at 5 a.m.

Change an attempt to avoid delay after irrigation pipe break

At the request of project officials, Mayor Gheen Christoffersen has ap-

proved specific extended hours in hopes of getting Idaho Avenue rehabilitation work done on time.

According to email correspondence between the Idaho Transportation Department and the City of Homedale, a new daily construction window of 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., was approved Thursday.

The workday expansion comes after an unexpected event that could potentially delay the completion of the project, which is scheduled to wrap up by the end of August, according to ITD.

Crews damaged an irrigation line during the second week of construction, and word was the incident would

contribute to a delay of nearly two months.

"From what I understand, the irrigation (pipe break) has displaced the project by only a couple days," Homedale public works director Bret

— See *Workday*, page 5A

Marsing prepares classic fireworks

Sky over Snake River to light up around 10 p.m. on Third of July

The Third of July Independence Day celebration figures to be a big and festive one Saturday at Marsing's Island Park, and it will be capped off with what is hoped to be a grand fireworks display.

Marsing residents James Ferdinand and Garret Briggs are coordinating the annual fireworks show, bringing a wealth of experience to the popular holiday event.

Ferdinand said that he has been a part of the show for at least 10 years and undertakes the task again this year with Briggs and Ferdinand's son Colby.

Ferdinand said that this year's show would be very similar, including duration, to the Third of July pyrotechnics of years past. The show will begin at dusk, shortly before 10 p.m., and last approximately 18 minutes.

"If it ain't broke, right?" he said.

A dozen people will have a

— See *Marsing*, page 4A



A sawn tree branch falls toward the Earth after Samuel Page chainsaws it at his west Homedale home last Wednesday.

Lost trees, lost power in wake of strong storm

Property damage appeared minimal although last week's strong wind and rain toppled trees in Homedale and Marsing.

The biggest sustained gust the National Weather Service reported in the Homedale-Marsing area was 46 mph, but several residents

from both communities will undoubtedly beg to differ.

The storm downed trees and power poles and knocked branches into power lines.

Some Homedale residents were

— See *Storm*, page 9A

Parade route altered, but 40th annual Lions derby will go on

Plenty to do in Homedale on the Fourth

The Homedale Lions Club isn't letting a little road construction stop the tradition.

The club's 40th annual Fourth of July Demolition Derby will go on as planned Sunday, and the Independence Parade will precede the smash-up in the morning — albeit with a different route because of West Idaho Avenue road construction.

After huddling with Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller and Idaho Transportation Department representative Jennifer Gonzalez last Wednesday morning, Lions Club president Will Pryor announced the parade changes.

He said all parade participants will stage in the area around Deward Bell Stadium at Riverside Park beginning at 8:30 a.m. Traditionally, only the horse entries gather in that area. There will be no staging at the Homedale High School parking lot.

The procession will avoid Idaho Avenue altogether when the parade starts at 9 a.m.

From the staging area, the route will run west on Riverside Drive then head south on Main Street before turning onto West Owyhee Avenue.

The parade will travel three blocks on West Owyhee Avenue, including in front of Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation, before turning onto North 3rd Street for the trip to the fairgrounds.

Derby organizers hope that spectators heading to the rodeo arena later in the day Sunday follow the parade participants' lead and avoid Idaho Avenue altogether.

Pryor said signs will be posted on the east entrance to town encouraging folks to head down North 4th Street East and take Riverside to Main to West Owyhee to make the trip to the fairgrounds.

— See *Derby*, page 5A



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Marsing resident Robert Renteria, 16, takes aim during one of the shooting competitions that helped him qualify for the national 4-H tournament as part of Team Idaho. Submitted photo

Marsing youth heading to 4-H shooting nationals

Strong showings at district, State get job done

A Marsing High School student will represent Idaho in a national sport shooting competition next year, but he made need a little help in getting there.

Robert Renteria, a 16-year-old junior-to-be at Marsing, earned a spot on the four-person Idaho 4-H shooting sports shotgun team at nationals after finishing third at the state competition.

Robert's father, Rob, figures that with travel and other expenses the endeavor will likely be a spendy one. He's currently working on various ways to raise money.

"We are trying to put together some different types of fundraisers now," Rob said. "Haven't gotten everything figured out yet."

Anyone interested in help-

ing Robert with expenses can contact the Renteria family at bigrob3378@gmail.com.

State was held June 10-11 at the Boise Gun Club.

Robert qualified for the state meet with a runner-up showing at a district competition on April 10 at the Caldwell Gun Club.

Team Idaho and four-person teams from other states will compete in the national 4-H Shooting Sports Championship set for next June in Grand Island, Neb.

At the district competition, Robert shot trap and sporting clays, while at State he shot trap and skeet.

He will compete in all three styles at nationals.

Robert finished the state contest with a total score of 168 — 92 in trap and 76 in skeet — for third place. He will join Samuel Barnes, Logan Boehm, and Luke Gilliam

on Team Idaho.

"(He has) a year to raise money for this trip," Rob said. "He works hard at shooting and puts his time in to get better all the time."

All competitors must be 14 to 18 years old at the time of the national championship.

Robert has been involved with 4-H since he was 8 years old but just began the sporting shoots in 2020. Overall, he has been shooting for about four years, his father said.

"He really wants to make a living in the hunting and shooting world," Rob said.

Robert competes with the Owyhee County Shooting Sports 4-H club, and his dad is the only certified coach.

He shoots at local clubs like Marsing, Melba and Caldwell Gun Clubs, among others.

He has also competed in numerous sport clay contests.

— TK

County GOP sets vetting meeting for assessor hopefuls

The next steps in finding a successor for Owyhee County Assessor Toni Gruenwald have been solidified.

Gruenwald told the Board of County Commissioners in a June 14 resignation notice that her last day on the job will be Tuesday, Aug. 31.

The county's Republican Party Central Committee is accepting applications to develop a list of suggestions to send to the county commissioners.

Interested parties have until Saturday, July 10 to submit a

letter of interest and a résumé to GOP county committee chair Shawn Dygert. Contact Dygert at (208) 250-9882 and/or email the required material to shawn.dygert@gmail.com.

The central committee will hear prospective candidates' presentations at 7 p.m., on Wednesday, July 21 inside Courtroom 1 at the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, in Murphy.

The central committee can send up to three names to the commissioners, ranked in order of preference.

"The commissioners are not bound by that, but it is a courtesy they follow," Dygert said.

— JPB

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Prepping for the Fourth

Dana Stewart adds the finishing touches to the eagle she has painted on the window of NAPA Owyhee Auto Parts in Homedale in preparation for Independence Day. A common sight the past few years in Homedale, Stewart is the owner of Dana's Designs decorating businesses for various holidays and events down the city's main thoroughfare on Idaho Avenue.



Charity is non-denominational

A cadre of volunteers manned the pallets during the Idaho Foodbank's monthly drop-off and dispersal at Homedale's First Presbyterian Church. Helping out on Friday were a young pair of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints missionaries: Ammon Davies (left) and Cooper Despain. Davies is from West Virginia, and Despain is from Utah. The Idaho Foodbank drops off staples at the church on the fourth Friday of every month.

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✓ Marsing: Hot temps forecast for festival

front-row seat to the show this year.

The Third of July Fireworks Committee recently raffled two viewing packages with a catered Marsing Lions Club barbecue dinner. The two winners — Tina Clapier and Mike Baker — are allowed to invite five guests each to watch the fireworks show from the City Hall deck overlooking the river.

Randy Messer originally held one of the winning tickets, but he donated the prize back to the committee. That gave Baker a chance to win the prize.

Proceeds from the raffle help fund the fireworks show.

The total cost of the Third of July event is \$6,700, which includes things like the rental of Port-a-Potties, trash pick-up, etc. The City of Marsing is a major sponsor of the event, allocating a \$3,100 donation to help with costs.

In addition to the raffle, donations also were received to help finance the celebration.

The fireworks are supplied by Big Sky Fireworks in Montana, the same company that supplies pyrotechnics for Homedale and Wilder. Briggs recently drove to Garden Valley to pick up the fireworks and participate in the annual training.

Everyone involved in lighting the fireworks must wear bunker gear (personal protective equipment) for safety reasons. The area where the fireworks are lit is mowed or burned prior to the event, there is a safety officer on hand, and there is always at least one Marsing Fire District truck on the scene.

“We also have a safety briefing prior to the show, so we are all clear on our assignments,” Ferdinand said.

The festivities start at

5 p.m., with vendors and games at Island Park.

Visitors will not be able to park at Island Park. There will be parking at the old high school gymnasium on Main Street and at the school complex on 8th Avenue West. Brown Bus Co., shuttles will ferry people to the park.

Visitors are asked not to cross Main Street. With the recent bridge construction, park access is available on both the north and south sides of Main Street. Pedestrians on the north side will enter on the north side ramp; those on the south side will likewise enter on the ramp on the south side.

Ferdinand implored residents and visitors to take the conditions and temperatures seriously.

“That will help the traffic from backing up after the (fireworks),” Ferdinand said. “We are asking everyone to be patient and prepared for the extreme heat we are currently experiencing.

“Remember, no dogs are allowed at the parks in Marsing, so please leave your pets at home and not in your hot car.”

The forecast calls for a high of 105 degrees in Marsing on Saturday.

— TK

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 30: **Breakfast:** Banana bread **Lunch:** Chicken quesadilla, Juice Alive, celery stick

July 1: **Breakfast:** Berry twins **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, tropical fruit, cauliflower

July 2: **Breakfast:** Tornados **Lunch:** Cheese sandwich, pears, cucumbers, chips

July 5: **Breakfast:** Apple bites **Lunch:** Turkey & cheese sub, Craisins, carrot sticks, chips

July 6: **Breakfast:** Cereal **Lunch:** PB&J-strawberry sandwich, applesauce, peppers

July 7: **Breakfast:** Pancakes **Lunch:** Ham & cheese stuffwich, peaches, celery sticks, chips

July 8: Baked fish, rice, broccoli

July 13: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables

July 14: Pasta primavera with ham, California blend vegetables

July 15: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, spinach

July 20: Salisbury steak with onions/mushrooms, mashed potatoes with gravy, Brussels sprouts

July 21: Ham and cheese sandwich, macaroni salad, beet salad

July 22: Shepherd’s pie, side salad with tomatoes and cucumbers

July 27: BBQ pulled pork, baked potato, coleslaw

July 28: Tuna melt, fries, zucchini

July 29: Beef stroganoff, peas and carrots

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Homedale city crew’s summer heating up

Irrigation outages, parks projects add pressure

Even before the irrigation problem on West Idaho Avenue, the Homedale public works department’s schedule appeared booked.

The crew, including recent new hire John Miklancic, has tackled several projects — all of which are in various stages of progress.

The latest irrigation service interruption began Monday night when another leak was discovered. The emergency shutoff is expected to last until Saturday.

Beforehand, residents had been urged to water their lawns as much as possible because another outage will occur when work on the West Idaho Avenue problem resumes.

“We’re not going to shut it down when (the temperature is 109 degrees), and there’s a holiday weekend,” city public works supervisor Bret Smith said several days before Monday’s emergency shutoff.

An earlier irrigation service interruption occurred after a



Homedale public works supervisor Bret Smith (left) talks on his cellphone as Curtis Stansell operates a backhoe to trench a section of West Idaho Avenue on Thursday near the Family Dollar Store at 3rd Street North.

water main break near the South Main Street location of the Vineyards Cottage senior living development construction.

“We didn’t know if it was water or irrigation, so we shut down an irrigation lateral that affected about a dozen homes,” public works supervisor Bret Smith said.

Work on the new Bette Uda City Park basketball court — a two-goal full-court setup planned for a dilapidated tennis court — has begun. But that work was interrupted by another irrigation problem.

The poles were set, and the backboards are ready to go, but the irrigation pipe rupture on West Idaho Avenue suspended work, Smith said.

Smith said last week that the basketball goals would be completed if the wait for parts on the West Idaho irrigation

shutoff, Smith said the work could happen before the Fourth if the part comes in. If not, though, the crew will hold off on the work until after the heatwave breaks, Smith said.

“We anticipate a five-day outage. It could be a little less,” Smith said.

An estimated 400 to 500 irrigation users will be left high and dry when the work resumes, but unlike Monday, Smith doesn’t want any surprises.

“We’re going to give every bid of notice that we can,” he said.

Another project — the expansion of Riverside Park — is in a holding pattern, too.

Smith said utilities for the prefabricated restroom planned for the southwest corner of the Peterson property have been stubbed in.

The city is waiting on an inspection of the plumbing work and to complete backfill. Then the area must be prepared and compacted before the building can be placed.

Smith said asphalt for parking area, including a disabled parking space, will occur after the building is in place.

— JPB

From page 1A

✓ Derby: Construction alters route to fairgrounds; watch for signs at 4th

The same advice is in place for anyone traveling to watch the Believe Pulling truck and tractor pulls at the Snake River’s edge in the fairgrounds rodeo parking lot. The pulls begin at noon.

The community block party being organized by Rumors salon co-owner Petrea Lee also reportedly has been moved to the fairgrounds.

Spectator gates for the derby open at 4:30 p.m. Drivers can haul their cars into the pits beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The grand entry will be held at 5:30 p.m., and Lacey Sevy will provide the Star-Spangled Banner rendition again this year, Pryor said.

With the high temperature expected to be 106 degrees, Pryor said spectators are encouraged to stay hydrated and will be allowed to bring clear bottles of water into the arena.

Admission is \$17, and there is a \$2 discount for those with a military ID. Folks can watch both the truck pull and the derby for a combined price of \$22.

Tickets are available at TicketLeap.com.

Pryor said he is expecting a sellout again this year.

A Power Wheels derby for children will be held in between preliminary heats in the big show. Other derby categories include 1980s-and-newer chain-and-bang and a compact class.

Pryor said he expects 20-25 big cars to vie for a spot in the Treasure Valley Fence ‘n’ Feed Main Event. Additionally, he said 10 to 15 cars each are expected in the other classes.

The fireworks will go off at approximately 10:15 p.m., Pryor said. The derby will be halted temporarily, if necessary, to divert attention to the pyrotechnics.

A live band will play at the Tumbleweed Theatre beginning at 9 p.m.

Some derby drivers and truck pull performers got in a warm-up during the Cherry Festival at the Gem County Fairgrounds a couple weeks ago. Attempts to get results were unsuccessful.

— JPB

✓ Workday: West Idaho Avenue paving could start next week, ITD says

Smith said.

Apparently, infrastructure under Idaho highway 19 had been marked prior to the Knife River Corp.-led project’s commencement. But, Smith said, the path of an irrigation line under Idaho 19/West Idaho Avenue wasn’t completely discernible.

“It was a line that was not accurately located by the city,” Smith said. “We didn’t know where that was.

“We were off on our marks. We witched it, and it wasn’t where we thought.”

Smith said the pipe — which is at least 50 years old — didn’t have the wire needed to find it with modern equipment. It was believed the lateral ran parallel with Idaho Avenue on the north side of the street. But the pipe actually ran at a 45-degree angle under Idaho Avenue.

The city public works crew will work on tying in new pipe across Idaho Avenue simultaneously as the Knife River crew continues on the rehab of the north side of West Idaho Avenue.

Knife River workers were originally scheduled to be on site from 7 a.m., to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday to minimize the impact of construction noise on neighboring residents.

The Owyhee Avalanche obtained correspondence about the change in the work hours through a public records request.

ITD announced the new expanded work hours as “dawn to dusk” in a project update released late Wednesday afternoon. But according to the emails, the plan that received Christofferson’s final approval Thursday morning was the 17-hour window (5 a.m. to 10 p.m.).

Paving for Phase 1, which is West Idaho Avenue from Main Street west to Railroad Avenue, is scheduled to begin next week, according to the ITD release.

Because of system problems, residents have had sporadic irrigation water availability, including the outage early last week. Smith said repair of the Idaho Avenue pipe break and the crossing has been delayed because needed parts are on order.

One part is an adapter to connect the new PVC pipe to the old concrete pipe, Smith said.

Irrigation users — who lost service again Monday night because of an emergency shutoff — can expect another delay of up to five days once the part arrives. Smith said about 400 to 500 residents will be affected. Flaggers will be present during the work, which ITD labeled as “upgrades” in a press release.

— JPB

Find out
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Monthly Rimrock Food Pantry distribution resumes on July 10

The Rimrock Food Pantry returns next week after a lengthy hiatus. No-contact distribution will take place from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., at the Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho St.

The pantry will be a drive-up format. Motorists are asked to line up in the back of the church. The pantry hasn't been held in several months because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The local food pantry distribution had been coordinated through the Bruneau-Grand View School District since early 2020.

Knight Community Church will play host to other Rimrock Food Pantry distribution days on one Saturday a month for the rest of the year—Aug. 14, Sept. 11, Oct. 16, Nov. 13, and Dec. 11.

Health screening offerings return to Homedale Sr. Center

With COVID-19 concerns subsiding, bi-monthly foot clinics have returned to Homedale Senior Center. The next clinic is scheduled for Tuesday, July 20 at the senior center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. Ear cleanings also are available for \$20. The foot examinations cost \$15. Patrons will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis. Call the senior center at (208) 337-3020 for more information.

Lunch is served from 11:30 a.m., to 12:30 p.m., each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Curbside pickup of lunches is available. Call ahead at (208) 337-3020 to order. The Ladies Coffee Group meets at 9 a.m., each Wednesday. The senior citizens board of directors holds its next public meeting at 1:30 p.m., on Tuesday, July 13. The thrift store, which is one arm of the fundraising effort to operate the center, is open from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The next clinic is scheduled for September unless a conflict arises. Other health-related activities also continue at the senior center with the bi-weekly Fit and Fall class held from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., every Tuesday and Thursday. The next Fit and Fall is scheduled for Thursday, and Tuesday's class proceeds the congregate lunch that features live music by two members of the group Wilder.

The senior center staff is also gearing up for the annual Buckaroo Breakfast fundraiser next month during the Owyhee County Fair week. Breakfast is served each morning from Tuesday to Saturday of fair week. A quilt is also raffled during the breakfast, and tickets are available now at the senior center.

Calendar

Today

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

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

Summer reading
1 p.m. to 2 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

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

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

Friday

Adrian Community Market
3 p.m., to 7 p.m., park next to Succor Creek Coffee, Adrian. jada@ishidafarms.com

Saturday

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 5 eat free.

Third of July fireworks
Dusk, Island Park, Marsing.

Sunday

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

Homedale Lions 4th 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

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

Homedale Presbyterian 4th of July picnic
12:15 p.m., First Presbyterian Church of Homedale, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale.

Tuesday

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

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

Grand View Irrigation District meeting
11 a.m., district office, 645 Idaho Ave., Grand View.

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

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Opaline Irrigation District meeting
7 p.m., 7300 Opaline Rd., Melba.

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Snake River Irrigation District meeting
1 p.m., Grand View Irrigation District Office, 645 Idaho Ave., Grand View.

Grand View Fire commissioners meeting
5 p.m., Grand View Fire Station, 721 Roosevelt Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2511 (call ahead to ensure the meeting will be held)

Thursday, July 8

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

Owyhee Gardeners meeting
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Death notices

EVELYN (BUNNY) COMBS, 89, of Homedale, died on Sunday, June 27, 2021. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapels, (208) 459-0833

BONNIE JEAN ENGLE, 90, of Hermiston, Ore., and formerly of Marsing, died at her home on June 12, 2021. Services will be held at a later time in Marsing. Arrangements: Burns Mortuary, Hermiston, Ore.

Honor roll

Treasure Valley CC

Three students with local ties landed on the Treasure Valley Community College honor roll for the spring 2021 semester. The college is located in Ontario, Ore., and has a campus in Caldwell.

Dean’s List (3.99 to 3.75 grade-point average — Jade W. May, Bruneau; and Jaylyn Makayla Van Schoiack, Bruneau

Honor roll (3.74 to 3.5 GPA) — Derek Jamerson Jr., Wilder

College of Southern Idaho

Two students with local ties landed on the College of Southern Idaho Dean’s List for the spring 2021 semester. The college is located in Twin Falls.

Melba — Tinsley Christensen

Mountain Home — Emily Derrick

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July 2: French toast sticks, berry sauce, eggs, sausage links, banana

July 5: CLOSED – Independence Day

July 7: Ham and Swiss sandwich, carrot salad, pineapple, hoagie roll

Homedale church plans 4th of July picnic

The Fourth of July celebrations in Homedale aren’t limited to the fairgrounds. The public is invited to attend an Independence Day picnic lunch at the Homedale Presbyterian Church.

Hot dogs, ice cream, chips and drinks will be served beginning at 12:15 p.m., on Sunday after the church service concludes.

The church is located at 320 N. 6th St., in Homedale.

Obituary

Virginia Ruth Aman

Virginia Ruth (Porter) Aman, 99, was born in Osborne, Kansas on November 7, 1921, to Joseph and Lydia Porter, and went home to heaven June 22, 2021.

She spent her early years attending a one-room schoolhouse in Covert, Kansas, and helping her parents raise and sell turkeys. In November 1928, the family left Kansas in their 1927 Chevrolet for Yakima Valley, Washington to work the apple orchards. Stopping in Kuna, Idaho to visit friends, they decided to stay and work in the orchards there. Virginia attended her school years at Kuna, graduating from high school in 1940. She was an avid volleyball and softball player. In 1939 the Kuna town team, with her as the shortstop and her father as coach, won the state championship, making them eligible for the National Championship tournament at Soldier Field in Chicago. The team of teenage farm girls from Kuna played well but lost to a professional team from Omaha.

She married Wayne “Cy” Aman on August 31, 1940, in Kuna. The couple moved to Nampa, where Wayne sold tractors and Virginia peeled potatoes at a potato chip factory to make ends meet. Following that was a move back to Kuna to farm. Their oldest son, Pete, was born during that time. Later they moved to Danner, Oregon, near Jordan Valley, to farm, then to Reynolds Creek in Owyhee County to work for a rancher. A few months later, Hubert Nettleton hired Wayne as a cowboy, and Virginia as a cook for the cowboys on



the Joyce Livestock Ranch on Sinker Creek. While there, their second child, Joe, was born.

In 1948 the family purchased a small cattle ranch on Hart Creek, near Oreana. It was a home with no electricity, running water, or indoor plumbing, but it was their own home. While living there, daughter Susan was born. In 1952, they sold the ranch and moved back to Kuna. Virginia stated that “school, church, and money” were the reasons they moved to Kuna. While there, two sons, Terry and Gary, and daughter Lisa were born.

In 1965, while Wayne was working for the state highway department, he was asked to pastor a small church at Midvale. Following that were pastorates in Kuna and Greenleaf, where Virginia formed many lasting friendships. After Wayne retired from the highway department, they purchased a motor home and went to Manitoba, Canada to do missionary work. A year later they went to Frazier Lake, B.C. to establish a church, then returned to Idaho and bought some land near Murphy for a manufactured home. After Wayne passed away in 1995, Virginia made her

home next to daughter Sue and Bob Davenport, also in Murphy. In 2014, she moved to Homedale to live with her son Joe and daughter-in-law Jan. She loved to knit afghans for her great-grandchildren, put jigsaw puzzles together or play a game of dominoes.

Virginia was preceded in death by her parents, Joe and Lydia Porter; two sisters, Edna (Raymond) Downum and Pearl (Marvin) Dodson; husband, Wayne Cy Aman; grandson, Michael Patrick; great-granddaughter, Gabriella Gonzalez; great-grandson Boone Cooper; granddaughter-in-law Andrea Horn, and son-in-law, Bob Davenport.

She is survived by her six children; Pete (Joyce) Aman, Portland, OR.; Joe (Jan) Aman, Homedale; Sue Davenport, Nampa; Terry (Kim) Aman, Kent, WA.; Gary (Trina) Aman, Murphy; Lisa (Dennis) Patrick, Greenleaf. She is also survived by 75 additional descendants through great-great-grandchildren.

Her greatest desire in life was to serve her Lord Jesus. She read her Bible through from cover to cover “so many times I’ve lost track.” Her life was a true example of a follower of Christ. Her soul is now in Heaven, free from pain and suffering.

The family wishes to give a special thank you to the doctors and nurses at Horizon Home Health and Hospice for the exceptional care they provided in her last days.

Interment will be at Oreana Pioneer Cemetery. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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DAMAGING WIND AND RAIN PRECEDE HEATWAVE



River Bend Golf Course north of Homedale lost close to 30 trees in the June 22 storm, including series of trees immediately to the southeast of the No. 2 tee box.



Above: The wind peeled back the roof and ripped a downspout off near the northwest corner of the Homedale Elementary School cafeteria. A tree on the east side of the campus fell and completely blocked North 3rd Street West. **Right:** A school crossing sign at East Idaho Avenue and North 3rd Street East was damaged in the storm.



A house on the northeast corner of East Washington Avenue and North 1st Street East received damage when the wind blew strips of metal roofing off, exposing a practically pristine shingled roof underneath.



This uprooted tree fell to the north, knocking over two garbage carts, but narrowly missing the house on the southeast corner North 1st Street West and West Washington Avenue.



Wind uprooted a large tree and toppled it into a house on Kerry Street in Marsing. Photo by Paula Andrus

DAMAGING WIND AND RAIN PRECEDE HEATWAVE



Above: Several branches and one tree fell on Whitney and Dillon Danos' house at their "Mrs. Pershall" farmstead near Pershall and Edison roads outside Marsing during the June 22 storm. One tree was sheared off near the base of its trunk by the forceful winds. Whitney said the healthy trees on the right were felled for safety.

Right: The branch that landed on the Danos' roof snapped off a stovepipe from the couple's home. Submitted photos



Mike Stutheit assesses a downed tree on his property on U.S. Highway 95 where two trees fell across the roadway and blocked traffic. Submitted photo

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✓ Storm: "Gust-nado" blocks U.S. Hwy. 95 between Marsing, Homedale

without electricity well into last Wednesday afternoon. Some reported losing food because of having no power to run refrigerators or freezers.

"We did have a few customers near Homedale that were without power for 20-plus hours," Idaho Power communications specialist Brad Bowlin said.

Bowlin said 36 households were without power late in the afternoon after the storm. The extended power outages most likely were related to damaged electrical equipment at the individual properties, he said.

Nearly 4,400 people in Homedale and Marsing lost power. The majority of those customers (3,805) were in the Homedale area.

Thirty-five Murphy customers had service affected, and Bowlin said 20 linemen were called out to work on outages in the Owyhee County area.

There were no reported outages in the Grand View-Brunau area, he said.

Friends and neighbors spent time during the week shoring up damaged trees or cutting up and hauling away trees that had been ripped out of the ground by winds that some observers said were about 70 mph.

The community aspect of the storm recovery was especially evident near the home that Mary Ortiz shares with Mike

Stutheit near the intersection of U.S. Highway 95 and Jump Creek and Thompson Roads.

What Ortiz characterized as a "gust-nado" felled two fir trees onto the highway and blocked traffic.

She said that community members and the Homedale Fire Department responded to the situation.

"We called 911 because, being on the highway, it was a hazard," she said. "They sent out the fire department, and other people stopped to help direct traffic."

"They just started cutting on the tree and getting it off the road for us."

Ortiz said it took a couple hours to clear the trees from the highway.

"We're very thankful for everybody's help," Ortiz said.

Ortiz has lived on the property for about 20 years, and she's an Owyhee County native.

She said last week's storm was reminiscent of the wind she experienced as a child when a tree fell on her grandparents' home near the old Homedale train depot on the west side of downtown in the early 1960s.

Other trees fell in Homedale, including at the Snake River RV Resort off Industrial Road. Some residences were also knocked off their foundations

at the resort.

More trees fell in the Kings Court mobile home park on South Main, while a large evergreen fell to the north on a West Montana Avenue property, narrowly missing the house, which stands to the east of the tree.

Another Montana Avenue resident, Trinity Holiness Church pastor Samuel Page, is no stranger to such windy conditions. He grew up in tornado-prone Oklahoma, and his grandsons visiting from Tulsa were out Wednesday morning helping clear branches from a tree on the northern border of the property.

Page used an electric chain saw to start dismantling the tree, and said he had plans to trim the trees before the storm hit.

"God beat me to it," he said.

Whitney Danos and her family were among the Marsing-area residents who had trees fall on their houses.

Danos and her husband, Dillon, weren't altogether surprised that more trees had taken aim at their farmhouse, which they have dubbed "Mrs. Pershall," near Pershall and Edison roads.

"We've lost four big cottonwood trees already this year, so it wasn't anything we hadn't seen before until we heard the row of trees on the west side of

our property land on our roof," Whitney said.

The family moved a belated Father's Day celebration inside when the wind picked up around 7 p.m.

"We have a huge window in our living room where we sat and watched the storm flip trees upside-down," Whitney said, adding that the couple's 1- and 3-year-old sons were crying and screaming with fear as their outdoor toys were tossed into the hay field.

The family gathered in the kitchen for safety.

"The worst of the storm lasted about two hours," she said. "The west side of our property and the front of our home was completely buried. We couldn't even open our front door."

Dillon cleaned up the tree-strewn property in about six hours, she said. A handyman who was already scheduled to paint the family's home brought a chain saw and ladder and helped Dillon clear trees at 7 a.m., on Wednesday.

The family also pulled down three healthy trees. Whitney said the trees' roots were threatening the integrity of the home's foundation anyway.

"We lost a lot of shade but gained a lot of peace," she said.

"Our silage pit is filled to the top with trees right now,

and we have a list of friends coming to chop up some fire wood."

The City of Homedale's facilities weren't spared from the wrath of last week's fierce winds.

Nearly every tree in Bette Uda City Park lost limbs during the storm, and the debris was strewn from South 2nd Street East through the park and about halfway to South 3rd Street East near the tennis courts.

A crew spent part of last Wednesday removing the damaged roof from the first-base dugout on Field 2 at Sundance Park. The corrugated metal had been peeled back by the storm.

Public works supervisor Bret Smith said the city also will have work to do at the main wastewater lift station on Nevada Avenue.

A winch on an elevated A-frame was blown over and crushed a portion of fence at the lift station.

Roofing was also peeled off the well house at Riverside Park, and sun shades at the city pool were twisted around by the wind.

Leaks also persist on the roof of the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library in the wake of the heavy rain from the storm.

— JPB

Correct watering, prudent fertilizing promote healthy root systems

We have all experienced a great amount of joy in watching the garden progress this season, until that closer examination of the prized tomato ripening on the vine. We notice the blossom-end of the fruit shows a flat, dry, sunken, brown rot! **Nic Usabel**



This fruit is experiencing blossom-end rot. In addition to tomatoes, the disorder can also occur in peppers, squash, eggplants, and melons.

Blossom-end rot is triggered by a localized calcium deficiency in the distal (blossom) end. The disorder often affects rapidly growing plants or those recovering from water stress as calcium is a relatively immobile element. This condition is rarely the result of a lack of calcium in Treasure Valley soils, which are calcium-rich, but rather occurs when plants cannot pull up the calcium quickly enough for the developing tissues. In addition, the blossom end of the fruit contains fewer vascular bundles — which move water and nutrients from one part of the plant to another — so are most susceptible to a lack of calcium availability.

The most common cause of blossom-end rot is inconsistent watering, and the plant becomes drought-stressed, fluctuating the supply of calcium from the roots to the leaves and fruit. While overwatering causes soils to become waterlogged, it limits the amount of oxygen needed for root growth

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and proper functioning, thus reducing the ability of calcium uptake. Shallow watering, associated with small amounts of water added each day, will not encourage deep root growth to provide proper water and nutrient uptake. Additionally, roots damaged by tilling too close to the plant will decrease their ability to absorb needed calcium. Finally, applying too much fertilizer can increase vegetative growth while the plant is setting fruit. Calcium in this case will move to the rapidly growing leaves versus the developing fruit.

Create conditions that favor the development of a healthy root system and promote consistent water uptake and help to reduce blossom-end rot. Irrigate so that the water goes deep into the soil profile. This could be once or twice per week based upon your soil type. We call this deep and infrequent watering.

Avoid daily shallow watering and ensure that your soil is not waterlogged.

Apply an organic mulch to help conserve the soil moisture and reduce evaporation from the soil surface as we move into summer. Organic mulches include weed-free straw, wood chips or herbicide-free lawn clippings.

When tilling for weeds keep it shallow and not too close to the base of the plant.

Avoid excess fertilization and consider tilling the soil area during the next growing season to break up any compaction layers.

Topical treatments are not



Blossom-end rot is evident on a red pepper (top) and blossom-end rot on paste tomatoes (left) as discovered during the University of Idaho Extension integrated pest management walks during the 2020 season. Photos by UI Extension Advanced Master Gardener Maria Held

effective methods of control as the calcium does not move from the leaves to the fruit.

Should you experience the development of blossom-end rot in which the spot becomes very large, remove and discard the fruit. The condition does not spread to other fruits or other

plants. The fruit can be eaten, but they are often tasteless.

If you consistently have issues with blossom-end rot on tomatoes, consider planting different cultivars. Search University of Idaho Extension publication for a more in-depth resource at uidaho.edu/extension/publications or reach out, and I'll be happy to provide you the resource.

Join us each week for an interactive virtual series titled "U and I Together: An activity series where all ages can learn!" Classes are held on Tuesdays from 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., continuing through Aug. 17.

To learn more and to register, visit uidaho.edu/together.

In July join Suriñe Greenway

and I for a free virtual webinar "Harvesting and Storing Garden Vegetables" during which we will identify the proper stage of maturity to harvest and conditions to store for optimum shelf life. Register at <https://bit.ly/harveststorage> to receive your join link.

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Bruneau sisters catch Mustang Mania

Lisle girls among four locals training animals for Nampa challenge

Two Bruneau girls are trying their hand at equine training.

Ruby Lisle escorted her yearling burro, Po Campo, in the Big Loop Parade of Champions in Jordan Valley last month.

Her older sister, Josie, has a yearling mustang named Drover.

The Lisle girls — and Jordan Valley’s Kaylee Stoddart and Jill Gammett — are gearing up for the Mustang Mania TIP Challenge.

TIP stands for Trainer Incentive Program, youth from Montana to Utah have adopted horses to prepare for the competition.

Former Adrian resident Matt Zimmerman and his wife Stacie manage the challenge, which takes place Friday and Saturday at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa.

Through their work with the TIP challenge and other efforts, the Zimmermans help adopt out more than 100 horses and burros every year.

After next month’s competition, the trainers can either complete adoption of their animals or rehome them.

Ruby and Josie, the daughters of Jess and Brandi Lisle, will compete for buckles, prizes and cash. Ruby just completed her sixth-grade year at Rimrock Jr./Sr. High School. Josie starts her sophomore year at Rimrock in August.

“(Last month’s) parade was a step in helping Po Campo

prepare for the challenge,” Brandi said of the Jordan Valley visit.

Po Campo was rounded up from the Bureau of Land Management’s Selenite Range Herd Management Area in Ely, Nev. The burro was captured shortly before Ruby adopted him in March, Brandi said.

Josie will take part in her second competition. Her yearling mustang, Drover, comes from the Eagle HMA in Lincoln County, Nev.

The 14-year-old was rookie of the year and placed fifth overall in the youth category last year with Tico, a bay yearling gathered from the Fish Creek HMA, which is south of Eureka, Nev.

Josie kept Tico, but plans starting him later this summer under saddle with an eye toward rehoming him, Josie mom said.

Brandi likens the TIP challenge to a 4-H county fair competition.

“That is how we look at it,” she said. “Everyone camps out at the Idaho Center and brings back the horses they have been training.

“For the stigma against Mustangs, it is very remarkable to find so many well-trained, good-looking horses.”

The Lisle girls are funding their Mustang Mania projects on their own by starting colts, raising leppy calves and recycling aluminum cans.

“They use this money for hay, grain, and any props they



Reining sibling rivalry

Left: Josie Lisle of Bruneau is one of four local girls who are training wild horses or burros for next week’s Mustang TIP Challenge in Nampa. **Right:** Josie’s sister Ruby escorted her wild burro, Po Campo, in the Big Loop Parade of Champions on May 15 as part of a 60-day training regimen. Submitted photos

might need,” Brandi said. “A lot of the materials they need are already here on the place, though.”

The four local girls and

other competitors — adult and youth — are given about 100 days to get the animals ready for competition. If the horses and burros meet minimum

training requirements, they’re allowed to enter the Idaho Center contest.

— JPB



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Fourth of July holiday observed on Monday

Independence Day falls on Sunday this year, but the federal holiday will be observed on Monday. Government offices will be closed, but most businesses will remain open.

County offices in Murphy will be closed, including the courts, the Division of Motor Vehicles, the county clerk, and the assessor's office. DMV offices in Marsing and Grand View will be closed, too.

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners meeting, which is typically held at 9 a.m., on the first four Mondays of every month at

the courthouse in Murphy, will be held at 9 a.m., on Tuesday.

City Halls in Homedale, Grand View, Marsing, Jordan Valley, and Adrian will be closed for the holiday.

All emergency services, including dispatch, law enforcement, fire, and ambulance services will be available during the holiday.

All post offices in the county will be closed on Monday.

US Bank branches in both Marsing and Homedale will be closed.

Albertsons in Homedale will be open its normal hours,

from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sav-On Pharmacy located inside the store will likewise be open its regular business hours on both Sunday (noon to 4 p.m.) and Monday (8 a.m., to 7 p.m.).

M&W Market in Marsing will be open its normal hours, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., on Sunday and Monday.

Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library in Homedale, Lizard Butte Library in Marsing, Eastern Owyhee County Library in Grand View, and Bruneau Valley Library in Bruneau will be closed Monday.

The University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office in Marsing will be closed on Monday.

All deadlines for the July 7 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche remain the same; display ads, legal notices, letters to the editor, and non-breaking new stories must be received by noon on Friday. Classified ads must be submitted by noon on Monday (folks needing to submit ads on Monday can email to office@owyhee.com).

The Avalanche office will be closed for the holiday.

— TK

HSD trustees add final kindergarten teacher

The Homedale School Board completed the 2021-22 teachers roster during its last meeting.

Patricia Jeffery employment as a kindergarten teacher for the elementary school was finalized on June 10.

In other personnel moves from the meeting included the resignation of elementary school paraprofessional Megan Harper, who is a Homedale High School graduate and the daughter of veteran elementary schoolteacher Melanie Harper.

Kristie Roseborough also has resigned from multiple positions at the middle school, including part-time secretary, part-time safe school aide, and activities director.

Melba FFA looks back as it moves forward

by Lelani Walters
Chapter reporter

The Melba FFA chapter welcomes guests and members alike for its annual banquet last month in the high school commons.

In her final meeting as 2020-21 chapter president Josune Jaca called the May 6 event to order after which senior members retired their jackets and awards were given.

Members and guests contributed to a potluck-style dinner featuring a slide show compiled by secretary Aubrey Tackett. After dinner, many awards were received.

There were 12 Greenhand Degrees and pins awarded to first-year members, including two first-year junior members.

Owyhee County resident Matea Jaca won the Chapter Workhorse Award for participating in activities and volunteering her services to better

the chapter.

Star Greenhand was awarded to Brittany Erikson for charismatic participation in activities and demonstration of leadership potential.

Star Chapter was awarded to Cadence Bass and Owyhee County's Hannah Moos for exceptional leadership and dedication to our chapter. They spent countless hours helping assist the chapter and make the events that we have better.

Career Development Experience medals were given in six different competitions:

Dairy Cattle Evaluation — Jaxen Hackler (bronze), Brittany Erikson (silver), and Owyheean Zuri Ximenez (silver)

Greenhand Knowledge — The team finished second in the district with Owyheean Maialen Jaca (gold) and Gabby Young (bronze), and gold winners Jordie Boyd and

Jaycie Hackler taking individual placements.

Job Interview — Jess Tackett (gold)

Prepared Public Speaking — Melina Helm (gold)

Creed — Jaycie Hackler (gold)

Floral Design — Gabby Young (bronze), Jess Tackett (bronze), and Alyvia Moffis (silver)

Teams that competed earlier this month at the state contests at the University of Idaho in Moscow include Horste, Live-stock, and Ag Mechanics.

The chapter also showed its appreciation for honorary members who provided their services and support in various ways, including Owyhee County residents Lucas Cossel and Susan Jaca as well as Gwen and Jim Boehlke, Angela Askew, Zach and Tanya Bass, and Todd and Maria Moffis. All these individuals

benefitted Melba FFA excessively through donation, time, and coaching.

Many officers and members graduated this year, including: President Josune Jaca from Owyhee County, Donovaun Rose, Zane Helm and 2020-2021 officers Cadence Bass (reporter), Alyvia Moffis (vice-president), and Aubrey Tackett (secretary).

They were sent off with well wishes, advice and gifts from the chapter. Seniors also partake in the annual tradition of hanging up their chapter jacket to receive their graduation cords.

The newly elected 2021-2022 chapter officers closed the ceremonies: president Matea Jaca of Owyhee County, vice-president Ryan Stimpson, secretary Hannah Moos of Owyhee County, reporter Lelani Walters, treasurer David Cossel from Owyhee County, and sentinel Braelyn Scott.

Community market returns to Adrian

The bi-monthly Adrian Community Market is back for another season.

The next installment runs 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., on Friday at the park next to Succor Creek Coffee.

The market takes place on the first and third Friday of every month through September.

Shoppers will find farm-fresh eggs, pies, cookies, and homemade items such as aprons and wood games and puzzles.

Pizza is typically available, too, but organizers announced on social media that that particular vendor won't be present this week.

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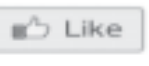


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Sheriff's office to purchase watercraft through state grant

More personnel shifts at OCSO

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office has obtained funding to buy two new personal watercraft and a trailer, thanks to an Idaho Parks and Recreation grant accepted by the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners during its June 21 meeting.

The approved PWC grant is for \$18,975.

The price for the two personal watercrafts (PWCs) is \$23,300. The grant covers \$17,475, and the county will cover the matching portion of \$5,825. The trailer comes with a price tag of \$2,000, of which \$1,500 is covered by the grant.

All told, the county will shell out \$6,325 in matching funds for the three items. That money will come from the county vessel fund. The vessel fund is seeded by watercraft registration revenue received from the state.

The state prioritizes funding to the counties, so Owyhee County gets more money if more boat owners list Owyhee County as their primary area of recreation. Owyhee's designation on watercraft registration forms is 37.

The PWCs to be purchased are two Yamaha VX Cruiser HO waverunners, which will come from Snake River Yamaha in Meridian.

The county applied for the grant in January, and the money is part of Park & Rec's Waterways Improvement Fund. The funds will be available after July 15.

After the commissioners' approval, the agreement was sent to IDPR for the agency representative's signature.

The hope is to have the craft in service by the end of July.

County staffing changes

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office has taken on a new detention deputy, replacing the recently departed Travis Leedom, who left to take a patrol position.

Miguel Ruiz was approved for the detention position, effective Monday. His position is full-time, and he will make \$17.22 per hour.

Annie Miller was also recently hired as part-time county agent for the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office in Marsing.

Miller began in her position on June 21 and will make \$10 per hour.

— TK

Arizona man arrested on drug charges

An out-of-state resident faces multiple drug-related charges after an Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy found him in possession of fraudulent scripts and drug paraphernalia Sunday evening.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said a deputy spotted Terry Bradley, 43, of Phoenix, Ariz., yelling and waving his arms around near the intersection of Idaho highways 45 and 78.

The deputy approached Bradley and opted to put him in handcuffs for safety reasons.

Bowman said that Bradley

had prescription medication that was incorrectly labeled and was carrying drug paraphernalia.

Bradley also admitted to using methamphetamine the previous night.

He faces misdemeanor charges of possession of fraudulent scripts, possession of drug paraphernalia and pedestrian under the influence.

Bradley is in custody at the Owyhee County Jail in Murphy after making his initial appearance before Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington on Monday.

— TK

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Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 40 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 88 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 148 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 287,947 acre-feet of water on Monday.

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

Homedale's summer readers to tackle recycling Thursday

The children gathered for the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library's summer reading program will take a quick dip as they participate in this week's theme — Under the Ocean and Recycling.

Activity will begin at 1 p.m., on Thursday with the story "The Pout Pout Fish Cleans Up the Ocean," by Deborah Diesen.

Folks from the Reuseum of

Garden City will pop in for another visit and teach the children how to make Junk Drawer Robots. They will also bring out bins to put in front of the library to collect any old or unwanted computers, laptops, and other electronics.

Story Time, typically held at 10:15 a.m., every Monday, will skip next week in observance of Independence Day.

For information on pro-

grams, call (208) 337-4228.

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

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

Gardeners' meet to cover specialized landscaping

The Owyhee Gardeners will hear about a type of landscaping that may be on a lot of minds in the current heat wave.

The garden club's next monthly meeting starts at 1 p.m., on Thursday, July 8 in the Sandbar Community Room, 18 Sandbar Ave., in Marsing.

Beth Corbin, a member of the Gardeners, will make a presentation about xeriscaping, a style of landscape design requiring little or no irrigation or maintenance, often used in arid regions such as much of Owyhee County.

The Owyhee Gardeners invite anyone interested in gardening to attend the meeting.

The group meets at 1 p.m., the second Thursday of every month.



Clearing a path

A small group of volunteers, including (from left) Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller, Tom Sorenson, and Shanna Sorenson took part in a city cleanup Saturday. Also participating were businesswoman and Homedale community block party organizer Petrea Lee, city public works employee Bill McDaniel, and two other community members who chose to not be identified. The group cleaned along Sunday's proposed Independence Parade route and at Bette Uda City Park.



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County plans to split federal PILT check in half

About \$750K to be stashed in building fund

Owyhee County plans to replenish its capital improvements trust fund with part of this year’s federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT). The U.S. Department of the Interior announced Thursday that Owyhee County would receive more than \$1.5 million in compensation for property tax revenues lost on more than 3.6 million acres of public lands. The Bureau of Land Management oversees the Owyhee County acreage, which accounts for nearly 76 percent of the county’s total area. Owyhee County received the sixth-largest allocation among Idaho’s 44 counties in Fiscal Year 2021 payments. County Clerk Angie Barkell said the Board of County Commissioners agreed to put \$800,000 of the FY 21 PILT funding into the current budget. The commissioners always decide during budget talks in the summer whether to use some of the anticipated PILT

money in the appropriations they’re building. The money must be treated as anticipated revenue until the federal government comes through with the check. Barkell said Thursday that the county had yet to receive the payment that Interior Secretary Deb Haaland announced earlier in the day. Traditionally, the county has used PILT Trust money for capital building projects, such as buying property or repairing county facilities. Recently, however, money has been used to fund accessories and salaries in addition to the original intent. The trust could be as big as \$2.85 million once the county receives this year’s PILT check. Recent expenditures from the PILT Trust include:

- Construction of the Owyhee Community Center and adjacent parking lot at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds in Homedale. Commissioners also approved purchase of tables and storage for the community center out of the trust.
- Paying matching funds for the Idaho Community Development Block Grant and for project overruns for the fairgrounds RV park.

Owyhee County PILT funding	
Fiscal year	Payment
2021	\$1,538,565
2020	\$1,513,440
2019	\$1,484,775
2018	\$1,367,534
2017	\$1,340,027
2016	\$1,312,017
2015	\$1,187,555
2014	\$1,303,868
2013	\$1,216,850
2012	\$1,245,549
2011	\$1,221,211
2010	\$1,209,356
2009	\$1,181,049
2008	\$1,151,480
2007	\$726,207
2006	\$729,305
2005	\$716,258
2004	\$701,243
2003	\$682,283
2002	\$594,479
2001	\$566,318
2000	\$368,447
1999	\$349,064
1998	\$359,881
Total	\$24,066,661

— Source: Dept. of Interior

- The sheriff’s office received \$50,000 for its off-highway vehicle patrol program.
- Money has been spent on

further planning for sewer and water system upgrades in Murphy.

- The purchase, placement and remodel of the county satellite office in Grand View, which houses a Division of Motor Vehicles branch and a sheriff’s substation.
- The construction of a new office at the Opaline solid waste tipping station. Barkell said a similar new office may be built later at the Homedale tipping station.
- Purchase of a former private residence in Murphy to house the prosecuting attorney’s office.

Idaho’s 44 counties received about \$34.5 million for compensation covering 32.6 million acres of land. Owyhee County received the sixth-largest check among Idaho counties this year. Elmore County received the most of any local government — more than \$2.75 million for more than 1.35 million acres. The rest of the top five includes:

- **Cassia County** — \$2.43 million (918,897 acres)
- **Blaine County** — \$2.35 million (1.32 million acres)
- **Idaho County** — \$1.85 million (4.5 million acres)
- **Twin Falls County**

— \$1.83 million (638,226 acres)

Payments are calculated based on the number of acres of federal land within each county or jurisdiction, and the population of that county or jurisdiction.

“This year’s distribution of \$34.5 million to 44 counties will help local governments carry out vital services, such as firefighting and police protection, construction of public schools and roads, and search-and-rescue operations,” Haaland said in a release.

“Our mission relies on partnerships with U.S. states and territories. These disbursements are a great example of our commitment to be a good neighbor to the communities we serve.”

Variables affecting year-to-year payment amounts include changes in acreage data, which is updated annually by the federal agency administering the land; prior-year federal revenue-sharing payments reported annually by the governor of each state; inflationary adjustments using the Consumer Price Index; and population data, which is updated using information from the U.S. Census Bureau.

— JPB

Mostly youngsters schooled on nuts and bolts of hunting

24 children (and one adult) learn the basics

A large group of hunter’s education students took to the field to show their understanding and development on Thursday at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds in Homedale. Wayne Hungate provided much of the instruction for the class of 25 students, with additional help from Idaho Fish and Game Conservation Officer Craig Mickelson. “The goal of the field day was for me to evaluate whether or not I would be comfortable hunting with them in a real-life situation with a loaded gun,” Hungate said. The students graduated from the two-week course on Friday. Hungate, who has been teaching hunter’s education for 15 years, said that the majority of his class was made up of young people, but there was one 38-year-old involved. Several of the students, nearly all from Owyhee County,



Hunter’s education instructor Wayne Hungate keeps a close eye on Chantry Brackett, who came to class on crutches, during Thursday’s field training at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds.

were as young as 9. Topics covered in the class included:

- Knowing how a firearm works
- Basic shooting skills
- Basic hunting techniques
- Primitive hunting
- Being a safe hunter
- Being a responsible and ethical hunter
- Preparation and survival skills
- Wildlife conservation

Mickelson talked with the class about topics rang-

ing from hunting regulations to season dates to hunting zones. Hungate said that he began teaching when a friend invited him to a meeting about getting certified through the Idaho Fish and Game. “I attended my oldest son’s class taught by Homedale resident Walt Rost,” he said. “I have a passion for hunting, and I wanted to share that with young people. “I also wanted them to understand and practice safe

gun-handling.” Hungate was a little emotional on Thursday when it was time for him to conduct one of his more important tests. “One of the exercises I do for the field class is to have the students put the wooden simulated guns in the back seat of my pickup with the barrels pointed to the passenger seat,” he said. “Then we sit at the end of the my pickup talking about what a great hunt we had. “After a few minutes, I

explain that if we hurry we can still get to another field to shoot some snow geese, but we are running short on time.” He told the students to hurry and grab their guns so they could get hunting. He said that in his 15 years of teaching hunters education, this class was the first in which no one grabbed their gun by the barrel. “I told them I was so proud of them,” he said. Hungate has no immediate plans to teach another class. He said he typically teaches a class once or twice a year. Information about other classes in the area is available on the Idaho Fish and Game website, www.idfg.idaho.gov. The class costs \$9.75 per person, which is the price for the materials used. All instructors are volunteers. Hungate offered special thanks to Owyhee County Fair Board chair Lath Callaway and fair manager Ginger Loucks for use of the Owyhee County Community Center for the class and the fairgrounds for the field instruction.

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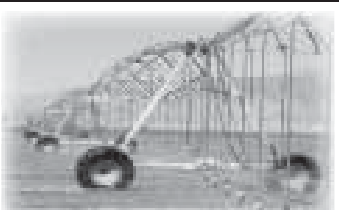
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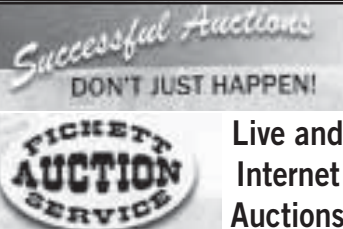
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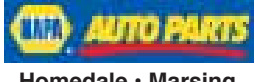
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Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derby champion Mike Shenk (left) drives his Chrysler Imperial into runner-up Cory Bridges during last year's 39th annual event inside the Owyhee County Fairgrounds rodeo arena.

40th annual Lions demolition derby packs on history

Club president anticipates more than 50 cars

As one would expect with the 40th annual Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derby upon us, there is plenty of history on which to reflect.

And, although, car counts have fluctuated over the years, it appears that the holiday mash-up inside the Owyhee County Fairgrounds rodeo arena is more popular than ever.

Lions Club president Will Pryor, the 1995 derby main event winner, said early last week that there were still a couple hundred tickets available, but he expected a sellout.

After the COVID-19 pandemic necessitated a smaller crowd last year, the covered grandstand and two uncovered sections of seating are sure to be filled to the gills on Sunday.

The pits will be packed as well.

Pryor expects as many as 55 entries for this year's mayhem milestone, including between 20 to 25 big cars (and, yes, there will be some Chrysler Imperials in the bunch), and 10 to 15 cars each in the compact and 1980s-and-newer chain-and-bang divisions.

Children will be running around in the dirt, too, with the return of the Power Wheels derby during an intermission between the preliminary heats.

The Lions Club has tried hard to increase car counts by bringing in different types of vehicles,



Homedale resident Nick Stewart (left) keeps a close eye as Lions Club member Chad Christiansen directs the loader operator's delicate removal of Stewart's vehicle from the engine compartment of Parma driver Chester Conklin's entry during the 2017 derby. Conklin won it all in 2008.

and the strategy has seemed to pay off with a boost in popularity among drivers throughout the Treasure Valley — and beyond.

In the early days, main event champions came from one town (Homedale) and, frequently, one family (the Ensleys).

Recent derbies have drawn participants from far-flung cities (Monroe, Ga., the hometown of 2018

champion Stan McDonald), neighboring states (a set of Utah drivers showed up a couple years ago), and other parts of Idaho (a group from the Sun Valley area competed last year).

This year's derby could see a return of the Sun Valley gang, and Pryor said there could be a contingent from Utah.

— See *History*, page 6B

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“*There’s lifetimes given to this land. The water’s in their blood.*”
“Old man, that’s ancient history, besides we’ll make you rich.
“Just name yer price, you’ll have it. It’s nothin’ but a ditch.”

“*Yer hollow as your vacant eyes. Yer empty as yer word.
“You can’t see past the dollar signs. These things that you’ve inferred
“Are bigger than yer lawyer’s fee, yer Judas 10 percent.
“You’ve no respect for anything, you covet just the rent.*

“*Go back to your rich puppeteers who’ve never broke a sweat,
“Who ride in when the battle’s done and use their bayonet
“To finish off the wounded brave and pick their pockets clean
“Then sell their spoils to innocents to keep their cities green.*

“*Explain to them the difference between value and price.
“That value isn’t what is paid, it’s what is sacrificed
“That gives it worth. It’s measured in the turns around a field,
“In families and community, in broken bonds and healed,*

“*In barns burnt down and harvest lost and kids gone off to war.
“Explain to them it’s measured in grooves worn in your soul... or,
“In depths of neighbors’ breaking hearts when someone’s lost a wife,
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The promise in these words is inspiring. We live in a nation where we can pursue our dreams and experience freedom in a way that is unique and extremely important to those of us blessed to live in this great nation.

I am fortunate to have the opportunity to speak daily with the citizens that reside in Legislative District 23, and it is important for me to hear your ideas and understand your feelings about our great nation and state. I want to thank everyone that shares their opinions and ideas with me and other elected officials.

The Declaration of Independence further states, “Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.” This great document makes it clear that it is the responsibility of government to listen to the people and to do all it can to ensure that the people can and will continue to enjoy the freedoms promised by the great men that signed that great document way back on July 4th, 1776.

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you and this great nation as we continue forward as that great and shining light upon the hill.



Dist. 23A Rep. Matthew Bundy (R-Mtn. Home) stands near the Liberty Bell replica on the Statehouse stairs in Boise.

Dist. 23A Rep. Matthew Bundy
R-Mountain Home (term expires 2022)

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Committees
Appropriations
Business
Local government

Note: Bundy is in the first year of his first term

“*And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.*”
— Closing sentence of the Declaration of Independence
Source: National Archives (www.archives.gov)

From Washington
Freedoms celebrated on Fourth makes America exceptional

Former President Ronald Reagan’s words from decades ago continue to ring true today: “The American dream lives — not only in the hearts and minds of our own countrymen but in the hearts and minds of millions of the world’s people in both free and oppressed societies who look to us for leadership. As long as that dream lives, as long as we continue to defend it, America has a future, and all mankind has reason to hope.”

Our American dream is rooted in the Declaration of Independence adopted on July 4, 1776, establishing our self-government. On July 4th, we celebrate the creation of our extraordinary country and the independence on which it was formed. The freedoms that our inspired Founders affirmed in the Declaration of Independence, and upheld in our Constitution, are the guiding principles of our Republic.

In a speech celebrating the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1821, then-Secretary of State and later our nation’s sixth president, John Quincy

Adams, detailed the context in which our Declaration of Independence was formed and adopted 45 years earlier. His words continue to help make clear how extraordinary the Declaration was and continues to be, “It was the first solemn declaration by a nation of the only legitimate foundation of civil government. It was the cornerstone of a new fabric, destined to cover the surface of the globe. ... It announced in practical form to the world the transcendent truth of the unalienable sovereignty of the people.”

It has bound us together as Americans with the expectation that all people should be treated with dignity and set us apart as inheritors of a tremendous legacy that stands as an example to the world. These principles continue to be our guidance through times of challenge and accord.

They remain our standard to keep and our charge to

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Commentary

Financial management

College grad with good job should concentrate KO’ing debt

Dear Dave,
I’m 22, and I just recently graduated from college. I’m lucky enough to be walking into a job making \$60,000 a year with a company I interned with during school, and I’ll be living with parents for the next few months. I have about \$50,000 in student loan debt, but I also have \$25,000 in savings, along with an E-Trade account with two single stocks that was given to me a couple of years ago. Those stocks are now worth about \$13,000 combined. Should I sell the stocks to help pay off debt, or put the money from their sale into mutual funds?

— Tyler

Dear Tyler,
In situations like yours, I teach folks to pull out any money they have that’s not in retirement plans, and use it to pay off debt. The shortest

distance between where you are now, and wealth, isn’t a couple of stocks in an E-Trade account. The shortest distance between you and wealth is becoming debt-free and taking control of your largest wealth-building tool — your income. If I’m you, I’m going to clean out everything, including my savings — down to \$1,000 — and throw it at debt. After that, I’m living on a strict budget with no unnecessary spending until that debt is all gone. Man, with the money you’ll make right out of college you can be debt-free — and on your way to building a fully funded emergency fund *and* wealth — so fast it’ll make your head spin.

Get this done, Tyler. Today!
— Dave

Dear Dave,
I’ve been in sales for 15 years. I love my job, and I



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love my company. Our business wasn’t affected as much as some during the pandemic, but my numbers have become stagnant. They’re still good, but I feel I can do better. Do you have any advice for someone who wants to raise their sales and become a more productive team member?

— Sara

Dear Sara,
Boy, I wish more people had the same attitude about their jobs. Folks with that kind of drive and sense of responsibility are almost always successful in their professional *and* personal lives. I want you to think about one, simple word — serving. It isn’t just a word or an idea. It’s an attitude. Serving means you provide what you have to offer in a way that makes customers happy to trade their money and time for it.

But don’t make the mistake of confusing *serving* with *subservient*. What I’m talking about is being proactive with customers individually and in the marketplace. It means being excited about what you have to offer, and believing you’ve got a great product at a great price. It means you’re determined to give your customers a great experience 100 percent of the time, and that going the extra mile — whether

you have to or not — is just business as usual. And, it means if something goes wrong, you’ll step up and make things right in a way that will make them forget a glitch ever happened. If you help enough people, and make that the first order of your business and those relationships, you’ll never have to worry about success!
— 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.

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Municipalities
Homedale City Hall
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City council — Mike Aebischer, Jerry Anderson, Steve Atkins, and Aaron Tines
Meetings — 6 p.m., on second Wednesday

Marsing City Hall
18 Sandbar Ave., (208) 896-4122
Mayor — Chad Sevy
City council — Chris Even, Marie Herman, Rachael Percifield and Brandy Bennett
Meetings — 7 p.m., on second Wednesday

Grand View City Hall
425 Boise Ave., (208) 834-2700
Open noon to 4:30 p.m., Mon.-Thurs.
Mayor — Danny Martinez
City council — John Morrison, Tom Payne, Jon Pennington and Opal Ward
Meetings — 6 p.m., on second Wednesday

✓ Freedoms: Cherish “special and rare” concept of our sacred rights

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reflect. Americans have long cherished and protected our freedoms — including freedom of speech, religion and assembly and the rights to petition our government, bear arms and pursue vocations of our choice. We cannot take these freedoms for granted. President Reagan characterized freedom as “special and rare” in his Farewell Address to the American People just before leaving office.

As inheritors of this tremendous legacy, we honor the sacrifices for our freedoms by steadfastly safeguarding our liberties at the core of our country and amplifying these freedoms throughout our world. As Alexander Hamilton conveyed in 1775, “The sacred rights of mankind are not to be rummaged for, among old parchments, or musty records. They are written, as with a sun beam in the whole volume of human nature, by the hand of the divinity itself; and

can never be erased or obscured by mortal power.” This and every Fourth of July, may God continue to bless America and our enduring exceptionalism.

— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho’s senior member of the U. S. Senate. He is in his fourth six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

July 3, 1996



Triad is now official in Homedale

Homedale Police Chief Ron Robeson, Owyhee County Sheriff Tim Nettleton and Triad acting president Allen George sign the program agreement on Wednesday making Triad official.

Triad holds inaugural meeting

On Wednesday June 27, Owyhee County Sheriff Tim Nettleton, chief deputy Gary Aman, Homedale Police Chief Ron Roberson and a group of Homedale senior citizens signed the program agreement for Triad, making the organization official during the inaugural meeting at the Senior’s Center.

Triad, a national partnership between the sheriff, local law enforcement and the American Association of Retired Persons, involves senior citizens in law enforcement with the purpose of reducing crime against senior citizens and improving their quality of life.

The Homedale chapter will meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month with police chief Ron Roberson and sheriff’s deputy Gary Aman at the Senior’s Center to define goals and determine the scope of the volunteer work.

“We have a multitude of tasks for the volunteers,” said police chief Ron Roberson to the new members at the meeting, adding: “we want to get this thing up and running. We don’t want things to stop with this meeting.”

Homedale Police and the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office became interested in the program at the urging of Nampa Police Chief Marshall Brisbin and former Homedale officer Allen Bidwell.

Owyhee girl returns from Germany

Owyhee County school girl Nichole Stimpson recently got the opportunity of a lifetime: the chance to study abroad in Germany.

Stimpson stayed 2 1/2 weeks with a host family in Hamburg, one night in Warnemunde, a town in northern Germany on the Baltic Sea, and five days in Berlin.

“It was fun,” said Stimpson. “I learned a lot about history and how history can affect a country.”

Stimpson, along with 11 school mates from Melba and Kuna High were participating in the German American Exchange Partnership, an association sponsored by the U. S. and German governments and the Goerthe institute, a cultural organization that trains teachers and partially subsidizes the exchanges.

She also visited a German disco. “I was shocked by how Americanized Germans are,” she said.

Following their stay in Hamburg, teacher Linda Zornik took the students to Berlin, where she had lived for one year in 1968 and attended the Free University on a Fulbright scholarship.

The group also spent some time at the Brandenburg gate, which is just inside the former East Berlin and nearby the crumbling remnants of the Berlin wall.

The group also toured Foxenhau, a Nazi concentration camp on the outskirts of Berlin — “a powerful experience for all,” Zornik said.

50 years ago

July 1, 1971



HOMEDALE OLD TIMERS will see many a familiar face in this picture taken Feb. 13, 1922, of 7th and 8th graders at Homedale school. Mrs. Mildretta Adams identified them as, first row, from left, Everett (Deb) Townsend, Malcom Brown, Junior Gess, John Jesenko, John Crockett, Golden Ferguson, Esther Upton, Darley (Duke) Townsend; 2nd row, Art Bahem, Mary Cegnar, Mamie Hellyer, Johny Benedichi, Bill Harris, Mary Gallagher, Anna Adams, Grovy Gresham; 3rd row, Spud Murphy, Cecil Jones, Wayne Graber, Glen Pegram, Edith Sutton, Violet Ford, Mildretta Hamilton, Alice Ganow; 4th row, Frank Kushlan, Robert Breshears, Lonus McDowell, Eva Breshears, Mrs. Ware (teacher) Ruby Mehaffey, Theresa Decime, Warren Stimmel.

Voters turn down bond for Rimrock plant

GRANDVIEW – Voters in the Bruneau-Grandview joint school district 365 turned down a proposed \$790,000 school bond that would have provided for a new junior-senior high school. The proposal narrowly missed getting the 66 2/3 majority needed for passage as 370 voted for and 198 voted against the measure (a total of 65.1 percent in favor).

The new school would have been built midway between the towns of Grandview and Bruneau.

Archaeological possibilities in Snake River gorge

An inventory survey of archaeological resources is underway along a 45-mile stretch of the Snake River between Grand View and Guffey for the Idaho Water Resource Board.

The survey is part of a proposed project calling for hydropower dams at Swan Falls and Guffey.

The power would be used to meet anticipated needs in Southwest Idaho.

Archaeological sites which would be flooded by the new reservoirs, or near the water’s edge to be subjected to increased tourist traffic resulting from easier access, will come under the scope of the inventory.

The remains left by various Indian cultures, probably Shoshoni, include rock shelters, cairns, talus pits, and petroglyphs, picture-writings carved into rock.

U&I Garden Club

Fourteen members of the U and I Garden Club attended the outdoor breakfast held Friday morning at the home of Mrs. Verda Johnston.

Rain began to fall just as breakfast was over, and the group was driven indoors.

Mrs. June Howland was co-hostess, but was unable to attend. Guests were Mrs. Clarice Burr, Metolius, Ore., Mrs. Alma Schu and Pam and July Myers.

Mrs. Mabel Vanderhoff, president, conducted a short business session and plans were made for a pot luck picnic dinner on July 22 at the home of Mrs. Iola Potter to help her celebrate her 87th birthday anniversary.

Mrs. Florence Stimmel gave a demonstration on making various kinds of flowers from egg cartons.

155 years ago

June 30, 1866

FOURTH OF JULY, 1866.—Preparations for an extensive and grand celebration of Independence anniversary in Owyhee are already made. The following will be the programme of exercises: Programme for the celebration of the Ninetieth Anniversary of American Independence in Owyhee county, I. T. National Salute at Sunrise. The Procession will form at 10 o’clock, A.M., in Ruby City, and march to Silver City, and thence to the grounds. Order of Procession—Chief Marshal; carriages containing President, Vice President, Chaplain, Orator and other officers of the day; Standard Bearer; Brass Band; Military Companies; car containing the Goddess of Liberty; carriage containing young ladies representing the States and Territories; carriage containing children of the schools with flags; citizens in carriages; children on horseback; Standard Bearer; citizens on foot. Upon arriving at the grounds, the following will be the Order of Exercises: Hail Columbia, by the Band; Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. Sterling Hill; Happy Greeting to all—S. S. Children; Opening Address by the President, Hon. Gilmore Hays; Anniversary Day—S. S. Children; Declaration of Independence, Mr. Chas. M. Hays; Star Spangled Banner, by the Band; Oration, Col. C. H. Larabee; Yankee Doodle, by the Band; Declaration, by Miss Katy Blackluger; The Anchor—S. S. Children; Address to the American Flag—Dennis Bailey. A sumptuous dinner will then be partaken of, after which patriotic songs will be sung by the S. S. children and the Glee Club, and addresses. Homeward Bound—S. S. Children; Federal Salute at Sunset. In the evening a splendid display of fire-works, to be followed by a magnificent Ball under the management of Dr. A. E. Woodman, A. V. Bradley, H. D. Tregaskis, James Hays, John S. Hallenbeck, J. B. Bailey and Edward Nugent.

Correspondence.

SILVER CITY, I. T., June 22, 1866

COL. C. H. LARABEE, Ruby City, I. T.—*Sir:* The citizens of Owyhee county are making preparations to celebrate in a becoming manner the coming anniversary of our National Independence. I am instructed by the Committee of Arrangements to request that you will do us the honor of delivering the oration on that occasion. Hoping you will find it convenient and consistent with your engagements to comply with our request, I have the pleasure to be your obedient servant, W. L. BURNHAM, Ch’m’n Com Arrangements.

RUBY CITY, June 22, ’66

Sir: Although my time is pretty much occupied in preparation for the approaching term of our Court, I still cannot well refuse your kind invitation to address our people on 4th of July. Thank the Committee in my name for the honor, and believe me yours with respect.

CHAS. H. LARABEE.

WEIGHTS.—It is rumored along the peaceful shores of Jordan that false weights are used to some extent in weighing gold. We cannot say how much truth there is in the rumor. “What has been done will be done” is an old saying, and false weights have been used in days ago. The last legislature passed an act creating the office of sealer of weights and measures, and it would be well enough to have one appointed—if there is something wrong. We are not sure but Henry Sayrs was appointed for the Territory. If so, he should rail over this way and see “what’s the matter.”

Public notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
A public hearing will be held on Wednesday, 7 July 2021 from 12 noon until 1:00 p.m. at the Owyhee County Courthouse, Courtroom 2, 20381 State Hwy 78 Murphy, Idaho, at which time the Board of Commissioners of the Owyhee Pioneer Cemetery District will meet to consider adjusting the 2020 Adopted Budget in order to expend necessary funds not known to be required at the time the budget was originally adopted. The additional amounts will not result in an increase of anticipated property taxes over the amounts previously levied. Additional revenues (cash on hand) will be used to cover the additional expenditures.

Compensation -	\$5,500
Other expenses -	\$2,000

Total
Requested Increase: \$7,500

Dated this 24th day of June 2021
Nina Bachman
Secretary/Treasurer
Owyhee Pioneer Cemetery District
06/30/2021

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

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 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

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SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION ON COMPLAINT FOR JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE AND DECLARATORY RELIEF IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
Case No. CV37-21-00042
VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC., Plaintiff,
v.
LONNIE K. FRY; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS AND DEVISEES OF CARLA A. FRY; VICTORIA I. VAUGHAN; AND DOES 1 THROUGH 20, INCLUSIVE, including all parties with an interest in and/or residing in real property commonly known as, 5121 SAGE ROAD, HOMEDALE, IDAHO 83628, and legally described as: IN TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST, BOISE MERIDIAN, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO SECTION 26: ALL THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER LYING NORTH AND EAST OF THE CENTERLINE OF THE OWYHEE SOUTH CANAL, Defendants.
TO: DEFENDANTS THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS AND DEVISEES OF CARLA A. FRY; VICTORIA I. VAUGHAN; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive, including all parties with an interest in and/or residing in real property commonly known as 5121 SAGE ROAD, HOMEDALE, IDAHO 83628:
You have been sued by Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., the Plaintiff, in the District Court in and for the County of Owyhee, Idaho, Case No. CV37-21-00042.
The nature of the claim against you is an action for declaratory relief and judicial foreclosure of the real property currently known as 5121 SAGE ROAD, HOMEDALE, IDAHO 83628 and legally described as

IN TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST, BOISE MERIDIAN, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO SECTION 26: ALL THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER LYING NORTH AND EAST OF THE CENTERLINE OF THE OWYHEE SOUTH CANAL

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 P.O. Box 128, 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy, ID 83650, (208) 495-2421, and serve a copy of your response on the Plaintiff’s attorney, Sydney K. Leavitt, at ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP, 3597 E. Monarch Sky Ln., Ste. 240, Meridian, ID 83646.
A copy of the Summons and Complaint can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for Plaintiff. If you wish for legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.
Dated: 6/25/2021
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
By: /s/Lena Johnson
DEPUTY
06/30;07/07,14,21/2021

of that lien amount with interest at the rate allowed in Idaho Code Section 18-22-104(l).
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

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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 ORTHA E. 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, Defendants.
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Sports

✓ History: Families have won more than one crown, but there are few repeats

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The Utah group showed up in 2018 with TV cameras as footage was shot for a reality show.

Outside of McDonald's win four years ago, though, the derby title always seems to stay home.

A Homedale or Marsing driver has won the main event every year except six, and two of the out-of-town wins happened back-to-back in 2018 and 2019.

Payette's Matt Petero followed up McDonald's foreign-soil victory with a triumph two years ago.

Other out-of-town winners have included:

- Jacob Greeling of Caldwell, who shared the main event crown in 2009 with Homedale's Austin Ferguson
- Chester Conklin of Parma, who won the 2008 championship and then joined the Homedale Lions to help run the show
- Leonard Hurd of Emmett, who won championships in 2006 and 2003
- Dusten DeCaney of Payette, who drove a Chevrolet station wagon to the 2005 championship

For the first 21 derbies, champions hailed almost exclusively from Homedale, save for Dave Ineck of Marsing (1988).

And, in the first two decades of the event, there were two repeat champions.

Kevin Ensley, who has become a bit of a derby car whisperer in the latter years of the event with his tuning prowess, is the only three-time champion. He won three consecutive championships from 1983 to 1985.

Roger DeAugustineo won

back-to-back championships in 1990 and 1991.

Crawford Cook won championships in 1992 and 1998 — the widest gap between titles for any driver.

Hurd is the only other two-time winner.

The Ensley family — and cousins — have captured nine main event championships.

After Kevin Ensley's early three-peat, cousin Austin Ferguson shared the 2009 title with Greeling, and his brother, Jake, won the 2010 crown.

An Ensley won every main event between 2011 (Sam Ensley) and 2014 (Jeremy Ensley). In between, Everett Ensley won back-to-back titles.

Jeremy's 2014 championship capped a run of six consecutive years in which an Ensley or Ferguson cousin collected first-place money.

Beginning with Kevin Ensley and Jeremy Ensley, there have been multi-generational dynasties, too.

Kurt Shanley won the 1989 championship, and his son, Brett, took the crown in 2015.

Mark Bauer won the 1993 title, and his grandson, Kaden Binford, captured the inaugural chain-and-bang crown last year.

In all the years of competition, only one woman — Jessica Egurrola (now Ferdinand) — has won the main event. This year, 17-year-old Homedale High School senior-to-be Elizabeth Hergesheimer (herself another second-generation driver) hopes to follow the trail that Jessica blazed 20 years ago.

Elizabeth's dad, Aaron, is a past derby participant.

Besides Conklin, Pryor and Bauer are among derby champions who later joined the Lions Club to help promote the event and the organization.

There is only one known instance of a current Lions Club member taking the main event.

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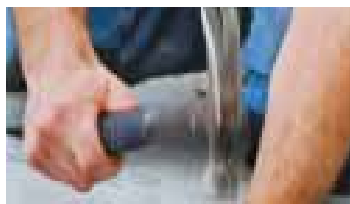
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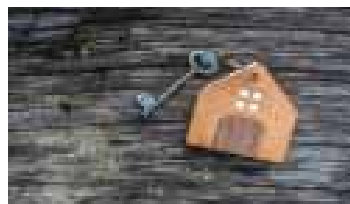
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Sports

Trojans get new coach for cross country

Flurry of middle school coaching changes

Come fall, Homedale High School will have a new cross country coach.

David Gummersall was approved to lead the school district's cross country program during a June 10 board of trustees meeting.

Gummersall succeeds Sean McCrackin, who left the dual post of high school and middle school coach. He will be the third person to lead the cross country program in the past four seasons. McCrackin coached for two years, succeeding Heidi Ankeny, who led the Trojans for six seasons.

Gummersall was the only high school coach hired for the 2021-22 season, but there were several middle school coaching moves.

David Hann, a veteran coach, has resigned after leading the eighth-grade volleyball team in the 2020-21 season.

New hires include:

- **Brenda Reay** — girls' basketball coach for seventh- and eighth-grade A teams, and seventh-grade volleyball coach
- **Mike Frank** — girls' basketball coach for seventh- and eighth-grade B teams
- **Benji Sorenson** — boys' basketball coach for seventh- and eighth-grade A teams
- **Rob Sauer** — boys' basketball coach for seventh- and eighth-grade B teams
- **Ryan Nash** — head wrestling coach
- **Joe Egusquiza** — assistant wrestling coach
- **Heidi Lawler** — cheer advisor
- **Selena Moyer** — volunteer cheer advisor

Rivercats run winning streak to nine games

A perfect run through the Baker City Wood Bat Tournament has pushed the Owyhee Rivercats' American Legion winning streak to nine baseball games.

Coach Burke Deal's squad has been unstoppable after an 0-3 start.

The team played the Boise Brave on the road Tuesday after press time.

A doubleheader is scheduled in Grangeville on Sunday.

Sunday: Rivercats 14, Baker (Ore.) 4 — Payton Fine and John Lejardi had three singles each to help Owyhee pound the tournament host.

The Bulldogs crept to within two runs, 6-4, with three runs in the bottom of the second inning.

But the Rivercats had complete control of the game. Fifteen of the team's 18 hits were singles, while Andrew Marston, Dillon Fine and Terron Morrison picked up doubles.

Fine knocked in a pair of runs and scored two more from the leadoff spot, while Jayden Wutherich was 2-for-3 with two runs and two RBI in the last spot in the batting order.

Tommy Muir dodged three unearned runs while striking out 14 batters over the first six innings. Fine notched two strikeouts in his one relief inning.

Payton Fine scored three runs.

Saturday: Rivercats 16, LaGrande, Ore., 0 (5) — Owyhee scored seven times in the top of the fifth to invoke the 10-run rule.

It was another instance of death by a thousand paper cuts for La Grande. Homedale had only three doubles — from Lejardi, Wutherich and Morrison — among its 10 hits.

Lejardi went 3-for-4 with three RBI. He also scored a run.

Marston and Andreas Garcia had two hits and two runs apiece with Garcia driving in a pair of runs.

D'Orr Packer drew three walks and scored three runs.

Dillon Fine notched eight strikeouts and scattered four hits in a four-inning start. His brother, Payton, threw seven pitches — all strikes — in the fifth inning to put a hitless capper on the contest.

Saturday: Rivercats 6, Baker (Ore.) 5 — Owyhee dodged several bullets, including five errors in the game and a big threat in the bottom of the seventh to advance in the tournament.

The Bulldogs scored one run in the bottom of the seventh inning, but left runners on base as Muir pitched out of a jam.

All five Baker runs were unearned.

Homedale scored the game's first six runs before Baker scored four unearned runs against starter Jed Simpson in the fourth inning.

Simpson helped his own cause, going 2-for-3 with an RBI.

Morrison and Muir both had doubles and scored runs.

Simpson struck out six over the first five innings, and Muir fanned three over his two innings of work.

Friday: Rivercats 22, Snake River 0 (5) — Simpson and Lejardi made quick work of the 15U Dirt Bags from Fruitland, combining on a no-hitter.

Simpson started and struck out six in three innings.

Garcia went 2-for-4 with a pair of runs scored. His triple was the

Rivercats' only extra-base hit of the game.

The team pounded 16 hits and took advantage of nine Snake River errors.

Marston and Dillon Fine knocked in three runs apiece, while Muir, Packer, Lejardi, Simpson, Wutherich, and Payton Fine collected two RBI each.

Dillon Fine scored twice while going 3-for-4 from the top of the batting order.

Friday: Rivercats 18, Pendleton 0 (5) — Muir and Payton Fine teamed up on a two-hitter as Owyhee opened the two-day tournament with an easy victory over the Pepsi Diamondjazz.

Muir started and struck out five in three innings. Fine struck out two over the final two innings.

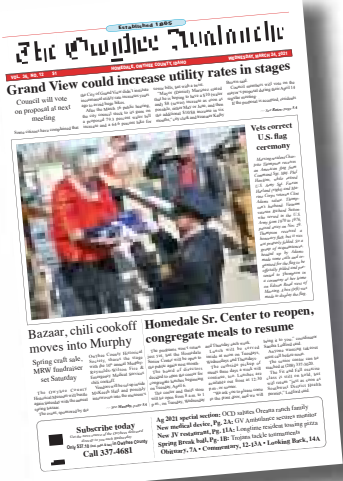
Lejardi doubled — and the Rivercats piled up 14 singles — to pace an active offense.

Lejardi and Simpson notched three RBI each.

Dillon Fine was 3-for-4 with two runs scored and two RBI from the leadoff spot.

Muir and Packer crossed the plate four times each, while Marston knocked in a pair of runs.

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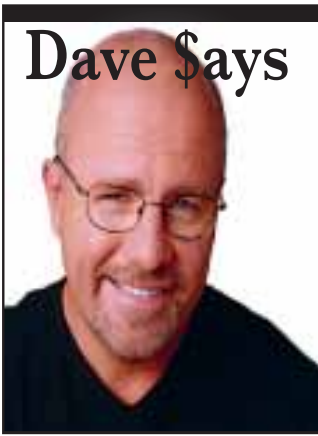
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