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Owyhee PRCA entries open next Wednesday

Local books open
4 hours July 25

Improvements at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds rodeo arena are ongoing, but the professional competitors have only a week before they can enter the first-ever Professional Rodeo Cowboys

— See **PRCA**, page 2

Fentanyl town hall Tuesday

ISP, OCSO gather
in Marsing

In the wake of two fentanyl-related overdose deaths last month, law enforcement authorities will convene a community meeting about the deadly illicit drug that is creeping further into Owyhee County.

The town hall will take place at 6 p.m., on Tuesday inside the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N.

Idaho State Police Capt. John Camp and Owyhee County Sheriff Larry Kendrick are spearheading the event with participation from Southwest District Health and Marsing's volunteer ambulance and fire crews.

— See **Fentanyl**, page 4

THIRD AND FOURTH FINISH FIRST WITH COUNTY FOLKS



Marsing delivers swift, stunning show

The explosions were over in a matter of minutes, but the Third of July fireworks display over the Snake River in Marsing delivered numerous thrilling jolts with a new electric ignition. For more photos from Marsing's celebration and Grand View Days, see **Page 11**



New wave, old guard crash derby party

Greenleaf driver Ricky "Ricky Bobby" McBride drives out of the Owyhee County Fairgrounds rodeo arena signaling where he finished after outlasting all competitors to win the 42nd annual Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derby full-size car championship. McBride was making his second appearance in the event. Other main event champions included Joey Reyes of Homedale repeating as the '80s chain-and-bang champ, and Oreana rookie Enoch Peterson winning the Mini title. For more photos from the derby, see **Page 10**. For photos from last week's Independence Parade, see **Page 9**.

Sheriff's race starts early

Appointee,
former sergeant
jump into fray

Two men chose the nation's birthday to send up flares that they'll be running for Owyhee County Sheriff.

Larry Kendrick, who was appointed to the post in April, and former OCSO

— See **Sheriff**, page 2

Seatbelts, no helmets in deadly UTV crash

Two men, including one who perished, were strapped into a UTV with five-point harnesses but not wearing helmets.

Leonard Holaday, 26, of Kuna was pronounced dead at the scene by LifeFlight paramedics after authorities responded to a 2 p.m., call of a UTV wreck on July 2.

Owyhee County Coroner Aaron Tines identified the deceased victim last week.

The crash occurred in an region south of Murphy near a wilderness area.

Sheriff Larry Kendrick said the men were riding in a Polaris RZR on an advanced trail — Trail F-480 — in the Fossil Creek Trailhead system when the accident occurred.

"The UTV hit a rock and rolled down a steep

— See **Crash**, page 2

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✓ Sheriff: Two veteran lawmen say they'll face off in spring's primary

Recreational Sgt. Tim Riha, both confirmed they would run in the Republican primary on the Fourth of July.

Riha's announcement came in the Independence Parade coordinated by the Homedale Lions Club downtown in the morning. He and his wife, Jennifer, rode on a float, and a cement pumper rig also touted his candidacy.

Kendrick told The Owyhee Avalanche he would seek his own four-year term, too.

The primary elections take place in May. The candidate filing period won't open until March.

The current sheriff was appointed by the Board of County Commissioners on a split vote after the Murphy resident ranked first among the three preferences put forth by the county Republican Central Committee.

Kendrick, then-Sgt. Jeff Wasson, then-Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman, and Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller all



Owyhee County Sheriff's candidates made appearances in the Independence Parade on the Fourth of July in Homedale. **Left:** Owyhee County Sheriff Larry Kendrick waves from one of the agency's boats. **Right:** Former OCSO deputy Tim Riha and his wife Jennifer ride in a float announcing his candidacy.



underwent interviews in Murphy before the GOP precinct committeemen.

Kendrick succeeded Perry Grant, who resigned at the end of March with more than a year left on his third four-year term.

A Public Employees Retirement

System of Idaho part-timer, Riha resigned from OCSO after commissioners appointed Kendrick. He is now a part-time HPD officer, Eidemiller confirmed last week.

The man previously worked for 20 years with the Nampa Police Department and eight

years with Idaho State Police.

Riha's three children have attended Homedale schools. His campaign handout says he is a 13-year Owyhee County resident.

Before ascending to the sheriff's position, Kendrick served as a deputy in the Bruneau-

Grand View area. He took the oath of office on April 10.

The former Sacramento (Calif.) County Sheriff's deputy moved to Murphy in 2010 and began working for OCSO a decade ago.

— JPB

✓ PRCA: Admission to Wednesday's slack performance still will be free

Association-sanctioned event in Homedale.

Entries through ProCom at (800) 234-7722 begin next Wednesday and close on Friday, July 21.

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In order to be eligible for a PRCA contestant card, an applicant must first become a permit winner and earn at least \$1,000 in PRCA-sanctioned events over an unlimited amount of years.

Once the \$1,000 prize money threshold is reached, the permit member can apply to become a contestant card member.

PRCA members must be at

least 18 years old.

The county rodeo's local entry books will be open from 9 a.m., to 1 p.m., on Tuesday, July 25. Call rodeo secretary Debbie Shearn at (208) 880-8097.

Local events and their entry fees include:

- Open breakaway roping, \$150
- Local team roping, \$50 per roper

- Kids' steer riding, \$40
- Mutton busting, \$20.
- Call for the wild horse race entry fee. The race will be held only if three teams enter.

Spectator tickets are now available online at owyhee-county-rodeo.ticketleap.com/2023/

Admission is free for the Wednesday, Aug. 9 slack performance.

Thursday, Aug. 10 admission prices are \$15 for adults, and \$10 for children 12 and younger, seniors 65 and older, and first-responders and military members.

Friday and Saturday (Aug. 11-12) admission is \$20.

All tickets for the Thursday through Saturday performances will be assessed service fees, too.

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✓ Crash: CPR unsuccessful

embankment about 50 feet," Kendrick said.

The male driver, whose age wasn't available, suffered a head laceration and was transported to a hospital by private vehicle, Kendrick

said.

The sheriff added that Deputy Pat McCormick performed CPR "for a long time" in an attempt to resuscitate Holaday.

— JPB

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MBP plans new décor, fundraisers

Marsing Beautification Project volunteers are getting ready to put out the summer decorations sponsored by local businesses.

But the group also has a pair of fundraisers planned for Saturday.

The first is a breakfast, which will run from 9 a.m., to 11 a.m. at London Park, which is located at Main Street and 4th Avenue West.

Breakfast will cost \$3 per person.

The breakfast precedes the weekly Snake River Country Market, which will be held from 11 a.m., to 3 p.m., at London Park.

The MBP fundraising switches to City Park at noon for duck races. The park is located at Main Street and 2nd Avenue West.

At right: With volunteer Mike Sprinkel watering in the next block of Main Street, some of the sponsored Marsing Beautification Project planters glisten in the spring sunshine earlier this year.



From left: Rebecca Flock, Madi Anderson, and Debbie Bell. Submitted photo

Gardeners support youth, beautification

The Owyhee Gardeners Club backed local causes in June.

The club used proceeds from its spring plant sale to give \$1,225 to three local charities during its June 8 meeting inside the Sandbar Community Room.

Two donations were made to groups with Marsing ties. A third check went to a habitat program in Canyon County:

- **University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension** — Madi Anderson accepted \$500 for 4H/FFA youth camp and clubs box program resources.
- **Marsing Beautification Project** — Debbie Bell accepted \$225 per year to help Main Street projects.
- **Friends of Deer Flat Refuge** — Rebecca Flock picked up a \$500 check to support youth programs and habitat programs. The proceeds will be used to feed birds for the Pacific Flyway and provide environmental education and community outreach.

The Owyhee Gardeners meet at 1 p.m., on the second Thursday of each month at the Sandbar Community Room adjacent to Marsing City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave.

Visitors of all skill levels are welcome to attend and join.

The Gardeners are affiliated with Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc. For information, email OwyheeGardenersClub@hotmail.com

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- July 12: Bacon and ham pasta, Alfredo, mixed vegetables
- July 13: Chicken patty, roasted potatoes, creamed spinach
- July 18: Roast beef in mushroom gravy over rice, country trio vegetables
- July 19: Baked fish, sweet potatoes, broccoli in cheese sauce
- July 20: Pork roast, mashed potatoes with gravy, Brussels sprouts

Sandbar Community Room, Marsing

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

Milk available each day

- Suggested donation: \$4 (60 and older), \$6 (59 and younger)
- July 12: Chicken enchilada pasta, Key West vegetables, corn, pineapple, 9-grain bread
 - July 14: Pork roast with gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, fresh fruit, Baci roll
 - July 17: Chicken and wild rice casserole, stewed tomatoes, spring blend vegetables, fruit cup, whole wheat roll
 - July 19: Honey mustard chicken salad, white bean salad, peaches, 9-grain bread
 - July 21: Salmon over rice pilaf, peas, dill carrots, tropical fruit, whole wheat roll

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- Curbside pickup from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or delivery only.
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- July 13: Taco salad (hamburger or chicken), salad fixins, whole wheat roll, peaches, cottage cheese
 - July 18: Ham dinner, mixed vegetables, scalloped potatoes, whole wheat roll, applesauce, cottage cheese
 - July 20: BLT sandwiches, bacon, potato salad, lettuce, pudding, Mandarin oranges, whole wheat bread
 - July 25: Chicken ranch wrap, whole wheat wrap, lettuce, tomato, melons, cottage cheese
 - July 27: Baked potato bar, chili beans, bacon, sour cream, cheese, green salad, fresh fruit, cottage cheese

Melba Valley Senior Center

Meals served at noon (Salad bar at 11:30 a.m.)

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- July 13: Breakfast for lunch – Biscuits and gravy
- July 18: Chicken and dumplings
- July 20: Shepherds pie
- July 25: Open face roast beef sandwich

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✓ Fentanyl: Coroner fears complacency

County Coroner Aaron Tines said even with two recent overdose deaths and other drug users revived by emergency responders using Narcan, Owyhee County is fortunate. “We’ve been lucky out here because people who have OD’d have been with friends or family and can get help fairly quickly,” Tines said, adding that deputies, police, emergency medial personnel and firefighters carrying Narcan is key to saving lives. “What has reduced our fatal overdoses is the quick response of law enforcement and EMS.” While users who have OD’d in Owyhee County

have benefitted from friends being nearby when things go sideways, Tines said users in Ada and Canyon counties haven’t been as lucky. “For years, they’ve been getting hit with it like we are now,” Tines said. “Ada and Canyon County have been talking about it for a while with the fatal increases.” The coroner praises the tool that Narcan has become for first-responders and even addicts who are able to obtain the reversal drug and he’s glad to see the town hall materialize. But Tines warns that the nasal spray cartridge can be a double-edged sword.

“You have a lethal narcotic out here that’s killing tons of people, and you have this thing that’s spawning a false sense of security in the addicts,” he said. With the surge in ODs in recent weeks, it seems the tide of the dangerous drug — which comes in pill form and has been cut into cocaine — has reached Owyhee County. “We were lucky for a long time, and now it’s starting to affect our county and our citizens,” Tines said. “Hopefully, we can curtail it quicker than some of these bigger counties.” — JPB

Summer menu

Marsing Summer Feeding

Served through Aug. 10th at two locations:

Marsing City Park 11:15 a.m., to noon

Marsing Housing Authority 12:15 p.m., to 1 p.m

1% white milk or fat-free chocolate TruMoo milk served each day

- July 12: Chicken sandwich, French fries, mixed fruit
- July 13: Pepperoni pizza ripper, cauliflower, fruit cup
- July 17: PB&J sandwich, string cheese, celery sticks, apple
- July 18: Cheeseburger, French fries, fruit cup
- July 19: Mini corndogs, baby carrot sticks with ranch, orange wedges
- July 20: Pepperoni pizza ripper, cauliflower, applesauce
- July 24: Turkey and cheese sandwich, Doritos, baby carrot sticks with ranch, sliced apples
- July 25: Chicken-fried steak sandwich, tots, orange wedges
- July 26: PB&J sandwich, cauliflower, Craisins
- July 27: Cheeseburger, French fries, fruit cup
- July 31: Chicken sandwich, French fries, mixed fruit
- Aug. 1: Garlic French bread cheese pizza, Mozzarella and garlic pull-apart, marinara sauce cup, celery sticks with peanut butter, sliced apples



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In the stock market ecosystem, bulls are good, bears are bad

Near Wall Street in New York City, there is a famous bronze statue commonly referred to as the “Charging Bull.” An apt name considering it is an 11-foot-tall and 16-foot-long sculpture of just that, an almost cartoonist bull in the act of charging towards an invisible target. But why a bull? To answer that question, we must first understand the significance of bulls (metaphorically speaking) in the finance world.

As ironic as it may seem to us in Idaho, “bull(s)” is a term used to describe a positive sentiment towards the stock market. Individuals who believe that the market is undervalued and will grow in the near term could be classified as “bulls.” If the stock market experiences consistent and/or significant gains it is called a “bull market.” The idea is derived from the way in which a bull attacks its target, usually starting with its head low and rearing its head and horns upward. Comparing that visual with a graph of the stock market increasing over time, it is not hard to see why the bull was chosen to represent a rising market.

An argument could be made that there is a statue missing in New York’s financial district: a bear. While a bull depicts a positive opinion, the bear represents the opposite point of view. Individuals who believe the stock market will fall or even crash are called “bears.” When

a market experiences consistent and/or significant losses, it is called a “bear market.” Like the bull, the bear gets the nod for the naysayer’s mascot because of its fighting style. Bears typically swipe their paws in a downward motion, which also compares well with the image of a graph, only this one shows the market heading down.

While the bull and bear jargon may appear to be little more than fun concepts used in the financial world, the premise behind it all really does illicit strong feelings. For instance, if the stock market dips 20 percent below all-time highs — like it did in June of last year — the stock market enters a “bear market.” When that happens, turmoil takes over as investors start to panic. They worry it is the signal of a bigger sell-off, and nobody really knows what to do because “markets increase more often than not, right?”

On the other hand, when markets increase 20 percent off of recent lows — like it did in June of this year — the stock market enters a “bull market,” which is typically a signal for optimism and growth. And given the circumstances of our economy the past two years, this is the only bull I am willing to ride.

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Andrew Bingham

Learn to grow your own salad fixin’s

A salad bowl gardening class will be held Monday in Marsing. Presented by the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension, the class will be held from 1 p.m., to 2 p.m., inside the Sandbar Community Room at City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave. The class will follow the

congregate lunch. The free class is open to ages 55 and older. Call (208) 896-4104 to RSVP. The class will show you how grow the ingredients for your salad, plant your own vegetables and learn how to make a simple homemade salad dressing.

Calendar

Today

Ladies coffee group

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

Food distribution

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

Bingo

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Labor Dept. bilingual employment services

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Marsing Chamber of Commerce meeting

12:30 p.m., Sandbar Community Room, City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing.

Homedale City Council meeting

6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641

Jordan Valley Ambulance meeting

6 p.m., ambulance hall, 706 Main St., Jordan Valley.

Grand View City Council meeting

6 p.m., City Hall, 425 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2700, noon to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday

Marsing City Council meeting

7 p.m., Marsing City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 896-4122

Jordan Valley school board meeting

7 p.m., Jordan Valley Elementary School library, 604 Oregon Ave., Jordan Valley. (541) 586-2213

Homedale Highway District meeting

7 p.m., Homedale Highway District office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., Homedale

Marsing School Board meeting

7 p.m., school district office boardroom, The HUB, 301 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 649-5411

Thursday

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

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

Owyhee Gardeners meeting

1 p.m., Sandbar Community Room, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 546-1829

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

Food bank distribution

9 a.m., to 10 p.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho St., Grand View.

Marsing Beautification Project Breakfast

9 a.m., to 11 a.m., fundraiser, London Park, Main Street and 4th Avenue West, Marsing.

Snake River Country Market

11 a.m., to 3 p.m., London Park, Main Street and 4th Avenue West, Marsing.

Free lunch

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

Marsing Beautification Project duck races

Noon, fundraiser, City Park, Main Street and 2nd Avenue West, Marsing.

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Creative writing group

5 p.m., Lizard Butte Library community room, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing.

Tuesday

Foot clinic

8:30 a.m., appointments necessary, foot exams, \$25; ear cleanings, \$30, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

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Region III assistance assessments

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

EOC Library board meeting

4 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

Friends of the Library meeting

6 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

Fentanyl Awareness town hall meeting

6 p.m., Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing.

Wednesday

Ladies coffee group

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

Food distribution

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 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

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.

Obituary

Dawn Whitney

It is with sadness we announce the death of Dawn Whitney on 30 June 2023 at her home in Homedale, Idaho. Dawn is survived by her sons Sean Riddle with his four children and three grandchildren, Tom Rodmaker with his eight children and six grandchildren, Scott Riddle Whitney with his five children and seven grandchildren, and Porter Whitney with his three children.

Dawn was born in Bellevue, Idaho in 1946 and grew up in different mining towns. After graduating from Hailey High School, she briefly attended Utah State University before becoming an Air Force wife and following her husband to different duty stations. In California, she remarried and moved with her husband to different places in Southern California, Jordan Valley,



Oregon, and Homedale, Idaho.

In her life, she has done many things. She worked as a dog groomer, which helped her later in life by making it possible to save money on cutting her boy's hair. She was also a kid's bowling league

coach for many years. She spent many years as an early-morning seminary teacher. She also worked as a city treasurer, bowling league officer, and library board member and officer.

Of all the things she has done in life, the things she is most remembered for are being mom and Grammy. Her grandkids remember going to Grammy's house and having confetti parties, working in the yard, bowling, going to the hot springs, sailing on a sailboat, reading and telling stories, and playing games. She has touched the lives of many people in many ways and will be greatly missed.

Funeral will be 10 am Saturday, July 8, 2023 at the Homedale Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints with burial following at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery.

Locals receive college assistance

Four students with local ties have been awarded AgWest Farm Credit scholarships.

The local students are among 25 from Idaho to earn part of the \$287,500 scholarship pool.

Each student will receive \$2,500 college scholarships:

• **Bailey Purdom, Homedale High School** — The daughter of Greg and Carina Purdom will attend the University of Idaho.

• **Anna Pawlak, HHS** — The daughter of Wilder residents Luke and Nancy Pawlak received a Diversity Scholarship, and she will attend the U of I.

• **Cooper Raymond, Rimrock** — The son of Grand View residents Randall and Melissa Raymond will attend the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

• **Hallye Duckett, Caldwell** — The Vallivue graduate is the daughter of Owyhee County rancher Matt Duckett and his wife Pyper. Hallye will attend Brigham Young University-Idaho in Rexburg.

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Death notice

FRANCISCO "PANCHO CHE" MARTINEZ, 33, died on Thursday, June 29, 2023 in a local hospital. Visitation will be held at 9 a.m., followed by a service at 10 a.m., at the Marsing Church of the Nazarene on Tuesday, July 11, 2023. Burial will follow at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapels, Caldwell.

Service notice

VADA ANN ALLEY, 80 of Nampa, who grew up on the family ranch in Grand View, was a Grand View High School graduate, and lived in the area for 45 years, died on Tuesday, June 27, 2023. Graveside services will be held 11 a.m., on Saturday, July 15, 2023 at Bruneau Cemetery, 32536 Belle Ave., in Bruneau. Arrangements: Zeyer Funeral Chapel, 83 N. Midland Blvd., Nampa. (208) 467-7300. To read the obituary or express condolences: ZeyerFuneralChapel.com

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‘We can grow healthier as a community’

– *Sandra Ortiz is Here to Help*
by Terry Reilly Health



Last week, Janine Franco, PA, introduced Sandra Ortiz, a Patient Navigator who helps Terry Reilly patients understand mental health resources and services available to them. Today we learn how Sandra's background makes her uniquely qualified for this role.

Tell us about your connection to Southwest Idaho.

I've lived in Canyon County all my life. My parents came here from Mexico to work. After years of migrating back and forth they decided to settle here. I was born on the road in California when my family was coming to do seasonal work up here. I joined the family in the fields at age 11, appearing as an older cousin so I could be compensated. Initially, we picked fruit in Emmett and Sunny Slope. Then we topped corn and onions, and cleaned bean, mint, and beet fields in the outskirts of Homedale, Marsing, Nampa, and Caldwell. I did that until I was 16.

What did you learn from that work?

It gave me a taste of what hard, physical work in the grueling hot sun felt like. Weeding fields with a hoe was back-breaking, even with a young back. I did it to help my family and sometimes you even did something that you knew wasn't quite right, like driving to work without a license. But when my mom was ill, I had to get the rest of my siblings and cousins out to the fields. We learned English, and many times we helped my parents and relatives, translating and representing them when they had to deal with farm owners, doctors, bankers, real estate agents, or teachers. I learned that there were good people in this valley, and I also realized that I would do anything to find work outside the fields.

How did you get out of the fields and into the work you do today?

I took small steppingstones. First, I had to prove myself wherever I was and then a door would open to a better place. I started looking at jobs close to home in Caldwell and began working at a nearby Pizza Hut. I could walk to that job, so it was a big plus. Then I ran into a former classmate who remembered that I enjoyed accounting in high school. We were in Business Professionals of America. The next thing I knew I was in a back office filling out a job application and became a bank teller at Wells Fargo.

The next big step came when I was a single mom struggling to make ends meet. I talked to a representative at Health and Welfare about getting some assistance. They let me know they were looking for a bilingual office staff. I applied and became a Customer Service Representative. Two years later I was promoted to Self-Reliance Specialist, processing Medicaid, Food Stamp, Childcare Assistance, Cash Assistance, and a full range of community-based services and specialty Medicaid offered by the State. Finally, through word of mouth, I heard of a job in health care that could use my bilingual, bicultural



skills, and knowledge that I carried with me from Health and Welfare. Now I'm here at Terry Reilly where I can be that bridge for other people.

Tell us more about what you'll be doing in the Homedale community.

My specialty is behavioral health — looking at a person's mental well-being. I work with patients who may feel overwhelmed and help find solutions. It's important to address stress early so it doesn't develop into anxiety or serious depression. I can get them scheduled with a therapist or other services when needed. I also bring awareness and education to the community with mental health focused trainings. I was lucky to receive support early in my life. It feels good to help others in the same way. That's why I love my job.

Mental health is slowly becoming easier to talk about. How can you help?

I know that family networks in farming communities are strong and supportive. It's great that folks don't have to go far to find a shoulder to lean on. Since I'm a part of the Hispanic community, I can relate to having a large network of friends and family. And sometimes we face problems by turning to our faith or by going to church. But there are times when something you're facing is calling for more specialized help, beyond families, friends, and churches.

This is where Terry Reilly's behavioral health resources can be a great help. It may be one of our trainings that gives you that skill or safe place to voice a concern. Or it may be a referral to a caring professional who can help you work through a tough time. My role as a Patient Navigator at Terry Reilly in Homedale is designed specifically for this need. I can help in English or Spanish to find the right resources during a troubled time. I'm just a call away.

Wrapping up, what would you like to resonate with folks?

I'll go back to my personal story. I want people to know that I am one of them. I've walked in their shoes and felt lonely moments, wondering what to do next to provide for my kids. Understanding the many resources available, I can listen to people and link them to solutions. I can bring them hope.

You can reach Sandra Ortiz at (208) 318-1359. The new Terry Reilly Health Services clinic opens soon in Homedale. Medical, Dental, Behavioral Health and Pharmacy will be together in one convenient location. Learn more at www.TRHS.org

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Owyhee County Church Directory		
<i>Calvary Fellowship Homedale</i> Pastor Rich Wright 711 W. Idaho Ave. Church time is 10 a.m. Sunday & Wednesday at 7 p.m. River Youth Wednesday 7 p.m. (208) 296-7275	<i>Knight Community Church Grand View</i> Pastor Ivan Shetler 630 Idaho Street (208) 834-2639 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Thursday Men's Fellowship 7 p.m.	<i>Our Lady of Tears Church Silver City</i> Mass Summer Schedule TBA <i>All are welcome</i> For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa (208) 466-7031 www.nampacatholic.church
<i>Iglesia Misionera Biblica Homedale</i> Pastor Fernando Gomez 132 W Owyhee • (208) 337-5975 Servicios: Vier - 7 p.m. - Oracion Mier - 7 p.m. Pr edicacion Dom - 10 a.m. Esc. Dom y 6:30 p.m. "Una Iglesia Diferente."	<i>Golden Gate Baptist Church Wilder</i> Pastor Robert Potter, Jr., CLP Corner of Second and "B" Streets Church time is 11 a.m. on Sunday Call (208) 880-4308 for information	<i>Crossroads Assembly of God Wilder</i> Pastor Michael McCormick Hwy 19 & 95, (208) 890-3046 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m Sunday Evening Worship 6 p.m. Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.
<i>Assembly of God Church Homedale</i> 15 West Montana, (208) 412-2946 Senior Pastor: Ivar Moore Sunday services, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. 11 a.m. has nursery, children's program Wednesday and Kidz services, 7 p.m. www.homedaleagchurch.com	<i>Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale</i> 17434 Hwy 95, (208) 337-3464 Pastor: Scott Morin Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Services: 10:45 a.m. Sundays Christian Life Club (K-4th) 4 p.m., Wednesdays during school at Homedale First Presbyterian www.homedalefriends.org	<i>Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church Caldwell</i> 1122 W. Linden St. (208) 459-3653 Mass: Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 9:30 a.m. Spanish Mass: Saturday 7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass: Sunday Noon
<i>Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Homedale</i> 621 W. Idaho Ave. Homedale. (208) 337-4248 Pastor Sean Rippey Sunday Services 10 a.m. Adult and Children Sunday School 9-9:45 a.m. Visitors Always Welcome! Call Church for Prayer requests	<i>Homedale Baptist Church</i> 212 S. 1st W., (208) 960-4496 https://homedalebc.org Sunday Fellowship 11 a.m.-Noon Second Sunday soup/meal Noon Fourth Sunday Communion Celebration and shared meal Noon Pastor: Paul Chismar	<i>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale</i> 708 West Idaho Ave Sunday 1st Ward, 11:30 a.m. Bishop David Hann Sunday 2nd Ward, 9 a.m. Bishop Chris Varuska
<i>Chapel of Hope Hope House, Marsing</i> Look for the Blue Church South Bruneau Hwy at the Hope House Welcoming Families, especially those with special needs children. Keith Croft, Pastor (208) 896-5366 (208) 896-4673 Sunday Services at 10 a.m.	<i>Wilder Church of God Wilder</i> 205 A St. E, (208) 649-7698 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Service 11 a.m. Sunday Eve. 6 p.m. Wed. Eve. 7 p.m.	<i>Mountain View Church of the Nazarene Wilder-Homedale</i> 26515 Ustick Road (208) 337-3151 Pastor Ryan Schwin www.mvcnaz.org Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wed. 7 p.m.
<i>MARSING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY</i> Asamblea Apostolica de Marsing 107 W. Main • Marsing, Idaho Pastor Jose Gutierrez (208) 880-6172 Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Service 1 p.m. Wednesday Service 7 p.m. Bilingual Services/Español	<i>Iglesia Evangelica Wilder</i> 317 3rd St., Pastor Ramiro Reyes 10 am Sunday School 11 a.m. Service (208) 482-7484 Bilingual	<i>St. David's Episcopal Church</i> 1800 Arlington Ave. Caldwell, ID 83605 (208) 459-9261 stdavids@stdavidscaldwell.org www.stdavid.episcopalidaho.org
<i>Christian Church Homedale</i> 110 W. Montana (208) 319-4650 Don Vander Boegh (208) 867-5418 Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m. Church school 9:45 a.m.	<i>Bible Missionary Church Homedale</i> 501 W. Idaho, (208) 337-3873 Pastor Ron Franklin Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening 7 p.m Wednesday Evening 7:30 .p.m.	<i>Assembly of God Church Marsing</i> 139 Kerry St., (208) 599-2374 Pastor Sergio Aristizabal Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Wednesday Prayer Service 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
<i>Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing</i> Pastor Daniel Swaim 116 4th Ave. W., (208) 603-3063 Sunday worship: Morning: 11a.m-Noon • Evening: 6-7 p.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m-10:45 a.m. Wednesday evening 7.pm-8 p.m.	<i>Nazarene Church Marsing</i> Pastor Jody Hampton (208) 649-5256 12 2nd Avenue West www.marsingnaz.org Worship Services - Sunday 11 a.m. Sunday School - 10 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m.	<i>Trinity Holiness Church Homedale</i> Pastor Samuel Page (208) 337-5021 Sunday School 10 a.m. at 112 N. 4th St. Sunday Evening 5:30 p.m.* Thursday Evening 7:30 p.m.* *Sunday and Thursday evening services held at First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W.
<i>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Marsing</i> 215 3rd Ave. W. Sunday 1st Ward, 10:30 a.m. Bishop Sean Rowley Sunday 2nd Ward, 9 a.m. Bishop Lon McRae	<i>Calvary Holiness Church - Wilder</i> Corner of 3rd St. & B Ave. Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. • Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Sunday: 6:00 p.m. • Wednesday: 7 p.m. calvarypantry@gmail.com Food Pantry hours: 2nd Friday of month 5-7 p.m. 4th Friday of month 12-2 p.m. Calvary Holiness Food Pantry Wilder Idaho	<i>United Methodist Church Wilder</i> <i>Exploring the Bible: Public Invited</i> 2nd & 4th Tuesday: 4-5 p.m. Corner of 4th St. & B Ave. Pastor Dave Raines (208) 880-8751 Sunday Service 9:30 a.m.
<i>First Presbyterian Church Homedale</i> 320 N. 6th W. Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Christian Life Club (K-4th) 4 p.m., Wednesdays during school (Friends church sponsor) Rev. Heidi Smith-Takatori (208) 303-7414	<i>Vision Community Church Marsing</i> 221 West Main St., Marsing, Idaho (208) 779-7926 Pastor Benje Graves Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Adult, Kids & Youth Meetings Wed. 7 p.m. (Potluck dinner Wednesday at 6:15 before service)	<i>Garnet Seventh-Day Adventist Church</i> 16613 Garnet Rd., Wilder (208) 649-5280 Email: garnetSDA@icloud.com Sabbath School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7:00-8 p.m.
<i>Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale</i> 711 W. Idaho, (208) 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11 a.m.	<i>Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church - Oreana</i> 2023 Mass Schedule - 10 a.m. second Saturday of month (except April, third Saturday) All are welcome! For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa (208) 466-7031	<i>Amistad Cristiana de Wilder UMC</i> Esquina de 4 y calle B Domingos Servicio: Noon El Ropero (Banco de ropa) Miercoles 12- 2 p.m. Martes y Jueves: 6:30 p.m. Ingles Sabados: Noon Arte Infantil Todo en Espanol, Inf. (208) 989-7508
<i>Valley Christian Fellowship Grand View</i> 37866 State Hwy. 78 Pastor Nate Good (208) 834-2655 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service: 10:45 a.m. Communion & potluck first Sunday each month AWANA Bible Club: 5 p.m., Sunday		

Expect delays on U.S. 95 south of Marsing

A repaving project began Monday on a stretch of U.S. Highway 95 between Marsing and the Oregon state line. The Idaho Transportation Department project aims to repair the deteriorated road surface and extend the life of the roadway north of the state line. Construction will be completed in early fall. One lane will be open at all times. Work will be carried out during the daytime and nighttime, and a temporary signal or a pilot car system will aid motorists through the construction zone. Drivers can expect wait times of about 15 minutes, and the speed limit will be reduced to 55 mph in the construction zone. Get updates and more information on the project by signing up for email updates at itdprojects.org/95paving.

Comment period open for BLM’s travel plan for Canyonlands East

The Bureau of Land Management is taking comment on a travel management plan that will affect a portion of Owyhee County public lands. The 45-day comment period opened Tuesday on an environmental assessment considering updates to the Canyonlands East Travel Management Plan. The TMP aims to establish a comprehensive system of motorized travel routes through central Owyhee County. The planned updates are meant to address conflicts between users and natural resources while ensuring access to BLM-managed public lands. The plan covers approximately 1,036 square miles and analyzes 1,493 miles of routes inventoried by the BLM with contributions from motorized user groups, Tribes, state and federal agencies, and stakeholder groups. The range of action alternatives being considered would designate between 581 to 1,224 miles of motorized routes for public use. “This travel management planning effort is an example of working with our partners and the public to promote multiple-use activities on public lands by ensuring access for traditional land uses, such as grazing, and for recreational activities, while being mindful of areas with resource concerns,” BLM Boise District Manager Tanya Thrift said. The BLM is required by Congress to manage public lands for a variety of uses such as livestock grazing, recreation and mining, while ensuring natural, cultural and historic resources are maintained for present and future use. A Travel Management Plan includes an analysis process to designate routes that will ensure public land access for these varied uses, while also:

- providing areas with motorized and non-motorized recreation activities,
- preventing soil and vegetation damage resulting from the proliferation of routes, and
- reducing conflicts between various recreation users.

Public comments on these proposed route systems will be accepted through Aug. 25, and can be submitted via the BLM National NEPA Register at eplanning.blm.gov. The purpose of this comment period is to provide relevant information to the BLM about the proposed alternatives. This plan is one of five travel management plans that will cover BLM-managed public lands in Owyhee County. All plans will be made available for public comment. Planned completion for all TMPs is spring 2024. For additional information, contact Shannon Bassista or Bruce Schoeberl at (208) 384-3300.

Blood drive set in Marsing

A blood drive is planned next week in Marsing. The blood drive will take place from 9 a.m., to 3 p.m., on Thursday, July 20 inside the Sandbar Community Room, 18 Sandbar Ave. For more information contact Debbie Carter at Marsing City Hall at (208) 896-4122 or by email at office@marsingcity.com

BIG TURNOUT FOR INDEPENDENCE PARADE



The award winners
Left: The Homedale Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints float was voted most patriotic prior last week's Independence Parade on the Fourth of July.

Below left: The Inferno Queens fit the Independence Parade's "The Wild, Wild West" theme best in the judges' eyes. Submitted photo

Below right: The Calvary Chapel float received the Lions Club award for last week's Independence Parade in downtown Homedale. Submitted photo



The parade, which coordinator Heidi Cloud said had an impressive turnout, wasn't without its cute entries.



This side-by-side would have won if there were a category for largest flag on smallest entry.

PLENTY OF FIREWORKS AT ANNUAL LIONS DERBY

This big hit from full-size car Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derby main event champion Ricky McBride created a stir and some fire during the final heat inside the Owyhee County Fairgrounds rodeo arena. Photo by Chardee VanDerhoff / CV Photography



There was extra-curricular fun in between the derby heats, too. The Lions Club brush buggy and this vehicle flying the Stars and Stripes took turns at rodeo barrel slalom inside the arena. Photo by Chardee VanDerhoff / CV Photography



Rookie driver Enoch Peterson of Oreana (No. 22) brought his “taxi” to the show and delivered steam and smoke en route to the mini class championship. Photo by Chardee VanDerhoff / CV Photography



The 2023 winners in the Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derby included:
Top row, from left: Ricky McBride, Greenleaf, full-size main event champion, Lions Club best-looking car; Mike Miller, Homedale, Road Rage; Bryon Johnson, Wilder, full-size main third place; Enoch Peterson, Oreana, Minis main event champion, Minis Mad Dog; Kyle Orris, Homedale, Minis third place; Matt Petero, Payette, full-size main runner-up; and Ismahel Mendoza, Homedale, Mini consolation co-winner.
Bottom row, from left: Joey Reyes, Homedale, '80s champion; Chase Mellon, Bonners Ferry, '80s runner-up; Trenton Rooks, Homedale, '80s third place; Elizabeth Hergesheimer, crowd best-looking car; Garrett Bettleyon, Homedale, '80s Mad Dog; Jaylon Hilton, Homedale, '80s consolation champion; Zach Lancaster, Caldwell, Minis main runner-up; and Kelly Kozisek, Homedale, full-size Mad Dog

OTHER TOWNS GOT IN ON PATRIOTIC FUN, TOO



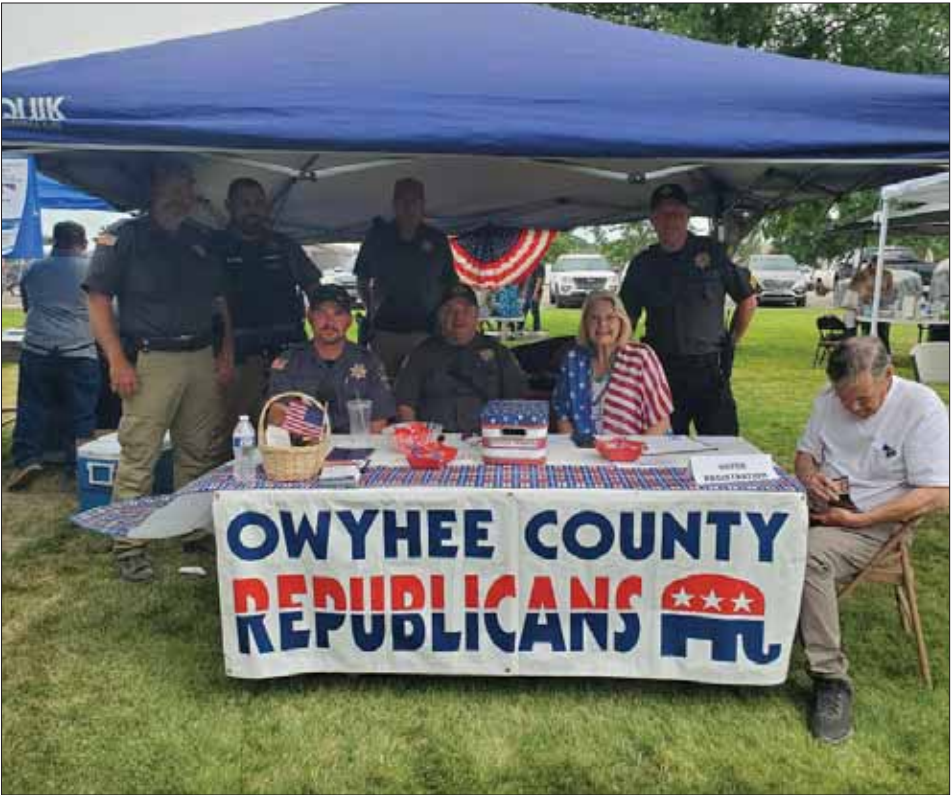
Marsing Third of July brings community together

Above: Taylor Gheen, the 3-year-old daughter of Marsing resident Colleen and the late Bruce Gheen, sits for a face-painting at the Left-handed Art booth at Island Park during the Third of July festivities in Marsing. Big sister Tiffany accompanied Taylor. **Right:** Bob Goodwin of the Marsing Lions Club carves a tri tip for the Third of July barbecue. Fellow Lions member Jim Briggs said CS Beef Packers in Kuna provided more than 250 pounds of beef for the club’s annual fundraiser.

Grand View Days: Just another huge community celebration in smallest of county’s small towns



Competitors of all ages warmed up for the Grand View Days cornhole tournament, including taking some interesting strategic liberties to find the hole. Submitted photo



Owyhee County Sheriff Larry Kendrick and some of his deputies hung out with central committee chair Tammy Payne at the Owyhee County Republicans booth in the park during Saturday’s annual Grand View Days. Submitted photo

Children enjoy themselves inside one of the jump houses set up during Saturday’s Grand View Days celebration at Centennial Park. Submitted photo

Avalanche Sports



Raiders players, coaches complete another youth basketball camp

Rimrock High School girls’ basketball players stand in the back row for a camp photo with the young athletes who participated in the Raiders youth camp recently. Camp coordinators, from left, were: Laine Raymond, Paisley Prow, Alia Aquiso, Kailee Martinez, junior varsity coach Jackie Thurman, teacher Michelle Lehman, Kayloni Hall, Jade Reisinger, and Olivia Farfan. Photo by Kaeloni Smith

RehabAuthority to return physical fees to athletic programs again

RehabAuthority’s Homedale location is once again offering sports physicals for student-athletes, and the proceeds will go back to the respective schools.

The physicals will be offered from 5 p.m., to 7 p.m., on Tuesday, July 25 at the Homedale clinic on East Idaho Avenue.

Physicals cost \$30 each. Cash or check will be accepted.

RehabAuthority returns 100

percent of the proceeds back to the schools. Athletes from area schools — such as Marsing and Adrian — can obtain physicals that day and get the same deal for their athletic programs.

Physicals are required for boys and girls entering the seventh, ninth or 11th grades, or any child who did not have a physical last year.

For the parents of Homedale athletes, make checks out to Homedale High School or

Homedale Middle School, depending on which school the child will attend in the fall.

HHS athletic director Casey Grove said he will provide Homedale physical forms to RehabAuthority so student-athletes needn’t obtain them from the school.

Homedale parents can contact Grove at (208) 340-4611 or via email at cgrove@homedaleschools.org for more information.

Rivercats back on a roll

The county’s American Legion baseball team got back to winning on the road last week.

The Owyhee Rivercats started July with a four-game winning streak after sweeping three games in two days against the host Orofino Merchants.

June 30: Rivercats 12, Merchants 11 — Owyhee held off Orofino, which scored all its runs between the fourth and seventh innings.

Dillon Fine ended the game with a strikeout with the tying run in scoring position.

Lukas Hall and Dillon Fine each collected doubles. Four batters — Chance Martell, Dillon Fine, Payton Fine, and Hall — had two RBI apiece.

July 1: Rivercats 9, Merchants 3 — The Rivercats blew the game open late with six runs in the top of the seventh inning.

D’Orr Packer and Oklin Carson drilled doubles for Owyhee, while leadoff hitter Xavier Uranga knocked in three runs.

Five Owyhee pitchers endured 12 walks to hold off the Merchants.

July 1: Rivercats 17, Merchants 3 (6) — The game was shortened to six innings after Owyhee scored six times in its final at-bat to get the mercy-rule victory.

Carson and Hall teamed on a one-hitter, and Dillon Fine missed the cycle, hitting a home run, ripping a double and notching a single with three RBI and three runs scored.

Payton Fine tripled, and Carson Fine doubled. Carson Fine also scored three runs.

Owyhee never trailed after a four-run rally in the top of the first inning.

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Percifield sponsors sought

The annual Percifield Memorial Coed Softball Tournament is around the corner, and organizers are looking for sponsors to help support Marsing Youth Sports and the town’s other athletics program.

Sponsors who contribute \$150 will get their name printed on all award shirts and signage at the tournament,

which will be held between July 28 and July 30 at Marsing High School.

Sponsorships can be submitted either to Venmo @PercifieldMemorial-Tournament or by sending a check made out to “Percifield Memorial” to Percifield Memorial, c/o Amy Chadez, P.O. Box 155, Marsing, ID 83639.

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Sports

YOUTH REACH FOR SNAKE RIVER STAMPEDE

Youth flock to Badiola for shot at big time

Owyhee County youth turned out in droves Saturday and Sunday for the Gem State Rodeo Association two-day qualifier for the Snake River Stampede.

The two rodeos were held at Badiola Arena in Homedale with barrier events taking place outside and all other events being held inside the covered arena.



Jordan Valley's Jalee Maestresjuan was runner-up in the Senior Division girls' breakaway roping both days at Badiola Arena during the Gem State Rodeo Association stop in Homedale. She ran a 4.84 on Saturday and a 3.97 on Sunday.



Kelton Mackenzie of Rockville, Ore., placed third with a time of 2.56 seconds in the Pee Wee boys' steer daubing Saturday. On Sunday, the son of Josh and Lexi Mackenzie finished sixth at 3.56.



Rhett Kozisek participates in the Mini Mite boys' dummy roping. He attends Adrian Elementary.



Collins Mulrony won both days of girls' breakaway competition with times of 3.71 seconds and 4.03 respectively. Collins is from Wilder and attends Adrian Middle School where she will be in seventh grade this fall.



Blaze Wright of Jordan Valley ropes for the heel shot in Junior team roping. Blaze and his partner/brother, Ace Wright, were runners-up Sunday after a 17.28-second performance.

Photos by Cherie Rolland / Cherie Rolland Photography

Commentary

Robert Romano, vice-president

Americans for Limited Government



SCOTUS college admission ruling could ripple to other discriminatory issues

by Robert Romano

It’s a simple ruling: “Eliminating racial discrimination means eliminating all of it.”

On June 29, the Supreme Court affirmed Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S. Code § 2000d’s prohibition on racial discrimination in federally funded programs, including higher education, at both public and private universities, in the *Students for Fair Admissions v. Harvard* decision.

The law itself is clear: “No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.”

And that’s exactly what Harvard College and the University of North Carolina (UNC) — and colleges and universities across the country — have been doing for decades by offering racial preferences in school admissions to hit quotas. The formulas discriminated on their face against white and Asian students.

Nobody disputed that Harvard and UNC were receiving federal funding. Nobody challenged that Title VI applied to the funding. Nobody contested that it disadvantaged certain students on the basis of race.

And nobody disputed Congress’ authority to enact Title VI under a clear mandate in the 14th Amendment in Section 1 that “No state... deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws” and Section 5 that “The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article” and that Article I of the Constitution grants Congress the power of the purse to determine the terms and conditions for receipt of federal funds.

With such clear provisions of law, how could the court rule any other way? In Chief Justice John Roberts’ words, it was only through judicial “improvisation” that an altogether different interpretation of the 14th Amendment included precedents that have now been struck down, including 1978’s *California v. Bakke*, which had held that federally funded institutions could discriminate on the basis of race if the intent was to advantage groups that had been historically discriminated against. No more.

The court is returning to an original understanding of the provisions of the 14th Amendment as a measure of equal protection — and with equal meaning equal. No discrimination on any side, restoring what was the law of the land all along and in so doing, providing the means to counter other discriminatory practices created in this era of “judicial improvisation.”

Undoubtedly that will come to include radical corporations’ discriminatory and racist hiring practices, which, just like college admissions, seek to redress historical racial injustices.

If racial preferences in college admissions are unconstitutional under 14th Amendment equal protection, then so are those by corporations today via their

— See *Discriminatory*, Page 15

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 by Sen. Mike Crapo
IRS preparing taxes would cost billions

The Internal Revenue Service should stay out of the tax preparation business.

In May, the IRS released a report on the feasibility of the IRS preparing and filing tax returns. The Democrat-passed, and misnamed, Inflation Reduction Act gave the IRS \$15 million to have an “independent third-party” tell Congress whether the IRS should create its own tax preparation software, called a “direct file” program. The IRS hired a Washington, D.C., think tank called New America, labeled a “left leaning” group by the Washington Post, to help write the 106-page report, which adds up to \$141,000 a page. Considering the consultant, the report’s conclusion was no surprise: Spend billions so the IRS can offer tax preparation software that companies with decades of experience already provide for free.

Before even giving Congress a moment to review the report, the IRS went ahead with an unauthorized multi-billion-dollar venture into the tax preparation business. New America stated it was paid nothing to create the report. Instead, the \$15 million appropriated by Congress to write the report was diverted — in violation of Congress’s explicit instructions — to build tax preparation software. This is a classic example of government waste and unaccountable bureaucratic overreach.

The direct file program should be stopped.

An IRS-run direct file program is not “free” or “simple.” According to the report, the possible yearly cost for a new IRS call center is \$208 million, and software development and maintenance is \$40.8 million. While I doubt those estimates tell the full story, something “free” and “simple” does cost nearly a quarter billion dollars a year to run. Even the IRS implicitly acknowledges there is nothing free or simple about this.

The tax preparation industry already provides a truly free way for millions of Americans to file their return.

In 2022, the private tax preparation industry prepared and filed more than 27 million free returns and also provided customer support for free. An additional 3 million free returns were provided by private industry through the IRS Free File Program. More people need to know about these existing free programs.

Other problems with the idea:

- **No state income tax return filing.** Unlike current private industry offerings, the IRS’s proposal only covers federal income tax returns. You are on your own to figure out how to file your state income tax return. The glaring absence of a critical piece of tax compliance will cause taxpayers confusion, expense and even more time filling out tax forms.
- **Inevitable mistakes will have terrible consequences.** What happens when the IRS’s tax preparation software makes a mistake? Taxpayers are still on the hook. Taxpayers can expect a bureaucratic nightmare, with IRS auditors punishing taxpayers for mistakes made by IRS software developers.
- **An inherent conflict of interest.** It is unlikely the agency tasked and trained to extract maximum revenue from taxpayers will build software that minimizes tax bills. And taxpayers can never be sure they are being favored or disfavored for using (or not using) the IRS’s offering.
- **The IRS has a real problem with keeping your tax data safe.** The IRS has a long history of cybersecurity vulnerabilities and data leaks. Direct file would be a new source of vulnerability. A survey in the report confirms taxpayer skepticism.
- **The IRS has a wide range of issues the American taxpayer expects the agency to address.** The last thing the IRS should be doing right now is diverting resources and attention to an ideologically driven, elective project that is ill-conceived and destined to become the IRS’s next boondoggle.

Commentary

Financial management

Cash-strapped couple should wait to remodel kitchen

Dear Dave,

My husband was recently told layoffs are about to happen at his company, and that it might be a good idea for him to start looking for another job. He has found a couple of good possibilities, but the jobs are located 100 miles away.

In preparation for a possible move, we spoke with a real estate agent who told us we'd have to remodel our kitchen to sell the house.

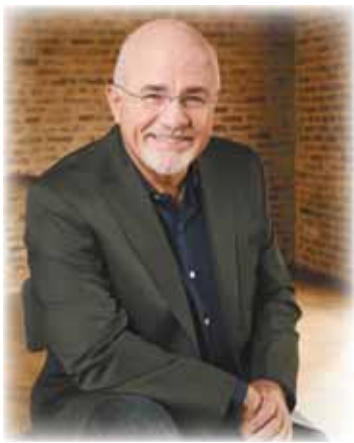
We've got about \$4,000 in savings, but the agent said remodeling would take between \$2,500 and \$3,000. Should we get a second mortgage to pay for the work?

— Natalie

Dear Natalie,

For starters, I'd suggest cutting expenses any way you can, living on a strict budget and saving as much cash as possible. But taking out a second mortgage? No! You don't want that hanging over your heads.

You might want to get another opinion on the kitchen remodel, too. Sure, a new kitchen would be nice, but would it be a make-or-break kind of thing if you decide to sell your home? Probably not, unless it's in really terrible shape right now. Regardless, there's no way I'd go into debt to make this happen. I mean, your house isn't even on the market yet. There's no reason to fix up a house that's not for sale,



especially when you've got just \$4,000 to your names.

My advice is to wait and see how the whole job situation plays out before making any

big decisions. Then if you end up selling the house and moving, you might take \$500 or so from savings to freshen up the kitchen a little bit.

— Dave

Dear Dave,

Should I cash in my 401(k) to pay off my car? I have just enough in the account to pay off the car and free up money in my budget.

— Marina

Dear Marina,

If I were in your shoes, and I could pay off the car in 18 months or less, I'd live on rice and beans — plus a very strict monthly budget — and just push through until that car payment

was out of my life. If that wasn't realistic, then I'd take out ads online and in the local paper, and sell the car as fast as possible.

Cashing out your retirement plan to make this happen isn't a good idea. I love that you want to get rid of your car payment, but if you use your 401(k) they'll charge you a 10 percent penalty, plus your tax rate. That means you'll lose anywhere from 30 to 50 percent of it to the government.

I don't know about you, Marina, but I think those guys get way too much of our money already!

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

✓ Discriminatory: Court's interpretation could resonate in hiring policies

From Page 14

"diversity, equity and inclusion" racial and gender hiring quotas, one of the cornerstones of the Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) investment model that seeks to impose certain social agendas.

The question of reverse discrimination posed by ESG's Diversity & Inclusion corporate policies might be decided differently by today's Supreme Court. It would be up to those fired to make the case they were discriminated against on the basis of race and/or sex.

Corporate America's racial and gender diversity preferences in favor of women and minorities absolutely "discriminate[s] ... because of such individual's race, color, religion, sex, or national origin."

AT&T included D&I objectives in September 2018 after its then-merger with Time Warner (to create WarnerMedia). In a 2018 report, then-CEO Randall Stephenson announced the company's new Diversity & Inclusion Policy: "I am proud of our commitment to a diverse and inclusive workforce. WarnerMedia's new Diversity & Inclusion Policy ... is a pioneering media industry commitment to give more opportunities to women, people of color and individuals from other underrepresented groups — both in front of and behind the camera."

Disney states in its 2020 report, "Our [Diversity & Inclusion] D&I objectives are to build teams that reflect the life experiences of our audiences, while employing and supporting a diverse array of voices in our creative and production content."

Hasbro in its 2020 report announced explicit racial and gender hiring quotas: "Diversity & Inclusion Goals: Increase the percentage of women in director and above roles globally to 50 percent by 2025. Expand ethnically and racially diverse employee representation in the U.S. to 25 percent by 2025. Include a 50 percent diverse slate of candidates for all open U.S. positions where there is underrepresentation."

From a personnel point of view, when big mergers happen alongside the institution of Diversity & Inclusion policies, male, conservative Republicans are purged if they dare speak up. Or maybe the work just dries up.

A March 2021 ESG Report by Pfizer set 2025 "opportunity parity goals" including "increasing our minority representation from 19 percent to 32 percent and doubling the underrepresented population of

African Americans/Blacks and Hispanics/Latinos." Those are racial hiring quotas.

But Diversity & Inclusion goals go even further than just violating Title VII of the Civil Rights Act.

They impact social media, too. Prior to the purchase of Twitter by Elon Musk, and flush with billions of dollars of capital from ESG investing, social media platforms pursued aggressive D&I and other politically charged objectives, including censorship.

Diversity hiring quotas appear to squarely run afoul of the 1964 Civil Rights Act's prohibition on employment discrimination on the basis of race or sex.

However, in 1979's *Steelworkers v. Weber*, the Court ruled employment policies that include such preferences in favor of women and minorities, which plaintiffs argued was reverse discrimination, didn't violate the Civil Rights Act, in effect legalizing employment discrimination against whites and males. This was a sharp departure from more racially neutral interpretations of the Act in previous federal courts decisions.

Then-Associate Justice William Rehnquist, who became the 16th Chief Justice in 1986, in his dissenting opinion, compared the rewriting of the Civil Rights Act to the totalitarian regime in George Orwell's 1984, writing that law was written plainly, "Taken in its normal meaning, and as understood by all Members of Congress who spoke to the issue during the legislative debates, this language prohibits a covered employer from considering race when making an employment decision, whether the race be black or white."

Rehnquist blasted the majority of the court, adding, "the Court behaves much like the Orwellian speaker earlier described, as if it had been handed a note indicating that Title VII would lead to a result unacceptable to the Court if interpreted here as it was in our prior decisions. ... Now we are told that the legislative history of Title VII shows that employers are free to discriminate on the basis of race: an employer may, in the Court's words, 'trammel the interests of the white employees' in favor of black employees in order to eliminate 'racial imbalance.' ... Our earlier interpretations of Title VII, like the banners and posters decorating the square in Oceania, were all wrong."

More than 40 years after Rehnquist's dissent in *Steelworkers*, the ivory tower is crashing down.

The majority of the current Supreme Court are all considered acolytes of Rehnquist. All were regarded

as constitutionalists, originalists and textualists when they were nominated by conservative presidents George H. W. Bush, George W. Bush and Donald Trump. The latter's appointees — Justices Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh and Amy Coney Barrett — secured an historic 6 to 3 majority to restore the 14th Amendment's equal protection rule.

Any case potentially overturning *Steelworkers* would still need to work its way through the courts, and surely, ESG-owned companies imposing "diversity, equity and inclusion" hiring quotas provide the ripest target. The ruling here on straight 14th Amendment grounds, coupled with Congress' power of the purse, assuredly will soon spell the end of race and gender discrimination by employers explicitly prohibited by Title VII.

Per the June 29 ruling, "Eliminating racial discrimination means eliminating all of it." So let's end discrimination, not just in college admissions, but also hiring, banking and commerce. What we're learning with the court's ruling is that discriminatory practices can best be ended when there is an incentive that a consenting party will not be discriminated against as well on the same or other bases. The *Bakke* decision was perpetuating animus, and so surely, the *Steelworkers* decision is as well.

It's time for this to end.

In recent years, particularly following Trump's election, supporters of the former president have found discrimination — being denied services such as banking, public accommodations like sitting at restaurants and yes, employment discrimination. Insofar as Title VI addressed racial discrimination, and Title VII address racial, sexual and religious discrimination, it would be up to Congress, not courts, to expand these franchises. Viewpoint discrimination is no less pernicious than other forms of discrimination and, in some ways, are worse because they seek to police issues of conscience.

For now, the Supreme Court's restoration of the 14th Amendment's equal protection under Title VI may now eventually extend to Title VII, creating massive constitutional and civil liability for publicly traded corporations that have chosen to adopt ESG's "diversity, equity and inclusion" racial and gender hiring quotas. This is another pillar that can and I foresee will one day be struck down as well.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

July 15, 1998



Cannon shoot...

Cannon enthusiasts, some dressed in Civil War-era garb, celebrated Independence Day by firing their cannons at a shoot at the O’Malley Airstrip in Murphy. Organizers say they hope to turn the shoot into an annual event in Owyhee County.

Grand View Homecoming Days this weekend

The annual Grand View Homecoming Days will be held July 17-19. The event is sponsored by the Grand View Chamber of Commerce, the Grand View Lions Club and the American Legion.

There will be an open pit barbecue at Lions Park, sponsored by the Grand View Fire Department, beginning at 6 p.m. Friday.

Saturday starts off with a parade at 10 a.m. The Grand Marshals will be Walter Yarbrough, Leo Kenworthy, Bob Collett, Max Collett and Elmer Johnston, in celebration of their 50 years of membership in the American Legion.

After the parade, there will be softball, closest-to-the-pin golf and many booths set up in the city park. There will also be an Arts and Crafts Fair that will set up in the Grand View Elementary School gym. Cherry Meyers is making homemade donuts for sale in the gym.

The entertainment will include Old Time Fiddlers, Sagebrush Shufflers and the Happy Hands Puppets.

Job Corps site sold to private juvenile company

The old Job Corps site south of Marsing, vacant since last September, has been auctioned off to a Texas-based private juvenile treatment company, which intends to put a treatment facility at the site.

Brown Schools, the lone bidder for the property, acquired the property for the minimum bid of \$720,000. The company, which operates 15 centers in the U.S., rehabilitates and educates at-risk and problem children and teenagers with behavioral problems complicated by medical problems.

Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman said Monday he has no problem with the proposal to locate a juvenile treatment center at the site, because it appears Brown Schools would operate the site in a manner similar to the old Job Corps.

Teen selected to attend aviation academy

Homedale High School student Kelse Williams has been selected to attend the seventh annual Aviation Career Education Academy (ACE) at the office of the Idaho Division of Aeronautics in Boise Aug. 1-3.

Williams, who will be a junior at Homedale High this fall, was introduced to flying at an early age by her father, the late Richard Williams, who was a licensed private pilot. She wants to become a pilot and is interested in a career in aviation.

The ACE Academy is a fast-paced program designed to expose students to a variety of career fields in the aerospace and aviation industry. Only 30 students are enrolled in the Academy.

50 years ago

July 12, 1973



THIS PIPER PAWNEE CROPDUSTING plane, flown by Del Ward of Homedale, ended up in the drink at 8 a.m. Saturday morning when its engine lost power on takeoff. Police reports stated Ward tried to land the plane in the Snake River near Homedale following the abortive takeoff, but was unable to keep the craft upright in the shallow waters. Homedale police officer Russ Cornwell, right, and three unidentified observers inspect the craft, owned by Davison’s Flying Service of Homedale. Cornwell was hailed by motorists at 10 a.m., and broke open the cockpit to release Ward, who had already escaped. Ward was listed in “fairly good” condition at Caldwell Memorial Hospital where he was taken following the accident. Photo courtesy Caldwell News-Tribune.

**Two busloads make band trip to Canada
BAND TIES FOR SECOND**

Reports reaching Homedale by phone Monday night indicated that the Homedale High School marching band tied for second with the Dayton, Idaho, West Side High School marching band. Award for the best American High School band, enrollment under 700, went to Monticello, Utah High School Buckaroo marching band. A prize of \$250 was won by Homedale.

Some 80 eager boys and girls of the Homedale High School band, with a sprinkling of parents and teachers as chaperones, clambered aboard two buses here Saturday morning, for a 5 a.m. departure for Calgary, Alberta, Canada, where they were to participate in the Calgary Stampede parade Monday.

Band members and instruments they play are:
Oboe — Cheryl Lootens.
Flute — Patsy Kora, Helen Lineberger, Lori Matteson, Karen Kent, Sharon Schwab, Janice Tolmie, Linda Westby, Shelley Vance.

Clarinets — Doug Pottenger, Marc Kubosumi, Robin Arima, Amy Zanks, Danny Silveria, Mary Chadez, Julie Townsend, Ellen McBride, Perry Chadez, Judy Watson, Marianne George, Carson Blackman, Stacey Haylett, Karen Taggart, LoRetta Johnstone.

Saxophones — Tami Uda, Gregg Garrett, Steve Yamamoto, Mary Rita George, Kim Kubosumi.

Tenor Sax — Fred DeGeus, John Lillie.

Don Martinat retires after U.S. AF Service

Chief Master Sgt. Donald L. Martinat, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Martinat, Rt. 1, Marsing, has retired from the U.S. Air Force, after more than 22 years of service.

155 years ago

July 11, 1868

GEOLOGICAL.—Mr. John Hunter, from Castle Creek, has shown us a fragment of oolitic formation, of which there is an abundance in that locality. This oolite is a variety of limestone composed of small round grains, resembling the roe of fishes, and belongs to the Mesozoic age in geology, between the chalk and lias formation. The Mesozoic period in which the oolite limestone is found constitutes the middle ages in geological history, and includes what is known as the Reptilian age. On Sinker, Castle and Catharine Creeks fossils of the latter age abound, among which are found a large variety of bones of animals now extinct, and shells of singular beauty. We see no reason why the oolite of that locality cannot be converted into lime. It would not require a costly experiment to give it a trial, and if successful would subserve a valuable purpose for building.

The Fourth in Silver City passed off very quietly, and as far as we know general jollity prevailed. At sunrise our mountains were made to echo with the firing of salutes, and the noble old star spangled banner was seen on every flagstaff. Mr. J. L. Hall read the Declaration of Independence at two p.m., at the Court House, and Mr. Henry Martin delivered a really excellent oration. Large quantities of firecrackers and whisky were consumed during the day, and the sun went down amid the booming of cannon-anvils. A more fitting celebration might have been gotten up for the occasion, but everybody is just as well satisfied now, and had it not been for the strenuous efforts of a very few of our citizens there would have been no celebration at all.

THE FOURTH AT WAGONTOWN.—The various livery stables turned out their best rigs on the occasion, and all of our citizens who could procure a buggy or saddle horse gobbled up all the women and girls in town and went down to the picnic and races at Wagontown. The day was fine and all are unanimous in saying they had a splendid time. Tom Walls spared no exertion to make every one feel at home and comfortable. The only mean trick we heard of on the occasion was that in a certain play, in which nearly all were engaged, several big masculine boobies wouldn’t allow the girls to kiss them. Alas — wonder what our young men are coming to?

FOUND.—The next morning after the ball at the Court House, a valuable sleeve-button, supposed to have belonged to a lady, was found in R. E. Hallock’s room, used as a dressing-room the evening previous. The owner can receive it by calling on the aforesaid gentleman.

THE PICKENS & EDWARDS.—Work is rapidly progressing in the Pickens & Edwards tunnel at Cottonwood, and rich silver ore is being taken out. The boys are in good spirits and confident of making a snug fortune out of their mine.

ROBBERY.—A few days since some thief entered Dr. Connolly’s room, over W., F. & Co’s express office, and took from a trunk \$400 in greenbacks. The Dr. was absent at the time of the robbery. The perpetrator must have been well acquainted with the premises. No arrests have yet been made. Wonder if it wasn’t the same fellow who stole \$500 from J.A. McQuaid not long since?

Public notices

BOARD OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
June 2023 Synopsis
June 5

-Approved the claims report as presented: Current Expenses-\$54,044: R&B-\$22,465: Dist. Court-\$3,472: Fair, County-\$3,375: Fair, Grounds & Buildings-\$271: Probation-\$468: Health Dist.-\$9,243: Historical Society & Museum-\$231: I&C-\$16,236: Revaluation-\$452: Solid Waste-\$19,500: Weeds-\$13,140: 911-\$960: Waterways-\$76: Off Hwy Vehicles-\$419: Self-Insurance-\$9,586.

-Approved the May 22, 2023 meeting minutes.

-Approved County Resolution - 2023-22 - Destruction of Records – Elections and Jury.

-Approved County Resolution 2023-23 – Open Mud Flat Road, effective June 6, 2023.

-Approved the Nampa Paving & Asphalt Pay Application #1 for the Wilson Creek Project in the amount of \$65,142.19.

-Approved the Gem Grant Reimbursement Request #2 –for the Wilson Creek Project in the amount of \$18,048.

-Approved the following 2024 Liquor License Renewals - Jumbo's Auto Supply in Bruneau and Guerrero's Market in Marsing.

-At 11:05 a.m. Went into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206 (a) personnel. Open session was resumed at 11:08 a.m. No action was taken.

-Signed the memorandum of decision and order in the personnel matter heard during executive session.

-At 11:09 a.m. Went into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206 (a) personnel. Open session was resumed at 11:14 a.m. No action was taken.

June 12

-Approved the claims report as presented: Current Expenses-\$1,605: R&B-\$406: Probation-\$713: Historical Society & Museum-\$231: Solid Waste-\$78: Capital Project Fund/ARPA-\$18,490.

-Approved the June 5, 2023 meeting minutes.

-Approved the Region IV Development, community development block grant drawdown #9 for Bruneau Water & Sewer District project in the amount of \$43,385.00, with the Chairman's signature for the Board.

-Approved the County Comment Letter to BLM re: Herd Management Environmental Assessment.

-Approved the Sheriff's new hire of Victoria Clum for full-time Dispatch/911, at the pay rate of \$19.70 per hour, effective June 14, 2023.

-Approved the Sheriff's new hire of Brant Monahan for full-time Jail Detention Deputy, at the pay rate of \$19.70 per hour, effective June 22, 2023.

-Approved the 2023 Zwygert & Associates Agreement with the Chairman's signature for the Board.

-At 9:35 a.m. Went into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206(1) (a) personnel. Open session was resumed at 9:48 a.m. No action was taken.

-Approved the weed spraying bid from New Environment.

June 20

-Approved County Comment Letter to BLM re: Proposed

Public Lands Rule.

-Approved the claims report as presented: Current Expenses-\$11,480: R&B-\$3,258: Probation-\$163: Historical Society & Museum-\$733: I&C-\$7,831: Junior College-\$4,000: Solid Waste-\$945: Weeds-\$3,375: 911-\$3,720: Waterways-\$585: Off Hwy Vehicles-\$144: Capital Project Fund/ARPA-\$3,062.

-Approved County Resolution 2023-24 – FY2024 Weed Spraying Bid Award.

-Approved County Resolution 2023-25 – New Payroll Procedure.

-Approved County Resolution 2023-26 – Ratification of Approval by the BOCC of an Agreement for Pathology Services with Ada County.

-Approved the notice to proceed for Nampa Paving and Asphalt on the Wilson Creek RABS and Paving project (00720), with the Chairman's signature for the Board.

-Approved the Sheriff's new hire of Chad Williams for full-time Patrol Deputy, at the pay rate of \$21.00 per hour, effective June 21, 2023.

-Approved the Sheriff's new hire of Samuel Zaragoza for full-time Jail Detention Deputy, at the pay rate of \$19.70 per hour, effective June 27, 2023.

-Approved the Sheriff's new hire of Tyrel Lowe for full-time Jail Detention Deputy, at the pay rate of \$19.70 per hour, effective June 27, 2023.

-Approved the Sheriff's transfer of Cayden Chavez from Jail Detention Deputy to Patrol Deputy, remaining at the pay rate of \$19.70 per hour, effective June 27, 2023.

-Approved the County fiscal year 2024 Public Defender Agreement with William Wellman.

-Approved certificate of residency 23-08 to College of Western Idaho.

June 26

-Approved the claims report as presented: Current Expenses-\$18,457: R&B-\$395: Dist. Court\$1,376: Probation\$123: I&C-\$7,101: Revaluation-\$64: Solid Waste-\$256: Weeds-\$10,800: Capital Project Fund/ARPA-\$27: Self-Insurance-\$8,998.

-Approved the minutes from the June 12 & 15, 2023 meetings.

-Approved the minutes from the June 20, 2023 meetings.

-Approved the Sheriff's reassignment of Kyle Monroe from full-time Patrol Deputy to Detective and from the pay rate of \$22.44 to \$27.37 per hour, effective July 3, 2023.

-Approved the Sheriff's reassignment of Bailey Battaglia from part-time Dispatch/911 to full-time Detention Deputy and remaining at the pay rate of \$19.70 per hour, effective July 19, 2023.

-Approved the Sheriff's reassignment of Adam Harrison from full-time Detention Deputy to full-time Dispatch/911 and remaining at the pay rate of \$19.70 per hour, effective July 17, 2023.

-Approved the Sheriff's new hire of Kate Biaggi for part-time Dispatch/911, at the pay rate of \$19.70 per hour, effective July 8, 2023.

-Approved the Sheriff's new hire of James Ferdinand for full-time Idaho Power contract Deputy at the pay rate of \$21.20 per hour, effective July 1, 2023.

-Approved the Clerk's reassignment of Jamie Eubanks

from Deputy Clerk to Chief Deputy Clerk and from the pay rate of \$25.61 to \$28.00 per hour, effective July 17, 2023.

-Approved the Clerk's reassignment of Pam Springer from Deputy Clerk to Deputy Auditor and from the pay rate of \$17.74 to \$20.00 per hour, effective July 17, 2023.

-Approved the Clerk's reassignment of Zoe Adrian from full-time Chief Deputy Clerk to part-time Payroll Auditor and from the pay rate of \$27.04 to \$23.00 per hour, effective August 1, 2023.

-Approved the Clerk's reassignment of Hannah Hardy from full-time Planning Department-Planner 1 to part-time court scanner and remaining at the pay rate of \$17.74 per hour per hour, effective June 26, 2023.

-Approved the Idaho Power Law Enforcement Agreement for County Fiscal Year 2023 with the Chairman's signature for the Board.

-Approved the Murphy Water System Rural Development Planning Grant Application and to approve Clerk Barkell as the financial liaison and to sign and certify the application on behalf of Owyhee County.

07/12/2023

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. CV37-23-00204
In the Matter of the Estate of CARLA MAY PARKS, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed as personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

Dated this 21 day of June, 2023

/s/:Cynthia Pritchard
1392 Dundee Avenue
Ben Lomond, California 95005
(831) 459-2022
lilyazul@sbcglobal.net
07/05,12,19/2023

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT TRANSFER NO. 87691
MARSHALL W BECKER, 31383 MUD FLAT RD, GRAND VIEW, ID 83624-5049 has filed Application No. 87691 for changes to the following water rights within OWYHEE County(s): Right No(s). 57-11886, 57-11887, 57-11888, 57-11889, 57-11890, 57-11891, 57-11892, 57-11893, 57-11894, 57-11895, 57-11896, 57-11897, 57-1202, 57-1205, 57-1207, 57-1222A, 57-2108, 57-2285A, 57-2285B, 57-7010A, 57-7036, 57-7037, 57-7184A, 57-7331A, 57-7333A; to see a full description of these rights and the proposed transfer, please see <https://research.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/waterrights/querynewtransfers>. The purpose of the transfer is to change a portion of the above rights as follows:

Change point of diversion,

add points of diversion, and change place of use. The points of diversion are in SENE, Sec. 4, T7S, R3E; SESW and SESW, Sec. 34, T6S, R3E; NESE and SENE, Sec. 27, T6S, R3E; NWNW, Sec. 26, T6S, R3E; SESW, Sec. 23, T6S, R3E for 14.2 cfs from ground water. The place of use is within Sec. 3, Sec. 4, Sec. 5, T7S, R3E and Sec. 14, Sec. 22, Sec. 23, Sec. 26, Sec. 27, Sec. 34, Sec. 35, T6S, R3E, for 942.4 acres within a 1,434 acre permissible place of use.

For additional information concerning the property location, contact the Western Region office at (208)334-2190. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-222. Any protest against the proposed change must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 W AIRPORT WAY, BOISE ID 83705-5082 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 7/24/2023. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

GARY SPACKMAN, Director
07/05,12/2023

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RENTAL FROM WATER SUPPLY BANK

Notice is hereby given pursuant to IDAPA Rule 37.02.03.030.02 (Water Supply Bank Rule 30.02) that Idaho Power, PO BOX 70, Boise, ID, 83707-0070, filed an application on March 18, 2022 (Water Supply Bank Rental Application No. 2336), to rent Water Right No(s). 2-7353 and 2-10205 from the Water Supply Bank from July 5th to September 18th in 2023, only. The proposed rental in Gooding, Elmore, Ada, and Owyhee Counties would provide for the temporary dedication of 73.5 cfs from the Snake River for Power, tributary to the Columbia River.

Comments may be submitted based on the criteria of Section 42-1763, Idaho Code. Comments should be filed in writing to the Idaho Department of Water Resources, PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0098, or emailed to Bank@idwr.idaho.gov on or before July 24, 2023. For more information, visit www.idwr.idaho.gov/water-supply-bank.

Gary Spackman, Director
07/05,12/2023

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 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 Deborah Duncan,
Assistant Secretary
Pioneer Lender Trustee Services
8151 W. Rifleman Street
Boise, ID 83704
06/21,28;07/05,12/2023

Public notices

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

On Friday, the 3rd day of November, 2023, at the hour of 10:00 o’clock a.m. of said day at Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, Ryan M. Fawcett, as Successor Trustee, will 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 property situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

A parcel of land lying in the Northwest Quarter of Section 22, Township 5 South Range 3 East, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a found brass cap marking the Section Corner common to Sections 15,16, 21 and 22, Township 5 South Range 3 East Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho said Section Corner Bears South 89°39’52” West 2639.22 feet from a found Brass Cap marking the North Quarter Corner of said Section 22, said Section Corner also bears North 83°15’02” West 834.51 feet from a set 5/8 inch iron pin lying on the Northerly right of way of State Highway 78 and marking PT STA 543+04.7; thence North 89°39’52” East 1319.61 feet (formerly 1319.50) along the said Northwest Quarter of Section 22 to a point marking the West 1/16 corner common to said Sections 15 and 22; thence South 00°29’20” West 249.97 feet (formerly 250.02) to a found 5/8 inch Iron pin lying on the said Northerly right of way of State Highway 78; thence South 73°34’00” East 482.42 feet along the said Northerly right of way of State Highway 78 to a set 5/8 inch iron pin marking a point of curve to the right; thence continuing Along said Northerly right of way State Highway 78 and along said curve to the right a distance of 312.09 (formerly 312.61 feet), said curve

having a delta of 07°38’09” a radius of 2341.83 feet tangents of 156.28 feet and a long chord of 311.86 feet which bears South 69°44’56” East to a set 5/8 inch iron pin, said pin marking the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING; thence North 00°00’00” West 7.34 feet (formerly 8.00 feet) to a set 5/8 inch iron pin; thence South 73°58’30” East 250.60 feet to a set 5/8 inch iron pin; thence South 77°22’48” East 200.00 feet to a set 5/8 inch iron pin; thence South 62°58’18” East 122.40 feet to a found 5/8 inch iron pin; thence South 09°29’42” West 159.38 feet (formerly 158.76 feet) to a set 5/8 inch iron pin lying on the said Northerly right of way of State Highway 78 and also lying along a curve to the left; thence Along said Northerly right of way of State Highway 78 and along said curve to the left a distance of 610.30 (formerly 588.99 feet) said curve having a delta of 14°56’02” a radius of 2341.83 feet, tangents of 306.94 feet and a long chord of 608.66 feet which bears North 58°27’50” West to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

The Successor Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 625 Highway 78, Grand View, Idaho, 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 ERIC R ELDRIDGE, Married Man as his sole and separate property, Grantor, to Ryan M. Fawcett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., recorded October 5, 2020, as Instrument No. 304978, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho; and assigned to IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION by Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded on June 5, 2023, as Instrument No. 315156, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTOR IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506 (4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT HE IS, OR IS NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. Said sale is a public auction for which the bid price must be paid immediately upon close of bidding by certified funds in the form of cashier’s checks, certified checks, or valid money orders only. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason whatsoever, the successful bidder’s exclusive and sole remedy shall be the return of actual monies paid to the Successor Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, monthly installment payments under the Deed of Trust Note dated October 2, 2020, in the amount of \$1,242.00 each, for the months of December, 2022 through June, 2023, inclusive. All delinquent payments are now due, plus accumulated late charges, plus all escrow advances, plus any costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure. The accrued interest is at the rate of 3.00% per annum from November 1, 2022, and the Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$212,204.25, plus accrued interest at the rate of 3.00% per annum from November 1, 2022. DATED This 5th day of July, 2023. /s/: RYAN M. FAWCETT, a Member of the Idaho State Bar, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE 07/12,19,26;08/02/2023

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

To be sold for cash at a Trustee’s Sale on November 9, 2023, 09:00 AM in the Lobby, Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650, the following described real property situated in Owyhee County, State of Idaho (“Real Property”): A part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter in Section 9, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described to-wit: Commencing at the Northwest Corner of Section 9, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho; thence North 89°45’ East (formerly of record East) 133.00 feet, along the North line of the said Section 9, to the initial point of this description; thence continue North 89°45’ East 81.00 feet; thence South 1°03’ East 341.73 feet, parallel to the West line of the said Section 9, to a point on the North line of the Owyhee Addition to Homedale, Idaho, No. 1; thence South 89°24’ West 80.99 feet, along the said North line of the Owyhee Addition to Homedale, Idaho No. 1; thence North 1°03’ West 342.23 feet (formerly or record North 341 feet), parallel to the said West line, to the initial point of this description. AND A part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Corner of Section 9, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described to-wit: Commencing at the Northwest Corner of Section 9, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho; thence North 89°45’ East 214 feet along the North line of the said Section 9, to the initial point of this description; thence continue North 89°45’ East 74 feet; thence South 1°03’ East 341.28 feet, parallel to the West line of the said Section 9, to a point on the North line of the Owyhee Addition to the Homedale, Idaho, No. 1; thence South 89°24’ West 73.99 feet, along the said North line of the Owyhee Addition to Homedale, Idaho No. 1; thence North 1°03’ West 341.73 feet (formerly or record North 341 feet), parallel to the said West line, to the initial point of this description Commonly known as: 733 W

Idaho Ave, Homedale, ID 83628-3348 Matthew Michael Swisher Sr, as Trustor conveyed Real Property via a Trust Deed dated October 26, 2017, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB, its successors and assigns as Beneficiary, in which Pioneer Title Company of Canyon County was named as Trustee. The Trust Deed was recorded in Owyhee County, Idaho, on October 26, 2017, as Instrument No. 294153, of Official Records. The Deed of Trust was assigned for value as follows: Assignee: Aurora Financial Group, Inc. Assignment Dated: March 8, 2023 Assignment Recorded: March 10, 2023 Assignment Recording Information: Instrument No. 314667 Shelly M. Casares is the Successor Trustee pursuant to a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Owyhee, State of Idaho on June 6, 2023, at Instrument No. 315163, of Official Records. The Beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust due to Trustor failure to make monthly payments beginning December 1, 2022, and each month subsequent, which monthly installments would have been applied on the principal and interest due on said obligation and other charges against the property or loan. By reason of said default, the Beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable. The total amount due on this obligation is the principal sum of \$126,192.94, interest in the sum of \$3,995.20, escrow advances of \$2,354.65, other amounts due and payable in the amount of \$247.82, for a total amount owing of \$132,790.61, plus accruing interest, late charges, and other fees and costs that may be incurred or advanced. The Beneficiary anticipates and may disburse such amounts as may be required to preserve and protect the property and for real property taxes that may become due or delinquent, unless such amounts of taxes are paid by the Trustor. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds of this sale include the Trustee’s fees and attorney’s fees, costs and expenses of the sale, and late charges, if any. Beneficiary has elected, and has directed the Trustee to sell the above described property to satisfy the obligation. The sale is a public sale and any person, including the Beneficiary, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding by certified funds (valid money orders, certified checks or cashier’s checks). The conveyance will be made by Trustee’s Deed, without any representation or warranty, including warranty of title, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis, without limitation, the sale is being made subject to all existing conditions, if any, of lead paint, mold or other environmental or health hazards. The Trustor, successor in interest to the Trustor, or any other person having an interest in the property, or any person named in IRC § 45-1506, has the right, at any time prior to

the Trustee’s Sale, to pay to the Beneficiary, or the successor in interest to the Beneficiary, the entire amount then due under the Deed of Trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually incurred and attorney’s fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Deed of Trust with Successor Trustee’s and attorney’s fees. In the event that all defaults are cured the foreclosure will be dismissed and the foreclosure sale will be canceled. The scheduled Trustee’s Sale may be postponed by public proclamation up to 30 days for any reason. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder’s sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Successor Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The above Trustor are named to comply with IRC § 45-1506(4) (a). No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Dated this 20th day of June, 2023. Shelly M. Casares Substitute Trustee 376 East 400 South, Suite 300, Salt Lake City, UT 84111 Telephone: 801-355-2886 Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8AM-5PM (MST) File No. ID21276 07/05,12,19,26/2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

The following application(s) have been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho: 57-12097 ARLOW NIELSEN 5842 OLD BRUNEAU HWY MARSING, ID 83639-8021 Point of Diversion SWNW S34 T03N R04W OWYHEE County Point of Diversion SWNW S34 T03N R04W OWYHEE County Source GROUND WATER Use: IRRIGATION 03/01 to 11/15; 0.06 CFS Use: DOMESTIC 01/01 to 12/31; 0.04 CFS Total Diversion: 0.1 CFS Date Filed: 06-06-2023 Place Of Use: DOMESTIC, IRRIGATION T03N R04W S34 SWNW Total Acres: 2

Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. For additional information concerning the property location, contact the Western Region office at (208)334-2190; or for a full description of the right(s), please see https://idwr.idaho.gov/apps/ExtSearch/WRApplicationResults/. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-203A. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 W AIRPORT WAY, BOISE ID 83705-5082 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 7/24/2023. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant. GARY SPACKMAN, Director 07/05,12/2023

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