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Grand View

Leaving city, mayor steps down

Grand View City Council president Jon Pennington is acting mayor after Daniel Martinez's resignation.

After a little more than three years on the job, Martinez stepped down because he is moving outside the city limits and will be ineligible to serve.



Danny Martinez

The council accepted Martinez's resignation on June 8 during a morning budget workshop. Pennington presided over the regular council meeting later that night.

According to council meeting minutes, the 2022 collection of which was uploaded to the city's website last week after an inquiry from The Owyhee Avalanche, Martinez missed the past three regular meetings, stretching to April.

Martinez served as a councilman before beating appointee Sandy Skinner for the mayoralty in 2019.



The lick means she likes you

Idaho Reptile Zoo handler Bryson Thieme holds Daisy, a black and white Tegu lizard, as Annie Woodward braces for some interesting interaction during the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library summer reading program inside the Homedale Community Center on Thursday. The program continues at 1 p.m., on Thursday. Submitted photos



Summer reading kids form python brigade

The summer reading participants got a chance to handle a Burmese Python during Thursday's event. Some of the children present included Xandros Huddleston, Sadie Bell, Benson Parry, Lila Jensen, James Jensen, Emerson Jensen, and Kenai Rice.

Nettleton appointed assessor

Out-of-county lawyers apply for prosecutor job

Tiffany Nettleton, the county's *de facto* assessor-elect, was given the job officially Friday morning.

The Murphy native, who defeated incumbent Robin Monahan in the May 17 Republican primary, was appointed Owyhee County assessor

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New Owyhee County Assessor Tiffany Nettleton (right) swears faithfulness to the state and U.S. constitutions as Clerk Angie Barkell administers the oath of office Friday morning. Submitted photo

Homedale Sr. Center seeks help amid rising costs, temps

Needed: Funds for new cooling system, supplies for benefit breakfast; shotgun raffle to help

Summer is here, so that means two things:

Sweltering temperatures and the Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo will be here before you know it.

The fair and rodeo phenomena conjure thoughts of the Homedale Senior Center, which is bringing back its Buckaroo Breakfast for the first time in two years to coincide with August's big event.

But it's the summer heat that has been on senior center coordinator Sandra Ledford's mind lately.

The center's swamp cooler has become ineffective in cooling down the kitchen and food prep area, so Ledford has started a campaign to purchase a new cooling system.

Proceeds from the Buckaroo Breakfast, which is the center's largest fundraiser attracting 500 people each year, will help purchase the cooling system.

Ledford said she has received a proposal from Green's Heating and Air for \$18,691 with a \$2,650 Idaho Power efficiency rebate. She has secured

\$8,000 in funding thus far, including a \$5,000 grant, and has reached out to two other HVAC companies for estimates.

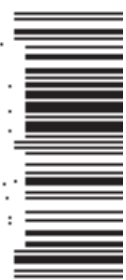
The Buckaroo Breakfast and quilt raffle will help raise the money for the project. Tickets to win the quilt are on sale now. They cost \$1 each or \$5 for six.

Local business owners Faydra Givens, Marc Tidalgo, and Jesse Denton also have launched a raffle of a Winchester 12-gauge shotgun with all proceeds going to the senior center.

Tickets are \$5 apiece, \$10 for three tickets, \$20 for eight tickets, or \$50 for 25 tickets. Chances to win can be purchased at The Dog Spa, Street Dogs, or Wild Lotus. They'll also be on sale during the Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derby, where the winning ticket will be drawn.

The senior center also has launched a campaign not only to gear up for the Buckaroo Breakfast, but to fund the new cooling system.

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Vacant residential property values rise 56 percent

State launches online property tax estimator

More details have emerged about how property valuations have increased in Owyhee County.

Assessor’s office chief deputy Kevin Bowen relayed countywide information provided by Robert Rios, a consulting appraiser with the Idaho State Tax Commission:

- Improved residential property values rose about 68 percent. The increase includes value adjustments to the land and improvements as well as new construction that wasn’t on last year’s assessment rolls.
- Vacant residential property values increased around 56 percent because of value adjustments and new parcels that were in a different category last year.

- Improved commercial property values increased 10 percent because of value changes.
- Vacant commercial property had no overall change in value.
- Manufactured homes property value went up 49 percent because of value changes.

Last Wednesday, the state tax commission announced that its 2022 property tax estimator tool was up and running online at <https://tax.idaho.gov/i-1072.cfm>. There is also a “Quick Picks” link to the calculator on the main website at <https://tax.idaho.gov/>

The midday press release said that residents in 38 counties would be able to estimate their tax bills. Officials with the tax commission said during a June 13 visit with the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners that all 44 counties would be available by last

Friday (June 17).

To use the estimator, property owners must have their net taxable property value and tax code area information handy. Both pieces of information are listed on the assessment notice.

The tax commission notes that estimates the calculator provides might not include levies for new taxing districts and recent voter-approved funds. Estimates also don’t include other fees, such as Owyhee County’s solid waste fee, that might be billed on tax notices.

The actual tax amounts will be determined after cities, counties, and other taxing districts set their budgets in the coming months.

“We know homeowners are concerned about their taxes this year because property values have increased significantly throughout Idaho,” State Tax Commission

chair Jeff McCray said.

“But the rate of increase in your property taxes usually won’t equal the rate of increase in your property’s value.”

All property in Idaho is in multiple taxing districts. Taxing districts are government units such as counties, cities, school districts, sewer districts, fire districts, library districts, etc. The amount of tax a property owner pays is based on the budgets set by all taxing districts where the property is located. But the budgets are restricted and can’t typically grow by more than three percent per year, plus an allowance for new construction, with the total increase limited to eight percent.

The tax estimator is a joint effort between the Tax Commission and several participating counties, including Owyhee.

From page 1

✓ Assessor: Commissioners may be looking at a prosecutorial contract

during a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

Several people turned out for the event, and the elected officials seemed pleased to move into a new era.

“Mr. Chairman, I make a motion to appoint Tiffany Nettleton as our assessor for this

term and look forward to the next term,” Dist. 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland said.

The vote was unanimous, and Clerk Angie Barkell administered the oath of office.

“Thank you for coming,” Nettleton said to the audience. “I didn’t expect anybody to be here.”

In starting the meeting, BOCC chair Joe Merrick (Dist. 3) included Nettleton in his opening prayer:

“We ask that she be blessed and inspired to make correct decisions and to learn the process rapidly.”

Nettleton was recommended for the position during the county Republican Central Committee’s June 14 meeting to select successors for Monahan and Prosecuting Attorney Jeffrey L. Phillips.

Both officials resigned their posts on May 23.

Nettleton was the only person to apply for the assessor’s job, according to county GOP chair Tammy Payne of Grand View.

The Republican committee forwarded two prosecuting attorney applicants to the county commissioners for consideration — Shari Dodge and Jefferson “Jeff” West. Both

live outside the county, so they aren’t eligible for political appointment.

Barkell said the commissioners were scheduled to discuss the prosecuting attorney recommendations during Tuesday’s regular meeting, which took place after deadline.

Because neither of the applicants live in the county at this time, the commissioners would have to explore contracting if they chose either of them to handle the county’s criminal prosecutions and civil counsel.

The county already has a civil attorney contract with Maren Ericson of the Borton-Lakey law firm. She has been under contract since she was with Hamilton because, Barkell said, Phillips told commissioners he had too much of a workload to handle BOCC and Planning and Zoning civil matters.

Dodge, who lives in Nampa,

lost her challenge to incumbent Judge Thomas W. Whitney in May’s judicial election for a spot on the Third District bench.

Dodge has been an attorney for more than 25 years and she grew up in Canyon County.

West practices family, criminal and personal injury law in Boise and has been a member of the Idaho State Bar for more than 20 years.

Although Nettleton beat Monahan in the May primary and there is no Democratic nominee, her name will still appear on the Nov. 8 general election ballot. She will be sworn in for her own four-year term in January.

The county is currently looking for a replacement in the Community Development office where Nettleton has occupied the second chair under community development coordinator Mary Huff.

— JPB

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Come and celebrate with the class of '72.

From page 1

✓ Center: Buckaroo Breakfast back for fair week for first time since 2019

The public has stepped forward to help with expenses for the breakfast with either cash donations or by picking up something on the supply list for the breakfast preparation.

“Anything is so very much appreciated,” Ledford wrote in a recent letter outlining the drive to get a new cooler.

Call the senior center at (208) 337-3020 between 8 a.m., and 1 p.m., on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday for more information on how to help out.

The Buckaroo Breakfast supply list includes:

- Eggs
- Pancake mix
- Syrup (regular and sugar-free)
- Coffee, orange juice, and milk
- Paper plates, 8-ounce coffee cups, plastic ware, napkins, and juice cups
- Packets of sugar/sweetener and creamer

Ledford suggests folks pick up an extra can of coffee, paper products, syrup or any supplies during their regular shopping trips.

Several individuals and businesses already have stepped up.

All contributions will be acknowledged on a poster that will be displayed during each day of the breakfast.

“It takes an entire community to support our seniors and Meals on Wheels in our area,” Ledford wrote in a letter to the community. “Our supplies and funding are low this year, so all help is appreciated to make the Buckaroo Breakfast a success with funds towards the new cooling system.”

The Meals on Wheels program is especially costly these days with the increase in fuel prices, but Ledford said that a recent influx of money from the state’s seniors agency has helped.

— JPB



Downtown Homedale business owners (from left) Jesse Denton of Wisby Washy Laundromat, Faydra Given from Wild Lotus Coffee Bar & Boutique, and Marc Tidalgo of The Dog Spa and Street Dogs have joined forces for a shotgun raffle the proceeds for which will go to the Homedale Senior Center. Tickets cost \$5 each \$10 for three tickets, \$20 for eight, or \$50 for 25 and are available at the Dog Spa, Street Dogs, or Wild Lotus. They can be purchased during the Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derby where the winning ticket will be drawn.





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Community invited to enjoy San Juan Eguna at Txoko Ona

The public is invited to Txoko Ona Basque Club’s observance of the feast of St. John the Baptist.

San Juan Eguna will take place beginning at 4 p.m., on Saturday at the Basque center, 333 S. Main St., in Homedale.

The festival is a free family-friendly event. Attendees can bring chairs, blankets and shade canopies, but dogs and outside food or beverages besides water won’t be allowed.

The event will include Mus (Basque card game), local Basque folk dancers, traditional San Juan games, dancing to live music, and a bonfire.

The bonfire is in the tradition of what happens in the Basque Country and communities when the sun goes down each June 23. The fires are set ablaze to mark San Juan Eguna, the feast of St. John the Baptist.

According to information provided by Txoko Ona vice-president Amaya Aguirre-Landa:

Basques became Christianized around the 8th century by most estimates. In an earlier time, the summer solstice,

San Juan Eguna Basque Festival

Saturday at Txoko Ona Basque Center, Homedale

- 4 p.m. — Gates open
- 5 p.m. — Mus (Basque card game)
- 6 p.m. — Herribatza Dantzariak (children’s Basque dancing group led by Homedale’s Gloria Lejardi)
- 6:45 p.m. — Performances by Txantxangorriak, Boise-based Basque musical group
- 7 p.m. — Oinkari Basque Dancers
- 8 p.m. — Traditional San Juan games — tug-o-war, txingas (Basque weight lifting race), sack races and more
- Afterward — Dancing to live music by Rochelle & The James Gang
- Sunset — Bonfire and traditional San Juan Zortziko by Oinkari Basque Dancers
- Basque food will be available — Chorizo, solomo sandwich, croquetas, and rice pudding. Beverages: Alcoholic and non-alcoholic options
- Vendors — Basque-related items will be sold.

the longest day of the year, must have seemed magical and it spawned a wide assortment of rituals throughout Europe. In the case of the Basques, we are not certain what those pre-Christian rituals were, but what has survived is their rough form with a new Christian context.

What we now know as San Juan

Eguna, the day of St. John the Baptist, seems likely to have been adaptations of earlier rituals marking a day when it seemed as if the sun stood still in the sky.

The arrival of San Juan Eguna is marked by parties, festivals, neighborhood rituals, and of course

the omnipresent bonfires. There are many places in the Basque Country that celebrate this holiday in big ways, or it can be as simple as a group of neighbors joining together to build a bonfire.

In Tolosa, an ash tree is cut down and placed in the town square, and each house is also decorated with branches.

In addition, herbs are gathered on the morning of San Juan and kept throughout the year. Legend has it that the ashes cure skin diseases and that one should jump the fire a minimum of three times to have a good year.

There are many variations on the theme of the summer solstice in the Basque Country, and throughout Europe for that matter, though now the meanings have been transformed. Not too many today make this a day to pick mid-summer plants for their perceived miraculous healing powers, nor light bonfires to fend off evil spirits.

For some, it still marks a special day on their religious calendar. For others, the rituals of San Juan Eguna still serve as a way of bringing the community together.

Marsing centennial celebration a week away

After schedule changes and planning committee shifts, Marsing is ready for the belated celebration of its centennial.

The festival will run Friday, July 1 to Sunday, July 3. The annual Third of July Fireworks and the Marsing Lions Club

barbecue will be the finale. Centennial-specific events kick off Friday with a meeting of competitors warming up for the barbecue competition. The entry fee is \$50, and the top three chefs receive cash prizes. A street dance fueled by

DJ music from David Quiroz and Jaylen Harris will be held from 6 p.m., to 10 p.m., on 2nd Avenue West. The street will be closed to traffic, and there will be street closures on Saturday for the celebration.

At 8 p.m., the catfish derby will begin at Island Park.

Saturday begins with the Marsing Beautification Project’s breakfast at City Park. The meal will cost \$3.

The Snake River Country Market, with live music from The Sofisticats, runs 9 a.m., to 5 p.m., at City Park.

Other Saturday events:

- Centennial parade, 10 a.m.
- Time capsule placement at

City Park after the parade.

- Registration for the second annual Marsing Beautification Project Rubber Duck Races, which start at noon, is available at www.marsingbeautificationproject.com. The cost is \$1 for one duck or \$5 for three ducks. Folks can enter up to three ducks in each of the seven races.

- At 2 p.m., the catfish derby awards will be handed out.

- The barbecue awards, including the \$500 Grill Master first-place award, will be doled out at 4:30 p.m. The runner-up griller earns \$300, and the third-place entry will get \$200. Pacific Steel is sponsoring and has created the Grill Master Award. The company also donated the time capsule.

- At 7 p.m., the city’s legal contractor, MSBT Law, will sponsor an ice cream social.

- At 8 p.m., a free movie rolls at City Park Pavilion.

The history walkthrough originally scheduled for the city-owned building on 1st Avenue formerly occupied by the Bureau of Land Management has been scrapped. The city council has decided to sell the property.

For more information about the centennial or to find out how to be a vendor, call City Hall at (208) 896-4122.

Registration forms for the fishing tournament and barbecue competition are also available at City Hall.

More information about the barbecue competition is available by calling (208) 760-7712.

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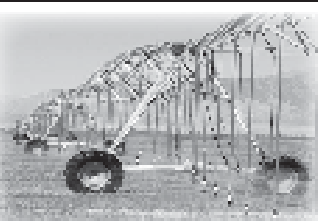
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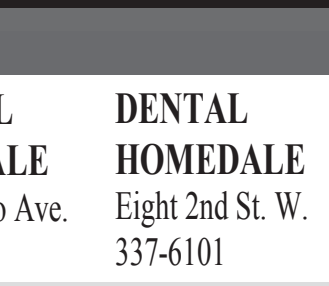
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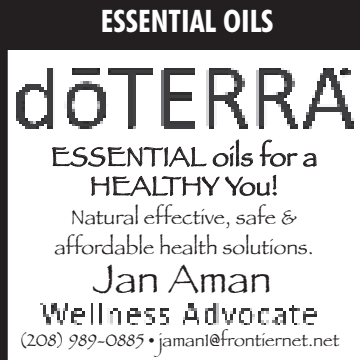
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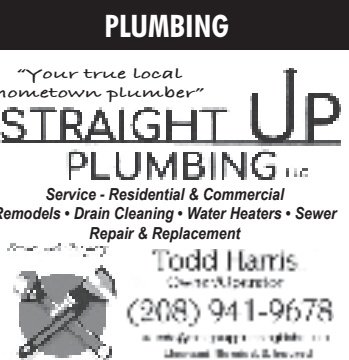
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Viewing Marsing’s walkability through the Looking Glass

Have you ever thought about how important walkability is to our community? From children walking or biking to school or senior citizens walking to the store, it is important to create a community safe for pedestrians.



Cassie Moody

The Looking Glass Academy, which will come to Marsing on July 11-12, is an intensive walkability analysis and training led by the company Vitruvian Planning that provides citizens with the knowledge they need to assess walkability in their community. According to the company, the goal is to “merge popular techniques for evaluating active transportation needs from both the community development and design fields to build capacity among advocates and others to be change agents in their community.”

So, what does this mean for the City of Marsing and its residents? This training will help city planners, elected officials, and citizens to understand and implement some of the technical nuances associated with walkability. Several of the topics covered in the training include design, policy, planning, community efforts, and how to advocate for safer streets. Furthermore, this training will explore the many subsets of walkability:

- Do sidewalks comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)?
- Are they up to code?
- Are crosswalks easily accessible?
- Are sidewalks lit at night?

Each of these components are vital to creating a walkable community.

There is potential for this training to be the start of big changes in the Marsing community in a variety of ways:

- Walkability can create more independent citizens.
- If it is safe and easy for children or senior citizens to walk places, they are more apt to do tasks on their own and feel safe doing so.

Additionally, Looking Glass Academy provides an opportunity to engage many groups in the walkability conversation. While this is often a topic that is overlooked, this is a chance to examine the city up close and ask how accessible walking and biking really is. Finally, this training will equip community members with the tools they need to make a difference.

Looking Glass Academy promotes change by preparing community members to become walkability advocates and to speak up to the possible changes that could take place.

Making sidewalks wide enough for a whole family to walk side-by-side, creating a buffer between moving traffic and sidewalks, and creating more frequent crosswalks are just a few ways that Marsing could become more walkable.

We cannot wait to see what we are able to accomplish for Marsing through Looking Glass Academy.

For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/3PqcCON> or contact us at the office.

— Cassie Moody is an intern with the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office in Marsing for more information, call (208) 896-4104 or email owyhee@uidaho.edu

Calendar

Today

PiYo exercise class

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

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

Summer reading program

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

Fruit canning workshop

5 p.m., to 8 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4104 or owyhee@uidaho.edu

Lions demolition derby drivers meeting

7 p.m., the Bowling Alley, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale.

Thursday

PiYo exercise class

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

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

Summer reading

12:30 p.m., to 4 p.m., STEM museum, Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Food bank drop off

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

Homedale Community Market

3 p.m., to 7 p.m., Bette Uda City Park, 200 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. markettophat@gmail.com, markettophat.com

Yoga class

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

7 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder.

Friday

Idaho Foodbank drop-off

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

Saturday

Snake River Country Market

11 a.m., to 3 p.m., City Park, 1st Avenue West, Marsing. (208) 880-4580

Free lunch

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

San Juan Eguna Basque Festival

4 p.m., Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., Homedale.

Sunday

Pastor Chuck Ryan retirement celebration

10:30 a.m., worship, 12:30 p.m., lunch, family activities to follow, Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder.

Catholic mass

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

Monday

PiYo exercise class

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

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, Homedale.

Tuesday

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

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Salad bar: Not Available

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Dessert is included in curbside lunch

Milk available each day.

Roll available each day except June 22nd

June 22: Nachos, rice, Calif. blend veggies
June 23: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, spinach

June 28: Baked fish, baked potato, mixed vegetables

June 29: Pork chops, scalloped potatoes, sautéed cabbage

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.

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June 23: Tomato soup with ham and cheese sandwich, green salad, oyster crackers, garlic bread, fresh fruit, peach cobbler

June 28: Beef enchilada, refried beans, Spanish rice, green salad, tortilla chips, pears, yogurt

Sandbar Community Room

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 22: BBQ pork, roasted potatoes, green beans, orange juice, wheat bun

June 25: Citrus salmon, brown rice, spring blend vegetables, baby carrots, fresh fruit, wheat roll

June 27: Turkey Florentine, broccoli, peaches, French bread

June 29: Chicken noodle casserole, carrots, spiced apples, green salad, wheat roll

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Obituaries

Daniel Alan Britt

Daniel Alan Britt, 64, of Homedale passed away on June 16, 2022. He fought a long and hard battle, after becoming paralyzed from the waist down in 2013 and his family finds great peace knowing he is finally comfortable again after a very extensive stay in the hospital.

Danny was born February 13, 1958 in Indianapolis, Indiana to Kenneth Calvin and Betty Lucille Britt as the 5th of 6 children. He was raised in Indianapolis and Martinsville, Indiana, where he later raised his 3 sons.

To be closer to friends after his divorce, Danny moved to Bryce Canyon, Utah in the early 2000s. There he worked at Ruby's Inn and spent all his free time hiking in the

mountains, and rock climbing. He enjoyed searching the area for old shark teeth and abandoned arrowheads, and was quite good at finding them. While living in Utah, a mutual friend introduced him to the love of his life. He proposed after four dates, and they were married two weeks later. Danny married Londa on September 9, 2009 in Bryce Canyon and they were sealed for time and all eternity in the Logan, Utah Temple on September 9, 2010. The first year of their marriage they lived in Farmington, Utah before relocating to Homedale, Idaho to help take care of Londa's parents. Danny enjoyed being outside in the warm sun, reading every book he could find and sharing with



others all the things he had learned. He had a dry sense of humor and had great pleasure in teasing his loved ones, and even enjoyed it when they teased him back.

Danny's family joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and he was baptized when he was eight years old.

He had a strong testimony and faith, and was admired by many around him. He found great inspiration studying the prophets of the latter days and the stories of the Bible. In particular, Danny spent many hours learning everything he could about his Savior, Jesus Christ. He served in many different roles in the church and had great influence on those he was able to interact with.

Danny was loved by his family and friends and will be missed in their lives every day. He is survived by his wife of 13 years — Londa, his sons, Seth and Matthew; 6 grandkids; his older brother, two sisters, and many brothers- and sisters-in-law; and many, many nieces and nephews. He was preceded

in death by his parents; his son, Justin; one brother and one sister; his granddaughter, Hope; and his father-in-law Jerry 15 weeks prior.

The family would like to thank the many nurses, doctors and medical staff that helped care for Danny and the many friends and family that remembered him in their prayers for so long.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday June 25, 2022 at 11 AM at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Idaho Avenue in Homedale. A viewing will be held before the service from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM and he will be buried following the service in the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery.

Death notices

LISA M. HILTON, 74, of Mountain Home died at a Boise care center on Thursday, June 2, 2022. Arrangements: Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel, 500 N. 18th E., Mountain Home. (208) 391-7108

DONALD HENRY SWEEP, 84, formerly of Homedale, died on Thursday, June 16, 2022 in Ogden, Utah. Family and friends will be received from 9 a.m., to 9:45 a.m., and a funeral with military honors will follow at 10 a.m., on Monday, June 27, 2022 at Rasmussen-Wilson Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley. Burial will follow at Grandview Cemetery in Elba. A live webcast of the funeral will be available and maintained at rasmussenwilson.com.

DELORIS ELEANOR WIDGER, 80, of Murphy, died on Friday, June 10, 2022. A memorial service is being held at 1 p.m., on Saturday, June 25, 2022 at the Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., in Murphy. Arrangements: Alsip and Persons Funeral Chapel, 404 10th Ave. S., Nampa. (208) 466-3545

Homedale 4th of July parade theme revealed

The parade preceding the 41st annual Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derby is back this year, but there are big changes.

This year's theme is "Back to the '80s," and lineup will take place at 8 a.m., in the Deward Bell Stadium parking lot on Riverside Avenue. Lions Club member Will Pryor said the staging location was changed because of difficulty getting all entries lined up at the high school parking lot.

The parade begins at 9 a.m. In the biggest change to the route, the parade will avoid Idaho Avenue.

Former Lions Club president Rob Townsend and his wife, Homedale Elementary School secretary Shelley Townsend, are

grand marshals, Pryor said.

For more information, call parade coordinator Heidi at (208) 600-5683.

Gates at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds will open at 10:30 a.m., and derby drivers will be warned at tonight's pre-derby meeting (7 at The Bowling Alley) that there will be no electricity or water available in the pits because of the county's ongoing RV park construction. Pit crews are encouraged to bring generators and supplies.

Tickets cost \$20 apiece and are available online at <https://homedale-demo-derby.ticketleap.com/>. On the day of the derby, wristbands so folks can avoid long lines at the gate will be available beginning at 4:30 p.m., Pryor said. — JPB

Robert "Bob" Forney Malmberg Jr.

Robert "Bob" Forney Malmberg Jr, of Marsing, passed away on June 10, 2022 at the age of 85. He was born on November 16, 1936 in Nampa, Idaho to Robert Forney & Ella May Malmberg. Dad was raised in Marsing and graduated from Marsing High School in 1955. He married Judith A. Dobbin on July 20, 1961 in Caldwell. From this union three children were born, Rob, Tony and Linda.

Bob had various jobs, as a farmer and mechanic. He served 54 years on the Marsing Fire Department and 46 years on the Owyhee County Sheriff's Posse.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Judy; children, Rob (Roxann), Tony (Angie) and Linda; seven grandchildren, Ryan (Nicole), Jenny (Alex), Brian, Raeann (Frank), Shannon (Dylan), Tyler, and Kaitlyn; seven great-grandchildren and



sheriff's Posse "The A Team", volunteer fire department and ambulance, fire commissioner, Lions Club, city council, and his service in the Army.

He enjoyed his time fishing and camping at Deadwood Reservoir with his family and extended families, Bowmans, Finleys, Wardles, Jones, Bouges and Inecks.

Dad always looked forward to his Saturday morning breakfast with Chris and spending time drinking coffee with his friends at OC Coffee.

Graveside services will be held at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery at 11:00 am on July 8, 2022 with a celebration of life lunch at Marsing Schools cafeteria. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you make a donation to any Marsing organization or a charity of your choice. Condolences can be given at www.flahiffuneralchapel.com

two great-great-grandchildren; brothers, Gary (Patty) and Jake (DeAnne), brother-in-law Gary Samson, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Sharon Samson, and brother-in-law Don Dobbin.

Dad was proud of his fifty-plus years of community service in various forms of coaching,

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Documenting Owyhee history takes time, great helpers

Given the opportunity to write in The Owyhee Avalanche about what happens at the Owyhee County Historical Museum from projects to events, I'll start off at the beginning. That's always a good place to start.

I have been museum director almost four years. In that time, I have been shown so much support from not only the membership but the county as well. The county commissioners and county clerk have helped myself and the museum move forward. During the past three years, the museum has steadily grown with new displays, energy-efficient lighting, improvements to the grounds, restoration of the historic buildings and cataloging the extensive artifact collection. All of this and more could not have taken place if not for the small team of people that help me make the museum what it is.

Two people from that team in particular have watched many directors come and go and are still going strong.

MAKING A MUSEUM Eriks Garsvo

Owyhee County Historical Museum director



Without them, the Owyhee County Historical Society membership, finances and gift shop would be non-existent. Vivian Good and Betsy Kendrick are amazing, dedicated people, and the museum is lucky to have them.

Recently I hired Matthew Voelkel, once a Boise State intern and now a graduate with his Masters in History, as the museum's new archivist. Matthew has dived into the artifact collection and clothing vault to ensure proper storage. We have 61 years of collecting, and items are either stored or on display around the museum. Almost all the items have not

been digitally entered into our cataloging software. Properly archiving the collection is a constant ongoing project, and I'm fortunate to have someone take such an interest.

The museum also has a dedicated volunteer group that manages the library, archives and acquires, edits and submits articles for the museum's annual publication, the Owyhee Outpost. I would like to thank these volunteers for their dedication to the museum archives and continuing the publication that is now 53 years strong.

Throughout the year, the museum hosts a slew of events — from the Christmas Bazaar to Outpost Days. Again, the events would not take place if not for the dedicated and passionate people that come back year after year to organize and run them. Remember a museum only works if it is not only supported by monetary donations but by volunteer, physical labor.

The museum hosted the 53rd Outpost Days during the first weekend in June. I received many compliments on the museum from the recent Murphy Schoolhouse vestibule restoration to all the new displays and the upkeep of the grounds. For the most part, I was only the "director," having the vision, passion and drive to keep the museum moving forward. The museum's employees and many volunteers made it all happen. They took their time and energy to build and work on the displays and buildings. Everyone at the museum plays an important role. Without

Debra Lindner's passion and dedication, Outpost Days along with the Pie Shop that serves delicious food for each event just would not be the same. A BIG thank you to her and her team.

By now, it should be obvious that without active membership and community support this great museum would not be as it is. As the director, I can only do so much. All these great projects, new displays and restorations can only take place because of "viewers like you."

Sometimes I believe people think the director's job is an easy one, seeing me driving the museum's 1915 Model T around or giving kids rides on the tractor and playing the 1920 player piano for guests. Those are all fun things and definitely perks of the job, but there are things that keep a person awake at night. What display is next to design and work on? Which building needs attention first? What happens when key volunteers that handle events leave or, worse, pass on? What will happen when membership drops due to members not renewing because of higher prices of living or passing away? Many of my current volunteers are older than 60, and people 50 and younger all have families, jobs, and busy lives. Museums all over are in danger of closing because of the loss of interest and support from community and core volunteers passing on or running away because of political strife from within.

But it's not all gloom. There is hope for museums, but it takes a community to keep a museum going. It takes passion,

interest, and engagement from both the museum staff and its members to bring history to life because history really is exciting. It tells the story of who came before us. What they encountered coming west, the thrills, chills and the new-found love for our country. The Owyhee County Historical Museum is very fortunate to have passionate people that really do care. I have visited many county museums in this state, and I have yet to find one with such support and facilities. The Owyhee museum may feel like it's in the middle of nowhere, but it has the support of a large city museum. I just hope that I can continue to find new supporters willing to stand up and help the museum and myself continue the mission of preserving Owyhee County history for the future.

I look forward to coming to you in the weeks and months ahead highlighting all the great things we are doing at the museum. Besides the main museum building, we have four other buildings that always need attention. The Marsing Train Depot is next up to receive major upgrades. Restoration is currently underway to preserve the building and take it back to its original look when it was built 100 years ago in 1922. My next installment will take a look back at the depot and the planned restoration for that building.

If you are curious on how to support the museum or want to know what's going on, you can find us on Facebook or better yet become a member of the museum. Membership allows you to receive discounts on books in the gift shop and a bi-monthly newsletter highlighting what's been going on and what's planned.

I'll see you around the museum, and now right here in the paper.

Happy Trails.

— This marks the beginning of a monthly column from Owyhee County Historical Museum director Eriks Garsvo, who will highlight the various projects underway in Murphy.

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Marsing grad takes his shot in tequila world

Textbooks, travels built Austin’s empire of experience, entrepreneurship

The is the final installment in a two-part feature on 1977 Marsing High School graduate Rico (Richard) Austin. — Ed.

Education has always been a top priority for Rico Austin. The one-time Marsing resident dreamt of going to college and playing football at Boise State University.

Because of his father’s poor health, Rico helped provide for his mother and siblings. His dad passed away at an early age, and when his mother remarried a widower, Rico was finally able to pursue his dream as a walk-on player at BSU and earned an Associates Degree in Sales and Marketing — more than 10 years after finishing high school.

He went on to earn a BBA in International Business at Grand Canyon University in Arizona in 1995 while being honored as “most outstanding International Business student,” and a post-graduate degree at Stoke-on-Trent in Staffordshire, England where he started as cornerback and safety for the Staffordshire Stallions. Then he earned a Master’s Degree in International Marketing with a focus on Latin America and Spanish in 1998 at Thunderbird, American Graduate School of International Management.

Right when he thought his degrees were done, he pursued a Master’s Degree in Tequila, receiving the degree on Elvis’ birthday, Jan. 8, 2014. Still, not satisfied and wanting to become one of the few in the world to have a Ph. D. behind his name, he furthered his studies in tequila.

“I wasn’t drinking, I was studying,” he said.

On his birthday, June 4, 2016, Rico earned his Doctorate Degree in Tequila (yes, this is a real thing). Fewer than 200 people in the world can make this claim.

Naturally, the degree led to starting his own tequila brand, Bajarriba.

Rico met his Tres Cabo Amigos partners some 20 years ago in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, when he had book signings for his first book, *My Bad Tequila*, at two bars. Jay Nance owned the Cabo Lounge. A local Cabo musician named Mike Hill owned “Miguel Locos.”

The men reunited where they now live in Arizona, and the company, “Tres Cabo Amigos,” was founded in October 2020. The partners love fine, premium tequila, so they decided to brand their own tequila.



Above: Tres Cabo Amigos LLC, from left, Mike Hill, Rico Austin, and Jay Nance toast their new tequila venture Bajarriba. **Below:** The first shipment of unique bottles, made from recycled glass, are ready to head to the artist to be hand-painted. Submitted photos



“Tequila can only be called tequila if it is made from 100 percent Blue Weber agave and produced in the State of Jalisco, Mexico, along with a few other municipalities in the surrounding area,” Rico said. “If it is not made from Blue Weber agave and produced in these areas of Mexico, it is not legally tequila.”

The tequila is distilled in a third-generation family-owned operation called Tequila El Viejito, which is located in the Highlands region of Jalisco. The distillery was founded in

1937 and just celebrated its 85th anniversary.

“Our 100 percent pesticide-free, estate-grown Blue Weber agave is distilled at 7,000 feet in copper pots, baked in stone brick ovens, fermented in stainless steel tanks and then aged in white oak whiskey barrels using the purest of deep well water,” Rico said.

The distinctive bottle shaped like the Baja California peninsula (but upside down) and brand name “Baja Arriba” came from Mike Hill.

“When Mike told me about

it, I loved the idea and flew to Cabo to have an artist friend, Silvestre, make a plaster of Paris mold, brought it back to Arizona, invited both Jay and Mike to meet me in Fountain Hills, Ariz., at The Streets of New York pizza joint, and ‘viola,’ the three of us decided to form our Arizona LLC – Tres Cabo Amigos, LLC. From the words Baja and Arriba, we formed the shortened version — ‘Bajarriba,’ ” Rico said.

Rico’s wife Connie, a graphic artist, designed the company brand label and perfected the bottle and shape to include the major highways and towns all up and down the Baja, the beautiful blue waters of the Sea of Cortez and the Pacific Ocean. An artist in Guadalajara hand-paints the bottles, which are mold-sculpted using recycled glass.

“It’s been quite the journey, with lots of traveling back and forth to Guadalajara to make this dream a reality,” Rico said.

The partners expect distribution contracts in place and bottles available for sale in most states by July or August. There are plans to establish distribution in Canada and Mexico eventually.

Tres Cabo Amigos, LLC supports many organizations in Baja, Mexico, that help orphaned and abandoned children with continued education while housing and feeding the less fortunate.

You can get more information and product availability updates by signing up with your email address at <http://www.Bajarriba.com>.

“As we like to say — We are excited to share our love for the Baja in a bottle! Bajarriba® equals Bottoms Up! Peace, Love & Tequila!!!®” the Tres Cabo Amigos write in promotional literature.

Also found in promotional material:

“Tequila Aficionado Media, the most comprehensive and informative source for tequila, mezcal, and agave spirit news and interviews, just reviewed the Tres Cabo Amigos tequila BAJARRIBA on Saturday, May 21st, 2022 and gave both the Plata and Reposado a stunning, raving review and has nominated BAJARRIBA in both expressions for “Brand of Promise” for its annual best of agave spirits awards. BAJARRIBA was also nominated by Tequila Aficionado’s “Brand of Promise” for its unique bottle design and shape of the BAJA California being upside down.”

The influence of Cabo is evident in excerpts from Rico’s first book, *My Bad Tequila*, which was published in 2010: “The roar of my Harley calmed and the calm of Cortez’ sea roared.”

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Avalanche Sports

Rivercats mash Melba, end skid

18U Single A Legion squad plays .500 ball during week

Payton Fine lived up to his name and then some Sunday. The Owyhee Rivercats’ third baseman went 3-for-4 with five RBI to help in a 17-3 victory over the Melba Stallions in American Legion Single A 18U baseball action.

The Rivercats (8-5-1 at week’s end) snapped a three-game losing streak with the road win.

Leadoff hitter, Andrew Marston went 3-for-5, scoring twice and picking up two RBI. Owyhee’s shortstop, Dillon Fine, contributed from the three spot in the lineup, going 3-for-5 and scoring three times and driving in a run.

While the hitters were taking care of business, pitcher Jayden Wutherich allowed just two earned runs on two hits, while striking out 10 in five innings of work.

Izzy Martin and Jeff Fahey both scored for the Stallions.

Saturday: Phantoms Varsity 7, Rivercats 5 — The Rivercats scored four runs in the top of the first, but were outscored 7-1 the rest of the way in Mountain Home. Payton Fine had two RBI in the opening frame, while Dillon Fine allowed four earned runs in five innings on the mound. He also notched 11 strikeouts.

Collin Shineflew picked up the victory for Phantoms, allowing just two earned runs, while striking out five.

Friday: Hub City 5, Rivercats 4 — Carson Fine, representing the tying run, was thrown out at the plate in the top of the seventh inning against the Legion squad from Wendell.

The Rivercats’ starting pitcher, Payton Fine allowed just two earned runs in the loss, striking out two and walking four.

Marston scored twice and knocked in a run without getting a hit. He drew three walks. Payton Fine went 2-for-2, and D’Orr Packer doubled from the top of the order for Owyhee’s other hit.

Friday: SC Snowcocks 10, Rivercats 5 (6) — Owyhee’s opponents from Spring Creek,

Nev., scored six times in the bottom of the fifth, breaking open a tight game and pulling away for the victory.

Oklin Carson took the loss in relief of starting pitcher Packer. Marston went 2-for-2 and scored twice in the leadoff spot for the Rivercats.

Thursday: Rivercats 5, Camas Prairie 4 (6) — Four Owyhee pitchers combined for 13 strikeouts while allowing just one earned run as the Rivercats defeated the Zephyrs for their third consecutive victory.

Carson Fine delivered with two RBI for Owyhee.

June 14: Rivercats 14, Phantoms Varsity 3 (5) — Owyhee scored 10 runs in the bottom of the first inning and notched the game’s first 14 runs.

The Phantoms scored their only runs in the top of the fifth.

Marsing product Xavier Delgadillo drove in four runs for Owyhee, and Jayden Wutherich struck out eight and allowed just two earned runs as the winning pitcher.

Owyhee managed four singles and took advantage of two errors and seven walks.

ALL-STAR DOUBLEHEADER



Spring football finales

Local middle school football players got the last snaps of their season in Saturday during the Idaho All State Games at Canyon Ridge High School in Twin Falls.

Above: Representing the Treasure Valley All-Stars, Homedale’s Lukas Hall puts his foot into a kickoff during the eighth-grade game.



In the seventh-grade game, Treasure Valley All-Star Nick Schlenker runs a route against an Idaho All-Star.

Boise, Nampa squads cool off Jr. 'Cats

Owyhee County’s American Legion Junior 16U squad saw its season-opening six-game unbeaten streak end Thursday.

The Rivercats (5-2-1) fell, 11-6, to Borah’s 14U squad.

The Nampa Warriors posted a 10-4 Legion victory on Friday.

Owyhee stretched its season-opening unbeaten streak on June 13 with a 10-1 shellacking of the Melba Colts behind Dawson Parkins’ three-hitter.

Parkins struck out 10 and walked two in a six-inning complete game.

The Colts bit into Owyhee’s 3-0 lead with their only run in the bottom of the first inning.

Alec Sotelo went 2-for-3 with three runs scored, and Lukas Hall was 2-for-3 with three RBI to fuel the Rivercats.



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Hall (left) and HMS teammate Xavier Uranga look back toward the sideline.

Other local all-stars who saw action included Marsing eighth-graders Jace Clover and Moises “Moe” Montes, Homedale eighth-graders Sebastian Larzelier and Chance Martell, and Homedale seventh-graders Tyce Fisher and Bradley Walker.

Photos by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

June 25, 1997

Committee to recommend new middle school
The Homedale School District Building Committee will recommend to the board of trustees that the district construct a new middle school as the best solution to a serious overcrowding problem.

And as if anticipating that decision, the district announced it has purchased 146 acres of land on Johnstone Road for the construction of a new school, and as a hedge against future growth within the district.

The land, currently owned by Joe Scott, will be sold to the district at a total cost of \$300,000, or \$2,055 per acre. Funds to purchase the parcel are available in the district’s facilities fund, according to Homedale Superintendent Bob Lisonbee.

The acreage is more than the district needs for the construction of one school, Lisonbee said. Building committee member Mack Tolmie was instrumental in purchasing the land, and he said the district should not consider selling any of the surplus land for home sites. The district could legally sell the extra land for home construction, or lease it out to farmers.

“I think it would be a big mistake to sell any of it,” Tolmie told the building committee. “We can’t lose on it, because it will only increase in value.” The district would need about 40 acres on which to construct a new middle school, Lisonbee said.

Hyslop named to Chenoweth staff
Former assistant editor of *The Owyhee Avalanche*, Chad Hyslop, has been named as press secretary for U.S Representative Helen Chenoweth (R-Idaho). Hyslop has been in Washington, D.C., but will be in the Boise office as of tomorrow, when he assumes the duties of Khris Breshears.

MacKenzies qualify for National High School Rodeo
Josh MacKenzie and Katie Jo MacKenzie of Jordan Valley qualified for the National High School Rodeo Finals to be held July 14-20 in Pueblo, Colorado. The top four finishers in each event at the State High School Rodeo, held in Pocatello June 16-20, qualified for the Nationals.

Josh qualified for the Nationals by finishing fourth in the saddle bronc and Katie Jo qualified in breakaway by finishing third.

Josh is the son of Mark MacKenzie and Katie Jo is the daughter of Sam and Bonnie MacKenzie of Jordan Valley.

Idaho Jr. Hereford Association elects officers
The Idaho Junior Hereford Association held its annual meeting on Friday, June 13th at the Filer fairgrounds.
The new officers are as follows: President Amanda Blass, Filer; Vice President Lori Harrison, Heyburn; Second vice-president Katie Colyer, Bruneau; Directors are Zack Blass, Filer; Jake Brackett, Filer; and Kyle Colyer, Bruneau.

Golfers bring home 3 medals
River Bend golfers brought home three medals from the Idaho Jr. Golf Association match held at Boise Ranch on June 16.
Gavin Parker fired a 78 to take first in the age 16 group; John Bideganeta tied for second in the age 14 group with a 77, first place was a 76, and Jason Bideganeta took third in the age 13 group with an 86, first place being an 81.

50 years ago

June 22, 1972



AT HOMEDALE, Herbert Frizley, Junior High and Elementary principal, presented the winners of the fourth-, fifth and sixth-grade division of the Dairy Poster contest with cash prizes. From left are Fritzley, Kim Murray, who placed first; Susan Carson, second, and Kim Matteson, who placed third. The contest was sponsored by the Dairy Wives. The winning entries will now be entered in the district competition.

Pam Carson wins grand prize in poster contest
Pam Carson, an 8th grader at Homedale Junior High school, was announced as the over-all grand prize winner in the poster contest held in the Homedale elementary and junior high schools. The contest was sponsored by the Dairy Wives. The poster theme was “Why I Drink Milk” and students were to emphasize “a new you were coming every day,” on their posters.
Miss Carson was presented with a five-dollar cash prize by Herb Fritzley, junior high principal. Other winners in the Junior High division were: Sharon Bauer, first; Michael Nelson, second; and Deonna Barnard, third. Kim Murray received first place award in the elementary division with Susan Carson placing second and Kim Matteson, third. They all received cash prizes.

Local judges were Mrs. Homer Anderson, Mrs. W.E. Bredy, Mrs. Chuck Yost, Mrs. Doyle McPherson and Mrs. Reed Frye.

ATTEND GIRLS STATE
Markee Stimmel and Cinda Daniell are attending Girls State on the Northwest Nazarene College campus, Nampa, this week. Today’s (Thursday) program will include a formal dinner at 6 p.m. with Gov. and Mrs. Cecil Andrus and Chief Justice and Mrs. Henry McQuade as guests. Friday the girls will hold a legislative session at the Capitol building.

Succor Crik Sam Sez:
“That wire-tappin’ incident makes it look like the GOP will go to any length to bug the Democrats.”



Owyhee students attend BSC summer classes
Students attending Boise State College from Owyhee County during the summer session are:
Homedale High School
Linley M. Aberasturi, sophomore; Robert C. Barnett, senior; Clifford Brumett, freshman; Gretchen S. Crill, senior; Vickie L. Evans, sophomore; Jack M. Kershner, freshman; Linda J. Kershner, junior; Patricia H. Lewis, freshman; Catherine E. Phelps, sophomore.

Marsing High School
Dennis W. Kincheloe, senior; Ward N. Larsen, sophomore; Mary J. Rong, junior; Jayne VanWassenhove, freshman; Susan V. Young, senior; Richard L. Yzaguirre, junior.

155 years ago

June 22, 1867

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H.S. JACOBS, ESQ, who is connected with the Iowa & Idaho Gold and Silver Mining Co., and recently arrived from the East, gave us a call during the week, and from him we learn that he is Superintendent of the construction of the Company’s reduction works in Flint District; also, that the machinery is now on the way by Humboldt route. The works will be quite different from any now in use in Idaho. The ore will first be calcined in furnaces, then crushed into small particles and again roasted thoroughly, and after this ground to a grainless fineness and then amalgamated in the Frieberg barrels. There are other incidental features of the process, but the ones indicated are the principal. The crushing will be performed by Knox’s machine. The process as explained by Mr. Jacobs seems reasonable, and by it he is confident that he can work the ores of Flint District to within fifteen per cent of the fire assay. He says repeated practical experiments warrant his conclusions, and also that the cost will not be above twenty-five dollars per tun. The process is a part of several with some mechanical appliances of his own. We shall look forward with considerable anxiety to the completion and successful operation of the works, and as we see try to describe them more plainly.

TEAMSTERS have put the price of hauling quartz down to the lowest figure at which it seems possible to yield them any profit. From all we can learn, the price will range at three dollars per tun from War Eagle to the mills along the Jordan. Last year it averaged over six dollars. This item of saving will materially enhance the profits to the mining companies. We hear some say that the teamsters must lose money — of this, we don’t know and expect the mining companies have little care. It is pretty certain that no extravagant prices will be paid for any kind of labor performed by contract, as there are many anxious contractors for everything. Expenses of production and milling ore this year will be much lighter than last, and in it foretells profits to mining stockholders, who have so far not been overladen with heavy dividends.

THE COSMOS MILL has been running all week, and all preparations are made for its constant continuance. Mr. L. J. Lewis is giving the business his undivided attention and is determined to make a success. Mr. E. H. Dewey started to San Francisco on Thursday morning for his wife and will soon return.

Commentary

Jon P. Brown,
managing editor



Eyes on
Owyhee

Ryan: Mountain
View’s rock

Chuck Ryan has been a solid leader in the Homedale community for decades.

On Sunday, he’ll wrap up 34 years as Mountain View Church of the Nazarene pastor the same way he has operated since coming to the Homedale area in 1988.

By giving back while embracing the community. The man whose pastorship has been marked with a quiet, steady and benevolent ministry will close his preaching career with a celebratory service followed by activities and food for the public.

Worship starts at 10:30 a.m., on Sunday at the church at 26515 Ustick Road, and a free lunch of pulled pork, hamburgers and hot dogs will follow.

A dessert and snow cone booth will be available for a donation, and there will be free family activities, including a bounce house and other fun opportunities for all ages.

Attendees will also be able to write well wishes and leave a token of appreciation at a celebration table.

Chuck and Robin Ryan have been associated with Mountain View since 1988, but the pastor’s roots in Idaho go back further.

He was born in Granite, Ill., but has called Idaho home since he and his family moved to McCall when he was a child.

That shift to McCall and the Idaho outdoors may have led to Ryan’s love of the fresh air and wide-open spaces and his affinity for hunting and fishing. He developed a wild game feed that has raised money for the church’s men’s ministry for nearly three decades while providing a night of fellowship and a guest speaker from the world of the outdoors each January.

A U.S. Navy veteran, Ryan has spent all but three years of his 37-year pastoral career in Homedale. He and his wife have three daughters — Tara Jo, Andrea and Jessica.

He began his career as a pastor with a three-year stay in Provo, Utah.

But, on April 18, 1988, Ryan answered the calling to lead the flock in the Homedale area.

And he wasn’t just a leader. As is fitting for a guy who was a straight-A student while studying architectural engineering at Northwest Nazarene University, Ryan was a builder. But after one semester, according to a feature published years ago in The Owyhee Avalanche, the man knew his calling was building spiritual integrity in people, not structural integrity in inanimate objects.

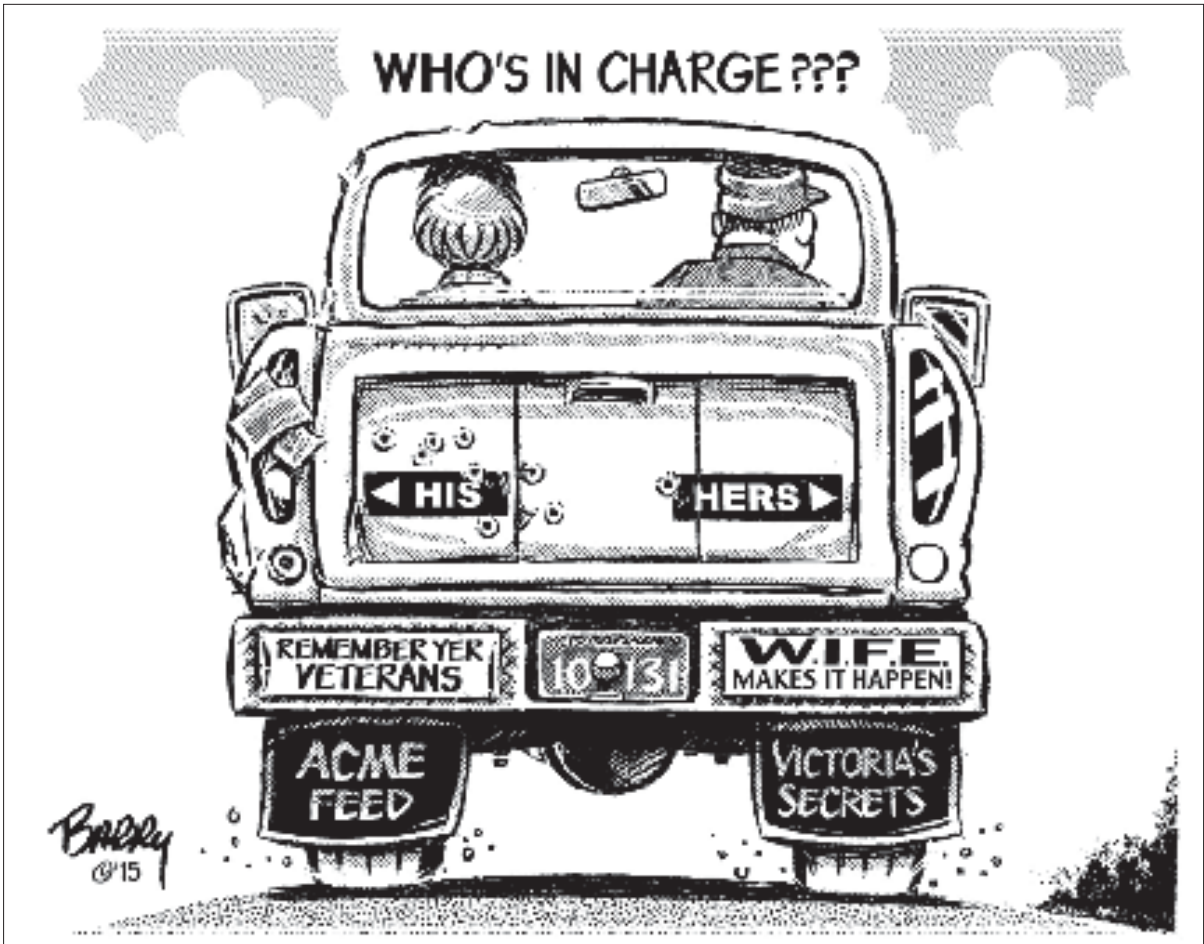
When he arrived in Homedale 34 years ago, the church had a congregation of 50 people. Eventually, as the number of worshippers grew six times larger, a new church building was erected at the corner of Batt Corner and Ustick roads just over the Snake River in Canyon County.

Through the years, Ryan’s sonorous voice has at once commanded attention from and delivered comfort to those who have listened.

He has delivered eulogies for some of the most

— See *Ryan*, Page 13

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
Spotlighting women’s central
role in Idaho agriculture

As agriculture production heats up in fields and communities across our great state, it is a good time to spotlight the leadership of Idaho women in feeding a hungry world and building Idaho into an agricultural powerhouse. This spring, the Senate unanimously passed a resolution recognizing “the important role of women in agriculture as producers, educators, leaders, mentors, and more; ...”

I was proud to co-sponsor the resolution, introduced by Sen. Joni Ernst (R-Iowa) and backed by 59 total senators, including fellow U.S. senator for Idaho Jim Risch. The resolution contains a number of facts about women who help agriculture prosper both at home and abroad, including:

- There are more than 1.2 million female agricultural producers in the U.S., making up more than a third of the agricultural producers in the U.S.

- In 2017, farms operated by women in the U.S. sold \$148 billion in agricultural products, accounting for 38 percent of the total agriculture sales in the U.S. for that year.

The Senate also recognized, “in addition to leading farming operations, women working in agriculture make a difference across the United States in various commodity and industry fields, such as research and development, manufacturing, sales and distribution, agricultural education, agribusiness and advocacy, which extends benefits to individuals across the globe through the international trade of the United States; ...”

Women have a central role in Idaho agriculture production. In Idaho, 70 percent of farm operations (or 16,134 farm operations) have at least one woman

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operator, according to a University of Idaho Extension fact sheet based on U.S. Department of Agriculture 2017 Census of Agriculture data. Also according to this and other University of Idaho research:

- 39 percent of farmers (or 17,230 producers) in Idaho are women;
- 45 percent of principal farmers in Idaho are women; and

- Idaho women primary farmers and ranchers (those who made the most farm decisions and worked the fewest days off farm) are responsible for more than 42 percent of hay and cattle production in Idaho.

— See *Agriculture*, Page 13

Commentary

Financial management

Couple with child should combine lives in marriage, too

Dear Dave,

I live with my boyfriend, and we have a baby together. I brought debt into the relationship, and I'm using your debt snowball method to pay it off, but he is debt-free. We have quite a few shared expenses that we split 50-50, but that means we are constantly reimbursing each other. Should we keep our finances separate until I pay off my debt, or is it OK to combine everything now? I'm 26, and we love each other and want to get married, but he makes quite a bit more money than I do. I feel guilty taking that step when I still have debt.

— Dakota

Dear Dakota,

I don't tell people they have to wait until they're out of debt to get married. I don't tell people they should wait until they're debt-free to have children, either. Listen, you two love each other. You have a baby together, you live together and you're trying to figure out a way to combine incomes and everything else — except the debt. Too late. That ship has sailed.

Here's some arm-around-your-shoulder, old-man advice. The best thing for that baby, and the best thing for you and your boyfriend, is for you two to get married and combine your



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incomes, combine your lives — combine everything — and join it all so tight it cannot be torn

apart. Then, go live a beautiful, glorious life together. Getting out of debt is part of the adventure. Raising that child together is part of the adventure. Waking up and looking at your husband when he starts to lose his hair is part of the adventure.

It's very difficult legally and relationally to play house financially when you're not married. You get into stupid arguments over who bought the mustard when you're sharing the same bed. It's just so inconsistent and incongruent. That's the system you're using now, but there are better things waiting for you.

I'm not being judgmental,

Dakota. I just want good things — the best things — for you and your family.

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is an eight-time No. 1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of *The Ramsey Show*, heard by more than 18 million listeners each week. He has appeared on *Good Morning America*, *CBS This Morning*, *Today Show*, *Fox News*, *CNN*, *Fox Business*, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

Letter to the editor

State's assessment, taxing plans must change to be fair

As a resident of Owyhee County, today I received our property assessments. WOW!

Really?

Please explain how much of the dirt and home on my property is income to me. In fact, as a retired couple on a fixed income, this really hurts, especially in a period of inflation.

Why not do away with the current method of taxing and go to a sales tax basis so when a home is sold, etc., it is then taxed? And/or set the assessment at original cost and then limit increases in assessed value to a reasonable percentage.

If you have the best interests of your constituents in mind, please introduce legislation eliminating this insane method of getting into people's pockets. And to think Idaho has a surplus.

Maybe the people of the state should start an initiative?

Thank you for your consideration.

Gary and Kathy Brown
Marsing

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
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✓ Ryan: Architecture major heard his calling and built strong, vital Homedale congregation

From Page 12

prominent people in Homedale, speaking for a community that at once grieved and celebrated the contributions of those leaders.

He has been a man who strives to build community while maintaining humility.

In addition to the Wild Game Feed, during Ryan's watch the Nazarene church developed the Family Fun Fair and Roundup that thrilled folks with roping sports and spread a good message at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds.

He initiated a Day of Prayer in town, too, holding a group prayer on the City Hall lawn at one point.

He also took his turn at the pulpit as a guest speaker

for the 2008 Lizard Butte Sunrise Easter Service.

As Ryan built his reputation as a man of God in a community filled with religious outlets, he turned the Nazarene church around financially. It became self-sufficient enough to send missionaries all over the world to perform service for other congregations.

There were trips to build churches. Fitting, of course, for the man who got his start studying architecture.

And, like the brick-and-mortar structures built over the years through missions and the strength of community through other Mountain View ministries, Ryan's contributions to the community and his congregation will be permanent.

✓ Agriculture: Stats show women's importance

From Page 12

Further, in the Spring of 2021, the Idaho Women in Ag Research Team conducted a statewide survey to better understand the challenges and opportunities facing Idaho's women in agriculture and how educational programs can better support them. According to this Idaho Farm and Ranch Women Survey 2021, the following were the top five products produced on the farms and ranches of the women who responded to the survey:

1. hay or forage crops;
2. cattle;
3. poultry or eggs;
4. vegetables; and
5. field crops.

The courage and skills of Idaho women remain among our state's enduring strengths. Women shape the history and future of our great state and nation. Their determination, wisdom, know-how and encouragement are ever-present in our communities, and I thank Idaho women working hard every day to feed our world and inspire future generations of producers.

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

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Public notices

BOARD OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
March 2022 Synopsis
March 7

-Set the agenda as presented.
-Paid all outstanding bills as presented: Current expenses-\$50,232; R&B-\$2,884; Dist. court-\$1,911; Fairgrounds-\$167; Probation-\$282; Health dist-\$7,118; I&C-\$51,964; Revaluation-\$569; Solid waste-\$13,628; Tort-\$68,694; 911-\$1,185; Off Hwy Vehicles-\$286; Elections-\$762; Capital project fund-\$1,050.
-Approved the February 28, 2022 meeting minutes.
-Approved a change order for Thueson Construction on the Owyhee County Fairground RV project.
-Approved a request for transfer of Z. Daulton to Chief Deputy Clerk.
-Letter to the Bureau of Land Management regarding recreation areas was tabled.
-Approved Owyhee County Resolution 2022-05 a resolution to sell excess property at public auction on March 31, 2022.
-Approved Owyhee County Resolution 2022-06 a resolution to authorize the Owyhee County Sheriff to trade rifles for new rifles.
-Approved Owyhee County Resolution 2022-07: Destruction of Temporary Records from Assessor, County Commissioners and County Elections Office.
-Approved certificates of residency for College of Western Idaho, 2022-14 and 2022-15.
-At 9:45 a.m. Went into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206 (f) regarding possible litigation and (a) personnel. Open session was resumed at 10:00 a.m.
-Approved the bid submitted by Idaho Materials & Construction in the amount of \$620,145.00 for the 2022 Reynolds Creek Road Paving Project.

March 14

-Set the agenda as presented.
-Approved the minutes from the March 7, 2022 meeting.
-Re-approve the errored signatures for the Pay Request #2-Thueson Construction for the Fairgrounds RV Project.
-Tabled the Grant Support Letter to Western Alliance for the Gem Grant and RDGB Grant until March 21, 2022 meeting agenda.
-Approved the Owyhee County Transportation Plan Memorandum of Agreement.
-Approved the 2022 Transportation Master Plan Update Proposal with Paragon

Consulting.
-Letter to BLM was unanimously voted to table and put on the agenda for the March 21, 2022 meeting.
-Approved the Letter to Idaho Department of Commerce-ADA Transition Plan.
-Approved the Owyhee County Resolution -2022-08 to add Juneteenth to the official holiday list.
-Approved the Owyhee County Resolution-2022-09 ADA Notice and Grievance Procedures.
-Approved Indigent and Charity case 22-01.
-Accept the withdrawal of application in Indigent and Charity case 22-04.
-At 9:38 a.m. went into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (f) possible litigation and Idaho Code 74-206 (a) personnel. Open session was resumed at 10:04 a.m.
-At 10:49 a.m. Commissioners Aberasturi, Hoagland, and Merrick canvassed the votes of the March 8, 2022 election.

March 21

-Approved the agenda as presented.
-Approved to pay all outstanding bills as presented: Current expenses-\$201,208; R&B-\$57,256; Dist.court-\$1,188; Probation-\$710; Historical-\$276; Health dist-\$7,118; I&C-\$323; Off Hwy Vehicles-\$144; Elections-\$2,876; Capital project fund-\$5,940.
-Approved the March 14, 2022 meeting minutes.
-Approved the polling locations for the May 17, 2022 Election.
-Approved the new hire of J. Drinkwine as a part time Patrol Deputy.
-Approved sending a letter to the Bureau of Land Management regarding Owyhee County recreation areas.
-Approved a letter of support for a USDA Rural Development Grant application to be used for the reformation of the Region 3 Economic Development District.
At 9:45 a.m. Went into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206 (f) regarding possible litigation and (a) personnel. Open session was resumed at 10:03 a.m.
At 10:36 a.m. Went into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206 (f) regarding possible litigation and (a) personnel. Open session was resumed at 10:44 a.m.
At 11:00 a.m. a hearing was held on Indigent and Charity case number 2021-17. Approved to continue case number 2021-17 to May 2, 2022.

March 28

-Set the agenda as presented.
-Approved the minutes from the March 21, 2022 meeting.
-Approved the Fair Housing Proclamation, declaring April 2022 as Fair Housing Month in Owyhee County.
-Approved sending an amendment request to the Bureau of Land Management for the right of way at Black Sands Resort to install a vault style toilet.
-Approved the Imagine Idaho Privacy Agreement for the use of the crowd sourcing software.
-Approved the Imagine Idaho Crowdsourcing Software Agreement.
-Approved the 2022 Reynolds Creek Road Paving Project with Idaho Materials & Construction.
-Tabled the Sheriff's rehired of Greg Bishop..
-At 9:30 a.m. Went into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (f) possible litigation and Idaho Code 74-206 (a) personnel. Open session was resumed at 10:02 a.m.
-Denied the re-hire of Greg Bishop as a Sheriff's Patrol Lieutenant.
-A coordination meeting with the Boise District BLM was held.
06/22/2022

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
Case No. CV37-22-00204
In the Matter of the Estate of PAUL RAYMOND SPANG, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or their claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED: June 13, 2022
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VaLere Hegerhorst holds the Nursery Rhyme quilt that featured work by her late friend — and another well-known local quilter — retired high school teacher Tally Davis. Submitted photo

Well-known local quilters bolster Bruneau Boosters

A change of date and venue didn't change the community generosity in Bruneau.

The 33rd annual Bruneau Booster Club Auction raised \$38,000 for community projects earlier this month.

For the first time, the auction was held in the spring and outdoors. It took place on Friday, June 10 at the Bruneau park.

An auction highlight was bidding on five quilts donated by 91-year-old VaLere Hegerhorst.

She provided two queen-size quilts, one twin quilt and two youth-size quilts for this year's auction.

The youth quilt tops were made by the late Tally Davis, a well-known community member who started teaching English at Grand View High School in 1965. VaLere and Tally were good friends.

Davis, who died in 2019 at

the age of 93, continued teaching in the community at Rimrock High School. She taught English, Drama, Reading and Humanities and retired in the mid-1990s.

Davis painted nursery rhyme pictures as borders to the youth quilts. The borders also included the nursery rhymes' titles — "Little Bo Peep," "Jack Be Nimble," "Mary Had a Little Lamb," and others.

The nursery rhyme quilts sold for \$500, while the other three quilts fetched \$1,242 for a total contribution to the Bruneau Booster Club community fund of \$1,742.

— *Mandi Boren, The Owyhee Avalanche's Grand View-Bruneau, Oreana correspondent, contributed to this article. Send news tips to her at mandi@owyheeavalanche.com*

HHS girls' hoops youth camp set

Girls entering the third through eighth grade in the fall have a chance to learn more about basketball next week.

The Homedale High School coaching staff will offer a girls' youth basketball camp from Monday to next Wednesday.

Varsity coach Monica White and assistants and subvarsity coaches including Benji Sorenson, Tracy Costello and Mike Frank will provide instruction. Some current HHS players will help with drills.

The clinic will take place from noon to 2 p.m., each day inside the HHS gymnasium.

The cost is \$40, and a T-shirt is included. Make checks payable to Homedale High School Athletics Girls Basketball.

For more information, contact Sorensen at (208) 863-2105 (text or call) or homedalebasketball@gmail.com.

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- Knowledge of yard sales and thrift stores, would be a plus.
- Must have love for ministry and have a servant's heart.
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Felonious drunk drivers avoid lengthy prison terms

Two men with previous drunken driving convictions received punishment for felony charges last week.

But neither man will spend much time in prison.

Ruben Gonzalez Perez, 39, of Nampa was placed on a rider during his sentencing hearing before Third District Judge Andrea Courtney.

After striking a deal with the prosecutor, Gonzalez Perez entered a guilty plea to a felony charge of DUI, third or subsequent offense.

He may spend only a year behind bars, though. Courtney ordered retained jurisdiction after Perez Gonzalez served 146 days in Owyhee County Jail in Murphy.

Perez Gonzalez will undergo treatment and counseling in Idaho Department of Correction custody for up to a year. If he successfully completes his rider, he'll avoid a state prison sentence of seven to 10 years.

Courtney also suspended the man's driver's license for five years and ordered he pay \$640.50 in court costs.

A misdemeanor charge of possessing an open alcoholic beverage while driving was dismissed by the prosecution.

Gonzalez Perez was taken into custody after 7:30 p.m., on Jan. 18 after an Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy responded to a report of aggressive and dangerous driving patterns. The deputy followed Gonzalez Perez, who was driving a Chevrolet Suburban, after encountering the vehicle in a parking lot near the junction of Idaho highway 55 and U.S. Highway 95.

A father driving with his daughter originally reported the reckless driving, and the deputy also spoke with the concerned parent on the phone. According to the probable cause statement, a traffic stop was initiated at milepost 19 on U.S. 95 after the deputy had followed Gonzalez Perez and witnessed him cross the center line twice and the fog line four times. The stop was initiated after the southbound Suburban crossed in a curve and nearly collided with a northbound semi-trailer.

Gonzalez Perez's blood-alcohol concentration measured .172 percent, more than twice the legal limit of .08 BAC.

- Cory C. Don Rensink, 42, of Grand View was placed on four years supervised probation during his June 14 appearance before Courtney for sentencing on a felony charge of DUI. Rensink faced the felony because he had been convicted of a prior felony within 15 years.

Rensink's charge was amended from misdemeanor excessive DUI, and a misdemeanor open container possession charge was dropped because of a plea agreement.

Courtney suspended a sentence of two to 10 years and ordered 100 hours of community service and pay \$640.50 in court costs.

A sheriff's deputy arrested Rensink after 12:30 p.m., on Feb. 8, and his bond was set at \$100,000. Rensink was released when he entered a guilty plea on April 8, and he received credit for the 60 days spent behind bars.

Rensink was taken into custody at the Grand View boat ramp after a deputy followed him as he drove well under the speed limit on Riverside Avenue, according to court records.

Rensink's BAC measured .217 after a screening at the county jail about 90 minutes after his arrest.

Summer menus

Meals will be provided free to all children, ages 1-18
All meals **MUST** be eaten on site.
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Homedale

Breakfast (7:30 a.m.-9 a.m.), lunch (11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.)
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June 22: Ham sandwich, string cheese, carrot sticks, peaches
June 23: Mandarin chicken, rice, mixed vegetables, orange slices
June 27: PB&J sandwich, string cheese, apple wedges, carrots
June 28: Nacho chips, refried beans, cucumbers, strawberries
June 29: Chicken sandwich, corn, peaches
June 30: Corn dog, tortilla chips, wedges, orange slices

Marsing

11:30 a.m.-noon, City Park; 12:15 p.m.-12:45 p.m., labor camp

June 22: Ham sandwich, carrot sticks, grapes
June 23: Nuggets, wedges, orange slices
June 27: PB&J sandwich, apple wedges, celery sticks
June 28: Cheese Stuffwich, cucumbers, strawberry cup
June 29: Chicken sandwich, carrot sticks, grapes
June 30: Corn dog, fries, orange slices

County buildings to get lighting retrofit

Owyhee County will take advantage of an Idaho Power Co., program to retrofit parts of the county complex in Murphy with LED lighting in an attempt to save energy costs.

Modern lighting will be installed in three areas for a total cost of more than \$35,200:

- \$31,762.80 will be used to upgrade the lighting in the courthouse and the county jail.
- \$2,768 will retrofit the community development office inside the courthouse annex on Basey Street.

- \$692 will be spent to upgrade lighting in the prosecuting attorney's office building on the corner of Basey and Hailey streets.

Board of County Commissioners chair Joe Merrick (Dist. 3) said Idaho Power's energy efficiency rebate will pick up about a third of the cost.

It'll take about three years for the county to save enough in lower energy bills to recoup the cost of the project.

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