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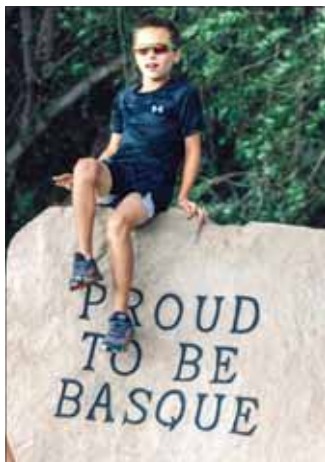
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Txoko Ona presents bonfire and fun

Above: Ben Monasterio of the Boise Oñati Dancers kicks high in the air in front of the traditional bonfire as part of the Basque folk dance San Juan Zortziko during Saturday's second annual San Juan Eguna Festival celebrating the feast of St. John the Baptist at the Txoko Ona Basque Center in Homedale. **Below, left:** A boy perches himself on a decorative stone proclaiming pride in heritage. **Below, right:** Men play mus on the Txoko Ona patio. Photos by Breeana Lootens / Breeana Lootens Photography **More photos, Page 11**



Murder suspect free after posting bond

Details emerge on events leading to Bruneau shooting

The man accused in the shooting death of a Boise woman outside Bruneau was back in court Friday.

Manuel Jose Cabrera, 24, of Mountain Home was arraigned on a felony charge of second-degree murder in Murphy before Third District Judge

Randall S. Grove.

Cabrera was bound over to District Court after Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney



Manuel Cabrera

Christopher Topmiller and public defender William

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Payette's Jake Petero recovered from this roll in a preliminary heat to win his second consecutive full-size car main event at last year's Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derby. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography

Familiar names drive for further derby glory

Champs return; Independence Parade at 9 a.m.

The Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derby has been around since 1982, and over four decades there are bound to be some repeat performances and familiar

names year in and year out.

The 42nd annual derby will be held Tuesday inside the Owyhee County Fairgrounds rodeo arena. There are veterans among the field of at least 25 drivers ready to crunch.

And some have already got some licks in this season.

Homedale's Joey Reyes was

— See **Derby**, page 12

Community asked to help light up Marsing's Third of July

Fireworks donations sought; plenty of food, activities

The boot will go around again Monday to help build up cash for the Third of July fireworks in Marsing.

Donations at this year's celebration may be more needed than ever.

Expenses are going up, and the fireworks

fund reserve has depleted, organizers say, so the community's support is appreciated.

Big Sky Fireworks from Montana sold organizers this year's pyrotechnics for \$7,565. Many businesses donated money and the City of Marsing kicked in \$3,000. Another \$2,000 came from donations, so organizers had to dip into the fireworks fund.

— See **Marsing**, page 2



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✓ Suspect: ISP investigator’s probable cause statement released to media

Wellman agreed to waive the preliminary hearing.

Cabrera was released from Owyhee County Jail when he posted a property bond on June 20 after a judge allowed Wellman’s motion to reduce bail from \$500,000 to \$80,000.

Cabrera made his initial appearance on the charge on June 9 before Magistrate Shane Darrington.

His next court date is a status conference at 9 a.m., on Sept. 8 in a remote hearing before Grove.

Idaho State Police provided a probable cause affidavit after initial investigation of Cabrera’s alleged shooting of 39-year-old Boise resident Starla Thomas on June 8 at hot ponds outside Bruneau on Bureau of Land Management ground.

Sheriff Larry Kendrick requested ISP’s involvement.

According to the probable cause statement, ISP investigators arrived on the scene shortly before 9:30 p.m., and found Cabrera and his wife handcuffed and sitting in a maroon Toyota Sienna. Sheriff’s deputies had detained the couple after securing the area.

Cabrera told investigators that he and his wife went to the ponds to celebrate their third wedding anniversary, but found Thomas sitting a black Ford Explorer. He asked the woman if he could park where her car was located.

According to the affidavit, Cabrera decided to leave the area, but changed his mind and returned. He parked his Toyota behind Thomas’ Ford and honked the horn.

Cabrera said Thomas exited her vehicle and banged on the Toyota’s passenger window before opening the door and striking his wife.

Cabrera told investigators he pulled a gun from the center console of the vehicle and told Thomas to stop. He said his wife was struck “multiple” times, according to the ISP affidavit.

Cabrera said Thomas grabbed the gun and put it to her throat, saying “do it.” The man pulled the gun away, but — fearing that the woman was going to beat up or kill his wife — pulled the trigger, striking Thomas in the chest.

The man said after Thomas fell to the ground, he shot her again for “insurance,” according to the affidavit.

After checking the woman’s pulse, Cabrera called his mother so she could watch the couple’s children, the detective wrote.

Although the identities of the dead woman and Cabrera’s wife were redacted from records received by The Owyhee Avalanche, both individuals had been previously identified by Owyhee County officials.

Kendrick explained to county commissioners on June 12 why he requested ISP’s help.

“It’s not something I’m willing to fool around with or take chances with,” he said. “(ISP has) a lot of equipment and a lot of personnel.

“And when they hit that crime scene, it’s pretty impressive. There was one collecting evidence, one taking photos, and one flying a drone. The team works well together, and they’re a resource for us, and that’s a way to cross our Ts and dot our Is and make sure someone is held accountable for the homicide.” — JPB

✓ Marsing: Lions Club fundraiser barbecue kicks off celebration of nation

The fireworks cap a day of fun and food at Island Park.

The annual summertime event celebrating our nation starts with the Marsing Lions Club Barbecue at 5:30 p.m.

Lions Club members will serve their annual dinner from under a large tent rented by the city.

The menu, as always, includes tri tip, cowboy beans, potatoes, cole slaw, a roll, dessert and water.

The cost is \$10 for adults and teenagers, and \$8 for military veterans, seniors 65 and older, and children younger than 12.

Children younger than 5 eat for free with the purchase of another meal.

City officials remind attendees that no dogs are allowed in Island Park during the event.

The vendors for this year’s celebration include:

- Holy Oly O’s
- Left Handed Art (face painting)
- Below Zero (snow cones)
- Ankeny Bros. Kettle Corn
- Miss Bee’s Lemonade
- Milindo Mexican Toys
- Hugo Soles
- Heart and Home Essentials
- Idaho Central Credit Union
- Owyhee Health Coalition
- 4-H Barnyard Brigade
- Marsing High School Cheer

Activities will include a bouncy house and train rides for children.

Parking is at a premium, and there is always congestion on Idaho highway 55 (Sunnyslope Road) because of people parking on the shoulder.

In town, there will be a shuttle taking attendees to the action beginning at Marsing High School and making a stop at Owyhee Manor senior housing. The shuttle will make pick-ups and drop-offs at Island Park and the aforementioned locations from 5 p.m., to midnight.

The fireworks committee has asked vendors to park on the north side of Island Park, which is closed to general traffic during the celebration. Vendors are asked to stay until the event concludes.

Handicapped parking will be available at Island Park, though.

Attendees are asked to refrain from parking at Island Park and instead park at the high school and utilize the shuttle.

Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputies and Posse members will provide traffic control

The fireworks will begin to explode over the Snake River around 10 p.m. A group of Marsing volunteer firefighters — led by James Ferdinand, Garret Briggs, and Seth Wahl — will set off the fireworks using a new electronic fuse.

The same group will help light up Homedale’s sky after the Lions Club’s Fourth of July Demolition Derby on Tuesday.

— JPB

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Fourth of July holiday closures itemized

Time’s running out to speak up about proposed Marsing-area music venue

The Fourth of July holiday Tuesday won’t disrupt the Board of County Commissioners business dealings.

The county commissioners will convene at 9 a.m., on Monday for their weekly meeting inside Courtroom 2 at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy.

The courthouse and all county offices in Murphy, Marsing and Grand View will be closed Tuesday for Independence Day.

City halls in Homedale, Marsing, Grand View, Adrian and Jordan Valley are closed.

Owyhee County Sheriff’s dispatchers will be working to send emergency responders as needed.

Public libraries in Owyhee County — Gypsy Jackson Memorial in Homedale, Lizard Butte in Marsing, Eastern Owyhee in Grand View, and Bruneau Valley — are closed.

There will be no congregate meals served as the Homedale Senior Center and Grand View’s Rimrock Senior Center are closed. Also shuttered is the Sandbar Community Room inside City Hall in Marsing.

Republic Services garbage pick-up in Homedale and Marsing will be delayed one day to next Wednesday and Saturday, respectively.

U.S. Post Offices are closed.

The US Bank branch in Homedale will be closed.

Albertsons in Homedale may close early. M&W Market and liquor store in Marsing are open regular hours.

The Sav-On Pharmacy inside Albertsons is closed as is Homedale Drug.

The Owyhee Avalanche office will be closed on the Fourth, and the post office closure will alter the newspaper’s July 5 publication schedule.

Most deadlines remain the same, but the classified advertising deadline will be moved to 3 p.m., on Friday.

The deadlines have been changed for the July 5 edition to ensure paper delivery is not delayed by the lack of mail service on the holiday.

Coverage of Marsing’s Third of July celebration and the Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derby and Independence Parade will appear in the July 12 edition.

Citizens have about a week left to weigh in on an entertainment venue proposed near Sunnyslope Road northwest of Marsing.

The Board of Canyon County Commissioners have set a Thursday, July 6 deadline to receive comment ahead of a public hearing during which developers of The Sunnyslope Ranch will appeal the county Planning and Zoning Commission’s rejection of their conditional use permit application.

Developers propose a 5,000-seat amphitheater adjacent to wineries on the north side of Idaho highway 55.

The appeal will be heard at 1:30 p.m., on Tuesday, July 25 inside the commissioners room at the courthouse, 1115 Albany St., in Caldwell.

Comments on application CU2022-0034 can be emailed to zoninginfo@canyoncounty.id.gov.

Comments from the P&Z hearing in February will be forwarded to the county commissioners, so folks who have already submitted comment needn’t resubmit.

The development team has established the Mountain Winery entertainment venue in Saratoga, Calif., south of San Jose. The developers say the Marsing-area venue will bring top talent.

Other uses list include a wedding venue, cidery, U-pick orchard and other agri-tourism activities.

But neighboring residents and others worry about Idaho 55 and other roads in the area having the infrastructure necessary to safely accommodate the influx of traffic a 5,000-seat amphitheater will bring.

Noise disrupting the serene agricultural country setting is another concern.

Neighboring winery — Bitner Vineyards — has posted material on its website in opposition of the proposal.

Countdown to Grand View Days is on

The annual Grand View Days celebration takes place on Saturday, July 8.

- **Lions Club breakfast** — 7:30 a.m., to 10 a.m.
- **5-kilometer fun run** — 8 a.m., at American Legion Post 134 Hall, 410 Roosevelt Ave. Call Melissa Raymond at (208) 863-0335.
- **Vendors** — Set up at Centennial Park begins at 10

- a.m. Call Cyndi Fullmer at (208) 599-2790 or Savannah May at (208) 591-1468.
- **Parade** — Lineup starts at 10 a.m., and the parade begins at 11 a.m. Call Victoria Collett at (208) 484-8009.
- **Bounce houses** — Set up at Centennial Park.
- **Lawnmower races** — Noon. Call Laura Zaragoza at (208) 590-9133.

- **Volleyball and cornhole tournaments** — 1 p.m., on Eastern Owyhee County Library lawn. Call Raelynn Mathews at (208) 891-0853
- **Volunteer firemen’s pit barbecue** — 6 p.m., Lions Club Park. No menu or cost details were provided.
- **Street dance** — 9 p.m., to 1 a.m., at Centennial Park
- **Fireworks** — At dusk

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Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 79 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 603 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 174 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 564,545 acre-feet of water on Monday.

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

County seeks Murphy water plan

While Owyhee County struggles for a solution to Murphy’s wastewater treatment, officials are ready to shore up the outdated water delivery system, too.

The county intends to apply for a planning grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development.

A legal notice appearing in The Owyhee Avalanche signals the county’s intent to secure \$30,000 to get the ball rolling on a facility planning study for the deteriorating drinking water delivery system.

“Our water system is seriously outdated,” County Clerk Angie Barkell said. “At this time, we really don’t have any overall estimate of the project as that comes along with the planning.”

Barkell said the county probably will apply for more grants as the picture becomes clear on just what type of system updates are needed.

The announcement of the application gives the public a chance to consult with the federal agency about environmental concerns that could be affected by the proposal.

Contact the local Rural Development office at 2208 E. Chicago St., Ste. C., Caldwell, ID 83605 or by phone at (208) 779-3440.

Anyone wanting more information on the county’s preliminary steps should contact Barkell at (208) 495-2421 or at the county courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, in Murphy.

In the past, Dist. 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi has reported the county continues the search for an area to construct a new drain field for Murphy’s septic system. An idea to build the infrastructure on nearby Bureau of Land Management ground was shot down because the federal agency has no plans to sell any land in the near term.

— JPB

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center
Phone ahead (208) 337-3020 to order
Milk and roll/bread available each day

June 28: Bacon and egg potato bake, mixed vegetables
June 29: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, California blend vegetables
July 4: Closed – Independence Day
July 5: Hot dog on a bun, carrots, fries, chili

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 28: Cranberry meatballs over rice, peas, baby carrots, tropical fruit, cornbread
June 30: Breaded chicken with country gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, whole wheat roll
July 3: Macaroni and cheese with ham, dill carrots, peas, fresh fruit, 9-grain bread
July 5: Hearty egg scramble, roasted potatoes, peaches, banana, 9-grain 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 as early as possible to place order

June 29: Beef goulash, cheese, noodles, green salad, cottage cheese, whole wheat roll, tropical fruit
July 4: Closed – Independence Day
July 6: Sloppy Joes, salad, green beans, whole wheat bun, oranges or bananas, cottage cheese

Melba Valley Senior Center
Meals served at noon (Salad bar at 11:30 a.m.)
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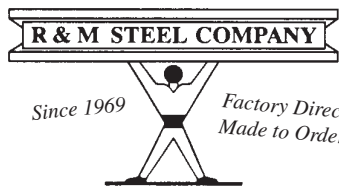
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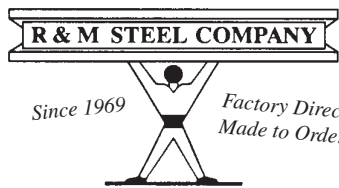
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“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

— **Philippians 2:5-11**



war zone because Satan does not want us to exercise faith and choose a relationship with God.

“But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.”

— **2 Corinthians 11:3**

Paul encouraged us to prepare our minds against spiritual assaults:

“Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”

— **1 Peter 1:13**

The Bible encourages us to constantly meditate on His law:

“Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, or set foot on the path of sinners, or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the Law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night.”

— **Psalms 1:1-2**

All godly action begins with the “renewing of the mind.” Right thinking produces right actions. Our actions are the fruit of our deepest thoughts. Thinking and being like Christ are requirements not only for an individual but also for the entire body of believers. Together we need to think and act like one being, like the Person of Jesus Christ.

Sadly, we are living in an age of super-charged media and commercialized culture. This type of environment makes it difficult to attain the type of devotion that the scripture upholds. 2,000 years ago, the Apostle Paul warned us about worldly assaults on our minds:

“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

— **Romans 12:2**

Our minds are a spiritual

Citizens’ input sought on county’s facility, financial plans

Survey launched; citizens panel meets with consultants

Officials are looking to future needs for Owyhee County government buildings, and they want input from the citizens.

The Citizens Committee of Owyhee County, formed as a component of the County’s Master Facilities and Comprehensive Financial Plan initiatives, met for the first time on June 12.

Since then, the Board of County Commissioners has received an update from the consultants compiling the study — Clearwater Financial and Insight Architects — on what their preliminary study has found.

During its inaugural meeting, the citizens committee — comprised of county residents and business owners — learned the current conditions of the county’s departments and corresponding facilities, available land and immediate space needs.

In a press release detailing initial findings and the first steps in the process, county officials said the facilities and financial plans will provide long-term guidance for future facility planning and budgetary decisions.

The phases are estimated to be completed by January, and citizens can speak up in the meantime by completing a county facilities survey at <https://bit.ly/OwyheeSurvey>

More information about the process can be found at <https://bit.ly/3Jtvb3e>

The citizens committee will disseminate these findings to the community, gather input, and contribute to the ongoing process.

Committee members include Hans Nederend of the Homedale-Marsing area, Marsing residents Jake Astorquia and Kirby Cook, Murphy-area resident Mary Huff, Oreana-area resident Shane Riley, and Grand View resident Billy Wolfe.

County Clerk Angie

Barkell said county officials are awaiting a decision to serve from one other Homedale resident.

The consultant team has derived findings through on-site assessments, 15 interviews with county officials and staff, and a comprehensive operational analysis of departments and interdepartmental operations.

The citizen committee also toured departments and offices at the county’s Murphy campus, including the 87-year-old courthouse, the sheriff’s office and jail and standalone buildings such as the prosecuting attorney’s office (in a former residence) and the county annex where the community development department is located.

Committee members also received advance video reports on other government buildings scattered throughout the county.

The consulting team also presented a summary of its facility and operational assessments, including:

- The courthouse’s 1936 construction was robust, so the building can be renovated if necessary.
- Multiple facilities suffer from inadequate and inequitable workspaces, parking facilities, and security measures.
- With the county jail nearing capacity, expansion will be necessary.
- A sheriff’s satellite location near CJ Strike Reservoir could enhance response times and services.
- The coroner’s office, which shares a footprint in the Marsing satellite building with the Division of Motor Vehicles branch, lacks sufficient space for private meetings and evidence storage.
- Covered storage locations would add protection from the elements and extend the usable life of equipment.

During the meeting, Barkell stressed the significance of documenting facility conditions and needs and conducting annual reviews to effectively prioritize and serve the public in the current and future needs.

Community stakeholders, including representatives from other public agencies, service providers, major employers, and community groups, were interviewed.

According to the county press release on the facility review, those interviewed said the county is responsibly managing taxpayer funds and making diligent efforts despite budget constraints.

Other observations:

- Insufficient space for public hearings, waiting areas, and parking at various facilities.
- Recent upgrades at the fairgrounds in Homedale have provided necessary space for youth activities.
- The need for full-time employees and consistent operating hours at county offices.
- Workforce recruitment challenges for both the county and other stakeholder entities.

Moving forward, the analysis will incorporate future demographic projections and consider various facility scenario options along with estimated costs to set up the Comprehensive Financial Plan phase.

The consultant team is working under a Dec. 5 contract that calls for the following costs:

- The initial site review project could cost between \$69,000 and \$82,000.
- The county is paying a \$12,000 annual retainer (covering the first 60 hours of work)
- Work will be billed at \$200 per hour after the 60th hour each year.
- The first year of the agreement is set to expire on Dec. 31.
- There are options for five, one-year extensions.

Summer reading wrapping in Homedale

The Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library will close out June with another summer reading installment.

Advanced registration was required to guarantee a birdhouse construction kit for Thursday’s program, which will be held from 10 a.m., to 11 a.m., at the Homedale District

Library complex on West Owyhee Avenue.

- Guest reader Laura Aebischer will present “Fourth of July Mice” by Bethany Roberts for the Opal Nash Story Time for preschoolers at 10 a.m., on Monday.

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Obituaries

John Anchustegui Jr.

John Anchustegui Jr. was born on June 3, 1945, in Boise to John Anchustegui and Narcisa Sabala Anchustegui. He attended St. Mary's, Boise High School and Boise State University. Although he was a city kid, he grew up hearing stories from the Basque shepherders that boarded at his Grandmother Marie Sabala's Basque boarding house called the Del Rio in downtown Boise. His hopes for owning his own sheep ranch took root here. He went to work for Pete Cenarrusa herding sheep around Carey, Idaho. Pete and Freda became good friends and knowledgeable mentors in the sheep business. From there, he worked for Simplot Livestock as a foreman, wintering sheep in Burley and summering in Soda Springs. It was in Soda Springs that he met his future wife, Jane



Hatfield. Ten years later, they were married at St. John's Cathedral. Around 1977, he started his own sheep ranch headquartered near the Snake River in Grand View, Idaho. Starting with one band of sheep, he eventually grew to five bands. Sheep were trailed from Grand View to the high country near Sun Valley and Fairfield with the help of a mostly Basque crew. Eventually, John got out

of the sheep business and into cattle, but he always kept a farm flock on the Grand View ranch, as he was sentimental toward the shepherding way. He also loved the ten dogs and uncountable cats that live on the ranch today. John was able to buy back land in the Owyhee mountains that once belonged to his shepherding grandfather, George Anchustegui. He was most proud of this accomplishment. And it is here that he ran cows in the summer. He loved the Owyhee country! He is survived by his wife Jane and two special cousins, Jack Cortabitarte and Doug Sabala. John's remains will be scattered in his beloved Owyhee mountains. A Celebration of Life is being planned at a later date. Go to relyeafuneralchapel.com for updates.

James Barton Hipwell

James Barton Hipwell (11 Dec 1944 - 20 Jun 2023), a dedicated farmer and proud member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, passed away at 78 from pancreatic cancer and diabetes. Born in Ogden, Utah, he grew up on family farms in Marriott, Utah, and Grand View, Idaho. James, known as Jim, demonstrated a strong work ethic from a young age. He married Vera Anita Lindsey and settled in Grand View, Idaho, where he pursued farming and continued his education.



Jim had a deep love for the Boy Scouts program, ensuring his sons and others had enrich-

ing experiences. His passion for agriculture and years of experience led him to work in sales later in life, supporting fellow farmers. Survived by four living children, thirteen grandchildren, and six siblings, James will be remembered for his clever wit and his desire to serve others. Services will be at 11 AM, Sat, July 1, at Zeyer Funeral Chapel, 83 N. Midland Blvd. in Nampa, ID. with viewing at 10 AM prior to the services. To read the full obituary visit ZeyerFuneralChapel.com. 208-467-7300

Larry Thomas Moore

Our dad Larry Thomas Moore 80, of Caldwell passed away Monday, June 19, 2023. Dad was born August 10, 1942, in Caldwell, Idaho to Homer and Viola Moore. He grew up on the family farm in Wilder and continued with a life of agriculture until his retirement. He attended school in Homedale after which he went into the Army. While in the service he traveled to Japan and was based at Fort Dix, New Jersey. Dad married Rosellie Provolt on August 4, 1961. Dad and mom had Christina, Norman, and Margaret. They divorced in 1983. Dad married Vicki Ivey September 21, 1985, bringing Kim, Hank, and Jake into the family. Dad then



adopted Jake. Dad worked for Bower Feedlot and from there he

started farming around the Sunnyslope and Wilder areas, after that he went to work for Kent Trucking until he started working for Producers Coop. He retired from Producers in 2007. Retirement gave him more time for his garden, flowers, watching golf and westerns on TV, and reading. Dad is survived by Christina (Dennis) Orsborn, Norman (Kelly) Moore, Margaret (Jon) Pascoe, Kim (Josh) Gilmore, Hank (Mindy) Ivey, and Jake Moore, 19 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild. He was predeceased by his mom, dad, 3 brothers, and wife Vicki. Dad was a good and decent man who will be sorely missed!!

John Louis Cristobal

John Louis Cristobal, 86, of Mountain Home, Idaho passed away at his home on June 20, 2023. Dad was born December 16, 1936 in Mountain Home in a little house located where U.S. Bank is now. He had four older sisters who spoiled him rotten. When he was six years old, his Mom and Dad divorced. This left his uncle Domingo Mendiola to step in as a father figure and encourage his Basque Heritage. Dad attended all his school years in Mountain Home graduating from Mountain Home High School in 1955.



He met Barbara "Barb" Strickland from Bruneau at a basketball game. They were married December 3, 1955 in Elko, NV. In 1959, their daughter Chris was born and son John was born in 1963. He worked for Johnson Brothers, MHAFFB Civil Service Carpenter Shop and at one point he owned a Service Station, which he found out pretty quickly that he was not a mechanic. In 1980 Dad and Mom decided to start their own construction company. With the help of their family and friends working weekends as cheap labor, he established Cristobal Construction. He believed his success in the construction business was because of his dedicated employees and the trust his customers had in him. After 52 years of marriage, Mom passed away on January 20, 2007. Even after her passing, Dad wore his wedding ring every single day. In 2010, he met Mary Holm who enjoyed accompanying him to the hills where they took pictures of all the wildlife. The passion he had in the past for hunting with a gun, became hunting with a camera. Mary passed away in 2019. Dad was an avid golfer and hunter. He always said it was

just for fun, but he loved the competition and everyone that knew him knew it, too. He would give you a smile and keep chipping in amazing golf shots or shooting geese before you could get your gun raised. Dad was preceded in death by: His father John Cristobal, mother Louisa Uriona Cristobal Juantorena Meabe, Sisters: Evelyn Gisler, Lola Moore, Amelia Lothrop and Joanna Tate, and his wife Barbara. Dad is survived by his children: Chris "Mark" Alzola, John M. "Julie" Cristobal and Grandchildren: John Tyler "JT" and his wife Jessica Cristobal, Jacci Cristobal, Jett Cristobal, and Jazzi Cristobal, step-sister Penny Stubbs and friend Patty McFarland. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Mountain Home Elks Lodge on Friday, July 7th at 5:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to: Mtn. Home Basque Association, 4th of July Streetwalkers c/o MHFD or your favorite charity. Everyone that is reading this knows Dad treasured his family and friends and a good B.S. session as long as it didn't get in the way of hunting. Dad go get your limit and maybe one extra for the pot!!!

Death notices

NICOLAS ERIC SILVA JONES, 71, of Homedale, died on Thursday, June 22, 2023. Arrangements: All Valley Cremation, 1538 11th Ave. N., Nampa. (208) 899-9361

WILLIAM LEROY OBERST, 84 of Boise, died on Thursday, June 15, 2023, at a local hospital. Arrangements: Bowman Funeral Parlor of Garden City. (208) 853-3131

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Obituary

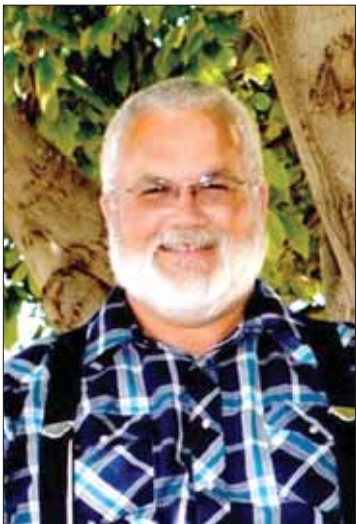
Randel Eugene Phelps

Randel Eugene Phelps of Homedale, Idaho passed away on June 19, 2023, at the age of 66. Randy was born August 27, 1956 in Caldwell, Idaho to Milford and Donna (Ethington) Phelps, of whom he is preceded in death.

Randy grew up in Wilder, Idaho until the age of five. He then moved to the Ridgeview, Oregon area where he learned to farm with his dad and started his own small dairy herd. He attended Adrian schools and graduated from Adrian High School in 1974.

Randy married his eternal companion, Lynn Parsons, on March 25, 1983 in the Seattle Washington Temple. They raised their four children in Homedale, Jamie (Gary) King of Greenleaf, ID, Star (Chris) Priest of Idaho Falls, ID, Heath (Annie) Phelps of Halfway, OR, and Summer (Greg) Titus of Caldwell, ID.

He enjoyed dairy farming



with his wife and children. Whenever the opportunity arose, he jumped at the chance to go hunting and fishing with family and friends. He loved to spend time with his grandkids.

He faithfully attended The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Homedale, Idaho. He served in numerous callings in the Homedale 2nd ward. He enjoyed having

thought-provoking gospel discussions and studying scripture.

Randy was a man of few words. He was “swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath” (James 1:19). He was always willing to lend a helping hand, was patient and hardworking. Family was everything to him. He is survived by his wife and children as well as his siblings, Cherrie, Denise, Denae and Robert. He is also survived by ten grandchildren: Greyson, Quinlynn, Brynann, Rowynn and Sheridyn King; Mia, Lily and Colten Priest; Owen and Hazen Phelps.

Services were held on Friday, June 23, 2023 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Homedale, Idaho at 10:30 AM. Interment and dedication of his final resting place to follow at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery.

Services are in care of Flahiff Funeral Chapel.

Service notice

NEIL WILLIAM GIVENS, 58, of Anchorage, Alaska, formerly of Melba, died on May 22, 2023. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, July 5, 2023, at the Melba Cemetery, 7277 Baseline Rd., in Melba.

Second lawman with OCSO ties decertified

A second former member of the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office has relinquished Idaho law enforcement certification.

According to the Idaho Peace Officers Standards and Training decertification database, former OCSO lieutenant Paul Maund gave up his certification effective May 9.

Maund, who was a lieutenant in Sheriff Perry Grant’s administration, resigned soon after current Sheriff Larry Kendrick was sworn in. Grant relinquished his certification after leaving office.

No details on why Maund was being considered for decertification are included in his online listing.

POST Office of Professional Responsibility manager Dan Smith said previously that the agency doesn’t release information on allegations when an investigation leads to a voluntary relinquishment of certification.

Court records indicate that Maund entered a guilty plea to a misdemeanor Fish and Game violation of unlawful hunting in September 2018 in Gem County. A second Fish and Game misdemeanor in

the same case, road closure violation, was dismissed by the prosecution. Maund was ordered to pay \$265 in fines and fees.

Eleven months earlier, Maund pled not guilty to hunting from a motorized vehicle or unmanned aircraft system and violating road closure restrictions in Gem County. Both misdemeanors were dropped in February 2018.

Maund previously served as a detective sergeant in the Canyon County Sheriff’s Office where he was employed for more than 20 years.

During a recent ethics training in Murphy for OCSO personnel, Smith said that law enforcement officers such as Maund and Grant can petition the POST Council for reinstatement a decade after decertification.

Maund’s wife, Jennifer, is still employed by Owyhee County. Her job as victim witness coordinator was transferred from the sheriff’s office to the prosecuting attorney’s office after Kendrick was sworn in.

— JPB

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June 29: BBQ pulled pork sandwich, French fries, sliced peaches

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WEED WATCH



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From Jordan Valley CWMA
Eric Morrison, coordinator

Name: Leafy Spurge (*Euphorbia esula*)

Description: This plant is extremely difficult to exterminate!

A long-lived, deep-rooted perennial herb. Spreads mainly by root shoots from rhizomes, but also reproduces from seed. Very small and nondescript yellow flowers appear in late May and are partially hidden in showy, bright green bracts. Plants reach 1 to 3 feet tall and usually have a central stem with many radiating branches. Stems will be dull reddish near the soil surface and dull green above. Leaves appear nearly opposite but in fact are alternate, lance-shaped about ¼-inch wide and 3 inches long. All parts contain a viscous white latex into autumn. This latex can be very irritating and can cause blindness. It can be toxic to cattle and horses. Sheep and goats tolerate grazing, although without significant weight gain.



Photo by Clint Shock

Habitat: Infects a wide range of habitat, prefers lighter and moister soils. Tolerates very cold temperatures. Found in Western Idaho and Eastern Oregon in wildland/rangeland areas.

Origin: Brought accidentally to the U.S. as early as 1830, probably with alfalfa seed lots from Eurasia.

Control: The combination of a deep root system and the viscous latex makes herbicide translocation throughout the plant exceedingly difficult. Picloram (Tordon) has been the traditional favorite. Imazapyr (Plateau) also works well. Both can have long residual effect, so use caution and follow the label. Planting some variety of perennial grass can help reduce infestation. Mechanical removal is not recommended because of root shoot dispersal. Several effective insect biocontrols are available and have been released locally.

When using herbicides, always read and follow label directions on any chemical. It’s the law!

(Modified from *Selected Noxious Weeds of Eastern Oregon*, Gary Page, retired Malheur County weed inspector).

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

- Jordan Valley** — Eric Morrison, (541) 586-3000
- Northwest Owyhee** — Julie Perkins, (208) 519-1533 or julieperk01@gmail.com
- Eastern Owyhee** — Julie Perkins, (208) 519-1533 or julieperk01@gmail.com
- Owyhee weed supervisor** — Kelly Aberasturi, (208) 249-4405
- Malheur weed supervisor** — Amanda Zander, (541) 473-5102

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Dean’s List
University of Idaho

Several local students are part of the University of Idaho’s Dean’s List for the 2023 spring semester.

Dean’s List students maintained at least a 3.5 grade-point average on a minimum of 12 graded credits during the semester, which ended May 12.

Paige Carter, Homedale High School — College of Letters Arts & Social Sciences, Bachelor of Science, Journalism & Mass Media

Spencer D. Fisher, Homedale High School — College of Agricultural & Life Sciences (CALS), B.S., in Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology

Addie A. Evans, Homedale — College of Education, Health & Human Sciences, B.S. in Education; Curriculum & Instruction

Ainslee A. Evans, Homedale — College of Business & Economics, B.S. in Business

Alex L. Blalock, Homedale — College of Letters Arts & Social Sciences, Bachelor of Art, English

Arnulfo Llamas, Homedale — CALS, B.S., Plant Sciences

Cindy C. Albor — College of Business & Economics, B.S. in Business

Entenecia S. Cardenas-

Ritzert, Homedale — College of Art & Architecture, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Art and Architecture

Esmeralda Santana, Homedale — College of Letters Arts & Social Sciences, B.S., Culture, Society & Justice

Gage C. Purdom, Homedale — College of Letters Arts & Social Sciences, Bachelor’s in Music

John M. Lejardi, Homedale — CALS, B.S., Plant Sciences

Joseph D. Egusquiza, Homedale — College of Business & Economics, B.S. in Business

Ricardo Hernandez, Homedale — College of Business & Economics, B.S. in Business

Abbey Henry, Marsing — College of Business & Economics, B.S. in Business, Accounting & Management Information Systems

Dalton R. Withers, Marsing — College of Art & Architecture, B.S. in Architecture, Art and Architecture

Logan R. Stansell, Marsing — CALS, B.S. in Soil & Water Systems

Omar A. Garcia, Marsing — CALS, B.S. in Agricultural Education, Leadership and Communications

Kort M. Skinner, Jordan Valley — CALS, B.S., Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology

Elizabeth Bearden, Grand View — CALS, B.S., Agricultural Education, Leadership and Communications

Kiera M. Packer, Melba — CALS, B.S. in Agricultural Education, Leadership and Communications

Wayne W. Ebenroth, Melba — College of Business & Economics, B.S. in Business, Accounting & Management Information Systems

Elias C. Paxton, Wilder — College of Letters Arts & Social Sciences, B.S., Music and Psychology & Communication

Elizabeth Mejia, Wilder — College of Letters Arts & Social Sciences, B.A., Modern Languages & Cultures

Ismael G. Cortez, Wilder — College of Letters Arts & Social Sciences, B.A., Psychology & Communication

Marco A. Jimenez Delgado, Wilder — College of Business & Economics, B.S. in Business, Accounting & Management Information Systems

Yuliza Mejia, Wilder — College of Letters Arts & Social Sciences, B.S., Politics & Philosophy

President’s List
Utah Tech University

Two local students were placed on the Utah Tech University President’s List for the spring 2023 semester.

Emmary Astle and Hannah Beus, both from Melba, were honored for achieving a semester

grade-point average of 3.9 or higher while completing a minimum of 15 credits.

Utah Tech is based in St. George in the southern part of the state.

College graduates
Oregon State University

Spring 2023 graduates received degrees on June 17 at Reser Stadium in Corvallis, Ore., and June 18 at Oregon State University-Cascades in Bend, Ore.:

Morgan Bayes, Adrian — Bachelor of

Science, Agricultural Sciences

Toby Blele, Wilder — Bachelor of Science, cum laude, Agricultural Sciences

Luis Ruiz, Wilder — Bachelor of Science, Agricultural Sciences

Northwest Nazarene University

Spring 2023 graduates from the private college in Nampa:

Kristal Grant, Homedale — Bachelor of

Arts, Elementary Education

Enrique Soto-Augilar, Homedale — Bachelor of Science in Biology

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The importance of learning life skills

As children are growing and developing, there are many skills that can enrich their academic experience, as well as prepare them to be independent, responsible members of the community.



Cassie Moody

These abilities are often referred to as “life skills” and can include areas such as cooking, managing money, conversation skills, and many more. When children gain these abilities throughout their childhood, they are prepared to be independent and healthy adults.

Featured below are a few life skills that are important to implement into the lives of children and young adults, and a few ways you can get involved in doing so.

• **Healthy eating and cooking:** It is never too early to start educating youth about healthy eating. The MyPlate model is a great tool for teaching about the five food groups. The earlier children learn that it is important to get a minimum of three food groups in each snack or meal, the more of a habit it becomes.

Additionally, it is important that youth are equipped to prepare healthy meals for themselves. A great way to do this is to involve kids in the cooking process at home.

In addition, there are a variety of educational programs that allow kids to learn about cooking healthy recipes, such as a Family Consumer Science Program at school, University of Idaho Extension activities, and online resources.

• **Money management:** Knowledge is power when it comes to managing money. The more knowledge students have about money, the more likely they are to make healthy financial decisions. Talking to your kids about the importance of budgeting and making wise financial decisions is a great place to start. Additionally, University of Idaho Extension offers a wide range of educational experiences regarding

finances that can further enrich positive financial habits. Visit <https://www.uidaho.edu/cals/family-and-consumer-sciences/research-and-extension/personal-and-family-finance> to learn more.

• **Exercise habits:** Exercise is an essential life skill that offers a variety of benefits to your health. Teaching youth the importance of regular exercise can help them to adopt the habit at a young age, which in the long run can help to improve the quality and longevity of their life.

• **Public speaking and conversation skills:** The ability to have conversations and speak in front of crowds is an incredibly valuable skill to have as youth are preparing to enter the workforce or attend college. A great way to gain these skills is membership in 4-H. Through 4-H, youth participate in record book interviews about their projects, as well as prepare and deliver a presentation relating to their project. This allows them to feel more comfortable in public speaking and interview settings, skills that are valuable in many aspects of life.

• **Stress management:** Stress management is a skill that is important at any age. Stress is a natural part of life, but it is important to keep it from becoming overwhelming. Finding healthy ways to cope with stress such as exercising, spending time with family and friends, or partaking in a hobby you enjoy is crucial to a healthy lifestyle. By teaching this lesson to youth, we can reduce the negative impact of stress on their body and mind.

By committing to teaching our youth life skills, we will be raising a community of independent and healthy people. However, it is never too late to develop a new skill, even if it is later in life! Engaging in learning keeps our minds active, allows us to broaden our perspective, and ultimately helps us to maintain a fulfilling lifestyle. Consider learning a new skill or adopting a new hobby today.

— University of Idaho graduate Cassie Moody is in her second summer as a general intern at the UI Owyhee County Extension Office in Marsing. She can be reached at mood4069@vandals.uidaho.edu

Calendar

Today

Massage

8 a.m., to 1 p.m., \$15 for 15 minutes, appointments necessary. Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Ladies coffee group

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

Vacation Bible School

9 a.m., to 11:30 a.m., pre-K through 4th graders, Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder.

Food distribution

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., for Marsing residents only. The HUB food pantry, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 649-5411

Bingo

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

Labor Dept. bilingual employment services

Noon to 4 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 364-7781 or canyoncountymail@labor.idaho.gov for appointment or information.

Thursday

Vacation Bible School

9 a.m., to 11:30 a.m., pre-K through 4th graders, Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder.

Fit and Fall class

10 a.m., free, Melba Valley Senior Center, 115 Base Line Rd, Melba. (208) 495-2168

Summer reading program

10 a.m., to 11 a.m., Birdhouses, Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. 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

Summer reading program

10:30 a.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

ION Heritage Museum board meeting

6 p.m., Jordan Valley Elementary School library, 604 Oregon Ave., Jordan Valley. (541) 586-2100

Friday

Top Hat Market

3 p.m., to 7 p.m., Bette Uda City Park, 200 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. Information: markettophat@gmail.com; registration: <https://www.markettophat.com/vendor-information>

Alcoholics Anonymous

7 p.m., Sandbar Community Room, City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 860-9674

Saturday

Free lunch

11:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 303-7414

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Tuesday

Homedale 4th of July Parade

8 a.m., lineup at Deward Bell Stadium, 9 a.m., parade starts, downtown Homedale. Text Heidi at (208) 600-5683

Demolition Derby

10:30 a.m. gates open; 4:30 p.m. stands open; 5:30 p.m. grand entry, \$20 admission (\$18 military), Owyhee County Fairgrounds, 420 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale. (208) 573-7233. Tickets: <https://qrco.de/be2hZX>

Wednesday

Massage

8 a.m., to 1 p.m., \$15 for 15 minutes, appointments necessary. Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Ladies coffee group

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

Bingo

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

Labor Dept. bilingual employment services

Noon to 4 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 364-7781 or canyoncountymail@labor.idaho.gov for appointment or information.

Arock school board meeting

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

Thursday, July 6

Fit and Fall class

10 a.m., free, Melba Valley Senior Center, 115 Base Line Rd, Melba. (208) 495-2168

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 program

10:30 a.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

Friends of the Homedale Library meeting

4 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

Friday, July 7

Top Hat Market

3 p.m., to 7 p.m., Bette Uda City Park, 200 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. Information: markettophat@gmail.com; registration: <https://www.markettophat.com/vendor-information>

STEM Night in the Park

5 p.m., ‘Build noodle and marshmallow structure’, Bette Uda City Park, 204 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

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 information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.

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Counter-clockwise from above:
Herribatza Danzariak members Mateo Black (left) and Alois Krakau leap during the Zortziko dance.
Children participate in a sack race on the Txoko Ona Basque Center lawn.
A man competes in txinga weight carrying.
Herribatza Danzariak members lead festival-goers in a community dance.

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Homedale man writes about wild, well-spent good ol' days

True short stories lead to Townsend's popular book

Rob Townsend's short stories of the wild side of youth could lead the reader to believe he is susceptible to peer pressure. But whether victim or instigator of the persuasion to enjoy life, the Homedale native certainly succumbed to the advice of his friends when he compiled and released his new book.

"Musings of an Ol' Coot: Echoes of the Good Ol' Days" is a compilation of non-fiction short stories Townsend has written over the years, including a few samplings that appeared in the pages of The Owyhee Avalanche as "Reminiscing" contributions.

"I'd been writing these short stories for a few years, and people seemed to like them, so I wrote some more," the former Marsing auto shop owner said.

Townsend has attended a regular writer's group at fellow Homedale resident Janet McCornack's home. That's when the clamor for the book really took off.

"I started going to a writer's club once a week and sharing my stories with them," he said.

"And between my sisters and people I knew and the writer's club, they talked me into putting the book together."

One sister, Homedale artist Julie Townsend Cloud, helped

get her brother's sometimes wild and wacky stories on paper.

"My sister did all the typing, which was awful nice of her," Townsend said in his laid-back, aw-shucks tone.

The writer's group also helped secure the services of Sand Hollow-based editor JoEllen Claypool.

"She did all the legwork on the layout and the cover," Townsend said.

Photographs for the cover art were shot at Jump Creek, bringing the stamping grounds of Townsend's well-spent youth into view.

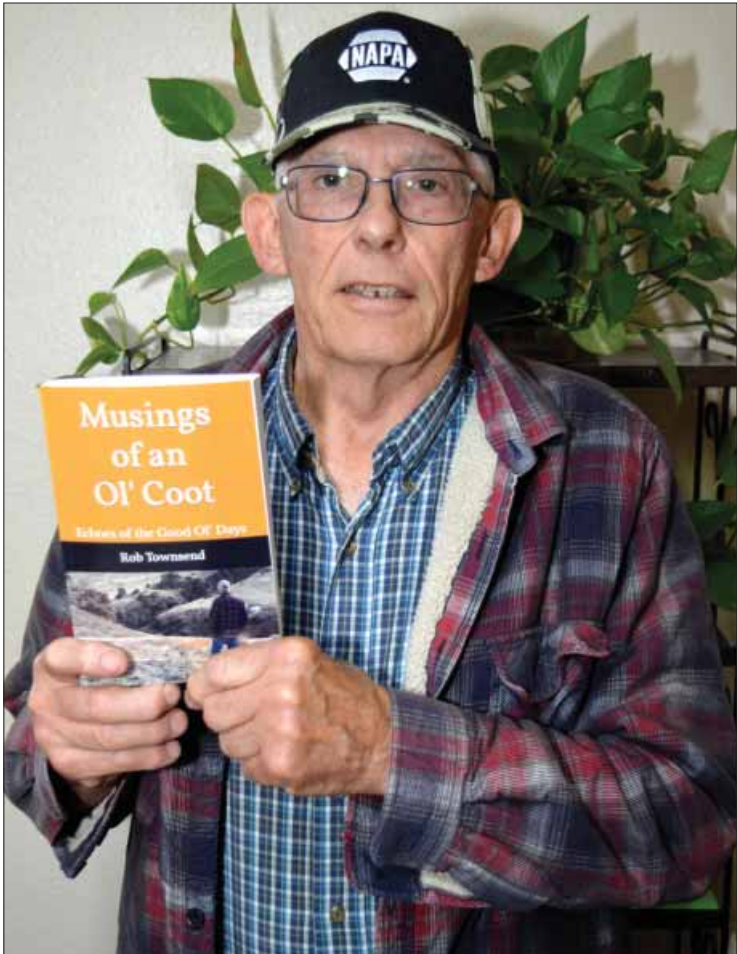
It was remembering his youth and his dear friends that pushed Townsend to start writing his short stories in the first place. The stories cover a lot of exploits from 1960s, but also delves into the early Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derbies of the 1980s and 1990s.

Townsend served five years as Lions Club president.

"I thought, 'Well, my cohorts or my friends in crime or whatever you want to call them might be interested in reading about the good ol' days,'" Townsend said.

That step created something of a monster for the man.

"They seemed to like that and started sending me their own stories," Townsend said, adding that the chapter "Tor-



Rob Townsend's book is in its second printing already.

menting the Game Warden" is the only story he has written for which he wasn't physically present for the antics.

Not everything in the book is happy-go-lucky. Townsend dedicated the book — and a handful of biographical and inspirational pages — to his brother Steve, who lived life to the fullest with brittle bone disease (and befriended every character in the book), Townsend said.

His brother was witty and brave, Townsend said. While working as paymaster for a construction job on White

Bird Hill in North Idaho, Steve drove the windy, steep grade every day back and forth from Grangeville.

"He hitchhiked to Denver in the middle of December to visit me and rode back with me," Townsend said.

"He was fearless like that."

The popularity of Townsend's short stories, handwritten for friends and the Avalanche, translated when the book hit the streets.

Even with a reluctance to make public promotional appearances, Townsend quickly sold out of the first printing of

his self-published book.

"I've sold over 150 books just mainly by word of mouth," he said.

He's selling the second printing on Amazon and person-to-person.

Townsend said the Amazon purchase costs \$15 each, but folks can buy copies from the author or his son, Jeremy, at NAPA Owyhee Auto Parts in Homedale for \$12.

The 211-page book has been available for four months. Townsend said he has mailed copies to New York, Texas, Arizona, Washington state, and Oregon.

Although Townsend comes off as an unassuming chap, he says he really isn't surprised by the book's success.

"I'm not because when I was writing those short stories and (the Avalanche) was printing them, Jeremy was getting a lot of feedback: 'When is your dad going to write another?'" he said.

And, so, when is he going to write another?

"Right now, I'm going through writer's block," Townsend said. "I can sit down and have all these stories, and I start thinking about this one, and 'How am I going to top that story?'"

Still there is the question, which as-yet is unanswered.

"People are saying, 'When's the sequel coming out?'"

Maybe the writer's group needs to have another talk with the man.

— JPB

Local band The Phobics tunes up for derby dance music

by Rob Townsend
Former Homedale Lions president
The “Phobics” will provide live music after the 42nd annual Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derby.
This is the second consecutive year the band has played after the derby.
The Phobics play music for some benefits such as the Veterans of Foreign Wars Vietnam veterans, and they also do some children’s causes benefits occasionally.

This year, there will be five band members entertaining us with their musical talents:

- Dan Ward plays guitar and sings
- Paul Walton plays drums
- Doug Slagle will be on the guitar, harmonica, mandolin, flute, and possibly banjo as well as helping with vocals;
- Dave Tolleson will play guitar and sing (health allowing)
- “Cowboy Dan” Sevy will play guitar and mandolin and provide help

on vocals.
I know Dan can play the fiddle, too, because when I request “Amarillo by Morning” he will play some fiddle.
These guys play all sorts of music, including classic country, modern country, blues, rock ‘n’ roll, and some of Dan’s original songs.
Some titles are “Neon Moon,” “Stray Cat Strut,” “Lone Star Beer,” “Third Rate Romance,” “On the Boardwalk,” Mo Bandy’s “Americana,” and Waylon Jennings’ “America.” They will play

some Bob Dylan, Johnny Cash, Amazing Rhythm Aces, and some Sammy Kershaw.
A couple of Dan’s original songs are “Muddy River Night” and “Together Me and You.”
The music will start around 9 p.m., on Tuesday on the Tumbleweed Theatre stage by the VFW beer garden. The Phobics will play until midnight or until the crowd goes away.
The Lions Club will be using the VFW beer garden this year.

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✓ Derby: Tickets online for derby featuring Mini, ’80s, full-size classes

reluctant to tip his hand during the demolition derby drivers meeting last Wednesday at the fairgrounds for good reason.
The reigning Fourth of July 1980s chain-and-bang limited weld champion didn’t want would-be opponents to know he’s rolling into the Homedale arena again this year, especially after he just won the title at the Emmett Fathers Day derby.
If the Gem County Fairgrounds performance of Homedale drivers is any indication, next week’s derby

will be dotted with hometown success stories.
While Reyes won the 1980s class in Emmett, former Marsing resident Tom Stanberry was runner-up, and Homedale derby veteran Nick Stewart took third. TJ Stanberry earned the Mad Dawg honor.
Stewart didn’t enter the Fourth of July derby, but enlisted Homedale High School graduate Ismahel Mendoza, a former wrestler, to drive.
Stanberry said he’s not running in the Lions event, but

there will be at least one competitor who has learned at his knee. His son-in-law, Zach Lancaster of Caldwell, will enter a car in the Mini class.
In a possible harbinger for the Lions derby full-size vehicle clash, Ricky McBride of Greenleaf outlasted former Homedale champ Mark Williams in the Emmett big car final. Williams collected the Mad Dawg award.
Emmett’s youth derby showed potential for more familiar names coming up through the

ranks to keep the Homedale derby rolling through history.
Dustin Folger, the son of Homedale derby veteran Chris Folger, won the championship, and Mason Miller — the son of 2021 Homedale co-champion Mike Miller — earned the Mad Dawg award.
Payette’s Jake Petero didn’t attend the Homedale drivers meeting, but if he shows up at the fairgrounds on the Fourth, he’ll take a shot at becoming only the second man to pull off a Homedale derby three-peat.
Petero has won the past two full-size championships, joining Everett Ensley (2012-13), the late Roger DeAugustineo (1990-91) and Kevin Ensley (1983-85) in the pantheon of back-to-back champs.
Petero now takes aim at Ensley’s Homedale record of three consecutive titles, a streak that began 40 years ago this summer.
Other two-time winners include Leonard Hurd (2003 and 2006) and Mark Williams (2017 and 2021 as co-champ with Mike Miller).
Other former champions in the field include Miller, Jaylon Hilton (Mini, 2021-22), and Jace Love (Chain-and-bang, 2021).
DeAugustineo, one of the early stalwarts in the derby, died on June 2 at the age of 67.

The Homedale man won it all as a rookie in 1990 then repeated his title run in 1991. He finished third in 1992 and 1993 and made a comeback in 2018.
Derby tickets are available online at <https://qrco.de/be2hZX>. General admission costs \$20 or \$18 with a military discount. Surcharges are added.
The Independence Parade will take place at 9 on the morning of the derby with line-up in the Deward Bell Stadium parking lot on Riverside Drive at 8 a.m. This year’s theme is “The Wild, Wild West.”
Text Heidi Heng (Cloud) at (208) 600-5863 for more information.
The parade route will begin on Riverside and turn south on Main Street out of Riverside Park. After turning west on to West Owyhee Avenue, the procession will head south on North 3rd Street West before turning east on Idaho Avenue and culminating at Homedale High School.
On derby day, pit gates open at 10 a.m., and the grandstands open at 4:30 p.m. The grand entry will start at 5:30 p.m.
The Phobics will provide live music for dancing from 9 p.m., to midnight, and fireworks purchased by the Lions Club and the City of Homedale will be set off at 10:30 p.m.



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Avalanche Sports



“Eby the DB”: Former Trojans standout on Hall of Fame ballot

That special quality Heron O’Neal saw in Michael Eby may land the Homedale High School graduate in a professional football hall of fame.

In fact, the 2002 HHS honor graduate is a finalist for the Indoor Football League Hall of Fame again this year. This is the fourth time Eby has appeared on the ballot since he became eligible after his 2014 retirement.

“I played on some great teams with some amazing talent and coaches, and I would not be on this list if it were not for them,” Eby wrote on a Facebook post announcing his nomination.

“I believe that football, and sports in general, are a microcosm of life that teach so much about teamwork, commitment and perseverance.”

He told The Owyhee Avalanche of the deep appreciation “I have for those memories and moments and the opportunity I had to continue pursuing my passion of playing football after college with and against

— See **Hall**, page 14



Parker ready for two-sport college experience

Already possessing a letter of intent to play college volleyball, Homedale High School senior Jacy Parker has accepted an offer to play women’s basketball at The Evergreen State College in Olympia, Wash. The daughter of Gavin and Annie Parker signed her letter of intent for basketball last week. The Geoducks are a member of the NAIA Cascade Collegiate Conference, so Parker will play close to home whenever the team travels to face The College of Idaho in Caldwell. That means grandparents Mike and Leslie Parker and Joe and Val Bideganeta will be able to catch a game, too. Submitted photo

Kenzie Smith of Wilder, an incoming Homedale High School freshman, competing in Crouch in the Idaho Girls’ Rodeo Association Junior Division. On June 17, the daughter of Tyler and Annie Smith won barrel racing with a 19.148-second turn. Photos by Cherie Rolland / Cherie Rolland Photography

IGRA completes fourth rodeo; Owyheeans make mark on circuit

Four performances in the Idaho Girls’ Rodeo Association have been completed with the conclusion of the two-day event in Crouch on June 17-18.

No other rodeos are on the IGRA’s online schedule until the IGRA Finals on Sept. 9-10.

Results from the latest rodeos weren’t posted as of press time.

The season’s second rodeo was held May 6 at the Crooked 8 Arena in Kuna.

- Senior:
- Sage Badiola won the steer daubing with a 3.21-second effort. She was the third-place competitor in barrel racing (19.227), finished fifth in steer stopping (12.38), grabbed sixth in breakaway roping (6.01),

— See **Rodeo**, page 14



Sage Badiola of Homedale was runner-up in senior barrel racing (19.5 seconds) during the June 18 Idaho Girls’ Rodeo Association performance in Crouch. She placed fourth in the event in the June 17 rodeo. She also competed in cattle events and pole bending.



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Sports

Legion’s Owyhee Rivercats flatten Phantoms on road

Big innings carried the Owyhee Rivercats American Legion squad to a lopsided win last week.

The Homedale-based summer baseball team posted six runs in the second inning to take control of an 18-5 blowout victory against the Phantoms.

Chance Martell smacked a double and triple in three at-bats and scored three runs to lead Owyhee’s onslaught in Mountain Home on June 20.

Three other Rivercats — D’Orr Packer, Andres Garcia and Wiley Bideman — ripped doubles.

The Phantoms committed eight errors and surrendered 13 hits.

Owyhee scored five times in the fifth inning and four times in the sixth during a seven-inning game.

Packer was 2-for-3 with three runs scored and two RBI from the top of the batting order.

Dillon Fine went 2-for-4 with two RBI and two runs scored, and Carson Fine scored three times while getting three singles and an RBI.

Bideman and Xavier Uranga scored two runs apiece.

Payton Fine struck out six in four innings, pitching around four hits and four walks. According to the team’s schedule, the Rivercats play at home today against Ridgevue — before traveling for a Friday-Saturday showdown with the Orofino Merchants.

The Rivercats return to John Jackson Field to face Boise Storm next Wednesday and Emmett on Thursday.

All weekday home games start at 6 p.m.

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✓ Hall: Eby made a nickname —and name — in pro indoor football

elite talent.

“I do believe living out those dreams fully allowed me to transition to the next phase of life, with a career and family, having no regrets or what-ifs.”

You can vote for Eby by using the online ballot at goifl.com (click on the Hall of Fame feature article from the landing page).

Eby played for three teams in the IFL and was the 2009 Defensive Rookie of the Year.

He played defensive back, a position he hadn’t tried since his days as a quarterback and cornerback in Homedale.

But, it was even more challenging. O’Neal saw film and called Eby to offer a tryout at free safety with Billings Outlaws.

The coach’s faith in Eby paid off. The Eastern Oregon University product intercepted two passes in his pro debut and added seven solo tackles to win the IFL defensive player of the week award.

The son of Vicki and Gary Eby earned his rookie nickname “Eby the DB” with stellar play throughout the first season.

His interception set up the game-tying score in a 42-41 win over Sioux Falls as the Outlaws steamed toward the first of back-to-back United Bowl championships.

Eby was a second-team All-IFL selection as a rookie.

Nearly a decade after his playing days ended, Eby still ranks fourth all-time in league history with 400 tackles and 28 interceptions.

Eby also contributed to the Wyoming Cavalry and Colorado Ice during a six-year career.

“To this day, I am very thankful for my time in the IFL and winning the first two United Bowls,” Eby wrote on social media. “I am humbled to join such a prestigious group of individuals.”

Other 2023 IFL Hall of Fame finalists include:

- **Michael Bazemore, DL** — Bazemore was Eby’s teammate in Billings and also played for the Sioux Falls Storm
- **Willie Copeland, QB** — Green Bay Blizzard, Colorado Ice, Cedar Rapids Titans
- **Tyler Knight, LB** — Sioux Falls Storm
- **Xzavie Jackson, DE** — Cedar Rapids Titans, Nebraska Danger, Tucson Sugar Skulls
- **Houston Lillard, QB** — Tri-Cities Fever
- **Frankie Solomon Jr., DB/returner** — Allen Wranglers, Texas Revolution
- **Parker Douglass, K** — Sioux Falls Storm
- **Brady Roland, WR** — Iowa Barnstormers
- **Adam Shackleford, coach** — Tri-Cities Fever, Spokane Empire

— JPB

✓ Rodeo: Local competitors excel in all divisions and nearly all events

and came in 11th in pole bending (45.559).

- Scottie Beaver posted a fourth-place time of 13.9 in goat tying.

Junior:

- Kenzie Smith won steer stopping (17.01) and took third in goat tying (13.97) and eighth in pole bending (31.897).

- Macardy Babcock finished 12th in barrel racing (27.598).

Pee Wee:

- Karlee Smith won the barrel racing title in 19.503, and she finished fourth in goat tying (20.01)
- Gracie Koplin took second in pole bending (26.106) and sixth in barrels (20.855).

- Shane Beaver took seventh in barrels (21.547) and finished eighth in pole bending (36.06).

Mini Mite:

- Rylee Kozisek finished third in barrel racing (28.58) and pole bending (37.245) and seventh in goat tying (31.28).

The season opener took place April 8 in New Plymouth.

Senior:

- Sage Badiola was runner-up in pole bending (23.475) and steer daubing (12.05), and took fourth in goat tying (18.2) and fifth in barrel racing (18.042).
- Kinsey Blankenship placed third in goat tying (17.8).

Pee Wee:

- Gracie Koplin won dummy roping (8.15) and was runner-up in barrel racing (20.603) and took fourth in pole bending (31.39).
- Karlee Smith was pole bending runner-up (27.868).

Mini Mite:

- Rylee Kozisek took fourth in goat flanking (28.6) and finished fifth in barrel racing (35.452) and pole bending (50.555).

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25 years ago

July 1, 1998



Some kind of Pontiac...

Nathan Volk, at left, and Chad Christiansen work on Christiansen’s entry in the 16th annual Demolition Derby. About 30 drivers are expected to compete in this year’s event, sponsored by the Homedale Lions Club.

Lowder named Top Ten Scholar

Colleen P. Lowder of Homedale has been named a Boise State University Top Ten Scholar for 1997-1998. Lowder is a senior majoring in elementary education with a special education endorsement.

Top Ten Scholars are among the top 10 percent of BSU’s graduating class for 1997-1998. They are selected based on academic performance, recommendations from college deans and club and research activities.

Lowder is a 1968 graduate of Homedale High School who recently accepted a position from the Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency. She is employed as a resource specialist at Homedale Elementary School. She is the daughter of Florence Paxton and Robert Paxton.

Too early to tell if bypass hurting local businesses

Is the Highway 95 bypass route hurting business in Homedale? It depends on who you ask.

Some business people say business is as good as it ever was, while others say they’re feeling the loss of the tourist trade, as vehicles are re-routed around town. Still others declined to speculate.

But those who did say that signs posted on the highway telling travelers what Homedale has to offer would be a big help in recapturing lost tourist dollars. The city said Monday the state transportation department would be erecting signs this week.

Kevin Barlow, who owns the Frosty Palace on Idaho Avenue, said he estimates business might be down by as much as 10 percent, but added that he’s not sure if the bypass is to blame for the slowdown.

“Seems like business has been dropping,” Barlow said. “I don’t know if it’s due to the bypass or not.” Barlow said that traditionally, the restaurant does its best business between the months of May to October.

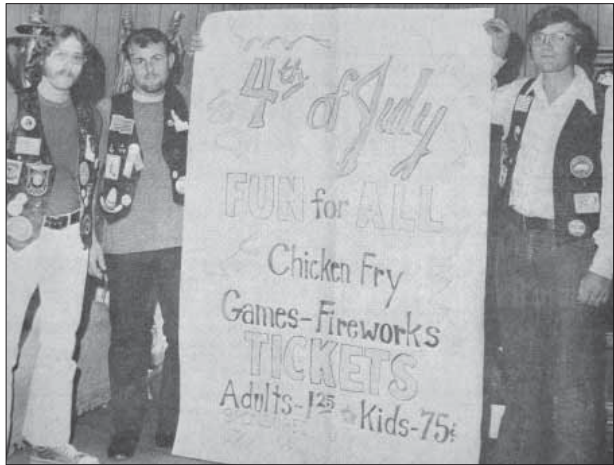
Barlow said he has not noticed a drop in business at Ferdinand’s Pizza, on Main Street in Homedale.

Mike Matteson said business at his Phillips 66 station on the corner of Main Street and Idaho Avenue has slipped somewhat recently, a downturn he contributes to a reduction in tourist trade.

“The tourist part is not as busy as it should be,” Matteson said. “But it’s kind of hard to tell, because of other factors. Last month our numbers were about the same as they were a year ago. But we’re definitely missing some of the tourists.”

50 years ago

June 28, 1973



HOMEDALE JAYCEES display a huge poster advertising the 4th of July celebration the group is sponsoring in Homedale Wednesday. At right is Larry Bauer, general chairman; at left are Garth McGuire, games chairman and Stan Dyke, in charge of the chicken dinner. Photo by Bette Uda

Owyhee Ridge fire burns over 23,000 acres

A range fire burned out of control all Friday night on the Owyhee Ridge, west of Homedale, after apparently being started by lightning at mid-afternoon Friday, in the Owyhee breaks, off the Succor Creek road.

Strong winds with gusts over 50 m.p.h. whipped the blaze through tinder-dry cheat grass, sage, and across brushy canyons, sweeping the entire ridge from Board Corral Mt. to near Adrian before the fire was contained about 8 p.m. Sunday, with an estimated 23,040 acres of grazing land charred.

The Vale BLM office said more than 300 crewmen and ranchers, four pumper trucks, and two helicopters were in use to bring the flames under control, and pumpers were still patrolling the area Monday. Ten retardant drops were made.

A second fire in the Danner area of southern Malheur County, Ore., swept 10,040 acres.

Jordan Valley girl named rodeo queen

JORDAN VALLEY — René Collins, Jordan Valley, was named Miss Rodeo Oregon at the Blue Mountain Rodeo in La Grande over the weekend.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Collins, she represented the Oregon High School Rodeo Association at the pageant. She will represent Oregon at the Miss Rodeo America pageant at Las Vegas in November, in competition with 28 other queens for the title of Miss Rodeo America.

Miss Collins is the granddaughter of Mrs. Ruth Sevy, now living in Coeur d’Alene, and the late Joe Sevy.

Frank Orrs’ host former Cliffs pupils, teachers

A picnic was held at the Frank Orrs’ Sunday for those who went to Cliffs school. Attending were:

Esther (Woods) Deakins, Ontario; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wolff (Blanche Woods), Meridian; Milton Hardisty, Boise; Bobbie Wroten (Edwards), Jordan Valley; (Bobbie was a Cliffs school teacher); Evelyn (Whitby) Loveland, Jordan Valley; Louise Maher (Mrs. Frank Maher), Caldwell; Warren and Florence and Kenneth Nelson, Nampa. Florence (Woods) was also a Cliffs teacher, in 1917. She brought four pictures she had taken of her pupils at that time. She told of going to grade school in the Murphy schoolhouse, which is now in use by the Owyhee County Historical Society as a museum. She and her husband Kenneth had attended Outpost Day June 3 at Murphy.

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Orders from the interior solicited.

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**Market Street,
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.**

GEO. H. CHICK

THE season for improving the streets has set in. Washington Street appears in a new dress and is still adding a flounce here and there. Jordan has on her Sunday clothes and is still but half dressed; timbers are on the ground to put in a bridge across the creek at the north end, etc. The Long Gulch bridge will soon be widened on Washington St., and filled up level with the buildings on either side. The embankment in front of Thos. Ewing & Co., J.F. Dye & Co., Rupert’s drug store, Dr. White, John Grete, etc. has been cut away and filled into the street on the east side. W.H. Dewey has thrown up quite a good walk in front of his property and will continue the good work. W.S. Stevens looks as if he intended to fill in the ugly chasm in front of his building — the Clipper Restaurant — while the Road Supervisor, Mr. Abbott, and his deputy, Judge Allison, are busy collecting road tax to continue the work until “our ways are ways of pleasantness.”

NEW ROAD OPENED.—Scotch Bob and partners have so far completed their wagon road as to conduct wagons over it, several heavy teams having already gone out empty, and we understand, found no difficulty except at this end — from the Owyhee mill to the summit, where the hill is very steep. This road leads from Ruby to Snake River, and is claimed to be nearer than the one now traveled, besides being free from mud and safer on account of Indians.

DURING the past week, our strets have presented a lively appearance. Judging from the large piles of merchandise that is blockading our streets and sidewalks, our merchants and business men have increased confidence in the mineral resources of the camp, and are determined to:

“ — stand the storm, it won’t be long,
We’ll anchor by and by.”

Commentary

Center on Representative Government
Politicians take diverse roads to leadership

I wrote recently about international leaders, world-changing figures like Nelson Mandela and Mikhail Gorbachev. Today, I want to give credit to women and men I worked with in the U.S. Congress. Some are well-known and some aren't, but all served their constituents energetically.

Some were Democrats and some were Republicans. Some were conservative, some liberal. They had different styles and skill sets. With all their diversity, they were talented individuals. They showed that there are many roads to governing effectively.

Wilbur Mills, a lawyer from Arkansas and a longtime chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, was the House's leading expert on taxes. Whenever he would step forward to speak about the tax code — to explain it, to defend it, to respond to criticism — members would listen carefully.

Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina was a staunch opponent of civil rights legislation who switched from the Democratic to the Republican Party over the issue. My personal relationship with him was good, however. Once, after a meeting, he walked over and congratulated me on a statement I had made. That was typical. He had strong opinions but worked easily and effectively in an environment where people disagreed.

Edith Green, a former schoolteacher from Oregon, was a master of education legislation and a champion of women's rights. She chaired House hearings that led to Title IX, the law that bans sex discrimination in education.

Lindy Boggs of Louisiana enjoyed admiration in the House. When Congress passed credit reform early in her tenure, she added a ban on discrimination by sex or marital status. She succeeded her husband, **Hale Boggs**, who died on a flight in Alaska. He had been majority leader and was among the best I ever saw at speaking extemporaneously. He could persuasively debate almost any issue.

Sens. Jacob Javits of New York and **Hubert**

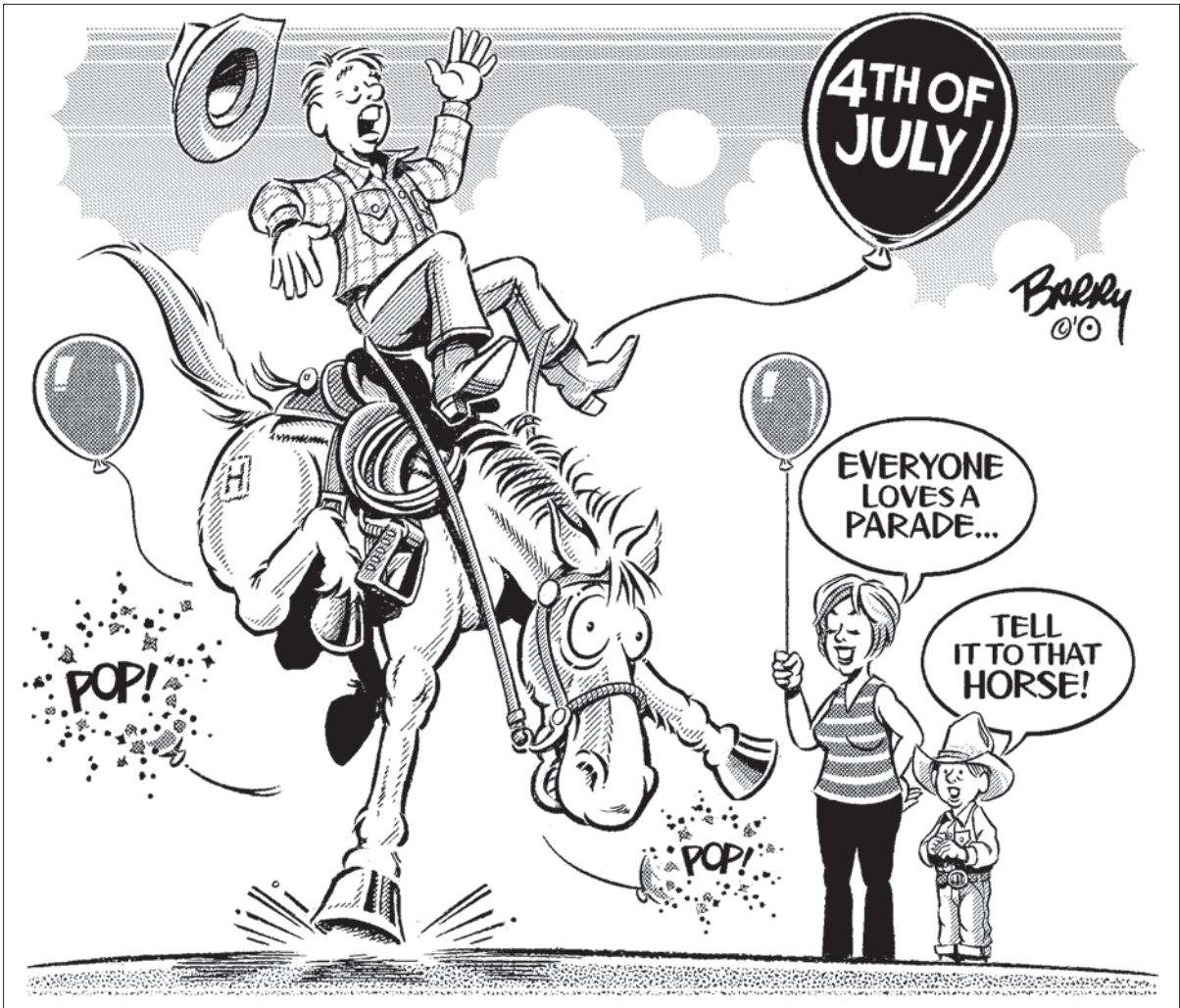
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Lee Hamilton
Indiana U. Center on Representative Govt.

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JP Doodles



Montana-based syndicated editorial cartoonist Barry McWilliams passed away in August 2021. 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
Celebrating Idaho dairy production by addressing the industry's challenges

June is National Dairy Month, providing an opportunity to celebrate one of Idaho's economic engines.

The University of Idaho reports, "Idaho, ranking third in the United States for milk production, garnered its highest-ever milk revenues in 2022. With estimated cash receipts for 2022 of \$4.2 billion, revenues from milk production are the highest of all agricultural commodities produced in Idaho." However, inflation, supply chain issues, feed expenses and other contributors to soaring input costs drive up the cost to produce milk, making the break-even cost of milk production higher. As we look to the future of the dairy industry, we must continue to work to address the challenges facing Idaho dairy producers:

Labor: Access to a willing and qualified workforce is primary among the challenges identified by Idaho dairy producers. This farm labor crisis is compounded by the runaway growth of the Adverse Effect Wage Rate (AEWR), which has been further complicated by a Biden Administration AEWR rule adding financial and administrative burdens on farmers using the H-2A agricultural guest worker program. I continue to work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to nullify this costly and burdensome rule and ensure we have a viable farm workforce system.

Trade: Idaho dairy farmers produce more than Idahoans can consume, enabling Idahoans to feed a growing world. In fact, Idaho dairy production is so prolific that if Idahoans had to consume all products

U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo
Republican (term expires 2028)

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produced within the state, every resident would need to devour 2 pounds of cheese every day, according

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Commentary

Financial management

Cash doing nothing? Invest in paying down your mortgage

Dear Dave,

I bought a house about a year ago. Currently, I have \$45,000 sitting in an account with a money manager. I've had this account for a little over three years, and the investment hasn't grown much, if at all. Under the circumstances, and being single, too, would it be better to pull the money out of that investment and put it toward my mortgage?

— Johnny

Dear Johnny,

I recommend putting 100 percent of any non-retirement savings, above your emergency

fund, toward paying off your mortgage until the mortgage is paid off. I'd still tell you to pay down the house, even if you were making 20 percent on your money. Just make sure you're following the Baby Steps, and you're already putting 15 percent of your income into good retirement investments before attacking the house. Paying down your mortgage is not an expenditure that's just lost money. The cash is sitting there, you're just banking it in your home and land. And on a side note, with all the craziness in the market over the past three years, you might come to



realize breaking even over that time wasn't so bad after all.

Johnny, the shortest distance between where you are and your first \$1 million to \$5 million in net worth is getting your house paid off. After that, load 15 percent to 20 percent of your income into a serious retirement plan. And by that, I don't mean playing financial footsie with some little brokerage account. Investing in good, growth stock mutual funds with a proven track record of at least 10 years is a proven way to build wealth the right way.

I'm sure you can find someone on TikTok telling you to do the exact opposite of what

I'm suggesting. But you won't find that kind of advice coming from real millionaires.

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of "The Ramsey Show." He has appeared on "Good Morning America," "CBS This Morning," "Today," 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 the company Ramsey Solutions.

Letter to the editor

Sr. center chief praises community

Thank you so much for coming out last Friday and Saturday to support our parking lot sale. It was an amazing success.

I would also like to personally thank every volunteer who

helped set up and take down and everyone who helped run the sale.

Melissa Sorlien
Coordinator
Homedale Senior Center

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.

✓ Dairy: Several legislative moves can improve Idaho dairymen's plight

From Page 16

to the Idaho State Department of Agriculture. Idaho dairy contributes to nearly one-sixth of all U.S. milk products being sold in markets around the world, but the tariff gap between the U.S. and trade competitors is widening.

Increasing the freedom of Idaho dairy producers to sell into foreign markets represents significant opportunities for Idaho dairy production. We also cannot let up in ensuring existing trade partners live up to their trade commitments. Last year, we achieved an important victory in holding Canada accountable for meeting its dairy import commitments under the United States-Mexico-Canada Trade Agreement. I continue to press the Biden Administration to enforce existing trade agreements and work with Congress to negotiate new comprehensive free trade agreements that include market access for Idaho producers.

Marketing Integrity: Idaho Farm Bureau

Federation reports, "The nation's dairy industry also faces a rise in the introduction of alternative meats, lab proteins and cultured dairy products, which are all becoming more mainstream." I joined fellow U.S. senator for Idaho Jim Risch and others in introducing multiple pieces of legislation to codify the definition of cheese and address labeling to make sure customers can be sure they are purchasing the standard of value and quality found in real Idaho milk.

Farm Bill: As Congress reauthorizes federal farm programs, it is also expected to consider updates to the National School Lunch Program that could include legislation removing unnecessary limits on the types of milk schools can distribute, balancing choice and health in the cafeteria. Conservation programs, authorized in the Farm Bill, are also of assistance to Idaho producers as they help dairy producers meet environmental goals that benefit everyone. As Congress considers these programs,

I will continue to advocate for making wise use of taxpayer dollars while providing an appropriate safety net and risk management tools to enable Idaho farmers and ranchers to weather difficult times and make continued advancements.

The importance of Idaho dairy production is deeply felt in Idaho communities where farms and ranches put food on our tables and support jobs. As I work with Idaho dairy producers on these and other issues and celebrate this National Dairy Month, may Idaho dairy farmers' work be blessed with continued growth and success.

— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho's senior member of the U. S. Senate. He is in his fifth six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999, and 2023 marks his 30th year in the U.S. Congress. Prior to that, he served eight years in the Idaho State Senate.

✓ Leadership: Skilled past congressmen argued but got things done

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Humphrey of Minnesota (the 1968 Democratic candidate for president) were famous for their legislative acumen. They debated smoothly, shifted from topic to topic, and moved between conference committees to put the pieces together.

Mike Mansfield of Montana had a hardscrabble childhood but became a successful politician and the longest-serving majority leader of the Senate. He was among the most popular men in the Senate. He was gracious and always insisted on fairness.

Tom Morgan, a physician from Pennsylvania, championed bipartisanship. As chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, he was always in control

of the agenda and completely unflappable, even when provoked by fellow Democrat **Ron Dellums** of California. Dellums was elected as an activist and a rhetorical flame-thrower, but over time he learned the system and made it work to get things done.

Across the aisle, Republican **John Rhodes** represented Arizona in the House and served as minority leader. He was courteous, always well-prepared, slow to anger and respected by members. He represented the best of the House in his conduct and actions.

Charlie Halleck, a Republican from my home state of Indiana, was both majority and minority leader during his 34 years in the House. A dedicated conservative who nevertheless supported civil

rights legislation, he was skilled at using the rules to advance legislation.

Of course, there was Democrat **John McCormack** of Massachusetts, the House speaker when I arrived. He was known for the phrase, "I hold the distinguished gentleman in minimum high regard." He would say it often, including to me. In a kinder, gentler era, it was his way of gently rebuking colleagues.

I've described a Congress where members held strongly conflicting views but cooperated to get things done. Is that possible today? It's hard for me to judge from a distance, but politicians are still politicians. Most run for office to accomplish certain goals, and the only way to do that is to work together.

Public notices

NOTICE OF FEE INCREASES

The Homedale Jt. School District #370, Canyon and Owyhee Counties, proposes to increase the following fee by an amount that exceeds one hundred five percent (105%) of the fee charged last year. The proposed percentage increase of the fees is listed below.

	Current (2022-23)	Next Year (2023-24)	Percent Increase
Fee	Fee	Fee	
Elementary Breakfast	\$1.75	\$1.75	0%
Elementary Lunch	\$2.10	\$2.20	5%
M.S. & H.S. Breakfast	\$2.00	\$2.00	0%
M.S. & H.S. Lunch	\$2.60	\$2.70	4%

This fee is being increased due to Federal Regulations.
All citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the increased fees request. The hearing will be held on July 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Homedale School District Board Room, 116 East Owyhee, Homedale, Idaho.

Debbie Denney
Business Manager
06/28;07/05/2023

LIEN SALE

Unit F-2, Christina Cozart, 4030 River Resort Rd, Homedale, ID 83628

Unit includes bicycles, truck tool box, and misc. household items

Silent auction will be held at Highway 95 Self Storage. 3685 Highway 95 in Homedale. Viewing and bidding will open as of the first posting on 6/21 and will close at 1pm on Saturday, July 1st

06/21,28/2023

NOTICE OF LETTING

Idaho Project in Owyhee County, Proposal No. C200215 for the work of Scale Pit and Deck replacement at US-95 Marsing POE, MP18.3. Remove existing 12 ft x 16 ft scale and replace with 12 ft x 20 ft scale.

Sealed Proposals will be received only at the office of the IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT, 11331 WEST CHINDEN BLVD. BLDG #8, BOISE, IDAHO 83703 or PO Box 40, Boise, ID 83707-0040, ATTN: ADVERTISEMENT & AWARD until two o'clock p.m. on July 11, 2023.

For additional information contact the Contract Administrator:

Name: Craig Roberts
Phone: (208) 334-4426
Email: Craig.Roberts@itd.idaho.gov

Digital copies of the Plans, Proposals, and Specifications must be downloaded for a fee of \$22.00. **Bidders must appear on the plan holders list for their proposal to be**

accepted by the Department. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdninfo.com for assistance in downloading and working with this digital project information.

General Bidding information and Specifications may be obtained from the Idaho Transportation Department website at <http://itd.idaho.gov/business/>

This contract requires full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which protects persons from being denied the benefits of or excluded from participation in programs or activities; or subjected to discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, Limited English Proficiency or economic status. The Bidder is encouraged to utilize the goods and services of disadvantaged firms in accomplishing the tasks or providing the services of this agreement, and to provide equal opportunity to all sub-bidders and suppliers.
06/21,28/2023

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. CV37-23-00189 In the Matter of the Estate of HOLLY R. WADE, Deceased.

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

Dated this 8 day of June, 2023 /s/Mary E. Brinker
Mary E. Brinker, Personal Representative of the Estate of Holly R. Wade
10402 Airpark Loop
Melba, ID 83641
06/21,26;07/05/2023

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Trustee’s Sale No. PLTS103618 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Pioneer Title Company of Ada County dba Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on 10/10/2023, at the hour of

NOTICE OF FEE INCREASE HEARING

MARSING JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #363

OWYHEE AND CANYON COUNTIES, IDAHO

July 12, 2023 at 6:55 pm

District Hub - 205 8th Ave. W. Hwy 78, Marsing, ID 83639

The Marsing Joint School District No.363, Owyhee and Canyon Counties, Idaho, has proposed to increase the fees listed below effective July 13, 2023, for the 2023-2024 school year. The proposed fee increases are outlined in the following schedule:

<u>Lunch Price Increases</u>	Current Price	Proposed Price	Percent Increase
Elementary Students	\$2.00	\$2.10	5%
Middle School Students	\$2.75	\$2.85	5%
High School Students	\$2.75	\$2.85	5%
Adult Lunches	\$4.50	\$4.70	4.45%
<u>Breakfast Price Increases</u>	Current Price	Proposed Price	Percent Increase
Adult Breakfast	\$2.50	\$2.65	6%
<u>Student Price Increases</u>	Current Price	Proposed Price	Percent Increase
Chromebook Protection Plan (optional)	\$0	\$25.00	100%
Student Transportation Cards	\$2.00	\$5.00	150%
Husky Pups Preschool Tuition	\$0	\$100 per month	100%
<u>Facility Use Fee</u>	Current Price	Proposed Price	Percent Increase
Cafeteria - In District Boundaries	\$0	\$250.00	100%
Cafeteria-Outside District Boundaries	\$0	\$500.00	100%
HUB – In District Boundaries	\$0	\$50.00	100%
HUB – Outside District Boundaries	\$0	\$100.00	100%
Cafeteria Kitchen Usage	\$20.00	\$20.00	0%

Lunch and Breakfast fees are being increased due to the cost of materials and supplies and federal National School Lunch increase.

Chromebook Protection Plan (Optional) will protect devices and eliminate the cost to students and parents for Chromebook repairs.

Student Transportation Cards are increased due to the cost of the material and labor of printing.

Facility Use Fees are necessary to cover the cost of utilities, supplies and clean-up for the use of District Facilities required Form 4210-F(1) approval.

Husky Pups Preschool is funded through grants and it is necessary to charge to sustain the program.

All citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the increased fee request. The Hearing will be held on July 12, 2023, at 6:55 pm in the District HUB Board Room located at 205 8th Ave. West, Hwy 78, Marsing, Idaho 83639.

Lorraine Simonson, Clerk - Marsing Joint School District #363 Owyhee & Canyon Counties, Idaho

06/28;07/05/2023

11:00 AM, of said day, at Owyhee County Courthouse, In The Lobby, 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy, ID, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the “Property”), situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, to-wit;

Lot 4, Block 1, Eagle View Estates, according to the official plat thereof recorded as Instrument No. 215482, records of Owyhee County, Idaho, and as amended by amendment to the plat of Eagle View Estates recorded June 18, 1997 as Instrument No. 222082, Owyhee County records.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that

the address of 12532 Cinnebar Way, Murphy, ID 83650, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Tish Powell, a married woman and her sole and separate property, as Grantor, to Pioneer Title Company of Ada County, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Joseph E. Stewart and Paula L. Stewart, as Beneficiary, dated 7/14/2017, recorded 7/31/2013, under Instrument No. 293396, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, ID, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by Joseph E. Stewart and Paula L. Stewart.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4) (a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which is sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 7/14/2017, FAILURE TO PAY THE INSTALLMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST WHICH BECAME DUE ON 10/1/2022; PLUS LATE CHARGES, AND ADVANCES FOR DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES AND HAZARD

INSURANCE AS SET FORTH; AND ALL SUBSEQUENT INSTALLMENTS OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST, PLUS LATE CHARGES, DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES, DELINQUENT INSURANCE PREMIUMS AND ALL FORECLOSURE COSTS AND FEES.

All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$156,918.98, together with interest thereon at 6% per annum from 5/2/2023, until paid.

The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same.

DATED: June 8, 2023.

Pioneer Title Company of Ada County dba Pioneer Lender Trustee Services
Trustee
/s/:By Deborrah Duncan, Assistant Secretary
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Organizations planning fentanyl awareness event

Fentanyl remains in the Owyhee County headlines, but this time it’s because officials are working on awareness.

The Owyhee Health Coalition announced a partnership between

the sheriff’s office and Southwest District Health to organize a Fentanyl Awareness Day next month.

SWDH risk reduction program manager Hailee Tilton, who is part of the Owyhee Health Coalition, said

organizers are looking at a nighttime community event on July 17.

“There are many opportunities for Owyhee Health Coalition members to support this event,” Tilton said in an email to the OHC mailing list.

While the exact details of the location and time are still up in the air, Tilton invites folks to get involved in the preparation. A volunteer sign-up form is available at <https://forms.gle/XzPiXwd8thg34sYt7>.

Courthouse report

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

- June 16**
Leopoldo Garcia Jr., Livingston, Calif. — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, fail to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading or weighting: \$118.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs
- June 15**
Nursultan Kamchibekov, Chicago — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, fail to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading or weighting: \$118.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs
- June 12**
Moises Gutierrez, Merced, Calif. — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, overweight (4,001 pounds and over), exceed registered gross weight 2x: \$938.50 in fines, \$395 in court costs
Shanice Paige Hall, Cincinnati —

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- June 9**
Jordan Joseph Hopwood, Middleton — Felony controlled substance possession (plea deal): 2 to 5 years in state prison (145 days served), \$635.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor marijuana possession, misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession
- June 7**
Nathaniel Garlock, Nampa — Misdemeanor driving without privileges, misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession (plea deal): \$530 in fines, \$520 in court costs
- June 6**
Aaron Isaac Garcia, Kuna — Misdemeanor controlled substance possession, misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession: \$300 in fines, \$395 in court costs

Motorist gets prison for Homedale bust

A Middleton man could spend up to five years in state prison after disposition of a felony drug possession case that was filed more than a year ago.

Jordan Joseph Hopwood, 29, received his sentence during a June 9 hearing before Third District Judge Randall S. Grove.

Grove ordered a penitentiary term of two years fixed with three years indeterminate. Hopwood received credit for the 145 days he spent in Owyhee County Jail after a Homedale Police officer arrested him inear a downtown intersection on April 2, 2022.

Hopwood must also spend \$635.50 in court costs. A misdemeanor charge of drug paraphernalia possession was dropped as part of a plea agreement. Another misdemeanor charge of marijuana possession was thrown out after Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington

found there was no probable cause for the count. Darrington ruled during Hopwood’s initial court appearance more than a year ago.

The HPD officer approached Hopwood after finding the man sitting in his parked vehicle in a poorly lit area shortly after 10:30 p.m., on April 2, 2022. A check of the vehicle’s license plates turned up tags for a Volkswagen Golf, but Hopwood was driving a Mazda, according to the probable cause affidavit.

Hopwood drove away from the scene, but the HPD officer pulled the vehicle over near the corner of East Idaho Avenue and North 4th Street East.

After an HPD drug detection dog alerted to the possible presence of narcotics, two officers searched the vehicle and found a quarter-ounce of methamphetamine and paraphernalia, according to court records.

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