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OWYHEE COUNTY FAIR AND RODEO

Right: Allison Hubler makes her first official pass as the 2023-24 Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Queen on Saturday evening. Hubler was crowned prior to the start of the pre-rodeo festivities on the final night of the first Owyhee County PRCA rodeo. Queen results, **Page 2**

Below: Fred Sarceda (right) clears the paper covering Friday as the fair's annual siphon tube setting contest is dedicated in honor of (from left) John Lejardi, Steve Lejardi, 92-year-old Tony Larrocea, and Sarceda. Results, **Page 2**

Results and photos from the week-long county fair and rodeo can be found throughout this week's edition of *The Owyhee Avalanche*.



BOCC chair Joe Merrick passes away

Joe Merrick, a five-term Owyhee County commissioner, died Saturday morning.

The District 3 commissioner from Bruneau was eight months into the first year of his fifth term on the Board of County Commissioners.

The 71-year-old had been elected to another year as board chair in January.

University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Educator



Scott Jensen led a moment of silence for Merrick prior to Saturday's Owyhee County Junior Livestock Sale to close the 2023 county fair in Homedale.

A moment of silence was observed at Monday's Board of County Commissioners meeting. Dist. 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi was acting board chair and was later appointed temporary chair.

Owyhee County Sheriff Larry Kendrick also included the late commissioner in his opening prayer at the meeting.

"Please comfort the family of Commissioner Joe Merrick in this time of grief and sorrow," Kendrick said at the beginning of a somber and emotional morning in Murphy.

"It's going to be a difficult day for most of us," Aberasturi said. "We'll do our best to get by."

The U.S. flag at the Owyhee County

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Mine developer to present DeLamar Day community event

Integra Resources has released the full schedule for Friday's DeLamar Day event.

The public is invited to the community event, which will celebrate Basque and Native American cultures.

The event will be headquartered at Skinner's Rockhouse in Jordan Valley.

The schedule includes:

• **4 p.m.** — Welcome and event

kickoff

• **4 p.m., to 6:30 p.m.** — Face painting, horse and buggy rides, and historic wagon viewing

• **4:15 p.m., and 6 p.m.** — Cowboy poetry with Annie Mackenzie

• **4:30 p.m., to 5:30 p.m.** — Living wax museum

• **4:30 p.m., to 5:30 p.m.** — Duck Valley and Fort McDermitt dance and drum groups perform

• **5:45 p.m.** — Integra Resources address from executive chairman of the board George Salamis and CEO Jason Kosec

• **6:30 p.m., to 7:30 p.m.** — Basque performances

• **7 p.m., to 11 p.m.** — Goat roping Dinner will feature Basque chorizos and paella, Indian tacos, hot dogs and s'mores.

Partners in the event include Skinner's

Rockhouse, Ansots Basque Chorizos and Catering, Painted Horse Drum Group, Jordan Valley School District, Annie Mackenzie, Mike Hanley, Megan Wright, Claire Collins, and Robin Easterday.

Integra Resources' community outreach continues during Saturday's Jordan Valley Junior Rodeo at the rodeo grounds in the Idaho-Oregon border town.



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Health district offers free mental health first aid course

Southwest District Health now offers free mental health first aid (MHFA) training for adults who live in or work in Owyhee County.

MHFA training is a skills-based course that teaches people how to identify, understand, and respond to signs and symptoms of mental health or substance use challenges.

Similar to physical First Aid and CPR, Mental Health First Aid helps you assist an adult experiencing a crisis until professional assistance is obtained or the crisis is resolved, SWDH risk reduction program manager Hallie Tilton said.

To learn more about MHFA, or to sign up for a free training, contact Karen.Swenson@phd3.idaho.gov.

The training is also available for adults who live and work in Canyon, Payette, Gem, Washington, and Adams counties.



John Lejardi wasted little time Friday, putting together a championship run as the first person to hit the ditch.

Siphon tube setting contest results

Friday's champions

Male

Senior — John Lejardi, 31.84 seconds
Master — Greg Purdom, 26.53
Junior — Landry Kukla, 43.49
Pee Wee — Alois Krakau, 20.4

Female

Senior — Christy Purdom, 52.42
Master — Carina Purdom, 59.2
Junior — Eliza Svedin, 52.53
Pee Wee — Jaione Krakau, 29.16

Tag team

Adult — Kenny Thomas and Greg Purdom, 15.86
Adult/child — Evan Thomas and Kenny Thomas, 17.98



From left: Three winners, including Jaione Krakau (Pee Wee girls), John Lejardi (Senior men's), and Alois Krakau (Pee Wee boys). Submitted photo

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Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Queen

Saturday's results

2023-24 queen — Allison Hubler
First runner-up — Kyndel Harpe
Second runner-up — Trinity Neeser
Horsemanship — Kyndel Harpe
Miss Congeniality — Allison Hubler

Photogenic — Allison Hubler
Speech — Allison Hubler
Judges — Miranda Walling, Molly Yates, and Bonnie Lair



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Owyhee County Fair Open Class Results

Contests
Salt block lick — Colt Hipwell
Owyhee County Nature's Wonder — Jaci Montgomery
Items Made by Man — David Hayes, saddle
Commissioners' cookie eating contest — Brynlee Lootens
Blue Ribbon Apple pie contest — Traditional: Llee Loucks. Non-traditional: Courtney Barber, apple crisp on a Traeger grill

Agriculture Vegetable
Department — Grand champion: Stacy Woods. Reserve grand champion: Brynlee Lootens
Superintendent's Choice — Ella Lootens
Judge's Choice — Ashley Sevy
Armory Award — Neil Durham

Division
Child — Champion: Brynlee Lootens. Reserve champion: Nahia Greenway
Youth — Champion: Bridger Sessions. Reserve champion: Remington Sessions
Adult — Champion: Stacy Woods. Reserve champion: Joe Lootens
Senior — Champion: Judy Pascale. Reserve champion: Carolyn Reese

Fruit
Department — Grand champion: Katie Mounkes. Reserve grand champion: Ava Ewing

Division
Child — Champion: Ava Ewing. Reserve champion: Blakely Holt
Senior — Champion, reserve champion: Katie Mounkes

Canning Division
Child — Champion: Taylor Greenway. Reserve champion: Rafael Garcia
Adult — Champion: Elena D.. Reserve champion: Ashley Sevy
Senior — Champion and reserve champion: Kathy Mounkes

Pantry & Kitchen
Department — Grand Champion: Remington Zamrzla. Reserve Grand Champion: Nahia Greenway
Superintendent's Choice — Charity Pate
Judge's Choice — Lisa Rittenhouse
Armory Award — Erika Zipprich

Division
Child — Champion:



Cylus Wardle won the youth division of the watermelon eating contest Thursday and had the pants to prove it. Submitted photo

Remington Zamrzla. Reserve champion: Nahia Greenway

Flowers
Department — Grand Champion: Jaci Montgomery. Reserve Grand Champion: Katy Mounkes
Superintendent's Choice — Katy Mounkes
Judge's Choice — Jaci Montgomery
Division
Child — Reserve champion: Blakely Holt
Youth — Champion and reserve champion: Jaci Montgomery
Adult — Champion: Joy Conro. Reserve champion: Katie Showalter
Senior — Champion: Katy Mounkes. Reserve champion: Sunny (no last name provided)

Photography
Department — Grand Champion: Jaci Montgomery. Reserve Grand Champion: Katy Mounkes
Superintendent's Choice — Katy Mounkes
Judge's Choice — Jaci Montgomery
Division
Child — Champion: Waylon Riley. Reserve champion: Sabra Waddington
Youth — Champion, reserve champion: Bailey Ready
Adult — Champion: Sharla Jensen. Reserve champion: Shea McClellin
Senior — Champion and reserve champion: Kerri Gibbs

Hobby crafts and ceramics
Department — Grand Champion: Jerry Holloway. Reserve Grand Champion: Allison Hubler
Superintendent's Choice — Ava Ewing

Judge's Choice — Allison Hubler
Division
Child — Champion: Hunter Bell. Reserve champion: Ezra Greenfield
Youth — Champion: David Hoewing. Reserve champion: Natalie Thoene
Adult — Champion: Jerry Holloway. Reserve champion: Allison Hubler
Senior — Champion: Krisens Neff. Reserve champion: Ruth Rubelt

Needle craft
Department — Grand champion: Amy Carson. Reserve grand champion: Charlotte Breshears
Superintendent's Choice — Terry McClellin
Judge's Choice — Amy Carson
Division
Child — Champion: Emily Cornell. Reserve champion: Hayden Greenfield
Senior — Champion: Amy Carson. Reserve champion: Charlotte Breshears

Art
Department — Grand champion: Lizzie Sessions. Reserve grand champion: Veronica Frazier
Superintendent's Choice — Veronica Frazier
Judge's Choice — Wlton Whitby

Division
Child — Champion: Paisley McEntire. Reserve champion: Javrelyn Helm
Youth — Champion: Lizzie Sessions. Reserve champion: Allison Hubler
Adult — Champion: Veronica Frazier. Reserve champion: George Dufreup
Senior — Champion: Ron Kiester

Historical
Department — Grand champion: Kari Woods. Reserve grand champion: Sunny Bradshaw
Superintendent's Choice — Stacy Woods
Judge's Choice — Troy Campbell
Division
Child — Champion: Mary Campbell
Youth — Champion: Troy Campbell

Adult — Champion: Kari Woods. Reserve champion: Stacy Woods
Senior — Champion: Sunny Bradshaw

The Owyhee Avalanche relied on spelling of names provided in the results. — Ed.



David Hayes checks in his eventual award-winning Made by Man entry, a hand-tooled saddle, at the Owyhee County Community Center exhibit hall. Photo from Owyhee County Fair Facebook page

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Rodeo scholarship recipients hail from across the valley

Two recent high school graduates have earned scholarships from the Owyhee County Rodeo Board.

The two girls hail from different hometowns in two different counties, giving this year's scholarship pool a rare diversity.

Sydney Davis graduated from Homedale High School in the spring. The 18-year-old daughter of Adrian, Ore., residents Katie and Bobby Davis compiled a 4.001 grade-point average during her high school career.

She plans to pursue a nursing degree at Central Arizona College, which is located in Coolidge, Ariz.

Davis has been connected to rodeo most of her life, starting in competitions when she was 5 or 6 years old. She was runner-up in the Idaho High School Rodeo Association District 2 all-around standings in the spring, and she qualified for the state finals rodeo in barrel racing, pole bending and goat tying.

Davis was District 2 runner-



Left: Becky Green wore her Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Queen sash when she picked up her diploma at Bishop Kelly High School's graduation. **Right:** Sydney Davis was active on all kinds of rodeo circuits, and one of her events was pole bending. Photo by Cherie Roland / Cherie Roland Photography

up in barrels, and finished third in pole bending. She was fourth in goat tying at the end of the year.

She also competed in team roping at the state finals rodeo.

During her high school career, Davis played soccer and basketball and was a member of the HHS chapters of FFA, Business Professionals

of America, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and National Honor Society.

In her senior year, she served as student body vice-president.

Her community service included presenting an Exceptional Rodeo for youth with special needs.

Becky Green wore her Owyhee County Fair and



Rodeo Queen sash when she picked up her diploma at Bishop Kelly High School in Boise earlier this year.

The 17-year-old daughter of Bob and Jean Green, Becky graduated from BK a year early with honors. When she accepted her diploma, she stood just 17 credits away from an associate's degree.

Meanwhile, she continued

to hold down her duties as the reigning Owyhee County queen.

She participated in high school rodeo and also was part of the Snake River Stampede drill team the past two years in that Nampa rodeo each July.

While at Bishop Kelly, Becky was a member of the Young Entrepreneurs Association and the student Pro-Life Club.

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Correction
An incorrect name was listed for the Percifield Memorial Coed Tournament Family Division female MVP reported in the Aug. 2 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche. Shara Galvin was the MVP.

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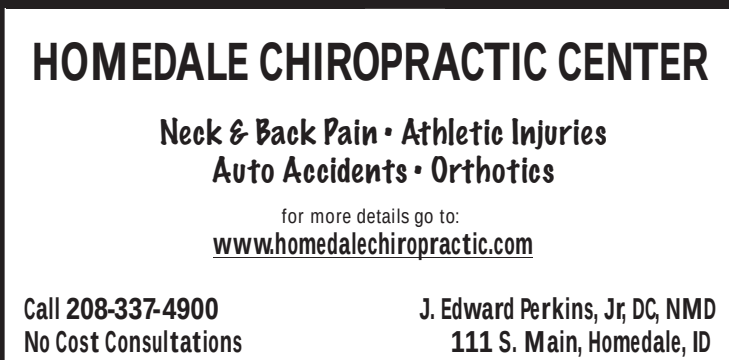
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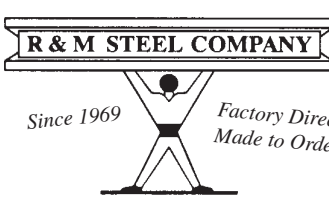
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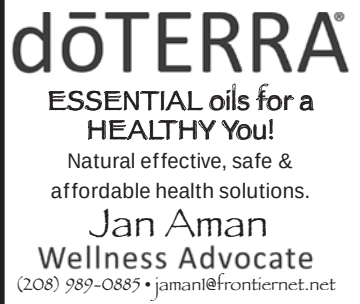
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School menus

Homedale Elementary

Choice of milk and juice
PB&J sandwich, and Vegetable and Fruit choices daily
Aug. 22: **Breakfast:** Sausage patty, buttermilk biscuits, country gravy, sliced pears **Lunch:** Mac-n-cheese, seasoned green beans, whole grain roll
Aug. 23: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, whole grain toast, applesauce **Lunch:** Chicken fried fingers, country gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered corn

Homedale Middle

Choice of milk and juice, yogurt or string cheese
Cereal option and PB&J and string cheese offered daily
Vegetable and Fruit choices will be offered daily
Aug. 22: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk biscuits, country gravy, sliced peaches **Lunch:** Mini corn dogs, mixed vegetables, chocolate chunk cookie
Aug. 23: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, Yami yogurt, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, buttered corn, whole grain roll

Homedale High

Choice of milk and juice, yogurt, string cheese or hard-boiled egg
Vegetable and Fruit choices will be offered daily
Cereal option, grab ‘n’ go items each day
Aug. 22: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk biscuits, country gravy, sausage patty, iced coffee **Lunch:** Orange chicken bowl, egg roll, seasoned green beans, chocolate chunk cookie **Grab ‘n’ go** Chicken Caesar salad
Aug. 23: **Breakfast:** Ham and cheese croissant, cinnamon roll, Yami yogurt **Lunch:** Super nachos, refried beans, garden salad **Grab ‘n’ go** Malibu chicken wrap

Marsing

Meals include choice of milk, fruit juice, fresh fruit & vegetables
Elementary School each day: Breakfast: Cereal option
Middle/High School each day: PB&J sandwich option
Cold Grab-n-go line: Wrap, sub sandwich, salad
Hot Grab-n-go line (varies): Cheeseburger, chicken dish (reg./spicy sandwich; nuggets; bites), Pizza (varies), chicken rice bowl, potatoes (varies), bread (varies)
Aug. 16: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, Yami yogurt, sliced peaches **Lunch:** Orange chicken, steamed rice, green beans **Cold Grab-n-go** Chicken Caesar salad
Aug. 17: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, toast, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Mozzarella breadsticks, mixed vegetables, chocolate chunk cookie **Hot Grab-n-go** Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, potato wedges
Aug. 21: **Breakfast:** Donut holes, mixed fruit, string cheese **Lunch:** Chicken Alfredo, steamed carrots **Cold Grab-n-go** Turkey bacon sub
Aug. 22: **Breakfast:** Pork sausage patty, biscuit, country gravy, orange wedges **Lunch:** Super nachos, refried beans **Cold Grab-n-go** Berry salad
Aug. 23: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk pancakes, Yami yogurt, pineapple tidbits **Lunch:** Popcorn chicken, green beans, roll **Hot Grab-n-go** Pepperoni pizza, curly fries

Bruneau/Grand View

All meals: Milk and fruit daily. **Jr.-Sr. high school:** Pizza daily
Aug. 21: **Breakfast:** Cereal **Lunch:** Pizza, tossed romaine salad, baby carrots
Aug. 22: **Breakfast:** Muffin **Lunch:** Chicken patty on a bun, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed broccoli
Aug. 23: **Breakfast:** PB&J sandwich **Lunch:** Nachos, whole wheat tortilla chips, refried beans/salsa, corn

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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
U of I healthy living and eating class
11 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale.
Homedale schools open house
4 p.m., to 8 p.m., all three schools.
Community movie night
7 p.m., free, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing.

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
DeLamar Day
4 p.m., Skinner’s Rockhouse, 909 US-95, Jordan Valley.
Family Game Night
5 p.m., to 7 p.m., all ages, Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228
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
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
Owyhee Gardeners meeting
1 p.m., Sandbar Community Room, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 546-1829

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421
Opal Nash Story Time
10:00 a.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

Creative writing group

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

Tuesday

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
Region III assistance assessments
Noon to 3 p.m., appointments necessary, Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 495-5688
Alcoholics Anonymous
7 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. Hwy. 95, Wilder.

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

Thursday, Aug. 24

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

Friday, Aug. 25

Food bank distribution
8 a.m., to 10 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale. (208) 473-9331
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
Young Adult Book Club
5 p.m., registration appreciated. Gypsy Jackson Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.
Alcoholics Anonymous
7 p.m., Sandbar Community Room, City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 860-9674

Saturday, Aug. 26

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

Family game night slated at Homedale library

Adult reading program starts next month

A new fun feature comes to the Homedale district library, and it celebrates the start of a new school year.

Back to School Family Game Night will have prizes of school supplies, backpack charms, locker décor, water bottles and more back-to-school-themed items.

The game night is open to all ages and will run from 5 p.m., to 7 p.m., on Friday at the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave.

- At 10 a.m., on Monday, retired schoolteacher Steve Belknap, a member of the Friends of the Homedale Library support group, will

entertain preschoolers at the Opal Nash Story Time at the library.

Belknap will lead a fairy tale-themed program, reading “Goldilocks and The Three Bears” and “The Big Bad Wolf.”

- Children 6 and younger are invited to The Zoo Factory stuffed animal workshop from 10 a.m., to 11 a.m., on Friday, Sept. 1. A variety of stuffed animal projects are available for the children to build.

The cost is \$5, and parents must pay the fee and choose which animal project their child will build at the time of registration because of the limited number of animal kits available.

Children can choose from a fox, a giraffe, a kangaroo/joey, a cheetah, or a purple bear.

- It’s not all fun and games

for the kids at the library. An adult autumn reading program will start on Friday, Sept. 1, too.

Adults can read books and earn entries for a raffle to win gift cards, gift baskets and more. Extra entries can be earned by playing reading bingo, too.

Call (208) 337-4228 for more information on programs and hours of operation.

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Served at noon

Milk and roll/bread available each day

Aug. 16: Sausage and egg biscuit casserole, hashbrown patty, broccoli

Aug. 17: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, country trio vegetables

Aug. 22: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, California blend vegetables

Aug. 23: Chicken cobbler, sweet potatoes, spinach

Sandbar Community Room, Marsing

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

Milk available each day

Suggested donation: \$5 (60 and older), \$8 (59 and younger)

\$8 (take-out meal, any age)

Aug. 16: Lemon herb fish over rice pilaf, broccoli, coleslaw, peaches, whole wheat roll

Aug. 18: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, peas and carrots, fresh fruit, French bread

Aug. 21: Pulled BBQ chicken, baked beans, Key West vegetables, pineapple, whole wheat bun

Aug. 23: Pork roast with gravy, cheesy potatoes, peas, garden salad, whole wheat roll

Rimrock Senior Center

All meals are served with milk & fruit juice

Curbside pickup from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or delivery only.

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Aug. 17: Cold cut sub, whole wheat roll, macaroni salad, fresh vegetables, peach cobbler

Aug. 22: Pork roast, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable tray, whole wheat roll, cottage cheese, apples, cupcake

Aug. 24: Tuna melt, mac-n-cheese casserole, green salad, beets, cottage cheese, melon and fresh fruit

Melba Valley Senior Center

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

Phone ahead (208) 495-2168 same day for complete menu

Payment by donation. All ages welcome

Aug. 17: Teriyaki chicken

Aug. 22: Pork loin roast

Aug. 24: Chicken pot pie

Courthouse report

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

Aug. 2

Nicholas Robert Smith, San Jose, Calif. — Misdemeanor controlled substance possession, misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession: \$200 in fines, \$395 in court costs

Audra J. Wise, Homedale — Misdemeanor disturbing the peace (plea deal: Amended from misdemeanor injury to child): 90 days in jail (2 days to serve, 88 days suspended), 12 months unsupervised probation, \$177.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor battery 2x

J Luis Rodriguez-Escobar, Nampa — Misdemeanor Fish and Game violation, fishing without a license (not salmon, steelhead, sturgeon or bull trout): \$26 in fines, \$168 in court costs

From page 1

County GOP seeks BOCC applicants

Interviews set for Monday special meeting

Joe Merrick’s death puts the Owyhee County Republican Party Central Committee in a position to suggest a second government leader in four months.

Gov. Brad Little will choose a new District 3 commissioner from a list of three nominees put forth by the county GOP.

The central committee is taking applications from prospective candidates.

“The Owyhee County Republican Central Committee is deeply saddened at the untimely loss of Commissioner Joe Merrick — a family man, a friend, a gentleman, and a valued statesman,” the county GOP wrote in a press release issued by chairperson Tammy Payne.

“We extend our heartfelt condolences to Verla and the Merrick family.”

The precinct committee members will convene a special meeting at 7 p.m., on Monday at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy to interview candidates, deliberate and select a list of three nominees.

Anyone living in county commissioner District 3 may submit letters of interest and resumes to Payne via email at

OwyheeGOP@gmail.com or mail at P.O. Box 591, Grand View, ID 83624.

Letters of interest and resumes may also be submitted by hand to Payne up until the start of Monday’s meeting.

All applicants should plan to attend for an interview.

Call Payne at (208) 590-4203 with any questions.

The central committee interviewed four prospective candidates to succeed Perry Grant after he resigned as Owyhee County sheriff in April. The county commissioners appointed the committee’s suggestion — Larry Kendrick — in a split vote on April 10. Merrick administered the oath of office.

✓ Merrick: Longtime Owyheean’s life marked by public service in many arenas

Courthouse was lowered to half-staff Monday, too.

Merrick, who had been on the board since January 2011, won a three-way Republican primary election for his latest term in May 2022. He carried 49.9 percent of the vote against Grand View candidates Wyatt Frederick and Andrea Owen.

There was no general election in November because no Democratic or third-party candidate emerged.

A farmer from Bruneau, Merrick first won election to the BOCC in May 2010 when he defeated incumbent Richard “Dick” Freund with 66.4 percent of the vote.

After a two-year term, Merrick ran unopposed for re-election to a four-year term in 2012, for a two-year term in 2016, and a four-year term in 2018.

Before becoming a county commissioner, Merrick was a member of the Owyhee County Fair Board, including spending time as chairman.

The former Scoutmaster was part of the Bruneau-Grand View School District board of trustees.

Merrick’s ties to the county fair were strong. He served 20 years as a 4-H leader before becoming a fair director and serving as fair board chair.

As a county commissioner, Merrick was a driving force in Owyhee County’s attempts to site the Gateway West 500-kilovolt electrical transmission line, serving on the Bureau of Land Management Resource Advisory Committee as well as the Gateway West subcommittee. He also was a representative on the Western Governors Council on Gateway West.

Dist. 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi also beat an incumbent (George Hyer) in May 2010 then defeated Democrat Jaymie Mercado in the November general election to trigger a change in the board

makeup that persisted for more than 13 years.

Merrick is survived by his wife of 48 years, Verla, six children and 21 grandchildren.

He was a 62-year resident of Owyhee County, living in Grand View, Oreana, and Bruneau. He made his living farming.

Services will be held at 10 a.m., on Thursday at the Grand View Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Viewings are planned from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., today at Rost Funeral Home in Mountain Home, and from 9 a.m., to 9:45 a.m., in Grand View prior to the service.

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Obituaries

Hester Lou Garman-Tuttle

Hester Lou Garman-Tuttle, died Sunday, August 6, at her home from chronic pancreatitis. Hester was born August 25, 1930 at the Garman homestead one mile south of Wilder, to Russell and Vergie Rankin Garman. She was raised and educated in Wilder, graduating from high school in 1948. In 1982, she received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Eastern Oregon State College, and in 1996, she earned her Master’s Degree from Northwest Nazarene College.

During her junior year in high school, she began working for Owyhee Telephone Company and went on to complete 41 years in the telecommunications industry. She retired from GTE (Verizon) in 1989. During her employment, she worked in many different positions, including Human Resources Supervisor, Business Office Manager and Engineering Assistant.

Hester married Gail Tuttle on March 24, 1953, at her parents’ home in Wilder. The couple lived in Homedale until 1992, when they purchased a cabin in Garden Valley and

lived there part-time. In March of this year, they observed their 70th wedding anniversary.

During her lifetime, Hester was involved in numerous community activities. She was a charter member of the Wilder TSO study club and the Homedale chapter of Beta Sigma Phi. She was a past president of the Professional Business Women’s Association. After completing her senior year in college, she was selected by the faculty to become a member of the Pinnacle Honor Society. She was a member of the American Counseling Association and the Idaho Mediation Association.

For many years, she was a member of the Wilder Golden Gate Baptist church where she served in several capacities, including treasurer, youth advisor and Sunday school and Bible School teacher. In 1995, she became a member of the Deer Flat Free Methodist Church.

In 1979, she and her husband were instrumental in organizing Jubilee, Inc., an organization of Christians in the Treasure Valley, who joined together to bring nationally known



speakers into the area with emphasis on ministering to troubled youth and adults. Under their leadership, Jubilees were held until 1986.

From 1994 to 1996, she completed a 1,000-hour internship at the Homedale Junior-Senior High. Hester loved counseling young people and had been on the Board of Directors for the Third District CASA program. She had also been on the Idaho Supreme Court list of mediators for high-conflict divorce cases involving custody disputes.

Hester was an avid reader, enjoyed interior decorating, gardening, hiking and spending time with her family and friends.

In June 2017, Hester broke her pelvis and began to require

round-the-clock care. Over the next six years, she would be so blessed to have help from Dawn Schwab, Jesse Jackson, Linda Howell Miklancic, and especially Sharon Hall and Ezra Tuttle. She was so thankful to be able to stay at home and then also be able to move back into her childhood home on Garman Hill with Rodney and Ezra. She also was so thankful to spend the last four years watching her granddaughter, Macklyn, grow and laugh and play.

She also felt so blessed to have so many special friends in her life, especially Peggy Jackson, Dolores O’Neill and Elizabeth Hanley. Finally, she was so happy to have found her kitty, Julie, who turned up one day in her garage with a broken leg. Julie kept everyone’s spirits high with all her antics.

She is survived by her husband, Gail, one daughter, Patti Hyer (Mike), one son, Rodney (Ezra), and grandchildren, Adam (Bradi), Tabatha (Luis) and Macklyn. She is also survived by her sister, Helen Karn, sister-in-law, Nadine Garman and

several great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, Houston, Howard, and Hall, brother-in-law, Glenn Karn, sister and brother-in-law, Harriett and Jene Ambrose and great-granddaughter, Austin Hyer.

Memorials may be sent to the Northwest Nazarene University Counseling Program or Boise Rescue Mission. Special thanks to Dakan Funeral Chapel. Hester requested that no services be held.

Before her death, Hester used excerpts of some of these words for her family from a favorite poem by Christina Rossetti:

Remember me when I am gone away,
Gone far away into the silent land;
When you can no more hold me by the hand.
Yet if you should forget me for a while
And afterwards, remember, do not grieve:
Better by far you should forget and smile
Than that you should remember and be sad.

Grand theft suspects still behind bars

The two suspects in a catalytic converter theft at a Marsing-area storage facility were back in court Tuesday.

Jacob Bo-dean Getman and Nicholas Allen Hurst, both 39 years old, had preliminary hearings in the Murphy courtroom of Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington after The Owyhee Avalanche’s press time.

Getman, who was misidentified in the Aug. 9 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche as “German,” and Hurst each have been



Jacob Getman



Nicholas Hurst

charged with felony counts of a grand theft and burglary. They also face misdemeanor injury to malicious property charges, which Owyhee County Sheriff Larry Kendrick originally said would be felonies.

Both men were still in Owyhee County Jail at press time. Getman has a \$25,000 bail, and Hurst is being held on a \$5,000 bond, according to online court records.

No felony arraignment dates have been set for either man.

Lynda Kay Gammett

October 3rd, 1951
- August 9th, 2023

Lynda passed away peacefully at her home in Homedale, Idaho where she resided for 30 years. In which 20 years of her stay there was with her loving husband and life partner James A Gammett.

Lynda was born in Nampa, Idaho and was raised in both Marsing, Idaho and Kuna, Idaho. She graduated from Kuna High School in 1970. Later on, she received her Cosmetology Degree in Boise, Idaho.

Lynda was one of six children to the late Bert and Elizabeth Spencer. She was also the beloved wife of the late James A Gammett for 35 years.

Lynda will forever be remembered by her devoted and loving siblings William (Vickie), Ruth (Wayne), Kathy, and James. She will never be forgotten by her dedicated and loving children James D, Chuck, Christine, Janet, Randy (Samantha), and Julie (Richard). Lynda treasured all



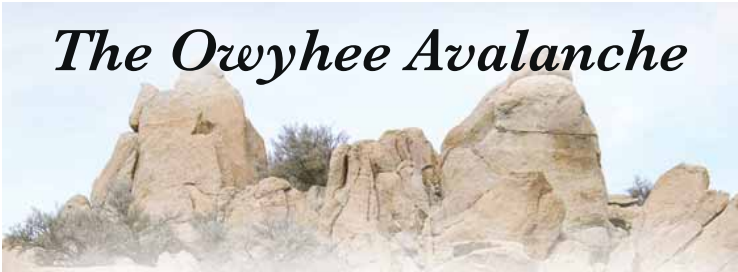
of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren Sheri (Victoria and Sean), Amanda (Sebastian), Megan, Brittany, Ilene, Logan, Lita (Amethyst), Melissa (Kylie and Freya), Elizabeth (Carter, Chase, and Caiden), Robert, Diana (Benjamin), Catherine, Jonathan, Gwenevere, Zachary (Jaiden, Abel, K-Lynn, and Emma), Amber (Dallas and Kaiden), Caleb (Athena), Cody (Corbin and Aiden), Amber (Aurora), Ritchie, and Emily. Along with countless cousins, nephews, nieces, and friends who were blessed to know her.

Lynda loved playing and spending time with her precious

and loving dog Doc, fishing, gardening, crafting, bowling, playing darts, and spending time with family and friends.

Lynda was preceded in death by her parents Bert and Elizabeth Spencer, one sister Goldie, and her loving, lifelong soulmate and husband James A Gammett.

Lynda touched many lives with her smile, laugh, and generosity. Family and friends are invited to attend her viewing service on Saturday, August 19th, 2023 from 3:00pm - 5:00pm at 27 East Owyhee Ave. in Homedale Idaho. There will be a potluck dinner following services, and the location will be announced via Facebook and also on your program at her viewing. The family requests that any donations for expenses be sent to Janet Gammett, 1541 State Hwy. 19, Homedale, Idaho 83628 c/o In Loving Memory of Lynda K Gammett. Condolences can be made at www.flahiffffuneralchapel.com



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Obituaries

Romona “Mona” Andrus

It is with profound sadness that we mourn the passing of our beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother Romona “Mona” Andrus. Romona slipped away peacefully on Sunday, August 6th, at the age of 90 years, with family by her side and in the comfort of her home in Wilder.

Romona was born in February of 1933, in Loretto, Nebraska, to Edith and Herman Cook. She was the youngest sibling of Zetha and Lester. She spent her early years in Loretto, Nebraska, attending primary school and graduating the 10th grade. She met and married Alonzo “Joe” Vanosdall and they moved to and settled in Wilder in 1968 where they made a home and farmed on 33 acres. She loved gardening and canning her fruits and vegetables; baking treats and pies to share with others; fishing and relaxing at the river;

and tending to her collection of wild birds (Peacocks, Guinea hens, and chickens). She made sure to share and teach these skills to all of her children and grandchildren.

In 1978, Romona was remarried to Keith Fearn and with the marriage she gained three sons and a daughter that she loved as if they had been with her from day one. She and Keith spent many happy years enjoying family and taking trips together, such as going to Winnemucca, Lake Lowell, and the Meridian Speedway. Together they owned and operated the Farmer’s Inn in Homedale for 10 years enjoying the connection to the community and making many friends, until they retired.

After Keith passed away in 1992, Romona was happy to spend her time with family and volunteering at the Senior Citizens Center, until she met and



was wooed by the lovable and charming Edwin Andrus, they married in 1995. Ed was a fantastic addition to the family and Romona loved her time with him. She particularly enjoyed going to dinner shows and the long country drives with him until his passing in 2001.

One of her most enduring legacies will be her pas-

sion and gift for quilting. She made every one of us a quilt; EVERY one, to include the 79 grandkids, many of us received more than one. She taught many in the family to quilt. She dedicated many hours of detailed work to make quilts for the Senior Citizens Center to raffle off as a fund-raising device, single-handedly bringing thousands of dollars over the years.

Romona is survived by her sister Zetha Estes; children: son, Lyle Vanosdall (Kathryn); daughters, Janece Fretwell (Denny), Naomi Brown (Morris), and Lola Hamrick (Kevin); sons Kenneth Fearn, Keith Fearn (Shari), Ted Fearn (Beverly) and Jack Nelson (Hilary). She also leaves behind numerous nieces, nephews, and her absolute love of 21 grandchildren, 58 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren and a legacy of

loving and caring for them all.

Romona was preceded in death by her parents, Edith and Herman Cook; brother, Lester Cook (Anon); husbands, Edwin Andrus, Keith Fearn, and Alonzo Joe Vanosdall; sons, Duane Vanosdall, Joe Jr. Vanosdall, Clifford Vanosdall (Judy), and Lonnie Vanosdall; daughter, Darlene Stites; grandson, Daniel Vanosdall, and great-grandson Noah Brown.

Family and friends are invited to pay respects on Friday, Aug 18, 2023, from 5:00-8:00 pm at Flahiff Funeral Chapel in Homedale, Idaho. The Funeral services will be on Saturday, Aug 19, 2023 and will begin at 11:00 am at Flahiff. After the service there will be a reception at the Homedale Senior Citizens Center for all family and friends. Condolences can be given at www.flahifffuneralchapel.com

Arthur Joseph “Joe” Merrick

Arthur Joseph “Joe” Merrick 71, passed away unexpectedly on August 12, 2023 in Boise, Idaho. He was born August 1, 1952 in Nyssa, Oregon to C.A. “Pete” Merrick and Verna Woodland. Joe married his best friend and sweetheart in the Idaho Falls Temple on August 21, 1975. Joe and Verla have lived in Owyhee County since their marriage. They are the parents of Ryan, Dennis, Angela, Samuel, Kurt, and Kimberly.

Joe enjoyed serving his community and those around him. He was currently an Owyhee County Commissioner, being first elected in 2010. He also served on the Owyhee County

Fair Board for a number of years and was chairman of the board for 3 years. He was a 4-H leader for 20 years. Joe was a member of the Bruneau/Grand View school board for a period of time. He was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and had many different callings including serving a two-year mission in Lima, Peru. He enjoyed his most recent calling in the Boise Idaho Temple.

Joe enjoyed farming and working alongside his brothers and his father as he grew up. He also truly enjoyed working with his children on the farm teaching them the importance of, and a love of,



work. He enjoyed woodworking, and his grandchildren could always look forward to Christmas presents built in the woodshop. Joe was an excellent mechanic and had a love of working with his

hands which he passed on to his children.

Joe is survived by Wife Verla of Bruneau, Idaho, Ryan (son) and Wife Laura Merrick of Kimberly, Idaho, Dennis (Son) and wife Rita Merrick of Nampa, Idaho, Angela (daughter) and husband Jay Thomas of Noble, Oklahoma, Samuel (son) and wife Michelle of Laie, Hawaii, Kurt (son) and wife Sara of Grand View, Idaho Kimberly (daughter) and husband Brian Lindquist of Oakley, Idaho, and 21 grandchildren, Mother, Verna Merrick, Brothers Allen Merrick and Jared Merrick.

Joe was preceded in death by his father, C.A. “Pete”

Merrick, Brothers, Dean and Aaron and sister, Sidney.

A viewing will be held at Rost Funeral Home in Mountain Home, ID on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm and at the Grand View Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Building from 9:00am-9:45am.

Services will be held Thursday, August 17, 2023 at 10:00am at the Grand View Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Building: 37873 Highway 78, Grand View, ID 83624.

Funeral arrangements are being provided by Rost Funeral Home, Mountain Home, ID.

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Owyhee County 4-H Horse Show Results

All Around
Senior champion — Grace Clay
Senior reserve champion — Gene Showalter
Intermediate champion — Garrett Hubler
Intermediate reserve champion — Baylee Harris
Junior champion — Colt Hipwell
Junior reserve champion — Lcee Loucks

Special awards
Senior Most Inspirational — Jessica Hipwell
Sportsmanship — Gene Showalter
Hard Luck — Grace Clay

Showmanship
Grand champion — Grace Clay
Reserve grand champion — Andrew Worley

Bareback Equitation
Senior — Champion: Grace Clay; **Reserve champion:** Jessica Hipwell
Intermediate — Champion: Baylee Harris; **Reserve champion:** Kinley Shanley
Junior — Champion: Colt Hipwell; **Reserve champion:** Lcee Loucks

Western Equitation
Senior — Champion: Grace Clay; **Reserve champion:** Gene Showalter
Intermediate — Champion: Garrett Hubler; **Reserve champion:** Baylee Harris
Junior — Champion: Colt Hipwell; **Reserve champion:** Carson Montenegro

English Riding
High point buckle — Alex Worley
Over fences — 1. Alex Worley; 2. Alicia Worley
Hunter/Hack — 1. Alex Worley; 2. Alicia Worley
Equitation — 1. Alicia Worley; 2. Alex Worley

Trail
Senior — 1. Gene Showalter; 2. Michael Rose; 3. Karlee Leffler; 4. Josie Showalter; 5. Grace Clay; 6. Trinity Neeser
Intermediate — 1. Garrett Hubler; 2. Baylee Harris; 3. Alicia Worley; 4. Brylee Folkman; 5. Emeline Hipwell; 6. Mariana Gaspar
Junior — 1. Lcee Loucks; 2. Colt Hipwell; 3. Roan Folkman; 4. Carson Montenegro; 5. Justus White

Reining
Senior — 1. TJ Gonzalez; 2. Gene Showalter; 3. Josie Showalter; 4. Riley Gonzalez; 5. Trinity Neeser; 6. Jessica



4-H Horse Show buckle winners

From left: Alex Worley, English riding high point; Josie Showalter, Green Horse high point; Colt Hipwell, Junior Division All Around, Top Hand Ranch Horse Level I, and Boxing Level I; Gene Showalter, Sportsmanship, Top Hand Ranch Level III, and Cow Work; Jessica Hipwell, Senior Division Most Inspirational, Top Hand Ranch Horse Level II, and Boxing Level II; Garrett Hubler, Intermediate All Around and Ranch Riding; and Grace Clay, Senior All Around. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography



Carson Montenegro works the herd during the Aug. 8 ranch sorting competition.



Arline Huhtala of AD Ranch (left) presents Alex Worley with the English Riding high point buckle. Alex and his younger sister, Alicia (right), were the only two English Riding competitors.

Hipwell
Intermediate — 1. Garrett Hubler; 2. Baylee Harris; 3. Kylee Montenegro; 4. Kambrie McCoshum; 5. Brylee Folkman; 6. Emeline Hipwell
Junior — 1. Roan Folkman; 2. Lcee Loucks; 3. Justus White; 4. Carson Montenegro; 5. Colt Hipwell

Green Horse
High point buckle — Josie Showalter
Skills — 1. Josie Showalter;

Top Hand Ranch Horse
Level III — Gene Showalter
Level II — Jessica Hipwell
Level I — Colt Hipwell

Sorting
Level III — 1. Gene Showalter; 2. Kate Hipwell;



Owyhee County Sheriff Larry Kendrick presents Jessica Hipwell with the Most Inspirational Senior buckle.

3. Trinity Neeser
Level II — 1. Karlee Leffler; 2. Jessica Hipwell; 3. Kylee Montenegro; 4. Josie Showalter; 5. TJ Gonzalez; 6. Riley Gonzalez
Level I — 1. Colt Hipwell; 2. Roan Folkman; 3. Carson Montenegro

Roping
Level III — 1. Gene Showalter; 2. Trinity Neeser
Level II — 1. Riley Gonzalez; 2. Karlee Leffler; 3. Josie Showalter; 4. TJ Gonzalez; 5. Kylee Montenegro; 6. Garrett Hubler
Level I — 1. Colt Hipwell; 2. Roan Folkman; 3. Carson

Montenegro
Boxing and Cow Work
Cow Work — 1. Gene Showalter; 2. Trinity Neeser
Boxing Level II — 1. Jessica Hipwell; 2. Garrett Hubler; 3. Josie Showalter; 4. Emeline Hipwell; 5. Riley Gonzalez; 6. Kylee Montenegro
Boxing Level I — 1. Colt Hipwell; 2. Ainsley Erwin; 3. Carson Montenegro; 4. Roan Folkman; 5. Baylee Harris

Ranch riding
1. Garrett Hubler; 2. Grace Clay; 3. Karlie Leffler; 4. Baylee Harris; 5. Michael Rose; 6. Kambrie McCoshum

Owyhee County Fair 4-H and FFA Results

Livestock
Outstanding exhibitor — Llee Loucks

Sportsmanship
Girl — Jessica Hipwell; **Boy** — Jordan Ineck

ICA Superior Beef Buckle — Gene Showalter

Judging champions
Grand champion — Jayden Skinner
Senior Division — Erika Frazier
Intermediate Division — Hadlee Brown
Junior Division — Harper Brown
Adult — Michelle Spencer

Herdsmanship
Large animal
Overall — Clover Crew
Cattle — Wednesday: Reynolds Creek; Thursday: Homedale FFA; Friday: Reynolds Creek
Sheep — Wednesday: Bruneau Canyon; Thursday: Owyhee Silver Spurs; Friday: Clover Crew
Swine — Wednesday: Owyhee Outlaws; Thursday: Country Kids; Friday: Wilson Butte
Goat — Wednesday: Clover Crew; Thursday: Country Kids; Friday: Wilson Butte

Small animal
Overall — Keepin’ It Country
Daily — Wednesday: Keepin’ It Country; Thursday: Country Kids; Friday: Clover Crew

Family Consumer Science Club awards
Outstanding scrapbook — Clover Crew
Outstanding secretary book — Wilson Butte
Outstanding treasurer book — Shoofly Livestock
Livestock barn decoration — Barnyard Brigade
Best fair theme decoration — 1. Country Kids; 2. Clover Crew; 3. Barnyard Brigade

Judging champions
Adult — Jessica Dubbels
Senior Division — Kate Hipwell
Intermediate — Hadlee Brown
Junior — Colt Hipwell
Cloverbud — Sydni Roland

Top Overall Exhibitor FCS — Bambi Ryska,



Gene Showalter (right) accepts the Taylor Sauer Memorial Scholarship from Taylor’s father Clay, and her sister Emerson during Friday’s Owyhee County 4-H awards ceremony.



Llee Loucks (center) was named the outstanding 4-H exhibitor at the Owyhee County Fair, receiving a buckle for the recognition named in memory of Taylor Sauer.

Owyhee Silver Spurs
Miscellaneous — Erika Frazier, Clover Crew

Judge’s Choice Awards of Excellence
Baking — Memphis Leedom, Owyhee Silver Spurs; Bambi Ryska, Owyhee Silver Spurs
Cake decorating — Shane Beaver, Country Kids
Self-determined — Erika Frazier
Quilts — Miray Izzard, Owyhee Silver Spurs; and Kinley Shanley, Owyhee Silver Spurs
Photography — Hayden Higgins, Wilson Butte
Leathercraft — Gene Showalter, Owyhee Silver Spurs; Bambi Ryska; and Tyson Campbell, Owyhee

Silver Spurs
Woodworking — Josephine Adamson, Barnyard Brigade

Style Revue
Clothing Construction Intermediate/Senior — Champion: Kallie Barber, Owyhee Silver Spurs
Junior — Champion: Makenzee McIntyre, Owyhee Silver Spurs; Reserve champion: Lcee Loucks, Owyhee Silver Spurs
Select and Show
Champion — Memphis Leedom

Sewing
Intermediate/Senior — Champion: Kinley Shanley; Reserve champion: Kallie Barber
Junior — Champion: Miray

Izzard; Reserve champion: Makenzee McIntyre

Foods and Cooking
Foods Exhibitor Intermediate/Senior — Champion: Karaline Stimmel, Country Kids; Reserve champion: Erika Frazier
Junior — Champion: Mya Duryee, Shoofly Livestock; Reserve champion: Joslyn Corder, Barnyard Brigade

Miscellaneous
Leathercraft Exhibitor Senior — Champion: Gene Showalter; Reserve champion: Tristan Izzard, Owyhee Silver Spurs
Intermediate — Champion: Kinley Shanley; Reserve champion: Wolfe Ryska, Owyhee Silver Spurs

Junior — Champion: Dallas DeVecchio, Clover Crew; Reserve champion: Justus White, Owyhee Silver Spurs

County presentations
Most presentations, club — Wilson Butte

Champion presenters
Senior — Champion: Llee Loucks; Reserve champion: Hayden Higgins
Intermediate — Champion: Bailey Moos; Reserve champion: Liam Aquiso
Junior — Champion: Jaci Gould; Reserve champion: Jess Riley

Outstanding record book
Jess Riley, Clover Crew; Buster Dufureнна, South Mtn. Livestock; Emeline Hipwell; Kinley Shanley; Llee Loucks, Owyhee Silver Spurs; Eric Hutchens, Clover Crew; Hannah Moos, Wilson Butte; Jordan Ineck, Clover Crew; Hadlee Brown, Country Kids; and Paisley Starbuck, South Mtn. Livestock

Scholarships
Taylor Sauer Memorial college — Gene Showalter
4-H college — Allison Hubler, Annie Miller, Audrie Miller, Bailey Purdom, Braelyn Scott, Hannah Moos, Johnathan Ineck, Kate Hipwell, Mellan Helm, and Mitchell Erwin
Know Your Government — Grace Clay and Emeline Hipwell

Club leader milestones
20-year — Deidre Erwin, Bruneau Canyon
15-year — Jody Moos, Wilson Butte; Kelly Ineck, Wilson Butte/Clover Crew
10-year — Nick Roland and Mandi Roland, Great Basin Buckaroos; Jake Astorquia and Megan Astorquia, Owyhee Silver Spurs; George Decker, Country Kids
Five-year — Lucas Cossel and Rachel Higgins, Wilson Butte; Neita Helm, Owyhee Outlaws
First year — Brenda Stimpson, Keepin’ It Country; Michelle Stimmel, Country Kids; Rakel Wells, Owyhee Sage Riders; Janelle Carerrow, Owyhee Rumble; Whitney Starbuck, South Mtn. Livestock; Rodney Fedie, Clover Crew; Megan Stappler, Owyhee Rumble; and Sarah Beaver, Country Kids

Livestock show results

The Owyhee Avalanche received complete Owyhee County Fair livestock show results late Monday and too late for publication this week. The full list will be published in the Aug. 23 edition.

Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Parade



This 1930 Ford Model A driven by Robert Paris was selected Best of Show when the Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Parade returned after a one-year absence Saturday.

Saturday’s winners

- Best of show** — Robert Paris, 1930 Ford Model A
- Commercial floats** — 1. Rod Fivecoat Auctions; 2. Rod Fivecoat Auctions
- Royalty with horse** — 1. Becky Green, 2022-23 Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Queen; 2. Allison Hubler, 2023-24 queen candidate; 3. Trinity Neeser, queen candidate
- Buggies and wagons** — 1. Ryan Ryska Family; 2. Francisco Garibay, RZR side-by-side
- Single youth horse** — 1. Stetson Milburn and pony
- Automobiles** — 1. Paris; 2. Jeff Stevenson, 1921 Ford Model T; 3. David VanWassenhove, 1967 Chevrolet C-10 pickup



Parade grand marshals prepare to lead the procession Saturday. **Top row, from left:** Fair board of directors chair Lath Callaway, assistant fair manager Megan Astorquia, director Jake Astorquia, groundskeeper Steve Sloyer, and rodeo board liaison Kent Curtis. **Bottom row, from left:** Fair director Tiffany Hipwell, sale committee representative Doug Rutan, fair manager/board secretary Ginger Loucks, and director April Binford. Photo from county fair Facebook page



Parade participants of all ages got in the on the act. **Left:** A young girl waves along the parade route a’horseback on her pony. **Right:** Homedale resident Hap Duryee got some sun and exercise with his colorful outfit while riding a vintage bicycle.

Owyhee County Rodeo



Katie McFarlane (above) and Halle Burch split top honors in breakaway roping. Each put together 2.4-second runs during Saturday's final night of the local rodeo in Homedale.



Wynn Watson takes the final ride in the mutton busting competition on Friday. His 89-point ride wasn't enough as Sawyer Meyers won the buckle with a 94-point ride Saturday.



Rigby cowboy Wylee Hurst holds on as Longmire blasts out of the bucking chute during the first bull riding run of Friday's PRCA rodeo. Only one man was able to ride to the horn all week as Josh Frost of Randlett won more than \$6,700 with his 73-point, opening-night ride Thursday.

PRCA results		
Bareback riding — 1. Colton Clemens, Blackfoot, 79.5 points on Macza Pro Rodeo's Sunday Stepper, \$1,898; 2. Trenten Montero, Jerome, 79, \$1,438; 3. Sage Allen, Blackfoot, 75, \$1,036; 4. Dylan Riggins, Cheney, Wash., 72, \$690; 5. Darien Johnson, Garland, Utah, 70, \$403; 6. Mason Yancy, Emmett, 66, \$288.		
Steer wrestling — 1. Denell Henderson, Damascus, Ark., 3.9 seconds, \$2,076; 2. Mike McGinn, Haines, Ore., 4.0, \$1,805; 3. Stan Branco, Chowchilla, Calif., 4.1, \$1,534; 4. Jake Faulkner, Gooding, 4.2, \$1,263; 5. (tie) Dakota Eldridge, Reedley, Calif., Kodie Jang, Morgan Mill, Texas, and Jace Melvin, Bluff Dale, Texas, 4.5, \$722 each; 8. (tie) Jesse Brown, Baker City, Ore., Cody Cabral, Hilo, Hawaii, and Traver Johnson, Eltopia, Wash., 4.6, \$60 each.		
Team roping — 1. Brodi Jones, Granstville, Utah, and Dylin Ahlstrom, Hooper, Utah, 4.2 seconds, \$2,417 each; 2. Kellan Johnson and Carson Johnson, both Casper, Wyo., 4.3, \$2,133; 3. Dustin Egusquiza and Levi Lord, both Mineral Wells, Texas, 4.5, \$1,848; 4. Howie Hutchings, Springville, Utah, Jake Freeland, Spanish Fork, Utah, 4.6,		
\$1,564; 5. Ty Arnold, Midway, Texas, Kaden Profili, Jacksonville, Texas, 5.0, \$1,422; 6. Jack Fischer, Ellensburg, Wash., and Taylor Duby, Homedale, 5.5, \$1,280; 7. (tie) Spencer Mitchell, Orange Grove, Calif., and Justin Davis, Cottonwood, Calif.; and Charlie White, Othello, Wash., and Ty Jacobs, Buckley, Wash., 5.6, \$1,066 each; 9. Rhett Anderson, Annabella, Utah, and Zackery Lewis, Kamas, Utah, 6.0, \$853; 10. Ben Jordan, Benjamin, Utah, and Scott Lauaki, Springville, Utah, 7.3, \$569.		
Saddle bronc riding — 1. Karson Mebane, Bakersfield, Calif., 86 points on Macza Pro Rodeo's Call Me Kindra, \$2,019; 2. Mitch Pollock, Twin Falls, 83.5, \$1,548; 3. Carson Bingham, Rigby, 79, \$1,144; 4. Darcy Radel, Snyder, Texas, 77, \$740; 5. Tucker Bourdet, Hollister, Calif., 76.5, \$471; 6. Kai Rockhill, Kamas, Utah, 75.5, \$337; 7. Sam Harper, Paradise Valley, Nev., 74.5, \$269; 8. Luke Logan, Kimberly, 73, \$202.		
Tie-down roping — 1. (tie) John Douch, Itasca, Texas, and Bo Pickett, Caldwell (Homedale grad), 9.1 seconds, \$2,083 each; 3. Tanner Green, Cotulla, Texas, 9.3, \$1,692; 4. (tie) Chris McCuiston Collinsville, Texas, and Brayden Roe, Wendell, 9.4, \$1,367		
each; 6. Beau Cooper, Stettler, Alberta, 9.5, \$1,172; 7. (tie) Justin Parke, Wilder, and Reese Riemer, Stinnett, Texas, 9.9, \$976 each; 9. Shane Hanchey, Carmine, Texas, 10.0, \$781; 10. Trenton Smith, Bigfoot, Texas, 10.3, \$521.		
Barrel racing — 1. Stevi Hillman, Weatherford, Texas, 17.32 seconds, \$2,000; 2. Kalli McCall, Lufkin, Texas, 17.45, \$1,714; 3. Kellie Collier, Hereford, Texas, 17.62, \$1,428; 4. Kappie Bryant, Hico, Texas, 17.64, \$1,238; 5. Darby Fox, King Hill, 17.67, \$952; 6. (tie) Carmen Bengoa, Melba, and Sarah Rau, Bellevue, 17.79, \$667 each; 8. (tie) Tarryn Lee, St. David, Ariz., and Mary Thomas, Hermiston, Ore., 17.82, \$333 each; 10. Coti Fuller, Touchet, Wash., 17.83, \$190.		
Bull riding — 1. Josh Frost, Randlett, Utah, 73 points on King Rodeo and Wentz Bucking Bulls' No. W807, \$6,722		
Total payoff — \$79,705. Stock contractor — King Rodeo and Wentz Bucking Bulls. Sub-contractor — Macza Pro Rodeo. Rodeo secretary — Crystal Longfellow. Officials — Bobby Davis, Chris Tester and Monty Van Komen. Timers — Kyla Pearson and Crystal Longfellow. Announcer — Kade Rogge. Specialty act and clown/		
barrelman — Matt Tarr. Bullfighters — Shane Jennings and Ruger Jennings. Flankman and chute boss — Gene King. Pickup men — Troy Heinert and Jerad McFarlane, Wilder. Music director — Megan Lehto. Photographer — Casey St Blanc.		
Local results		
Team roping — 1. Michelle Rutan and Lacey Mackenzie, 8.9 seconds; 2. Cody Baldwin and Rossin Baldwin, 9.2; 3. Pace Bruce and Stetson Mackenzie, 9.3; 4. Kasen Post and Jace Logan, 9.6; 5. MikiAnna Hummel and Drew Hummel, 13.3		
Breakaway roping — 1. (tie) Halle Burch and Katie McFarlane, 2.4 seconds; 3. Kenzie Smith, 3.0; 4. Quincy Duby, 3.8; 5. Sierra Telford 4.4; 6. Hannah Moos, 4.5		
Mutton busting — 1. Sawyer Meyers, 94 points; 2. Beckam Paramo, 93.5; 3. Hardy Wright, 93; 4. Chance Hopson, 92.5; 5. Hudson Watkins, 89		
Steer riding — 1. Ronnie Scott, 78 points; 2. Ronnie Scott, 76; 3. Trevor Pershall, 72; 4. Koen Clausen, 70; 5. Axel Vassar, 65		
Wild horse race — 1. Team Rick Lyons, 1 minute, 13 seconds; 2. Team Getcha Sum		

Avalanche Sports

RODEO'S RISING STARS



Homedale bull rider Trey McFarlane followed up his National High School Finals Rodeo third-place finish with a thrilling 78-point turn in front of the home crowd at Saturday's final night of the Owyhee County Rodeo.

Local NHSFR competitors tackle hometown rodeo

Trey McFarlane posts high-point bull ride

Some high school rodeo standouts stepped into the spotlight during the Owyhee County Rodeo last week.

Trey McFarlane, who will start his sophomore year at Homedale High School next week, posted a 78-point ride Saturday night during novice bull riding at the rodeo in Homedale.

His big score came about a month after he placed third in the National High School Finals Rodeo in Gillette, Wyo.

Trey was one of three siblings and six local teenagers total who competed in the 75th NHSFR between July 16 and July 22.

Trey finished third in the high school nationals after a fourth-place score of 81 in the short go. He also scored 72 points in his first ride and 68 points in the second long go.

Trey is the son of Jerad and Katie McFarlane, both of whom had a presence in the county rodeo last week.

Jerad was a pickup man for the rough stock events, and Katie competed in the breakaway roping Saturday night.

Trey and his twin brother Trell finished 17th in the NHSFR team roping after a top-10 finish in the second go-round.

The boys' sister, Sloan, who also competed in Saturday's county rodeo, finished third in the first go-round of the reined cow horse competition at the national high school competition. She was 25th overall in the NHSFR.

Trell finished 25th in the saddle bronc competition in Wyoming.

Sierra Telford finished 12th in the NHSFR reined cow horse competition. Her sister, Shawny, also competed in Wyoming.



Sloan McFarlane competed in breakaway roping at Saturday's performance.

Georgia King finished 21st in pole bending at the national rodeo.

Trey McFarlane

The lifelong Homedale resident is also a lifelong rodeo athlete.

"I have rode horses since I could walk and entered my first rodeo when I was 6," Trey said.

He and his brother, Trell, won the Idaho High School Rodeo Association District 2 team roping championship.

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Matlock makes plays in Chargers debut

Scott Matlock made his pro football debut Saturday in an NFL preseason game.

The Homedale High School grad notched two assists on tackles in the Los Angeles Chargers' 34-17 win over the Rams.

The 23-year-old defensive lineman Scott Matlock from Boise State University was including a signing bonus of the Chargers' sixth-round pick more than \$172,000.



The Chargers will play host to the New Orleans Saints in a Week 2 preseason game on Sunday. Kickoff is set for 5:05 p.m., MDT.

Matlock signed a four-year, \$4.012 million contract with the Chargers, including a signing bonus of more than \$172,000.

Girls' soccer to kick off HHS sports year

Football team presents jamboree Friday

The Homedale High School girls' soccer team will get an early jump on its second season.

Coach Shelby Nicoletti's squad opens the 2023 campaign on the road at 5 p.m., on Friday against non-conference foe Nampa.

The Trojans, who reached the 3A District III semifinals and posted a 5-3 record in a limited comeback season, open the home half of their campaign at 7 p.m., on Thursday, Aug. 31 against Emmett in a non-conference tilt on the Deward Bell Stadium artificial surface.

The football team's first

chance to compete on the turf comes Friday with a varsity and junior varsity jamboree. The action starts at 6 p.m. No passes will be accepted.

Homedale's other fall sports openers include:

- **Cross country** — 4 p.m., on Thursday, Aug. 24 at an invitational meet in Vale, Ore.

- **Volleyball** — 6:30 p.m., on Thursday, Aug. 24 at home against New Plymouth of the 2A Western Idaho Conference

- **Football** — 7 p.m., on Friday, Aug. 25 at Deward Bell Stadium against visiting non-conference foe Filer



Shelby Nicoletti

Adrian starts new school year with new track party

The new school year has yet to start, but Adrian High School and the community are looking to spring already.

The school district will hold an official opening ceremony for the new all-weather track and field complex at 6 p.m., on Thursday.

The ceremony will take place at the stadium.

District superintendent Nick Ketterling will accept a check from the Adrian Boosters. The proceeds will be used for the new track

and field and to purchase equipment.

"We will thank the community for their contributions and patience," Ketterling said.

Attendees will then be invited to walk or run a lap on the track to close the event.

- From 5 p.m., to 6 p.m., on Friday, the kindergarten through eighth grade open house takes place so parents and students can meet this year's teachers.

The first day of school in Adrian is Monday.

Sports



Trell and Trey McFarlane. Submitted photo



Sierra Telford. Submitted photo

✓ Rodeo: All but one national qualifier coming back for another season

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Trey won the all-round title at the state finals rodeo in Pocatello in June. He was runner-up in bull riding and finished third with his brother in team roping.

“I am very excited and happy for how the high school finals went because I got to go up against lots of very talented kids from all over the nation that I will be seeing and going against for many years to come,” he said.

Even at a young age, Trey understands the perils and unpredictable nature of rodeo.

“I am happy with my performance at the finals because there are so many things that could go wrong and bump you out completely,” Trey said. “So I am blessed that I drew good stock and used them the best I could.”

He also competes in American Cowboy Team Roping Association events and Idaho Cowboy Association rodeos.

“Like pretty much all the rodeos I ride with my family because we are all entered and my partner is my brother, so it works out pretty good and is always fun,” Trey said.

He said he plans to pro rodeo with his brother with an eye toward making it to the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo.

Trey has many sponsors to thank, including his parents who help with the horses, fees and fuel.

“They help me practice every day and give me the best possible opportunity to win everywhere I go,” he said.

“My brother and sister help push me to the limit as well. It helps that I have a twin brother that shares my interests, and we always are sharing ways to get better and feed off each other,” he said.

Cactus Ropes provides the ropes for both brothers.

Trell McFarlane

Trell is 15 years old and, like his twin brother, has competed

in rodeo since he was 6.

In addition to winning the District 2 team roping championship with his brother, Trell finished third in the bronc riding state finals.

“Nationals was a great experience, and I had a lot of fun,” Trell said. “I’m ready to go back for more.”

In addition to his parents, Gene and Amanda King — Georgia’s parents — “have been great for my bronc riding, letting me come get on whenever I can.” He thanked his brother “for always helping me, and we both push each other to always better ourselves.”

“My future plans for rodeo are to make the finals several times and push towards a world championship in the saddle bronc riding.”

Sloan McFarlane

The 16-year-old is a high school junior, studying at Richard McKenna Charter School as an online student.

She is a lifelong Homedale resident and the daughter of Jerad and Katie McFarlane.

Sloan entered her first rodeo at 4 years old, and during her high school career she has won District 2 all around and two reserve all around titles. She was named rookie of the year and was a reserve champion team roper.

She also won the reined cow horse state championship.

She was third in the first round of NHSFR with 292 points and finished 14th overall after entering the short go as the sixth seed.

“In my opinion, there is no other rodeo association for high school students to get the experience that you get at the high school finals,” she said.

Sloan also competes on the Idaho Cowboy Association rodeo circuit.

“I would like to thank Fast Back Ropes, my mom and dad, Caleb Jance, and Jake Telford,” she said.



Shawny Telford

The 18-year-old high school graduate plans to attend Montana State University.

The daughter of Jake and Jessie Telford has lived in Caldwell her entire life.

Her parents have been crucial in their pursuit.

“They both train horses, so I have been raised rodeoing my entire life,” she said.

That experience has paid off during her high school career.

“I have qualified for state every year in at least three of my six events,” she said.

During this year’s state finals, she won the reining cow horse championship and finished in the top 20 in barrel racing and pole bending.

This was her second trip to the NHSFR in reining cow horse.

“The finals were an amazing experience, and I couldn’t have asked for a better way to end my high school career,” she said. “I was able to meet tons of new friends and made some very fun memories.”

“I was very proud of both horses I was able to show and how well they performed.”

She is thankful for the support shown from friends and family.

“I also couldn’t have done it without Brandon Meyers allowing me to show his horse Hail Cat,” she said.

Future plans include competing in barrel racing, breakaway roping and team roping for the Montana State rodeo team.

“I couldn’t be more excited to start this next stage of my life,” she said.

In addition to competing in ICA events, Shawny sharpens



Georgia King. Submitted photo

her skills in the National Reining Cow Horse Association, ACTRA and pro rodeos in Canada.

Sierra Telford

The 17-year-old will start her senior year at Homedale High School later this month.

She’s a lifelong Caldwell resident, just like her sister.

“I’ve been rodeoing for as long as I can remember,” she said.

During the District 2 season, she finished in the top six in breakaway roping, goat tying, rein cow horse, cutting and barrel racing.

She was the reined cow horse reserve champion at the state rodeo and won the girls’ all around championship in Pocatello while finishing in the top 10 in barrel racing, breakaway roping, and cutting.

She was top 15 in reined cow horse at the national high school finals.

“The NHSFR was a great experience where I met new people and learned a lot and made lifelong memories,” she said. “I was very happy with how my horses worked while at the NHSFR, and super-grateful for all of the successes I had while being there.”

Sierra had plenty of company on her trip to Wyoming.

“To get to the NHSFR, my

dad took a truck and trailer with all of our horses while me, my sister Shanwy, and good friend Sloan followed my dad and her parents in another truck,” Sierra said.

Sierra’s other rodeo experience comes in the ICA and Canadian pro rodeos.

“I wouldn’t have been able to get to the NHSFR without both my parents and everything they do for me, so I’m super-thankful that they always support me and my rodeos dreams,” she said.

Those dreams include college rodeo and a Women’s Professional Rodeo Association permit when she turns 18.

Georgia King

The 17-year-old incoming Homedale High School senior is the daughter of Gene and Amanda King. She has lived in Wilder for four years and has rodeoed her entire life.

“My mom, Amanda, drives me everywhere, which I’m grateful for,” Georgia said.

She’s a two-time District 2 champion and a state champion. She has qualified twice for NHSFR in pole bending.

“I would say it’s a blast,” she said about her NHSFR experience.

She competes in the ICA and plans to rodeo in college.

Commentary

Mtn. States Policy Center Dam breaching would devastate state economies

by U.S. Sen Jim Risch and Jason Mercier

Hydropower is an important source of reliable and clean energy for everyone in the Northwest, especially Idahoans. However, with the recent debate surrounding the Snake River dams concentrated on the benefits for and support in Washington state, we want to emphasize just how significant an effect these dams have on Idaho and why we must continue to protect them.

As a U.S. senator and the leader of an independent free-market research organization, we are unified in our effort to protect the Snake River dams and maintain their economic and environmental benefits for our region. Beyond us, there is strong, widespread support for the dams, including from Idaho officials and trade groups.

The Idaho Farm Bureau Federation is on record, having written that the dams “produce a significant amount of affordable and environmentally friendly hydroelectric power to the region” while allowing farmers to “export their product to the world.” Additionally, the Idaho Legislature passed a resolution in 2021, stating it “supports the international competitiveness, multi-modal transportation, and economic development benefits provided by the Port of Lewiston and the Columbia-Snake River System.”

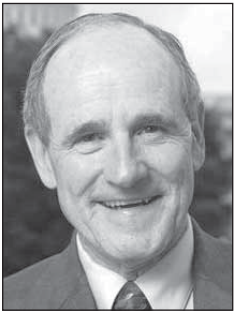
But Scott Corbitt, general manager of the Port of Lewiston, perhaps demonstrates the importance of the dams to Idahoans best. “The culture, business, and lifestyle of Lewiston revolve around the Clearwater and Snake rivers and the slack water, or pool created by the Lower Snake River Dams,” Corbitt testified. “That pool has developed opportunities for the Lewis-Clark Valley that now serve as the lifeblood and supports an economy for around 65,000 people.”

During a recent congressional field hearing, the environmental director for the Washington Policy Center, Todd Myers, summarized the severe damage that would result from eliminating the dams: “Spending \$35 billion — or more — to destroy the four Lower Snake River dams would be counterproductive, not just for the climate, energy reliability, and the economy, but for salmon by misallocating resources that could do so much good across the region.”

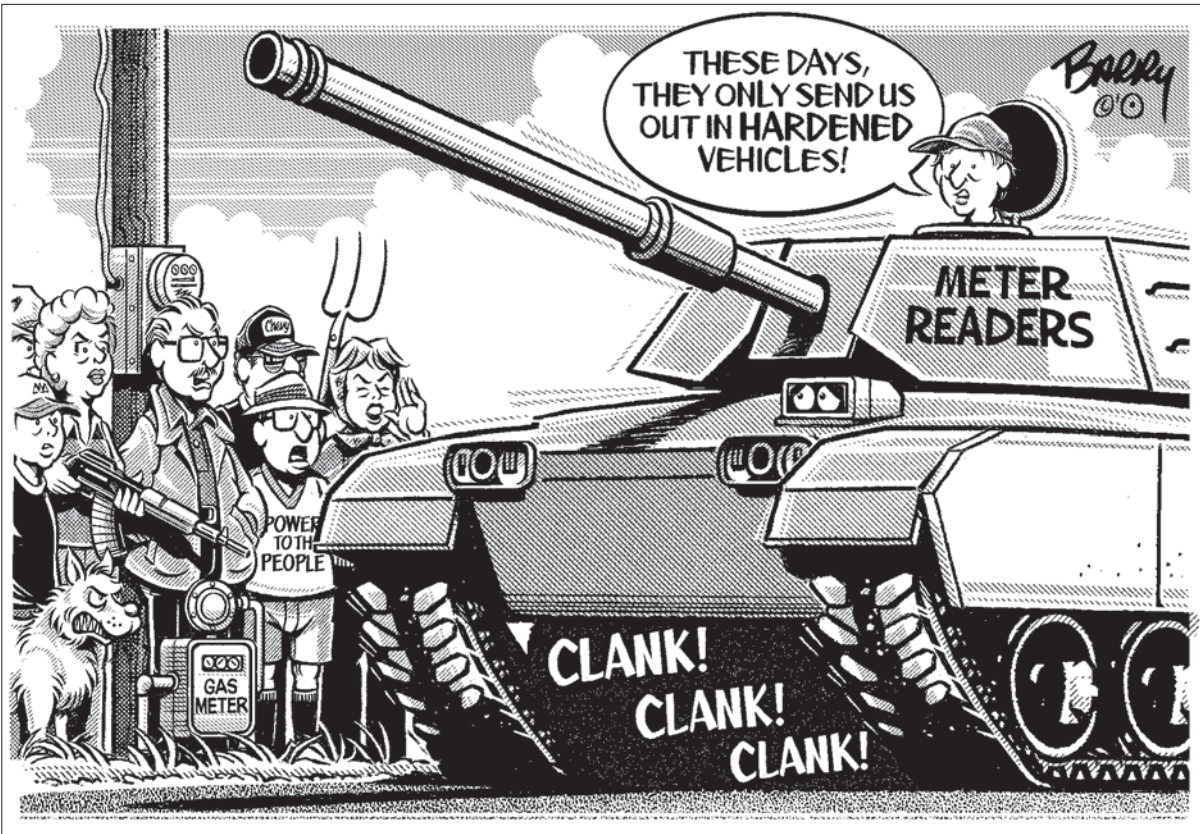
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JP Doodles



Montana-based syndicated editorial cartoonist Barry McWilliams passed away in August 2021. The McWilliams Estate has given The Owyhee Avalanche permission to publish his cartoon. McWilliams’ cartoons appeared in more than 1,500 newspapers, and he visited hundreds of elementary schools teaching children to draw.

From Washington Fitch downgrade foretells economic earthquake; federal leaders must act

Fitch Ratings’ recent downgrade of our country’s currency default rating should come as no surprise, especially when considering the rating’s key drivers. This includes the federal government’s last-minute and reckless mismanagement of enormous fiscal policy issues and the predicted rise of the deficit to an astounding 5.8 percent of the gross domestic product (GDP) in fiscal year 2023. Cumulative debt is projected to exceed the country’s GDP next year. Many of us have been warning about these economic tremors for years, and we must act now to prevent further fiscal disaster.

So, what can we do? More than a dozen years ago, members of Congress from both sides of the aisle signed our names to the report of the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform. Even then, we knew our national debt is one of the biggest threats our nation faces. We should do now what we should have done then, as stated in the preamble to the report, “Throughout our nation’s history, Americans have found the courage to do right by our children’s future. Deep down, every American knows we face a moment of truth once again. We cannot play games or put off hard choices any longer. Without regard to party, we have a patriotic duty to keep the promise of America to give our children and grandchildren a better life.”

We must:

- **End failed tax-and-spend policies and implement lasting spending disciplines:** Unrestrained federal spending led to soaring inflation that has contributed to Americans experiencing the difficulty of wages not keeping up with costs of rent, groceries and services. But, instead of truly addressing the problem, Democrats pushed a reckless tax-and-spend agenda rolling out costly subsidies — the price tag of which

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continues to skyrocket — and hundreds of billions in new tax increases on U.S. job creators. We must address our growing deficits in order to put the United States’ finances on a sustainable path.

- **Institute pro-growth policies that drive a healthy economy:** Republicans’ 2017 tax law, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) — which led to one

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Commentary

Financial management

Housing-to-income guideline prevents being “house poor”

Dear Dave,

Is there any flexibility in your rule about not spending more than 25 percent of your take-home pay on rent or monthly mortgage payments? I live downtown in Washington, D.C., and I’m finding it’s pretty hard to do here. I make about \$90,000 a year, but I’m spending a little over \$2,000 a month in rent. Rent is my largest expense by far, and I don’t spend a lot of other money, so I’m still able to save a little and do other things. Can you give me your opinion about this approach?

— **Tanner**

Dear Tanner,

True, I advise people to spend no more than 25 percent of their take-home pay on

housing. Math still works in every city and state in the country. You don’t get a pass on math just because you live in Washington, D.C., even though Congress and a lot of other people there think you do.

But there’s really nothing magical about 25 percent. The purpose behind it is, I don’t want you to be house poor. If you find yourself still able to save and invest because you keep other financial aspects of your lifestyle so low, then you’re OK. The problem with most people starts when they’ve got a high cost of housing, and those payments put a real squeeze on their budgets. It doesn’t leave them enough room to save up to buy the next car, so that



car becomes debt. The same thing happens with Christmas and vacations and everything else. They don’t have enough extra money to save for things because a huge chunk of their

income is flying out the door every month wrapped up in rent or a house payment.

Now, you’re telling me your situation works for you because you’ve made room in your budget and live a very frugal lifestyle by choice. That’s cool. I’m not mad at you about that. But here’s the thing: Whatever you spend on rent disappears. And the more money you burn, the less you’ve got on hand for other things.

I’m not exactly sure how you adjust that in your situation. Maybe you move outside the city and commute, or perhaps you add a roommate into the equation. Or, maybe you’re fine with how things are and that’s the way you want to live. That’s OK, too. But my reasoning

behind the 25 percent figure — which is actually more of a guideline than a rule — is so you don’t become house poor. I want you to be able to save, invest and give generously. Plus, I want you to own your own home one day.

And you won’t be able to do that if everything you make is going toward big payments!

— **Dave**

— *Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of “The Ramsey Show.” Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth, and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company Ramsey Solutions.*

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of the strongest economies in generations — is an important part of the solution. TCJA introduced competitive tax rates while broadening the base and putting an end to American companies relocating to countries with lower tax rates. It also led to record-high corporate tax receipts, low unemployment and higher wages.

To give American small businesses certainty and incentive to grow and compete in the domestic and international economies, we should preserve the pro-growth policies in the TCJA, and explore additional opportunities to promote growth, increase investment, and encourage research and development in the United States.

- **Decrease health care costs:** Some of the actions we can take to set our country on a better fiscal

path are identified right there in the Fitch Ratings. Fitch Ratings noted, “Over the next decade, higher interest rates and the rising debt stock will increase the interest service burden, while an aging population and rising healthcare costs will raise spending on the elderly absent fiscal policy reforms.”

Our health care programs have struggled to cost-effectively meet the needs of patients, job creators and frontline providers. Policies like government price controls enacted under the so-called “Inflation Reduction Act” risk exacerbating these and other challenges.

Opportunities for improvement abound for all of our health care programs. I have worked with colleagues to enact bipartisan health care solutions, ranging from mental health improvements to comprehensive telehealth coverage for seniors and working families,

while notably reducing the deficit by billions of dollars. We should build on this fiscally responsible foundation to advance further reforms that improve health care access, affordability and choice for all Americans. Long-term, sustainable telehealth access; Medicare coverage for innovative technologies; and provider payment stabilization reflect critical areas of common interest for members across the political spectrum. If Washington can find common ground, focusing on policies we all support, we can simultaneously improve our health care system for patients and produce a path toward fiscal stability.

We need dedication at all levels of the federal government to truly buckle down and get our fiscal house in order. Let’s not wait around for another economic tremor. Let’s take these actions now and prevent an economic earthquake.

Jason Mercier
Mountain States Policy Center

Jason Mercier joined the Mountain States Policy Center in late April as free market think tank’s vice president and director of research.

MSPC president and CEO Chris Cargill says Mercier is one of the nation’s top budget and tax analysts.

Mercier has two decades of experience with free market think tanks, working with the Washington Policy Center and the Freedom Foundation.

He is a Fellow with the national Better Cities Project and a member of the State Tax Advisory Board for the Tax Foundation.

Fifteen years ago, he worked with Washington state lawmaker’s to create the government’s budget transparency website.

About Mountain States Policy Center

Founded in 2022, Mountain States Policy Center is based in Boise and Coeur d’Alene, and is an independent think tank that believes in providing research and recommendations to lawmakers, the media and the public, based on facts — not emotion. Homedale resident Oscar Evans is on the board of directors.

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✓ Breaching: Dams create opportunities in river communities in Idaho and Washington state

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We could not agree more.

But don’t just take our word for it. Look at the result of the only comprehensive, scientific, and public process: the Columbia River System Operations Record of Decision. This multi-year process, which was undertaken by both a Democratic and Republican administration, made one thing abundantly clear: dam breaching on the lower Snake River is completely unnecessary and unwarranted.

Moreover, there is one salient point that is often overlooked in the debate about the Snake River dams: Congress authorized these dams, and only Congress has the power to remove them. Thankfully, many of the congressional members elected to the areas surrounding the Snake River dams are working to protect the economic and environmental benefits they provide.

The Northwest Energy Security Act, which I, Sen. Risch, introduced with Sens. Steve Daines

(R-Mont.) and Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), and U.S. Reps. Dan Newhouse (R-Wash.), Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-Wash.), and Russ Fulcher (R-Idaho), is a key part of this effort. While the lower Snake River dams are congressionally protected, our bill goes one step further by explicitly securing the energy, transportation, agriculture and irrigation benefits the dams provide.

Protecting the Snake River dams and other federal water infrastructure is pivotal to both Washington and Idaho. Together we’ll remain dam strong for the benefit of our region.

— *U.S. Sen. Jim Risch, R-Idaho, is serving his third term as Idaho’s 28th senator and previously served as Idaho’s 31st governor. Risch serves on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. Jason Mercier is vice president and director of research for the Mountain States Policy Center, an independent free-market research organization based in Idaho.*

Looking back...

from the files of *The Owyhee Avalanche* and *Owyhee Chronicle*

25 years ago

August 19, 1998

Historic Silver City church marks 100th birthday

A Holy Communion service was carried out recently to celebrate the 100th birthday of the first church built in Owyhee County. Silver City was the site to commemorate the 100th year of the former Saint James Episcopal Church built in 1898. One hundred people were in attendance.



The church was built in 1896-98 by Episcopalians and originally named St. James. In about 1950, it was sold to the Catholics who renamed it Our Lady of Tears.

Highlights of the historical struggle of the St. James Guild were included as part of the sermon, supplied by Julie Hyslop, an author and Owyhee County historian. These were excerpted from *The Owyhee Avalanche* and *The Nugget*, newspapers of that era. Some of these accounts brought tears and some laughter to the assembled worshippers.

One reading quoted the fact that “The Episcopalian Ladies of the Black Jack made a substantial donation.” Almost no one in the congregation realized there was a mine in the area by that name, so everybody wondered how these ladies came by their money.

First paper in county began this date in 1865

Owyhee County has had many newspapers since J.L. Hardin and John and Joe Wasson printed the first issue of the *Owyhee Avalanche*. That was on August 19, 1865. (Abe Lincoln was U.S. President at that time.)

That first Owyhee County newspaper was published in Ruby City.

The Wasson brothers bought out Hardin, and, almost a year to the day after its beginning, the plant moved to Owyhee County’s boom town of Silver City. On August 18, 1866, Volume 2, Number 1 of the *Avalanche* was published at the new location, with the Wassons as proprietors.

But the *Avalanche* was not the first newspaper in Silver City. Making its debut in June of 1866, a publication called the *Idaho Index* hit the streets. The *Index* was short-lived, however, and in December of 1866, it ceased publication.

The Wassons continued publishing the *Avalanche* until August of 1867, when they sold out to W.J. Hill and H.W. Millard. Then in November of ’68, the pair sold the *Avalanche* to John McGonigle. A few months later, McGonigle gave it back to Hill and Millard.

Another newspaper had begun publication in Silver City. Two brothers, T.S. and Thomas Butler established the *Tidal Wave*. The date the *Tidal Wave* began is uncertain, but in February of 1870, it too ceased publication and was incorporated into the *Avalanche*. Hill and Millard dissolved the partnership in the *Avalanche* July 16, 1870 and Hill became the sole owner and publisher of the *Avalanche*.

The name of the *Owyhee Avalanche* was changed to the *Idaho Avalanche* when, in 1874, Hill started the first daily newspaper in the Idaho territory. The daily continued for about 1½ years, and then Hill went back to a weekly newspaper, but continued the *Idaho Avalanche* name.

50 years ago

August 16, 1973



BUYING THE FIRST TICKET for a chance on a Treasure Chest filled with handmade articles is W. H. Bailey, center, manager of the Idaho Department Store in Homedale, where the chest is on display. Selling Bailey the ticket is Jane Burman, a member of the Sew What’s New 4-H Club which is sponsoring the chest and sale. Displaying some of the articles in the chest, including a terry towel apron which she made, is Shellye Hastriter, right, another member of the club. Bailey donates a trophy annually to the top beginning 4-H exhibitor in clothing at the Owyhee County Fair.

School election set, asks funds for career studies

Patrons of the Homedale School District will go to the polls Aug. 20 to vote on a three-mill levy, which the local Board is asking to finance the COSSA Career Programs, which previously have been funded by federal sources.

The District M & O levy was reduced from 30 to 27 mills by recent legislation. If the three mill levy is approved, the total mills will be the same as it has been for several years at 20 mills for M & O purposes.

The programs which will be financed are:

- A. Career development.
 - 1. Automotive mechanics
 - 2. Consumer electronics
 - 3. Health occupation orientation
 - 4. Industrial mechanics
 - 5. Secretarial & clerical procedures
- B. Ancillary services:
 - 1. Bilingual education
 - 2. School psychologist
 - 3. Special education
 - 4. Special needs
 - 5. Speech therapy

Mrs. Sayers named to head Heart Fund drive

Mrs. Russell Sayers will head the 1974 Heart Fund Campaign in Homedale it was announced today by Dr. Burton Stein, Lewiston, president of the Idaho Heart Association.

The campaign will be conducted here, and throughout the country, during February which has been declared American Heart Month by an Act of Congress.

Mrs. Sayers will be assisted by Mrs. Dale Jackson.

Succor Crik Sam Sez:

“I’m gonna make it to that Old Timer’s Beef Barbecue Satiddy. It may be my last chance fer a taste of beef.”

155 years ago

August 22, 1868

THE BOOMERANG.—We visited the Boomerang this week and found it fully up to our expectations. As far as can be judged from strike indications this ledge is certainly one of the most promising in camp. No systematic work has been done on the mine, although a number of holes have been sunk on the vein at various distances for several hundred feet. Quartz taken from all these places prospects well in both gold and silver and in some of it free gold in abundance can be seen with the naked eye. On the surface the ledge is considerably broken up, but a large solid vein of quartz would doubtless be found by sinking a reasonable depth. Any one who examines the bearings of this vein carefully, must arrive at the conclusion that is nothing more or less than a continuation of the Poorman.

TRASK & SON’S ARASTRAR.—This arastrar will be ready for operation next Monday or Tuesday. The first run will be on fifty or seventy-five tons of Rapidan ore which will probably pay \$60 or \$70 per ton in gold. The wheel, which is an overshot, is 32 feet, 4 inches in diameter and is the most substantial and best finished piece of mechanism of the kind we have seen in the territory. Their arastrars will be run, and there will be power sufficient to run twenty or thirty stamps if necessary. The ditch from which the supply of water is obtained is one-third of a mile in length, with a capacity of 300 inches. It is expected that not more than fifteen inches of water will be required to run the three arastrars. A roasting furnace is also being constructed close by.

BLOCKED UP.—One day this week a large number of freight and quartz teams came in contact on Jordan street. The oaths of the teamsters, reports of Pike county revolvers, neighing of horses, lowing of cattle, braying of jackasses and mules, barking of dogs and the noise of the crowd generally, produced a tremendous uproar. It was several hours before the street became sufficiently clear for teams to pass each other. Looks like biz.

NEW GRAIN.—This week Col. Jennings brought into town 5,000 lbs. of nice new barley from his ranch on Catherine Creek. The greater portion of the grain was fortunately harvested before the late grasshopper raid on that locality.

THE BIGGEST YET.—Some huge sized vegetables are raised on Catherine Creek this season. In Col. Jennings’ garden there are beets twenty-one inches in circumference and still growing finely. Beat that if you can.

BE CAREFUL.—We would advise those who carry derringers or other pistols in their pockets to have a care that no accidents occur. A few evenings since a pistol was shot off in a man’s pocket on the street, near where we were standing. Fortunately, no harm was done, but the fellow might have crippled or killed himself or some one else.

FOOT RACE.—A foot race will come off tomorrow, Sunday, at 2 o’clock P.M., between Frank Weed and Geo. Steiger, alias Kentuck, for \$500 a side. The distance to be run is 60 yards and will take place about a mile above Minear’s Mill. The race occasions quite an excitement among our sporting men and betting on the outside is lively.

Public notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - OWYHEE COUNTY

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO WILL MEET ON AUGUST 28, 2023 AT THE HOUR OF 10:00AM AT OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COURTROOM 2, MURPHY, ID, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING AND FIXING A FINAL BUDGET AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO EACH OFFICE, DEPARTMENT, SERVICE AGENCY OR INSTITUTION AND FUND FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR AT WHICH TIME ANY TAXPAYER MAY APPEAR AND BE HEARD UPON ANY PART OR PARTS OF SAID BUDGET; AND THAT THE FOLLOWING TABLE SETS FORTH THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED TO EACH DEPARTMENT FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR, THE CURRENT YEAR, TOGETHER WITH THE AMOUNTS EXPENDED FOR “SALARIES”, “BENEFITS”, AND “OTHER EXPENSES” DURING THE TWO PREVIOUS YEARS BY THE SAID DEPARTMENTS, TO WIT:

	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES				BUDGETED EXPENDITURES			
	FISCAL YEAR ENDING 9/30/2021				FISCAL YEAR ENDING 9/30/2022			
	SALARIES	BENEFITS	OTHER	TOTAL	SALARIES	BENEFITS	OTHER	TOTAL
CURRENT EXPENSE								
CLERK / AUDITOR	314,732.01	136,953.10	6,845.23	458,530.34	341,735.19	136,622.57	7,661.34	486,019.10
ASSESSOR	193,505.82	82,105.42	8,352.78	283,964.02	212,666.88	85,455.42	9,140.80	307,263.10
TREASURER/								
TAXCOLLECTOR	126,131.09	41,917.63	10,967.12	179,015.84	137,197.58	44,373.82	11,137.48	192,708.88
SHERIFF	806,908.26	299,773.29	348,496.20	1,455,177.75	852,012.34	306,827.24	369,463.44	1,528,303.02
COMMISSIONERS	89,319.36	43,323.50	60,656.14	193,299.00	135,915.71	61,252.31	77,812.39	274,980.41
CORONER	24,549.17	13,537.16	52,349.67	90,436.00	26,139.70	14,059.60	37,862.52	78,061.82
PROSECUTING ATTY	202,119.11	56,794.85	9,724.19	268,638.15	150,284.65	42,922.39	7,936.75	201,143.79
BLDG AND GROUNDS	35,962.82	15,171.57	134,405.75	185,540.14	44,718.24	17,690.67	138,195.35	200,604.26
CIVIL DEFENSE	0.00	0.00	3,702.71	3,702.71	0.00	0.00	46,009.93	46,009.93
COUNTY AGENT	78,273.26	27,502.61	29,996.85	135,772.72	82,154.35	24,187.98	33,177.59	139,519.92
ELECTIONS	17,818.00	0.00	9,308.59	27,126.59	12,641.90	0.00	23,940.24	36,582.14
BUILDING DEPT	39,824.20	16,596.21	2,343.88	58,764.29	57,250.33	21,931.15	6,193.84	85,375.32
P&Z	85,013.10	34,092.51	8,096.00	127,201.61	91,895.71	35,436.99	9,546.66	136,879.36
GENERAL	0.00	0.00	638,486.46	638,486.46	0.00	0.00	137,265.05	137,265.05
TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	0.00	0.00	196,139.80	196,139.80	0.00	0.00	195,421.13	195,421.13
JAIL	466,049.34	157,738.15	237,655.81	861,443.30	480,959.16	153,515.57	270,038.93	904,513.66
DISPATCH CENTER	233,861.04	88,346.70	2,848.89	325,056.63	281,519.87	96,760.45	2,718.66	380,998.98
CURRENT EXPENSE	2,714,066.58	1,013,852.70	1,760,376.07	5,488,295.35	2,907,091.61	1,041,036.16	1,383,522.10	5,331,649.87
ROAD AND BRIDGE	380,077.87	156,595.60	828,211.82	1,364,885.29	345,155.94	162,464.90	1,752,519.77	2,260,140.61
AIRPORT	0.00	0.00	653.67	653.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
DISTRICT COURT	0.00	0.00	44,520.18	44,520.18	0.00	0.00	53,414.65	53,414.65
FAIR, COUNTY	24,598.13	0.00	34,894.07	59,492.20	26,337.28	0.00	34,036.02	60,373.30
FAIR, GROUNDS								
AND BUILDINGS	0.00	0.00	51,365.77	51,365.77	0.00	0.00	23,682.67	23,682.67
PROBATION	79,185.84	34,145.63	25,791.75	139,123.22	89,734.62	36,849.74	19,036.25	145,620.61
HEALTH DISTRICT	0.00	0.00	54,087.00	54,087.00	0.00	0.00	72,061.00	72,061.00
HISTORICAL SOCIETY								
& MUSEUM	34,962.98	15,763.20	18,040.77	68,766.95	46,663.62	18,044.78	19,623.17	84,331.57
INDIGENT								
AND CHARITY	42,605.82	17,120.35	369,659.05	429,385.22	58,132.02	18,639.10	412,074.73	488,845.85
JC TUITION	0.00	0.00	19,450.00	19,450.00	0.00	0.00	17,950.00	17,950.00
PEST	0.00	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
REVALUATION	146,906.11	59,056.81	19,659.69	225,622.61	145,297.67	52,116.25	25,917.09	223,331.01
SOLID WASTE	45,726.75	7,858.26	252,892.18	306,477.19	54,629.11	9,162.83	232,962.42	296,754.36
TORT	0.00	0.00	143,646.80	143,646.80	0.00	0.00	138,887.00	138,887.00
VETERANS MEMORIAL	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
WEEDS	0.00	0.00	46,090.37	46,090.37	0.00	0.00	92,071.90	92,071.90
911	0.00	0.00	425,446.87	425,446.87	0.00	0.00	289,027.43	289,027.43
WATERWAYS FUND	26,621.06	2,842.00	4,711.89	34,174.95	21,016.87	2,509.46	4,125.12	27,651.45
OFF HWY VEHICLES	19,897.96	1,710.05	7,187.65	28,795.66	13,907.24	1,747.06	10,270.73	25,925.03
TAXING DISTRICT								
ELECTION FUND	8,384.99	0.00	66,220.94	74,605.93	4,270.82	0.00	72,128.62	76,399.44
SNOWMOBILE FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SEARCH & RESCUE								
- SHERIFF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECT								
FUND/ARPA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,107,324.26	1,107,324.26
COURT FACILITIES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CHILD SAFETY FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
INTERLOCK DEVICE								
FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
JUVENILE								
JUSTICE ASSISTANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SCAPP PROGRAM								
/ALIENS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SHERIFF -DRUG								
ENFORCEMENT FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EMERGENCY								
MEDICAL SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SELF INSURANCE FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
HAZARDOUS WASTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grand Totals:	3,523,034.09	1,308,944.60	4,177,606.54	9,009,585.23	3,712,236.80	1,342,570.28	5,765,334.93	10,820,142.01

ESTIMATED REVENUE

THE ESTIMATED REVENUE FOR 10/01/2023 TO 09/30/2024 IS AS FOLLOWS:

FUND	BUDGETED EXPENSES	CASH CARRYOVER	OTHER REVENUE	PROPOSED TAXES	TOTAL REVENUE
0001 CURRENT EXPENSE	7,879,745.00	704,379.00	4,771,968.00	2,403,398.00	7,879,745.00
0002 ROAD AND BRIDGE	2,614,173.00	712,214.00	1,639,100.00	262,859.00	2,614,173.00
0003 AIRPORT	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00	0.00	7,000.00
0006 DISTRICT COURT	208,350.00	107,720.00	100,630.00	0.00	208,350.00
0007 FAIR, COUNTY	98,991.00	14,812.00	10,525.00	73,654.00	98,991.00
0009 FAIR, GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS	114,500.00	102,038.00	12,462.00	0.00	114,500.00
0010 PROBATION	253,321.00	(21,538.00)	143,500.00	131,359.00	253,321.00
0011 HEALTH DISTRICT	116,573.00	(9,935.00)	10,734.00	115,774.00	116,573.00
0012 HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM	130,047.00	(13,665.00)	10,812.00	132,900.00	130,047.00
0016 INDIGENT AND CHARITY	370,300.00	44,400.00	325,900.00	0.00	370,300.00
0017 JUNIOR COLLEGE TUITION	60,000.00	60,000.00	0.00	0.00	60,000.00
0019 PEST	5,000.00	2,140.00	0.00	2,860.00	5,000.00
0020 REVALUATION	395,337.00	53,308.00	90,370.00	251,659.00	395,337.00
0023 SOLID WASTE	418,251.00	64,576.00	353,675.00	0.00	418,251.00
0024 TORT	226,000.00	72,543.00	22,444.00	131,013.00	226,000.00
0025 VETERANS MEMORIAL	1,200.00	700.00	500.00	0.00	1,200.00
0027 WEEDS	146,000.00	(40,946.00)	26,000.00	160,946.00	146,000.00
0028 911	183,500.00	(14,500.00)	198,000.00	0.00	183,500.00
0031 WATERWAYS FUND	121,000.00	62,000.00	59,000.00	0.00	121,000.00
0032 OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLES	74,837.00	63,837.00	11,000.00	0.00	74,837.00
0033 TAXING DISTRICT ELECTION FUND	113,450.00	45,450.00	68,000.00	0.00	113,450.00
0034 SNOWMOBILE FUND	40,000.00	36,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	40,000.00
0036 SEARCH & RESCUE - SHERIFF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0041 CAPITAL PROJECT FUND/ARPA	4,255,000.00	(77,000.00)	4,332,000.00	0.00	4,255,000.00
0050 COURT FACILITIES	16,000.00	13,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	16,000.00
0060 CHILD SAFETY FUND	13,000.00	12,700.00	300.00	0.00	13,000.00
0061 INTERLOCK DEVICE FUND	3,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
0062 JUVENILE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
0063 SCAPP PROGRAM/ALIENS	15,000.00	13,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	15,000.00
0064 SHERIFF -DRUG ENFORCEMENT FUND	5,000.00	4,500.00	500.00	0.00	5,000.00
0066 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES	4,000.00	1,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	4,000.00
0080 SELF INSURANCE FUND	100,000.00	0.00	100,000.00	0.00	100,000.00
0090 HAZARDOUS WASTE	380,000.00	340,000.00	40,000.00	0.00	380,000.00
	18,378,575.00	2,372,233.00	12,339,920.00	3,666,422.00	18,378,575.00

08/16,23/2023

FARM GROUND LEASE BID NOTICE HOMEDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT #370

PUBLIC FARM GROUND LEASE BID NOTICE: On the 5th day of September, 2023 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the District Office of the Homedale School District #370 located at 116 East Owyhee Ave., Homedale, Idaho 83628, the sealed bids received for consideration of entering into a Farm Lease Agreement of the

below described real property for a term to commence November 1, 2023 and terminate at the end of the crop year 2026 or end of the crop year 2028 (3-5 year lease option) will be opened. The Homedale Jt. School District #370 reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.

SEALED BIDS TO BE DELIVERED: Sealed bids must be received by the Clerk of the Board of Homedale School District #370 at 116 East Owyhee Ave., Homedale, Idaho 83628 by 10:00

a.m. the 5th day of September, 2023; sealed bids will be opened and publicly read aloud.

BIDS SUBMITTED SHALL:

- On the outside reference Bid on Farm Ground
- Identify the bidder, the amount of the bid in cash/check, and a declaration that the bidder will be prepared to pay full bid amount on or before the 1st day of January, 2024 and that the draft form of the Lease Agreement is acceptable.
- Dated and signed by the Bidder or the bidder’s duly

authorized agent.

REAL PROPERTY TO BE LEASED: The Real Property is located adjacent to Johnstone Road, Homedale, Idaho, and is more particularly and legally described as follows:

75 acres within the S½ of NE¼, Section 8, 3N R5W and within the NW¼ of SE¼, Section 8, 3N R5W, and within the NW¼ of NE¼, Section 8, 3N R5W

EXCEPTING THEREFROM any public road right-of-way and any portion of the Homedale

Middle School grounds.

FARMLEASE AGREEMENT IS AVAILABLE TO VIEW AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE OF HOMEDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT #370 AT 116 EAST OWYHEE AVE., HOMEDALE, IDAHO 83628 ON MONDAYS-THURSDAYS, 8:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

Dated this 1st day of August, 2023

By: Faith K. Olsen, Board Clerk

08/09,16/2023

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Board of Commissioners for the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery Maintenance District has tentatively adopted a budget for the 2024 fiscal year, as set forth below. A public hearing will be held for the enactment of said budget at the office of The Marsing-Homedale Cemetery, located at 4410 Cemetery Rd in Marsing, Idaho, at 6:00pm on Wednesday August 16th 2023. The budget is available for public inspection by appointment between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm, Monday through Friday, at the cemetery office.

Proposed Budget, dated August 16th 2023
Budget Term: October 1st, 2023 through September 30th, 2024

Available Funds

Balance Forward \$7,000.00
State Investment \$55,000.00

Anticipated Revenue

County Tax Levy \$102,323.00
Farm Rental \$ 7,500.00
State Investment \$ 500.00
Opening & Closing \$12,000.00
Plot Sales \$12,000.00

Total Funding \$196,323.00

Anticipated Expenses

Payroll \$89,821.00
Utilities \$14,800.00
Insurance \$25,002.00
Maintenance \$16,800.00
Capital Improvements \$23,000.00
Legal & Accounting \$ 6,600.00
Contingency \$20,300.00

Total Disbursement \$196,323.00

Total Budget \$196,323.00

J.Aldrich, Sexton, Sec/Tres/Clerk - PH# (208)896-4226
08/09,16/2023

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

**Production Well Project
City of Grand View, Idaho**

Reference QuestCDN
Project # 8596942
Download fee: \$25.00
(non-refundable, non-
transferrable)

General Notice

The City of Grand View, Idaho is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

**Production Well Project
GV23-0300.02**

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at **Grand View City Hall located at 425 Boise Ave., P.O. Box 69, Grand View, ID 83624** until **August 31, 2023** at **10:00 A.M.** local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The Project includes the following Work:

Work includes providing labor, equipment, and materials for decommissioning and constructing a replacement well for Well No. 1 on the existing water facility site, and related improvements. Construction funding includes Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and DEQ American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Davis-Bacon Wages are required for this project. Contractor shall comply with Equal Employment Opportunity requirements.

Bids are requested for the following Contract: **Production Well Project/Contract Number GV23-0300.02**

Owner anticipates that the Project's total bid price will be approximately **\$300,000**. The Project has an expected duration of **120** days.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents

Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated website:

www.questcdn.com

Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the designated website. Prospective Bidders are urged to register with the designated website as a plan holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the designated website in either electronic or paper format. The designated website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website. The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:

HECO Engineers, 32 N Main Street, Payette, ID 83661
www.hecoengineers.com/
bidding

Prospective Bidders may obtain or examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

Printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office by paying a deposit of \$150.00 for each set; non-refundable; non-transferrable. Payable by cash or check only. Make deposit checks for Bidding Documents payable to HECO Engineers. Cost does not include shipping charges. Upon Issuing Office's receipt of payment,

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Homedale Highway District Board of Commissioners will meet August 30, at 5 p.m., at 102 East Colorado Avenue, Homedale, Idaho to consider and adopt a final budget for 2023– 2024 Fiscal Year. A Public Hearing will be held for the enactment of said budget at that same time and place. The proposed budget is available for the public to inspect at the Office of the District, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Kimberly Hotchkiss-Secretary/Treasurer

**HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT – PROPOSED BUDGET
OCTOBER 1, 2023, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

Publish Aug. 16 and 23 in Owyhee Avalanche Post: Aug. 14, 2023

<i>BUDGETED ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS</i>	<i>Proposed Budget Oct.1, 2023 to Sept. 30, 2024</i>
Balance Carryover FY 2022 - 2023	700,000.00
Agricultural Replacement / Personal Property Replacement	3,797.00
Highway User Funds and HB772 and IC-63-3638	1,000,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue and Permit Fees	4,500.00
Sales Tax/Surplus	12,000.00
Penalties and Interest	500.00
Property Tax	111,745.00
Transfers and Adjustments	-20,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE	1,812,542.00

<i>BUDGETED PROPOSED EXPENDITURES</i>	
Advertising Expense	1,000.00
Commissioner's Salary	16,680.00
Contingency Fund	30,000.00
Dues and Subscriptions (IAHD)	4,000.00
Engineering Fees	15,000.00
Equipment Lease/Purchase	150,000.00
Equipment Rental	2,000.00
Gas, Oil and Tires	35,000.00
Insurance [General]	7,000.00
General Supplies and Miscellaneous Expenses	16,000.00
Materials/Construction Expense	1,006,362.00
Mileage	500.00
Office Supplies	2,000.00
Payroll Benefits and Taxes	38,500.00
Health/Dental Insurance	29,000.00
Phone Expense	3,500.00
Professional Fees: Audit	5,000.00
Professional Fees: Legal	3,000.00
Repairs & Maintenance and Tools	40,000.00
Salaries and Wages	200,000.00
Signs	3,000.00
Utilities	4,500.00
Weed Control	32,000.00
Workmen's Compensation	8,000.00
Training and Education	500.00
Ending Fund Balance	160,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,812,542.00
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printed Bidding Documents will be sent via the prospective Bidder's delivery service. The shipping charge amount will depend on the shipping method chosen.

Bidding Documents may be purchased from the Issuing Office during the hours indicated above.

Pre-bid Conference

A pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on **August 16, 2023** at **10:00 A.M.** local time at **City Hall, 425 Boise Ave., Grand View, ID 83624**. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but not required.

Instructions to Bidders

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

This Advertisement is issued by:

Owner: **City of Grand View**
By: **Kathy Brown**
Title: **City Clerk**
Date: **August 3, 2023**
08/09,16/2023

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Marsing Ambulance District will meet on the 28th day of August, 2023, at 10:45 a.m., at the Owyhee County Courthouse, Courtroom 2, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho, for the purpose of considering and fixing a final budget and making appropriations for the 2024 Fiscal year, at which time any taxpayer may appear and be heard upon any part or parts of said budget. And that the following table sets forth the amount appropriated for the 2024 Fiscal Year.

**MARSING AMBULANCE DISTRICT
FY 2024 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS**

REVENUE:	
2023 PROPERTY TAX LEVY	\$ 150,540
PRIOR YEAR COLLECTIONS	6,000
SOLAR REVENUE	<u>5,000</u>
TOTAL:	
	161,540
EXPENSE:	
CONTRACT FOR EXPENSES	\$ 161,540

2022 Expenditures: \$ 137,440
2021 Expenditures: \$ 125,586

Dated this 10th day of August, 2023.

Marsing Ambulance District Board of Commissioners
Angela Barkell, Secretary
08/16,23/2023

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**NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING
HOMEDALE LIBRARY DISTRICT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a budget hearing will be held on the 21st day of August 2023 at 10:00 am at 121 W Owyhee Avenue, Homedale, ID 83628.

The budget is for October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024.

ANTICIPATED REVENUE:	
Donations/Grants:	\$65,000
Community Center:	\$5000
Property Tax Revenue:	\$309,900
Carryover:	\$5,000
Other Income:	\$13,400
	\$398,300

ANTICIPATED EXPENSES:	
Administration:	\$10,500
Library Supplies/Materials:	\$18,000
Payroll:	\$142,500
Facility Operations:	\$131,900
Programs:	\$5000
Grants Spent:	\$60,000
Other Expenses:	\$5400
Capital Improvements/Contingency Fund:	\$25,000
	\$398,300

Residents of the library district are invited to attend the budget hearing concerning the entire budget. A copy of the proposed budget in detail is available at the Homedale District Library during regular operating hours.

At the hearing, the Homedale District Library Board will explain the budget and hear any comments/questions from residents of the library district.

Sharla Jensen
Library Director
08/09,16/2023

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting of qualified voters of the Lizard Butte Library District will be held on the 22nd of August, 2023 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Lizard Butte Library in the said library district, Marsing, Idaho, at which time there will be a public hearing on the maintenance and operation budget for the forthcoming year. This special budget hearing is called pursuant to section 33-2725 of the Idaho Code as amended.

General Fund		
Lizard Butte Library District		
October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024		
Revenue	2022-2023	2023-2024
Property Tax	\$ 96,898.00	\$ 111,898.00
State Replacement Funds	\$ 3,419.00	\$ 3,419.00
Sales Tax & other	\$ 11,185.00	\$ 11,760.00
Grants & Matching	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Carry Over	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Forgone	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 126,502.00	\$ 142,077.00

Expenditures		
Plant Operations	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 28,000.00
Library Supplies	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Book Purchase	\$ 20,145.00	\$ 28,451.00
Insurance	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,900.00
Election/Legal	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Youth service/Adult Programs	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00
Salaries	\$ 47,957.00	\$ 50,726.00
FICA	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 6,900.00
Literacy	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Contingency	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Total	\$ 126,502.00	\$ 142,077.00

Bond Repayment		
October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024		
Revenue	2022-2023	2023-2024
Property Tax	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00

Expenditures		
Bond Repayment:		
Principal	\$47,109.71	\$49,052.99
Interest	\$10,550.29	\$8,607.01
Audit	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Contingency	\$ 2,340.00	\$ 2,340.00
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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

In compliance with Section 63-802, Idaho Code, Grand View Rural Fire Protection will meet on August 22, 2023 at 7:00pm at 345 Main St, Grand View Idaho, to adopt our FY 2024 budget.

Grand View Rural Fire Protection District			
Grand View, ID			
Budget 2024			
Revenues		Expenses	
Property Tax	249,002	Maintenance & Repairs	58,000
Property Tax Replacement	47,762	Supplies	28,500
Cash Carry-Over	30,000	Rent	30,000
Other Income	6000	Utilities	25,500
		Fuel	5,400
		Payroll Expenses	32,000
		Legal/Professional	10,000
		Communications	12,500
		Insurance	4,000
		Taxes	2,150
		Capital Expenditure Fund	85,000
		Tools & Equipment	9,500
		Training	15,500
		Miscellaneous Expenses	14,714
Total-	332,764	Total-	332,764

08/09,16/2023

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That a public meeting will be held on the 23rd day of August, 2023, at 4:45 PM at the Bruneau Valley Library in said Library District in Bruneau, Idaho, located at 32073 Ruth Street, in Bruneau, ID, at which meeting there will be a public hearing on the maintenance and operation budget for the forthcoming year. The budget hearing is called pursuant to Section 33-2713A Idaho Code as amended, A regular meeting of the Board will follow.

Budget		
Bruneau Valley District Library		
Oct. 1, 2023 - Sept. 30, 2024		
	2022	2023-2024
Balance to be levied on	\$18,000	\$17,765
Sales Tax Revenue	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
AEPTR	\$ 936	\$ 936
Unencumbered Funds	\$ 3,700	\$ 6,000
E-Rate Reimbursement	\$ 0	\$ 0
Personal Property Repl. Tax	\$ 116	\$ 132
Grants	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Budget	\$26,252	\$28,333
Payroll-Expenses	\$10,500	\$13,533
Utilities	\$ 1,800	\$ 2,500
Insurance	\$ 1,900	\$ 2,200
Continue Ed/mileage	\$ 200	\$ 200
Legal Ads	\$ 200	\$ 200
Expendables/Supplies	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Books/E-Books	\$ 1,652	\$ 1,700
Dues/Subscriptions	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Internet Fees/Phones	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Child. Read/Sp. Prog.	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Emerg. Repairs/Cap.Projects	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,000

Total Expenditures_____ \$26,252 **Total Expenditures__** \$28,333

Dated this 26th day of July 2023

By Order of the Board of Trustees
Bruneau Valley District Library
Lyndie Easterday, Clerk/ Kathy L. Mori, Chair

08/09,16/2023

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Bruneau Cemetery District will hold its annual budget meeting at 30073 Hot Springs Rd. in Bruneau, ID at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, August 28, 2023. A copy of the proposed budget will be posted at the Bruneau post office.

PROPOSED BUDGET FY 2022-2023
BRUNEAU CEMETERY INCOME:

REMITTANCE FUNDS	\$15,675.00
BURIALS	\$ 2,125.00
PLOT FEES	\$ 2,450.00
DONATIONS	\$ 300.00
	\$20,550.00

BRUNEAU CEMETERY EXPENSES:

MAINT. & REPAIRS	\$ 4,250.00
POWER	\$ 2,750.00
MOWER	\$ 6,900.00
IRRIGATOR	\$ 3,800.00
TAXES	\$ 550.00
BURIALS	\$ 1,900.00
INSURANCE FUND	\$ 400.00
	\$20,550.00

EMERGENCY FUNDS \$66,548.00
08/16/2023

PROPOSED BUDGET FY 2023-2024
BRUNEAU CEMETERY INCOME:

REMITTANCE FUNDS	\$15,975.00
BURIALS	\$ 2,325.00
PLOT FEES	\$ 2,650.00
DONATIONS	\$ 300.00
	\$21,250.00

BRUNEAU CEMETERY EXPENSES:

MAINT. & REPAIRS	\$ 4,500.00
POWER	\$ 2,800.00
MOWER	\$ 7,000.00
IRRIGATOR	\$ 3,900.00
TAXES	\$ 550.00
BURIALS	\$ 2,100.00
INSURANCE FUND	\$ 400.00
	\$21,250.00

EMERGENCY FUNDS \$74,975.00

Public notices

BRUNEAU FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 BUDGET

The public hearing for the proposed budget for the 2023\2024 fiscal year will be held on Tuesday, August 22th, at 7pm at the Bruneau QRU Building at 32531 Belle Ave., Bruneau, ID. For any questions, contact (208) 590-4149.

Expenditures	2023/2024
Utilities	1,900
Training	1,500
Building/Property	1,200
Equipment/Maintenance	3,000
PPE	6,500
New Equipment	2,250
Maint/Consumables	3,000
Insurance	3,500
Administrative	2,800
QRU Rent	10,000
Miscellaneous	8,000
Total Expenditures	43,650
Reciepts:	
General Carry-over funds	11,881
Tax Levy	28,406
Sales Tax	3,003
Ag Replacement and Personal Property	360
Total Revenue	43,650

08/09,16/2023

NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY ELECTION CASTLEFORD JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 417,

**TWIN FALLS AND
OWYHEE COUNTIES,
STATE OF IDAHO**
PUBLIC NOTICE IS
HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant
to the laws of the State of Idaho
and the Resolution of the Board
of Trustees of Joint School
District No. 417, Twin Falls
and Owyhee Counties, State
of Idaho, on June 21, 2023,
adopted a resolution stating a
Supplemental Levy Election
will be the held on August 29,
2023, between the hours of
8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the
Castleford Community Center
for the purpose of voting upon
the following question and
proposition of authorizing a
supplemental levy:

Shall the Board of Trustees
of Joint School District No.

417 Twin Falls and Owyhee
Counties, Idaho, be authorized
and empowered to levy a
supplemental levy, as permitted
by law under Section 33-802(3),
Idaho Code, in the amount of
\$350,000.00, three hundred
fifty thousand dollars, per year
for a period of two (2) years,
for a total of Seven Hundred
Thousand and 00/100 Dollars
(\$700,000.00), for the purpose
of paying the above-identified
lawful expenses of maintaining
and operating the schools of the
District for the fiscal years beginning
July 1, 2024 and ending June 30,
2026?

The estimated average annual
cost to the taxpayer on the proposed
levy Is a tax of \$152.14 per
\$100,000.00 of taxable assessed
value, per year, based on current
conditions.

Said election will be conducted
pursuant to Title 33 and Title 34,
Idaho Code
08/16,23/2023



From left: Owyhee Gardeners Tom Robison and Loni Driscoll, Homedale High School graduates and scholarship recipients Yocelyn Albor Cortez and Anna Pawlak Ambrocio, garden club members Pat Benedict and Ellen Dines, HHS counselor Kristie Dorsey, and garden club scholarship chair Carolyn Ingersoll. Submitted photo

Homedale graduates receive Owyhee Gardeners scholarships

Homedale High School graduates Yocelyn Albor Cortez and Anna Pawlak Ambrocio received \$700 scholarships from the Owyhee Gardeners.

The garden club raises scholarship funds with its annual plant sale, and the awards aim to help students further their

higher education, especially in the fields of agriculture or horticulture or related subjects.

Class of 2024 seniors in Homedale and Marsing can contact their high school counselors for information on the application process.

The Owyhee Gardeners meet at 1 p.m., on the second Thurs-

day of each month inside the Sandbar Community Room at Marsing City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave. Visitors and new members are always welcome to attend and join.

All gardening skill levels are welcome.

Email info@owyheegardeners.org for more information.

Owyhee County students earn irrigation group scholarships

Two Owyhee County residents are among 20 students statewide who received Idaho Irrigation Equipment Association scholarships.

Hannah Field of Grand View and Marsing's Regan Stansell each received \$700 scholarships as the IIEA gave \$12,100 in scholarships. The organization has awarded 862 scholarships totaling \$524,100 since 1980.

Hannah, the daughter of Will and Heather Field, plans to pursue her degree in Animal Science at Utah State University. She currently works at the Logan, Utah, institution as an intern doing research.

She envisions pursuing a master's after her undergraduate studies and working with animal nutrition.

Agri-Lines Irrigation Inc., sponsored Hannah.



Regan Stansell

Regan, daughter of Wendy Swenson and Eric Stansell, is pursuing degrees in Biotechnology and Plant Genomics at the University of Idaho.

Regan is a sophomore at UI with a career goal of becoming a plant geneticist. Aqua Irrigation sponsored her.

The scholarship recipients were selected because of academic accomplishments, leadership, activities, and career goals.

The IIEA scholarships are only possible because of the generosity of IIEA members along with the profits made from the Idaho Irrigation Equipment Convention and Trade Show.

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Woman on probation pleads guilty to drug charge, gets probation

A 60-year-old woman received more probation after her sentencing for felony methamphetamine possession on June 23.

Lori Dawn D'Angelo of Caldwell avoided prison when Third District Judge Randall Grove suspended a state penitentiary sentence of one to five years.

An Owyhee County Sheriff's

deputy took D'Angelo into custody shortly before 3 a.m., on Jan. 6. She was booked into county jail in Murphy on a felony charge of drug possession after 3.5 grams of meth were found in her purse.

D'Angelo, who was already on felony probation, agreed to a plea deal. She was placed on four years of felony probation

and ordered to pay \$635.50 in court costs.

The deputy arrested the woman on Idaho highway 78 eight miles south of Marsing. According to a probable cause affidavit, the deputy made the stop after D'Angelo apparently failed to maintain her lane while driving.

D'Angelo received credit for the one day she spent in jail.

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Homedale man sentenced for walking, driving drunk

Woman returning from baby shower arrested for DUI

A 56-year-old Homedale man was ordered to spend 18 days in jail for a string of offenses involving being under the influence.

Adrian Almaraz was sentenced on June 21 to close out four separate misdemeanor cases stemming from arrests and citations at the hands of the Homedale Police Department.

Almaraz appeared in Magistrate Shane Darrington’s Homedale courtroom for punishment on pedestrian under the influence, a second driving under the influence offense, and two counts of disturbing the peace.

Four different cases were opened against Almaraz between March 10 and May 13.

Darrington imposed 905 days in jail, but Almaraz received credit for three days served in Owyhee County Jail and the judge suspended 887 days.

Almaraz was placed on a lengthy supervised probation, and his driver’s license was suspended for a year.

He also must pay \$797.50 in fines and \$675 in court costs.

Through a plea bargain, Almaraz saw an original charge of DUI, second offense, operating a commercial vehicle with a blood-alcohol concentration of

0.08 percent or higher amended.

Almaraz was arrested on the DUI charge after 5 p.m., on April 3 after a traffic stop at the intersection of North 4th Street West and West Montana Avenue.

According to court records, an HPD officer stopped the Jeep Cherokee Almaraz was driving after a colleague alerted him that the man was allegedly speeding. The officer said he discovered the vehicle registration was expired.

About a month later, Almaraz was arrested for pedestrian under the influence. An HPD officer had responded to a disturbing the peace call.

In a separate case from May 25, Almaraz received a suspended six-month jail sentence and was placed on 23 months supervised probation and ordered to pay \$157.50 in court cases. Darrington handed down the latest disposition on July 5.

- Steven Howard Davis, 63, of Wilder was placed on two years of supervised probation at his June 21 sentencing for misdemeanor DUI.

Homedale Police arrested Davis early in the morning of April 7 on his second offense of misdemeanor drunk driving. The charge was amended to misdemeanor DUI through a plea deal.

Davis also was ordered to serve nine days in county jail. He was behind bars for one day after his arrest, and Darrington suspended the remaining 170 days of the sentence.

He also owes \$1,000 in fines and \$202.50 in court costs.

An HPD officer stopped Davis in a pickup at West Idaho Avenue and Main Street at about 9:20 p.m., on April 6. In a probable cause statement, the officer wrote he knew Davis had a suspended license because of a previous DUI.

Davis’ BAC measured .109.

- Olivia Rose Parish, 29, of Nampa is serving two years of unsupervised probation after a plea deal for misdemeanor DUI.

An Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputy arrested Parish after stopping a vehicle in the 700 block of Main Street in Marsing at 6:30 p.m., on March 17.

The woman served two days in jail after her arrest, and Darrington suspended her driver’s license for 180 days.

Parish must pay \$352.50 in court costs. Darrington suspended \$702.50 of a \$1,000 fine.

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Christopher Topmiller dropped two misdemeanor injury to child counts.

According to the deputy’s probable cause statement, he stopped Parish after the car she was driving nearly collided with another vehicle after she turned onto Idaho highway 78 from Howard Road south of Marsing.

Parrish had her two daughters in the backseat when she was pulled over. She told the deputy that she was returning from a baby shower.

Her BAC measured .172.

- Caldwell resident Michael A. Moore was released with time served after his July 5 sentencing for his second misdemeanor DUI offense.

A sheriff’s deputy arrested Moore on Jan. 29 and charged him with DUI, reckless driving, attempting to elude and possession of an open alcoholic container. The prosecuting attorney dropped all charges but the DUI when Moore agreed to enter a guilty plea.

Darrington ordered a 1½-year jail sentence, but suspended all but 17 days of the term then gave Moore credit for the 17 days he had spent in county jail in Murphy after his arrest.

Moore must complete four years of supervised probation, or run the risk of any or all of the jail term being reinstated.

The man must also pay \$352.50 in court costs and all but the \$808.64 Darrington suspended of a \$2,050 fine.

- Boise resident James Ingval Paulson was placed on one year unsupervised probation and had his driving privileges revoked for six months during a July 5 sentencing hearing before Darrington.

Paulson must pay \$500 in fines and \$202.50 in court costs. He spent five days in jail after his March 13 arrest by OCSO personnel.

In a plea agreement, the prosecutor dismissed a misdemeanor count of trying to elude a peace officer in a motor vehicle.

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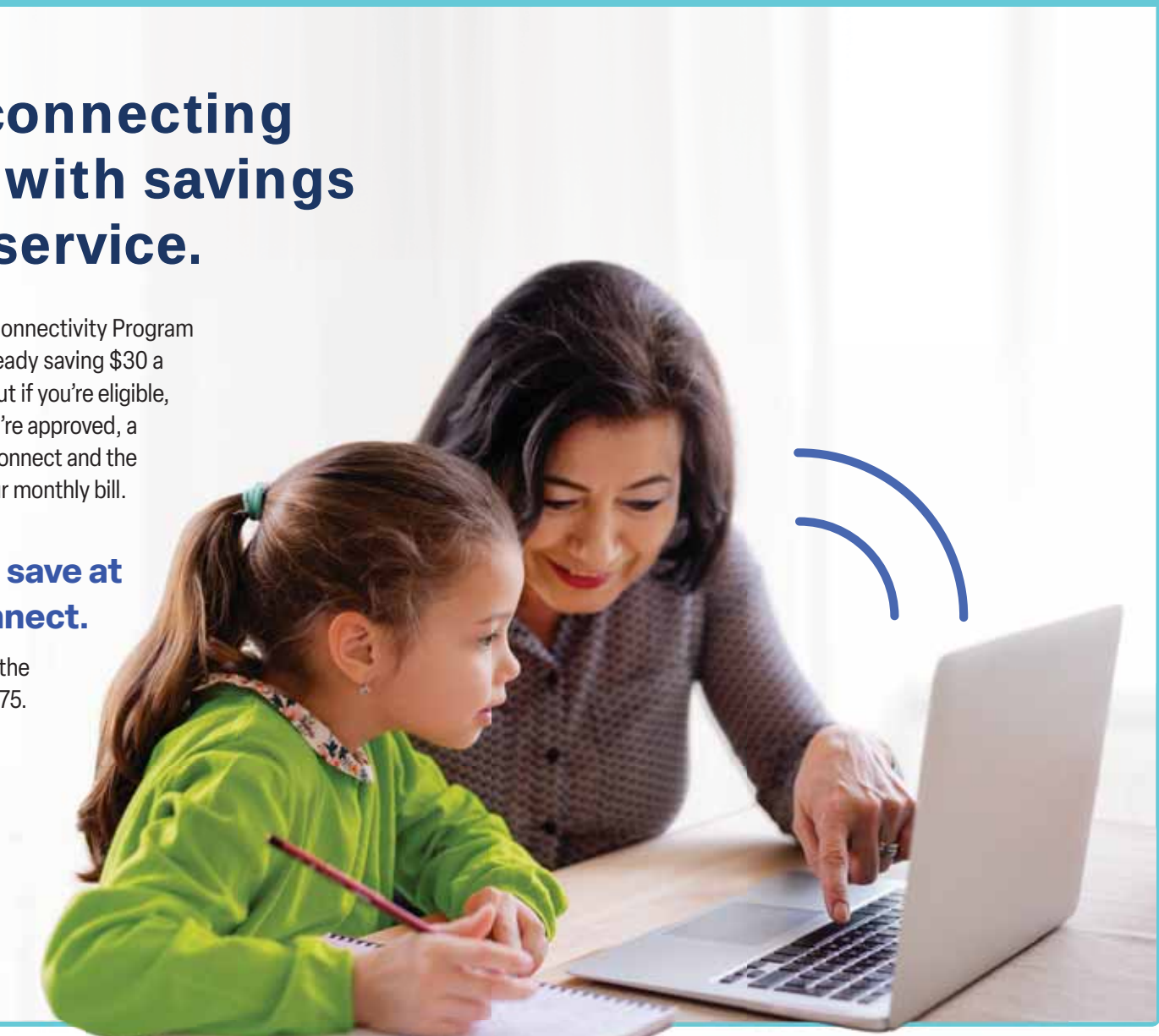
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