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Take a number and wait comes to Marsing DMV

Appointment system scuttled at all offices

More changes are coming in an attempt to deal with the steady influx of out-of-county business at local Division of Motor Vehicles branches.

DMV personnel in Murphy, Marsing, and Grand View have struggled to focus on Owyhee County citizens with a large number of folks coming from Canyon, Ada, and Elmore counties for licensing and registration services.

Incoming Assessor Robin Monahan and chief deputy assessor Paul Proehl

planned and coordinated all the upcoming changes to DMV policies in Owyhee County.

Starting Sept. 1, no county DMV office will offer appointments for service.

In the Marsing office at 15 Reich St., citizens will be provided with a pull

ticket system. There will be two lines available — one for Owyhee County citizens only and a second on a first-come, first-served basis.

Because the Marsing office waiting area is so small, the ticket machine

— See *DMV*, page 12A

NEW BEGINNINGS AT MARSING ELEMENTARY



The new adventures begin

Left: Tuesday's first day of school did not start easily for all Marsing Elementary students. A kindergartener seeks reassurance from his mother. Above: The herd of new kindergarteners head off to their new class, passing principal Tim Little along the way.

Officials: Bond won't raise HSD property taxes

15-year levy would finance high school improvements

Homedale School District officials have a plan to try to keep property tax bills at the same level if patrons approve a proposed school bond.

Voters living within the joint school district will go to the polls on Tuesday, Aug. 31 to decide whether to approve a 15-year, \$14 million general obligation bond.

The bond must receive 66 2/3 percent of the vote to pass.

If passed, the bond would cost taxpayers \$377 per \$100,000 in net assessed value, but school officials said that amount would be the same as what is being paid now.

If approved, the bond will focus on — among other things — proposed improvements to the original high school building, which was built in 1940.

"It won't address everything at the high school," he told trustees. "We also need to build a three- to five-year plan."

An informational flier has been published on the district's website at www.homedaleschools.org.

According to that handout, if the bond passes, taxpayers will pay \$212 per \$100,000 of taxable assessed property value for the high school

— See *Bond*, page 12A

Expect little school disruption from construction

Vineyard utility work narrows South Main to one lane

The Homedale High School calendar kicks off in five days, and officials are optimistic that there will be minimal

disruptions to transportation.

Knife River Corp., crews are hustling to complete rehabilitation of the south side of East Idaho Avenue after blazing through reconstruction and infrastructure updates on the north side.

The quick work on the north side aided traffic during the Owyhee County

Fair and Rodeo, and also opened the door for only slight impacts on school bus transportation once the school year begins Monday.

"The routes won't really be impacted as far as the routes themselves," Homedale School District superintendent Rob Sauer said.

"The timing of pickup and drop-

off will likely be impacted with the anticipated delays and slower moving traffic."

Sauer said students bound for Wilder for Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency career training education and COSSA Academy classes will still

— See *Construction*, page 12A



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Homedale admins, staff ready for normal school year

New elementary classrooms ready for occupancy

Homedale School District officials are preparing for a normal school year when schoolchildren return to class Monday.

District superintendent Rob Sauer said that the COVID-19 Delta variant threat hasn't triggered any new attendance policies.

"We still expect that parents will keep their child at home when they aren't feeling well. That's good practice regardless," Sauer said.

Unlike last year, there are no plans for a large-scale remote learning option, he said. But exceptions will be made when necessary.

"We will work with parents to support all of our students," Sauer said.

"If there are a few students that need to move to online fulltime then we will work directly with those families to explore all options."

New classrooms ready

Teachers have moved in, and Homedale Elementary's four new classrooms are ready to go, Sauer said.



One of the new Homedale Elementary School classrooms as it looked before teachers eagerly claimed their spaces before they actually had to report to work for the school year. Submitted photo

Funded by the district's plant facility levy, the project will weigh in at about \$1.3 million.

The final bills are expected to be paid at the September board of trustees meeting, Sauer said.

Although teachers contractually weren't due on campus until Monday, Sauer said some showed up early.

"The teachers are all moved into the new classrooms. They are working on getting organized," he said "Their first contract day (was Monday), but I've seen a few of them there over the past few days."

An informal ribbon cutting is planned for 3:30 p.m., on Thursday prior to the HES open house.

School board members and

faculty are expected to attend, Sauer said.

New year, new personnel

During their Aug. 9 regular meeting, school trustees signed off on a few personnel moves.

Luz Escutia-Calderon was hired as a part-time secretary and Safe School paraprofessional at the middle

school.

Desiree Medina joined the food service staff.

Meanwhile, the school board accepted Brittany Hergesheimer's resignation from the food service staff.

New teachers ready for the 2021-22 school year include:

- **Triston Breshears** — Seventh-grade English Language Arts
 - **Paige Testa** — Middle school Social Studies
 - **Cassandra Rosa** — Sixth grade
 - **Alexis Kloetzer** — Sixth grade
 - **Rebekah Johnson** — Third grade
 - **David Gummersall** — 11th- and 12th-grade English
 - **Abigail Kinnischtzke** — High school Science
 - **Jamie Hendrickson** — Second grade
 - **Patricia Jeffery** — Kindergarten
 - **Mary Jo Larzelier** — Part-time kindergarten
 - **Tamara Glaser** — Part-time kindergarten
- Teresa Bettleyon, who has served in the same capacity in the Marsing School District, is Homedale's new food service supervisor. She succeeds Vicki Eby, who retired at the end of the 2020-21 school year.
- JPB

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Homedale schools slate open houses

Thursday is a big day around the Homedale School District as open houses will be held at all three campuses.

The elementary school open house has an added attraction with a planned ribbon cutting

for the additional four classrooms that were built over the summer.

The \$1.3 million project, paid for through the district's plant facility levy, was completed in time for teachers to move

in last week.

The ribbon cutting takes place at 3:30 p.m., on Thursday at the school, 420 W. Washington Ave. The open house will begin a half-hour later.

Open houses at the high school (203 E. Idaho Ave.) and middle school (3437 Johnstone Road) will begin at 4 p.m.

Homedale church plans yard sale

Free lunch is just the beginning for Saturday's benefit yard sale at Homedale First Presbyterian Church.

The yard sale will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the church, 320 N. 6th St. W.

The yard sale features multiple dressers, camping equipment and fishing rods, a large floor jack, food dehydrators, clothes of several different sizes, kitchen items, dishes, toys and games.

Hot dogs with all the fixings will be served starting at 10 a.m.

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Property assessments soar on rocketing sale prices

County’s total assessed value tops \$1.2B

Property values continue to climb in Owyhee County. According to numbers provided by outgoing Assessor Toni Gruenwald, property valuations increased 125 percent or more between 2020 and 2021 in three categories. Values nearly doubled in two other categories. “Since 2014, the values have steadily risen; however, this year the value change was monumental,” Gruenwald said. “We kept thinking the sale prices may even-out or maybe even crash like 2008; however, they never did. They just kept going up and up.” Five land categories saw the most significant increases, including home site, rural residential, rural residential subdivision, rural commercial subdivision, and residential lots. “Land sold at a tremendous price this year,” Gruenwald, whose last day on the job is Aug. 31, said. “To meet market value, all land values increased dramatically.” Gruenwald said that, even with the jump in values, the county’s total assessment is still only 92 percent of market value. Idaho Code requires the assessor to appraise private property at between 90 percent and

110 percent of market value every year. “The State Tax Commission audits us every year to make sure we are in compliance,” Gruenwald said. “They help us to reach compliance and run ratio studies to show us our percentages.” Overall, the county’s assessed value soared from nearly \$844 million to more than \$1.2 billion. The \$359,929,252 increase is a 42.6 percent jump in assessed value in one year. The most dramatic increase came for people who have rural residential land. That category saw a 173 percent increase (from a 2020 total assessment of \$50.9 million to a 2021 assessment of more than \$139.1 million). Gruenwald said the assessed value for her home site, which is outside Murphy and is in Category 12 (rural residence), more than doubled from \$21,116 to \$42,891. Home site (Category 10) spiked 125 percent from \$20.17 million to \$45.3 million. The largest leap in assessed value came with rural residential subdivisions (Category 15). A 180 percent explosion saw the total assessed value for such land in the county rocket from about \$24.5 million to more than \$68.6 million. Three improvements categories — 31 (residence on a home site), 33 (residence on a recreational site), and 41 (residence on a residential lot) — also

increased significantly. The influx of people moving into Owyhee County and finding dwellings is to blame, Gruenwald said. “These also went up because of sales,” she said. Category 33 assessments soared 84 percent from \$2.04 million to \$3.76 million. Category 31 land values — residential home sites with improvements — jumped 48 percent from \$110.4 million total assessment to \$163.2 million. Category 41 assessments saw a 49 percent increase from \$99.1 million to more than \$148 million. The explosion in sale prices skewed Gruenwald’s numbers. “... Everything went up,” she said. “Some categories went up more than others because they sold for more.” “These are the categories that sold way over for what I had them assessed for.” In actuality, three categories dropped. • Industrial improvements on a rural industrial tract fell five percent from \$13.87 million to \$13.2 million. • Industrial improvements in a rural industrial subdivision dived 15 percent from \$18,360 to \$15,610. • The value of commercial improvements in a rural commercial subdivision slipped one percent from \$23,790 to \$23,500.

— JPB

Free school meals in Homedale, Marsing

Marsing School District children were greeted with the option of free breakfast and lunch when school started Tuesday, and Homedale students will have the same option when they return to class Monday. Teresa Bettleyon, the food service director for both school districts, said that both kitchens are providing the free meals to all students through the “Seamless Summer Option.” The U.S. Department of Agriculture offered the option last year, too, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, according to a recent state Department of Education press release. Although meals are free to all students this year, each district in Idaho has options. If a school chooses to operate as a “closed enrolled site,” the meals are available only to enrolled children. If a school chooses to operate as an “open site” the meals are available to all area children. Families should check with their districts to see which option will be offered. Families must have the option to complete an application for free or reduced-price meals

even though their school is providing free meals to all children. Households will be notified by the district if their school chooses to operate the National School Breakfast and/or Lunch program and will be collecting applications and charging the children for meals based on their reduced-price or paid status. Households will be notified of any child’s eligibility for free meals if the individual child is known to be receiving educational support through migrant, homeless or runaway education, Head Start or court-ordered foster care. Children in households receiving Food Stamps or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance to Families in Idaho (TAFI) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) are eligible for free meals. No other application or verification of eligibility is required for students directly certified.

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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

HES ribbon cutting and open house
3:30 p.m., Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale.

HMS open house
4 p.m., Homedale Middle School, 3437 Johnstone Rd., Homedale.

HHS ribbon cutting and open house
4 p.m., Homedale High School, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

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

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

Friday

Adrian Community Market
3 p.m., to 7 p.m., park next to Succor Creek Coffee,

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Saturday

Church yard sale
9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Homedale First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. Household items, clothes, toys, more. Free lunch.

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

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

Tuesday

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

Yoga class
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Thursday, Aug. 26

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

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

Friday, Aug. 27

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

Saturday, Aug. 28

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

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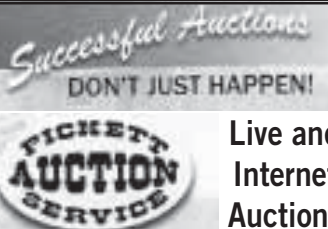
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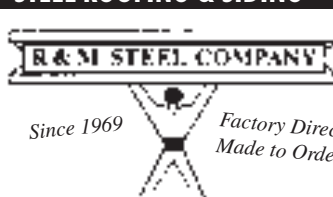
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Frank Skinner

7/30/45 to 7/21/21

Frank Skinner was born July 30, 1945, in Ontario, Oregon to Alonzo “Forrest” Skinner and Catherine Elberta Frates Skinner. He joined the family of 4 brothers-Don, Kenny, Jim and Earl, after which they were joined by a sister, Linda, and a brother, Paul.

They lived on the Oregon Slope near Ontario, Oregon for several years before moving to Crane, Oregon in 1955. For a short period of time while still in the Oregon Slope area they lived in a house with a dirt floor and in the summer the kids slept in old cars. When it got cold, they slept in a loft in the house.

Frank went to school in Crane and enjoyed playing football and basketball but was not a fan of school itself. His parents taught him how to work hard and taught him great skills such as welding, mechanical and problem solving. He learned how to drill wells at an early age, lying about his age to get his Oregon drillers license at the age of 17. Frank married Margaret “Margie” Skinner in 1964 when he was 19 years old. They welcomed their daughter Terri Lynn in March of 1966 and their son Kevin Frank in October of 1968.

The well drilling business was slow, and he was offered a mechanic job at the Allied Land & Livestock Ranches,

better known as Roaring Springs Ranch, in Frenchglen, Oregon. His boss was Margie’s father, Lawrence Miller, who was the foreman. Frank was very successful in this job because he could fix anything. When he wasn’t busy in the shop, he was kept busy in the newly developed fields working on the new sprinkler system. He was much happier being his own boss, though, so after a few years he went back to drilling wells in the Burns, Oregon area.

In 1972 a friend asked him to move to the Treasure Valley in Idaho because the drillers could not keep up with the demand. This was a very good move for Frank and his family. He expanded his business to having partners and employees running 3 well drilling rigs and selling and installing water pumps. When the economy crashed around 2008, he started downsizing and began working by himself. At this time Frank and Margie moved to Wilder and built their dream home. Not long after the move Alzheimer’s started rearing its ugly head. Frank decided that he really shouldn’t run drill rigs anymore, so he and Margie worked together working on pumps. He was the brawn, and she was the brains, which was more than a little bit of a stretch and she decided that was too much responsibility. They retired and hated every



minute of retirement. Frank had a few cows that he enjoyed making pets of and spoiling that kept him entertained.

Frank and the family joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1978. This was a life change for the better. Frank served in many different positions in the church through the years. He loved working with the Young Men in Scouting; however, some of his methods may have been a little unorthodox. One winter he took the boys on a winter outing. There was not enough snow to build snow caves and the temperatures dropped to 20 degrees below zero. In order to keep the boys from freezing Frank had them climb the hills to gather firewood. When the boys returned home

they still had their foil dinners that moms had made for them. Asking why they still had their food, the boys responded, “Oh, Brother Skinner took us to the lodge and bought us hamburgers.”

Frank loved to play and work. Both of which he did with all he had. He loved to water ski, ride motorcycles, and snowmobiles. Frank and Margie purchased property in Smiths Ferry, Idaho in 1988. They named the place Packer John Lodge. “The Lodge” was a restaurant, 4 room hotel, and the place of many family memories and much family fun. When they moved to Smiths Ferry they got involved in some serious snowmobiling. It was great fun to get together with other snowmobilers and ride. One of their favorite trips was from Smiths Ferry to Stanley, or really anywhere they could find good, untouched snow to play in.

Frank never knew a stranger and will be remembered as a person who was nearly always happy, smiling and made the most of all life’s adventures. His sense of humor lasted to the end, even as he failed mentally, he was making friends everywhere he was.

As Frank’s condition worsened, they moved to Challis, Idaho to be closer to their daughter. Frank was placed in a memory care facility in Au-

gust of 2020 where he resided until his passing on July 21, 2021.

Frank was preceded in death by his father and mother and brothers Don and Kenny. He is survived by his wife Margie, daughter Terri (Tom) Stillwaugh, and son Kevin and Grandchildren - Kammille (Dave) Morris, Detrik (Lauren) Stillwaugh, Jaden (John) Feggo, Damon (Kendra) Stillwaugh, Cole (Allie) Skinner, Tristan (Sadie) Stillwaugh, Dustin Stillwaugh, Jordan and Kyrsten Skinner, 3 Great-Grandsons, and 2 Great-Granddaughters with one more due this month as well as brothers Jim, Earl, Paul, sister Linda, and many extended family and friends.

Frank was a friend, son, husband, father, grandpa, great-grandpa, honorable priesthood holder, mechanic, well driller and pump man. He did them all well, but his most cherished job of all was being a grandpa and great-grandpa. Oh, how he loved those precious people in his life.

A funeral service will be held in honor of Frank on August 20, 2021 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 708 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale, ID 83628 at 10:00 am.

A luncheon will follow immediately after the service.

In lieu of flowers please donate to your favorite charity.

James D. Cade

It’s with great sadness that we announce the passing of our dad, grandpa, uncle, and special friend, James D. Cade, 83, of Homedale, Idaho, on August 10, 2021.

James “Jim” was born on May 4, 1938, in Whitewater, Kansas to Theodore and Mary Cade. Jim attended Centerville Elementary School and graduated Sanger High School. Jim entered the Navy in 1958, and served four years as a cook.

In Jim’s younger years, he would be outside playing and if he saw a flower, he would stop playing, pick the flower, and take it in to his mom.

Jim met the love of his life, Bonnie Ward, at Pierce’s Park in Sanger. They were married March 29, 1966, in Fresno, California. Jim and Bonnie went on many fishing trips and played many, many card games.

Jim loved gardening, telling stories, visiting with friends,



NASCAR, and sprint car racing.

Jim is survived by stepdaughters, LaDon Solomon-Turner of Missouri and Teresa Lee of Oregon; special niece, Karen Brisco of Burlington, Washington; many grandchildren; nephews; nieces; and very special friends: Janet, Ivy, Raymond, and family.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife, Bonnie; parents, Ted and Mary; five siblings;



granddaughter, Shannon; and grandson, Dale.

Jim could light up a room — he was a very caring, loving person, loved animals, loved his family and his friends. Jim will be sorely missed.

A graveside service was held for Jim on August 13th, and he was laid to rest with Bonnie at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. Memories may be left for Jim’s family at www.flahifffuneralchapel.com.

Glen L. Rowland

Glen L. Rowland passed away peacefully on Sunday August 8, 2021. He was born on October 22, 1934 in Casper, Wyoming to Roy and Ruby (Dickson) Rowland. At his request, no services will be held. Cremation is under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Home.

The fourth of six children, the family moved from Wyoming to Oregon, finally settling in Homedale, Idaho where he attended school. He lived most of his life in Caldwell, Idaho where he worked for Kit Manufacturing for over 30 years. Glen loved watching all sports especially baseball, the Elks where he was a member for many years, traveling and any time spent with family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Roy and Ruby Dickson, brothers Frank Dickson and Danny Rowland, sisters Evelyn “Bunny” Combs, Joean Wheeler, and Weneda



Landa and brother-in-law Jack Wheeler.

Glen is survived by brothers-in-law Julian Landa and John Combs, sister-in-law Violet (Rowland) Fries; children Kim, Craig, Kelly and Cory Rowland and spouses; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and nieces, nephews and cousins. The family would like to thank Horizon Hospice, especially Cassie, Rick and Joyce for all your dedication and care for our Uncle Glen.

Obituary

Mary Uriko Tanikuni

March 10, 1929
– August 12, 2021

Mary Uriko Tanikuni, a member of the Greatest Generation, died August 12, 2021 in Meridian, Idaho at age 92. Mary was born in Glenns Ferry March 10, 1929, to James Mitsugi Itano and Masuno (Kashino) Itano. The family later moved to the Treasure Valley; farmed in Marsing and finally settled near Wilder.

The Great Depression and World War II comprised Mary's formative years. Her father, James, died as a result of a farming accident in 1942. These events created the strong work ethic and determination she demonstrated during her lifetime.

Mary graduated with the Homedale High School Class of 1947. The class motto was "the door to success is labeled PUSH". She remained friends with many of her classmates throughout her life. Like many of them, Mary began her young adulthood with almost nothing. And, like most of the Greatest Generation, created a happy, productive and successful life through hard work, perseverance and pushing through life's many obstacles. She and millions like her quietly built the country most take for granted today.

After high school, Mary



attended Nampa Business College for one year, and in 1948 began work as a secretary/bookkeeper at an advertising and sign company in Nampa. In 1950 she married Frank Shigenobu Tanikuni and moved to a farm in the Mule Springs area southwest of Homedale. A son, Dennis, was born in 1951 and a second son, Gary, in 1953. Frank and Mary resided at the farm until 2000, when they moved to Nampa, where they had built a home.

Mary became a full-time homemaker after marriage and acted as caregiver for Frank's aging stepfather and mother, Roy and Tome' Aoyagi. She was a strong supporter of Dennis and Gary's school and extracurricular activities and was involved in the Homedale PTA for many years. Mary



bowled in a number of leagues and achieved "Gutter Gussie" status on at least one occasion. She greatly enjoyed playing golf at Purple Sage Golf Course with her good friend Sachi Kubosumi. In 1969, Frank and she began their cabin project near Sumpter, Oregon, which consumed the better part of the next 20 years. She was an enthusiastic baseball fan, although a different favorite team seemed to be chosen each season. Mary also liked Big Band music and '80s country, Willie Nelson, Kenny Rogers, the Oak Ridge Boys and especially, Alabama. Crafts of all sorts were Mary's primary hobby. She enjoyed pottery, embroidery, knitting, tatting and needlepoint. Bunka, Japanese needlepoint, was a particular favorite.

After an aortic valve replacement, 2 knee replacements and when she could no longer drive, Mary decided to enter an assisted

living community in Boise. On November 10, 2010, Mary and Muffin, her miniature Beagle attack dog, relocated to Grace at Englefield Green. Afternoon bingo was something Mary looked forward to, and she really enjoyed winning. She kept her Nampa house as an investment property and as recently as two weeks before her passing was proud that she "owned her own home, had money in the bank and was still paying her own way at 92 years old".

The last months of Mary's life were difficult. In December 2020 she tested positive for COVID-19 but survived after experiencing surprisingly mild symptoms. Diabetic-related complications followed in March 2021. Recovery from those was slow, but she gradually regained physical strength and mental acuity. On June 10, a Grace resident operating a mobility scooter struck Mary's walker. She fell, fracturing her pelvis in 3 places. Mary was transported to St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center that day and never returned to Grace at Englefield Green. This event began a series of medical issues from which she did not recover.

Mary is survived by the lights of her life, grandchildren Marta Slickers (Brad) and Braden Tanikuni; great-grandchildren

Louella Slickers, Noah Tanikuni and Easton Tanikuni. Other survivors include John Itano (Shirley), Lois Kondo, Joyce Tom (Ben), Dennis Tanikuni (Jane), Gary Tanikuni (Monet) and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were husband Frank Tanikuni, Roy and Tome' Aoyagi, James and Masuno Itano, brothers Joe, Tucker, James, Frank and Kyoshi, who died in infancy.

Mary's family would like to thank the administration and staffs at Grace at Englefield Green, Aspen Transitional Rehab and Sara Smith, NP for the care and compassion they have shown her these last several years. In lieu of koden, please contribute to a charity of your choice.

Mary's viewing will occur at Dakan Funeral Chapel on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

A graveside service will be held at the Wilder Cemetery on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

Due to rapidly increasing Delta Variant COVID-19 cases in the valley and because her family witnessed Mary's extreme emotional distress during her COVID experience, no post-service gathering will be held.

COVID-19 protocols will be observed at all events.

Death notice

LOLA LEE (LOLLIE) MIKOLAJCZYK, 83, a 1956 Bruneau High School graduate, died on Sunday, Aug. 8, 2021 at a Mountain Home assisted living facility. A private burial will be held on Thursday, Aug. 19, 2021 at Bruneau Cemetery. Arrangements: Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel, 500 N. 18th E., Mountain Home. (208) 214-4348

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Celebration of life

The family of **BETTE SHIGEKO UDA** invites community members to a public Celebration of Life for the longtime Homedale resident. The event will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturday, Aug. 21, 2021 inside the Homedale Middle School gymnasium and cafeteria, 3437 Johnstone Road. Born on Dec. 6, 1924, Uda died on Aug. 20, 2020. She is the namesake of Bette Uda City Park in Homedale.

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Livestock sale surpasses 2020 record — before add-ons

The 2021 Owyhee County Junior Livestock Sale is now history and history-making! The sale-only total (without add-ons) was \$620,260 on 267 animals. The previous sale record was \$427,250 set in 2020 on 262 animals. The 2020 sale plus add-ons totaled \$591,050.



Scott Jensen

The number of market goats sold in 2021 tied the previous record of 34. Goats averaged \$1,074, which beat the previous average by \$151/head. Two goats tied for the high selling market goat garnering \$2,750 each. They were exhibited by Jaci Gould and Kara Stimmel, and both were purchased jointly by Kyle and Jody Moos, Agar Transportation, and 11 Bar.

There was a record number of steers sold at 52 head. Beef averaged \$4,100/head, which beat the previous record of \$3,530 set in 2014. Elias Jaca exhibited the high-selling steer, which was purchased by Integra Resources/DeLamar Mining for \$5,750.

One hundred fifteen pigs were sold at the 2021 sale. Swine averaged \$2,118/head, which destroyed the previous record of \$1,378 set in 2020. James Maxwell exhibited the high-selling pig, which brought \$8,500 and was purchased by 3MB Specialties.

Last but not least, there were 66 market lambs sold in 2021. Sheep averaged \$1,924/head, which was well above the previous record set in 2020 of

University of Idaho
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Left: Spotter Bob Carter looks for bidders during the Owyhee County Junior Livestock Sale on Aug. 7. Right: Logan Field parades his goat around the sale ring for prospective bidders.



\$1,148. The high-selling lamb was exhibited by Jabe Maxwell and purchased by Aqua Irrigation for \$6,250.

The add-on story for 2021 is still being written. Add-on money will be accepted until Sept. 1. Sale checks will be mailed to the

youth exhibitors as soon as all of the money is collected.

We express appreciation to our auctioneers Kyle Colyer, Zach Zumstein, and JB Salutregui as well as ring men Tim Dines, Bobo Carter, and Steve Purdom for sharing their time

and talents.

Special thanks to all the buyers and supporters of the 2021 Owyhee County Junior Livestock Sale.

— Scott Jensen is the University of Idaho Owyhee County

Extension educator. He welcomes questions on livestock care. The U of I Owyhee County Extension office is located at 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing and can be reached at (208) 896-4104. Contact him at scottj@uidaho.edu.

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Aug. 18: Nachos, California blend vegetables, rice
Aug. 19: Baked fish, baked potato, spinach
Aug. 24: Pork roast, mashed potatoes with gravy, Brussels sprouts
Aug. 25: Tuna a la king, egg noodles, broccoli

Sandbar Comm. Room, Marsing

Noon to 12:30 p.m., inside City Hall
Milk available each day
Suggested donation: \$4 (60 and older), \$6 (59 and younger)
Aug. 18: Cranberry turkey wrap, broccoli salad, tropical fruit

Aug. 20: Spaghetti with meat sauce, Italian blend vegetables, peaches and berries, green salad
Aug. 23: BBQ beef, roasted sweet potatoes, carrots
Aug. 25: Tuna salad sandwich, 3 bean salad, tropical fruit

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Aug. 19: Philly cheese steak sandwich, coleslaw, dill pickle spear, Tater tots, whole grain bun, fruit crisp, pudding
Aug. 24: Chicken strips, salad bar, corn-on-the-cob, fresh melon, yogurt, whole grain chips

Sheriff forgoes pay raise to correct error

Commissioners OK fair workers' hiring after fair

Owyhee County employees are set to receive pay raises in the Fiscal Year 2022 budget, which will be up for public scrutiny soon.

But third-term Sheriff Perry Grant won't see the three percent salary bump because of a payroll error.

During its Aug. 9 meeting, the Board of County Commissioners approved a pay adjustment for sheriff's Deputy Travis Leedom after it was discovered he never received a pay raise when he moved from the jail to a patrol position.

Grant told the commissioners he would decline his upcoming pay raise, which was to go into effect on Oct. 1, to account for part of Leedom's wage adjustment.

"I simply felt since the mistake came from my office, I should take care of it," Grant said. "It is a correction to an oversight."

Leedom's pay as a patrol deputy started at \$18.15 per hour when he gave up his detention deputy job to hit the streets on June 28. But, because of his experience, Leedom should have earned \$18.70 per hour from his first day on patrol.

The pay will not be retroactive to June 28, and Leedom will earn that hourly rate beginning with the next pay period. Once FY 22 starts, Leedom will be given a three percent raise, bumping his pay to \$19.26 per hour (an increase of about 56 cents per hour).

"We have the funds to pay him for the rest of the fiscal year," Grant said. "Giving him my (FY 22) increase allows for this as well."

Leedom took a significant

pay cut when he left the jail. He had been earning \$20.72 per hour working as a shift supervisor and rangemaster.

Fair part-timers OK'd

Three women who worked as temporary staff during the Owyhee County Fair between Aug. 2 and Aug. 8 had their employment approved a day after their fair responsibilities wrapped up.

The county commissioners signed off on fair manager Ginger Loucks' pay requests for Brandie Campbell, Ashley Loucks, and Bridgette Newell on Aug. 9.

Campbell and Ashley Loucks earned \$10 per hour for their work, while Newell was paid \$14 hourly for an office position.

- County assessor's office deed processor Kevin Bowen has been training to become an appraiser. Upon completion of training, he will receive a lateral transfer within the office.

Bowen will ultimately assume the appraiser's position after Robin Monahan takes over for Assessor Toni Gruenwald on Sept. 1.

Gruenwald announced her resignation to the commissioners on June 14.

Bowen will finish his appraiser's training in January at the winter school offered through the Idaho State Tax Commission.

"Once he has completed all of his schooling and shadowed a certified appraiser — Paul Prohl — for 12 months, we will submit his paperwork to be certified through the tax commission as a mass appraiser," Monahan said. "That timing will be around Sept. 1, 2022."

Bowen will remain at his current hourly rate of \$16 when he takes up the new position on Sept. 1. He works full-time at 37.5 hours per week.

— TK

HOMEDALE HAPPENINGS



Trojans get in first football action

Left: Homedale High School's Luke Henry fires a pass to a receiver during an offensive drill in between snaps at Saturday's Red and White Scrimmage at Deward Bell Stadium. The Trojans travel to Bulldog Bowl in Nampa for another scrimmage on Friday. **Right:** Keeping his word, junior Wylie Layne (in sling) is keeping an eye on his teammates as he recovers from injuries suffered in a springtime automobile crash. Standing near Layne at the end of the scrimmage are, from left, assistant coach Josh White, team physician Dr. Jocene Skinner and Skinner's daughter, student team trainer Catherine Decker.



New school shoes

Trinity Nixon (left) and Alexis Whitehead browse footwear early on during the third annual Shoes for Kids on Saturday at Sundance Park in Homedale. Organized by Treasure Valley Fence 'N' Feed, the event benefits children in Owyhee County and throughout the valley. Organizer Curtis Batho said he had more than 1,000 pairs of shoes to give away this year.

Yard sale to benefit ill Marsing woman

A longtime Marsing resident dealing with lofty medical bills has a friend coordinating an effort to help out.

Candie Burtchett, who has lived in town for more than 20 years, is fighting an aggressive form of bone cancer. She recently underwent a total hip replacement, and medical bills are stacking up.

She has gone through several other surgeries to deal with the cancer's damage.

Burtchett's friend Heather Farrell, a fellow member of Vision Community Church, has planned a yard sale and bake sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Saturday outside the church, 221 Main St., in Marsing.

Burtchett, 46, is undergoing regular treatment, and Farrell hopes the sale can help her friend deal with medical costs.

Burtchett remains positive. "Be a blessing to someone today," she has written in mul-

tiple Facebook posts. "You never know what they're going through."

Item donations can be brought to the church at 6 p.m. today or on the morning of the sale. Volunteers are needed to set up and tear down the sale.

All proceeds will go directly to Burtchett.

For more information about how to help, call Farrell at (208) 989-3885.

— TK

Sage-grouse, resources panel hold joint meeting tonight

Air Force extends airspace optimization plan comment period

The Owyhee County Sage-grouse Local Working Group will hold a "hybrid" meeting at 7 p.m., today.

The joint meeting with the Owyhee County Natural Resources Committee will be held virtually, but folks can also attend inside Courtroom 2 at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy.

Topics include:

- The Air Force's proposed low-level training flights in Owyhee County
- 2021 hunting season regulations
- Mormon cricket control in sage-grouse habitat areas

Access the Zoom meeting room at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84806107116?pwd=dnJlVU1URnaXp1MENpVVRZEh2UT09>

The meeting ID is 848 0610 7116, and the passcode is 176328.

Today's meeting will be used to facilitate the draft comments for both

the LWG and the natural resource committee. Those comments will be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration at Monday's weekly meeting in Murphy.

Last week, the Air Force extended the comment period for the draft Environmental Impact Statement — which was set to expire Monday — another 30 days to Sept. 22.

Ranchers and property owners fear the plan is just the latest attempt to end certain uses on public land.

From the LWG's perspective, the

plan also has potential impacts to the sage-grouse population.

Send 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, Suite 200, Albuquerque, NM 87106.

Electronic copies of the draft EIS can be found on the project website: <https://www.mountainhomeafbairspaceeis.com>.

The draft EIS can be reviewed at 51 public libraries across the airspace, including the Eastern Owyhee County Library in Grand View.

Artists to paint Homedale students’ hydrant visions

Council OKs community service project turning fireplugs into practical art installations

Homedale schoolchildren will have a chance to get involved with a community project on the first day of school Monday.

After getting city council approval, community member Amy Fossette has announced she will move forward with the Paint the Homedale Fire Hydrant Project.

“I’m super-excited to bring something fun and new, created by our kiddos, to our amazing little town,” Fossette wrote in a social media post after the council voted, 3-0, to back her idea to paint the balance of the fire hydrants in town that weren’t already spruced up by a Corteva community project a couple summers ago.

Fossette said Wishy Washy Laundromat and The Dog Spa both donated paints for the project, and she will have coloring projects in the schools Monday for students to put their ideas on paper.

Fossette has Homedale artists Julie Cloud, Dana Stewart and Jessica Voyson lined up to carry out the children’s visions after she collects the mock-ups on Thursday, Sept. 2.

“They are beautifully talented and

will be sure to put the kiddos’ ideas into reality for all to see,” Fossette said.

Protective weather coating and reflective coatings for the hydrants still must be purchased, and Fossette is looking for donations to help with that effort:

- Venmo — @Amy-Fossette
- Cashapp — (208) 713-1638
- Facebook Pay — Available through the social media site’s messenger app by finding “Amy Lynn Fossette”

Any one with questions can call her at (208) 713-1638, and artwork ideas can also be submitted via email at fossetteamy@gmail.com.

During last Wednesday’s council meeting, Fossette said she planned to turn artists loose on the 100 or so hydrants in town that are in need of facelifts. The painters will hit the streets in the second or third week of September.

Mayor Gheen Christoffersen said Fire Chief Dennis Uria was all for the plan as long as the hydrants aren’t painted in camouflage.

Public works supervisor Bret Smith suggested that the city buy reflectors to place in the street in line with hydrants to help Homedale Fire Department volunteers locate fireplugs when they are rushing to calls. Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said there were a few reflectors already around town, but not every hydrant was marked.

— JPB

HFD may test library roof’s watertightness

No one gives comment before council approves \$15.7M budget

The saga of the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library roof may be drawing to a close.

Repairs were performed on the roof yet again recently, and Homedale Mayor Gheen Christoffersen said last Wednesday that he is hoping to enlist the volunteer fire department for a quality control exercise.

“The repairs are done, but we want to test it to make sure it’s fixed,” Christoffersen said during last week’s city council meeting.

What began as a joke may become reality: The plan is to pour a massive amount of water on the roof to test it for leaks, and the Homedale Fire Department is just the entity to get that job done.

The city has wrestled with the general contractor and the roofing subcontractor to get the roof built correctly since the project was substantially completed in November 2019.

At one point, at the behest of building donor Rob Roberts of R&M Steel, the entire roof was removed and reinstalled.

But leaks persisted whenever there was a heavy downpour.

The old library building next door apparently has had issues as well.

A peculiar smell has persisted in the Homedale Community Center, which doubles as the Homedale Community Foodstead with its commercial kitchen.

The cause of the smell, apparently, has been a lack of use.

“There’s not enough water

being run down the drains, so there is debris (building up) in the pipes,” Christoffersen said.

A public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 8 to open the Fiscal Year 2021 budget and add \$30,000 to the library line to pay off the construction.

Council OKs budget

After no public comment was offered, the city council approved the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations ordinance, 3-0. Councilman Michael Aebischer was absent.

The vote finalized Homedale’s \$15.7 million budget.

New business may expand

Rockslide Landscaping co-owner Amanda Harpe discussed building a fence in the city right-of-way at the new business on South Main Street near Utah Avenue.

Because the commercial fence will be in the city right-of-way, the city council must sign-off on any proposal.

The council gave a 3-0 approval after public works supervisor Bret Smith said the fence wouldn’t impact traffic or create visibility issues.

Business owners Harpe and Nick Green have plans to move in landscaping materials, and they want to build a cable fence around the yard.

“We just want to keep people out, and that has become a problem over there with things coming up missing,” Harpe said.

Councilman Steve Atkins thanked Harpe for cleaning up the former Don’s Automotive property.

“It looks fabulous,” he said.

Harpe said she and Green are in negotiations to purchase the property to the south of the existing business, too.

— JPB

Library delivers dinos for Story Time

Prehistoric animals will be the focus of Monday’s Opal Nash Story Time at the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library.

The program for preschoolers begins at 10:15 a.m., at the library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., in Homedale.

Children will listen to “Dinosaur Babies” and “We Don’t Eat Our Classmates” before making a pasta dinosaur and then embarking on a dinosaur egg hunt.

- The Teen Summer Reading program has come to a close. Because of unforeseen circumstances, library staff had to reschedule Thursday’s planned Paint Night Escape Room.

The activity will take place at 5 p.m., on Thursday, Sept. 9 to kick off the 2021-22 season of the Teens and Tweens program.

Teens and Tweens is open to boys and girls ages 10-17 and meets each Thursday when school is in sessions.

- The first Friday of the school year will see the Idaho Children’s Museum staff visit the library.

From 10:30 a.m., to 2:30 p.m., on Aug. 27 children ages 3-9 can drop by the library for hands-on activities.

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

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

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Marsing council signs off on community movie night

Councilperson wants safety measures on road near house

Following through on a discussion that began during Fiscal Year 2022 budget workshops, the Marsing City Council has established community movie nights.

The movie night idea grew out of a discussion on how the elected officials could back community entertainment.

“There are so few things for kids, families, and just anyone to do for entertainment in our area that the city decided to try showing movies,” city clerk and treasurer Jolyn Thompson said.

During their meeting last Wednesday, council members approved the expenditure of up to \$1,500 for the program. That includes \$615 for a Motion Picture Licensing Corporation (MPLC) umbrella license and other funds for start-up costs for concessions. The umbrella license is renewable annually.

The movies will be shown indoors, which saved quite a bit of money. City attorney Stephanie J. Bonney said licenses for outdoor movie screenings can carry a price tag from \$10 to \$1,000 for a single movie.

The movies will be free to the community and will serve as fundraisers for multiple organizations, including schools, churches, and service groups.

The city will partner with Western Idaho Community Action Partner-

ship and the Marsing School District. WICAP has donated the use of its projection equipment, while the district will provide the old high school gymnasium or school cafeteria for the screening room.

“We will supply the basic concession stand snacks and split the proceeds with the hosting organization, and they will also have the opportunity to sell their own items,” Thompson said.

The city is considering doing monthly theme nights such as westerns, film noir, musicals, or science fiction.

Bonney also made it clear that the city will not be able to advertise the name of the movie, likenesses or characters.

“We can’t use the title or character names or rights holder names,” Bonney said. “There are many movies that are unlicensed but are unlikely movies you want to show in the community.

“You can show movies in which the copyright has expired, but those are usually older movies, likely 50 years or more.”

Official wants street vacated

City Councilperson Brandy Johnson’s family requested that the city vacate a section of 2nd Street South and Riverview Drive near her property.

Johnson said she wanted the street vacated for safety reasons. She said her grandchildren play near the bend of 2nd Street South and Riverview Drive, and drivers aren’t very safe when turning from one road to the other.

“I don’t want my grandkids to be the reason that people are aware that it’s a dead end street,” she said.

Council president Chris Even agreed with Johnson, saying that there was an incident in the past when a vehicle drove through the curve and into the Snake River.

City engineer Kirby Cook said that it would not be possible to vacate the street because doing so would eliminate the Johnson’s frontage on their two lots.

City code calls for a normal city lot to have 60-foot frontage and 35 feet of frontage for flag lots.

Frontage is described as the measurement from one property line to another along the front of the lot. Flag lots lie at the end of a long driveway.

Cook said the lots must have adequate frontage along a paved city street to conform with city code.

Johnson had requested to put up an archway over the road that would designate the edge of her property.

Bonney suggested options, such as placing signs or a barrier to prevent people from driving in front of Johnson’s property, as long there was still access. Another option would be a gate at the turn, but the city would have to retain access to its property.

Johnson agreed to apply for a license to put up a gate. The council will vote on the license at its Sept. 8 meeting, at which time Johnson will recuse herself from the matter.

No comment at budget hearing

No one spoke up at the City of Marsing Fiscal Year 2022 budget hearing last Wednesday.

Later in the meeting, the city council unanimously approved \$2.844 million

in appropriations.

The budget is 5.67 percent larger than the current expenditures. The fiscal year starts Oct. 1.

The biggest changes include eight percent increases in the enterprise funds for water (\$752,490) and sewer (\$648,119). However, the general fund dropped 5.46 percent from \$676,466 to \$639,532. The increase comes from automatic three percent hikes in user fees and the city’s plan to hire a new employee to split time between the utilities and code enforcement.

The city receives \$133,000 from property taxes, while the rest of its FY 22 revenue will come from state investment funds, federal tax revenue sharing, liquor sales, sales tax, Highway Use Fund, court fines, and the \$141,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act 2021.

Wastewater plant work ongoing

Public works superintendent Philip Gibson and his crew continued work in multiple spots through town.

An aerator with modifications to its float system was replaced at the wastewater treatment plant. A used aerator was also approved for purchase for \$4,500.

In the past month, Gibson’s crew has also oiled the dirt road along the canal behind Morning Dove subdivision in an attempt to reduce dust kicked up by vehicles and mitigate dirt drifting to nearby houses.

Gibson also reported that all the excess chips from the recent chipsealing project were cleaned up off effected roads.

— TK

Sheriff’s office gets OK to expand emergency resources

Some of Owyhee County’s Level 1 sheriff’s reserve vehicles will be equipped with potentially life-saving equipment.

After meeting with sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman on Aug. 9, county commissioners approved spending \$7,150 to buy three new automatic external defibrillators and accessories. The emergency response equipment expands OCSO’s existing stable of AEDs.

All full-time deputies already have AEDs in their patrol vehicles. There is also one in the courthouse in Murphy and two devices on OCSO watercraft.

The three Defibtech Lifeline AEDs from Coro Medical cost \$475 each (a total of \$1,425). The 50 adult pads and 24 pediatric pads will be purchased for a total of \$4,290. Eight seven-year battery packs cost \$1,360. The three carrying cases cost \$75 each.

All OCSO employees are required to take first aid and CPR/AED training.

OCSO to buy watercraft

Commissioners approved OCSO’s request to move forward on new watercraft.

Sheriff Perry Grant’s office plans to trade in a 2000 Kawasaki Jet Ski and purchase a pair of new Yamaha WaveRunners. All proceeds from the trade-in will go directly to the purchase.

Idaho Code allows for the commissioners to manage and control any personal property belonging to the county.

OCSO is waiting for Snake

River Yamaha’s 2022 craft to arrive; 2021 models sold out.

Water deal renewed

The commissioners also renewed a contract between the county and a Murphy-area ranch family.

John and Catherine Romero have allowed use a pond well near their ZX Ranch Road residence to help dust suppression during Reynolds Creek Road work.

The county will use approximately 16 truckloads

of water (about 64,000 gallons) per day during the project. The water allowance is in effect until Dec. 31, 2022.

The county will pay the

Romeros \$3,000, then \$10 per truckload of water. They will also reimburse the ranchers for the pond well used for the project.

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From page 1A

✓ Construction: New fiber-optic infrastructure widens broadband access

board the bus at the southeast corner of 2nd Street East and East Idaho Avenue near Bette Uda City Park.

In a late change to the project, road construction contractors have been installing fiber-optic lines to strengthen broadband connectivity in town per Gov. Brad Little’s initiative.

Although the broadband infrastructure was laid in front of the high school, school district technology guru Dave Holmes said the positive impact will be felt elsewhere.

“It will benefit our students by helping them get quality broadband at home, which has been lacking in our community,” Holmes said.

“As a school district we already have fiber into our buildings. Internet is currently coming in from ENA (Education Networks of America) utilizing Sparklight’s fiber to the high school then to the other buildings via our private fiber.”

According to the latest update

from the Idaho Transportation Department, crews continue to excavate the south side of East Idaho Avenue between Main Street and 4th Street East/Industrial Road.

In addition to rebuilding the roadway, work includes storm water system upgrades and sidewalk and curb work.

The northbound lane of South Main Street is closed to through traffic currently.

Another part of South Main will be down to one lane this week in an unrelated project. Water service for the Vineyard Cottages senior housing project will be tied into the main line.

City of Homedale public works supervisor Bret Smith said during last Wednesday’s city council meeting that the Vineyards water project was to start Tuesday and extend through Friday.

Traffic will be down to one lane, and flaggers will be directing motorists.

— JPB



Roadway re-construction work continued last week on the south side of East Idaho Avenue in Homedale. Busy Knife River Corp. crews endured the seemingly endless hot summer days to continue their tasks. Once work is complete on this section of the highway, crews will move to the south side of West Idaho Avenue for the final phase of the project.

✓ Bond: Canyon County patrons will cross river and vote at fairgrounds

improvement plan.

But, Sauer said, the overall district tax of \$377 per \$100,000 of assessed value won’t change.

The current levy is broken down (per \$100,000 in assessed value) between \$276 for the plant facility levy, \$100 for the Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency levy, and \$1 the district tort levy.

Sauer said if patrons pass the bond, the plant facility levy will be adjusted to keep the tax burden at \$377 per \$100,000 in net assessed value.

Previously, Sauer said that any increase in property taxes after the bond’s passage could be tied back to the rise in property values not the levy.

Another factor that would

keep the property taxes even with the current rate is an equalization payment from the state. That \$3.8 million subsidy is a new tool since the district paid off the middle school construction bond in 2017.

“The bond levy equalization funds are going to be huge,” school board chair Kurt Shanley said in June. “It’ll be nice to bring some of the tax dollars paid in this community back.

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

With about \$1.8 million in interest over the 15-year bond, the total cost would weigh in at about \$15.8 million, but the state kick-in would reduce the total cost to district

taxpayers to a little more than \$12 million.

School trustees passed the resolution establishing the election during their June 14 meeting. The resolution outlined the details of the bond, including what projects could be financed.

- Additional classrooms and renovations to existing classrooms
- New restrooms
- Renovation of the existing gymnasium and construction of an auxiliary gym
- Upgrading heating, cooling and alarm systems
- Lighting upgrades
- Replacement of the track at Deward Bell Stadium and athletic field improvements

Not all work outlined in the

resolution could occur.

And not all the work that is needed will be possible, district superintendent Rob Sauer said during the school board’s June 14 meeting.

There have been no public meetings specific to the levy election, and Sauer said none are planned.

“The district has held two school board meetings since approving going forward with a bond,” Sauer said. “At this point there isn’t a public meeting planned.”

The informational flier also was sent to the parents of schoolchildren through the district’s Remind electronic messaging system.

Patrons who don’t have students in the school district

apparently would have to find the flier on the school website or attend a school board meeting to get information.

All polling locations — including for patrons living in Canyon County — will be located in Owyhee County.

Canyon County voters, as well as voters in the North Homedale and South Homedale precincts, will cast ballots at the Owyhee County Community Center, 423 W. Nevada Ave., at the fairgrounds.

The North Marsing polling place will be at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 N. 2nd St. W.

The absentee ballot location is the county courthouse in Murphy.

— JPB

✓ DMV: Walk-in only policy instituted at Murphy, Grand View branches

will be located just outside the front door and it will be clearly marked for Owyhee County or non-Owyhee County customers. After pulling a ticket, patrons can wait in their car for their number to display on an electronic board in the window.

Monahan said that the ticket system and display board cost the county \$900.

Monahan, who will take over from Toni Gruenwald on Sept. 1, said she and Dist. 2 County Commissioner Kelly

Aberasturi (R-Homedale) will help facilitate the ticket system changes and help customers get in the correct queue.

The Marsing DMV will be the only one of the county’s three offices to employ the new ticket system.

The Marsing office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. No customer will be served after 3:30 p.m.

Each line will close at alternating times for employee lunches. Monahan does not

anticipate much delay in service while staff members are on break.

“I don’t think there will be much of a wait,” she said. “Maybe 10 minutes.”

The DMV office inside the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy will go back to walk-ins only. The Murphy office is open the same hours as the Marsing location.

As with the Murphy office, Grand View will be open to walk-in customers only. The office is open from 9 a.m. to 2

p.m., Monday through Thursday.

The last person will be seen at 1 p.m., each day.

Monahan said the policy at the Grand View location will not change unless customer traffic increases, at which point procedures will be re-examined.

“With both Ada and Canyon (counties) adding more employees to their offices, we are hoping to curb the amount of non-county residents, enabling us to serve our ... resi-

dents and those that choose to come out here to use our offices,” Monahan said.

All Owyhee County DMV offices will be closed on Tuesday, Oct. 19. On that day, the Idaho Transportation Department will conduct training for the GEM vehicle registration and title system employed in DMV offices statewide. GEM is a variant of Gemalto, the system state offices previously used.

— TK

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

August 21, 1996

Lookin' up to dad...

Jase Salutregui looks intently as his father, J.B., takes a drink after fighting a fire at the Art Salmonsen farm, northwest of Homedale last Sunday. The HFD was assisted by Wilder to save the Salmonsen home.



BLM plan would break most ranchers

A reduction of 35 percent of animal unit months on BLM rangelands is the preferred alternative proposed by the bureau in its draft for the Owyhee Resource Area. The plan was released last week, and contains some 1,100 pages.

Should the plan be implemented, it “would put most ranchers out of business, and would devastate the local economy,” according to Fred Grant, advisor of the Owyhee County Land Use Planning Committee.

Grant said the committee, established by the Owyhee County Commissioners, has drafted an alternative plan, which would increase, rather than decrease, grazing AUMs over a 20-year period.

The draft, which has taken years to compile, lists four alternatives: Alternative A is the current management plan, and would require “no action,” resulting in a continuation of present management practices; Alternative B is the county’s recommendations, as submitted by the Land Use Planning Committee and endorsed by the county government; Alternative C is the BLM’s “preferred alternative,” as developed by the agency; Alternative D is the desired plan developed by the “Desert Group,” a group of environmentalists.

The present AUM level is 136,285. The BLM plan would reduce this animal unit per month count to 89,257; the county’s plan calls for an increase to 150,884, and the Desert Group calls for 52,075 AUMs.

The county’s increase would be achieved through rangeland improvement programs, including water developments, rangeland restoration, juniper, sagebrush and weed control.

The plan not only offers alternatives for livestock grazing, but includes those for air, soil, water, vegetation, riparian, forestry, wild horses, fire, fishery, minerals, visual and cultural resources, and others.

Marsing grad inducted into IHSAA Hall of Fame

Former Marsing High graduate Jennifer Barrett was inducted into the Idaho High School Activities Association Hall of Fame on Aug. 7 in Boise.

Barrett, who graduated from Marsing High in 1965 and worked until 1992 as a high school teacher in Moscow, was chosen for promoting female athletics at the high school level.

She promoted the first girls basketball Statewide Invitational Tournament in the mid-1970s, and she co-directed the first IHSAA-sponsored Girls State Basketball Championship Tournament in 1976.

In 1981 and 1982, the Moscow High School girls basketball team won the A-2 state championship and she was named A-2 Coach of the Year for both seasons.

50 years ago

August 19, 1971



HOMEDALE HAS CHANGED quite a bit from this picture of the early '30s showing unpaved streets and many wooden buildings. Frankie (Henson) Schierman and Ada Blanche (Riggs) Fountain stand in front of the drug store and looking east up Idaho Avenue. Johnson's Place of red cinder rocks had been newly built. Model A autos predominated. On the south, buildings such as the feed mill, Mortensen's hall, Hamilton's garage and a pool hall operated by Adin Garrity known as John's Place were in operation. A disastrous fire in the late '30s wiped out all but the feed mill, which was moved to South Main when the American Oil station was built. Photo from a snapshot owned by Rex Riggs.

“Owyhee Golden Days” Fair parade theme

The theme of “Owyhee Golden Days,” selected for the Owyhee County Fair parade promises to provide a wide variety of colorful floats, depicting Owyhee’s historical past, its progressive present and promising future. Parade coordinators again this year are members of the Xi Alpha Delta and Alpha Phi chapters of Beta Sigma Phi, with Mrs. Frank Haylett and Mrs. Lynda Stansell as general co-chairmen.

The parade route will be the same as last year, passing directly in front of the Homedale Nursing Home, turning to the left towards Main Street on the corner of the Idaho Power lot and proceeding on down the main street and ending past the City Park.

The Chamber of Commerce’s annual Old Timers Day and Beef Bar-B-Que will follow immediately after the parade in the City Park, and during the afternoon the parade winners will be announced and prizes will be presented.

Out-of-Town judges will be hosted to a luncheon prepared by Mrs. Dee Basabe at the Tango during the noon period when the judges will tabulate the scores and determine the parade winners. Mrs. Les Auker and Mrs. Roger Bredy are in charge of the arrangements for the luncheon.

Prior to the parade several area Mayors and their wives and other dignitaries will be hosted at a brunch. Acting as hosts will be Homedale’s mayor, George Murray, and Mrs. Joyce Blackman, city clerk.

A total of \$300 will be offered in prize money with four trophies to be awarded in addition. They include a grand sweepstakes trophy for the best overall float entry and a cash prize of \$20, a trophy for the float that best portrays the parade theme and \$17.50 in cash; a trophy for the best comedy float and \$10; and the best individual comedy entry and \$4.50 in cash.

Succor Crik Sam Sez: “I’m in favor of Uncle Sam takin’ a horse census in Owyhee County, but he oughta check fer jackasses in Washington.”



155 years ago

August 18, 1866

VOLUME ONE of the AVALANCHE is completed, and we herewith present our readers with No. 1 of volume two. When we issued our first number, we were hopeful of success but by no means elated with the prospects. We expected little and realized more—though by no means much. We engaged in the enterprise of publishing a newspaper in Owyhee upon our own instance, without even an invitation of one of her citizens. Their patronage has been liberal but until recently the population and business houses were limited. We have used our best exertions to make it the interest of all to extend us a reasonable support and we’ve not been disappointed. With scarcely an exception, we have received the kind words of every citizen and shall leave no effort untried to deserve them in the future. Our main objects have been to let the outside world know the advantages of Owyhee as a place for the laborer and capitalist; to make a faithful record of current local incidents, improvements, discoveries and progress on development; to attract attention to the most direct lines of communication with our natural depot of supplies; to aid in the establishment of new and more frequent and direct mail routes; to induce the erection of telegraph lines, &c., &c. How well we have succeeded in any or all these objects the public may decide. What we have failed to accomplish in these respects, has not been for lack of disposition or effort on our part. We have made no attempts to advise our National officials and representatives nor the people upon any subject from a partisan motive. We do not care to run an overgrown sickly, beggarly sheet for such purposes, and one that is small enough to be healthy and independent is too small to do more than fairly represent and discuss local affairs.

By these objects and views, we intend to be governed in the publication of the AVALANCHE. By so doing, we shall never humiliate ourselves nor insult our patrons by asking them for more than is our just due. In appreciation of the patronage extended us, we have replaced nearly all our old material with new and have made and will continue to make additions as the business will warrant. Every day’s development more firmly convinces us that development will sustain the high reputation borne by Owyhee abroad for unequaled rich veins of gold and silver bearing quartz. We have not disgraced nor will we disgrace our sheet by exaggerating our mineral wealth generally or particularly. To some extent, we must rely upon others and their actions for information, but to a greater extent than is usual with journalists, we are able to examine for ourselves.

We start out in the new volume full of hope and encouragement. We are sincerely grateful for the substantial confidence extended us in the year just closed, and hope to merit more as the AVALANCHE slides along.

SILVER CORD.—We noted the purchase of this ledge, last week, by the Cosmos Company. Work is being vigorously prosecuted in two tunnels and two shafts. Ore looks very promising in both shafts and upper tunnel. Have just reached a point in the lower tunnel where good rock is making its appearance. The vein has been traced for two thousand feet, and holds an average width of three feet. D. H. Jackson has a force of men on the “Vulcan,” the first claim in the ledge northwest of the “Cord.” He finds good ore and a good-sized vein. J. A. Lytle & Co. have struck it to the south-east with good indications.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense
Corn country landscape



Corn country landscape — painted late summer — high clouds, heavy with moisture waiting for afternoon to thicken and darken and start raising Cain.

You can see for miles. Brown, green, yellow patchwork pieces of a giant jigsaw puzzle. Feedlots in the distance, their pens spread out like dark blankets on the side of a hill.

On the horizon to the north and south, I can count three spray planes circling over the corn like buzzards. They are so far away I cannot hear them.

Closer, I can see circle sprinkler lines leapfrogging over the tops of corn rows taller than a pickup and thick as pile carpeting. The stalks stand straight and tasseled. They remind me of a crowd waiting to hear the Pope. An orderly group. Corn is seldom unruly.

The fields of sunflowers are less organized. They are Woodstockers, jostling and stretching to get a glimpse of the morning's performer.

Suddenly I pass a farmstead. Acres of lawn with a butch haircut from the side of the road to the first row of corn. "Who mows all this?" I ask. A windbreak. Deep green, paint-by-number rows of pine trees and juniper. Beautiful, yet somehow out of place.

A fresh-tilled field pushes within a few feet of the road. It smells strong, heavy on my lungs. On this humid morning, it reminds me of chocolate cake.

I drop into a creek bottom. Cows of all colors lay like mixed nuts spilled on a green carpet. Bleached round bales hunker along the fence row like melting clumps of sticky candy. I follow the pretty three-line power poles festooned with mushroom-like insulators. Proud they are in their orderliness, functional yet outdated. The DC-3's of corn country leading me back up.

Two giant eight-wheel jointed tractors sit visiting with each other in a quarter section field laying fallow. Resting? I don't know, maybe just waiting.

More cornfield city blocks. Each row seems to have its seed company sign out front like a mailbox: Mr. Pioneer, Mr. Producers, Mr. Bayer, Mr. Corn States.

The next town comes into view. A water tower and grain elevator.

The implement dealer has his monsters on display along Main Street. Like elephants in the circus standing side-by-side, one foot on the stool, one in the air, trunk raised. Lesser implements parked beyond like resting butterflies, wings folded.

I turn left at the one stoplight. Coffee time.

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Tiffany Nettleton Tuttle

County government
New eyes on issues
can bring improvement



by Tiffany Nettleton Tuttle

I'm writing to address the opinion piece in last week's edition of The Owyhee Avalanche written by Toni Gruenwald, the Owyhee County Assessor ("Monahan is right pick — now and at election time"). Assessor Gruenwald is vacating her office mid-term and as part of the process to fill her position, myself and one of her employees, whom she's supporting, submitted our names to the precinct committee for consideration. The deadline that she said I missed was not an official deadline because the committee's bylaws require nominations be presented during the meeting, and nominations were given for both of us. Our names were then submitted to the county commissioners to make the final decision.

In the commissioners' Monday meeting on July 26 where they were to make the decision, I gave a speech telling the commissioners some areas that I believe could use improvement in the assessor's office and why I thought I was the better choice for that position. It was in that speech that she claims I made inaccurate statements about her office. She is clearly unhappy about it, but I stand behind what I said.

In the time that I have worked for the county, I've witnessed many areas that could be improved. One is the use of county resources for personal business as Assessor Gruenwald did when she sent her opinion piece to the Avalanche. Idaho Code states that it is

"against the public policy of the state of Idaho for public funds, resources or property to be used to advocate for or against a candidate or ballot measure."

Assessor Gruenwald is retiring from her elected office mid-term rather than fulfilling her commitment to the citizens. Unfortunately leaving mid-term has become a common way for county elected officials to attempt to hand over their position to the person they choose rather than letting the citizens decide at election time.

I believe we are all entitled to our opinions, and we do not have to agree with one another. However, we can still show respect and kindness. I certainly did not mean to hurt or insult anyone. I'd like to see Owyhee County continually improve. Sometimes a fresh perspective is the best way to identify areas for improvement and to make changes.

Having been raised in Owyhee County and lived here most of my life, I genuinely love this county and I care about our future. That is the reason I put my name in for the position. Thank you for your time. I hope the citizens of our county stay involved and keep government accountable.

— Tiffany Nettleton Tuttle is an Owyhee County native who is employed in the Owyhee County Community Development Office. She was one of two candidates to apply to succeed Assessor Toni Gruenwald.

From Washington
Bipartisan infrastructure bill is the
right way to move country forward

The U.S. Senate passed the \$1.2 trillion legislation by a 69-30 vote on Aug. 10, sending it to the U.S. House of Representatives for consideration. Both Idaho Sens. Mike Crapo and Jim Risch voted in favor of the bill.

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Senators on both sides of the aisle have long agreed on the need to modernize and expand hard infrastructure, and infrastructure investments have traditionally been accomplished through bipartisanism and regular order. Traditional, hard infrastructure investments include funding of roads and bridges, transit, rail, airports, drinking water and wastewater infrastructure, ports and inland waterways, water storage and broadband infrastructure. The bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act focuses on those core elements.

We have to keep pace with Idaho's rapid growth. Estimates indicate Idaho has more than 1,000 miles of highway in poor condition, and commute times have grown more than 11 percent over the past 10 years. According to the American Society of Civil Engineer's Infrastructure Report Card, Idaho currently has 286 bridges considered to be "structurally deficient." Projections also indicate bad roads cost Idaho drivers an average of \$394 per year in repair costs. Further, the severity of wildfires makes clear we cannot let up in working to ensure firefighters and land management agencies have the resources

necessary to prepare for wildfire response and reduce the threat of wildfires.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act includes a number of priorities to help ease these and other challenges in Idaho:

- **Roads and highways** — Authorizes \$1.9 billion for Idaho to construct, rebuild and maintain its roads and highways.
- **Water projects** — Authorizes \$213 million for drinking water and wastewater infrastructure in Idaho,

— See *Infrastructure*, Page 15A

Commentary

Financial management

Pause debt snowball until mom, baby are home and healthy

Dear Dave,

My wife and I are expecting our first child in a couple of weeks. I bring home \$35,000 a year teaching at a local high school, and she just completed her master's degree in speech therapy. She has a job waiting for her after the baby is born, and they are being very flexible about when she starts. I have heard you tell some people to leave just \$1,000 in savings for Baby Step 1, and use any other saved cash to pay off debt. But I am concerned about the new expenses we will have once the baby is home. Should we hang on to our savings, so we have extra cushion for those costs or if something unexpected

happens?

— David

Dear David,

Congratulations! I know you two are excited to welcome a little one into the world.

In your situation, I'd advise pushing the pause button on the Baby Steps for now. Forget about paying down debt, until mom and the baby come home, and you're sure everyone's healthy and safe. You could even hang on to it all until she decides to start work. But the bottom line is if everybody's OK, the baby and all those connected expenses — like formula, diapers, and daycare — just become part of a regular



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monthly budget.

Your wife is going to be making pretty good money once she starts her job. And the truth is babies are not all

that expensive. There *are* costs involved in having kids, but it's not like we're talking thousands of dollars a month out of your budget just because you had a baby. *Can* you buy lots and lots of things for a baby? *Can* those things cost a ridiculous amount of money? Of course! The list of things you *could* buy goes on and on. But a healthy, new baby doesn't need much, and having one at home isn't going to break the bank.

I think any financial fear or uncertainty you may be experiencing right now will disappear once you've got a couple months of adjusting your budget and getting used to the new normal under your

belt. Then, when you and your wife decide it's time to start her career, you can begin paying off debt in a really big way!

— 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.

Letter to the editor

Air Force flight plan raises questions about ranchers, land use

So, what are everyone's thoughts on what Mountain Home Air Force Base wants to do? We are left wondering if the broken bones from people being bucked off, broken bones from cattle trampling you, perhaps all the windows broken out of our houses are going to be insured by the MHAFB.

Also what happens to the private land in these areas? Is it going to be a takings when it is no longer available? When the AUMs that people own are taken away, is that also a takings? How about our water rights? The value of our ranch will be zero, nothing. It has been here since 1894 and is recognized by the Idaho Historical Society as a Century Ranch. Not just for the private ground, but also for the range in which we run.

We were told that there would "possibly" be no

more land grab in this county with the wilderness. This seems to be a land grab at a different level.

We are not sure what they really want. But to fly 100 feet off ground level is not acceptable, and certainly no access to the public is not acceptable if that is what they are asking for. If they are seeking something else, would they be so inclined to share?

Looking at the map, it seems all of our range would be at the 100-foot fly zone, all of it. Therefore, we will have to oppose and object to this. We would like to support them, but not at the cost of this and possibly the land being somehow off limits.

Brian and Chris Collett
Collett Ranch (Est. 1894)
Oreana

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:

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

✓ Infrastructure: Bill funds wildfire risk, counties, roads and bridges

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and includes funding for Bureau of Reclamation water storage, groundwater and conveyance projects in Idaho that include water storage for the Boise River Project.

• **Airports** — \$25 billion nationwide for additional airport improvement projects, such as assistance with expansions, planning, runway rebuilding and improvements, lighting and air navigation facilities. This is in addition to \$13 million in federal Airport Improvement Program grants the Federal Aviation Administration announced for Idaho's airports earlier this year.

• **Bridges** — \$225 million for bridge construction, maintenance and repair in Idaho.

• **Wildfire risk reduction** — More than \$3.3 billion available for Idaho and other states for wildland firefighting efforts and an additional \$5.75 billion nationwide for natural resources infrastructure, including fire management and reduction.

• **Counties support** — The measure includes a three-year reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) program, through Fiscal Year 2023. SRS payments are critical to maintain education programs for many rural counties that contain federal lands exempt from property taxes. Idaho counties are

receiving \$19.2 million in SRS payments this year.

• **Nuclear leadership** — Infrastructure planning for small modular reactors and micro reactors is included. The bill also includes a civil nuclear grant program based on legislation I am working to advance this Congress to provide a comprehensive approach to help empower the long-term viability of our nation's diverse energy portfolio and further facilitate our nuclear competitiveness through greater collaboration with our allies, workforce development and deployment of advanced nuclear energy technologies.

• **Connectivity** — \$100 million for broadband expansion in Idaho, with extra funding based on maps created by legislation I helped enact, which show where additional broadband is most needed. As more Americans have worked from home and homeschooled students during the pandemic, the importance of expansive and reliable broadband technology has been accentuated.

• **Reduces federal over-regulation** — Reforms the permitting process to speed construction projects.

These are just some of the many provisions Idaho would benefit from in this legislation.

It does not raise taxes. It reprioritizes the use of certain unused COVID relief funds away from bailouts and idle funds, shifting them toward supply-side

investments that will provide benefits to Idahoans for many years. Because this infrastructure spending focuses on long-term productivity rather than near-term demand, it will not be inflationary. In fact, it will counteract the inflationary pressures we are seeing as a result of excessive spending. This is especially critical right now, as rising prices impact families and small businesses across America. We were successful in keeping out of this bill changes to states' Right-to-Work status and increased funding for the Internal Revenue Service.

This bipartisan investment in our nation's essential infrastructure needs is far different from my Democratic colleagues' partisan \$3.5 trillion uncontrolled tax-and-spend proposals. I will continue to fight against this kind of partisan, irresponsible spending. We should instead be building on time-proven, pro-growth policies, such as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, not reversing them to fund a reckless spending spree.

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

WEED WATCH



Photos by Clint Shock

From Jordan Valley CWMA

Name: Rush Skeletonweed (*Chondrilla ujncea*)
Description: An herbaceous perennial ranging from 1 to 4 feet tall, with a deep taproot. Rosettes are very similar in appearance to dandelion. The mature plants are dark green, with many sparsely leaved aerial branches, giving it a skeleton-like appearance.
A distinguishing characteristic is the presence of coarse, downward-pointing brown hairs near the stem base. All parts of Rush skeletonweed contain white latex. Yellow flowers are found individually or in clusters of two to five.

Mature, vigorous plants can produce 1,500 flower heads, with the capability of producing 20,000 seeds. Each seed has a papus, again similar to dandelion, capable of carrying seeds on wind currents many miles. Rush skeletonweed also spreads by root shoots, making cultivation a major source of spread once it is established.

Very aggressive invader in rangeland and extremely damaging to production agriculture. Losses of native plant habitat and their associated wildlife are well-documented in the U.S.

Rush skeletonweed is very expensive to control; this weed can quickly make management costs unbearable.

Habitat: Mostly confined to the dry rangeland of Eastern Oregon and Western Idaho. Tends to prefer gravelly or sandy soils, but can be found nearly anywhere, most recently agricultural fields.

Origins: Rarely found in its native habitat, except where overgrazing is common. Scattered across a wide swath from Western Russia east to the Mediterranean, Africa and Europe.

Control: Huge volume of seed production and high percentage of viable seed plus its ability to reproduce from root shoots gives this weed a huge advantage. The only effective method of control has been from the use of residual herbicides over multiple years, specifically Picloram (Tordon22K). Best results have been achieved by applications in late fall before the ground freezes for the winter, then into the following early spring. Aminopyralid (Milestone) has been used at bud stage with control similar to Tordon. There are several biological controls in use, and they are widely distributed; however, their effectiveness is not satisfactory.

(Modified from *Selected Noxious Weeds of Eastern Oregon*, Gary Page).

For more information on noxious weeds, contact your local cooperative weed management area (CWMA) or county weed department:

- Jordan Valley** — Eric Morrison, (541) 586-3000
- Northwest Owyhee and Eastern Owyhee** — Julie Perkins, (208) 519-1533 or julieperk01@gmail.com
- Owyhee weed supervisor** — Kelly Aberasturi, (208) 249-4405



Homedale woman scores bedspread in raffle

Homedale resident Christa Williams was the lucky winner in the Homedale Senior Center quilt raffle drawing on Aug. 5. Shirley Stills of Ontario, Ore., created the quilt, and raffle ticket sales raised \$830 for the center. **From left:** Senior center coordinator Sandra Ledford, Christa’s granddaughter Janie Williams, and Christa.

Next Jordan Valley CWMA meeting set

Treating Rush Skeletonweed on Mahogany Mountain is one of the discussion topics at the next Jordan Valley Cooperative Weed Management Area meeting.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m., on Monday inside the Jordan Valley CWMA office, 508 Swisher Ave., in Jordan Valley.

Also up for discussion:

- The Oregon grant
- Fall weed treatments
- The operating plan for 2022
- Compiling topics for the winter weed seminar

For more information, contact the CWMA office at (541) 586-3000 or jvcwma@qwestoffice.net.

Mining firm eyes fun, annual DeLamar Day event in Jordan

Dozens of people gathered for DeLamar Day in Jordan Valley on Friday to celebrate the people living in the area and the future of the Integra DeLamar Project.

Throughout the afternoon, families enjoyed food, drinks, a bounce house, face-painting and more in the space located behind Big Loop Pizza and Subs.

Kelli Riley traveled more than 50 miles so her family could attend the event.

“I live in Homedale and

made the trip to Jordan Valley because community celebrations like this are so fun. Plus, we love the DeLamar Project and what Integra does for our communities,” she said.

“The trip was absolutely worth it. My kids had a blast.”

Former Idaho Gov. C. L. “Butch” Otter dropped by for lunch, and recent retirees from DeLamar project received reclamation photos signed by their co-workers.

The people of Integra DeLa-

mar hope to establish DeLamar Day as an annual event to show appreciation for the community in which the company operates.

“The people living in this area have really welcomed us in with open arms.” Integra DeLamar community affairs manager Emily Hendrickson said.

“DeLamar Day is a way of showing our appreciation for these communities and demonstrating our continued transparency throughout the project.”

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Owyhee County 4-H Horse Show

Showmanship Overall

Grand champion — Jessica Hipwell, Owyhee Outlaws

Reserve grand champion — Karlee Leffler, Owyhee Silver Spurs

Senior

Champion — Allison Hubler, Pony Express

Reserve champion — Annie Miller, Pony Express

Intermediate

Champion — Karlee Leffler, Owyhee Silver Spurs

Reserve champion — Jessica Hipwell, Owyhee Outlaws

Junior

Champion — Garrett Hubler, Pony Express

Reserve champion — Kinley Shanley, Owyhee Silver Spurs

Green Horse

Champion — Gene Showalter, Owyhee Silver Spurs

Reserve champion — Josie Showalter, Owyhee Silver Spurs

Ranch Horse

Level 3

Champion — Fallon Wasson, Owyhee Sage Riders

Reserve champion — Annie Miller, Pony Express

Level 2

Champion — Trinity Neeser, Homedale FFA

Reserve champion — Kate Hipwell, Owyhee Outlaws

Level 1

Champion — Brylee Folkman, Snake River Livestock

Reserve champion — Emeline Hipwell, Owyhee Outlaws

Ranch Riding

Champion — Fallon Wasson, Owyhee Sage Riders

Reserve champion — Karlee Leffler, Owyhee Silver Spurs

Reining Senior

Champion — Fallon Wasson, Owyhee Sage Riders

Reserve champion — Allison Hubler, Pony Express

Intermediate

Champion — Jessica Hipwell, Owyhee Outlaws

Reserve champion — Josie Showalter, Owyhee Silver Spurs

Western Equitation

Senior

Champion — Trey Lan Fisher, Keepin' It Country

Reserve champion — Fallon Wasson, Owyhee Sage Riders

Intermediate

Champion — Jessica Hipwell, Owyhee Outlaws

Reserve champion — Karlee Leffler, Owyhee Silver Spurs

Junior

Champion — Baylee Harris, Owyhee Silver Spurs

Reserve champion — Carson Montenegro, Owyhee Sage Riders

English Equitation

Champion — Annie Miller, Pony Express

Reserve champion — Grace Clay, Owyhee Ruff Riders

Pleasure

Champion — Annie Miller, Pony Express

Reserve champion — Kambrie McCoshum, Owyhee Sage Riders

Hunter/Hack

Champion — Trinity Nesser, Homedale FFA

Reserve champion — Alicia Worley, Reynolds Creek



2021 all-around champions

From left: Fallon Wasson, the Senior Division all-around champion who also won the most inspirational senior buckle; Jessica Hipwell, Intermediate Division all-around champion; and Kinley Shanley, Junior Division all-around champion. Photo submitted by Mil Shanley

Junior

Champion — Alicia Worley, Reynolds Creek

Reserve champion — Baylee Harris, Owyhee Silver Spurs

Trail Senior

Champion — Allison Hubler, Pony Express

Reserve champion — Fallon Wasson, Owyhee Sage Riders

Intermediate

Champion — Grace Clay, Owyhee Ruff Riders

Reserve champion — Josie Showalter, Owyhee Silver Spurs

Junior

Champion — Alicia Worley, Reynolds Creek

Reserve champion — Mariana Gaspar, Owyhee Sage Riders

Bareback Equitation Senior

Champion — Carter Clay, Owyhee Ruff Riders

Reserve champion — Allison Hubler, Pony Express

Intermediate

Champion — Karlee Leffler, Owyhee Silver Spurs

Reserve champion — Kambrie McCoshum, Owyhee Sage Riders

Junior

Champion — Baylee Harris, Owyhee Silver Spurs

Reserve champion — Kinley Shanley, Owyhee Silver Spurs



Jessica Hipwell, aboard Cotton, competes in the ranch calf roping Level 2 competition on Aug. 3 inside the Owyhee County Fairgrounds rodeo arena. Hipwell racked up several category wins en route to all-around champion in the Intermediate Division.

— Ed.

Owyhee County Fair

Livestock awards

Showmanship
Large animal round robin
Grand champion — Logan Field, Rimrock FFA
Reserve grand champion — Brielle Ewing, Keepin’ It Country
— *The reserve grand champion was misidentified in the Aug. 11 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche.* — Ed.

Breeding/Quality
Large animal
Beef
Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association junior yearling — Brogan Gebauer, Owyhee Silver Spurs
Commercial heifer — Cassity Gluch, Jordan Valley FFA
Breeding heifer — Hadlee Brown, Country Kids
Self-sponsored registered/purebred heifer — Brown
OCA cow/calf pair — Tyler Thompson, Owyhee Silver Spurs

Sheep
Grand champion — Josune Jaca, Melba FFA
Reserve grand champion — Maialen Jaca, Melba FFA
Swine
Grand champion — Wyatt Morris, Owyhee Outlaws
Dairy



Homedale girl raises champion hog again

Hadlee Brown of Homedale (third from left) raised the overall reserve grand champion market hog at the Owyhee County Fair for the second year in a row. A member of Country Kids 4-H club, Hadlee also won the junior showman reserve championship. **From left:** Dad Nathan, sister Hudsyn, Hadlee, Oft Angus Ranch owner Terry Oft, who purchased the hog, and mom Kristi Brown. Submitted photo

Grand champion — Llee Kids
Loucks, Marsing FFA
Reserve grand champion — Tys Dewinkle, Owyhee Outlaws
Meat goat
Grand champion — Willy Haun, Homedale FFA
Reserve grand champion — Cooper Rheuby, Country

Dairy goat
Grand champion — Mitchell Erwin, Rimrock FFA
Reserve grand champion — Logan Field, Rimrock FFA
Pygmy goat
Grand champion — Paisley

Starbuck, South Mountain Livestock
— *Some results were incorrect in the Aug. 11 edition.* — Ed.
Market
Large animal
Beef
Overall steer — Grand

champion: Emma Eldridge, Bruneau Canyon. Reserve champion: Wyatt Wetzel, Homedale FFA
OCA sponsored steer — Piper Colyer, Bruneau Canyon
Self-sponsored steer — Champion: Emma Eldridge, Bruneau Canyon. Reserve champion: Wyatt Wetzel, Homedale FFA
Pen of three steers — Bruneau Canyon
Sheep
Grand champion — Joshua Brown, Homedale FFA
Reserve grand champion — Josune Jaca, Melba FFA
Pen of three — Melba FFA
Swine
Grand champion — Cruz Colyer, Bruneau Canyon
Reserve grand champion — Hadlee Brown, Country Kids
Meat goat
Grand champion — Garrett Allen, Country Kids
Reserve grand champion — Logan Field, Rimrock FFA
— *Incorrect information in the Aug. 11 edition misidentified some of the large animal grand champions and omitted some special award winners.* — Ed.



Top: Grand champion market steer winner Emma Eldridge (left) and reserve grand champion Wyatt Wetzel (right) flank judge Cameron Anderson. Submitted photo. **Bottom:** Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association immediate past president Scott Bunderson presented Brogan Gebauer with the grand champion junior yearling heifer award. **Right:** Cruz Colyer was named grand champion in swine showmanship.



Public notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - OWYHEE COUNTY

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO WILL MEET ON AUGUST 23, 2021 AT THE HOUR OF 10:00AM AT OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COURTROOM 2, 20381 STATE HWY 78, MURPHY IDAHO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING AND FIXING A FINAL BUDGET AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO EACH OFFICE, DEPARTMENT, SERVICE AGENCY OR INSTITUTION AND FUND FOR THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR AT WHICH TIME ANY TAXPAYER MAY APPEAR AND BE HEARD UPON ANY PART OR PARTS OF SAID BUDGET; AND THAT THE FOLLOWING TABLE SETS FORTH THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED TO EACH DEPARTMENT FOR THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR, THE CURRENT YEAR, TOGETHER WITH THE AMOUNTS EXPENDED FOR "SALARIES", "BENEFITS", AND "OTHER EXPENSES" DURING THE TWO PREVIOUS YEARS BY THE SAID DEPARTMENTS, TO WIT:

	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES				BUDGETED EXPENDITURES											
	FISCAL YEAR ENDING 9/30/2019				FISCAL YEAR ENDING 9/30/2020				CURRENT BUDGET FY ENDING 9/30/2021				TENTATIVE BUDGET FY ENDING 9/30/2022			
	SALARIES	BENEFITS	OTHER	TOTAL	SALARIES	BENEFITS	OTHER	TOTAL	SALARIES	BENEFITS	OTHER	TOTAL	SALARIES	BENEFITS	OTHER	TOTAL
CURRENT EXPENSE																
CLERK / AUDITOR	329,397.48	144,577.81	17,415.86	491,391.15	346,747.73	154,628.27	5,401.23	506,777.23	324,977.00	144,206.00	12,380.00	481,563.00	329,223.00	145,182.00	12,380.00	486,785.00
ASSESSOR	212,259.42	87,572.12	8,764.71	308,596.25	218,724.86	94,720.95	7,159.20	320,605.01	200,261.00	85,284.00	9,400.00	294,945.00	221,327.00	89,639.00	9,500.00	320,466.00
TREASURER/TAXCOLLECTOR	116,330.59	45,801.25	9,425.28	171,557.12	124,247.71	44,396.60	12,580.92	181,225.23	124,747.24	52,230.00	14,250.00	191,227.24	130,887.00	53,500.00	15,450.00	199,837.00
SHERIFF	749,390.96	275,179.45	353,022.36	1,377,592.77	777,735.37	299,801.84	323,045.23	1,400,582.44	814,701.53	325,277.00	387,168.00	1,527,146.53	931,108.00	362,764.00	388,168.00	1,682,040.00
COMMISSIONERS	85,065.24	40,339.80	60,788.73	186,193.77	89,319.36	42,868.29	59,998.41	192,186.06	89,319.00	44,744.00	94,600.00	228,663.00	129,609.00	61,821.00	105,000.00	296,430.00
CORONER	23,996.96	12,220.27	50,496.94	86,714.17	28,793.96	13,527.47	38,211.30	80,532.73	28,794.00	14,744.00	63,550.00	107,088.00	31,454.00	15,300.00	71,550.00	118,304.00
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY	233,540.35	64,263.26	24,175.93	321,979.54	197,973.91	58,745.11	14,480.42	271,199.44	208,242.00	66,730.00	18,200.00	293,172.00	232,464.00	71,043.00	17,750.00	321,257.00
BUILDING AND GROUNDS	27,859.54	14,703.37	110,812.19	153,175.10	29,274.47	16,080.43	179,312.97	224,667.87	33,770.00	15,656.30	229,900.00	279,326.30	47,376.00	18,176.00	288,400.00	353,952.00
CIVIL DEFENSE	0.00	0.00	7,695.57	7,695.57	0.00	0.00	3,099.17	3,099.17	0.00	0.00	46,000.00	46,000.00	0.00	0.00	81,000.00	81,000.00
COUNTY AGENT	78,696.68	29,857.31	31,237.11	139,791.10	67,111.44	29,166.93	30,549.49	126,827.86	78,252.00	31,924.00	33,400.00	143,576.00	81,285.00	32,148.00	35,300.00	148,733.00
ELECTIONS	13,644.00	0.00	5,368.79	19,012.79	12,932.25	0.00	21,920.24	34,852.49	17,375.00	0.00	22,650.00	40,025.00	15,375.00	0.00	22,650.00	38,025.00
BUILDING DEPARTMENT	37,596.00	15,744.14	4,495.15	57,835.29	38,727.01	16,788.64	35,692.74	91,208.39	44,227.00	17,818.00	13,830.00	75,875.00	51,523.00	20,009.00	14,580.00	86,112.00
PLANNING AND ZONING	76,616.49	31,129.14	11,058.57	118,804.20	82,797.08	33,591.02	9,085.16	125,473.26	83,547.00	34,867.00	14,350.00	132,764.00	92,088.00	36,639.00	14,350.00	143,077.00
GENERAL	0.00	0.00	175,525.26	175,525.26	0.00	0.00	160,311.29	160,311.29	0.00	0.00	245,950.00	245,950.00	0.00	0.00	415,800.00	415,800.00
TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT	0.00	0.00	210,022.72	210,022.72	0.00	0.00	134,447.88	134,447.88	0.00	0.00	227,000.00	227,000.00	0.00	0.00	255,000.00	255,000.00
JAIL	662,294.92	245,916.50	239,129.58	1,147,341.00	721,260.01	268,856.25	198,586.93	1,188,703.19	449,419.68	189,574.00	232,500.00	871,493.68	490,742.00	191,222.00	248,700.00	930,664.00
DISPATCH CENTER	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	73,244.00	344,465.20	295,613.00	0.00	75,338.00	370,951.00
CURRENT EXPENSE	2,646,488.63	1,007,304.42	1,319,434.75	4,973,227.80	2,735,645.16	1,073,171.80	1,233,882.58	5,042,699.54	2,768,853.65	1,023,054.30	1,738,372.00	5,530,279.95	3,080,074.00	1,097,443.00	2,070,916.00	6,248,433.00
ROAD AND BRIDGE	334,383.79	141,898.49	1,309,105.98	1,785,388.26	365,621.32	158,907.74	1,885,208.44	2,409,737.50	406,675.00	180,761.00	1,741,500.00	2,328,936.00	439,728.00	190,358.00	2,338,019.00	2,968,105.00
AIRPORT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
DISTRICT COURT	0.00	0.00	66,641.75	66,641.75	0.00	0.00	70,307.72	70,307.72	0.00	0.00	185,650.00	185,650.00	0.00	0.00	198,850.00	198,850.00
FAIR, COUNTY	17,653.65	0.00	32,568.17	50,221.82	25,367.90	0.00	35,384.46	60,752.36	28,000.00	0.00	35,979.00	63,979.00	46,539.00	0.00	42,748.00	89,287.00
FAIR, GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS	0.00	0.00	95,720.88	95,720.88	0.00	0.00	96,502.04	96,502.04	0.00	0.00	114,500.00	114,500.00	0.00	0.00	114,500.00	114,500.00
PROBATION	96,493.42	41,695.78	28,601.71	166,790.91	74,127.14	33,912.39	21,118.96	129,158.49	89,004.00	37,036.00	32,390.00	158,430.00	97,389.00	38,993.00	28,150.00	164,532.00
HEALTH DISTRICT	0.00	0.00	55,921.00	55,921.00	0.00	0.00	55,244.04	55,244.04	0.00	0.00	59,087.00	59,087.00	0.00	0.00	77,058.00	77,058.00
HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM	33,517.75	13,116.75	20,476.97	67,111.47	33,897.25	15,402.64	22,893.07	72,192.96	35,638.00	16,195.00	20,300.00	72,133.00	42,070.00	17,318.00	25,950.00	85,338.00
INDIGENT AND CHARITY	39,916.84	15,950.00	844,735.02	900,601.86	41,496.00	16,970.08	476,798.67	535,264.75	42,496.00	17,563.00	749,800.00	809,859.00	46,765.00	18,482.00	745,300.00	810,547.00
JUNIOR COLLEGE TUITION	0.00	0.00	23,350.00	23,350.00	0.00	0.00	19,300.00	19,300.00	0.00	0.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	0.00	0.00	60,000.00	60,000.00
PEST	0.00	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
REVALUATION	129,808.43	51,074.19	17,473.52	198,156.14	143,840.43	58,241.37	15,665.75	217,747.55	165,261.00	78,930.00	33,600.00	277,791.00	176,677.00	81,559.00	49,550.00	307,786.00
SOLID WASTE	40,932.01	8,834.49	215,157.94	264,924.44	42,062.51	6,113.73	237,978.12	286,154.36	49,500.00	11,743.00	285,500.00	346,743.00	51,808.00	12,235.00	321,500.00	385,543.00
TORT	200.00	0.00	130,965.52	131,165.52	0.00	0.00	132,009.00	132,009.00	0.00	0.00	191,749.00	191,749.00	0.00	0.00	197,387.00	197,387.00
VETERANS MEMORIAL	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
WEEDS	0.00	0.00	28,019.91	28,019.91	0.00	0.00	31,435.75	31,435.75	0.00	0.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	0.00	0.00	95,000.00	95,000.00
911	0.00	0.00	110,323.78	110,323.78	0.00	0.00	280,018.96	280,018.96	0.00	0.00	411,171.00	411,171.00	0.00	0.00	590,000.00	590,000.00
COUNTY VESSEL FUND	0.00	0.00	17,066.61	17,066.61	0.00	0.00	16,996.36	16,996.36	0.00	0.00	15,500.00	15,500.00	0.00	0.00	17,000.00	17,000.00
WATERWAYS FUND	20,432.95	2,283.57	923.83	23,640.35	32,418.72	3,646.23	2,064.36	38,129.31	25,500.00	3,160.00	4,750.00	33,410.00	25,500.00	3,161.00	4,750.00	33,411.00
OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLES	2,249.60	1,074.37	4,527.99	7,851.96	17,734.58	2,446.01	7,329.76	27,510.35	20,000.00	1,736.00	6,500.00	28,236.00	20,000.00	2,478.00	6,500.00	28,978.00
TAXING DISTRICT ELECTION FUND	2,131.50	0.00	60,356.98	62,488.48	7,023.00	0.00	59,401.97	66,424.97	15,000.00	0.00	125,950.00	140,950.00	15,000.00	0.00	125,950.00	140,950.00
CAPITAL PROJECT FUND/ARPA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,540,000.00	1,540,000.00
Grand Totals:	3,364,008.57	1,283,232.06	4,386,072.31	9,033,312.94	3,519,234.01	1,368,811.99	4,720,740.01	9,608,786.01	3,645,927.65	1,370,178.30	5,883,998.00	10,900,103.95	4,041,550.00	1,462,027.00	8,660,828.00	14,164,405.00

ESTIMATED REVENUE

THE ESTIMATED REVENUE FOR 10/01/2021 TO 09/30/2022 IS AS FOLLOWS:

FUND	BUDGETED EXPENSES	CASH CARRYOVER	OTHER REVENUE	PROPOSED TAXES	TOTAL REVENUE
0001 CURRENT EXPENSE	6,248,433.00	117,406.00	4,512,319.00	1,618,708.00	6,248,433.00
0002 ROAD AND BRIDGE	2,968,105.00	971,267.00	1,512,086.00	484,752.00	2,968,105.00
0003 AIRPORT	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00	0.00	7,000.00
0006 DISTRICT COURT	198,850.00	102,020.00	96,830.00	0.00	198,850.00
0007 FAIR, COUNTY	89,287.00	(1,156.00)	10,525.00	79,918.00	89,287.00
0009 FAIR, GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS	114,500.00	44,021.00	12,462.00	58,017.00	114,500.00
0010 PROBATION	164,532.00	31,298.46	96,350.00	36,883.54	164,532.00
0011 HEALTH DISTRICT	77,058.00	17,691.00	10,734.00	48,633.00	77,058.00
0012 HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM	85,338.00	16,546.00	11,812.00	56,980.00	85,338.00
0016 INDIGENT AND CHARITY	810,547.00	104,065.00	169,900.00	536,582.00	810,547.00
0017 JUNIOR COLLEGE TUITION	60,000.00	45,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	60,000.00
0019 PEST	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00	0.00	3,500.00
0020 REVALUATION	307,786.00	82,042.00	41,120.00	184,624.00	307,786.00
0023 SOLID WASTE	385,543.00	71,915.00	313,628.00	0.00	385,543.00
0024 TORT	197,387.00	60,413.00	20,444.00	116,530.00	197,387.00
0025 VETERANS MEMORIAL	1,200.00	(26.00)	0.00	1,226.00	1,200.00
0027 WEEDS	95,000.00	17,392.00	1,000.00	76,608.00	95,000.00
0028 911	590,000.00	121,000.00	469,000.00	0.00	590,000.00
0030 COUNTY VESSEL FUND	17,000.00	7,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	17,000.00
0031 WATERWAYS FUND	33,411.00	7,852.00	25,559.00	0.00	33,411.00
0032 OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLES	28,978.00	8,735.00	20,243.00	0.00	28,978.00
0033 TAXING DISTRICT ELECTION FUND	140,950.00	75,950.00	65,000.00	0.00	

ELECTION CALENDAR 2021
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the following elections will be held in Owyhee County during the 2021 General Election:

Election Name	Election Date	Declaration of Candidacy Filing Deadline
CEMETERY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER ELECTIONS		
Bruneau Cemetery District 30073 Hot Springs Rd. – Bruneau, Idaho Commissioner Districtwide (2 position) – 4 year term		
Marsing-Homedale Cemetery District 4410 Cemetery Rd. – Marsing, Idaho Commissioner Sub-District #1 – 4 year term Commissioner Sub-District #2 – 4 year term	November 2, 2021	September 3, 2021
Owyhee Pioneer Cemetery District 239 Morning Sun Drive – Nampa, ID Commissioner District #1 – 4 year term Commissioner District #2 – 4 year term		
Riverside Cemetery District 645 Idaho St. – Grand View, Idaho Commissioner Districtwide (1 position) – 4 year terms		
CITY POSITION ELECTIONS		
City of Grand View 425 Boise Ave. – Grand View, Idaho Councilman (2 positions) – 4 year terms		
City of Homedale 37 W Wyoming Ave. – Homedale, Idaho Mayor – 4 year term Councilman (2 positions) – 4 year terms	November 2, 2021	September 3, 2021
City of Marsing 425 Main St. – Marsing, Idaho Councilman (2 positions) – 4 year terms		
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT COMMISSIONER ELECTIONS		
Bruneau Fire Protection District 31286 Highway 51 – Bruneau, Idaho Commissioner Zone #1 – 4 year term		
Grand View Rural Fire Protection District 720 Roosevelt Ave. – Grand View, Idaho Commissioner Districtwide (1 position) – 2 year term		
Homedale Rural Fire Protection District 19 East Wyoming Ave. – Homedale, Idaho Commissioner Sub-District #2 – 4 year term	November 2, 2021	September 3, 2021
Marsing Rural Fire Protection District 303 Main Street – Marsing, Idaho Commissioner Owyhee Co. Zone – 4 year term Commissioner Floater Zone – 4 year term		
Murphy Reynolds Wilson Fire District 17104 Tumbleweed Ln. – Murphy, Idaho Commissioner Districtwide (2 position) – 4 year terms		
Election Name	Election Date	Declaration of Candidacy Filing Deadline
SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUSTEE ELECTIONS		
Bruneau Grand View Joint School District #365 39678 State Hwy. 78 – Bruneau, Idaho Trustee Zone #1 – 4 year term Trustee Zone #3 – 4 year term Trustee Zone #5 – 4 year term		
Homedale Joint School District #370 116 East Owyhee Ave. – Homedale, Idaho Trustee Zone #2 – 4 year term Trustee Zone #3 – 4 year term Trustee Zone #4 – 4 year term		
Marsing Joint School District #363 209 8th Ave. West – Marsing, Idaho Trustee Zone #1 – 4 year term Trustee Zone #3 – 4 year term Trustee Zone #5 – 4 year term	November 2, 2021	September 3, 2021
Melba School District #136 520 Broadway Ave. – Melba, Idaho Trustee Zone #5 – 4 year term		
Pleasant Valley School District #364 28026 Juniper Mountain Road – Pleasant Valley, Idaho Trustee Districtwide (1) – 4 year term		
Three Creek Joint Elementary School District #416 864 Filer Ave. – Twin Falls, Idaho Trustee Districtwide (2) – 4 year terms		
Declaration of Candidacy forms for all County Offices are available at the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78 Murphy, Idaho or at www.owyheecounty.net under the ‘Elections’ link. All Political Subdivision forms are available at the addresses listed above.		
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**NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION
HOMEDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 370
OWYHEE AND CANYON COUNTIES, IDAHO**
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN according to law and requisite action by the Board of Trustees of Homedale School District No. 370 Owyhee and Canyon Counties, Idaho, that a bond election will be held on Tuesday, August 31, 2021, in the Homedale School District, Owyhee and Canyon Counties, State of Idaho, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of said District their vote at precinct polling sites open 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. for the following question: “Shall the Board of Trustees of Joint School District No. 370, Owyhee and Canyon Counties, State of Idaho (the “District”), be authorized to issue general obligation school bonds of said District in the principal amount of up to \$14,000,000 for the purpose of financing improvements to Homedale High School, including (i) additional classrooms, new restrooms and classroom renovations, (ii) renovation of the existing gym and construction of an auxiliary gym, (iii) equipment upgrades to heating, cooling and alarm systems, and (iv) lighting upgrade, running track replacement and other improvements to the athletic fields, together with all equipment and facilities necessary to operate such improvements, such bonds to become due in such installments as may be fixed by the Board, the final installment of such bonds to come due not later than fifteen (15) years from the date of issuance, all as provided in the Resolution adopted by the Board on June 14, 2021? The interest rate anticipated on the proposed bond issue is 1.60% per annum. The total amount estimated to be repaid over the life of the bonds, based on the anticipated interest rate, is \$12,037,000 consisting of \$14,000,000 in principal and \$1,841,000 of interest, totaling \$15,841,000, less \$3,804,000 in estimated bond levy equalization payments. The term of the bonds will not exceed fifteen (15) years from the date of issuance. The estimated average annual cost to the taxpayer on the proposed bond levy is a tax of \$212 per \$100,000 of taxable assessed value, per year, based on current conditions. As of August 31, 2021, the total existing bonded indebtedness of the District, including interest accrued, is \$0.00.” Said election will be conducted pursuant to *Title 34 Idaho Code*.

Owyhee County polling locations for the August 31, 2021 Homedale School District No. 370 Bond Election:

- Precinct 001 & 002 – North & South Homedale
a. Owyhee County Community Center
423 West Nevada Ave
Homedale, ID 83628
- Precincts 003 – North Marsing
a. Phipps-Watson American Legion Hall
126 Old Bruneau Highway
Marsing, ID 83639
- Precinct 013 – Absentee
a. Owyhee County Courthouse
20381 State Highway 78 / PO Box 128
Murphy, ID 83650

For Mail-In Absentee or In-Person Absentee Voting, contact the Owyhee County Clerk’s Office at 208-495-2421.
All Precincts are handicapped accessible and / or offer curb-side voting shall the voter need assistance.
8/18,25/2021

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Before the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners**
On September 7th 2021 beginning at 10:00 am, the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners will hold a public meeting in courtroom 2 of the Owyhee County Courthouse **located at 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho** on the following matter at the time listed below.

Beginning at 10:00 am, the Board will hold a public comment meeting on the final draft of the amended zoning map for the Eagle Cove and Indian Cove areas. The proposed map is the result of three previous public meetings, with revisions based on citizen input. This meeting is for unincorporated Owyhee County only and does not pertain to any land inside city limits.

Copies of proposed map is available for review in the Planning and Zoning office and can also be viewed at www.owyheecounty.net under the Community Planning tab. For additional information please call 208-495-2095 ext. 2.
08/18/2021

**NOTICE OF HEARING
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
IN RE: ZOHEY MARIE LYNNE THRASHER
CASE NO. CV 37-21-296**

A petition to change the name of ZOHEY MARIE LYNNE THRASHER, a minor, now residing in the city of Grand View, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Owyhee County, Idaho. The name will change to Zoey Carothers. The reason for the change in name is: She wishes to have the same name as her sister.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 11:30 o’clock a.m. on September 20, 2021 at the Owyhee County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

Date: August 10, 2021
s:/Lena Johnson, Deputy Clerk
Angela Barkell, Clerk of the District Court
08/18,25,09/1,8/2021

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**ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE
CITY OF MARSING
ORDINANCE A-221**

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021 APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$2,844,615.00 TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE CITY OF MARSING FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR, AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF A SUFFICIENT TAX UPON THE TAXABLE PROPERTY AND SPECIFYING THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSE FOR WHICH SAID APPROPRIATION IS MADE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARSING, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO.

SECTION 1: That the sum of **\$2,844,615.00** be, and the same is appropriated to defray the necessary expenses and liabilities of the City of Marsing, Owyhee County, State of Idaho for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021.

SECTION 2: The objects and purposes for which such appropriation is made, and the amount of each object and purpose is as follows:

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:

GENERAL FUNDS:

Administrative	\$ 639,532.00
Streets & Highways	\$ 274,374.00
Parks & Recreation	\$ 150,100.00
Planning & Zoning	\$ 135,600.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS:	\$ 1,199,606.00

SPECIAL FUNDS:

Water	\$ 752,490.00
Sewer	\$ 648,119.00
Irrigation	\$ 118,700.00
Sanitation	\$ 125,700.00

TOTAL SPECIAL FUNDS: \$ 1,645,009.00

TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES: \$ 2,844,615.00

SECTION 3: That a general tax levy on all taxable property within the City of Marsing be levied in an amount allowed by law for general purpose for said City, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021.

SECTION 4: All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force upon its passage, approval and publication in one issue of the Owyhee Avalanche, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Marsing, and official newspaper of said City.

PASSED UNDER SUSPENSION OF THE RULES, upon which a roll call vote was duly taken and duly enacted as an Ordinance of the City of Marsing, City Council held the 11th day of August, 2021.

/s/ Chad Sevy, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Jolyn E. Thompson, City Clerk-Treasurer

08/18/2021

**BRUNEAU FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022 BUDGET**

The public hearing for the proposed budget for the 2021\2022 fiscal year will be held on Tuesday, August 24th, at 7pm at the Bruneau QRU Building in Bruneau, ID. For any questions, contact (208) 590-4149.

Expenditures 2021/2022

Utilities	1,400
Training	1,500
Building/Property	1,200
Equipment/Maintenance	2,000
PPE	1,500
New Equipment	2,250
Maint/Consumables	2,000
Insurance	2,000
Administrative	2,800
QRU Rent	10,000
Miscellaneous	10,000
Total Expenditures	36,650

Receipts:

General Carry-over funds	8,248
Tax Levy	25,039
Sales Tax	3,003
Ag Replacement and Pers Prop	360
Total Revenue	36,650

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Homedale Highway District Board of Commissioners will meet August 25, at 7 p.m., at 102 East Colorado Avenue, Homedale, Idaho to consider and adopt a final budget for 2021– 2022 Fiscal Year. A Public Hearing will be held for the enactment, of said budget at that same time and place. The proposed budget is available for the public to inspect at the Office of the District, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Terri Uria-Secretary/Treasurer

**HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT – PROPOSED BUDGET
OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2022
Publish Aug. 18 and 25 in Owyhee Avalanche Post: Aug. 12, 2021**

<i>BUDGETED ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS</i>	<i>Proposed Budget Oct.1, 2021 to Sept. 30, 2022</i>
Balance Carryover FY 2020 - 2021	600,000.00
Agricultural Replacement / Personal Property Replacement	3,514.00
Highway User Funds	700,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue and Permit Fees	4,500.00
Sales Tax/Surplus	12,000.00
Penalties and Interest	500.00
Property Tax	100,696.00
Rental Income	2,000.00
Transfers and Adjustments	- 16,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE	1,407,210.00

<i>BUDGETED PROPOSED EXPENDITURES</i>	
Advertising Expense	1,000.00
Commissioner’s Salary	16,680.00
Contingency Fund	30,000.00
Dues and Subscriptions (IAHD)	4,000.00
Engineering Fees	1,000.00
Equipment Lease/Purchase	150,000.00
Equipment Rental	2,000.00
Gas, Oil and Tires	35,000.00
Insurance [General]	7,000.00
General Supplies and Miscellaneous Expenses	8,000.00
Materials/Construction Expense	640,530.00
Mileage	500.00
Office Supplies	1,000.00
Payroll Benefits and Taxes	35,000.00
Health/Dental Insurance	29,000.00
Phone Expense	3,000.00
Professional Fees: Audit	5,500.00
Professional Fees: Legal	3,000.00
Repairs & Maintenance and Tools	25,000.00
Salaries and Wages	175,000.00
Signs	2,500.00
Utilities	4,500.00
Weed Control	20,000.00
Workmen’s Compensation	7,500.00
Training and Education	500.00
Ending Fund Balance	200,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,407,210.00

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Above: Bel Wood took bell-bottoms and blankets to the stage during the fair's Style Revue on Aug. 11. **Right:** Maylee Astorquia shows her favorite look and models a quilt she made.



Lcee Loucks adds a little hair to her creation during the veggie people contest on Aug. 12.

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NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Declarations of Candidacy for the following City, Cemetery, Fire and School Trustee positions must be filed with the political subdivision clerk / secretary no later than 5:00 pm. Friday, September 3, 2021 (Sec. 34-1404, Idaho Code). Such Declarations are available at the political subdivision office address listed below, or at the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho or at www.owyheecounty.net.

Individuals who run as a write-in candidate have until 5:00 p.m. Friday, September 10, 2021 to submit their Declarations of Intent to the political subdivision / secretary (Sec. 34-1407, Idaho Code)

CEMETERY DISTRICT	POSITION(S)	LENGTH OF TERM	ADDRESS
Bruneau Cemetery	Commissioner - 2 Positions Districtwide	4 Years	30073 Hot Springs Road Bruneau, ID 83604
Marsing-Homedale Cemetery	Commissioner Sub-District #1 Commissioner Sub-District #2	4 Years 4 Years	4410 Cemetery Road Marsing, ID 83639
Owyhee Pioneer Cemetery	Commissioner District 1 Commissioner District 2	4 Years 4 Years	239 Morning Sun Drive Nampa, ID 83686
Riverside Cemetery	Commissioner - 1 Position Districtwide	4 Years	645 Idaho Street Grand View, ID 83624

CITY	POSITION(S)	LENGTH OF TERM	ADDRESS
City of Grand View	Councilman – 2 Positions Districtwide	4 Years	425 Boise Avenue Grand View, ID 83624
City of Homedale	Mayor Councilman – 2 Position Districtwide	4 Years 4 Years	37 W. Wyoming Ave. Homedale, ID 83628
City of Marsing	Councilman – 2 Positions	4 Years	425 Main Street Marsing, ID 83639

FIRE DISTRICT	POSITION(S)	LENGTH OF TERM	ADDRESS
Bruneau Fire Protection	Commissioner Zone 1	4 Years	31286 Highway 51 Bruneau, ID 83604
Grand View Rural Fire	Commissioner - 1 Position District-Wide	2 Years	720 Roosevelt Avenue Grand View, ID 83624
Homedale Rural Fire	Commissioner Sub-District #2	4 Years	19 E. Wyoming Avenue Homedale, ID 83628
Marsing Rural Fire	Commissioner Owyhee Co. Zone	4 Years	303 Main Street Marsing, ID 83639
Murphy Reynolds Wilson Fire	Commissioner Floater Zone Commissioner – 2 Positions Districtwide	4 Years 4 Years	17104 Tumbleweed Ln. Murphy, ID 83650

SCHOOL DISTRICT	POSITION(S)	LENGTH OF TERM	ADDRESS
Bruneau Grand View #365	Trustee Zones 1, 3, & 5	4 Years	39678 State Hwy 78 Bruneau, ID 83604
Homedale #370	Trustee Zones 2, 3, & 4	4 Years	116 East Owyhee Avenue Homedale, ID 83628
Marsing #363	Trustee Zones 1, 3, & 5	4 Years	209 8 th Avenue West Marsing, ID 83639
Melba #136	Trustee Zone 5	4 Years	511 Broadway Avenue Melba, ID 83641
Pleasant Valley #364	Trustee - 1 Position Districtwide	4 Years	28026 Juniper Mtn Road Jordan Valley, OR 97910
Three Creek #416	Trustee – 2 Positions Districtwide	4 Years	49909 3 Creek Road Rogerson, ID 83303

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Avalanche obituary policy

Obituaries can be submitted the following ways:

Email
jon@owyheecavalanche.com

Fax
(208) 337-4867

Mail
P.O. Box 97,
Homedale, ID 83628

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