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The destruction of the north side of East Idaho Avenue from Main Street to 4th Street East was completed last week. Traffic has been moved to the south side of the street and barriers put up in front of some businesses in the first block of East Idaho.

W. Idaho parking available again

Business owners vent at council meeting

Although construction hours have expanded, steps are being taken to lengthen the workday on the Idaho Avenue project even more.

Jeff Ryan, the Idaho Transportation Department project engineer for the Knife River Corp.-led Idaho highway 19 reconstruction through downtown Homedale, showed up to face the slings and arrows of disgruntled merchants at last Wednesday's city council meeting.

"I had no idea it was happening until three months ago when I got my business license," Wild Lotus Coffee Bar and Boutique owner Faydra Given told the council to start the discussion.

Given said she has lost revenue because of the road construction, which before last week was only on the west side of her property at the corner of East Idaho Avenue and North Main Street. Beginning July 12, construction crews began



Fishers Saloon on the corner of North 1st Street West and West Idaho Avenue used its storefront window to show appreciation for the work carried out — and also drum up a little business.

ripping up the north side of East Idaho directly in front of her shop and every other business east to 4th Street.

She said she has had to lay off seven employees and contract hours from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., to 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In a Monday Facebook post, store manager Erin Rhodes said the coffee shop would be closing for the foreseeable future.

During last Wednesday's

meeting, Homedale Farmers Market manager Denise Dixon offered free space at the Thursday night events at Bette Uda City Park for any merchant who could sell as a mobile unit.

The owner of the Frank Have Everything second-hand store on West Idaho Avenue moved his retail business to his Ustick

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Local entries loom, tickets on sale for 75th county rodeo

Fair book also available online this year

With callbacks for the pro event completed, prospective competitors can still enter the local events for this year's Owyhee County Rodeo.

The 75th annual rodeo is scheduled to run Wednesday, Aug. 4 through Saturday, Aug. 7, inside the fairgrounds rodeo arena in Homedale.

Advance tickets are on sale at D&B Supply locations in Nampa and Caldwell, and at Matteson's in Homedale.

Admission is free for the

Aug. 4 slack performance, while tickets for the Thursday, Aug. 5 Kick Cancer Night is \$15 for adults and \$10 for youth ages 5-12 and senior citizens. Tickets for the Friday and Saturday performances are \$15 for general admission and \$10 for youth for each night.

The professional rodeo entries were taken Monday with callbacks Tuesday.

Registration for local events will be taken from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Tuesday. Call (208) 789-1577.

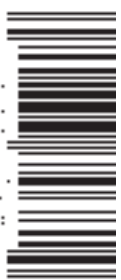
Local events with performances on Thursday, Aug. 5, Friday, Aug. 6, and

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Arson suspected in beer garden fire

A Homedale Fire Department rig responds to the July 3 fire that destroyed the Owyhee County Fairgrounds rodeo arena beer garden. The state fire marshal has ruled that the fire was intentionally set. Photo by Kelley Castillo. For the latest developments, see *Page 4*.



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Oreana teen vies to be third straight local rodeo queen



Reigning Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Queen Hannah White places a poster advertising this year's rodeo in the Rebecca's Market window on West Idaho Avenue on Monday morning. White and two of this year's queen candidates — Ella Boren and Sarah Miraya — were accompanied by queen coordinator Annie Phelps on a downtown tour.

There are three young women signed up to take a shot at the 2021-22 Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Queen title.

Two — returning contestant Kyleigh Davis and Sarah Miraya — are from Ada County.

The other — Ella Marjorie Boren — is an Owyhee County girl, just like the previous two queens — reigning royalty Hannah White and 2019-20 Queen Annie Miller. Both of the previous queens are Marsing High School graduates.

Boren, the 16-year-old daughter of Oreana ranchers Steve and Mandi Boren, is in her first year of eligibility for the crown and sash.

Davis is making her second attempt at the title, while Miraya is in the Owyhee County contest for the first time.

The contest begins Monday, Aug. 2 with interviews and outfit judging.

It continues Wednesday, Aug. 4 with the horsemanship contest.

The three contestants will ride in the rodeo's grand entry each night through Saturday, Aug. 7.

The next queen will be crowned during the rodeo's Saturday performance. There are also prizes for Miss Congeniality, speech, outfit, and horsemanship.

Ella Marjorie Boren

Ella, the 16-year-old daughter of Steve and Mandi Boren, is in her first year of eligibility for her home county's rodeo royalty.

She attends Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School where she is an honor roll student and part

of the drama club. She is also the junior class president and part of the student council.

She also has volunteered for the Grand View Lions Club, the Bruneau-Grand View School District, the Grand View Food Bank, Grand View Little League soccer, and at the Oreana Community Hall.

Ella competes in cross country, has helped with the Mr. Rimrock pageant, and works in the school's journalism program.

She trains horses and cow dogs, and takes part in her family's sense of adventure.

"I enjoy traveling and whitewater rafting all over the West," she said.

Ella will ride Husky during the horsemanship competition and the grand entries.

Kyleigh Davis

This is the second Owyhee County pageant for the 18-year-old Davis. She was named Miss Congeniality and received the speech award during the 2019 competition.

The daughter of Ken and Tia Davis is an Eagle High School graduate attending Fort Scott Community College in Kansas.

At Fort Scott CC, Davis is



vice-president in the Phi Theta Kappa chapter and serves on the college's livestock judging team.

She is also a member of the Crafty Critters 4-H club.

She enjoys showing cattle at jackpot events and working as a wrangler.

This summer, she has spent time traveling on horseback through West Yellowstone Park.

She'll ride Diablo in this week's competition.

Sarah Miraya

The 18-year-old Miraya, a Mountain View High School graduate, is the daughter of Angel and Jason Miraya of Meridian.

Miraya has attended the College of Western Idaho and is currently enrolled in the Oliver Finley Academy cosmetology program.

While at Mountain View, she played lacrosse and carried the Mountain View school flag out to start football games aboard her horse Prince.

For more of six years, she was part of the EhCapa riding club. She also served as president for her high school's Historically Speaking club.

She was part of the school's FFA chapter and debate team and participated in the school's leadership program as a freshman.

Miraya operates her own lash extension business. She stays active with skiing, snowboarding, hiking and trail riding.



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DATE: July 25, 2021 TIME: 5-9 PM
PLACE: Bette Uda park Homedale, ID

Fire marshal: Fairgrounds fire intentionally set

State official:
Unknown if other area
fires are related

Arson is the official cause of the July 3 fire at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds that destroyed two buildings and severely damaged a nearby utility pole.

Simple combustibles, such as a lighter or match, were used to start the fire, and no ignitable liquid accelerant was involved, according to Idaho State Fire Marshal Knute Sandahl.

The state’s top fire investigator said on July 6 that as far as his office was concerned, the conclusion was arson, but he did note that the case was still open and suspects were still being sought.

Sandahl said that if the culprits are caught, they could face a second-degree arson charge, which could result in up to 15 years in prison and a \$75,000 fine.

“Hopefully we get these guys gobbled up soon,” he said.

He also acknowledged that other fires have been reported in the Homedale area the past couple weeks, but it’s not yet known if they are all



The new beer booth, which was pressed into service after the July 3 fire, has been moved back to its intended location near the B section of the grandstands.

connected. It’s unknown if those fires were caused by acts of arson.

Owyhee County Sheriff Perry Grant had no new information available during the week after the beer garden fire. Attempts to get updated information from Grant’s office on Friday were unsuccessful.

The sheriff requests that any citizens who may have any information call non-emergency dispatch at (208) 495-1154.

Sandahl said that his office is not actively investigating the other fires. He doesn’t know the exact number of blazes that have been reported, but said it was “more than a couple.”

County dispatchers received a call just after 6 a.m., on July 3 from citizens reporting that a fire had broken out at the fairgrounds. By the time responders reached the site, the two buildings in the beer garden north of the rodeo arena’s C section bleachers

were engulfed in flames.

Initially there was concern that fire was coming from the nearby goat barn, but it turned out two stacks of baled straw outside the building were ablaze.

Sandahl said that the beer garden structures and hay bales were lit separately.

Sandahl said that although the fairgrounds fire broke out the morning before the Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derby, he believes the timing was coincidental.

“Something like this doesn’t seem like it’s out of spite, but it could be something we call a spree,” Sandahl said.

The day before the fire, a new booth built by SemperFi Contracting was brought to the fairgrounds. Although it wasn’t intended to be open for business until next month’s Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo, it was pressed into service and moved to the beer garden in time for the derby.

The booth has been moved back to a spot near the B section grandstand and will be used to sell beer during the rodeo next month.

— TK

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Music, BMX fun return to Homedale Sunday

The Homedale Assembly of God is bringing back its summer activities.

Pastor Ivar Moore visited the city council last Wednesday to talk about the plans.

The Extreme Tour’s “Together! Together!” event of live music, action sports and ministry returns Sunday.

Extreme sports competitions include BMX, skate and scooter contests.

The fourth annual free community event open to all ages runs from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., at Bette Uda City Park.

The tour’s swing through southwest Idaho began with a stop in Nampa, which ends a three-day run today, Middleton on Thursday and Friday, Meridian on Sunday through next Wednesday, and New Plymouth on July 29-30.

Moore also told the council preparations are ongoing for the church’s seventh annual car show. The event is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 25. Tentative plans are to hold the show and shine at Bette Uda City Park as has been the case in the past.

“It’s been a good event,” Mayor Gheen Christoffersen said. “I’ve been to it several times. It’s a good event.”

East Idaho Avenue could be open by the time the car show is staged, but city officials urged Moore to be flexible and think about moving his events to Riverside Park if the construction zone remains.

— JPB



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The U.S. Air Force Invites You to Attend Public Hearings for the Air Force’s Airspace Optimization Proposal to Enhance Readiness at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho

Proposed Action and Alternatives

The Department of the Air Force (DAF) is requesting interested individuals attend public hearings to learn about, and comment on, the DAF’s Airspace Optimization Proposal for Mountain Home Air Force Base (AFB), Idaho to enhance readiness.

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Air Force has prepared for public review a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that analyzes the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed action of optimizing airspace available to Mountain Home AFB, Idaho, for aircrew training to achieve and maintain proficiency at low altitudes in mountainous terrain with consistent low-altitude floors. Additionally, the Proposed Action evaluates lowering altitude floors across multiple Military Operations Areas (MOAs) for supersonic training.

A Notice of Availability (NOA), published in the Federal Register on July 9, 2021, announced that the EIS was available for public review, and began a 45-day public comment period, which ends on August 23, 2021.

The Proposed Action includes altitude adjustments of the existing Special Use Airspace to allow for subsonic low-altitude aircraft training operations, with alternatives that range from 100 feet above ground level (AGL) to 500 feet AGL, and supersonic flight as low as 5,000 feet AGL or 10,000 feet AGL. The use of chaff and flares throughout the airspace will continue. The proposed airspace modifications would permit aircrew to build proficiency in low-altitude tactics and terrain masking, for survival in a highly contested environment.

There are a total of five alternatives evaluated in the Draft EIS: three (Alternatives 1 through 3) evaluate different operational floors for low-altitude training, and two (Alternatives A and B) evaluate different supersonic floor altitudes. Alternative 1, 2, or 3 could be combined with Alternative A or B.

As required by NEPA, the Draft EIS also addresses a No Action Alternative where no changes to airspace would occur and current airspace constraints would continue.

Public Hearings – Please Attend

The Air Force will host one virtual public hearing and three in-person hearings. The locations were chosen based on the area of potential effects, community connectivity, and public and stakeholder feedback. At each of the hearings, the Air Force will offer a presentation about the Draft EIS and its proposed action and alternatives, followed by a formal public comment session. The proceedings of the virtual and in-person hearings will be transcribed by a court reporter. Dates, times, and locations of the hearings are listed below.

In-person hearings will be conducted in a manner consistent with Federal, state, county, tribal, and any other applicable guidelines for social distancing and best practices to ensure the safety of those in attendance.

To accommodate those who cannot or wish not to attend in-person hearings due to COVID-19 concerns, the Air Force will host a virtual public hearing. The following Internet address will allow members of the public to see and hear the presentation and listen to public comments: <https://edge.media-server.com/mmc/p/wzodjiro>. For optimal viewing, please connect directly to the Internet (without VPN). Please also disable your pop-up blockers to view the content in its entirety. The virtual public hearing can also be accessed by calling the following toll-free number: **(888) 869-1189** and entering the conference ID: **5765023**. Telephone access will also allow participants to hear the Air Force presentation and listen to public comments.

Those interested in offering verbal comments about the Draft EIS analysis at the virtual hearing must call the toll-free number. Instructions on how to register to make a public comment will be given during the hearing. You can preregister for telephone access any time before the hearing through Direct Event online registration: <http://www.directeventreg.com/registration/event/5765023>. Otherwise, telephone access will be available 30 minutes before the scheduled start time of the virtual hearing. Participants may register to make a public comment during the virtual hearing up until the formal comment session concludes and the hearing is officially adjourned.

To request a hardcopy of the virtual hearing presentation, or if you need to request accommodation to access the audio portion of the presentation, or need additional accommodation to make a telephone comment (per the Americans with Disabilities Act), please submit your request at the project website: <https://www.mountainhomeafbairspaceeis.com>, or contact Mountain Home AFB Public Affairs at: 366fw.mountainhomeafbais@us.af.mil no later than one week prior to the hearing date.

Additional information about the public hearings, how to participate, and an electronic copy of the Draft EIS can be found on the project website.

Monday, July 26 Grand View, Idaho Grand View Elementary School, 205 1st Street 5 – 8 p.m. Mountain Time Tuesday, July 27 Virtual Hearing Preregister for telephone access any time before the virtual hearing: http://www.directeventreg.com/registration/event/5765023 To access the virtual hearing: Telephone: (888) 869-1189, Conference ID: 5765023 Online: https://edge.media-server.com/mmc/p/wzodjiro 5 – 8 p.m. Pacific Time (6 – 9 p.m. Mountain Time)	Wednesday, July 28 Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley Indian Reservation Tribal HQ 1036 Idaho State Highway 51 (on the Idaho-Nevada border) 5 – 8 p.m. Pacific Time (6 – 9 p.m. Mountain Time) Thursday, July 29 Boise, Idaho The Riverside Hotel, 2900 West Chinden Boulevard 5 – 8 p.m. Mountain Time
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Your input is valuable and assists the Air Force in making better-informed decisions.
Where to Obtain the Draft EIS

Electronic copies of the Draft EIS can be obtained through the project website: <https://www.mountainhomeafbairspaceeis.com>. Copies of the Draft EIS will be available for review at the following public libraries after July 9, 2021:

Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation Tribal HQ 1036 Idaho State Highway 51 Owyhee, NV 89832	Mountain Home Public Library 790 North 10th East Street Mountain Home, ID 83647
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Public Comments and Questions

Comments on the Draft EIS can be submitted verbally at the virtual public hearing, verbally or in writing at the in-person hearings, electronically at: <https://www.mountainhomeafbairspaceeis.com>, or by mailing written comments via U.S. Postal Service, UPS, or FedEx to: Mountain Home AFB Airspace Optimization EIS, c/o Leidos, 2109 Air Park Road SE, Ste 200, Albuquerque, NM 87106. Inquiries or requests for additional information should be directed to Mountain Home Airspace Optimization EIS Project Manager, Robin Divine: (210) 925-2730.

The Air Force will accept comments at any time during the environmental analysis process. Written and oral comments will be given equal weight. To ensure the Air Force has sufficient time to consider public input in the preparation of the Final EIS, please submit comments by August 23, 2021.

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Death notices

MANUEL CASTILLEJA III, 28, of Homedale, died Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at home. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapels. (208) 337-3252

BONNIE D. COLLAZO, 62, a Nampa resident born in Homedale, died Saturday, July 10, 2021 at a local hospital. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-0833

WILLA LEE JONES, 67, of Wilder, died Monday, July 12, 2021, at a local hospital of natural causes. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

JACOB WAYNE WARD, 30, of Marsing, formerly of Hagerman, died on Monday, July 5, 2021 at home. A celebration of life will be held from noon to 3 p.m., on Saturday, July 24, 2021 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 620 N. State St., Hagerman. Arrangements: All Valley Cremation, 1538 11th Ave. N. Ext., Nampa. (208) 899-9361

RUBEN VILLARREAL, 54, of Homedale, died Wednesday, July 14, 2021 from natural causes. A viewing for friends and family will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., with a Rosary Recital at 7 p.m., on Monday, July 26, 2021 at Flahiff Funeral Chapel in Caldwell. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. Services: Flahiff Funeral Chapels. (208) 459-0833

Service notices

ELIZABETH “BETTY” ANN BERNADAS, 96, a 1942 Bruneau High School graduate who grew up in the Bruneau area, died Saturday, Jan. 16, 2021. A private graveside service was held at Mountain View Cemetery in Mountain Home. A celebration of Betty’s life will be held at noon on Saturday, July 24, 2021 at the Bruneau Community Park. Arrangements: Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel, 500 N. 18th E., Mountain Home. (208) 587-9860

BETTE UDA, 96, died Thursday, Aug. 20, 2020. A public Celebration of Life will be held from 11 a.m., to 1 p.m., on Saturday, Aug. 21, 2021 at Homedale Middle School, 3437 Johnstone Road, Homedale.

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July 22: **Breakfast:** Breakfast bar **Lunch:** Bean & cheese burrito, Juice Alive, cucumbers

July 23: **Breakfast:** Waffle sandwich **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, mandarins, broccoli

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7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., breakfast

11 a.m. to 1 p.m., lunch

July 26: **Breakfast:** Cereal **Lunch:** Ham & cheese sub, Craisins, broccoli, chips

July 27: **Breakfast:** Apple filled donut **Lunch:** PB&J-grape sandwich, applesauce, carrot sticks

July 28: **Breakfast:** Banana bread **Lunch:** Chicken quesadilla, Juice Alive, celery stick

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Obituary

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Kathleen Helen “Kathy” Munro (Johnson)

Kathleen Helen “Kathy” Munro (Johnson), age 72, unexpectedly passed away on Sunday, July 4, 2021 at her home and favorite river retreat in Grand View. A Celebration of Life will be held at Rimrock High School in Grand View on Friday, July 23, 2021 at 12 P.M. Arrangements are under the care of Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel.

Born in Manitowoc, Wisconsin and raised in Grafton, North Dakota, Kathy relocated to Idaho in 1968, where she met and fell in love with her partner for life, Larry. Following their marriage in 1968, they moved to Grand View, establishing roots and creating their family, their farm, and their life together. After a successful joint effort with Larry’s parents to build a farming and ranching operation, Larry and Kathy purchased their acreage together, allowing Larry the freedom to grow his business and Kathy the opportunity to join and support the Grand View community. After several years working for the Soil Conservation Service and Bell Telephone Company, she was hired as a receptionist when the Glens Ferry-based Valley Health Care opened their first clinic in Grand View in 1984. Kathy was a natural in that role, where she developed a deep-seated love of helping



the area’s residents get the best possible healthcare. For 33 years, Kathy made the first impression with a smile and left the last impression for the thousands of patients that received care at “The Clinic”. She took immense pride in supporting the community through her job and lending a helping and caring hand wherever she could.

More than anything, Kathy loved her family. Larry was the moon in her universe and her children were her stars, but they were quickly bumped to the back seat when grandchildren entered the picture. Kathy couldn’t get enough of the seven grandkids that kept her heart filled with joy. She shamelessly bragged about their accomplishments and enjoyed flying them around the country to broaden their

horizons and keep the family connected.

Kathy’s favorite pastime was spending time with Larry. They loved road trips, being outdoors, watching good movies, and just being together. Quality time with her five siblings was also important to Kathy. Together, they created the most beautiful quilts, had the best laughs and cries, and simply reveled in each other’s company. Finally, there’s Kathy’s large circle of friends. She didn’t know any strangers and she prized the mutual support of many close friends. Kathy’s friends, family, and faith kept her strong and full of life.

Kathy is survived by her sons Kelly and wife Heidi Munro and Corey and wife Annette Munro, her daughter Kristen and husband Richard Bishop, and her grandchildren Vanessa, Camille, Samuel, and Andrew Munro; Philip and Kara Rahn, and Juniper Bishop. She is also survived by her brothers Brian and wife Linda and Mark and wife Holly Johnson and sisters Mary Beth and husband Joe Hassell, Jane and husband Marvin Sparrell, Vicki and husband David Capouch, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents Ralph and Hazel Johnson, her son-in-law Patrick Rahn, and Larry Munro, her husband of 37 years.

In Memory of...

Virginia Ruth Aman

A Celebration of Life Service for Virginia Ruth Aman, 99, will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, July 24, 2021 at the Bethel Church of the Nazarene, 3001 12th Ave. Rd. in Nampa. A private family interment was held at the Pioneer Cemetery in Oreana, Idaho



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Obituary

Florence May Stanford Shenk

Florence May Stanford Shenk, 87, of Ridgeview, Adrian, Oregon, died peacefully at home, surrounded by her loved ones, on July 17, 2021.

Mom was born Dec. 5, 1933, to L. Ralph and Nina Deitrick Stanford of Jackson Creek, Owyhee County, Idaho. She joined sisters Christy and Betty, and brothers Lee, Stub, and Gene. Her brother Gub was born later.

Mom had a wonderful childhood. Cousins Jerry, Jeff, Joanne, and especially Nellie (children of Omar and Lily Deitrick Stanford) were close by. She had horses to ride and territory to explore. There was always company of one kind or another.

Mom attended elementary school in the one-room schoolhouse located in their pasture on Jackson Creek. She and Nellie completed their freshman and sophomore years of high school through correspondence courses monitored by her Aunt Lily. Mom's mother Nina passed away the summer before her junior year. Mom and Nellie stayed with Aunt Nellie in Caldwell while completing high school.

After high school, Mom attended Ec-Cel-Cis School of Beauty. During this time, Mom went home to Jackson Creek



for a visit and attended a dance at the community hall. She met a dashing young man named Bill Shenk. Their courtship was long distance: Dad was working for Boeing in Seattle. You could tell when he had been home for the weekend — Mom's usually stellar grades suffered on Monday. Mom and Dad were married in a double ceremony with Dave and Nellie Gorley November 27, 1953.

Dad continued to work for Boeing for a short time, and they lived on Puget Sound.

Mom recalled hating high tides slapping on their house's windows. She thought the water was strong enough to

break the glass. They returned to Jordan Valley to work for a few years before moving back to Ridgeview to begin their farming career. Mom and Dad raised Vikki, Toni, Robin, Louise, and Paul on their farm. They all worked together, played together, and, most of all, loved together. Mom grew a garden, gleaned, canned, and froze produce for their family. Mom told her young children that she painted her toenails red so that she could hide in the strawberry bed. She was a master at raising flowers, especially roses. Our yard was a haven from the sun in the summer and a wonderland in the winter. Mom was a great cook and made everything taste delicious.

Mom's love of horses continued throughout her life, culminating with her horse Star in 1995. She loved her rides up Succor Creek, around the farm, or the neighborhood. Mom maintained her cosmetology license "just in case." She kept her skills sharp on her family and friends. Mom even took a refresher course with her sister-in-law Christy Shenk Smith.

Mom took extraordinary care of Dad and her assorted loved ones. Mom was an amazing life partner, mother, role model, sister, cousin, grandmother,

great-grandmother, aunt, family member, friend. She was love, support, and discipline all rolled together.

Mom was preceded in death by her beloved Bill, her parents, her siblings Christy Willhite, Lee Stanford, Stub Stanford, Gene Stanford, and Gub Stanford.

Survivors include her sister Betty Lacey of Weiser, children Vikki (Joel) Price of Adrian, Toni (Terry) Case of Nyssa, Robin (Bob) Martin of Adrian, Louise (Mark) Wortman of Parma, and Paul (Alyce) Shenk of Adrian, 12 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, her best friend cousins Jerry, Jeff, Nellie, and Joanne, family members, and friends.

The family would like to express their deepest appreciation for Mom's caregivers Melody, Ruah, and Rosa. They supported Mom and us all the way.

Florence's funeral services will be held Friday, July 23, 2021, at 11:00 a.m., at Txoko Ona Basque Club, 333 S. Main St., Homedale, Idaho. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Adrian Sports Boosters Football Program, c/o LaDawn Bayes, 665 Roswell Rd., Adrian, OR 97901. Memories can be shared at www.flahifffuneralchapel.com

College grads

University of Idaho

Several local residents were among the students to receive more than 1,500 degrees during University of Idaho spring commencement exercises on May 15-16 in Moscow, May 18 in Boise, and May 19 in Idaho Falls:

Dillon S. Pfost, Caldwell (Homedale High School) — College of Business & Economics, Bachelor's in Business with a marketing and general marketing emphasis

Corbin J. Schamber, Homedale — College of Law, juris doctor

Jennifer Bautista Ramirez, Homedale — College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Bachelor's in Food Science with a food science option

Orion S. Cardenas-Ritzert, Homedale — College of Natural Resources, Bachelor's in Ecology Conservation Biology with Ecology and Conservation option

Trevor S. Romans, Homedale — College of Education, Health & Human Sciences, Bachelor's in Recreation

Jordan M. Goins, Marsing — College of Education, Health & Human Sciences, Master's in Adult, Organizational Learning & Leadership

Tyler C. Simonson, Marsing — College of Business & Economics, Bachelor's of Business in Finance

Johanna A. Kasper, Melba — College of Business & Economics, Master's of Accounting in Accountancy

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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) 649-5411

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

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

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

Teen summer reading
5 p.m., to 6 p.m., “Ocean Fun & Games,” Homedale City Pool, North 2nd Street West, Homedale. (208) 337-4228

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

Friday

Idaho Foodbank drop-off
9 a.m., First Presbyterian Church of Homedale, 320 N. 6th St. W, Homedale. (208) 473-9331

Saturday

OCA summer meeting
9 a.m., Silver City Schoolhouse, Silver City

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

OCA summer meeting dance
9 p.m., music by Runnin’ for Cover, \$7 single, \$12 couple, Silver City Schoolhouse, Silver City

Sunday

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

Extreme Tour
5 p.m., to 9 p.m., free, skate, scooter, BMX contests, live music, Bette Uda City Park, East Idaho Avenue, Homedale

Monday

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

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

Air Force DEIS public hearing
5 p.m., to 8 p.m., Grand View Elementary School, 250 1st St., Grand View.

Youth tennis camp
6 p.m., to 8 p.m., free, ages 10-15, Bette Uda City Park tennis courts, East Idaho Avenue, Homedale. <https://form.jotform.com/211799407069163>

Tuesday

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

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Thursday, July 29

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

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

Teens & Tweens
5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

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

Saturday, July 31

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

University of Idaho Extension

It’s important to show your appreciation to county fair supporters

As the Owyhee County Fair quickly approaches, it is crucial that 4-H and FFA members are familiar with how to write a quality thank you and understand the importance of showing appreciation to donors and sponsors.



Madi Anderson

The Owyhee County Fair would not be possible without the generosity of our donors, sponsors, buyers and volunteers. This being said, it is imperative that these individuals and business are recognized and shown appreciation for their dedication and support of Owyhee County youth.

One of the best ways to show appreciation is by writing a hand-written, personalized thank you card.

Whether writing a thank you for an award sponsor, an add-on donor, market animal buyer, superintendent, or 4-H leader, youth need to take the time to hand-write a thoughtful card.

Receiving a tangible, personal card from the youth they are supporting tells the supporter that they are valued and that their contribution to our programs does not go unappreciated.

Here are five steps to ensuring a well-written thank you:

1. Start the note addressing the person, people, business, etc., that you are thanking.
2. Who is the note being written on behalf of? Yourself? Your club? Your family?
3. Mention something noteworthy about the event in specific details. (i.e., the gift, what you learned, what happened at the show, etc.)
4. Remark on the thoughtfulness of the donation, support, etc., and how appreciative of it you are.
5. End the note on a positive, upbeat tone and sign with your name.

The following is an example of a properly written thank you:

*Smith Construction
Attn:
Mr. & Mrs. Smith
123 Main St.
Anytown, ID 00000*

*Dear Mr. & Mrs. Smith of Smith Construction,
Thank you so much for purchasing my pig at the Owyhee County Junior Livestock Sale. I worked very hard this year with my pig, Porky, and I was very excited that he placed first in our market class.*

I very much appreciate your support of me and my project. Your generosity will allow me to purchase my pig next year and also add to my savings for college.

*With appreciation,
Jane Doe*

Thank you notes are not the only way to express appreciation to supporters. It is also important that market animal buyers receive a Buyer’s Certificate and are offered a Buyer’s Gift.

Two versions, one generic and one personalized, depending on preference, of Buyer’s Certificates are available from the Extension Office. Buyer’s Certificates can also be found on the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension website and on our Facebook page, Owyhee County 4-H Youth Development. Blank thank you notes are also available from the Extension Office.

With the fair just around the corner, please keep in mind how much our programs depend on our generous supporters. Among the hustle and bustle of fair, please do your best to adequately appreciate and thank those who donate, support, purchase and volunteer in Owyhee County.

— Madi Anderson is the interim 4-H program coordinator at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office. Contact her for more information on 4-H at (208) 896-4104 or madisona@uidaho.edu.

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

Man who attacked ex could be out of prison in one year

Kidnapping charge dropped in plea deal

A 50-year-old Nampa man will spend at least a year in state prison after sentencing in a case that included allegations of kidnapping, false imprisonment and attempted strangulation.

Jessie Lynn Massey learned his fate on July 9 before Third District Judge Andrea Courtney in Murphy after entering a guilty plea to a felony charge of attempted strangulation.

Courtney imposed a state penitentiary term of one to nine years while giving Massey credit for 46 days he spent in Owyhee County Jail after he was picked up on an arrest warrant in April.

Massey, who reached a plea agreement with county Prosecuting Attorney Jeffrey L. Phillips, must pay \$500 in fines and \$2,125.50 in court costs.

Courtney dismissed misdemeanor counts of battery,

false imprisonment, unlawful entry and reckless driving.

An original charge of felony first degree kidnapping didn't appear in the final disposition.

According to court records, an Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy began investigating the case after being called to a residence west of Homedale to the report of a battery that occurred sometime around 2 a.m., on April 7.

Massey apparently passed the victim, his ex-girlfriend, on the road then flipped a U-turn and blocked her vehicle. He then jumped into the woman's vehicle, pulled the keys out of the ignition and used her hair to pull the woman toward him while pressing his right arm against her throat.

The victim said the incident lasted for about 20 minutes, during which time Massey continued to yell at her and restrain her physically.

Eventually Massey let the woman go, and she drove to a relative's house for help.

— JPB

Next Marsing cleanup set Tuesday

The Marsing Beautification Project is conducting another city cleanup, beginning at 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday.

This event is a little less ambitious than the one scheduled for late May but completed in June. During that effort, a team of volunteers and students aimed to clean Marsing properties and tidy up around the school district grounds.

The timeline for the project

— originally set to run over the course of three days — was interrupted by torrential rain. The team was forced to postpone it for a few weeks.

Tuesday's cleanup will focus on Main Street. Volunteers will meet in the parking lot of the old high school gymnasium on Main Street. Some volunteers will clean the sidewalks on the new bridge spanning the Snake River into Canyon County.

To take part in the cleanup, visit the Marsing Beautification Project Facebook page and click on the Signup Genius link.

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Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 32 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 77 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 137 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 225,938 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.

Marsing hires city code officer

Marsing City Hall hosted a rare quick city council meeting last Wednesday.

It took just 30 minutes to work through a few pieces of business, including the introduction of the new code enforcement officer, public works superintendent Philip Gibson's projects updates, and a handful of business licenses and catering permits.

Rick Sortor has been hired to replace Cory Callison, who stepped down as city code enforcement officer in May after nearly 1½ years on the job.

Sortor will work fewer than 20 hours per week and will not work set shifts.

The code enforcement officer's primary duties involve violations of laws regulating public nuisance, public health, safety, and more.

Public works updates

The city recently completed a chipsealing project with the assistance of Homedale Highway District. The cost of project was \$18,991.27, with an additional \$15,000 for the chips.

The chipsealing is part of a 10-year project to restore the city's streets.

A mess was left behind after the sealing, and a street sweeper will follow to clean it up on Aug. 4.

Last Wednesday's planned meeting between an Idaho Department of Environmental Quality official, Gibson and city engineer Kirby Cook was canceled. No makeup date has been set for the discussion of options to deal with sludge levels at the city's wastewater treatment plant.

Marsing business grows

The council, including councilpersons Brandy Bennett, Marie Herman, and council president Chris Even, doled out a pair of business licenses

and catering permits. Councilperson Rachael Percifield was absent from the meeting.

Tacos El Campeon Mexican Food and Paws on Main pet groomers received new business licenses, while Pour House was awarded a catering permit for this weekend's Percifield Memorial Co-Ed Softball Tournament.

Pair-A-Dice Restaurant and Lounge also received a catering permit for a Ducks Unlimited banquet planned for Friday, Aug. 20 at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center.

Ana Gonzalez, owner of Below Zero snow cones, was approved to set up shop on city property, including across the street from the Marsing School District on 8th Avenue West. She will also set up at the Percifield Tournament and will donate a portion of her sales to Marsing Youth Sports.

— TK

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Salad bar: **Not Available due to the Coronavirus*

Congregate lunch at noon

Curbside pickup available before 12:30 p.m.

Phone ahead 208-337-3020 to order

Dessert is included in curbside lunch

Milk available each day

Roll available except July 21st and 28th

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

Sandbar Community Room

Noon to 12:30 p.m., inside Marsing City Hall

Milk available each day

Bread or bread alternative available

Suggested donation: \$4 (60 and older), \$6 (59 and younger)

July 21: Tuscan tuna salad, cottage cheese,

peaches

July 23: Cranberry meatballs with rice, broccoli, cauliflower, green salad

July 26: Citrus salmon, wild rice, spring blend vegetables, fresh fruit

July 28: Salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, beets, pineapple

Rimrock Senior Center

All meals are served with milk & fruit juice

Dine-in available on Thursdays

Curbside pickup from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or delivery only.

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July 22: French dip sandwich, whole grain bun, salad bar, cook's choice soup, berry Jello salad

July 27: Spaghetti with meat sauce, whole grain noodles, green salad, fresh fruit, cottage cheese, garlic bread

July 29: Chicken salad, salad bar, fresh fruit, assorted crackers, peaches, cottage cheese, cook's choice soup

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County ordinance closing roads to OHV use amended again

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners approved a modification to a previous ordinance defining county off-highway vehicle road use.

The commissioners signed the Amended Findings, Conclusions, and Order to Owyhee County Ordinance 10-03 during their July 12 meeting in Murphy. The ordinance was originally enacted in December 2010 and was amended first on Dec. 28, 2020.

The ordinance was created in response to Idaho Code changes that required counties to post notices on roads closed to all-terrain and utility-type vehicles, and motorcycles.

The first update was made in 2020 after County Clerk Angie Barkell determined that there were errors within the ordinance and the language used with the accompanying map.

The first step of the latest amendment was a July 7, 2020 hearing at which members of the public were allowed to comment on the 34 roads

closed to off-road vehicles. The amended findings went into effect on Dec. 28, 2020.

The newest changes add more specific descriptors. For example, the change in the Dec. 28, 2020 amended findings for 20 Mile Road was “Remove word ‘paved’ since there is no paving, leaving two miles closed.”

The latest version reads “Remove word ‘paved’ since there is no paving, leaving two miles closed T6S R3E section 34 to section 33 — this is the full 2 mile length of this road.”

Owyhee County emergency manager Jim Desmond said the most significant change to the document is the directive to the county clerk from revising county code with the road decisions to drafting an ordinance revising Ordinance 10-03 to present to the commissioners.

In addition, a paragraph was added to clarify that the notice of hearing did not restrict the commissioners to only correcting errors and inconsistencies in the

ordinance. They could also consider other aspects of the roads to be closed to off-road use.

County staffing changes

There is a new temporary employee on staff with Owyhee County Road and Bridge No. 1.

Jim Davis was hired July 5 at a rate of \$18 per hour to work part-time, as needed, at the Pleasant Valley shop. He will also assist on the Reynolds Creek Road project.

Davis is retired from the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Michael Bess will work part-time as a janitor at the Marsing Division of Motor Vehicles office at \$12.50 per hour. He was hired July 12.

Darlene Dayton, who serves in all capacities at the Homedale Tipping Station, including machine operator, has received a pay raise from \$10 per hour to \$12 per hour.

Dayton works 19 hours per week, and the increase took effect June 1.

— TK

Marsing High all-class reunion picnic returns

Graduation classes from the early 1970s are playing host to this year’s Marsing High School all-class reunion picnic.

The potluck, hosted by the Class of 1970 and Class of 1971, will take place at 1 p.m., on Sunday, Aug. 1 at Marsing City Park.

The park is located in the 100 block of 1st Avenue West. The host classes will provide the main course of fried chicken. Marsing High School graduates from all years are asked to bring their favorite picnic dishes, table service and lawn chairs.

Probation for man who brought heroin into Homedale

A man arrested after a citizen’s tip has been sentenced for felony heroin possession.

Nikolas James Grugel, 26, of Meridian must serve five years of supervised probation and pay \$1,135.50 in fines and court fees.

Grugel appeared for sentencing on July 9 in Murphy before Third District Judge Andrea Courtney.

The man entered a guilty plea to one felony count of controlled substance possession with intent to manufacture or deliver as part of an agreement with Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Jeffrey L. Phillips. Phillips dropped misdemeanor charges of marijuana possession and drug paraphernalia possession.

Courtney ordered \$1,000 in fines, but suspended half that amount.

After receiving word that an alleged drug dealer was en route to town, Homedale Police arrested Grugel after a traffic stop on Dec. 1, 2019.

Police pulled over a red BMW driven by Grugel because a headlight was out. A search by Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputies who had arrived on scene turned up about a gram of heroin and more than \$650 in cash. The money and some of the heroin were found on Grugel, while an HPD officer had spotted marijuana in plain sight in the vehicle.

Grugel also owes \$168 for infractions of the inoperable headlight and driving with an expired license.

— JPB

Grand View public meeting slated for Air Force proposal

Citizens can get more information Monday on the Air Force’s plan to enhance preparedness through subsonic and supersonic training in airspace over Owyhee County and other parts of Idaho.

The comment period on the Airspace Optimization Proposal for Mountain Home Air Force Base continues through Aug. 23.

Information will be available during a public meeting from 5 p.m., to 8 p.m., on Monday inside Grand View Elementary School, 205 1st St.

This is the only hearing planned in Owyhee County.

A copy of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) is available at the Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., in Grand View.

• A virtual hearing will take place from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. MDT on Tuesday. Preregister for telephone access before the virtual hearing at <http://www.directeventreg.com/registration/event/5765023>

Access the virtual hearing via telephone at (888) 869-1189 with Conference ID: 5765023.

The meeting will be online at <https://edge.media-server.com/mmc/p/wzodjro>

• Another in-person public hearing is scheduled for 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., on Thursday at The Riverside Hotel, 2900 W. Chinden Blvd., in Boise.

• Another public hearing will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., local time, next Wednesday at the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley Indian Reservation Tribal Headquarters, 1036 Idaho State Highway 51 in Owyhee, Nev. The headquarters are on the Idaho-Nevada state line.

Comments on the Draft EIS can be submitted verbally at the virtual public hearing, verbally or in writing at the in-person hearings, electronically at: <https://www.mountainhomeafbairspaceis.com>, or by mailing written comments via U.S. Postal Service, UPS, or FedEx to: Mountain Home AFB Airspace Optimization EIS, c/o Leidos, 2109 Air Park Road SE, Ste 200, Albuquerque, NM 87106.

The project website, where a hard copy of the virtual hearing presentation can be requested is <https://www.mountainhomeafbairspaceis.com>. You can also contact Mountain Home AFB Public Affairs at 366fw.mountainhomeafbais@us.af.mil.

Additional information about the public hearings, how to participate, and an electronic copy of the Draft EIS can be found on the project website.

Copies of the Draft EIS are not available at the following locations:

• Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation Tribal HQ, 1036 Idaho State Highway 51, Owyhee, NV 89832

• Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribes Tribal HQ, 111 N. Reservation Rd., McDermitt, NV 89421

• Boise Main Library, 715 S. Capitol Blvd., Boise, ID 83702

• Mountain Home Public Library, 790 N. 10th E. St., Mountain Home, ID 83647

• McDermitt Branch Library, 175 South U.S. Highway 95, McDermitt, NV 89421

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Courthouse report

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

July 12

Jim Nzube Eze-Okoli, Kamloops, British Columbia — Misdemeanor false logbook, serious violation: \$263.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs

Jess David Simon, Hailey — Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession (amended from misdemeanor controlled substance possession): \$300 in fines, \$197.50 in court costs

July 9

Nikolas James Grugel, Meridian — Felony controlled substance possession with intent to manufacture or deliver (plea deal): 5 years felony probation, \$1,000 in fines (\$500 suspended), \$635.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor marijuana possession, misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession

Jessie Lynn Massey, Nampa — Felony attempted strangulation (plea deal): 1 to 9 years in state prison (46 days served), \$500 in fines, \$2,125.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by judge:** Misdemeanor battery, misdemeanor false imprisonment, misdemeanor unlawful entry, misdemeanor reckless driving

July 8

Estella A. Arcusa, Sacramento, Calif. — Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession (amended from misdemeanor advertise drug paraphernalia for sale): 1 year unsupervised probation, \$202.50 in fines, \$197.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor marijuana possession (amended from misdemeanor unlawful possession of a simulated controlled substance). **Withheld judgment:** Defendant can petition to have record expunged upon successful completion of sentence.

July 7

Quinton Cole Bennion, Homedale — Misdemeanor petty theft (plea deal): 9 days in jail (served), \$250 in fines, \$307.50 in court costs

Paul A. Martinson, Molalla, Ore. — Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession (amended from misdemeanor advertise drug paraphernalia for sale): 1 year unsupervised probation, \$202.50 in fines, \$200.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by judge:** Misdemeanor marijuana possession (amended from misdemeanor unlawful possession of a simulated controlled substance). **Withheld judgment:** Defendant can petition to have record expunged upon successful completion of sentence.

Curt Judo Sayre, Nampa — Misdemeanor driving offense by person owning or controlling vehicle (amended from speeding infraction, 16 mph or over the limit): \$98.50 in fines, \$56.50 in court costs

Elizabeth Diane Snow, Nampa — Misdemeanor controlled substance possession (plea deal): \$302.50 in fines, \$347.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession

Leonard Leon Young, Boise — Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession (plea deal): \$202.50 in fines, \$197.50 in court costs

Francisco Zapata Delgado, Homedale — Misdemeanor reckless driving (plea deal): 90 days in jail (4 days served, 86 days suspended), 1 year unsupervised probation, driver's license suspended 30 days, \$542.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs



US Bank in Marsing to close permanently Thursday

Owyhee County residents who do business with US Bank will have only one home-county branch left after Thursday when the Marsing branch closes its doors for the final time. The building on Main Street is for sale. With the departure of the Grand View branch in 2017 and the pending loss of the Marsing location, the only US Bank branch left in Owyhee County is in Homedale on the southwest corner of South Main Street and West Wyoming Avenue. That branch is the only physical location for any financial institution in Owyhee County.

Councilmembers tweak unsigned Homedale library lease

Details needed before Aug. 14 car show, cruise goes forward

The unratified lease under which Homedale Community Foodstead used the old city library building this summer has been sent back to the company coordinating the program.

The lease, which was dated June, had been signed by foodstead founding financial backer Shannon McGuire and submitted to the city for Mayor Gheen Christoffersen's signature.

After a discussion sparked by Councilman Mike Aebischer's concerns, the council approved an altered contract.

"We'll have to take it back to Shannon McGuire and talk about the changes," foodstead manager Denise Dixon said.

Aebischer, a former Homedale library board member and council's library liaison, wanted the rent increased three-fold to \$300 from the \$100 set forth in the lease.

He ultimately acquiesced to the \$100 rent when his fellow elected officials went along with the idea that the foodstead should pay for all the utilities rather than share the cost with the city as originally put in the contract.

"The city part (of the utility bill) is the solar panels that you're benefitting from," Aebischer said.

He said that the \$125 electricity bill from last month is the highest he has seen it in his time dealing with the 40-year-old building.

Aebischer said the higher

rent was appropriate because other commercial buildings in town are going at a higher rate.

"The taxpayers should get a return on their investment not subsidize a business," he said.

Councilman Aaron Tines pointed out that the building was still a public-private arrangement because it is available as a community center and the library staff still uses it for youth programs.

The term of the lease was lowered from five years to two years, and the June 1 commencement date was removed.

The contract also now carries a clause that the foodstead operators cannot make any structural changes to the building without prior approval from the council. Aebischer was worried about any plans to put a sign up damaging the masonry.

Council wants more details on Aug. 14 event

A Homedale-based promoter has been asked to provide more details about his plan to hold a classic car show and cruise and a sock hop at Riverside Park.

Robert Arehart of Northside Productions wants to stage a car show by the city pool as part of a festival that would include a '50s-themed dance contest, costume contest, school carnival and silent auction.

The festival would go from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the cruise

would follow.

Arehart plans to have two live bands playing during the event, scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 14.

He said the silent auction would benefit Treasure Valley Fence 'N' Feed's third annual Shoe for Kids event, which will be held on the same day at the West Idaho Avenue store.

Arehart promised a family-friendly event.

He said the cruise would be open to anything with wheels up to and including lawnmowers.

Petrea Lee, co-owner of Rumors salon, offered the use of the games she had acquired for the Fourth of July community block party she staged at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds.

Arehart plans to develop a T-shirt to advertise all the event sponsors, and he said all vendors at the event will be local.

He also wants to find a way to help the local food banks.

The city council asks Arehart to secure at least \$500,000 in liability insurance. He also must submit a vendor list to ensure all participants have Homedale business licenses.

Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller requested that Arehart develop and submit a route for the cruise given the current traffic issues in town. The council also requested an overall layout of the planned event in the park.

The council voted unanimously to allow use of Riverside Park contingent on receiving the requested information.

— JPB

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Avalanche Sports

Long-standing Percifield tourney returns to Marsing

Thirty softball teams do battle this weekend

A popular softball tournament is back on track this weekend in Marsing after being derailed in 2020 because of COVID-19 precautions. The 35th annual Percifield Memorial Co-Ed Softball Tournament returns to the Marsing High School athletic fields Friday to Sunday. Play will begin at 6 p.m. on Friday. Games on Saturday and Sunday are scheduled to

start at 8 a.m. Organizer Amy Chadez expects that play should be wrapping up at about 4 p.m., on Sunday, with the awards ceremony to follow. Included in those awards are the Kim Panzeri Award for the tournament’s outstanding player, the Chris Salove Community Supporter Award, and the JR Kent Tournament Supporter Award. The tournament has its roots in the Marsing City Co-Ed Softball Tournament, which began 40 years ago

and was renamed to honor Chadez’s father Tim Percifield five years later. After he passed away passed in 2004, Mike Percifield — Tim’s brother — was added to the tournament moniker. A raffle features two prizes this year: a Smith & Wesson 9mm pistol and a Smith & Wesson AR-15. Raffle tickets are \$50 each or \$100 for three. Food and drinks will also be available for purchase at the tournament. Tournament proceeds benefit Marsing Youth Sports and Marsing

school athletics. Chadez said that there are 30 teams registered to play and that more than half have Owyhee County ties. Teams are split up into three categories: family, lower, and a combined middle/upper divisions, and matchups will likely be finalized today, Chadez said. For updated information, check out the Percifield Memorial Softball Tournament Facebook page.

— TK

Goode and plenty of teammates forge Rivercats’ 7-game win streak

Sigmund Goode went 6-for-8 in two games, and his Owyhee Rivercats teammates unloaded in another game last week to build a seven-game American Legion baseball winning streak. Coached by Burke Deal, the Rivercats ended the week with an 18-7 summertime record. **Friday: Rivercats 11, Payette 1 (5)** — Finishing a week in which he was hot as the weather Goode had a pair of singles and a run and an RBI in a game shortened by the 10-run rule. For the third time in as many games last week, Owyhee scored in the first inning to set the tone. D’Orr Packer started the first-inning rally against the Packers with a base hit to center field. He and Tommy Muir scored on Terron Morrison’s two-out base hit up the middle. Morrison, who knocked in three runs during the game, scored on Goode’s two-out single. John Lejardi’s two-run triple highlighted Owyhee’s five-run uprising in the third inning. He scored on Morrison’s base

hit. Goode singled and later scored on an error to end the game via the 10-run rule with two outs in the bottom of the fifth inning. Dillon Fine struck out seven and surrendered a single, an unearned run and two walks to get the win. **Friday: Rivercats 15, Nampa Braves 6** — The Rivercats scored the game’s first five runs then posted a six-run sixth inning to withstand Nampa’s five-run outburst in the bottom of the inning. Fine fanned seven in 3 1/3 innings as starting pitcher, and three relievers helped hold the Braves to four hits while getting 14 strikeouts. Nampa’s five runs in the sixth inning were all unearned against Jed Simpson, who gave up a hit and three walks while striking out two. Owyhee scored 10 unearned runs with the help of 10 Nampa errors. Muir’s double to bring home Fine in the first inning was the only extra-base hit among 14 hits for the Rivercats. Fine led off the game with a base hit. Goode was 4-for-5 with three

RBI and three runs scored, while Muir and Simpson each knocked in a pair of runs. Morrison went 4-for-4 and scored four times with an RBI. **July 13: Rivercats 14, Nampa Christian 4 (5)** — Trailing 1-0, the Rivercats exploded for six runs in the bottom of the first inning. Fine led off with a double and scored on Muir’s two-run triple as Owyhee began a string of 12 unanswered runs. The Rivercats led, 12-1, when Nampa Christian posted three runs in the top of the fifth inning. Muir threw four innings of no-hit ball, striking out six and walking two while giving up an unearned run in the top of the first. Simpson pitched a rocky relief inning, giving up two hits and three runs, only one of which was earned. Muir smacked a pair of triples, scored four runs and plated three others. Andrew Marston was 2-for-3 with two runs scored and an RBI, while Packer went 2-for-4 and scored three times.

With alternative access to clinic, sports physicals will go on

Homedale’s RehabAuthority will again provide sports physicals for incoming freshmen and juniors from area high schools. Athletes can come down from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., on Tuesday to the physical therapy center, 134 E. Idaho Ave., to have their physicals done. The physicals cost \$20, and the full amount will be given to the sports program of the athlete’s choice. RehabAuthority tech Kimi Hotchkiss said an arrangement has been made with the Idaho

Transportation Department to set up temporary access to the center’s parking area on South 2nd Street East, across from Bette Uda City Park for the duration of the Idaho Avenue pavement reconstruction project. According to Hotchkiss, in the past, athletes from Homedale, Marsing, Adrian, Jordan Valley, Greenleaf, and other nearby towns have taken advantage of the sports physicals, and she expects it to continue.

— TK

Varsity experience comes to HMS volleyball

A former varsity volleyball coach will lead one of Homedale Middle School’s teams next season. Diana Asumendi has been hired as the A team coach for the eighth-grade program. She coached the high school varsity team for two seasons previously (2014-15). Chelsea Johnson will coach the eighth-grade B team. Tracy Costello has resigned as the seventh-grade B boys’

basketball coach. The district’s board of trustees approved the personnel moves on July 12.

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of
common sense
The Fairboard



It was every fairboard’s nightmare when the lightning hit the stage.
’Course, it might have been expected; it was just another page
In a trail of disasters that befell our county fair
That began when Dr. Knockwurst told us we should be aware

That a stomatitis outbreak might shut down the rodeo
Not to mention all the entries in the Junior Livestock Show.
Then the week before we opened they began to excavate
Down the center of the highway that runs up to the main gate.

Of course, they hit a waterline. We were Lake Louise by dawn.
But no water in the spigots in the barns or in the john.
So we planned on shuttle parking using pontoons and canoes
But we finally wound up asking folks to just take off their shoes.

And the carnival got testy ’cause we couldn’t build a bridge
Plus the vendors all were grumblin’ due to decreased patronage
But the tractor pull went OK, ’cept they pulled a light pole down
Which played havoc with the dog trials when two handlers almost drowned.

On the morning of the last night the promoter called to say
That the singer had a sore throat and could not perform, no way.
But by noon it didn’t matter ’cause the clouds came rollin’ in
And the crowd all left in lifeboats so by five we pulled the pin.

We retreated to the office down beneath the grandstand seats
Where the fairboard did its business and hashed out the balance sheets.
’Cause tonight we were survivors. Like a pile of used retreads
Only glad that it was over, all we did was shake our heads

And ask ourselves why anyone would take this thankless chore
When a kid, in tow with mother, stuck his head in through the door.
He had lost his yellow ribbon, she explained, both drippin’ pools,
And wondered if by some small chance, if it weren’t against rules ...

Could we? “ ’Course we could!” I shouted. “We’re the fairboard! That’s our thing!”
So we picked him out a dry one. It was like we crowned him king.
And he tried to say his thank yous, but his tears got in the way.
Time stood still as he departed. No one had too much to say

Till the lightning hit the stage lights, then I heard me volunteer,
“I reckon we should get them fixed ’fore we do much else next year.”

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

Being a community
Diligence, Homedale
pride can stem crime’s tide

by Lora Woodward

I’d like to share something with you that happened recently. On July 5, we arrived at our home on South 1st Street late after the fireworks, feeling tired, and left our keys in the car, which was parked right next to our house. The following day, we discovered that one of our two vehicles had been stolen, along with several items from our other car, and found out our neighbors were missing items as well.

Immediately realizing our foolish mistake, we contacted the Homedale Police, who informed us that property theft is a growing and very serious problem here in our area. Thankfully, the officer on the case found our car the next day, along with most of our other stolen items, just two blocks away in a nearby trailer park, along with the thief, who was then arrested.

The car, which was stolen with a full tank of gas and could have been long gone, had instead been “disguised” with acrylic craft paint and dollar store stickers, yet still had our license plate attached.

I can’t tell you enough how

grateful my husband and I are to the officers who helped us, and how very professional, diligent, and caring they have been throughout the whole process. When speaking to the officers as we recovered our vehicle, we realized the severity of the problem, how naive we were, and how our local law enforcement needs help from the community.

Of course, this starts by being aware, securing our own property, and looking out for our neighbors. But beyond that, it requires a greater public attendance at our city council meetings, where important issues like this are addressed and necessary reinforcement requests are made. These meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at the Homedale City Hall at 6 p.m., and all residents are welcome!

I also want to say how great our little community is, though I hope you already know. When word got out of the theft of our car and belongings, a few individuals chose to donate to our family to help replace what

— See *Pride*, Page 15

Jeff Raybould, Idaho Water Resource Board chariman

Water conservation
All Idahoans can
play part in saving
water this year



As a lifelong farmer and the chairman of the Idaho Water Resource Board, I’m amazed to watch our state’s potential 2021 water supplies diminish from what was shaping up to be a comparatively decent winter with near-average snowpack in most areas of the state to a bone-dry spring.

Although major drought conditions have been present in portions of the state, we are now seeing drought setting in statewide.

An extreme triple-digit heat wave hit us early in June, and here we are in the traditionally hot and dry months of July and August, with no relief in sight.

The heat and the drought are hitting us like a one-two punch statewide, with a third uppercut coming in the form of wildfires and smoke.

Somehow, we must endure with rapidly diminishing water supplies as the extreme heat leads to increased water evaporation everywhere and

reduced streamflow runoff from the mountains, while demand for water is increasing to irrigate crops on our farms, provide water for livestock, and supply water for all our needs in commerce and industry as well as for our homes and communities.

Unfortunately, this is a year when we’ll see ag producers and others with junior water rights experience curtailment of their water rights, which will cause severe economic hardship. In some basins without water storage facilities, they may run out of water entirely.

The Idaho Water Resource Board is charged by the state Legislature to plan for Idaho’s future water needs while also providing a plan for a sustainable supply of water for everyday use statewide. Our State Water Plan has a Sustainability Policy, adopted in 2016, that says, in part:

— See *Water*, Page 15

Election letters

The Owyhee Avalanche will accept letters to the editor pertaining to the Aug. 31 Homedale School District bond election until noon on Friday, Aug. 20.

The usual letters to the editor guidelines apply, including letters must be no more than 300 words and letters must include contact information, including a phone number, of the letter-writer. Submit by:

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Commentary

Financial management

Let’s not be unclear: Stay away from whole life insurance

Dear Dave,
I have a question about self-banking with whole term life insurance. The way I understand it, you can accrue a cash balance, borrow against it, and then pay interest to yourself. Is this worth it, or should I stay away from it and continue using a bank?
— Kunal

Dear Kunal,
Actually, it’s a whole life policy, not a term policy. And it’s an absolute scam.
Basically, with whole life you pay about 20 times more for the same amount of insurance than you would with a term policy. The extra money goes into a savings account, and you earn next to nothing

on it, even after you finally start to build it up. One of the ways they’re pitching it now is the self-banking concept, where you can use your own money. It’s nothing magical or anything, because with a regular checking account you use your own money.
My advice is to stay away from the company that’s offering it and anything else they have. It’s a really bad product, and it’s a scummy way to sell whole life insurance — which is an awful product to begin with. No one, except for folks in that business, believes in it or talks positively about it anymore.
Being able to borrow your own money? Really? Why on Earth would anyone want to



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borrow their own money? It’s ridiculous!
— Dave
Dear Dave,
My wife and I are Christians,

and we own a successful small business in our town. Should businesses tithe?
— Barker

Dear Barker,
This is a good question. Giving is never a bad idea unless you do it irresponsibly and to the point of putting your family in financial danger. To the best of my knowledge, the Bible only addresses the topic of tithing by individuals — not businesses.
Personally, I don’t give a tenth of my business gross or net until I receive my paycheck. When that happens — meaning it’s profit that I’m going to pay taxes on, or it’s salaried income out of my business — I tithe on the profits.

So, I can’t really tell you I’ve found Biblical instruction to give a tenth of your business. Hope this helps!
— 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.

✓ Pride: Mother grateful for local business donation to baseball team

From Page 14
was lost. Even after our car was recovered, a friend, a neighbor, and the owner of our local Treasure Valley Fence ‘N’ Feed generously insisted that we use their donations to help cover costs of my husband and son’s summer baseball team The Outlaws’ final tournament, which was starting a few days later.

A huge and very heartfelt “Thank you” to you Curtis, Karen and Kelcii. We are truly lucky to have folks like you here in Homedale. Our community is great, and our values are strong. But now more than ever we need to join together to help support our local law enforcement and do our own due diligence in securing our homes and protecting our families.

Ironically, the day after this all happened, I read a perfect quote from Henry Cloud: “These days it’s important to pay attention, trust God and lock your car.”
— Lora Woodward lives in Homedale with her husband, Seth, and family.

✓ Water: Changing delivery systems, hours of watering can help conserve

From Page 14
“Water is the foundation of Idaho’s economy and culture; the lives and livelihoods of Idahoans depend on a reliable supply of water. Stewardship of Idaho’s water resources begins with the realization that the water resources of the state are not inexhaustible.”
Clearly, this is a year when we are experiencing the effects of drought across the state. As a board, we encourage everyone to do what they can to conserve water. Every single drop counts. Everyone can do their part.
“Be creative, be innovative, every little bit of conservation can go a long ways,” says my colleague, Roger Chase, vice-chair of the Idaho Water Board, who lives outside of Pocatello.
There are many things that Idahoans can do on a voluntary basis to save water on the farm as well as in the city.
For example, many onion farmers in Southwestern Idaho have converted to drip irrigation to produce the best crops while saving water and money from less energy use. In Eastern Idaho and the Magic Valley, some farmers have converted pivot sprinklers to low-elevation sprinkler applications that lower water nozzles down to just above the crops, to increase

efficiency by reducing evaporation.
Crop experts from the University of Idaho Extension and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) help farmers determine how much water is needed to grow various crops. Using this expertise, it’s possible to check soil-moisture levels on an ongoing basis to ensure that you’re not over-watering.
Water Board member Dean Stevenson recommends fixing leaks on sprinkler wheel lines, checking the pumping pressure, the regulators and nozzles on pivot systems to ensure they’re all in good working order. It’s important to maximize the efficiency of our irrigation systems and avoid irrigating when conditions such as afternoon heat cause more evaporation, he says.
Often times, we see end guns on pivots watering the roads or areas outside the boundary of a farm field. Water Board member Brian Olmstead recommends shutting off end guns to save water being applied on non-cropland, including roads, and using a hand line or other higher-efficiency application method to cover a hard-to-reach area of a field.
In our cities, municipal water providers are providing many recommendations for conserving water, including watering lawns in the early morning

hours or at night, xeriscaping, and finding ways to save water in the home. It takes 27 gallons of water to wash dishes by hand, for example, compared to 3 gallons in a modern, efficient dishwasher unit. Fixing a leaky toilet can save up to 100 gallons of water/day.
A cover for your swimming pool can save thousands of gallons per year just by reducing evaporation.
Idaho’s State Water Plan calls on our citizens to conserve water on a voluntary basis. Whatever you can do to save water may free up water supplies for others who have a desperate need. Any farmers with surplus water can offer up extra water for lease or rent in a local water rental pool or through the state water supply bank.
In addition to the immediate need to conserve, the Water Board continues to look for ways to capture more of our water resources for use within the state. The board will work with Gov. Little, the Legislature and all stakeholders to plan, develop and provide for additional ways to meet our current needs and prepare for the future.
— Jeff Raybould is the chairman of the Idaho Water Resource Board. He farms in St. Anthony.

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

July 24, 1996



President's family

Owyhee Cattlemen's Association president Mike Hanley and family at their Jordan Valley ranch. From left, Jim Kershner, Hazel Hanley, Mike Hanley, Mindy Kershner, in front, Lacy Kershner, Katie Kershner, and Nicki Naegle.

Organizers preparing for 50th annual fair

Digging in the dusty back issues of the *Owyhee Chronicle* this past week, *Avalanche* employee Elaine Black discovered that the Owyhee County Fair will be 50 in August.

When brought to the attention of Fair organizers, the unanimous response was "Oh no, are you sure? Couldn't it be next year?"

This is the year, however, 50 years from when the "first annual" Owyhee County Fair was held in Homedale.

While there were plenty of rodeos around the area, the Owyhee Wranglers decided to put on a night rodeo the same days as the first Fair, beginning a long and positive tradition.

"To better advertise the annual fair and rodeo and lend a festive air to the pre-celebration period," the *Chronicle* reported in 1946, "men will let their whiskers grow and will wear at least two items of western 'cow-poke' apparel and women will dress in forty-niner or western clothes."

Schools Facilities Committee discusses expansion

With Homedale principals asking for more classroom space, and enrollment projected to rise by two percent, facility expansion at Homedale schools is once again a hot topic.

On Tuesday night, School Board facilities chairman Dan Odlum, superintendent Bob Lisonbee, the three Homedale principals and a handful of teachers and employees met to discuss the problems.

"We have a problem at both ends," said facilities chairman Dan Odlum, revealing that a study undertaken by the committee has found that enrollment at the three schools will rise by two percent for the next several years.

The conditions at Homedale High and at the Junior High are "extremely crowded," said principal Nolan Taggart.

The Homedale Elementary School is experiencing similar problems. Already overcrowded, the school can handle 50 more students in a worst-case scenario, principal Scott Freeby said.

To free up some space, there is talk of converting the Junior High into a middle school to include sixth grade, and pulling the High School out of the Junior High.

Under this plan, the district would build an extension at the High School where the girls' baseball diamond is located.

50 years ago

July 22, 1971

FISH STORIES are popular in this hot weather and the *Chronicle* editor has been listening to tales of whoppers caught in the Little Salmon, Anderson Ranch reservoir, Antelope and Lake Owyhee. So he dug back into his files and found this proof of a whopper caught in the Snake River



by Charles Howland of Central Cove. It's a 7½-foot sturgeon and weighed 160 pounds.

Joe Churruca chosen Owyhee County Grassman

The Owyhee County Grassman Committee selected Joe Churruca of Marsing as 1971 Grassman. He was sponsored by the Owyhee Soil Conservation District. Richard Bennett of Cow Creek was sponsored by the Marsing Chamber of Commerce.

Churruca operates 220 acres of which 70 acres is in alfalfa seed, 18 acres of sugar beets, 30 acres of wheat, 16 acres of corn, 40 acres of pasture, and the remaining acreage is in alfalfa for hay. Presently, Churruca runs 85 head of beef cattle on 40 acres of Latar orchardgrass. On a portion of this acreage, sainfoin is mixed with the Latar.

The cattle are purchased in mid-November at a weight of approximately 350 to 500 pounds and are fed hay on the place until April when they are turned out on the pastures. The grazing season is from April to November, however, depending on the growth of the animals, some are sold in late August to November. During the grazing season the animals gain 1.92 pounds per day. The carrying capacity of the pasture is approximately four cows per acre.

Homedale Locals

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rowen are spending the summer in the Homedale area. They have been living at Mojave, Calif. Mr. Rowen is now retired and they expect to spend the summers here and at their summer home on Silver Creek above Crouch. They arrived here the last week in June.

Cindy and Becky Thompson, Federal Way, Wash., are spending three weeks with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Vanderhoff and other relatives while their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Thompson are house hunting in the San Francisco area where he is being transferred.

Secretary Volpe to visit Idaho regarding signs

Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe, former governor of Massachusetts, is scheduled to arrive in Boise at 2:30 p.m., Monday, to participate in the first official billboard "take-down" ceremonies to occur in Idaho.

Gov. Cecil D. Andrus and members of Idaho's Congressional delegation are expected to meet with the secretary.

Volpe was the first federal highway administrator, having been appointed by the late President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956.

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WAR NEWS!

[From AVALANCHE EXTRA, Sunday, July 17th].
We have just received the following dispatch, dated New York, 15th:

President Grant has called an extra session of Congress, to provide for preserving neutrality, increasing our commercial marine, and the security of our mails to Europe.

PARIS, July 15.—The Corps Legislatif declared war against Prussia at 10 minutes before 2 o'clock P. M.

Holland will remain neutral during the contest.
Great excitement prevails throughout Germany.
The belligerents have engaged to respect the neutrality of nations preserving the same.
Troops are rapidly concentrating at Antwerp and other strategic points throughout Belgium.

All the specie in the National Bank at Antwerp has been removed to the Citadel, and an issue of paper money is announced.

WASHINGTON, July 15.—4 P. M.—Great excitement prevails over the intelligence of the European war.

STAGE TO WINNEMUCCA.—Mr. Thomas Early, says the Winnemucca Register, has made arrangements for the establishment of a fast freight and passenger line of stages from that place to Silver City, Idaho. Mr. Early is now engaged in stocking the road and will have the necessary arrangements completed and the lines opened for the public in a few days. At present a tri-weekly line of stages will be run.

JOHN WASSON, formerly one of the proprietors of the AVALANCHE, has been appointed Surveyor General of Arizona.

THERE are wars and rumors of wars, marriages and rumors of marriages in Silver City, now-a-days. Gossip has it, that eight smitten hearts of four fond couples, will be paired off, and united in one wholesale knot-tying job, at the same time and place, in a few days. For a fellow to kiss the brides on that occasion will be like going to "Boston" in the old play.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—A few miles from Silver City, on the Cope road, last Wednesday, Steve Bass was run over by a wagon containing 8,000 pounds of freight. He is now in town under the care of a physician. No bones were broken, but it is thought that he received internal injuries, from which will take a long time to recover.

FISHMONGERS had better sell out their stock on hand immediately, because W. F. & Co.'s messenger, Shep, has gone out to Meadow creek armed with hook and line, and his trousers' pockets full of grasshoppers. The market will soon be glutted with fish enough to last through the next Lenten season.

Local Hints and Happenings

The Cosmos mill has started up under the direction of R. H. Leonard, and is now running on Empire ore.

H. E. Leslie has gone to Boise City for the purpose of engaging in the photographing business there.

Geo. W. Gilmore has discovered another quartz ledge up Long Gulch.

Public notices

**SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES
June 7, 14, 21, and 28**

June 7

- Set the agenda as presented.
- Approved and pay all outstanding bills: Current expenses, \$74,537; R&B, \$20,153; Dist Court \$269; Fair Grounds & Buildings, \$287; Probation, \$577; Health Dist., \$4,507; Historical Society & Museum, \$1,099; I&C, \$26,698; Revaluation, \$320; Solid Waste, \$18,378; Weed, \$10,400; 911, \$60,447; Co. Vessel, \$821; Waterways, \$109; Off Hwy Vehicles, \$751; Taxing Dist. Elections, \$242.
- Approved the 05-24-2021 minutes.
- Approved the 05-27-2021 minutes.
- Approved the hiring of Pamela Springer for the part time position of Building Maintenance at the Murphy Courthouse, to begin on June 3, 2021, at the pay rate of \$12.00 an hour.
- Approved the hiring of Tim Freeman for the full-time, seasonal position of Operator/Water Truck Driver with Road & Bridge #3, to begin on June 7, 2021, at the pay rate of \$18.00 an hour.
- Approved the following Retail Alcoholic Beverage Licenses for 2022 - #25, Last Chance Saloon; #26, Family Dollar (Marsing); #27, Family Dollar (Homedale); and #28, Idaho Pizza Company (Homedale).
- Approved the Liquor Catering Permit for Y Bar & Café on June 19, 2021, from 10:00 am to 11:45 pm.
- Approved the Fee Waiver request for Bruneau-Grand View School District regarding a 4,000 sq. ft. Maintenance building at Rimrock High School to be used to house maintenance operations and provide storage and security for equipment potentially including woodshop/auto shop class materials and any other departments in need of space.
- Approved the Construction Match Payment for the North Fork Boulder Creek Bridge in the amount of \$64,949.78 with the Chairman signing for the board.
- Approved the Idaho Power Service and Consent request for the Owyhee County RV Project.
- Approved the Memorandum of Agreement between the ID Dept. of Juvenile Corrections and Owyhee County regarding state funding for juvenile services.
- Executive Session at 9:30 a.m. into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (f) regarding possible litigation. No action was taken. Open session was resumed at 10:07 a.m.
- SWDH presented the projected FY2022 budget. Hailee Tilton spoke about Owyhee Chat the groups potential merge with Marsing Coalition.
- Keller and Associates and Lochner discussed and answered questions about the final bridge design and materials for the North Fork Boulder Creek bridge. Amanda LaMott with LHTAC discussed the bid opening and construction timelines. Amanda also went over the projected budget amounts.
- Approved Commissioner Aberasturi as the Proxy for the County Commissioners during the Southwest District Health Budget Committee Meeting on June 17, 2021.
- Approved Viki Purdy as the Adams County Representative to the Southwest District Health Board of Health for the term

ending on June 30, 2026.

- Executive Session at 11:19 a.m. pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (f) regarding possible litigation. No action was taken. Open session was resumed at 11:29 a.m.
- Resident Bob Wroten discussed to need for dust control on Juniper Mt. Road. Road& Bridge #1 Rittenhouse stated that he has materials ordered and is waiting for their arrival before setting up a time to get the work done. If the work cannot be completed by June 25, a water truck will be used for temporary dust relief.

June 14

- Set the agenda as presented.
- Approved the June 7, 2021 minutes.
- Approved the Extension Office part time new hire of Kelly Ineck for the position of County Agent at the pay rate of \$13.00 per hour, with a start date of June 14, 2021.
- Approved the Sheriff’s Office part time new hire of Carol Rows for a position with Dispatch at the pay rate of \$18.08 per hour, with a start date of June 14, 2021.
- Approved the Sheriff’s Office part time new hire of Glenn Dixon for Courtroom Security at the pay rate of \$17.22 per hour, with a start date of June 14, 2021.
- Approved the Statement of Work Proposal from Calyx-Weaver and Associates in regards to reviewing Owyhee County’s Employee Compensation Program.
- Approved the Chairman’s signature for the Board on the State of Work Proposal from Calyx-Weaver and Associates.
- Approved the Idaho Gem Grant Agreement regarding the Wilson Creek Road Rehabilitation Project – with an award amount of \$50,000.00 to the County and a total of \$664,600.00 in local matching funds to be provided by the County – and for Commissioner Hoagland to sign for the Board.
- Approved the Agreement with LHTAC regarding the North Fork Boulder Creek Bridge Project with a total project cost of \$2,300,565.03 – with the County’s part being \$115,249.78, lessened the amount of \$64,949.78 after a LRHIP Grant of \$50,300.00.
- Zwygert & Associates FY2021 agreement was tabled until next week.
- Executive Session at 9:29 a.m. pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (f) regarding possible litigation. No action was taken. Open session was resumed at 10:01 a.m. Prosecutor Phillips stated for the record that due to the lack of attendance and communication regarding this by Attorney Carter for the scheduled Executive Session meeting regarding Bates Creek Road, the County’s position on this matter remains unchanged.
- Approved Indigent & Charity case 21-12.
- Fairgrounds and RV Project Update – Engineer Cook discussed the need to either put in a new well or locate the existing and out-of-use well. Plans will be redrawn for pipe placement regarding a functional well on-site. De-annexing the parking lot used for the Fairgrounds from the City of Homedale was discussed and a petition will be drawn-up. Installing a fire hydrant on the outer boundary of the Fairgrounds was discussed along with the need to speak with the City of Homedale Fire Chief about best placement.
- The City of Murphy Water

System was discussed with Engineer Cook. A Public Meeting has been scheduled for July 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Murphy Courthouse to discuss with Murphy-town residents the requirements for their water systems as they tie into the Town’s system.

June 21

- Set the agenda as presented.
- Approved and pay all outstanding bills for the departments listed below: Current Expenses, \$34,708; R&B, \$9,415; District Court, \$900; Probation, \$1,553; Historical Society & Museum, \$615; I&C, \$20,757; Junior College, \$2,250; Revaluation, \$111; Solid Waste, \$3,274; 911, \$2,077; County Vessel, \$8; Waterways Fund, \$47; Off Hwy Vehicles , \$108
- Approved the 06-14-2021 minutes.
- Approved the hiring of Annie Miller for the part time, temporary position of County Agent with the Extension Office, to begin on June 21, 2021, at the pay rate of \$10.00 an hour.
- Approved the hiring of Miguel Ruiz for the full-time position of Detention Deputy with the Sheriff’s Office, to begin on June 28, 2021, at the pay rate of \$17.22 an hour.
- Approved the transfer of Travis Leedom for the full-time position of Sheriff Patrol from Detention Deputy with the Sheriff’s Office, to begin on June 28, 2021, at the pay rate of \$18.08 an hour.
- Approved the CTEL Telecom Addendum to Inmate Telephone Agreement which will provide tablets for rent by the County inmates and give the County a 20% commission on all revenue generated by the tablets.
- Approved the Idaho Parks & Rec Waterways Grant in the amount of \$18,975.00 for the purchase of PWC’s and trailer with the Chairman’s signature for the Board.
- Approved the Zwygert & Associates agreement for FY2021 with estimated fee amounts of \$9,000 for the County audit and \$3,000 for single audits.
- At 9:23 a.m. Went into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (a) personnel and (f) regarding possible litigation. No action was taken. Open session was resumed at 9:34 a.m.
- Discussion on two (2) County owned solid waste bins that are beyond repair – Commissioner Aberasturi wanted Board agreement to scrap the bins with Treasure Valley Scrap Metals in Payette, ID. All three Commissions agreed.

June 28

- Old Business – Approved the RV Project Bid Award to Thueson Construction Inc. at the contract price of seven hundred and sixty-seven thousand nine hundred and ninety-six dollars (\$767,667.00), with the Chairman’s signature for the Board.
- Set the agenda as presented.
- Approved the June 21, 2021 minutes.
- Approved the Prosecuting Attorney’s Office full time new hire of Chris Berglund for the position of Deputy Prosecuting Attorney at the pay rate of \$33.65 per hour, with a start date of June 14, 2021.
- Approved the Sheriff’s Office part time re-hire of John Cossel for the position of OHV and Bailiff at the pay rate of \$18.80 per hour, with a start date of June

28, 2021.

- Approved the Sheriff’s Office part time re-hire of Perry McCormack for the position of OHV/Bailiff/Idaho Power/Waterways/Jail at the pay rate of \$19.53 per hour, with a start date of June 29, 2021.
- Advantage Financial Solutions is tabled until further notice.
- Approved the Grand View DMV water and sewer hookup fees of \$2,000.
- Discussion – Owyhee County Probation requested the Board of County Commissioner discuss the Rule of 80 as it pertains to Juvenile and Misdemeanor Probation staff. After a short discussion, Commissioner Aberasturi will send Owyhee County Probation the Board of County Commissioner’s full support in the process to have Juvenile and Misdemeanor Probation staff changed from Rule of 90 to Rule of 80.

07/21/2021

NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE

Case No. CV37-20-00327

Under and by virtue of a Writ of Execution on Judgment of Foreclosure issued on June 17, 2021, and an Order of Sale of Foreclosure issued on June 16, 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:

SUN WEST MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC.,
Plaintiff
v
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS AND DEVISEES OF GORDEN J. MAXWELL; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS AND DEVISEES OF BONNIE J. MAXWELL; RODGER MAXWELL; KENNETH MAXWELL; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; AND DOES I THROUGH 20. et al.,
Defendants

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on the 11 day of August 2021, at 10:00 o’clock am of said day, at Owyhee County Courthouse Front entrance, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650, I am commanded and required to proceed to notice for sale to sell at public auction the real property described in said Order for Sale of Foreclosure and Writ of Execution and to apply the proceeds of such sale to the satisfaction of said Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure with interest thereon and my fees and costs, all payable at time of sale to the highest bidder, for the following described property, situated in Owyhee County, Idaho:

1674 River Rd, Homedale, ID 83628 and legally described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATED IN A PART OF GOVERNMENT LOT 5, SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST, BOISE MERIDIAN, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 5, SAID CORNER MONUMENTED WITH A 5/8 INCH DIAMETER IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 89°55’46” WEST A DISTANCE OF 198.00 FEET ALONG THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 5 TO THE POINT OF

BEGINNING, SAID POINT MONUMENTED WITH A 1/2 INCH DIAMETER IRON PIN; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 89°55’46” WEST A DISTANCE OF 428.00 FEET ALONG THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 5 TO A 1/2 INCH DIAMETER IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 1°4’56” WEST, A DISTANCE OF 253.26 FEET PARALLEL WITH THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 5 TO A 1/2 INCH DIAMETER IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 89°55’46” EAST, A DISTANCE OF 205.97 FEET PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 5 TO A 1/2 INCH DIAMETER IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 77°32’50” EAST, A DISTANCE OF 136.75 FEET TO 1/2 INCH DIAMETER IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 19°26’06” EAST, A DISTANCE OF 236.96 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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

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

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

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 June, 2021.

DEPUTY SHERIFF OF OWYHEE
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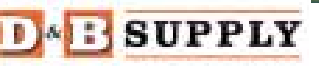
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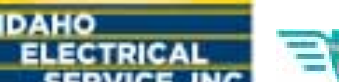
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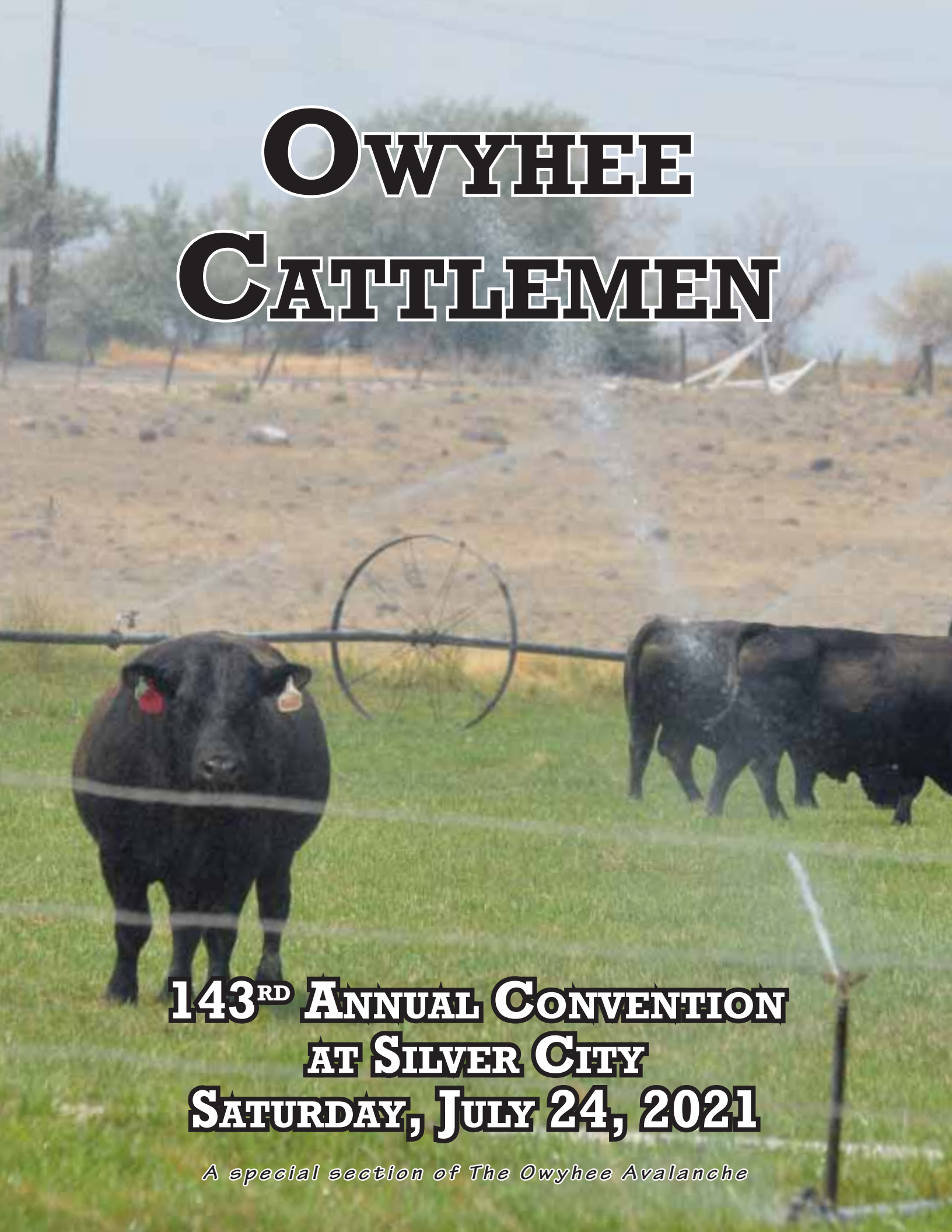








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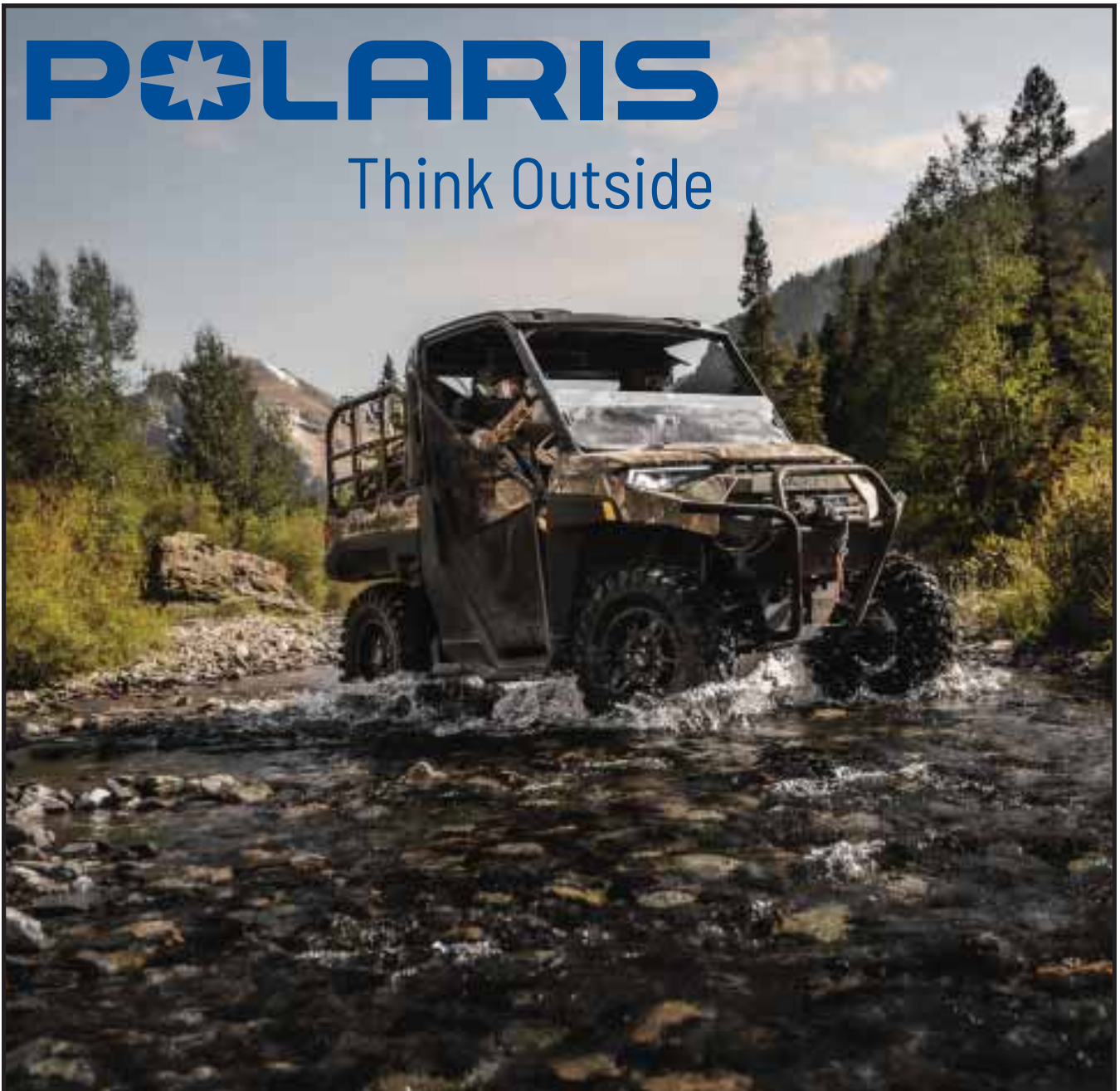
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SATURDAY

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

9:30 a.m. — Association meeting

Welcome and pledge

Membership bit drawing

Introductions

Paul Marchant

Rancher, columnist, author

Break

Deck o' cards raffle

Dirk Mendive

Regional director U.S. Rep. Russ Fulcher

Idaho Bureau of Land Management update

OCA Beef Heifer Replacement Program

Noon — Potluck lunch

Reports and updates

Scott Bunderson, OCA president

Lance Okeson, BLM fuels lead

Assessment committee report

Idaho Cattle Association

Jay Smith, president

Cameron Mulrony, executive director

Break

Deck o' cards raffle

Idaho Beef Council

Bill Lickley, chairman

Political updates

Honorary Life Member

Dr. Bill Barton, Idaho state veterinary (retired)

Resolutions

New Business

Election of Directors — Oscar Evans accepts president's gavel

5 p.m. — Social hour

6 p.m. — Dinner by Savory Layne Catering

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

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SUNDAY

7 a.m. — Coffee available at Idaho Hotel

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



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143RD SUMMER MEETING



Oakley rancher Paul Marchant, an author, podcaster, and Farm Bureau president, will give Saturday's keynote address in Silver City.

Idaho rancher, author headlines convention

An Idaho cowboy who is a columnist, author and runs a podcast as well as cattle is keynote speaker for the 143rd annual Owyhee Cattlemen's Association summer meeting.

The meeting starts at 9 a.m., on Saturday inside the Silver City Schoolhouse.

Paul Marchant, an Oakley rancher, will step behind the podium shortly after OCA president Scott Bunderson starts the meeting with the Pledge of

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INCOMING PRESIDENT

Evans ready to assume command

Retired airman brings different perspective to familiar struggle

Oscar Evans has devoted his life to service — to his country, to his family, to his community, to God.

So, when the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association directors approached him about serving the industry, he agreed — although with some hesitancy.

"I said yes mainly because they asked me to, and my objection was that I'm not a big producer," Evans said. "And their response was 'We don't need big producers. We need people that care about the industry.'"

"I'm glad to do it. I just didn't want to do it without any credibility."

Evans had a similar reaction when he was asked to consider leading the association as president of the board of directors.

Again, he was reluctant because of his status in the industry.

"I don't consider myself a rancher," he said. "I've always considered one of the biggest insults to be someone to say, 'You're all hat and no cattle.' One of the reasons I don't wear a cowboy hat much is because I always thought I didn't have enough cattle to justify it."

But after some research, the purebred cattle producer realized the industry is driven by small-herd ranchers. According to a U.S. Department of Agriculture report, nearly 80 percent of the nation's cattle producers have fewer than 50 cows in their herd.

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Oscar Evans has been involved in the community and the county since arriving in Homedale more than a decade ago. He stated his views during a District 23 legislative forum in 2018 at The Bowling Alley in his adopted hometown.

OUTGOING PRESIDENT Leading in the time of COVID

Like individuals and organizations everywhere, the past year has required changes and accommodations with how board president Scott Bunderson and his cohorts in the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association have conducted business during the spread of COVID-19.

Bunderson, who will make way for incoming president Oscar Evans late Saturday afternoon, said perhaps the OCA's biggest accomplishment during his time at the helm was simply maintaining normalcy the best that it could through the pandemic mess.

"2020-21 has had its challenges, but I think as a whole, we moved forward better than expected," he said. "It's opened my eyes to many new things."

His presidency was stalled right out of the gate. The 2020 OCA summer meeting, set for July in Silver City, was postponed because of COVID-19 concerns and ultimately held in September at the Owyhee County Community Center in Homedale.

After a two-month delay, Bunderson was able to take part in the ceremonial passing of the gavel with outgoing president Paul Nettleton.

Bunderson said the challenges the OCA has encountered over the past year really just boils down to inconvenience. Trying to get state and federal agencies to attend meetings and functions was difficult.

"We were able to utilize online meetings so that folks who were unable or unwilling to attend public functions, for whatever reason, were



Shown during the most recent winter meeting, Scott Bunderson's final day with the presidential gavel comes Saturday inside the Silver City Schoolhouse.

— See **Leading**, Page 18



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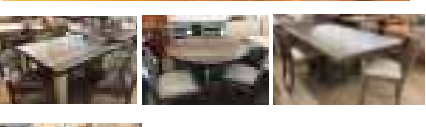
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HONORARY LIFE MEMBER

From ranchin' to rockin'

Retired state vet slows down long enough to accept Life Member award

Growing up on a ranch in southern Owyhee County, Bill Barton faced some challenges to receive his education from a location as remote as Three Creek, near the Nevada border.

Barton, the recently retired Idaho State Veterinarian, will be honored as an Honorary Life Member at the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association annual summer meeting Saturday in Silver City.

Simply attending school was not easy for Barton. His public education options at that point were Elko, Nev., and Twin Falls, each around 100 miles from his family's ranch.

The Barton's owned a house in Twin Falls, so the day before school began, he would leave the ranch and attend school during the week and head to the ranch for the weekend. The day he received his report card, he would head back to the ranch for the summer.

"When you're a kid, you think 'I want to be in town with my buddies,' but if I could have given (ranch life) to my kids, I would have in a heartbeat," Barton said.

Barton did successfully complete secondary school before moving on to the University of Idaho to receive a Bachelor's of Animal Science and then to Kansas State University to complete a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree in 1989.

Coming from a ranching background, Barton understands the importance of the relationship between the livestock industry and the state.

When he was named Idaho's top veterinarian, it was very important



Dr. Bill Barton, shown addressing the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association winter meeting in 2010 in Oreana, retired as state veterinarian last year.

— See *Life Member*, Page 21

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OCA LEADERSHIP



The Owyhee Cattlemen's Association board of directors gathered at the winter meeting in February in Oreana. From left: President Scott Bunderson, director Russ Erwin, director Jake Steiner, director Caleb Showalter, director Jeff Anderson, director Russ Hoagland, past president Paul Nettleton, and vice-president Oscar Evans

2020-21 board of directors

Scott Bunderson

Position: President

Age: 49

Occupation: Rancher, tax accountant

Family: Debbie Bennett (fiancée)

Residence: Nampa (has ranched in Owyhee County for more than 20 years)

OCA membership: 25+ years

Joined board in 2015. "I was asked by (20xx OCA president) Kenny Kershner. Towards the end of happy hour, I believe ..."

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



Scott Bunderson

slee (18) and Garrett (16)

Residence: Homedale, 11 years
OCA membership: Nine years
Joined board in 2018

Background: Oscar Evans Will become president at end of this year's meeting. ... Why he joined the board: "At the heart of our rural lives and communities lies the need to preserve our ranching and agricultural lands, businesses and heritage. The OCA is one of the premier groups dedicated to these objectives, and the organization needs involvement from a broad spectrum of producers and livestock interests to continue this important mission..." ... Also sits on Owyhee County Farm Bureau board of directors.



Family: Wife, Tracy. Adult children: Three daughters, one son

Residence: Silver City (Murphy)

OCA membership: Lifelong

Joined board in 2015

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



Paul Nettleton

Oscar Evans

Position: Vice-president

Age: 54

Occupation: Realtor and purebred producer

Family: Wife, Clara-Leigh (24 years), children Ashleigh (20), Ain-

Paul Nettleton

Position: Past president

Age: 71

Occupation: Cattleman

Steve Boren

Position: Director

Age: 47

Occupation: Rancher

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OCA LEADERSHIP

Cattlemen's board of directors

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Family: Wife, Mandi (11 years); Children: Tyson, 18; Ella, 15; Loyd, 13; Eli, 10; Robert, 6; Zach, 4

Residence: Ore-ana

OCA membership: Eight years
Joined board in 2016

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



Steve Boren

Ira Brackett

Position: Director

Occupation: Commercial cow/calf operator

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

Residence: South of Homedale

Joined board in 2019



Ira Brackett

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

Russell Erwin

Position: Director

Age: 52

Occupation: Feeder, producer

Family: Wife, Deidre (27 years); sons Travis, 23; and Mitchell, 17;



Russell Erwin

daughters Kaitlin, 26; and Ainsley, 14

Residence: Bruneau

OCA membership: 6 years

Joined board in 2019

Background: 49-year Owyhee County resident became a director to give back to the organization.

Rex Hoagland

Position: Director

Age: 60

Occupation: Cattle procurement director, CS Beef Packers

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

Residence: Melba

OCA membership: 4 years

Joined board in 2019

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



Rex Hoagland

Jake Steiner

Position: Director

Age: 32

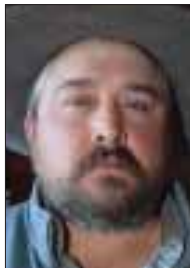
Occupation: Rancher (Triangle and Mud Flat)

Family: Wife, Ashley (8 years); Children, Chuck (5) and Miles (2)

Residence: Ore-ana

Joined board in 2020

Background: The son of former OCA president Lorna Steiner and John Steiner joined the board to help out the organization.



Jake Steiner

Caleb Showalter

Position: Director

Age: 38

Occupation: Rancher

Family: Wife, Katie

Residence: Marsing

Joined board in 2020

Background:

Showalter's parents own Showalter Construction in Marsing.



Caleb Showalter

Jeff Anderson

Position: Director

Age: 37

Occupation: Rancher

Family: Wife, MaryJo (2 years)

Residence: Jordan Valley

Joined board in 2020

Background: 2002 Jordan Valley High School graduate. ... Attended Oregon State University/Linn-Benton Community College



Jeff Anderson



HISTORY OF LEADERSHIP



Scott Bunderson accepts a donation from Vern Kershner, representing the Jordan Valley Rodeo Association, during February's winter meeting. Bunderson will join Kershner as a former Owyhee Cattlemen's Association board president when he hands the gavel to Homedale resident Oscar Evans on Saturday afternoon in Silver City. Kershner served as president 31 years ago, and his son, Kenny, was board president in 2014.

Past Presidents

Owyhee Cattle and Horse Growers Association

(no list available prior to 1935)		1973	Bob Collett	1997	Peter Jackson Jr.
		1974	Pete Jackson	1998	Chris Black
1935-41	Frank Gusman	1975	Bill Ross	1999	Richard Brandau
1942-47	Lynn Bachman	1976	Don McKay	2000	George Bennett
1948-50	Milford Vaught	1977	George Earll	2001	Martin Jaca
1951-52	Earl Bachman	1978	Ted Cossel	2002	Kenny Tindall
1953-54	Dick Gabica	1979	Ray Colyer	2003	Charlie Lyons
1955-56	Jim Nettleton	1980	Frank Davis	2004	Tony Richards
1957	Gene Davis	1981	Ted Gammett	2005	Brian Collett
1958	Frank Maher	1982	Gene Tindall	2006	Brad Huff
1959	Ed Riddle	1983	Elias Jaca	2007	Russ Turner
1960	Alvin Benson	1984	Rand Collins	2008	Dana Rutan
1961	Frank Baltzor	1985	Forest Fretwell	2009	Bodie Clapier
1962	Arsen Alzola	1986	Eric Davis	2010	Doug Rutan
1963	John Malmberg	1987	Craig Malmberg	2011	Mark Frisbie
1964	Walt Morgan	1988	Dave Tindall	2012	Matt Tindall
1965	Walt Yarbrough	1989	Frank Bachman	2013	Bill White
1966	Don Davis	1990	Vern Kershner	2014	Kenny Kershner
1967	Lee Stanford	1991	Tim Lowry	2015	Ken Bahem
1968	Bill Tindall	1992	Bill McBride	2016	Daniel Richards
1969	John Tyson	1993	Ted S. Blackstock	2017	Chad Nettleton
1970	Ernie Bahem	1994	Ted Hoffman	2018	Lynn Bachman
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Earl Bachmann
Hugh Nettleton

1971 Milford Vaught
Omar Stanford
Angel Bilboa
Zack Montini
Bill Burghardt
Theron Adcock

1972 Ray Pershall
Al Mackey

1973 Walt Adams

1974 No one chosen

1975 Marion Wroten

1976 Elmer C. Johnston

1977 Perle Davis

1978 Marvin Jess
Joe Nettleton

Albert Black
Frank Baltzor
Adam Blackstock

1979 No one chosen

1980 Lee Stanford
Ed Muller

1981 Cliff Feltwell
Everett Townsend

1982 Joe Turner
Grant Strickland
Cliff McMahan

1983 Dick Gabica
Albert Harley
Paul Black
Bob Gluch

1984 Walt Yarbrough
Noy Brackett
Johnny Miller

Jim Alzoa

1985 Bill Maher
Art Bahem



Owyhee Cattleman's Association Life Member Walt Nilles chats during the 2008 summer meeting in Silver City. He was handed the life member award during that year's meeting.

1985 Emeline Nettleton
Rollie Patrick
Dick Benham
George Johnstone
Henry Brandau

1986 Al Curtis
Jay Thompson
Clayton Turner
Bill Tindall
1987 Harold Markley
Curley Heath

Willie Panzeri
Bob Harris
1988 Frank Maher
Owen Barton
Fostino Alzola
Bob Davis

1989 Monk Stimmel
Don McKay
Rufus Lequerica

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

1991 Chet Tindall
Bill Tindall
Ruby Staples

1992 Roy Hoagland

1993 Ted Cossel
John Malmberg
Don Davis

1994 LeRoy Beaman

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OCA LEGACY

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	Walt Morgan	2002	Richard Bennett	2015	John Biar
1995	Calvin Johnston	2003	Ace and Marilyn Black		Vern and Bonnie Kershner
1995	Joe Churruca	2004	Frankie Dougal		Tim Nettleton
	Bill and Nita Lowry		Virginia Stanford		John Richard
1996	Bob Collett		Dick and Karen Bass	2016	George and Donna Bennett
	Bus Cummings	2005	Curt Strickland*		Gary Penny
	Gene Davis		Juanita Johnstone		Neil Rimbey
	Hazel Hanley		Dick and Barbara Jayo	2017	Mike Hanley
	Tom Skinner		Virginia Belknap	2018	Terry and Rosemary Warn
1997	Frank and Nathalie (Tally) Davis	2006	Fred and Lodice Grant	2019	Eric Davis
	Ray and Bonnie Colyer		Bob Kelly	2020	Richard and Connie Brandau
	Frances Field		Barbara and David		
1998	Tom and Celia Hall	2007	Lahtinen		
	Jack and Elvira Potter		Elias and Inez Jaca		
	Gene Stanford	2008	Ernie and Sherry Bahem		
1999	Joe Black		Walt Nilles		
	Ronald Hutchison	2009	No one chosen		
	Herb Mink	2010	Benny and Mary Panzeri		
	Merv Robinson		Forest and Nancy Fretwell		
2000	Bud Greeley	2011	Tom and Connie Hook		
	Clarence and Virginia Miller		Chad Gibson		
2001	No one chosen	2012	No one chosen		
		2013	Pete and Nancy Jackson		
		2014	No one chosen		

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INCOMING PRESIDENT

✕ Evans: OCA leadership role just another way to serve for small-herd producer and family man

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“According to the government, the all-knowing, omnipotent government, I am a rancher because I can sell cattle for an attempted profit,” he said.

That joke, in itself, from the dry-witted former Air Force and Air National Guard F-15 pilot is all you need to know on whether he belongs at the podium on late Saturday afternoon.

The Homedale man, who has three children (Ashleigh, Ainslee, and Garrett) with his wife Clara-Leigh, will accept the presidential gavel from Scott Bunderson this weekend inside the Silver City schoolhouse.

The exchange will begin a year of leadership and a year of fighting battles, two concepts with which the retired lieutenant colonel is quite familiar.

“The military teaches you to make an analysis of a battle or an ensuing battle or what, in some cases, might be a threat,” Evans said. “We’re always analyzing the threat from long-range all the way down to the dog-fighting — one-to-one, head-to-head — with an enemy fighter.”

Evans said looming long-range threats to the cattle industry come

from several fronts — environmentalists, activists, the federal government and politicians.

That’s nothing new, he said, but there are important nuances.

“I think the threats are similar, but probably coming from different angles and with more voracity because of the power structure in (Washington) D.C., right now,” Evans said.

Getting more ranchers involved with the OCA is a key component to the fight, he said.

“(Increased membership) is really like restocking the arsenal,” Evans said.

“If our membership declines, our relevance declines (and) politicians pay less attention to us; some don’t even come to our meetings. So it’s really important to get the membership up because that is our voice, and our voice is a lot of our arsenal.”

Another key to strengthening the ranchers’ standing on the political stage is bringing together diverse groups that have a common interest.

Evans has such an ally under the roof of his Homedale home. His wife Clara-Leigh is the executive director of the Idaho FFA state organization.

“Her job is beneficial, and it’s going to be beneficial to have some

crossover between the cattle industry and the FFA because they are integrally tied,” Oscar said.

Direct participation could be difficult because of Clara-Leigh’s busy schedule. For example, one of the FFA’s largest national gatherings nearly coincides with the OCA summer meeting. She’ll be on a plane heading home on the eve of the cattlemen’s gatherings each of the next two summers.

“There’s times she’s not in town, and the presidential spouse could be at the registration table, and she won’t be there,” Oscar said.

As with previous OCA presidents’ spouses, Clara-Leigh will still be a stabilizing force for her husband, as he explains in his colorful way:

“We have the board and we discuss things, but she’s my sounding board for how to present things to the board or the general membership,” Oscar said. “And she’s also a great balance.”

“Where I tend to pull the pin out and then figure out where I’m going to throw a grenade, she tends to be more of ‘Let’s not even use a grenade, and use a laser weapon and find the exact, correct target to take out.’”

— JPB



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Small processors part of resilient food system

by Johnathan Hladik
Center for Rural Affairs

With demand for local foods growing steadily over the past 16 months, livestock producers and the processors they depend on have done all they can to keep up.

Their efforts have not gone unnoticed.

As part of an executive order signed by President Joe Biden, Agriculture Sec. Tom Vilsack recently announced a \$500 million investment to expand capacity and increase competition in meat and poultry processing. Additionally, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will provide

\$150 million to help small processing facilities weather the pandemic, compete in the marketplace, and reach more customers. This will include supporting value-added markets and local and regional food distribution systems.

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choices and fairer prices.

USDA will soon develop guidelines for each new program, and a request for proposals is expected to be made available at the end of the year. Meanwhile, applications for the Meat and Poultry Inspection Readiness grant, announced earlier this year, are due on Aug. 2.

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OUTGOING PRESIDENT

✂ Leading: New administration brings concern

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able to attend,” he said. “Technology is handy when it works.”

Over the course of the past year, the OCA was involved in the discussion and finalization of the public land exchange in the county between the Bureau of Land Management and the Idaho Department of Lands.

“There is still more work to do to identify and possibly remedy some outlying issues, but we are hoping to be able to remedy those,” he said.

The organization has also done a lot of housekeeping by reviewing resolutions, updating membership forms and working to update the group’s webpage to be a better resource for membership.

“We have the folks at the (University of Idaho) Owyhee County Extension Office to thank for a good part of that,” Bunderson said.

An ongoing point of emphasis for the association is the constantly evolving relationship with federal organizations, in particular the BLM. Bunderson said that there is a great deal of uncertainty among OCA membership, not just with the BLM but also with federal government as a whole.

“With the transition to the new administration, it appears that at least some of the local control has or will once again travel back to Washington, D.C.,” he said. “That is one hell of a long way away from Owyhee County.”

Bunderson said he hasn’t had a great deal of interaction with BLM Idaho Director John Ruhs recently, but to the best of his knowledge, working with the local and district

managers has been going well.

“After the election, I expressed my opinion to several federal representatives in saying that for many years our organizations were at very serious odds,” he said. “These past few years, I believe we have made significant progress in that relationship.”

He said he sees many things on the horizon that are going to affect the ranching community directly, starting with the use of public lands and the population explosion in southern Idaho.

The role of the OCA president is to be the primary point of contact for the association, spending a lot of time coordinating and talking with various local, state, and federal representatives to ensure members are informed and represented.

It also involves working with members to help with specific issues and getting them information and contacts to solve problems.

When Bunderson steps down as president, he will move into the position of past-president, which he envisions being mostly a support and transition role. There are several projects he would like to work on before he leaves the board next summer.

“One of the projects is developing a relationship with consultants that would be able to help ranchers complete applications correctly for the BLM, State of Idaho, State of Oregon, etc.,” he said. “For example, the paperwork requirements for the National Environmental Policy Act analysis and water rights are complex and lengthy.

“Having additional resources would greatly benefit ranchers to

have some help available to make sure the applications are as correct as possible out of the chute.”

Bunderson has actually been on the OCA board of directors for a year longer than most who take the presidential track. Typically, when two directors are added to the board, one stays on to serve as president and one moves off the board.

“In my case, Paul and I were both interested in the presidency, and the number of directors happened to work out conveniently to accommodate us two years ago,” he said. “This resulted in Paul and I staying on the board and not bringing in another director that year.”

Bunderson said that he has really enjoyed his time as president, saying that it has given him the opportunity to meet a lot of good people from the public, political, and business sectors that he may not have had the chance to otherwise.

He said it has been a pleasure to serve the OCA and that he has learned a lot and developed many friendships that will endure long after he has left the board.

“It’s given me the opportunity to get involved with some good causes and look at the differences and operational challenges for many working families,” Bunderson said. “With the enormous lack of available labor in the agricultural and ranching industries, we all must do more with less, and folks rarely have time to do much outside their own operations.

“It would be nice to see neighbors having time and resources to again be able to work together.”

— TK

143RD SUMMER MEETING

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Allegiance, membership bit drawing and introduction of dignitaries.

Marchant, Cassia County Farm Bureau president and a fair board member, is known for his "Irons in the Fire" column, "A Renaissance Cowboy" podcast, and he wrote "Musings of a Would-be Renaissance Cowboy" last year.

He definitely has some Renaissance qualities about him. He even has a Twitter account.

He's a basketball coach, husband to Michelle, father to three sons and two daughters — all grown — and grandfather to seven.

He earned an animal science de-

gree with a minor in German from BYU. He managed ranches in Nevada and his home state of Utah and worked for a short time as University of Idaho Extension agent.

Marchant's family ranch includes 400 cows on private land, and Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service leases.

After Marchant speaks, the OCA membership will settle in for another informative summer convention.

There will be political updates, including a chat by U.S. Rep. Russ Fulcher's regional director Dirk Mendive, as well as updates from the Bureau of Land Management, the Owyhee Cattlemen's Heritage

Fund assessment committee, the Idaho Cattle Association, the Idaho Beef Council, and the Governor's Office of Species Conservation.

Former Owyhee County Farm Bureau president John Richard will provide the OSC update, according to Bunderson.

Dr. Bill Barton, retired Idaho state veterinary, will receive an honorary OCA life membership, too.

Incoming OCA president Oscar Evans of Homedale will assume the gavel late in the meeting as new directors are elected.

This is the final meeting as a board member for past president Paul Nettleton.



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HEIFER REPLACEMENT



Brogan Gebauer (right) stands next to Jordan Valley rancher Josh Bruce, who sponsored the Marsing boy in the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association heifer replacement program. The partnership was announced at last year's summer meeting at the Owyhee County Community Center in September. Brogan and other recent recipients will give updates on their heifers and cow-calf pairs during Saturday's meeting inside the Silver City Schoolhouse

History of heifer replacement program

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

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

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

2017-18 — No applications received

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER

Life Member: Barton says collaboration with ranchers may have contributed to recognition

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to him to keep an open dialogue and maintain transparency for his home area's producers and to not try to pull the wool over their eyes.

"I think the OCA has appreciated that," he said, citing a reason that he believes he was chosen for the Life Member designation. "That's how I believe we should treat everyone — with respect, caring, understanding and openness."

Barton said his appointment as state veterinarian put him in a rather odd situation.

"Coming from a ranching background, it's a very weird position to be in because you are there to support the livestock industry, but you're also there to regulate then," he said. "It's kind of a juggling act."

"The approach that I took was to keep the livestock industry involved in as many decisions as possible and then come to a common-sense decision that works well for everyone."

His responsibilities as state vet included serving as administrator for the the Idaho State Department of Agriculture Division of Animal Industries, which manages all animal health aspects, and inspects dairy farms and plants. He was also responsible for all the feedlots and domestic elk ranches in the state.

Barton said that as a youth, his family would occasionally attend the OCA summer meetings in Silver City but distance and timing was a bit of a roadblock.

"We were as far away from Silver City and Homedale and Murphy as you can get and still be in Owyhee County," he said. "Also, the meetings fell right in the middle of hay season."



"The approach that I took was to keep the livestock industry involved in as many decisions as possible and come to a common-sense decision that works well for everyone."

— Dr. Bill Barton, retired state vet

As Idaho State Veterinarian, Barton faced challenges right out of the gate. In 2008, the year after his appointment, he had to put together a crew to test more than 55,000 head of cattle for potential exposure to tuberculosis from California.

Those tests turned up no positives, but he understands those sorts of things are very disruptive to operations. Testing required the cattle to be penned up for several days while waiting for results.

"Working with the producers, we were able to get it done and have as little impact on their operations as possible," he said.

During his time working for the state, he held annual trichomoniasis advisory meetings, which brought veterinarians and producers together, looking for the input of all to see where they wanted to go with the ISDA's rules governing testing rules.

"I think that they really liked the fact that they could have direct say on decisions that could impact their industry very significantly," Barton said.

He believes that also may have played a part in the OCA's decision to name him a Life Member.

Barton is not the first member of his family to be honored. His father, Owen Barton, was named a Life

Member in 1988.

Prior to working for the state, he was co-owner of Donnelly Veterinary Clinic for 17 years.

Barton has kept busy since stepping down as Idaho State Veterinarian on Jan. 22. Despite what he was told beforehand, he said, life does not slow down when you retire.

In addition to playing golf and completing much-needed projects around the house, the Eagle resident and his girlfriend Trudy spend a lot of time with his children — son Taylor, a Boise attorney, and daughter Natalie, a certified teacher who provides online mentoring and tutoring. He is also currently helping remodel a friend's home.

Barton is also a guitarist and bass player, performing nearly every weekend with Barton and Bollar. The band performs an eclectic range of music, from Alan Jackson to AC/DC and recently entertained at the Sandbar Patio Bar & Grill and at Eagle Fun Days.

He said hearing he had been named an OCA Life Member was an important moment in his life.

"I'm extremely honored and humbled to receive any kind of recognition," he said. "That's not why I took the job, but I'm very appreciative of it."

— TK

PRESERVING THE LEGACY

Piper Colyer (right) was highly emotional after winning the intermediate division grand champion showmanship buckle at the VitaFerm Junior National Hereford Expo in Kansas City, Mo., earlier this month. Submitted photo



Family ties

Fourth-generation rancher brings national grand championship home to Bruneau

by Mandi Boren

For The Owyhee Avalanche

A hot and humid week in Kansas City, Mo., proved fruitful for Bruneau teen Piper Colyer on July 6 as she walked away from the VitaFerm Junior National Hereford Expo with the title of Intermediate Showmanship Grand Champion.

The 15-year-old Mountain Home High School sophomore competed against approximately 350 other teens from all over the United States and Canada in her intermediate age group of 14- to 16-year-olds.

Piper is not new to the show arena. She began showing her family herd of Hereford cattle when she was just 6 years old.

Piper said she enjoys showing and seeing her friends, but most of all she enjoys the family support she receives from the Hereford Association and her immediate family. Piper is the daughter of Kyle and Bobby Jean Colyer.

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Piper Colyer (left) stands with her family to take a championship photo at the expo in Kansas City, Mo. With Piper are (from left): Mother Bobby Jean, brother Cruz, and dad Kyle. Submitted photo

PRESERVING THE LEGACY

Championship: Great-granddaughter of OCA Life Members shines in Kansas City

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Family is important to Piper, and it was family that started her journey with showing cattle. Piper's great-grandparents, Owyhee Cattlemen's Association Honorary Life Members Ray and Bonnie Colyer, started the Colyer Cattle Co., with a straight-bred Hereford herd on Battle Creek south of Bruneau in the middle of the last century.

Ray also served on the OCA board, and spent a term as association president in 1979.

The Colyer Cattle Co., located in the Bruneau Valley, has since

evolved to become a herd of purebred and commercial Hereford and Angus cattle.

Piper said she feels like show is a "family tradition ... I want to keep it going for my grandparents (Guy and Sherry) and hopefully my future children."

She said the atmosphere in Kansas City was "really intense, and I definitely had to be on my A-game the whole time."

After the announcement, Piper was presented with a buckle, banner and a fitting net from Sullivan Supplies.

"... After my heart stopped

pounding and the sweat rolled off my face, the first feeling I had was gratitude because I was grateful that all the hard work that I had put in had paid off..." Piper said.

"Seeing my family's reaction and them showing me how proud they were of me really made it sink in that one of my dreams had come true."

— Mandi Boren, an Oreana resident, covers the Grand View-Bruneau-Oreana area for *The Owyhee Avalanche*. Send news tips to her at mandi@owyheeavalanche.com



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IN MEMORIAM

Charlene Black

November 20, 1963 to October 5, 2020

Charlene Black, age 56 of Bruneau and Mountain Home, died Oct. 5, 2020 at home.

She was born Charlene Karen Hutton on Nov. 20, 1963, in Nampa to Carmon "Butch" and Karen Haumann Hutton of Star. She joined older brothers, Clint, Craig, Chris, and they later added her baby brother, Charley "Popper".

She attended school in Star until the family moved to Bruneau in 1975 to farm what locals affectionately refer to as "Huttonville" in Little Valley.

Charlene was involved in sports and cheerleading while attending Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School.

On July 22, 1981, She married Tony Black of Bruneau, and they settled on his family's ranch. She became an active member of the Bruneau Quick Response Unit for several years, and helped many people in her community.

Over the next few years, Charlene's life began to revolve around being a mom to Colt J, Loni K, Echo M, and Telby C. As they grew older, she spent took her kids to the family



cabin in Silver City, on Mother's Day trips with her family, and to the huge annual 4th of July celebrations at Huttonville.

As her children began to grow up, Charlene found a rewarding career at the Big Sky Oil Company in Mountain Home, and the Blacks eventually bought a second home in "town". In more recent years, she worked for Hiler Brothers.

The center of Charlene's universe was grandchildren. She made many memories with her grandbabies that will now be kept alive by those who

love her.

Charlene was preceded in death by their precious son, Colt J. Black, who has been "napping with the angels" since 1988; her dad, Butch Hutton; sister-in-law, Kathy Hutton; paternal grandparents, Clyde and Oma Hutton; maternal grandparents, Richard and Evelin Haumann; her father- and mother-in-law, Ace and Marilyn Nettleton Black; nephew, Christopher Donald "Grover" Hutton, Jr., and niece, Allison Ruth Hutton.

She is survived by her husband, Tony Black of Bruneau; two daughters, Loni (Nick) Blanksma; Echo Catalino; son, Telby (Elizabeth Rarick) Black; her 13 grandchildren; mom, Karen Hutton of Bruneau; four brothers, Clint (Lisa) Hutton, Craig Hutton, Chris (Tina Stevens) Hutton, Charlie (Holly Whitted) Hutton; and numerous very loved aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

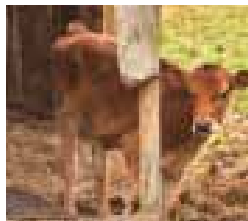
Charlene is also survived by four brothers-in-law, Terry (Letha Jayo) Black; Martin (Jennifer) Black; Burke (Gerri Ihli) Black; Bret (Kimber Bogue) Black; and two sisters-in-law, Ann (David) Rutan; and Sandy Black, as well as many close friends who will miss her.

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IN MEMORIAM

Glenda Kae Gammett

September 10, 1946 to December 27, 2020

Glenda Kae Gammett, 74, of Jordan Valley passed away Sunday, December 27, 2020, due to complications of pancreatic cancer.

Glenda was born in Boise on September 10, 1946, the third of four children born to Katherine "Kitty" (Axford) and Glenn Salmeier. She was raised on the family homestead in Marsing. Glenda began her schooling at the Edison School just outside of Marsing, later graduating from Marsing High School in 1964.

Glenda married her high school sweetheart, Ted Gammett (OCA president, 1981), in April of 1965. Ted was a saddle bronc rider, and they traveled the rodeo circuit in their early years of marriage. They lived in California for a time, while



attending Heald's Business College, before returning to Idaho and welcoming two sons. After spending several years in Givens Springs, Ted and Glenda settled in at their ranch in Jordan Valley (Rockville).

In addition to ranching, raising her sons, and running the house, Glenda

worked in the office at Marsing High School for many years. She enjoyed working with the kids and said it helped break up the long winters on the ranch. She was also an accomplished siphon tube setter, once winning a contest at the Owyhee County Fair.

Glenda will be missed by her sons, Will (Brett) Gammett and former OCA board member Winston Gammett; granddaughters: Tina Marie, Jill Lee, and Lacey Jo; siblings: Milo (Patt) Salmeier, Donna (Doug) Steel, and Tricia (Roy) Richardson; sister-in-law, Tina (Larry) Lemmon; and her many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Glenn and Kitty Salmeier; husband, Ted; and grandson, Jeremy.



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IN MEMORIAM

Marjorie Hoagland

March 12, 1926 to March 22, 2021

Marjorie Jeanne (Nelson) Hoagland passed away on March 22, 2021. She was born at home in Albion, Neb., on March 12, 1926. She was the first of six children born to Lester Bryon Nelson and Marie Blanche (Sloane) Nelson.

While in Nebraska, the family lived and worked on her grandmother Bertha Carolyn Nelson's farm. She encountered deep snow walking to school and the hot dry dirt storms and tornadoes. There were also good times. Being a tomboy during those 10 years in Nebraska were her most memorable and happiest years. She attended Pleasant View school through the fifth grade.

In August 1936, the family moved to Nampa, living with Lester's brother Clarence and renting a farm nearby. In October 1937, they moved to their own farm north of Melba.



She graduated from Melba High School in 1943, attended business school, and worked for the Idaho

First National Bank in Nampa. On a blind date, she met Roy Hoagland (OCA Life Member, 1992) and was married in May of 1947. They farmed south of Melba for two years then moved to Reynolds Creek to ranch and raise their two kids Jerry and Rhonda.

Marjorie worked for the Owyhee County Assessor's office part-time then full-time, retiring in 1983. Roy and Marjorie moved to the River place in 1981. She worked her garden and planted trees and shrubs to stop the fierce wind. She lived for an evening walk after work at Reynolds and later a loop around the Outback field at the river.

She loved to read books. To the end she was interested in and proud of her grandkids and great-grandchildren and the goings-on in the county and politics.

Marjorie was preceded in death by her parents Lester and Marie, brothers LB Nelson, Danny Nelson, Harley Nelson.

She is survived by her sister Patricia Nelson, and brother Larry Nelson; children Jerry Hoagland and Rhonda Huff (Mike); grandchildren Brad Huff (Mary), Nicole Lindauer (Earl), great-grandchildren, Noah Shaw, Mackay Jeanne Huff, Josh Lindauer, Seren Lindauer.

Two of her descendants (son Jerry in 1995 and grandson Brad in 2006) served as OCA board presidents.

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IN MEMORIAM

Ralph Leroy Dines

June 19, 1940 to March 25, 2021

Ralph Leroy Dines, 80, passed away on Thursday, March 25, 2021, with his two children by his side. Ralph devoted the last several years to caring for his beloved wife.

Margie preceded Ralph in death by 34 days. His last words were, "I just want to be with my wife." We truly believe he died of a broken heart.

He was born June 19, 1940 at home in Marsing, Idaho to Russell and Faye Dines. Ralph graduated from Marsing High School in 1958.

Ralph married the love of his life, Margie Dines, on October 6, 1963, and they shared 57 wonderful years together.

Through this union, they were

blessed with two children: Tracy (Raymond) Gaviola and Kelly (BJ) Dines; four grandchildren: Madison (Cole) Pryor, Britney (Josh) Behrens, Conner Goff and Josh Dines; and three great-grandchildren: Aspen, Caisey and Presley.

Ralph was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Lucille Aldrich and Donna Webb; two brothers, Frank Dines and George Dines; son-in-law, Tim Goff; two sisters-in-law; and five brothers-in-law.

Ralph is survived by his children; grandchildren; brother, Rich (Sherry) Dines; in-laws: Jackie Dines, Ellen Dines, Bob Webb; and many nieces and nephews.




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IN MEMORIAM

Delores Patricia "Pat" Davis November 24, 1929 to March 15, 2021

Delores Patricia "Pat" Davis passed away at her home in Bruneau on March 15, 2021.

Pat was born on Nov. 24, 1929 in Caldwell. She was the middle child of Walt (1973 OCA Life Member) and Mildretta Adams of Homedale.

Growing up in Homedale, Pat attended both the elementary and high school there. She graduated in 1948, and then spent one year at The College of Idaho.

Pat married Donald L. Davis (1993 OCA Life Member and 1966 OCA president) in 1949 in Winnemucca, Nev. They moved across the border to Ridgeview, Ore., for a year before the couple took up ranching life in Bruneau. They made Bruneau home for the remainder of their lives.

Pat and Don had three children. Their first-born was a daughter, Judy Ann, followed by two brothers, William Joe and Kenneth Ray. The young family lived on their ranch in a tiny two-room house with a wood stove, an outhouse, no telephone, and no nearby neighbors. They did have power and a pitcher water pump (until the well went dry).



Luckily they had a small, warm water well several yards from the house. They ran a hose through a knothole to wash dishes and bathe in a trough.

After 10 years, with the help of Don's brother Dick and his father-in-law Jim McGinnis, they built their new house next to the original and lived there for 52 years.

Pat and Don were early pioneers of Little Valley. Along with Don's broth-

er Gene, they started Bruneau Cattle Co., and maintained a strong work ethic that saw them through the ups and downs of ranch life.

Pat worked sun up to sundown on the ranch she loved. She enjoyed cooking for the branding and hay crews.

Pat was an active member in the community. She was an EMT, a proud member of the Bruneau American Legion Auxiliary, a member of the Owyhee County Cowbells, played bridge with the High Desert Bridge Club and was always ready to lend a hand at any community function.

Pat made many wonderful lifelong friends who remained dear to her throughout her life.

As much as Pat loved Bruneau, her ranch, and her community, her greatest joy was her children and grandchildren. Being Mom, Grandma Pat, and G.G. meant everything to her. She loved her extended family, all her nieces and nephews on both the Adams and Davis side.

Pat is survived by her two sisters, Alene Downing and Marilyn Burke, and a brother-in-law, Jack Burke; her children, Judy and husband Bill McBride, Kenny Davis, Renee Welsh, and special son Phil Luman and wife Janell; grandchildren, Kasey (Muffy) McBride, Keri (Kasey) Garrett, Kelli (Brody) Prow, Sarah (Jeff) Carothers, Cassie (Rigo) Farfan; great-grandchildren Makenzie, Josie, and Roan McBride, Riley and Cashe Davis; Kambell, Kinlee, Keiser, and Krew Garrett; Paisley, Mackley, and Hap Prow; Makayla, Trevor and Wade Carothers; Alyssa Rodriguez, Olivia, Adrian, and Rigo Lewis Farfan.

She was preceded in death by husband Don (2010) and her son William Joe (Bill) Davis (1972).

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IN MEMORIAM

Ron (Ronald) Edward Prow *June 22, 1941 to March 27, 2021*

Ron (Ronald) Edward Prow, 79, of Bruneau, passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, March 27, 2021. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, friend, and loved ranching and the outdoors.

Born June 22, 1941 in Nampa to Claude and Doris Prow, Ron grew up in the Deer Flat/Melba area. After graduating from the eighth grade at the Schism School, he went on the Nampa to finish out his high school and graduated in 1959.

He married Myrna Goodman in 1960, and they had four children: Jace, JayDene, Van, and Tramp. He worked for various outfits including: Joe Nettleton, Hubert Nettleton and Frank Baltzor where he worked cattle and broke horses. He lived in the Deer Flat, Melba, Jordan Valley, Reynolds Creek and Bruneau areas.

In 1972, he moved to Bruneau, and the next year got his beloved ranch. His life's work was to see it grow. He later met and married Connie Carpenter and got a new stepson, Tanner Carpenter. Ron and Connie spent just shy of 30 years together working side-by-side and laughing a lot along the way. They were a great match.

Ron was involved with the Bruneau Rodeo for 25 years and helped set up the new arena site with friends. He was fire commissioner for nine years and Hot Springs Ditch Co., president for 20 years.

Ron loved watching his cattle, and they were taken well care of. He loved his horse, Harry, and his best dog Teddy, which he referred to as his hired hand. He enjoyed taking his cattle to the Owyhee Mountains in the summer and was just as excited to have them home in the fall.

Ron is survived by his wife, Con-

nie, and his children: Jace (Stacie) Prow of Mountain Home, JayDene (John) Aquiso of Bruneau, Van (Gayla) of Bruneau, Tramp (Jana) of Hammett, and Tanner (Deidra) Carpenter of Mackay. He was a proud grandpa to 17 grandchildren, great-grandpa to 22, and an uncle/great uncle to many nieces and nephews.

Ron was preceded in death by parents, Claude and Doris Prow, brother Mick Prow, and grandson Tucker Prow.



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IN MEMORIAM

Peggy Robinson

August 7, 1926 to late 2020

Margaret Verle Johnston was born August 7, 1926 to Elmer Odrey Johnston and Margaret Mary Paulin-Johnston of Oreana.

Peggy grew up on the banks of Castle Creek with three brothers and two sisters. She was a Tomboy and loved playing outside with her brothers, this resulted in a broken arm and a few other unmentioned shenanigans. She attended the one-room school at Castle Creek and then on to Grand View for high school. She attended Boise High School for a year as well.

She attended nurses training at St. Alphonsus Hospital in Boise, but family obligations prevented her from finishing. She was still called on to nurse family and friends and was always calm under pressure.

Peggy met Merv Robinson when she was 15. After World War II, they were married and farmed in Burley where son Ralph was born in 1947. They bought a farm and moved back to Castle Creek where daughter Celia was born in 1952.

Merv and Peggy owned the Orea-



na store for several years. In the fall of 1965, they bought a ranch on the Snake River. They moved a small trailer house on the property while they built the house. The family put in a lot of sweat equity to turn the tumbleweed property into a successful farm and ranch.

In 1978, they moved to Marsing and Merv went to work for the Owyhee County ASCS (Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service). Peggy worked for the Owyhee County Extension office.

In 1987, they returned to Oreana to ranch. Upon retirement, they remodeled the little Rock House in Oreana

and enjoyed a view of the mountains. It was always a treat for the grandkids to go see Nana and Papa.

Peggy began studying art in the 1950s by mail with Art Instruction Schools. Her lessons were completed amid gardening, canning, child rearing, mail delivery, store keeping and farming. She was also known as a gifted painter and spent many hours in a studio she created. She especially delighted in painting Owyhee County, its buildings, people and all the life it had to offer.

She was preceded in death by her husband Merv; her parents Elmer and Mae; brothers Sheral and David and sisters Kathleen and Betty, and several brothers- and sisters-in-law. She is survived by her children Ralph Robinson, Celia Boland and their spouses Marlena and Jim; her grandchildren: Joshua, Adrienne, Laura, Kalen, Rachael, Bethany and Samuel and nine great-grandchildren, along with her brother Vernon Johnston and sister-in-law Eva Johnston as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

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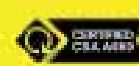
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