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Homedale High School seniors complete tassel toss to cement graduation

Senior Joshua Brown looks on as he and fellow classmates move their tassels from one side of their mortar board to the other to signify their graduation. Photo by Joshua Gray / Gray Hawk Photography. More photos, [Page 12](#)

Marsing grads show gratitude

Marsing High School student body president Lexi Loucks (left) gives a going-away present to secondary school principal Nick Ketterling during Friday's graduation ceremony inside the gymnasium. Ketterling will become Adrian schools superintendent on July 1. Photo by Breeana Lootens / Breeana Lootens Photography



BOCC's sigh of relief

Chair denies ex-assessor's claim of toxic courthouse

The solutions county commissioners had been searching for materialized with last week's resignations.

But the way Prosecuting Attorney Jeffrey L. Phillips

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Outpost Days pulls into Murphy

Two big days of Old West-tinted entertainment and attractions hit Murphy this weekend for the 53rd annual Outpost Days.

The Owyhee County Historical Society's annual fundraiser will start at 8 a.m., on Saturday and Sunday when the Buckaroo Breakfast will be served for two hours.

Saturday's schedule includes a classic car show and shine, the annual cattle drive by 4-H club members, and a chuckwagon dinner at 5 p.m.

The Junior Jammers and the band Wilder also will perform at 6 p.m., on Saturday.

Sunday's events include the horny toad races and selection of the winning tickets in the OCHS quilt and gun raffles.

Tickets in each drawing cost

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Community Market fills void in Homedale

Temporary program bridges gap between defunct farmers market and new 2023 venture

Homedale Farmers Market has been dissolved, and a new market under a new name and leadership is being organized for 2023.

But in the meantime, according to assistant manager Elias Tines, a market will be operating each Thursday at Bette Uda City Park this summer to fill the void.

"This summer, the community will still

have a farmers market," Tines said. "This has been announced as a Community Market welcoming anyone who wishes to sell their product."

The community market will begin on Thursday. The market will run between 3 p.m., and 7 p.m., each Thursday through Aug. 25.

The Cultivate! children's program will

return with the first class running each Thursday from 5:30 p.m., to 6:30 p.m., from June 9 to Aug. 18 at the Bette Uda City Park picnic area off South 2nd Street East.

"I believe Homedale needs a farmers market, but without having a market ready, the community market gives our vendors the ability to still sell their products and

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Other area markets up and running, [Page 14](#)



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County commissioners begin to pick up the pieces

AG’s office helps with prosecutions; deputy assessor void filled

Work to rebuild the Owyhee County Assessor’s Office and Prosecuting Attorney’s Office has begun.

County commissioners requested and received a judge’s order authorizing the Idaho Attorney General’s Office to take over the county’s prosecutions.

During the same special meeting last Wednesday, Kevin Bowen was appointed chief deputy assessor, which brought to light a startling revelation for at least one county commissioner.

“I hadn’t realized that (former assessor Robin Monahan) never appointed a deputy assessor in her office,” Dist. 3 Commissioner and board chair Joe Merrick said.

Both offices could have been left in the lurch by abrupt

resignations by Monahan and Prosecuting Attorney Jeffrey L. Phillips on May 23.

But the commissioners took action within 48 hours to keep county business rolling along.

“It looks like we’re on track,” Merrick said. “We’re going at it, and it’s just like business as usual.”

Tiffany Nettleton, who is set to begin a four-year term as county assessor in January, said she has been providing assistance as she can while continuing her role in the county’s community development department.

Although technically Nettleton still has to go through an uncontested general election on Nov. 8 before taking the oath of office in January, Dist. 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi thinks she’ll get the keys to

the office much sooner.

“I’m assuming she’ll be recommended by the (Republican) Central Committee (for BOCC appointment),” he said.

The transition didn’t start without some hiccups.

State Tax Commission representatives have spent the past two weeks in the assessor’s office helping staff line-out assessments before Monday’s mailing deadline. A lack of comprehensive training is said to have led to some gaps in institutional knowledge about the reporting software and the process.

“They weren’t behind on the assessments,” Merrick said Friday. “There were a lot of things that have to be done this week and next week because these tax notices have to go out the 6th.

“There has to be some checking and rechecking. As far as being behind. I don’t think we were behind. There were just

things that needed to be done and on track, and they just hadn’t got there when Robin left.”

Third District Judge Davis F. VanderVelde on Thursday approved the county’s petition to appoint special counsel from the AG’s office to continue prosecutorial duties.

County Clerk Angie Barkell said a handful of AG office staffers, including an attorney, had been in Murphy settling into the prosecutor’s office Thursday ahead of Friday’s court proceedings.

While the AG’s designee will handle the courtroom appearances and day-to-day duties of the office until a permanent solution can be found, Canyon County public information officer Joe Decker confirmed Canyon prosecutor Bryan Taylor has been appointed a special deputy AG, and will be able to provide after-hours services such as

securing search warrants.

The county’s GOP central committee has begun the application process for both positions and will interview prospective candidates for recommendation during a special meeting on June 14.

But Aberasturi said the commissioners are very cognizant of the requirements for the prosecuting attorney, including the residential mandate if one is appointed or elected.

If no qualified candidates come forward, Aberasturi said the commissioners will have to work on contracting for prosecutorial services. That most likely will be more costly than having an appointee to the elected office.

The AG’s special prosecutor won’t cost the county any extra funds because Idaho Code 67-1401(7) mandates that the attorney general help any county in the state when it is necessary.

— JPB

Owyhee GOP seeks prosecutor, assessor applications

Owyhee County’s Republican leadership is taking applications to fill two vacant elected positions.

The GOP central committee wants to hear from people interested in serving as county prosecuting attorney or county assessor.

The Board of County Commissioners officially accepted the resignations of Prosecutor Jeffrey L. Phillips and Assessor Robin Monahan during a special meeting Friday morning in Murphy.

Thursday night, new GOP central committee chair Tammy Payne of Grand View announced the search for prospective replacements.

Prospective prosecutor applicants are asked to review Idaho Code 31-2601 to learn prosecuting attorney job requirements.

The positions will be filled by appointment by the Board of County Commissioners after the GOP committee makes its recommendations.

Murphy native Tiffany Nettleton is scheduled to assume the assessor’s office in January after defeating Monahan in the May 17 Republican primary.

Payne said Idaho Statute requires a nomination/recommendation process even if there is a potential elected

official waiting in the wings. Although Nettleton has no Democratic or independent opponent in the Nov. 8 general election at this time, she isn’t officially elected to the position until the fall balloting.

Anyone appointed to the assessor’s position would serve until Nettleton assumes office in January.

Both Phillips and Monahan left their jobs on May 23. The Idaho Attorney General’s Office has provided a special prosecutor to handle the county’s criminal cases until a new county prosecutor can be found.

To be considered for either GOP recommendation, applicants must

send a letter of interest and a resume to Tammy Payne, OCRCC Chair, P.O. Box 591, Grand View, ID 83624 or email tammy83624@yahoo.com.

Applications and LOI can be submitted in person to Payne by 7 p.m., on Tuesday, June 14.

The central committee will interview applicants during the special meeting at 7 p.m., on June 14 inside the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, in Murphy.

Applicants are asked to attend the meeting for the interview process.

For more information, call Payne at (208) 590-4203.

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Grand View volunteer firefighters carry a hose amid the smoldering remains of the Idaho Street house. Photo by Sandy Skinner

Fire destroys Grand View home

A Grand View resident has been displaced after a destructive fire.

Fire Chief Greg Becker said that the investigation into the fire that consumed a mobile home in the 400 block of Idaho Street has shifted gears.

“We’ve turned it over to the homeowner, and they were going to hire a private insurance investigator,” the 14-year veteran volunteer fireman said.

A ditch rider for a local irrigation district lived in the home. Becker said no one was home when the blaze broke out.

“The house is completely destroyed,” Becker said. “There’s smoke and fire damage throughout.”

Two fire engines and between 11 and 13 firefighters responded to the scene. Becker said Grand View Ambulance also was on standby.

Emergency responders arrived at 12:44 p.m., on May 24. The chief said the fire was controlled by 1:30 p.m., and firefighters cleared the scene at 3 p.m.

“The guys arrived and made quick knockdown,” Becker said. “The wind was blowing and threatening an adjacent property.”

One other home was threatened, but Becker said the structure received no damage.

Becker said the fire district has a small burnout fund to help when folks are displaced by fires.

“It seems like the community here really just jumps in and helps tremendously, so we’ve never had to use it,” the four-year chief said.

— JPB

Kids take over Marsing pond for Breshears fishing day

Island Park pond is stocked, and volunteers are ready to help boys and girls learn the joy of angling at the 23rd annual Leroy Breshears Memorial Kids Fishing Day.

Children up to sixth grade can fish for free in Marsing’s pond along the Snake River beginning at 9 a.m., on Saturday.

The annual event is organized by the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Posse and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

A limited number of rods and reels are available for loan on the day of the event plus the volunteers will be on hand to hand out bait and offer assistance.

Rainbow and golden trout purchased by Posse members will be stocked in the pond for the event. The pond is typically closed to fishing beginning sometime Friday after the fish are planted.

There are prizes for the day’s milestones, too.

Prizes are available for the first boy and girl who catches a trout, the boy and girl who catches the largest trout, and the boy and girl who catches the first limit.

In addition to the fishing, the boys and girls who turn out will be treated to a lunch of hot dogs, chips and water or soda.

The fishing day is named for Leroy Breshears, a longtime hunter’s education instructor in the Marsing area who also served on the Posse and advocated for the community’s youth to get involved in the sportsman lifestyle.

Businesses and individuals are encouraged to sponsor the event. For more information, contact Fish and Game Sr. Conservation Officer Craig Mickelson at (208) 989-9328 or Posse member James Ferdinand at (208) 794-7270.

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Another Grand View Days party on way

Registration for various Grand View Days activities is now open.

The annual community event will be held on Saturday, June 11.

The schedule will include:

- The Lions Club breakfast from 7:30 a.m., to 10 a.m., inside Lions Park.
- A 5-kilometer fun run, which will start at American Legion Post 134 Hall at 8 a.m. Call Melissa Raymond at (208) 863-0335 for registration information.
- Vendors will be able to set up for the sale at Centennial Park beginning at 10 a.m. Call Savannah Richardson at (208) 591-1468 for more information.
- Bounce houses for children set up at Centennial Park will be open for fun at 11 a.m.
- Parade entrants will line up at 10 a.m., with the parade pushing off at 11 a.m. Call Victoria Collett at (208) 484-8009 for information.

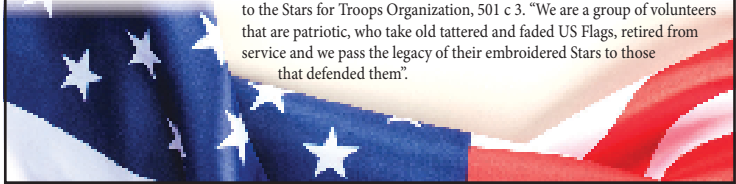
- Lawnmower races will start at noon, and Laura Zaragoza is in charge. Call her at (208) 590-9133 to get involved.
- Registration for a horseshoe tournament and a volleyball tournament will open at noon with the competitions starting at 1 p.m. Call Karlee Aquiso at (208) 841-7607 for volleyball information, and reach out to Karlita Simper at (208) 599-0330 for horseshoes.
- Duck races will be held in the Grand View canal at 2 p.m.
- Grand View Fire’s pit barbecue starts at 6 p.m., at Lions Park.
- A street dance with DJ music will be held from 9 p.m., to 1 a.m.
- Fireworks will explode over the Snake River at dusk.

Ryan Theodozio is trying to organize a softball tournament. Interested players and teams can call him at (208) 890-7503.

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County GOP committee’s balance of power shifts to Grand View

Committee elects new chairperson

Changes came to the Owyhee County Republican Central Committee last Wednesday.

After a reorganizational meeting, a decidedly Grand View flavor permeates the leadership hierarchy of the committee.

Grand View resident Tammy Payne defeated incumbent chair Shawn Dygert of Guffey for the right to lead the committee during voting inside the Owyhee County Courthouse.

A former Grand View mayor and city councilperson who also served on the Homedale City Council, Payne is one of three Grand View residents to earn election to positions last week.

Dygert will remain in a leadership role as vice-chair, and his wife, county Treasurer Annette Dygert, continues as secretary/treasurer.

Grand View husband and wife Mark Owens and Andrea Owens (a Grand View city councilperson) were elected state committeepersons. Andrea recently lost an election for the District 3

spot on the Board of County Commissioners, and also lost bids for the Legislature in 2020 before winning a seat on the Grand View City Council last year.

Brecca Hipwell of Oreana will represent the county as State Committee Youth representative.

State convention delegates were also selected including County Clerk Angie Barkell (Melba), Mike Nelson (Marsing), Shawn Dygert, Holly Reynolds (Homedale), Russ Dygert (Guffey), and Brenda Richards (Reynolds Creek).

Alternates for the state convention include: First, Homedale City Councilman Mike Aebischer; Second, Annette Dygert (Guffey); Third, Andrea Owens; Fourth, Mark Owens; and Fifth, Marie Hipwell (Grand View).

The county’s GOP central committee will meet again on Tuesday, June 14 to interview prospective nominees for the vacant county prosecuting attorney and assessor positions. It’s the committee’s job to recommend a possible appointee for each position to the Board of County

Commissioners.

Precinct committee members after the May 17 primary are:

North Homedale—Michael Aebischer won with 13 write-in votes.

South Homedale — Oscar Evans will remain on the committee after defeating challenger Helene L. Welch, 169-85.

North Marsing — Walt Holton received 17 write-in votes.

South Marsing — Michael D. (Mike) Nelson defeated incumbent Scott Jensen, 113-97.

Pleasant Valley — Tim Lowry received 31 write-in votes.

Wilson—Stephanie Duckett received 148 votes.

Murphy — Richards received 109 votes.

Oreana — Brecca Hipwell received five write-in votes.

Grand View — Andrea Owens received 113 votes.

Bruneau — Sid Erwin received 89 votes.

Riddle — Ruth Jackson received five votes.

Three Creek — Paula Brackett received 11 votes.

—JPB

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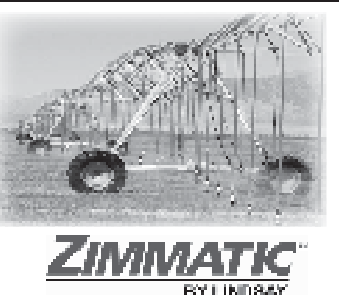
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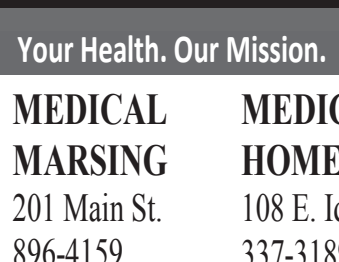
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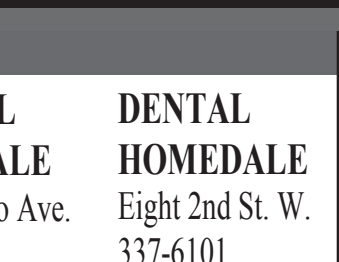
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Teens do their part for process

Days before taking the symbolic leap into adulthood, a handful of local high school seniors tried their hand at something few grown-ups think of doing.

Four Homedale seniors and two from Marsing helped conduct the May 17 primary election working the polls in their respective hometowns.

The half-dozen students took part in a program brainstormed by Owyhee County deputy clerk Audra Yoshikane with a phone call to government teachers in local high schools. It's an attempt to bolster a flagging pollworker pool depleted by age and apathy.

Two 18-year-olds — Alexa Durrant and Joseph Kester — and 17-year-old sisters Elizabeth and Allison Whitehead — skipped classes at HHS to help voters navigate the process at the Owyhee County Community Center.

"They have been a huge help. They are very organized and very sharp students," Homedale chief election judge Robin Aberasturi said.

"With all the tabulation between five ballots and two precincts and making sure it's reconciled, they've been on top of things."

Two Marsing seniors — Regan Stansell and Ethan Freeman — worked at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center.

"I heard about it through my government teacher and thought it would be some good money to save up for college," Elizabeth Whitehead said.



From left: Homedale seniors (now graduates) Elizabeth Whitehead, Alexa Durrant, Allison Whitehead and Joseph Kester.

Oh, yeah. Did we mention the kids got paid, too?

The four HHS students saw other benefits from the day, too. They had to work 13 hours, but they weren't in school, and Allison said it would provide her with more work experience.

All four are heading to college in the fall after receiving their diplomas Thursday, but each said they had ideas of maybe helping out in future elections wherever they may be at the time.

"I think it's kind of cool because I never knew all the behind-the-scenes and the process of it all and how it affects later outcomes," Alexa, the daughter of Sam and Candis Durrant, said.

Elizabeth said witnessing the process first-hand gave her a better understanding of how secure U.S. elections are.

Joseph, the son of Tim and Jenny Sevy, said it was an opportunity to learn from the older generation with conversations with veteran pollworkers throughout the day, and Alexa was glad to meet new

people from her hometown.

HHS government teacher Randy Lyons was pleased that some of his students took advantage of the opportunity to get involved and learn about the election process.

And, no doubt, Lyons would be pleased to know that Joseph and Alexa exercised their right to vote for the first time when things slowed down at the polls.

Anyone 16 or older can apply to work the polls. There is a training that all six of the students underwent in preparation for the big day. Three of the Homedale students traveled to Murphy for the training a couple weeks before the election, while Alexa went online to learn about her job.

Even though the 17-year-old Whitehead sisters — the daughters of Allan Whitehead and Marci Crans — weren't old enough to cast a ballot, that didn't stop them from encouraging folks to exercise their civic duty.

"I would recommend people to vote," Allison said. — JPB

Low primary turnout reported

Voter turnout in most Owyhee County precincts was low for the May 17 primary election.

The best turnout came in mail-in and absentee voting, but not all the mail-in precincts saw stellar return numbers.

Overall, 32.1 percent, or 1,888, of 5,884 registered voters cast ballots. There were 122 Election Day registrations.

Of 223 absentee ballots, 195 were returned (87.4 percent).

Mail-in precincts Pleasant Valley (52 of 65, 80 percent) and Three Creek (12 of 25, 48 percent) had the best response.

The best in-person voting — and one of only two precincts above 40 percent — was Orea-na (60 for 134, 44.8 percent)

Murphy was at 40.4 percent (111 of 275).

Of the large precincts, only South Marsing got above 30 percent (271 of 824, 32.9 percent).

North Homedale had 22 per-

cent (190 of 863; 12 of those voters registered on May 17).

The largest precinct, South Homedale with 1,195 voters, saw a 24.5 percent turnout (293 ballots cast).

Marsing precincts were at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center. Homedale's precincts were at the Owyhee County Community Center.

County Clerk Angie Barkell said combining polling places created confusion when The Owyhee Avalanche published unofficial voting results.

All discrepancies were corrected in the official abstract after the Board of County Commissioners canvassed the ballots on May 23.

The biggest discrepancy was no write-in coroner votes in the North Homedale or South Marsing precincts.

Barkell explained that both

precincts were handled by one DS200 machine at both locations. When the machines printed out the tallies after the polls closed, the write-in ballots appeared combined on an image, requiring hand-counting by poll workers.

Barkell said the machine's next software update will fix that problem.

"So we had to wait until we retrieved the machines to count them, and it was corrected on the final abstract and has been canvassed by the (commissioners)," Barkell said. "This is why we call it 'unofficial.'"

In the official tally, incumbent Coroner Aaron Tines actually gained 17 votes, winning re-election over Jennifer Stevenson by a 188-160 count. The canvass also produced nine more votes for Stevenson.

Religious Expression

The Bible traces the beginning of life

"I call Heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live."

— Deuteronomy 30:19

"That you may know and believe Me, and understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, nor shall there be after Me."

— Isaiah 43:10

Quality of life is a physical concept.

No one can look at another and determine the quality of that person's soul. If life is merely molecules in motion, then we can have a quality-of-life ethic. In the Christian world view of life, we believe there is an infinite, eternal, and unchangeable God who is a Spirit and has given us everlasting spirits, and we have an unalienable right to life.

Consider the issue of abortion in the light of this well-known passage from the Psalms:

"For You formed my inward parts: You knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

— Psalms 119:13-14

Jeremiah also reiterates the theme of God doing something for him while he was still in the womb:

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you."

— Jeremiah 1:5

In the gospel of Luke, we read about Elizabeth being pregnant with John the Baptist and also her cousin, Mary, who was carrying Jesus. The baby in Elizabeth's womb leaped for joy when Mary came to see her with Jesus in her womb. The starting point for all discussions about the value of human life from a biblical perspective can be found in the book of Genesis.

"So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."

— Genesis 1:27



Keep in mind what our Declaration of Independence says: God has created us equally, and our Creator has endowed us with unalienable rights. Without a Creator, there are no unalienable rights. The problem that has afflicted the United States and the world and still afflicts today is the teaching of Evolution. It has deceived hundreds of millions of people and has probably brought more deaths than any other view in the history of the world. Evolution simply says that the whole universe is made up of nothing but matter; that matter, time, and chance, brought all things into existence. Therefore, there is no God. Did this affect the Supreme Court? The Court ruled prayer, the Bible, and the Ten Commandments out of schools.

Darryl Scott lost his daughter Rachel in the Columbine shooting. Darryl was invited to address Congress on school violence. Here's a portion of the poem He read:

Your laws ignore our deepest needs,

Your words are empty air,

You've stripped away our heritage,

You've outlawed simple prayer.

Now gunshots fill our classrooms and

Precious children die.

You seek for answers everywhere,

And ask the question why?

You regulate restrictive laws

Through legislative creed,

And yet you fail to understand

That God is what we need.

— Jack Muldoon is a longtime Marsing resident who has been instrumental in the non-denominational prayer breakfast staged at the Nazarene church as well as the annual Marsing High School all-alumni picnic in August.

— JPB

Scholarships and post-high school plans



Homedale High School seniors who received scholarships during the May 24 awards ceremony.

Homedale High School

- Amiya Aberasturi** — Homedale Lions Club Scholarship

Josh Brown — Homedale Lions Club Scholarship

Destiny Castellanos — Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13 Scholarship
- Emanuel Chavez** — Homedale Lions Club Scholarship, Robert & Elaine Batt Vo-Tech Scholarship

Willy Haun — Conner Landa Athletic Scholarship

Eli Heck — Bryan Tolmie Memorial Scholarship
- Abigail Henry** — Deward Bell Memorial Scholarship

Diana Jimenez — Carol Lopez Memorial Scholarship

Belisia Larzelier — Robert & Elaine Batt Vo-Tech Scholarship

John Lejardi — Frank Mat-
- teson Memorial Scholarship, Homedale Lions Club Scholarship, Conner Landa FFA Ag.

Amber McBride — Rosandick Family Scholarship, HHS Drama Club Scholarship

Delaney Swallow — The Heart of a Trojan (Ken Olsen) Scholarship
- Téa Uranga** — HHS Drama Club Scholarship

Willie White — Bryan Tolmie Memorial Scholarship

Allison Whitehead — Mary Jo Pottenger Memorial Scholarship

Marsing High School

- Zane Brackett** — Attending the University of Wyoming to major in agriculture business. Scholarships: U of W Brown & Gold Scholarship, District II Idaho High School Rodeo Scholarship, Jason Cropton Memorial Scholarship.

Colton Pride Brown — Attending Treasure Valley Community College to major in agriculture business. Scholarships: Marsing Alumni Scholarship, COSSA CEA Scholarship

Jonathan Jason Ineck — Attending College of Western Idaho then transfer to Boise State University to major in Accounting. Scholarships: Dr. Harold Shockley Memorial Scholarship, Marsing Community Disaster Auction Volunteer Award, and Owyhee County 4-H Scholarship

Shea Emily Jensen — Attending Brigham Young University Idaho. Scholarship: Chick-fil-a Leadership Scholarship

Dakota Krausch — Attending Montana State University to major in health science. Scholarships: MSU Blue & Gold Achievement Award

Alexis Kimberly Loucks — Attending Montana
- Western University to major in communications. Scholarships: Marsing Chapter National Honor Society Scholarship, MWU cheer scholarship, and WUE scholarship

Carter Wayne Porter — Attending CWI then transfer to BSU to major in accounting. Scholarships: BSU True Blue Award

Lazarus Robert William Sevy — Attending C of I to major in mathematics & physical sciences. Scholarships: McCain Family Scholarship, Idaho Opportunity Scholarship, C of I Fine Arts Audition, C of I Presidential Scholarship, Katherine Albertson Day Award, Academic Decathlon Scholarship.

Regan Anita Stansell — Attending University of Idaho to double major in plant science and agriculture economics with an emphasis on biotechnology. Scholarships: U of I Vandal Pride and Panhellenic Scholarship, Idaho FFA Foundation J.A. Wedum Scholarship, Caldwell Board of Realtors, Owyhee Gardeners Club, Marsing Community Disaster Auction Volunteer Award, Idaho Opportunity Scholarship
- Emily Jean Thoene** — Attending The College of Idaho to major in biomedical science. Scholarships: C of I Academic Award, Idaho Opportunity Scholarship, Bill Herr Memorial Scholarship, Owyhee Gardeners Club, and Debbie Holzhey Academic Decathlon Scholarship

Valentin Vasquez Jr. — Attending Northwest Nazarene University to major in music education. Scholarship: NNU music scholarship

Hannah Brynn White — Attending Montana State University to major in agriculture business and minor in equine management. Scholarships: Payette River Cattlemen’s Scholarship, Idaho Tractor FFA Raffle Scholarship, Marsing Lions/Debbie Sevy Memorial, Marsing Alumni Scholarship, Caldwell Board of Realtors Scholarship, Roman Usabel Memorial Scholarship, Marsing Community Disaster Auction Volunteer Award, MSU Achievement Award.

Samuel Martin Withers — Attending BSU. Scholarships: BSU Deans Scholarship, Blue Thunder Music Scholarship, Idaho Opportunity Scholarship, and Laura Moore Cunningham Scholarship

Check out the June 8 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche for more news on year-end school awards

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When it comes to stocks, boring, for lack of a better word, is good

Investing experts are constantly trying to predict the market and influence investors to follow their strategy, because in most instances the more followers they have the more likely their predictions will come true. Yet, despite their Ivy League degrees and billion-dollar funds, they will be wrong more often than they are right.



Andrew Bingham

Admittedly, how you measure “wrong” and “right” when it comes to stocks is a subjective matter, but a common measuring stick is comparing an investor’s returns to the market average. The “market average” in this case would be whatever the S&P 500 is averaging. The S&P 500 proves to be an effective benchmark because it provides a large and diverse sample size, as it is essentially a portfolio of the 500 largest public companies traded in the U.S. On average, the S&P 500 will net a seven percent return when accounting for inflation. So, the goal of every hedge fund manager is to grow their money at a clip greater than seven percent. That seldom happens, though; not over an extended period anyways.

Approximately 30 percent of money managers will achieve an above average return on their investment during any given year. That number drops to less than 20 percent over a five- to 10-year timeframe, and then drops further to 10 percent over a 15-year time frame. In other words, few experts consistently beat the market. But that does not stop them from trying to call their shot. That is because experts have a lot more to gain by

being right than they do from being wrong.

For example, Michael Burry is credited with predicting the housing crash in 2008 and received a lot of acclaim — in addition to all the profit he gained by positioning himself accordingly. There was even a book written about his prediction, which was made into a movie shortly thereafter. His notoriety has stayed with him as there are many articles that follow his latest investments. However, Michael has not correctly made a prediction since 2008, yet there are few articles calling him out on his missed calls.

To Mr. Burry’s credit, his bearish views have been somewhat vindicated as the market has dropped nearly 20 percent from all-time highs this year. But that does not make up for the many missed opportunities for growth the stock market has provided over the past two years, nor does it account for the short positions he held that lost him money.

There is a lot of risk in trying to predict the market, but it is that high-risk, high-reward that makes for good headlines and makes celebrities out of the analysts that have hit a home run or two while ignoring their more numerous strikeouts. The best thing an individual can do is to ignore those articles; be consistent, be emotionless, and be boring in your investments because nobody knows what the market will do next.

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You can find a comprehensive listing of local events online at www.theowyheeavalanche.com. Click on the “Calendar of Events” link on the left-hand side of the page.

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

Calendar

Today

PiYo exercise class

8 a.m., to 9 a.m., pilates and yoga, The Rock of Homedale, 310 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale

Ladies coffee group

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

Yoga class

10 a.m., free, all ages, beginner-focused, Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Summer reading program

10:30 a.m., up to eighth-graders, City Park, 1st Avenue West and 2nd Street North, Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Snake River Irrigation District meeting

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

Grand View Fire commissioners meeting

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

W. W. Jones school board meeting

7 p.m., W. W. Jones Schoolhouse, 3513 Arock Rd., Arock. (541) 586-2325

Thursday

PiYo exercise class

8 a.m., to 9 a.m., pilates and yoga, The Rock of Homedale, 310 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale

Fit and Fall Proof exercise class

10 a.m., to 11 a.m., free, old Marsing High School gymnasium, 800 Main St., Marsing. (208) 296-0847

Fit and Fall exercise

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

Reynolds Irrigation District meeting

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

Community Market

3 p.m., to 7 p.m., Bette Uda City Park, 200 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.

Owyhee County Fair Board meeting

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

Saturday

Outpost Days

All day, Owyhee County Historical Museum complex, 17085 Basey St., Murphy (208) 495-2319

Outpost Days Buckaroo Breakfast

8 a.m., to 10 a.m., Owyhee County Historical Museum complex, 17085 Basey St., Murphy (208) 495-2319

Leroy Breshears Memorial Kids Fishing Day

9 a.m., to 1 p.m., Island Park. Marsing. (208) 989-9328 or (208) 794-7270

Free lunch

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

Outpost Days Chuckwagon dinner

5 p.m., Owyhee County Historical Museum complex, 17085 Basey St., Murphy (208) 495-2319

Outpost Days musical performance

6 p.m., Owyhee County Historical Museum complex, 17085 Basey St., Murphy (208) 495-2319

Sunday

Outpost Days

All day, Owyhee County Historical Museum complex, 17085 Basey St., Murphy (208) 495-2319

Monday

PiYo exercise class

8 a.m., to 9 a.m., pilates and yoga, The Rock of Homedale, 310 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale

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.

U and I Together series

2 p.m., to 3 p.m., ages 5-13, Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 896-4104

Grand View Mutual Canal Co. meeting

7 p.m., Grand View Irrigation District Office, 645 Idaho Ave., Grand View.

Tuesday

PiYo exercise class

8 a.m., to 9 a.m., pilates and yoga, The Rock of Homedale, 310 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale

Fit and Fall Proof exercise class

10 a.m., to 11 a.m., free, old Marsing High School gymnasium, 800 Main St., Marsing. (208) 296-0847

Fit and Fall exercise

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

Grand View Irrigation District meeting

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

Region III assistance assessments

Noon to 3 p.m., appointments necessary, Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 495-5688

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.

Opaline Irrigation District meeting

7 p.m., 7300 Opaline Rd., Melba.

Wednesday

PiYo exercise class

8 a.m., to 9 a.m., pilates and yoga, The Rock of Homedale, 310 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale

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

Yoga class

10 a.m., free, all ages, beginner-focused, Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Summer reading program

10:30 a.m., up to eighth-graders, City Park, 1st Avenue West and 2nd Stree North, Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Death notices

CARL WARREN HIPWELL, 47, who spent part of his childhood in Grand View, died on Thursday, May 9, 2022 in Boise. Arrangements: Bowman Funeral Parlor, Garden City. www.bowmanfuneral.com

DIANA M. VICKERS, 45, of Adrian, died on Thursday, May 12, 2022. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Choice of milk and juice
PB&J sandwich, and vegetable and fruit choices offered
June 1: **Breakfast:** Cook's choice **Lunch:** Cook's choice
June 2: No School

Homedale Middle

Choice of milk and juice, yogurt or string cheese
Cereal option and PB&J and string cheese offered
Vegetable and fruit choices offered
June 1: **Breakfast:** Cook's choice **Lunch:** Cook's choice
June 2: No School

Homedale High

Choice of milk and juice, yogurt, string cheese or hard-boiled egg; Vegetable and fruit choices offered;
Cereal option, grab 'n' go items
June 1: **Breakfast:** Cook's choice **Lunch:** Cook's choice
June 2: No School

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

*Salad bar: *Not Available due to the Coronavirus*
Curbside pickup only between noon and 1 p.m.
Phone ahead 208-337-3020 to order
Dessert is included in curbside lunch
Milk available each day. Roll available each day
June 1: Stir fry chicken and vegetables, rice
June 2: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, beets
June 7: Baked ham, sweet potatoes, green beans
June 8: Sausage and biscuit, mashed potatoes with gravy, Brussels sprouts

Sandbar Community Room, Marsing

Noon to 12:30 p.m., inside Marsing City Hall
Milk available each day
Suggested donation: \$4 (60 and older), \$6 (59 and younger)
June 1: Herb salmon, rice pilaf, peas and onions, coleslaw, French bread
June 4: Breaded chicken and gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, fresh fruit, wheat roll
June 6: Penne with vegetarian marinara sauce, peas, cauliflower, French bread
June 8: Mushroom Swiss chicken, egg noodles, carrots, lima beans, wheat bread

Rimrock Senior Center

All meals are served with milk & fruit juice
Curbside pickup from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or delivery only.
Call (208) 834-2922 beginning at 7 a.m. to place order
June 2: Hoagie sandwich, sliced sandwich vegetables, green salad, fresh melon, pudding
June 7: Baked potato bar (chili, bacon, sour cream, cheese, spring onion), green salad, roll, fruit cocktail, yogurt
June 9: Hot dogs and hamburgers, potato salad, baked beans, French fries, deviled eggs, fresh melon, yogurt with granola

Melba Valley Senior Center

Meals served at noon
Phone ahead (208-495-2168) same day for complete menu
Payment by donation. All ages welcome
June 2: Breakfast for lunch
June 7: Chicken dinner
June 9: Pork dinner

Obituary

Paul Richard “Dick” Reynolds

August 12, 1929
– May 23, 2022

Paul R. “Dick” Reynolds passed from his earthly home in Bruneau to his heavenly home on May 23, 2022, at the age of 92 following an illness. He was beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, mentor, friend. He will always be remembered for his eternal optimism and smile.

Dick was born August 12, 1929 to Walter Thomas and Pauline Regina (Hollahan) Reynolds and was raised in Buhl, Idaho. Dick was brother to Tommy, Carl, Ronnie, and Mary. He was very active in FFA. He excelled in football, track, and was a golden gloves boxer (aka Wildcat Reynolds) in his high school years. After high school the family moved to Rupert.

Dick married the love of his life Mary Marshall from Rupert on November 14, 1951. They were blessed with 2 children, Matt, and Jeannine, 6 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.



Dick served and retired as a Major with 27 years in the Idaho National Guard and U.S. Army. He was a lifelong Idaho resident with exception of time away training in the military. He was Commander at Gooding, Idaho, 116th Armored Cavalry. He also operated Reynolds Sawmill and Logging in Corral while living in Gooding. The family moved to Bruneau in 1972 where he farmed. He served as Owyhee

County Commissioner. While a commissioner working with many others, they were successful in bringing the Owyhee Initiative to agreement. His Christian faith, love of country, and love of family was profound. He was a member, teacher, preacher, and served as an Elder of the Valley Christian Fellowship Church in Grand View.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Tommy, Carl, and Ronnie, and grandson Billy.

Dick is survived by his wife of 70 years Mary, children Matt (Joella), Jeannine, grandchildren Jennifer, Janelle (Jeremy), Megan (Ryan), Brett, Shanna (Billy), 13 great-grandchildren, sister Mary (Gene Phillips), and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services to be held on June 2 at 11am at Valley Christian Fellowship Church in Grand View with graveside service at Bruneau Cemetery under the care of Rost Funeral Home, Mountain Home.

Celebration of life

A Celebration of Life for **VIRGINIA DEE KERSHNER STANFORD** will be held at 2 p.m., on Saturday, June 4, 2022 at Jordan Valley Park. The family will furnish drinks. Please bring desserts.



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Matea Jaca (right) holds her awards while standing with Melba FFA chapter advisor Kellsie Peterson at April's Idaho FFA State Leadership Conference in Twin Falls. Submitted photos

Melba FFA'ers heading to nationals

Submitted article

Four Melba FFA members traveled to the April 5-9 State Leadership Conference in Twin Falls to mingle with more than 1,000 high school students, advisors and guests as well as compete in various award areas, receive the State FFA Degree, serve as delegates and attend workshops and tours.

Owyhee County resident Matea Jaca interviewed for her State Star Award in beef production: placement and was recognized on stage for receiving her Boise Valley District Star Award.

Matea also interviewed for a State Proficiency Award in beef production: placement. She was recognized on stage as the 2022 Idaho FFA state

winner and will represent Idaho at the 95th National FFA Convention and Expo in Indianapolis in October. Matea also received her State FFA Degree, the highest award that she can receive at the state level.

Braelyn Scott interviewed for her State Proficiency Award in the area of swine production: placement. She was recognized on stage as the 2022 Idaho FFA state winner and will compete at the national convention in the fall.

Melba FFA also competed in the scrapbook competition. This year, the chapter chose to submit a computer-generated scrapbook and was recognized on stage as the Division II Digital Chapter Scrapbook winner.



Hannah Moos, left, holds the Melba FFA scrapbook, and Zuri Ximenez, holds the first-place award plaque after winning the Division II Digital Chapter Scrapbook at the state convention. This is the first year that the chapter compiled a digitally made scrapbook.

Courthouse report

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

- May 23**
- Quy K. Hoang, South Jordan, Utah** – Misdemeanor Fish and Game, unlawful possession of wildlife: \$100 in fines, \$168 in court costs
- Sery Phouxay, Salt Lake City, Utah** – Misdemeanor Fish and Game, unlawful possession of wildlife: \$100 in fines, \$168 in court costs
- Victor D. Phouxay, Salt Lake City, Utah** – Misdemeanor Fish and Game, unlawful possession of wildlife: \$100 in fines, \$168 in court costs
- Glenn Allen Madsen, Boise** – Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, overweight (4,001 pounds and over)-exceed allowable gross loads; misdemeanor commercial, noncommercial and farm vehicle annual registration: \$2,788.50 in fines, \$318 in court costs

- May 19**
- Bobby Ray Ivester, Gillette, Wyo.** – Misdemeanor motor carrier, violating limitations or conditions of a special permit: \$68.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs

- May 18**
- Kyle Henry Sorensen, Homedale** – Misdemeanor driving under the influence: 180 days in jail (2 days served, 8 days to serve, 170 days suspended), substance abuse program, 1 year supervised probation, 180-day driver's license suspension, \$500 in fines, \$352.50 in court costs
- Richard B. Balbas, Homedale** – Misdemeanor disturbing the peace (plea deal; amended from misdemeanor battery): 90 days in jail (suspended), 1 year unsupervised probation, \$500 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

- May 16**
- Victor Albor Ojeda, Homedale** — Felony controlled substance possession (plea deal): 1 to 6 years in state prison (retained jurisdiction; 164 days served), \$635.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession
- Guy Roy Givens, Star** — Misdemeanor excessive driving under the influence: 2 days in jail (served), 1 year unsupervised probation, 1-year driver's license suspension, \$500 in fines, \$266.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by**

- prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor controlled substance possession, misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession. **Withheld judgment:** Defendant may petition to have record expunged after successful completion of sentence.
- Aaron Mitchell Mabee, Star** — Operating snowmobile or ATV under the influence (plea deal; amended from misdemeanor DUI): 180 days in jail (5 days to serve, 175 days suspended), 1 year unsupervised probation, 24 hours community service, \$515 in fines, \$211.50 in court costs.
- Anne Michelle Scott, Dayton, Nev.** — Misdemeanor DUI (plea deal): 180 days in jail (3 days served, 177 days suspended), 1 year unsupervised probation, \$500 in fines, \$202.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor controlled substance possession

- May 13**
- Jason Bruce Buckey, Caldwell** — Felony controlled substance possession (plea deal): 2 to 5 years in state prison (suspended; 65 days served), 4 years felony probation, \$635.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession 2x

- Aurtro O. Malacara Garcia, Homedale** — Felony controlled substance possession (plea deal): 5 years in state prison (48 days served), \$635.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Felony controlled substance possession, misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession
- Miranda Marie Rodriguez, Homedale** — Misdemeanor controlled substance possession (plea deal): 40 days in jail (served), \$347.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Felony controlled substance possession 2x; misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession
- Rakhmankul Zuparov, Hallandale Beach, Fla.** — Misdemeanor fail to stop at checking station: \$118.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

- May 12**
- Jeanel Jeudi, Orlando, Fla.** — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations false logbook: \$43 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs

- May 11**
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Senior Brooklyn Ashliman gives a flower to her mother Kim Ashliman. The Homedale High School graduation flower ceremony is a tradition through which seniors show their gratitude to those who influenced them the most through high school. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography



Graduates of the Marsing High School's Class of 2022 show exuberance at the end of Friday's ceremony, tossing their caps toward the gymnasium ceiling. Photo by Breeana Lootens / Breeana Lootens Photography



Eli Jason Heck receives his diploma from Homedale High School principal — and Heck's football coach — Matt Holtry. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography



Above: David Correa addresses Homedale's graduates. Photo by Joshua Gray/GrayHawk Photography
At right: Graduate Jonathan Ineck embraces his mother, Kelly, the night's keynote speaker, during Marsing's commencement. Photo by Breeana Lootens / Breeana Lootens Photography



Left: Homedale Elementary School students wait their turn to high-five the Class of 2022 members during their cap-and-gown walk last Wednesday. **Right:** The scene was repeated later at the middle school. Submitted photos

Owyhee County native blends history with handiwork

by Becky Lisle
For The Owyhee Avalanche

Jeremy Mink is a sixth-generation Idahoan and somewhat of an anachronism. Both sides of his family came to the Cambridge/Council area well over a century ago. Mink ranches in Mountain Home with his wife, Kate, and their family. He is among the few who are able to say they lived at Dickshooter, a remote cow camp in the vast high desert of Owyhee County. Mink is a cowboy in a very traditional sense, riding horses and tending cattle, but also making and using much of his own gear.

“There’s a lot of pride to be had in being self-sufficient. You don’t see that as much today. I’m somewhat of a throwback,” Mink said.

“There’s a lot to be said for raising your own horse and riding him in a hackamore made from the hide of one of your own cows. I’ve always admired that.”

Mink continues the rawhiding tradition as well as a number of other cowboy arts. His ancestors on his mother’s side opened and worked a blacksmith shop when they first came to Idaho, and in



Sixth-generation Idahoan Jeremy Mink is a rancher, but he also provides the Bruneau Booster Auction with his rawhide artistry each year. Submitted photos

addition to ranching, Mink works as a farrier, shoeing horses throughout southern Idaho. Working on a forge to make and shape horseshoes naturally lent itself to learning other metal work, and Mink makes knives, bits, and spurs. He also learned to engrave silver in order to embellish his bits and spurs, which led to also making a bit of jewelry. Mink’s engraving style features bold, deep cuts to create an elegant but utilitarian style.

“I don’t want something that’s going to wear off after it’s been used for a few years,” he said.

Every year, Mink makes and donates something to the Bruneau Booster Club’s community auction. The Booster Club held a benefit for him, his mother, and his ailing father, who died when Mink was only four months old. The Booster Club performs a variety of community service projects, from providing scholarships

for graduating seniors to building improvements in the town park.

“That’s what Bruneau does; it takes care of its people. They did that for my family, and it’s important to me to help do the same for others,” Mink said.

This year, Mink has crafted a beautiful braided rawhide bracelet for the auction, and the bracelet has a story. The late Ray Colyer of Bruneau was the first one to teach Mink about working and braiding rawhide.

When he passed on, his family gave Mink what was left of Colyer’s rawhide and tools. The bracelet for the upcoming auction is made from one of Colyer’s calfhides. The strings were even cut by Colyer’s old pocket knife, which Mink sharpened and refurbished specifically for the project.

The bracelet features a knot that Colyer was known for, one that Mink and other local rawhide braiders simply refer to as “the Ray Knot.” It’s a long knot that can be made with a single long string, which makes for cleaner, smoother work. The knot is most often used on the noseband of a hackamore, but Mink used smaller strings and adapted it for the auction bracelet.

Mink’s Ray Knot bracelet is just one of many items that will be available at the Bruneau Community Auction. The auction regularly features farm and household goods, handmade arts and crafts, and delicious baked goods.

The auction is set for Saturday, June 11 in the Bruneau Community Park, with the free dinner at 5:30 p.m., and the live auction at 6:30. For information, call (208) 599-2962.

Bruneau auction returns from hiatus with fresh outlook

Fundraiser sees the light of day in June

The Bruneau Booster Club is gearing up for its 33rd community auction, set for 6:30 p.m., on Friday, June 10.

The auction had traditionally been held in late February each year in the Bruneau American Legion Hall. After skipping the 2021 auction because of COVID-19, the club decided on a fresh approach with a change of date as well as venue. This year, for the first time, the auction will be held in the community park.

The park is just one of many things in the area that has benefitted from the funds raised by the auction, most recently with the addition of rock walls surrounding the park, an entry gate, and a bar/serving area. The park has become a popular place for receptions, reunions, parties and picnics. In addition, it is home to the Bruneau Roundup rodeo dance and one of the venues for Bruneau Cowboy Christmas.

Funds raised at the auction have gone toward a variety of community projects and interests over the years. For example, the Bruneau Booster Club helps support the Bruneau Fire Department, Quick Response Unit, Bruneau Valley Library, as well as area schools.

The club has undertaken a number of other community improvement and preservation projects as well, such as the installation of street lights and paying the electric bill, funding the publication of the book, “Bruneau Then & Now,” restoring and framing the Bruneau High School graduation photos that are displayed in the American Legion Hall, and offering scholarships to graduating

Rimrock High School seniors.

Auction-goers have the opportunity to buy a variety of items, from farm goods and services to handmade crafts, artwork, and baked goods.

“It’s a great event,” one community member said. “You can get things you need and support the community, have dinner and enjoy a good visit all at the same time.”

At 5:30 p.m., prior to the auction, a free baked potato bar dinner is available. A variety of homemade pies will be available for \$2 per slice.

Those attending this year’s auction are encouraged to bring lawn chairs.

For more information, contact Katie Colyer at (208) 599-2962.



Jeremy Mink used Ray Colyer’s refurbished pocket knife to craft this rawhide bracelet, which features a “Ray Knot.”

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Clay shoot to help send Marsing boy to 4-H nat’ls

Proceeds from a sporting clay shoot will help a stand-out Marsing youth travel to the 4-H sport shooting nationals.

The Marsing Gun Club will play host to a 50-bird sporting clay shoot on Sunday, June 12.

Registration begins at 8 a.m., and the shoot starts at 9:30 a.m., at the club, 7598 Trap Shoot Road off Idaho highway 78.

The entry fee is \$50 per shooter, and additional rounds cost \$15 each.

Money raised will help Robert Renteria with expenses for the 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships, which will take place June 26 through July 1 in Grand Island, Neb.

The 16-year-old Marsing High School junior, the son of Rob Renteria, will be the first Owyhee County youth to compete in the 4-H nationals. He is the reigning district champion and a member of the Owyhee County Shooting Sports 4-H club.

Robert’s dad thanked the Marsing Gun Club and John Huddleston for supporting his son.

For more information on the fundraiser, call Dad at (208) 936-8685.

Marsing, Adrian markets ongoing

Two other local markets have begun a new season.

The Snake River Country Market in Marsing continues in a new location and under the direction of a new coordinator.

Megan Poole took over and moved the market from the The Spot Pavilion to City Park.

The market is open from 11 a.m., to 3 p.m., each Saturday until Oct. 29.

The first market of each month features live music on the City Park stage.

For more information, email snakerivercountrymarket@gmail.com or call (208) 880-4580.

The Adrian Community Market is held on the first and third Friday of each month through September.

The market is open from 3 p.m., to 7 p.m., alongside Succor Creek Coffee on Oregon Street.

Call (208) 573-3272 for more information.

Bruneau Ranch Rodeo ready to go

The Bruneau Ranch Rodeo returns this weekend, sanctioned by the Western States Ranch Rodeo Association.

The ranch rodeo takes place Saturday, and a jackpot roping will be held Sunday at the Bruneau Rodeo Grounds.

Registration will be at 8 a.m., each day, and the action starts at 9 a.m.

Saturday’s ranch rodeo will include branding, ranch horse, doctoring, team roping, and horse roping.

Women’s steer stopping will be held after the rodeo concludes Saturday.

Sunday’s jackpot roping will feature muley roping and horse roping.

Entries opened on May 2, and there were a few openings as of the weekend.

Call Carmen Buckingham at (208) 599-3611 or Bailey Bachman at (208) 598-5432 for more information on the rodeo or to check if there are still entries available.

Jordan Valley Big Loop results

May 20-22 Jordan Valley Rodeo Grounds

Big Loop — 1. Gus King and Chris White, 18.35 seconds (saddles and buckles); 2. John Schutte and Hanes Holman, 18.44 (rawhide reins); 3. Richard Eiguren Jr., and Jason Eiguren, 19.62 (stirrups); 4. Dirk Jim and Dalton Jim, 20.72 (rope bags)

Bull riding — 1. Corbyn Medley, 79 points, \$1,812; 2. Billy Quillen, 67, \$1,208

Saddle bronc — 1. Cade Bruno, 82 points, \$1,112; 2. Sam Harper, 80, \$834; 3. Luke Logan, 75, \$556; 4. Johnny Espland, 68, \$278

Stock saddle bronc — 1. Tyler Elsner, 79 points, \$893.20; 2. Fermin Valenzuela, 78, \$739.20; 3. Kody Lovgren, 77, \$508.20; 4. Lane Johnson, 75, \$431.20; 5. Teegan Navares, 74, \$277.20

Team roping — 1. Scott McCulloch and Matt Azevedo, 7.27 seconds, \$2,047; 2. Robb Webb and Daxton Jim, 8.568, \$1,691; 3. Mason McDaniels and Chad McDaniels, 9.32, \$1,513; 4. Cole Eiguren and Tyler Eiguren, 9.61, \$1,246; 5. Rosco Rhodes and Victor Ugalde, 9.65, \$979

Breakaway roping — 1. Quincy Pendergrass, 2.166 seconds, \$1,566; 2. Maggie Mackenzie, 2.293, \$1,296; 3. Kaitlyn Harwell, 2.434, \$1,026; 4. Jacie Shaffer, 2.457, \$756; 5. Callie Arriola, 3.012, \$486

Calf roping — 1. Duncan Mackenzie, 11.848 seconds, \$754; 2. Jared Parke, 12.26, \$624; 3. Sammy Mackenzie, 13.32, \$494; 4. Dex Maddox, 14.584, \$364; 5. Kurtis Barry, 16.833, \$234

Open barrel racing — 1. Lonna Watson, 17.025 seconds, \$1,055.60; 2. Caela Garland, 17.091, \$873.60; 3. Sara Damewood, 17.407, \$691; 4. Angie Powell, 17.412, \$509.60; 5. Kelsey Gluch, 17.435, \$327

Junior barrel racing — 1. Avery Painter, 17.75 seconds, \$229.10; 2. Hannah Moyles, 18.01, \$189.60; 3. Kenzie Kafka, 18.08, \$150.10; 4. Emma Gregg, 18.09, \$110.60; 5. Mesa Mackenzie, 18.28, \$71.10

Junior steer riding — 1. Trell Macfarlane, 70 points, \$164; 2. Brody Fite, 67, \$123; 3. Trey Macfarlane, 65, \$82; 4. Malikai Maltotte, 62, \$41

Wild cow milking — 1. Sammy Mackenzie and Brandon Mackenzie, 51.35 seconds, \$660; 2. Ryan Mackenzie and Martin Thomas, 1:12.62, \$440

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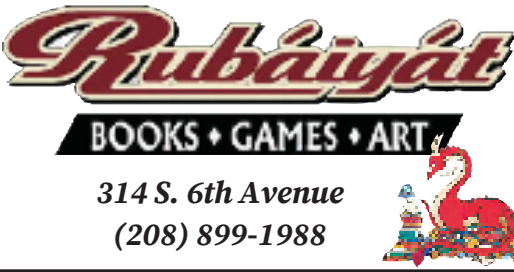


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Avalanche Sports



Now a Homedale High School graduate, Hayden Kincheloe has his sights on competing in the Big Sky Conference for the University of Idaho.

Kincheloe commits to U of I

It was about as quiet of an announcement as one could expect from a running back who made one of the loudest impacts on Homedale High School history.

Hayden Kincheloe announced on Twitter that he will play football at the University of Idaho.

The 5-foot, 10-inch, 212-pound back announced his decision on May 22, four days before he received his diploma during Thursday’s HHS commencement ceremony.

“I will be joining the team in January 2023,” Kincheloe wrote to close out his tweet. He also mentioned new Vandals head coach Jason Eck and receivers coach Matt Linehan.

Kincheloe rushed for 3,760 yards and 50 touchdowns during his 33-game high school career.

The career included three appearances in the 3A Milk Bowl state championship game, and his career ended after a 16-7 loss to Sugar-Salem in the state semifinals in the final game on the Deward Bell Stadium natural turf in November.

Kincheloe rushed for 1,637 yards and 22 scores in nine games in the fall.

Adrian coaches earn statewide kudos

Peers saluted two Adrian High School coaches on May 21.

Athletic director Aimee Esplin received the Dave Johnson Contributor Award, and Bill Wortman was named the 1A football state coach of the year.

Recognition came during the annual Oregon Athletic Coaches Association Awards Banquet on May 21 at the Club Level of Autzen Stadium at the University of Oregon in Eugene.

Esplin’s contribution award is named for a former OACA director who served from 1998 to 2014. Esplin also coaches the Antelopes’ volleyball and track and field athletes.

She led the Adrian boys’ athletes to the 1A Oregon state championship on the same weekend she received the contributor award.

Likewise, Wortman earned the coach of the year award at the end of a school year in which he led the Antelopes to a 1A Oregon state championship.

This is the second time since 2019 that Wortman has earned the OACA coach of the year award.

Esplin is finishing her 24th year teaching at Adrian, and she’s spent 20 years as the athletic director.

She has coached volleyball for 24 years, and has earned four state championships in 17 years as the Antelopes’ track and field coach.

The latest state title for the boys came May 20 at Hayward Field in Eugene.

Wortman has been high school principal for two years, and a teacher for seven. He spent five years on the football coaching staff under Paul Shenk, and has spent the past five seasons at the top of the program.

The Antelopes have won three state championships in the past decade, including 2014, 2019 and last season.



HHS athletes of the year were busy
Homedale High School senior athletes of the year for 2021-22 are Amaia Aberasturi (left) and Eli Heck. Athletes had to participate in at least three sports to be eligible, and the winners were chosen by the school’s head coaches. Aberasturi played volleyball, basketball and was part of the state championship softball team. Heck played football, basketball, and was a two-sport athlete in the spring with the golf and track and field teams. He competed in state competition in all four sports.

Ferdinand, Loucks named All-2A WIC



Marsing resident Harlee Ferdinand holds Nampa Christian’s fourth-place trophy earned at the 2A softball state tournament. Submitted photo

Several local athletes cited for softball play

Harlee Ferdinand capped her high school softball career with a nomination to the All-2A Western Idaho Conference first team.

The Marsing resident who was the starting catcher for Nampa Christian this season is one of four local players from three schools to land on the first team after coaches voted.

Ferdinand helped the Trojans finish fourth in the 2A state tournament. Now, she’s getting ready to attend George Fox University in Newberg, Ore.,

— See All-2A WIC, page 16

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Sports

Raiders' trip to State had a little bit of everything

Rimrock seniors pepper All-1A WIC team

Rimrock High School experienced drama and a drubbing in the 1A baseball state tournament. District III champion North Star Charter ended the season for the Raiders (10-14-1) with a 12-0 five-inning loss May 20 in Boise.

The Huskies dominated at Capital High School behind Joshua Ineck's one-hitter. Twelve of Rimrock's 15 outs came via the strikeout.

Pedro Varela had a single for Rimrock's only hit. French exchange student Dan Meyruix walked, and Trevor Carothers reached on an error for the Raiders' only other baserunners.

North Star took advantage of six Rimrock errors, which led to eight unearned runs.



Rimrock first-team all-conference player Zeke Ochoa dives toward second base during an attempted steal against Marsing in a non-conference road game earlier this season.

The Huskies throttled fellow District III club Glenns Ferry, 15-1, in five innings May 21 for the consolation championship.

After the tournament, the All-1A Western Idaho Conference team was released, and six Rimrock players — includ-

ing four seniors — made the grade:

• **First team** — Pedro Varela, sr., infield; Zeke Ochoa, jr., outfield

• **Second team** — Ronaldo Gomez, fr., pitcher; Alex Martinez, sr., infield; and Dan Meyruix, sr., outfield

• **Honorable mention** — Luis Araujo, sr.

May 19: Prairie 10, Rimrock 9 — The Pirates, who went on to claim the third-place trophy, tossed the Raiders into the state tournament losers' bracket with a walk-off win.

Prairie scored two runs in the

bottom of the seventh inning for a comeback victory.

The Raiders grabbed a 9-8 lead with five runs in the top of the sixth inning.

Rimrock owned a 1-0 lead after a half-inning before pesky Prairie scored three times in the bottom of the frame.

The Pirates held a 6-1 lead when the Raiders posted another three runs in the fourth inning.

Rimrock committed five errors, but was able to score nine runs on just seven hits.

Aden Aquiso hit a three-run home run, and Pedro Varela doubled and knocked in two runs.

Leadoff hitter Meyruix had a double and a single and scored two runs.

Zeke Ochoa went 2-for-4 with a run and an RBI.

Senior Alex Martinez singled and scored a run, and Luis Araujo and Jack Meyers both crossed home plate.



Senior catcher Trace Stimpson (left) prepares to handle a pitch during Melba High School's road game against Marsing. The Owyhee County resident was named to the All-2A Western Idaho Conference first team.

Marsing's Chadez selected as 2A WIC's top skipper

He dealt with a young club all year long and maxed-out the team's potential.

JW Chadez's work with the Marsing High School baseball team turned heads, and his peers selected him as the 2A Western Idaho Conference coach of the year.

Owyhee County senior Trace Stimpson, a pitcher and catcher for Melba, was named

to the all-conference first team.

Other local first-teamers include:

• Gavin Phillips, so., Marsing

• Jeff Fahey, sr., Melba



JW Chadez

• Kaden Rosenlund, sr., Melba

Second-teamers are:

• Teagan Kinney, fr., Marsing

• Cache Hance, fr., Marsing

• Jace Chadez, fr., Marsing

• Parker Hansen, jr., Melba

• Robert Knight, sr., Melba

• Remington Sessions, so., Melba

• Diego Herrera, so., Melba



Rimrock sophomore pitcher Rhylan Burbank is an all-conference honorable mention pick.

Rimrock softball lands four All-1A WIC picks

Half of Rimrock High School's all-conference softball players are underclassmen.

The Raiders finished in the middle of the pack in the 1A Western Idaho Conference this spring.

Two seniors — infielder

Treu Smith and outfielder Gentry Kunsy — were named first-team all-conference.

Freshman Molly Mulberry was a second-team infielder, and sophomore Rhylan Burbank was named honorable mention.

✓ All-2A WIC: Huskies have two frosh on the roll

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where she will play softball and begin her studies to acquire a doctorate in physical therapy.

Other first-teamers:

• Lexi Loucks, sr., Marsing

• Esther Riley, sr., Melba

• Ashlie Shaffer, sr., Melba

Second-teamers include:

• Mariah Colbert, jr., Marsing

• Emily Zavala, jr., Melba

Local honorable mention picks:

• Mila Astorquia, jr., Marsing

• Lily Thoene, fr., Marsing

• Janay Phillips, sr., Melba

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

June 4, 1997



A lost art...

People who toured the Owyhee County Museum in Murphy as part of Sunday’s Outpost Day were treated to numerous demonstrations of lost arts, including the operation of this spinning wheel. The annual event is a fundraiser for the museum, and featured an auction and the eagerly-anticipated Horny Toad Race.

Vault may part of assay office or an old bank

The concrete vault inside the recently demolished building on the corner of Owyhee Avenue and First Street East in Homedale may have been part of an assay office or an old bank which went belly-up during the Great Depression.

Last week the Avalanche asked its readers to contact the paper if they had any information about the small, sturdily-built structure. Several longtime Homedale residents responded to the inquiry.

Louise Murray said her 88-year-old mother, Alta Mears, remembered the building was once an assay office, and the vault was used to store gold and silver ore brought to Homedale by miners.

Dora Upton, whose husband L.W. was born in Homedale in 1913, said L.W. told her he remembered the building was several things while he was growing up — everything from a bank to a Christian Science Church to the office of the Gem Irrigation District. That part of town is where Homedale first began, L.W. said.

L.W. remembered that a man named R.W. Vanderhoff operated a mercantile in that area as well. Others say they believe the vault is what remains of Homedale’s first bank, which went under during the Depression in the 1930s.

Owyhee Avalanche publisher Joe Aman said former Owyhee Chronicle publisher Everett Colley recalled that the old Owyhee Chronicle operated out of a frame building where Flahiff Funeral Chapel now stands.

Burghardt awarded scholarship

Katie Burghardt, a junior at Grand View High has been selected to receive a \$2,500 Discover Card Tribute Award scholarship.

Discover awards scholarships each year to outstanding high school juniors. This year the company will award close to a million dollars.

The scholarship money can be used for any post-high school education or training, not just college.

50 years ago

June 1, 1972

JULIE HYSLOP, director of the Owyhee County Historical Museum at Murphy, has been appointed to serve on the board of advisors to the National Trust for Historic Preservation. She is shown with a gold scale used in the Deming Mines that is now on display at the museum to be seen at Outpost Days Sunday.



Gammett trains for service with ‘Old Guard’

Pvt. James A. Gammett, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Forest T. Gammett, Marsing, recently completed six weeks of advanced individual training with the 30 U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard) at Ft. Myer, Va.

The Old Guard, which is responsible for the defense of the nation’s capital in time of national emergency or civil disturbance, combines the traditional infantry subjects with training in the ceremonial duties required of the unit.

Pvt. Gammett entered the Army in January and received basic training at Ft. Ord, Calif. He is a 1966 graduate of Marsing High School. His wife, Veta, lives in Caldwell.

Water, sewerage plans made for county’s future

A comprehensive water and sewerage plan has been delivered to Owyhee County Commissioners and community planning committees; the second of a series of 25 county reports to be completed this year in Idaho as a cooperative effort by the Idaho Water Resource Board and the Farmers Home Administration.

“This 103 page report establishes the water and sewer needs of Owyhee County and sets the necessary criteria to meet federal and state standards,” Danny Fouladpour, IWRB program manager for the studies, said. “With such a report, Owyhee can qualify for federal and state financial assistance in solving present problems and providing for future growth with modern water and sewerage systems. Often smaller communities are financially unable to study, compile, and forecast such needs comprehensively.

J-U-B Engineers of Nampa compiled basic engineering data in the field and prepared the community water and sewer reports, with criteria and guidance from the Board.

Fouladpour said the timetable calls for completion of all 25 reports within the next 15 months. The counties have been divided into seven groups and consultants have been contracted within each group so that greater familiarity with each community is possible.

Homedale, Marsing, Murphy, Bruneau, Grand View, and Silver City are included in the Owyhee report.

A summary of estimated costs totals about \$1,700,000, but each community has an individual cost summary. Alternate methods are proposed where feasible and detailed phased development is cost-analyzed.

155 years ago

June 1, 1867

BOUNDARIES OF CLAIMS.—For the protection of claimants on quartz-ledges and encouragement to those prospecting for ledges, the location of claims should be made as distinct as possible. If men have claims upon which they place any value, they should certainly have them so plainly staked out and noticed that the public and especially prospectors could not mistake the facts. If the claim-owners do not wish to put unmistakable improvements on their claims, they ought at least to have the boundaries made so public as to prevent others from any reasonable supposition that no claims are made.

If any observant man will make a tour of observation over the adjacent mountains, he will see numerous stakes without notices of any kind upon them. The prospector, the true discoverer of mineral wealth, comes along and finds ground upon which there is neither *legal* nor other evidence of a claim, and believing that there is none in fact, and knowing there is none such as is required by law, he commences work and perchance finds a valuable vein. What next? Why, along comes a pack of claimants who produce certificates of location and work of a prior date, charge the honest laborer and discoverer with being a thief and robber, and if this sort of talk fails to scare him off a suit at law is commenced to worry him out, or by some trumped-up and purchased testimony swindle the possessor out of a discovery which never would have been made except by the industry of just such men as are in possession and first discovered to the public the wealth claimed by drones and leeches in the mining interests. If the community in general desire to aid rapid and common prosperity, the hardy prospector will be encouraged and when he discovers any valuable mineral deposit — but *clearly* claimed by others — have the good will and sympathy of the public whenever a legalized scheme is attempted to deprive him of his hard-earned discovery and rightful possession.

Men will sit around and boast of the undiscovered riches in the mountains and do nothing but discourage every earnest attempt to have it discovered. They say to the prospector, go along and when you make a rich discovery, we’ll shut your wind off — meaning to rob him of the fruits of his labor. This is no fancy sketch. It is real and can be truly applied in Owyhee.

But to revert to the original purpose of this article, we would urge it upon every man to have his claim so distinctly staked and noticed as *to be noticeable* to the common passer-by.

DIED.—In Silver City, last night at 10 o’clock, Mr. Dowdle, the man who was shot by Casper Haupt, in a fracas, last Sunday. Mr. Haupt, who was severely wounded in the groin by Dowdle, at the time, is still in a very precarious condition.—*Gold Hill (Nev.) News, May 17.*

The subject of this obituary was undoubtedly John Dowdle, well-known in Owyhee for a year or two as a blustering, dissipated character — always more or less in trouble. He went from here to Montana in ’66 and since returned to the land of Washoe zephyrs, from whence he has made another journey as above stated. He was a native of Canada and about 30 years old.

FRESH milk and butter are indispensable to a healthy diet, and it is pretty rough to live-it without these articles, M.H. Presby, Esq., says to the public that there is no excuse to be longer without the best of both. Read his ad, and buy his milk and butter.

Commentary

Jon P. Brown,
managing editor



Eyes on Owyhee

Righting the ship

Life as an Owyhee County commissioner hasn't been very pleasant lately, but the men who lead the government began working to emerge from the morass last week.

There is plenty of work to be done, and Joe Merrick, Jerry Hoagland and Kelly Aberasturi should be prepared for plenty more shoes to drop.

But with the exit of Prosecuting Attorney Jeffrey L. Phillips and Assessor Robin Monahan perhaps some of the clouds will begin to lift.

It was reassuring to learn that the commissioners were, in fact, working on solving the courthouse crisis before The Owyhee Avalanche's reporting — according to Merrick — facilitated the solution.

Now, at least in some corners of the county government, the healing can begin.

The question is what damage has been left behind.

An Attorney General's Office delegation has picked up the court docket with apparently little loss of progress on ongoing criminal cases, and at least one new felony case was put into the system just a couple days after Phillips walked out of the Basey Street office for the final time.

The work ahead in the assessor's office may be more problematic.

As was learned years ago, it's never a good thing when State Tax Commission personnel take up residence in the county office. But apparently this time around, the state staffers were on hand to help with the unfinished business of getting property assessments out before Monday's deadline.

It sounds like there was little training going on inside Monahan's office, and the county employees left in the wake of her abrupt departure at 11 a.m., on May 23, were scrambling to meet a hard deadline without the knowledge needed to operate the crucial software and produce the necessary reports.

Tiffany Nettleton, the Republican nominee (and, in reality, the next assessor come January with no Democrat to face in the Nov. 8 general election), has been doing as much as she ethically and legally can to keep the office afloat and the work moving forward.

— See *Ship*, page 19

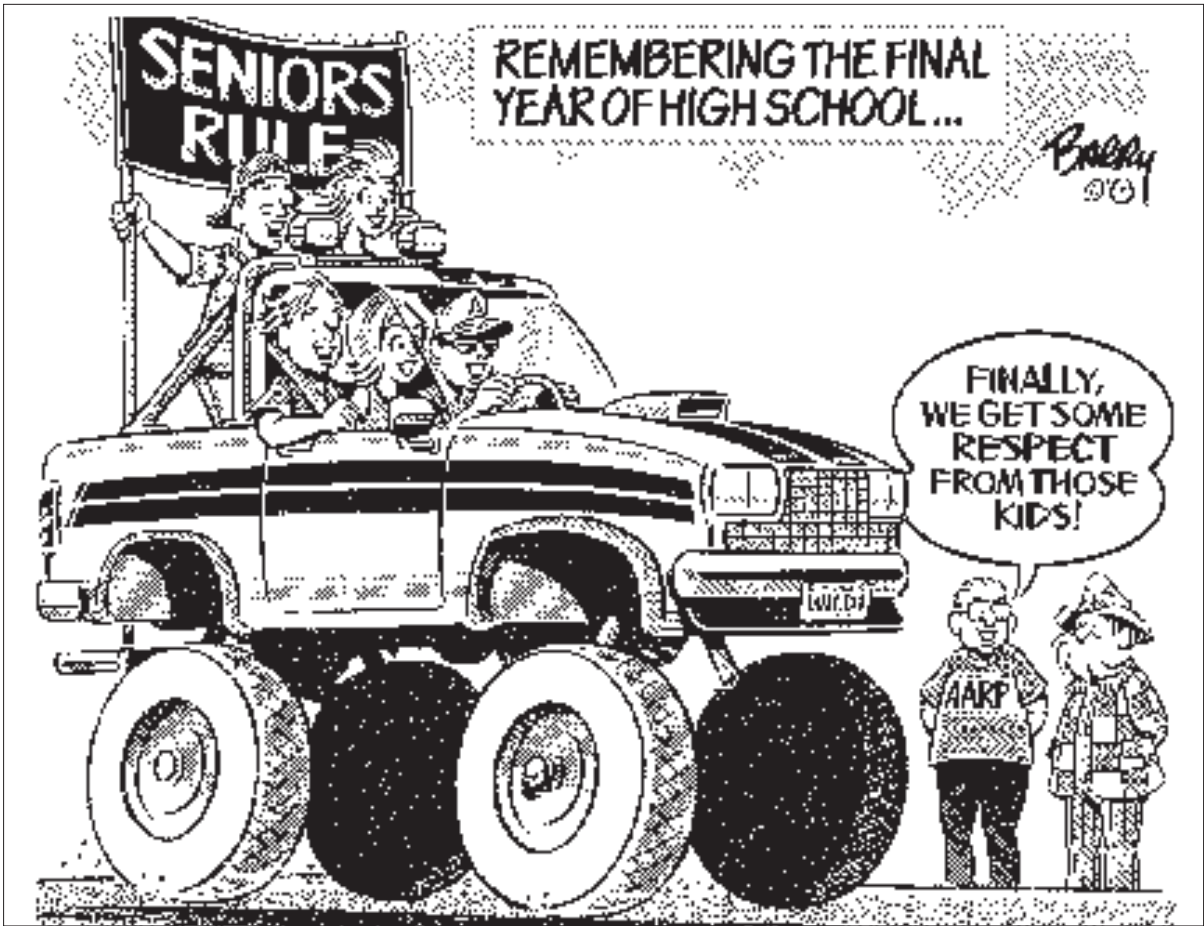
Letters to the editor

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

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

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

JP Doodles



Montana-based syndicated editorial cartoonist Barry McWilliams passed away in August. The McWilliams Estate has given The Owyhee Avalanche permission to publish his cartoon. McWilliams' cartoons appeared in more than 1,500 newspapers, and he visited hundreds of elementary schools teaching children to draw.

From Washington

Administration's proposed board to fight disinformation lacked true information

Idahoans have been rightfully concerned with the Biden Administration's brazen attempt to establish a federal propaganda panel under the guise of countering disinformation. If the administration truly intended to counter disinformation threats to national security, it would not have established this so-called Disinformation Governance Board under a months-long veil of secrecy. This waste of taxpayer dollars and threat to free speech must remain shuttered.

In April, U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas announced the creation of a Disinformation Governance Board aimed at combatting online mis- and disinformation. The few details on the board's operation and the antics of the board's executive director led to concern that this board would infringe on constitutionally protected freedoms and target information the administration disagrees with rather than disinformation. A DHS Fact Sheet issued on May 2 did nothing to quell concern on the board's potential broad, cloudy goals stating, "Disinformation, which is false information that is deliberately spread with the intent to deceive or mislead, can take many forms."

In that fact sheet, the DHS listed three maddeningly vague and inadequate efforts the department would take to "build the trust needed" for the board to be effective. Its first step was to claim a renewed commitment to transparency and openness, by releasing reports to Congress after its actions; its second step was a request for a council appointed by the Secretary, the Homeland Security Advisory Council, to develop recommendations on how to address disinformation, while protecting free speech and other fundamental rights; and the third step was

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to explore additional ways to enhance the public's trust.

However, there was a conspicuously missing essential step — quickly dismantling the Disinformation Governance Board and instead working across all federal agencies to share clear, direct information with the American public on all issues. Public health guidance throughout the COVID pandemic is a clear example of an area where honest, straightforward, concise and effective communication would have been the best counter to disinformation concerns. An opinion piece published by the Wall Street Journal put it this way, "The only proven effective way to counter bad information is with good information. The only

— See *Disinformation*, Page 19

Commentary

Financial management

Given high home prices, now is not the time to downsize



DAVE Says
by Dave Ramsey • www.davesays.org

Dear Dave,

My wife and I are empty nesters, and our house is too big for just the two of us now. We talked about selling the house and moving into an apartment in a multi-use development with retail and restaurants that we go to several times a week. Then, in a year or so, buying a smaller house when housing prices go back down. How do you feel about this idea?

— Ephraim

of thing recently. But at this point, I'd say there's about a 99 percent chance the housing market is not going down. It has gone down two times in the last 100 years — way back during the 1930s and again in 2008. And the market snapped back fairly fast after 2008.

I don't think the price of housing is going to go down at all anytime soon.

I do believe the housing market's rate of increase will slow down, but that still kind of defeats your premise of renting until then.

I wouldn't be opposed to

you two buying a different property in the same area and just moving in, but I'm not going to tell you to go rent something right now. That would put you in a hole with the rental amount, plus the fact that housing prices are probably going to continue to rise, even if not at the pace they've risen recently.

In other words, if you rent, you're going to lose money two different ways — with the rental amount and home prices continuing to increase. Buying high and selling high isn't such a big deal. But buying high, and

later buying higher after renting? No, I'm not doing that.

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is an eight-time No. 1 national bestselling 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 take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives.

✓ Ship: Still plenty of oversight work for commissioners to conduct

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Hopefully, come June 14, the reconfigured Republican central committee will reverse its decision from August when it overlooked Nettleton and put forth Monahan to complete Toni Gruenwald's term. There is really no reason not to more or less rubber-stamp Nettleton for appointment by the BOCC.

With resolution on the way for the offices of prosecutor and assessor, the commissioners would be wise to shift their oversight to the

sheriff's office and continue to monitor the rehabilitation of the coroner's office.

Citizens have taken notice of the turmoil under Sheriff Perry Grant's leadership, and they've begun asking questions about his conduct and his management of the agency's personnel.

The commissioners should begin asking those questions, too.

In reality, the commissioners should have been asking those questions all along. The three men recently approved with little discussion Grant's

request to bump the hourly pay of two part-time courthouse security officers \$20 for one and more than \$20 for the other.

There also have been more personnel changes and shifts in the sheriff's office.

Perhaps the recent resignations and the ongoing floundering at the sheriff's office will serve as a wakeup call for the commissioners to continue a renewed mission to govern efficiently and in the best interest of the county's citizens and taxpayers.

✓ Disinformation: Senators work on quelling federal overreach

From Page 18

way to overcome lies is with truth."

Working with fellow U.S. senator for Idaho Jim Risch, we have taken a number of steps to stop this alarming federal overreach. We have co-sponsored legislation to bar federal funds for the Disinformation Governance Board, including S. 4124, introduced by Sen. Tom Cotton (R-Ark.), and S. 4164, introduced by Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.), and backed efforts to expedite their consideration in the Senate. We have also urged Senate appropriators to prohibit funding in this year's annual appropriation process; we wrote, "While

DHS has promised the board will 'protect privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties,' we do not take solace in words alone. A fine line exists between tackling misinformation and government censorship."

Thankfully, reports have since indicated that pressure from Republicans and others has resulted in DHS pausing the Disinformation Governance Board, and it should be closed for good. The bottom line is no matter what political party a person most aligns with, we must all ask ourselves "How would you feel if the person you distrust the most is in charge of policing information?" — not very well, for sure.

We have so many critical issues to tackle for our country. The administration should stop playing games and focus on securing our southern border, addressing skyrocketing inflation and reducing its excessive overreach into the lives of Americans.

— 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. He will seek his fifth term in November's general election. Prior to joining the Senate, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman.

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Public notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

On June 22, 2022, the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hear testimony in the Annex Building of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 17069 Basey St., Murphy, Idaho on the following matter at the time listed below.

Beginning at 1:00 pm, the Commission will hear application Z22-17, a request for a conditional use permit filed by Reserve Ridge, LLC & Gould Feeder Properties, LLC, on behalf of Reynolds Creek Calf Ranch. The Applicant is seeking to expand the permitted number of animals from 35,000 to 55,000 and add some additional land to the operation to be run as one Confined Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) under one nutrient management plan, and one conditional use permit. The main office of the facility is located at 12971 Bailey Road, Melba, Idaho and the facility includes many parcels around Bailey Road, Reynolds Creek Road, and Highway 78. Those parcels are located both a multi-use, and agricultural zone in portions of Sections 13 & 24, Township 1 South, Range 3 West, and portions of Sections 17, 18, 19, & 20, Township 1 South, Range 2 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Additional information about this meeting is available at owyheecounty.net under Public Hearing Documents on the Community Planning page. Copies of the proposed project is available for review in the Community Planning office or on the webpage. For additional information please call 208-495-2095 ext. 2.

06/01/2022

ORDINANCE NO: 432 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE AMENDED OFFICIAL ZONING ORDINANCE MAP OF THE CITY OF HOMEDALE, IDAHO BY REZONING CERTAIN PROPERTIES NOW ZONED AS INDUSTRIAL TO RESIDENTIAL AND REZONING ONE PROPERTY FROM COMMERCIAL TO RESIDENTIAL, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND SEVERABILITY.

WHEREAS, there are properties located within the City limits of the City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho, that are zoned Industrial; and

WHEREAS, some of these properties are existing residences for which the proper zoning is Residential; and

WHEREAS, there is one bare lot that the owner has requested be rezoned to Residential.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMEDALE, COUNTY OF OWYHEE, STATE OF IDAHO:

Section 1: That the Official Amended Zoning Map is amended by changing the following addressed properties to the zoning designated in the column entitled “New Zoning.”

ADDRESS	NEW ZONING
503 E. Owyhee Ave.	Residential
132 W. Colorado Ave.	Residential

SUMMARY STATEMENT 2022 - 2023 SCHOOL BUDGET								
ALL FUNDS								
School District PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT								
REVENUES	GENERAL M & O FUND				ALL OTHER FUNDS			
	Prior Year Actual 2019-2020	Prior Year Actual 2020-2021	Prior Year Actual/Budget 2021-2022	Proposed Budget 2022-2023	Prior Year Actual 2019-2020	Prior Year Actual 2020-2021	Prior Year Actual/Budget 2021-2022	Proposed Budget 2022-2023
Beginning Balances	259959	277590	268586	271313	25866	47389	41732	46521
Local Tax Revenue	11876	11688	15886	11737				
Other Local	2530	9515			3600	4405	4400	4800
County Revenue								
State Revenue	211587	189962	231585	195579	9623	14106	7156	7226
Federal Revenue		36892			17000	22221	29000	20357
Other Sources	2715							
Totals	\$488,667.00	\$525,647.00	\$516,057.00	\$478,629.00	\$56,089.00	\$88,121.00	\$82,288.00	\$78,904.00
EXPENDITURES	Prior Year Actual 2019-2020	Prior Year Actual 2020-2021	Proposed Budget 2021-2022	Proposed Budget 2022-2023	Prior Year Actual 2019-2020	Prior Year Actual/Budget 2020-2021	Proposed Budget 2021-2022	Proposed Budget 2022-2023
Salaries	80092	84043	72150	66697	0	11685	16640	16640
Benefits	22644	20962	28197	25577	0	12570	11627	15760
Purchased Services	92433	88857	112082	101730	5050	9214	9000	15500
Supplies & Materials	8594	8586	9465	8050	3000	822	4000	4000
Capital Outlay	82	1422	8750	3600	650	36060	2000	2000
Debt Retirement								
Insurance & Judgments	0	15566	6600	6600				
Transfers (net)	7232	37625	7500	12043		-23962	-7500	-12043
Contingency Reserve								
Unappropriated Balances	277,590.00	268,586.00	271,313.00	254,332.00	47,389.00	41,732.00	46,521.00	37,047.00
Totals	\$488,667.00	\$525,647.00	\$516,057.00	\$478,629.00	\$56,089.00	\$88,121.00	\$82,288.00	\$78,904.00

A copy of the School District Budget is available for public inspection at the District's Administrative or Clerk's Office.

06/01/2022

HOMEDALE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF FEE INCREASE

LEGAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That on **June 14, 2022**, at **12:00 p.m.** at **The Bowling Alley, 18 West 1St Street North, Homedale, ID 83628**, the Board of Commissioners of the Homedale Rural Fire Protection District will receive comments regarding the Board of Commissioners’ intent to make a decision to establish the following proposed fee.

In summary, the Board of Commissioners intends to establish the following proposed fee:

FEE CATEGORY	EXISTING FEE	PROPOSED FEE
BLS Base Rate Emergency	\$600.00	\$676.00
ALS Base Rate Emergency	\$850.00	\$997.00
ALS Level 2 Base Rate		\$1,108.00
ALS Treat and Release		\$437.00
Mileage	\$15.00	\$15.50
Non-Resident Fee		\$121.00
PT Died at Scene		\$676.00

Basis of Authority:
1. The State of Idaho, under authority of Idaho Code §63-1311, provides that the governing board of any taxing district may impose and cause to be collected fees for services provided which would otherwise be funded by property tax revenues.

2. The above referenced Ambulance fees have been preliminarily determined by the Board of Commissioners to be reasonable in relationship to the cost of administering by the Fire District and does not exceed the actual cost incurred by the Fire District to render said services and to protect its ability to collect such fees.

All persons are invited to attend the public hearing and to provide comment on the proposed fee to be established. Copies of the full text of the proposed Fee Policy may be viewed at Parker Advisors, 19 E Wyoming Avenue, Homedale, Idaho, during regular office hours [8 a.m. to Noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8 am to Noon on Friday].

DATED this 10th day of May, 2022.
/s/:Mike Parker, Secretary
06/01,08/2022

Section 2: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effective from and after is passage, approval, and publication, according to law.

Section 3: That should the Court having jurisdiction declare any part of this Ordinance invalid, unauthorized or unconstitutional or in conflict with any other part of this Ordinance, then such unconstitutional, unauthorized or invalid part shall be stricken from this Ordinance, and shall not affect any other part whatsoever of this Ordinance. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Homedale, Idaho, declare that it would have passed this Ordinance, and each part hereof, irrespective of parts declared invalid, unauthorized or unconstitutional.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMEDALE,

IDAHO, THIS 11TH DAY OF MAY, 2022.

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOMEDALE, THIS 11TH, DAY OF MAY, 2022.
/s/: Gheen Christoffersen, Mayor
Attest:
/s/: Alice E. Pegram, City Clerk
City of Homedale, Idaho
06/01/2022

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that a public hearing will be held before the Homedale City Council on Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 6:00 pm at Homedale City Hall, 31 West Wyoming Ave. Homedale, Idaho.

The subject matter of this hearing is the Application for

Special Use Permit filed by Ethan Eells requesting that he be allowed to build a duplex at 234 E. Colorado Ave.; Lot 1, Block 84, Homedale, Idaho.

The public is invited to attend and offer input.

Alice E. Pegram
City Clerk
City of Homedale
05/25,06/01/2022

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING INCREASE OF NON-POTABLE WATER FEES CITY OF MARSING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Wednesday, the 8th day of June, 2022, at the hour of 7:00 o’clock p.m., at Marsing City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing, Idaho, the City of Marsing will hold a public hearing for the purpose of hearing public comments regarding the proposed fee increase for non-potable water fees. The City Council will consider and hear all comments thereto which may also be made in writing and filed with the City Clerk on or before said time.

All persons desiring to be heard concerning the proposed increase should be in attendance at the hearing. The file relating to this proposal is available for review in the office of the City Clerk at Marsing City Hall. Written comments may be submitted prior to the Council meeting, but must be received by the City Clerk no later than 3:00 pm, Friday, June 3rd, in order to be considered as part of the record. Written comments can be mailed to Marsing City Hall, PO Box 125, Marsing, ID 83639 or emailed to office@marsingcity.com.
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PUBLIC NOTICE OWYHEE COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE OWYHEE COUNTY PROSECUTOR APPLICANTS

Owyhee County Republican Central Committee (OCRCC) is seeking applicants for the Owyhee County Prosecutor. See Idaho Code 31-2601 for the Prosecuting Attorney job qualifications. Interested parties

should submit a Letter of Interest and Resume to Tammy Payne, OCRCC Chair, PO Box 591, Grand View, Idaho 83624, or, email to tammy83624@yahoo.com. Candidates may also submit their LOI and Resume in person to the Chair by 7 PM on the day of OCRCC Special Meeting. The OCRCC Special Meeting is being held to conduct interviews for Owyhee County vacancies and to make Prosecuting Attorney nominee recommendations to the Owyhee County Commissioners. The OCRCC Special Meeting is scheduled for June 14th, 2022, at 7 PM, at the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, ID 83650. Applicants should plan to attend the June 14th, 2022 OCRCC meeting for the interview process. If you have questions, please contact Tammy Payne at (208)590-4203.
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PUBLIC NOTICE OWYHEE COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE OWYHEE COUNTY ASSESSOR APPLICANTS

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Passengers ejected in separate rollover crashes recently

Air ambulance crews have been busy with violent Owyhee County car crashes in recent weeks.

The latest accident ahead of what emergency officials deem “the 100 deadliest days” occurred last Wednesday on Idaho highway 78 15 miles outside Marsing.

A 38-year-old woman and three children were involved in a one-vehicle rollover, according to Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire and EMS Capt. Louis Monson.

MRW Fire volunteers had to extricate the adult driver from the vehicle, and she was flown to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise by Air St. Luke’s.

An 11-year-old boy ejected from the vehicle was flown to St. Al’s by LifeFlight after

crewmembers from MRW EMS and Marsing Ambulance did an on-site assessment, Monson said.

Marsing Ambulance transported a third passenger, a juvenile female, who had received minor injuries and was treated at the scene before transport.

Another girl was uninjured.

Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputies and Canyon County paramedics were also on scene along with MRW Fire personnel, Monson said. The call came in at 10:10 a.m.

No other updates were available, and the identity of the adult was not provided. Monson did say that the children attend Melba schools.

- LifeFlight transported two passengers from the wreckage of another rollover with

ejection on May 16 outside Marsing near Thompson and Edison roads.

Emergency dispatch radio traffic and subsequent social media posts identified the crash victims as Brian Cegnar and Cassandra Padilla.

The wreck occurred after 3:30 p.m., requiring responding sheriff’s deputies to coordinate school bus detours to get children home after school.

Cegnar’s mother posted on social media photos from the crash scene that showed the vehicle’s roof ripped from its pillars by the force of the rollover.

Cegnar has since been released from the hospital, but a long recovery is expected, according to his mother’s on-line posts.

— JPB

Transition to new Marsing BLM office begins next week

Operations shift to Boise temporarily beginning Monday

The Bureau of Land Management’s Owyhee Field Office in Marsing will close temporarily beginning Monday to make way for a big move.

The office now housed on city property near 1st Avenue will move to its new location at 101 S. Bruneau Hwy.

During the temporary closure, business can be conducted at the BLM Boise District Office located at 3948 Development Ave. in Boise or by calling (208) 384-3300.

The new office is set to open for business Monday, June 13.

“Managing BLM public lands requires strong relationships and working closely with permit holders, stakeholders, and the communities we serve,” Owyhee Field Manager Donn Christiansen said.

“Opening this permanent Marsing office location further demonstrates our commitment to that relationship with the local community.”

The current office building will revert back to City of Marsing control. City officials have plans to use the building as a history portal during the planned centennial celebration during the Fourth of July weekend.

The new Owyhee Field Office building will provide better public access including parking, an information reception area, and a large conference room for meetings. Other improvements include adequate office space for permanent and seasonal staff, an on-site warehouse yard for project supplies and equipment, and a staging area for wildland firefighting resources.

An open house at the new location will be announced in early July and will include having managers and staff available for questions.

Office hours at the new location will continue to be 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays. The main office phone number, (208) 896-5912, and staff extensions will also remain the same.

The Owyhee Field Office oversees more than 1.2 million acres of public lands in western Owyhee County, from the Oregon border east to Oreana, and from the Snake River south to the Nevada border.

Public notices

PUBLIC NOTICE The following application(s) have been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho: 57-12085 SNAKE RIVER RANCH ESTATES LLC 6211 CLEVELAND BLVD CALDWELL, ID 83607-8167 Point of Diversion L2(NESW) S6 T01N R03W OWYHEE County Source GROUND WATER Use: DOMESTIC 01/01 to 12/31 0.04 CFS Use: HEATING 01/01 to 12/31 0.08 CFS Total Diversion: 0.12 CFS Date Filed: 04-15-2022 Place Of Use : DOMESTIC,HEATING	T01N R03W S6 L2(NESW) 57-12086 WESLEY D ANDERSON ROBBIN L ANDERSON 10169 CHINA DITCH RD MELBA, ID 83641-4253 Point of Diversion NENW S14 T01S R03W OWYHEE County Source GROUND WATER Use: DOMESTIC 01/01 to 12/31 0.04 CFS Use: IRRIGATION 03/01 to 11/15 0.15 CFS Total Diversion: 0.19 CFS Date Filed: 05-05-2022 Place Of Use: IRRIGATION T01S R03W S11 SESW Place Of Use : DOMESTIC,IRRIGATION T01S R03W S14 NENW Total Acres: 5	Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. For additional information concerning the property location, contact the Western office at (208)334-2190; or for a full description of the right(s), please see https://idwr.idaho.gov/apps/ExtSearch/WRAApplicationResults/ . Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-203A. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 W AIRPORT WAY, BOISE ID 83705-5082 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 6/21/2022. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant. GARY SPACKMAN, Director 06/01,08/2022
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Homedale dodges costly damage after restroom vandalism

City pool set to open Monday, staff sought

Amid preparations for the Homedale City Pool swimming season, officials are asking for help with a vandalism problem at Riverside Park.

A reward has been posted for information about who is responsible for throwing rocks into a toilet at the Riverside Park restroom.

City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram said last Wednesday’s daytime stunt forced city employees to clean out the sewer lift station at the Riverside RV Park. And it could have caused a lot of damage to the lift station, which is already earmarked for repairs.

The bottom line, as Pegram

wrote in a social media post about the incident, any damage to city property costs the taxpayers in the end.

The vandalism had to have taken place during the day because the restrooms are locked at night.

Anyone with information is asked to call City Hall at (208) 337-4641 during business hours or (833) 337-4222, ext. 2, anytime to make a report.

Pegram also announced that the city pool is tentatively scheduled to open Monday, contingent upon the completion of maintenance and the hiring of the summer staff.

Call City Hall at (208) 337-4641 if interested in working as lifeguard this summer.

Lifeguards must be 15 years old, and must receive lifeguard certification.

— JPB

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Homedale’s proposed public pre-K gets grant

Establishing a public pre-school program in Homedale got a shot in the arm.

The Idaho Community Foundation has awarded a \$15,000 grant the school district can use to provide curriculum for a planned pre-kindergarten option.

District superintendent Rob Sauer said previously that the program will be housed in the former St. Hubert’s Catholic Church rectory.

The building on East Owyhee Avenue across from the school district offices has been undergoing major renovations in recent months. Trees have been removed, red exterior handrails installed, and the components of an outdoor playground apparatus have been delivered on the west side of the property.

School officials hope to have the program in place in time for the start of the 2022-23 school year in August.

The ICF grant was part of \$294,000 distributed statewide.



Above: The Navy flag detail presented Wilder resident Bonnie Fox an American flag in honor of her husband James’ service. Left: The ship onboard which James Fox served. Submitted photos

Next week: Photos from American Legion Post 128 showing respects to service-members interred at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery.



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Vet groups ensure proper respects

Local Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion members joined forces to honor one of their own on May 21.

The Samuel C. Phillips III VFW Post 11065 and George VanDerhoff American Legion Post 32 helped create an honor guard for Wilder resident James Fox’s memorial service.

“Basically we coordinated with the Navy and the American Legion firing detail, Post 11065 Cmdr. and Post 32 liaison Luke Hayward said. “The firing detail fell out last minute.”

Members from both organizations helped the late Navy man’s wife, Bonnie, organize the memorial.

“The Navy’s flag detail was very professional,” Hayward said. “You could see the emotion in the crowd.”

The event honoring James Fox was just the latest community project in which local veterans have participated since Hayward began heading up both local service organizations.

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