

# The Owyhee Avalanche

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## GRADUATES READY TO FLY HIGH



### Homedale seniors celebrate end of "The pursuit"

"The pursuit of following your dreams was the important part," Shane Wetzel said Thursday in his keynote address to Homedale High School's Class of 2024. The graduates tossed their caps in the air at Deward Bell Stadium while looking ahead to, as Student Body President Craig Romriell put it, "What's next." More photos, [Page 8](#)

### Joy at Rimrock

Goya Lemus (right) raises her hands in triumph as she and Jose Godinez walk during Rimrock High School's graduation on Saturday in Bruneau. Submitted photo



More photos, [Page 8](#)

## Appointees affirmed after contentious county campaigns

It may be the biggest cliché in politics, but now the real work begins for Chris Topmiller.

Not the work of being Owyhee County's prosecuting attorney; he has been doing the work since the Board of County Commissioners appointed him as a non-elected official.

Now for Topmiller the hardest part of his job may be adhering to state law and finding residency across the Snake River from his current Wilder home.

He is well aware that Idaho Code requires him to be a

qualified elector in Owyhee County by Oct. 5 — 30 days before the Nov. 5 general election for which he essentially has a bye — barring a write-in candidacy — because no one for any other political party filed for the May 21 primary election.

Topmiller defeated Homedale resident Trenton McRae by 140 votes.

Then again, the veteran prosecutor is optimistic for a favorable outcome.

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## Dygert wins; Statehouse will have an Owyheean

### Dist. 23 House incumbents fall

For the first time in decades, Owyhee County will have a citizen in Idaho's citizens' Legislature.

Guffey resident Shawn Dygert won the Republican nomination for District 23,

Seat B in the Idaho House of Representatives in last week's primary election.

"I am grateful for and appreciate the support and encouragement from so many. I do hope that as we move forward all Republicans will come together to elect good people,"

— See [Statehouse](#), page 8

## County GOP faces big decisions tonight

The Owyhee County Republican Central Committee will meet tonight in the wake of a precinct committee election that saw a couple changes and one undecided race.

The committee's reorganization meeting will run from from 7 p.m., to 9 p.m., today at the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 Hwy. 78, in Murphy.

The meeting is required by state law to reorganize the

committee after the Republican primary election.

Nine of the county's 12 precinct positions were contested in the May 21 election (The Owyhee Avalanche incorrectly reported 10 were contested in last week's edition).

All but one of those seats were decided on Election Day. Each committee person serves a two-year term.

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## Farm family's donation plants seeds for Legion to grow into GV Lions hall

### Defunct Post 134 now a community event spot

by [Samantha Elizarraraz](#)  
Rimrock Journalism

Recently, the Idaho Department of the American Legion closed down Post 134 in Grand View.

This was a devastating blow to the community,

but the Grand View Lions Club felt that they wanted the community to have the old American Legion as a common meeting place.

The Lions Club was prepared to begin fundraising after discovering the purchase price for the Legion Hall property, but a local farmer-rancher family donated enough money to cover the entire purchase price.

— See [Lions](#), page 4



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## Primary election results

## Owyhee County

**Commissioner, Dist. 1**

| Republican    | NH  | SH  | NM  | SM  | PV | Wil | Mur | Ore | GV | Bru | Rid | TC | Abs | Total | Pct. |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|----|-----|-------|------|
| x-Walt Holton | 120 | 153 | 151 | 113 | 2  | 86  | 49  | 23  | 96 | 40  | 2   | 2  | 71  | 908   | 50.2 |
| Lath Callaway | 110 | 171 | 100 | 117 | 32 | 80  | 67  | 33  | 67 | 61  | 4   | 4  | 53  | 899   | 49.8 |

**Commissioner, Dist. 3**

| <b>Republican</b> | <b>NH</b> | <b>SH</b> | <b>NM</b> | <b>SM</b> | <b>PV</b> | <b>Wil</b> | <b>Mur</b> | <b>Ore</b> | <b>GV</b> | <b>Bru</b> | <b>Rid</b> | <b>TC</b> | <b>Abs</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Pct.</b> |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| x-Cindy Bachman   | 149       | 227       | 141       | 166       | 31        | 110        | 107        | 45         | 158       | 115        | 5          | 6         | 103        | 1,363        | 75.1        |
| Michelle Spencer  | 71        | 89        | 92        | 53        | 3         | 56         | 14         | 16         | 24        | 10         | 1          | 0         | 24         | 453          | 24.9        |

**Sheriff**

| Republican       | NH  | SH  | NM  | SM  | PV | Wil | Mur | Ore | GV  | Bru | Rid | TC | Abs | Total | Pct. |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-------|------|
| x-Larry Kendrick | 96  | 185 | 160 | 143 | 29 | 124 | 98  | 57  | 177 | 110 | 6   | 4  | 103 | 1,292 | 66.9 |
| Tim Riha         | 145 | 157 | 95  | 103 | 5  | 49  | 27  | 5   | 7   | 14  | 0   | 2  | 31  | 640   | 33.1 |

## Prosecuting Attorney

| Republican        | NH  | SH  | NM  | SM  | PV | Wil | Mur | Ore | GV  | Bru | Rid | TC | Abs | Total | Pct. |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-------|------|
| x-Chris Topmiller | 163 | 182 | 133 | 124 | 11 | 79  | 66  | 19  | 56  | 84  | 3   | 5  | 56  | 981   | 53.8 |
| Trenton McRae     | 73  | 155 | 96  | 103 | 22 | 84  | 55  | 36  | 113 | 29  | 3   | 1  | 71  | 841   | 46.2 |

**Key** — NH (North Homedale), SH (South Homedale), NM (North Marsing), SM (South Marsing), PV (Pleasant Valley), Wil (Wilson), Mur (Murphy), Ore (Oreana), GV (Grand View), Bru (Bruneau), Rid (Riddle), TC (Three Creek), and Abs (Absentee)

## Legislative District 23

## Senate

|                     |            |            |            |              |             |
|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| <b>Republican</b>   | <b>OYE</b> | <b>Can</b> | <b>Ada</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Pct.</b> |
| Todd Lakey          | 1,662      | 1,576      | 2,370      | 5,608        | 100         |
| <b>Democratic</b>   | <b>OYE</b> | <b>Can</b> | <b>Ada</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Pct.</b> |
| Paul Morgan         | 40         | 123        | 306        | 469          | 100         |
| <b>Constitution</b> | <b>OYE</b> | <b>Can</b> | <b>Ada</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Pct.</b> |
| Paul Smith          | 9          | 2          | 10         | 21           | 100         |

## House, Seat A

|                   |            |            |            |              |             |
|-------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| <b>Republican</b> | <b>OYE</b> | <b>Can</b> | <b>Ada</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Pct.</b> |
| Chris Bruce       | 975        | 885        | 1,427      | 3,287        | 50.79       |
| Melissa Durrant   | 840        | 964        | 1,381      | 3,185        | 49.21       |
| <b>Democratic</b> | <b>OYE</b> | <b>Can</b> | <b>Ada</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Pct.</b> |
| Don Harrington    | 42         | 123        | 306        | 471          | 100         |

## House, Seat B

|                   |            |            |            |              |             |
|-------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| <b>Republican</b> | <b>OYE</b> | <b>Can</b> | <b>Ada</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Pct.</b> |
| Shawn Dygert      | 965        | 915        | 1,444      | 3,324        | 51.51       |
| Tina Lambert      | 888        | 930        | 1,311      | 3,129        | 48.49       |
| <b>Democratic</b> | <b>OYE</b> | <b>Can</b> | <b>Ada</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Pct.</b> |
| J.M. Castellanos  | 40         | 126        | 314        | 480          | 100         |

## GOP committee precincts

|                        |              |             |
|------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| <b>North Homedale</b>  | <b>Votes</b> | <b>Pct.</b> |
| Robin Aberasturi       | 137          | 55.7        |
| Mike Aebischer         | 109          | 44.3        |
| <b>South Homedale</b>  | <b>Votes</b> | <b>Pct.</b> |
| Rich Curtis            | 210          | 60.2        |
| Jennifer Riha          | 139          | 39.8        |
| <b>North Marsing</b>   | <b>Votes</b> | <b>Pct.</b> |
| Walt Holton            | 142          | 55.5        |
| Lavada Loucks          | 114          | 44.5        |
| <b>South Marsing</b>   | <b>Votes</b> | <b>Pct.</b> |
| Greg Blodgett          | 117          | 51.8        |
| Scott Jensen           | 109          | 48.2        |
| <b>Wilson</b>          | <b>Votes</b> | <b>Pct.</b> |
| Louis Monson           | 90           | 50.8        |
| Stephanie Duckett      | 87           | 49.2        |
| <b>Murphy</b>          | <b>Votes</b> | <b>Pct.</b> |
| Brenda Richards        | 86           | 64.2        |
| Heidi Murphy           | 48           | 35.8        |
| <b>Oreana</b>          | <b>Votes</b> | <b>Pct.</b> |
| Brecca Hipwell         | 58           | 100.0       |
| <b>Grand View</b>      | <b>Votes</b> | <b>Pct.</b> |
| Brandi Long            | 117          | 60.3        |
| Andrea Owens           | 77           | 39.7        |
| <b>Bruneau</b>         | <b>Votes</b> | <b>Pct.</b> |
| Sid Erwin              | 80           | 65.0        |
| Pamela Landis          | 43           | 35.0        |
| <b>Three Creek</b>     | <b>Votes</b> | <b>Pct.</b> |
| Paula Brackett         | 6            | 100.0       |
| <b>Pleasant Valley</b> | <b>Votes</b> | <b>Pct.</b> |
| Tim Lowry              | 32           | 100.0       |
| <b>Riddle</b>          | <b>Votes</b> |             |
| Erica Beus             | 4            |             |
| Ruth Jackson           | 2            |             |

**Note** — Committee person will be decided at tonight's Central Committee reorganization meetings because neither candidate received the required minimum of five votes.

✓ **GOP:**  
Changes seen

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The committee will decide the Riddle precinct representative tonight. Incumbent Ruth Jackson ran against Erica Beus, but neither woman garnered the minimum of five votes required to secure the seat.

Four Republicans voted for Beus, and two cast their ballots for Jackson.

Paula Brackett (Three Creek), Brecca Hipwell (Oregon) and Tim Lowry (Pleasant Valley) ran unopposed to retain their committee positions.

There will be some changes to the committee:

- Robin Aberasturi ousted Mike Aebischer in North Homedale.
- Greg Blodgett beat Scott Jensen in South Marsing to fill a seat formerly held by Michael Nelson.
- Louis Monson defeated Stephanie Duckett by three votes in Wilson.
- Brandi Long outsted Andrea Owens in Grand View.

Sid Erwin of Bruneau defeated Pamela Landis to retain his seat.

Rich Curtis beat Jennifer Riha in the race for South Homedale.

In addition to reorganizing the committee, the precinct panel will elect six Owyhee County delegates to attend the 2024 Idaho GOP Summer Convention, which is set for June 13-15 in Coeur d'Alene.

For more information, call county GOP chair Tammy Payne at (208) 590-4203.

Payne told The Owyhee Avalanche on Election Day that she is one of the Idaho delegates who will represent Donald Trump at this summer's Republican National Convention in Milwaukee.



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# Unofficially, BGV levy passes by single vote

Jeff Blaser is viewing the apparent passage of the Bruneau-Grand View School District supplemental levy cautiously.

He has good reason: The two-year, \$1.3 million levy passed by a single vote in May 21 balloting.

In fact, Owyhee County voters rejected the levy by seven votes, but the 20 patrons who cast ballots in Chattin Flats precinct in Elmore County seemingly pushed the measure over the finish line.

The final unofficial tally was 225 for, and 224 against. Supplemental levies need only 50 percent plus one vote in favor to pass.

"I am playing it conservative until the election is certified by the county commissioners," Blaser said, giving his reason for not providing more comment on the results. I want to make sure there is no possibility of a flip in a recount, if that is the case."

He said he would provide comment to The Owyhee Avalanche "Once we get the 'official' word."

Balloting for the primary election, including the supplemental levy, was canvassed Tuesday after deadline during the Board of County Commissioners meeting.

Elections aren't official until after the BOCC completes its canvass and signs off on the results.

If certified, the levy would provide \$650,000 in property tax revenue in the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years to pay for salaries and benefits, technology needs, paying coaches and supplying sports teams, and paying for ground maintenance and building care supplies.

The ballot language stated property owners will pay an estimated average of \$212.50 per \$100,000 of taxable assessed value each year of the levy.

— JPB

## Retirement party slated at Marsing Ambulance; open house at new justice center

Two open houses will  
celebrate new beginnings.

Betty Ackerman is retiring as Emergency Medical Services supervisor after 25 years with the Marsing Ambulance Service, and a party is planned for 4 p.m., on Saturday at the fire station on Main Street.

JD Phipps, a Marsing emergency medical technician for five years with an extensive administrative background in the medical field, was hired as Ackerman's successor on May 1.

Ackerman will remain on the

volunteer staff as an EMT.

The Owyhee County Justice Center grand opening will take place from 3:30 p.m., to 6:30 p.m., on Thursday at 130 W. Idaho Ave.

County commissioners authorized an extensive remodel of the building, which housed Terry Reilly Health Services dental offices and the probation office previously.

The justice center is now the location of Homedale magistrate court and continues to house the county probation department.

# Irrigation meetings a week early in June

The men who govern the southern part of the Owyhee Project irrigation system are moving their meeting for June.

Originally scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month, the three board meetings will be held on Tuesday in the SBOC boardroom at the South Board shop, 201 W. Wyoming Ave., in Homedale.

## The Ridgeview Irrigation

District, which oversees the Oregon portion of the southern project, will meet at 7 p.m.

The Gem Irrigation District board meets at 7:15 p.m.

The South Board of Control, which includes all Gem Irrigation directors and the chair of the Ridgeview board, will meet at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, call (208) 337-3760 or visit [www.southboardofcontrol.com](http://www.southboardofcontrol.com).



# WALT HOLTON

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The former American Legion Post 134 Hall in Grand View is now a community hall operated by the Grand View Lions Club.

✓ Lions: Second of three Owyhee Legion outposts closes

With acquisition, the Legion Hall transitioned into the Grand View Lions Hall.

A sign out front pays homage to the American Legion Post 134, which had been housed on the property at 410 Roosevelt St., since 1960.

The Lions are in the process of remodeling and updating the hall.

The club put in a new electrical service and updated wires and plan on updating more each year as donations come in.

The hall will be used for many community events such as weddings, parties, funeral

dinners, and meetings. It is an important place for the community, and the Lions want everyone to be able to use it.

The Lions Club is part of an international community-based organization. Lions are most known for their hearing aid program and eye banks where they supply eyeglasses to those in need.

The local club holds an auction each February with proceeds benefitting community projects, scholarships for Rimrock High School seniors, a Grand View Days breakfast,

and anything else that helps the Grand View, Bruneau, and Oreana communities.

The Grand View Lions club board includes president Bob Swenson, secretary Dixie McDaniel, and treasurer Doug Thurman.

The members want to thank the family that purchased the hall for the Lions, but ultimately they hope to make the community happy and want the hall to be a place for people come together and have fun.

“We would like to see the hall updated so it can be enjoyed by

all the community,” the Lions Club said in a statement. “Any donations are appreciated.

To make donations, call Thurman at (208) 599-1014.

Post 134 is the second American Legion outpost to close in Owyhee County. George VanDerhoff Post 32 in Homedale was taken over by the state agency and closed recently, too. Attempts to find out what the state department’s plan is with the Homedale building have been unsuccessful.

American Legion Post 83 in Bruneau is still in operation.



The sign outside the Roosevelt Avenue building pays homage to the past while touting the future. Rimrock Journalism photos

Councilperson’s pretrial conference continued

Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington granted a continuance in the pretrial hearing for a Marsing City Councilperson accused of controlled substance possession.

Elizabeth Wahl appeared before Darrington on May 21 at which time her attorney, Travis Rice, asked the court for a continuance as he awaits discovery material from the

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office.

The pretrial hearing was continued until 1:30 p.m., on Tuesday, June 18 in Murphy.

Wahl, 35, arrived after the 1:30 p.m., start of Darrington’s session. Rice said his client was on her way to Murphy after being instructed by court clerks to appear in person.

Rice appeared via Zoom

because he had traveled to the Owyhee County Justice Center in Homedale believing that the hearing would be held there.

Wahl’s hearing originally was set for Homedale after she was cited on misdemeanor drug and paraphernalia possession charges by Homedale Police.

But, according to Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Chris Topmiller, the Homedale

court clerk noticed the traffic stop took place just outside the city limits and should be assigned to the Murphy magistrate. The venue and court date (originally May 1) was changed just days after Wahl was cited for allegedly carrying vape pens and cartridges containing THC and small bottles of cannabis-infused tincture.

— JPB

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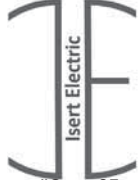
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# Birthday

## Alan Johnstone to mark 80<sup>th</sup> birthday at sr. center

Alan Johnstone will celebrate his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on Saturday, June 1, 2024.

An open house with family and friends will be held from 2 p.m., to 5 p.m., on Saturday at the Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Johnstone grew up and raised a family while working in Homedale. He was born on May 31, 1944, and except for a time away at the University of Idaho and Texas A&M for college, has lived in Homedale his entire life.

He has two children. His son, Chris Johnstone, is married to



Alan Johnstone

Bryn and they have two children — Kit and Kaitlin. His daughter, Jenny Ho, is married to Chris, and they have two children — JC and Ikaika.

# School menus

### Homedale Elementary

*Choice of milk and juice; PB&J sandwich, and vegetable and fruit choices daily*

May 29: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, whole grain toast, sliced pears **Lunch:** Mac-n-cheese, seasoned green beans, whole grain roll

May 30: **Breakfast:** Waffle sandwich, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, garden salad, pineapple tidbits, Jello

### Homedale Middle

*Choice of milk and juice, yogurt or string cheese*  
*Cereal option and PB&J offered daily*  
*Vegetable and fruit choices daily*

May 29: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, whole grain toast, string cheese, sliced pears **Lunch:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, buttered corn, whole grain roll

May 30: **Breakfast:** Croissant breakfast sandwich, Yami yogurt, apple **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, seasoned green beans, pineapple tidbits, Jello

### Homedale High

*Choice of milk and juice, yogurt, string cheese or hard-boiled egg; vegetable, fruit choices daily*  
*Cereal option, Grab ‘n’ go items daily*

May 29: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, string cheese, fruit smoothie **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, Tater Tots, chocolate chunk cookie *Grab ‘n’ go:* Asian chicken salad

May 30: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, string cheese, iced coffee **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza slice, garden salad *Grab ‘n’ go:* Ham and cheese sub

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# Calendar

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

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

**Food distribution**  
9 a.m. to 10 a.m., for school families only; 10 a.m., to 1 p.m., for general Marsing community. The HUB food pantry, 205 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 649-5411

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

**Story Time**  
10:30 a.m., to 11:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Public Library, 111 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

**Summer reading program**  
11 a.m., to 12:30 p.m., ‘Nature Scavenger Hunt/Survival Escape Room,’ Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

**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.

**Opaline Irrigation District meeting**  
7 p.m., 7300 Opaline Rd., Melba.

**Owyhee County GOP committee meeting**  
7 p.m., post-election reorganization, Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 590-4203

**Thursday**  
**Fit and Fall class**  
10 a.m., free, Melba Valley Senior Center, 115 Base Line Rd, Melba. (208) 495-2168

**Fit and Fall exercise**  
10 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

**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

**Prime Time Swingers perform**  
11 a.m., to noon, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

**Owyhee County Justice Center open house**  
3:30 p.m., to 6:30 p.m., Owyhee County Justice Center, 130 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale

**After School Bible Club**  
4 p.m., to 5 p.m., ages 5-11, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 585-7694 or (208) 599-2790

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

**Saturday**  
**OCHS Outpost Days**  
All day, Owyhee County Historical Museum complex, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2319

**Outpost Days Buckaroo Breakfast**  
8 a.m., McKeeth Hall, Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy.

**Leroy Breshears Kids Fishing Day**  
9 a.m., to 1 p.m., Island Park, 101 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. W., Marsing.

**Snake River Country Market**  
11 a.m., to 3 p.m., ‘Art in the Park,’ London

Park, Main Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue West, Marsing. Information: SnakeRiverCountryMarket@gmail.com

**Free lunch**  
11:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St. W., Homedale. (208) 303-7414

**Marsing Ambulance retirement party**  
4 p.m., Marsing Rural Fire District station, 303 Main St., Marsing.

**Outpost Days Chuckwagon dinner**  
6 p.m., \$20 adults, \$10 kids, Idaho Junior Jammers and Fiddle Express perform, Marsing Depot Stage, Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. Tickets: (208) 495-2319

**Outpost Days Drone Show**  
9:30 p.m., Owyhee County Historical Museum complex, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2319

**Sunday**  
**OCHS Outpost Days**  
All day, Owyhee County Historical Museum complex, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2319

**Outpost Days Buckaroo Breakfast**  
10:30 a.m., McKeeth Hall, Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy.

**Outpost Days Horny Toad Race**  
4 p.m., Owyhee County Historical Museum complex, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2319

**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 a.m., ‘Gardening’, Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

**Tuesday**  
**Fit and Fall class**  
10 a.m., free, Melba Valley Senior Center, 115 Base Line Rd, Melba. (208) 495-2168

**Fit and Fall exercise**  
10 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

**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

**Rusty and the Country Jammers**  
11 a.m., to noon. Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

**Region III assistance assessments**  
Noon to 3 p.m., appointments necessary, Lizard Butte Library, 111 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 495-5688

**U of I Smoking & Grilling Foods class**  
6 p.m., to 9 p.m., June 4-5, \$50 per person (\$80 for two). Owyhee County Community Center (fairgrounds), 432 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale. Information: (208) 896-4104 or owyhee@uidaho.edu. Registration: bit.ly/24smoking foods

**Alcoholics Anonymous**  
7 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. Hwy. 95, Wilder.

**Ridgeview Irrigation District meeting**  
7 p.m., South Board of Control office boardroom, 201 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

**Gem Irrigation District meeting**  
7:15 p.m., South Board of Control office boardroom, 201 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3760



# Obituaries

## Marcia Ann Bain

*December 19, 1941  
- May 20, 2024*

Marcia Bain, 82, passed away at home with family by her side after a courageous battle with Alzheimer’s disease. Marcia was born in Boise, Idaho, to Pat and Ruth Fowler. At five years old, she moved with her mother and little sister, Diana, to Johnson Air Base in Japan, where her father was stationed. She remembered traveling on a big troop carrier with communal bathrooms and rows of bunks. Her main concern was that Santa wouldn’t be able to find them and that she’d never get to play with her sister, who had a bad case of seasickness. But Santa did find them, and her sister got better at some point, and the rest of the 31-day trip to Tokyo was a fun time.

After moves to Air Force bases in San Antonio, Texas, and Biloxi, Mississippi, Marcia and her family came back to Idaho, where she attended junior high and graduated from Meridian High School in 1960.

Southern California beckoned after high school. There Marcia worked at a law firm and got her first Australian shepherd. She started showing and breeding Australian shepherds, eventually moving back to Idaho in the early 1970s with her own kennel, Fieldmaster. After years of showing dogs around the country, Marcia transitioned into being a dog show judge.

Marcia became very active in Idaho politics when she joined the campaign to elect Steve Symms for senator in 1980.



After the successful election, she worked for the senator as a caseworker until he left office. She then worked for Senator Dirk Kempthorne and Congressman Mike Simpson until she retired in 2006. She was passionate about her job and enjoyed being able to help people.

In 1988 Marcia met her cowboy, Del Bain, and they married in 1990. Together they shared a love of the outdoors, hunting, fishing and camping together. They built their dream home in Homedale happily hosting friends and family and growing the largest salsa garden for miles.

For 19 years Marcia and Del hosted the annual Bain Bash over Labor Day weekend with old high school friends, eating and telling the same stories year after year and having a great time.

One of Marcia’s dreams was to have a hot dog cart after retirement, and she and Del made that happen. They ran The Dog Waggin for five years at car shows, rodeos, fairs and other community events.

Marcia was preceded in

death by her parents and sister, Diana Hyde. She is survived by her husband, Del Bain; stepdaughter, Carmen (Rusty) Schmidt; granddaughter, Meagan Schmidt; nephew, Matthew (Lisa) Hyde; nieces Michele (Brendon) Hyde Mattis and Diana (Steve) Pennyweight; and great-nephews Ben and Owen Mattis and Adam Barbarino.

Marcia was known for her friendship, hospitality, delicious meals and great sense of humor. She was loved by many, many people who will miss her very much.

Donations may be made in Marcia’s name to the Alzheimer’s Association.

A celebration of her life will be held at Ten Mile Christian Church at 3500 W. Franklin Road in Meridian on June 6, 2024 at 1pm.

## Jeanne Elizabeth Ingersoll

Jeanne Elizabeth Ingersoll passed away after a sudden illness on February 12, 2024. Jeanne was born on August 27, 1945, to Clayton and Betty Turner in St. Alphonsus Hospital in Boise, Idaho; Jeanne was the second of four children born to Clayton and Betty. Jeanne was raised in Bruneau, Idaho, on her family’s ranch, where she learned early in life that she loved working outside with cattle and horses.

Jeanne graduated from Bruneau High School in 1963 and then attended the University of Idaho, where she graduated with a degree in Secondary Education in 1967. Upon graduating from the University of Idaho, Jeanne began teaching and coaching in the Boise school district. Shortly thereafter, Jeanne met the love of her life, Herb Ingersoll.

Herb and Jeanne were married in Reno, Nevada, on February 14, 1969. Together, they had one son, Joseph Ross. For the first ten years of their married life, Herb and Jeanne lived in Eagle, Idaho, where they worked for Idaho Feedlot. During these years on the

feedlot, Jeanne fulfilled many roles: mother, wife, and full-time working cowgirl. She also served as the cook for the feedlot.

In 1978, the Ingersolls moved to Nampa, and Jeanne worked as a tutor for the Nampa School District for home-bound students. Jeanne began working on obtaining her Master’s Degree at The College of Idaho in Educational Counseling. Upon graduating from The College of Idaho in 1988, Jeanne started her rewarding career as an elementary school counselor. First working in Nampa at Eastside Elementary and later Snake River Elementary, and then moving to Caldwell School District to work as a counselor at Jefferson Elementary until her retirement in 2007.

Jeanne touched so many people in her life, and she will be fondly remembered by all of them. Jeanne was a dedicated wife, mother and educator.

Being raised on a working cattle ranch, Jeanne learned how to be a working ranch hand at an early age; everyone who ever worked with her around livestock recognized

her as one of the handiest cowboys there.

In Jeanne’s career in education, she had a special relationship with every student she worked with.

After the passing of Jeanne’s husband, Herb, she moved to Council, Idaho and started a new life where every day she did what she loved: working with cattle and horses accompanied by her constant companion, Kap, her border collie.

Jeanne was preceded in death by both of her parents and her husband. Jeanne is survived by her older sister, Nancy (Bob) Russell of Salmon, Idaho; two brothers, George (Sheila) Turner of Sweet, Idaho and Russ (Vickie) Turner of New Mexico; two sons, Joe (Erika) Ingersoll of Aberdeen, Idaho and Russ (Mary) Ingersoll of Sacramento, California. Four grandsons: Clayton, Ross, Conor and Ryan Ingersoll.

There will be a service to celebrate Jeanne’s life on June 22, 2024 in Bruneau. Graveside services will begin at 2 pm with a reception to follow at the home of Don and Carol Sawyer in Bruneau.

## Senior menus

### Homedale Senior Center

*Served at noon.*  
*Milk available each day*  
*Roll/bread available each day except June 5*  
May 29: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans  
May 30: Chicken cobbler (chicken, vegetables topped with biscuit), spinach  
June 4: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, cabbage  
June 5: Taco salad, rice and beans  
June 6: Baked ham, sweet potatoes, beets  
June 11: Alfredo pasta, Brussels sprouts  
June 12: Tuna salad sandwich, fries, broccoli in cheese sauce

### 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)*  
May 29: Herb salmon over rice pilaf, baby carrots, green beans, whole wheat roll, peaches  
May 31: Salisbury steak with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, Chateau vegetables, whole wheat roll, applesauce  
June 3: Chicken Florentine pasta, peas and carrots, beets, Baci roll, orange  
June 5: Mushroom Swiss burger, roasted potatoes, country vegetables, whole wheat hamburger bun, Mandarin oranges  
June 7: Rosemary salmon over rice pilaf, peas and carrots, beets, whole wheat roll, fresh fruit  
June 12: Turkey and cheddar on 9-grain bread, potato salad, broccoli salad, applesauce

### Rimrock Senior Center

*Served at noon*  
*All meals are served with milk & fruit juice*  
*Curbside pickup from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or delivery only.*  
*Call (208) 834-2922 as early as possible to place order to go*  
May 30: Chef salad (ham/turkey, beets, eggs), corn, bread

### 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*  
May 30: Chicken pot pie  
June 4: Baked potato bar  
June 6: Meatloaf  
June 11: Chili

## Service notices

**JAMES EDWARD HULS**, 86, of Homedale, died on Tuesday, May 7, 2024. A Celebration of Life will be held at 2 p.m., on Sunday, June 2, 2024 at the Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

**PATRICIA “TISH” (JAMES) LEWIS**, 92, of Murphy, died on Saturday, April 6, 2024. A memorial will be held at 3 p.m., on Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at the Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. Arrangements: Nampa Funeral Home Yraguen Chapel, 415 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., Nampa. (208) 442-8171



## Outpost Days, Breshears kids fishing on tap

The first big events of the warmer months take place this weekend.

The annual Outpost Days fundraiser for the Owyhee County Historical Museum will be held Saturday and Sunday at the museum in Murphy.

Each day of lost arts and Old West-themed exhibits gets going with a Buckaroo Breakfast at 8 a.m., on Saturday, and 10:30 a.m., on Sunday.

Children through the sixth grade will have the Island Park pond all to themselves for the 25<sup>th</sup> annual Leroy Breshears Kids Fishing Day in Marsing on Saturday.

The fishing day runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and no adults are allowed to fish until afterward. The pond is closed Friday for a trout plant.

## CLASS OF 2024 COMMENCEMENT



**Above:** Haden Griggs gives his keynote address Saturday at the Rimrock High School graduation. **Right:** The Class of 2024 members await their time to walk and receive their diplomas. Submitted photos



**Left:** Homedale High School graduates hug their loved ones after the peony ceremony Thursday. **At right in photo:** Bobby Christensen and his mother Edene embrace.

# From page 1

## ✓ County: Holton will pull double duty as commissioner, precinct man

“I do not anticipate any difficulty in securing a residence,” Topmiller said, addressing one of the biggest criticisms from the campaign. “Originally we had looked at homes to buy, but that proved to be unfruitful. We looked at a lot of homes over the last year, but at current interest rates buying just didn’t make a lot of sense.”

For now, Topmiller said he and his wife, Brianne, already have a “commitment in principle” to rent a house in Homedale.

“We will be living in Owyhee County as a family and we will most likely rent out our house in Canyon County,” he said.

All three appointed officials holding down jobs in Murphy — Topmiller, interim Sheriff

Larry Kendrick and interim District 3 Commissioner Cindy Bachman — won election last week, defeating McRae, fellow Homedale resident Tim Riha, and Marsing-area resident Michelle Spencer, respectively.

Walt Holton won a two-year term as District 1 commissioner, beating fellow Marsing-area resident Lath Callaway. Holton will succeed longtime commissioner Jerry Hoagland, who retired from the board.

Holton retained his North Marsing seat on the GOP central committee (Hoagland also served on the committee), but he plans to use that position at the June Republican meeting to get a jump-start on the job for which he’ll take an oath

to uphold the Constitution in January.

“While there I intend to seek out other conservative commissioners from rural counties and create relationships, in order to learn from their experience particularly when it comes to dealing with federal agencies,” he said.

Holton and Topmiller both thanked their campaign volunteers for getting them over the hump. In Holton’s case, he beat Callaway by a scant nine votes.

“I think what put me over the top (in a race where I had a significant name recognition deficit), were the volunteers that believed in me and the principles I stand for,” Holton said. “They sacrificed

Saturdays and evenings, knocking on doors and making phone calls.

“Also, a big part were the folks that showed up to the candidate forums and talked with their friends and families afterward. Those people are the true heroes of the county.”

In detailed statements that The Owyhee Avalanche published as letters to the editor (see Pages 12-13), both Kendrick and Bachman vowed to continue to comport themselves in the manner citizens have become accustomed in their roles.

“Together, we will work to enhance public safety, build stronger relationships between law enforcement and the community, and ensure that our county is a place where

everyone’s constitutional rights are respected,” Kendrick wrote in his statement, which was also posted to social media.

“I am excited to continue our journey together, and my team and I will continue moving the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office forward in an ethical and professional direction.”

Saying that she believes voters re-elected her because of her extensive knowledge and background in the county, Bachman committed to continuing work on RS 2477 rights-of-way validation, finding an acceptable path forward on the recreational vehicle issue and providing oversight as the Bureau of Land Management travel management plan saga drags on.

— JPB

## ✓ Statehouse: Owyhee vote crucial as Bruce narrowly defeats Durrant

Dygert said in a statement.

“Thank you all, and I look forward to working with all of District 23. I also look forward to advocating for the needs of Owyhee County.”

Dygert’s defeat of one-term incumbent Tina Lambert of Caldwell and Homedale resident Julissa Melendez Castellanos’ uncontested run to the Democratic nomination means Owyhee County is guaranteed its first homegrown representative since Grand View’s Frances Field retired from the Leg-

islature nearly 20 years ago.

Dygert picked up 51.51 percent of the Republican vote, edging Lambert by 195 votes strewn across all of Owyhee County and portions of southern Canyon and Ada counties.

Melendez Castellanos received 480 votes overall and will face Dygert in the Nov. 5 general election.

It’s possible Dygert’s 33 years as the Ag teacher at Kuna High School — a job from which he is retiring this month — helped

push him past Lambert.

Dygert, the former Owyhee County GOP central committee chair, held a 77-vote edge in his home county and piled up a 133-vote cushion in Ada County. Lambert won her home county (Canyon) by just 15 votes.

District 23 will have two new voices when the 68<sup>th</sup> regular session of the Idaho Legislature convenes in January at the Statehouse in Boise. A Kuna man will join an Owyheean in the House of

Representatives.

Riding a strong showing in Owyhee County, Kuna City Councilman Chris Bruce defeated incumbent Dist. 23A Rep. Melissa Durrant, also from Kuna, for the Republican nomination.

Bruce won 50.79 percent of the vote, using a 135-vote cushion in Owyhee County to clinch a 102-vote margin of victory.

Bruce will face Kuna Democrat Don Harrington in November.

Incumbent state Sen. Todd Lakey (R-Nampa) has the Republican nomination again, and he’ll run against Democrat Paul Morgan and Constitution Party nominee Paul Smith, another Homedale resident, in November.

Field, who died in 2022 at the age of 102, served in the Idaho Legislature for 22 years. She retired after 11 terms at the end of the 2006 session. She mounted her first campaign at the age of 65.

— JPB



LUKE AMAN MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT



Coach Darren Uranga hugs Sherri McCoy and Cy Aman holds the Luke Aman memorial display that now resides at John Jackson Field. The presentation took place prior to the Luke Aman Memorial Game between Homedale's seventh- and eighth-grade teams on May 15. Sherri is Luke's mother, and Cy is his older brother.

Rivercats remember their own to start season

Four-day Legion baseball fest starts Thursday

The Owyhee Rivercats continue to pay homage to one of their own as the American Legion baseball season takes over in Homedale.

The Luke Aman Memorial Tournament, formerly known as the Rivercat Classic, starts Thursday at John Jackson Field.

The Rivercats, for whom Aman was going to play this summer, are one of eight teams in the four-day tournament that remembers the Homedale Middle School student killed in a farming accident in January.

Spectators will be able to view a memory box created in honor of Aman when they enter through the walkway at

Luke Aman Memorial

(All games at John Jackson Field, Homedale)

Pool play

Thursday's games

Vale, Ore., vs. Idaho Show (Newberry), noon

Boise Gems vs. Idaho Show (Newberry), 2:30 p.m.

Owyhee Rivercats vs. Idaho Show (Schaefer), 5 p.m.

Friday's games

Vale, Ore., vs. Boise Gems, 8 a.m.

Boise Baseball Academy 18U vs. Boise Gems, 10:30 a.m.

Idaho Show (Schaefer) vs. BBA 16U, 1 p.m.

Pocatello Rebels vs. Idaho Show (Schaefer), 3:30 p.m.

Pocatello Rebels vs. Owyhee Rivercats, 6 p.m.

Saturday's games

Vale, Ore., vs. BBA 18U, 10:30 a.m.

Idaho Show (Newberry) vs. BBA 18U, 1 p.m.

Pocatello Rebels vs. BBA 16U, 3:30 p.m.

BBA 16U vs. Owyhee Rivercats, 6 p.m.

Bracket play

Sunday's games

Pool finals at 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., and 4:30 p.m.

the field. The seventh- and eighth-grade baseball players and coaches presented Luke's mother, Sherri McCoy, and his older brother, Cy Aman, with the memory

— See **Memorial**, page 10

Trojans' grades win baseball state title

Homedale High School is the Class 3A academic state champion in baseball after the varsity players compiled a grade-point average of 3.623.

Coach Burke Deal's squad ranked third behind Declo (3.73 in Class 2A) and Burley (3.722 in Class 4A).

2A WIC all-academic

The 2A Western Idaho Conference recognized spring varsity athletes with at least a 3.75 grade-point average:

Track and field — Marsing: Alex Christiansen, Noah Colbert, Soyla Contreras, Breann Dickerson, Andrei Dimitru, Alec Ecklund, Erika Frazier, Emmanuel Lemus, Jack Marshall, Kate Marshall, and Ashlyn Porter. Melba: Elle Crimbchin, Shelby Dean, Brooklynn Dayley, Sonora

Farris, Tyler Forsgren, Rhett Franklin, Jacob Gunderson, Jonathan Gunderson, Owen Hansen, Joel Helm, Tavin Heritage, Brooke Hisey, Joelle Kelly, Korey Magdaleno, Isaac Orias, Nyah Richardson, Elias Shoemaker, Eliza Svedin, and Brendan Svetich

Baseball — Marsing: Jaxon Astorquia, Wyatt Barber, Jace Chadez, Mason Conger, and Dresden Wood. Melba: Tyler Aggen, Trevor Burdick, Heston Coulter, and Cameron Vail

Softball — Marsing: Bailey Daugherty, Brooklyn Roadenbaugh, and Lily Thoene. Melba: Kali Jo Adams, Kodi Adams, Mallory Lincoln, Jessie Rea, Analise Robson, and Kenzie Shaffer

Golf — Oliver Anderson, and Eli Ankeny

Entries open for HHS youth sports camps

Homedale High School coaches have announced two summer youth camps.

A golf youth camp for fifth-through ninth-graders will be held on Monday, June 17 at River Bend Golf Course outside Wilder.

The cost is \$50, which includes range balls, a camp shirt and prizes. Students should bring their own clubs if they have them.

Trojans coach Raymond Smith will cover fundamentals, basic rules, and driving.

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Former HHS coach heads up Adrian hoops camp

Former Homedale High School boys' basketball coach Chris Vines is one of the instructors for an upcoming skills camp in Adrian.

The camp, which will be open to ninth- through 12th-grade boys, will be held from 5 p.m., to 7 p.m., on Thursday and Friday, June 6-7 at Adrian High School.

The cost is \$30 for one day of the camp or \$50 for both days.

Joining Vines as an instructor is former Utah State player Roche Grootfaam.

Registration is now open.

Contact George Ellsworth at (541) 372-2335 or george.ellsworth@adriansd.org for more information.

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# Looking back...

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

## 25 years ago

June 2, 1999



**Middle school move...**  
Students from Homedale Junior High School and elementary school helped teachers move their classrooms to the new middle school last Thursday. Residents donated trucks, trailers and manpower to move the two schools.

**WIC A-3, A-4 All-Star game set for Nampa**  
The Western Idaho Conference A-3, A-4 Senior All-Star game will be held this evening (Wednesday), at Rodeo Park in Nampa at 5:00 p.m.  
Included in the lineup, from this year's A-3 state champion team, the Homedale Trojans, WIC A-3, MVP pitcher Darren Uranga, catcher Dusty Bauer, and first baseman, Troy Tiddens. Bauer and Tiddens are both First-Team All-Conference selections. Second Team selection, Brian Penrose, and honorable mention for the All-Conference team will be Jay Hensley.  
Tito Bencomo, Shane Denley, Tony McDaniel and Richard Knight from Rimrock each were selected to then WIC A-4 team.  
Honorable mention includes, Kirk Dean, of Rimrock.

**Commissioner blasts BLM mgr. for land closure**  
Owyhee County Commissioner Dick Bass last week told the acting Bureau of Land Management Bruneau Resource Area Manager that the agency has once again violated federal statute in failing to coordinate a land closure with the county.  
On May 21, Jamie Connell submitted for publication a legal notice signifying the BLM's intention to close approximately 1,450 acres to off-highway vehicle use to protect rare plants in and around the Mud Flat Oolite Area of Critical Environmental Concern/ Research Natural Area near Grand View. Oolite, a rock composed of calcium carbonate, is mixed into cattle feed.  
Connell told the board of commissioners the step was taken because motorcycles traveling cross-country in the area prior to April 18 damaged "sensitive plant species" such as Mulford's milkvetch, Snake River milkvetch, Packard's buckwheat, white eatonella, white-margined wax plant and rigid threadbush.  
The BLM plans to fence the boundaries of the area and post signs identifying it. Connell said the fence could be in place as early as this summer.  
Bass and commission chair Hal Tolmie told Connell that the county was unaware of the BLM's intention and wanted to know if the agency had made an effort to contact the county's natural resources committee.

## 50 years ago

May 30, 1974



AIMEE ZANKS, far left, is the first girl to be elected president of Homedale High School's student body since 1963 when Julie Ann Egurrola, now Mrs. Julie Bilbao of Boise, was elected to that position. Other officers elected to serve with Miss Zanks during the 1974-75 school year are, from left, Janiece Tolmie, vice president; Mary Chadez, treasurer; Marianne George, secretary; Karen Taggart, historian; and Steve Lootens, sergeant at arms. All will be seniors next year with the exception of Miss Taggart who will be a junior. Photo by Bette Uda

**Memorial service conducted by Legion, Aux.**  
The annual Memorial Day service conducted Monday morning at the center of the Snake River bridge by the Homedale American Legion and Auxiliary was opened with invocation given by Rev. Roane Maurice, pastor of the Homedale Nazarene church.  
Participating were Matt Paxton, drummer; John Jackson, bugler; Verdis Wilson and Marlin Yorgenson, color bearers; Bob Bauer, Bob Paxton, Bob Olsen, Sonny Sarceda, George Roads and Jack Walker, rifle corps.  
Following the salute, Auxiliary members dropped flowers from the bridge onto the water to conclude the service.

**George Hyer accepted at TVCC for fall term**  
George Hyer, Rt. 1. Homedale, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Hyer, has been accepted for the fall term, 1974-75 at Treasure Valley Community College. He will major in agriculture.

**Basketball clinic set at Nampa HS for July 22-26**  
Coach Garry Matlock of Homedale High School will join Coaches Merrill Anderson of Nampa and Ken Munns of Caldwell to instruct at the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual summer basketball clinic July 22-26 at Nampa High School.

The clinic will also have on its staff Gary Cunningham, Frank Arnold and Larry Farmer of the UCLA coaching staff; Al Attles, coach of the NBA Golden State Warriors; Henry Bibby, New York Knicks; Sidney Wicks, Portland Trailblazers, and a number of players including Keith Wilkes, outstanding forward of the UCLA Bruins.

**HHS junior class boys are Boys State delegates**  
Two delegates from the junior class have been selected to represent Homedale High School at Boys State, to be held on Boise State University campus June 2-8.  
They are Matt Paxton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Paxton; and Loren Metcalf, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Metcalf.

## 153 years ago

May 27, 1871

FROM ARIZONA.—A large number of soldiers from Arizona arrived at this place on Sunday morning last. They pitched their tents on the west side of the Humboldt where they remained until Monday morning, and then proceeded on to Camp McDermitt. We are pleased to state, that the boys in blue from Arizona, were a splendid body of good looking men, and conducted themselves while in Winnemucca in a gentlemanly and orderly manner. — *Winnemucca Register*, 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Assessor's Office, Silver City, I. T.**  
—May 25, 1871

EDITOR AVALANCHE.—Dear Sir: My attention has been directed to an article which appeared in a recent number of your papers, headed "Taxing Bullion," to which I desire to briefly reply, because it contains some statements which are liable, if unrefuted, to create in the minds of the public erroneous impressions. I have not been in the habit of resorting to this method to vindicate my official conduct but in this instance, in justice to myself as well as to my friends who have sustained me, I deem it incumbent on me to do so. You state in the article referred to that I levied and collected taxes on bullion belonging to C. S. Miller which, as a question of fact, is erroneous. I levied on bullion belonging to Martin Lebrecht in pursuance of my official duty, having been notified by a tax payer of the county of the existence of the same. Now as to the charge that I make any distinction between persons, I desire simply to state that it is untrue; the law makes it my duty to assess all property within the county each year between certain dates, among which is bullion, which I have in every particular endeavored to comply with by taking the sworn statements of the owners thereof, so the charge that I have displayed any partiality must fall to the ground under the law. I am authorized to make one general assessment on property each year and a subsequent assessment after the first Monday in July. I am authorized to assess all personal property I find within the county that was not within its boundaries at the time of the original assessment or on the original roll. This is the extent of my authority. It does not imply that I am authorized to assess a tax payer every day, or every week as the case may be. At the time of making the assessment of which you complain, I had not reached the bullion property of others, but this fact certainly does not imply that I did not intend to do so.  
Your personal compliment to myself is duly appreciated and I hope always to command the respect and confidence of the public whom I serve — it shall at least be no fault of mine if such be not the case.  
Yours truly, P. J. RAGAN.

PROBABLY FATAL SHOOTING.—Last Wednesday a shooting affray, originating in a dispute about a mining claim, took place between Jno. Taylor and Jno. McMahon, resulting in the latter receiving a pistol bullet through his left leg a little above the knee, which broke and splintered the bone, producing a frightful sound. It appears that, on the day in question, McMahon and a man named Collins went to work on the disputed claim situated near the Skookum mine on War Eagle mountain. Taylor, who claims the ground, ordered them to leave. Rough talk ensued, followed by the shooting. Taylor states that three shots were fired: McMahon shot at him first; he (Taylor) fired the second shot, which hit McMahon, and Collins fired off his pistol accidentally. McMahon says that only two shots were fired the first by Taylor and the second by himself.



# Commentary

Jon P. Brown,  
managing editor



## Eyes on Owyhee

### The education of candidates

Well... That was fun.

Most of the candidates in last week’s Republican primary election stayed above the Facebook fray that certainly left the nerves of office-seekers and observers alike frayed.

The run-up to May 21 was more about preening for party and less about concern for Owyhee County.

Now that the dust has settled — or mud has receded, to be more accurate — hopefully both the winners and the losers will embrace the education that the past few months have wrought.

Prosecuting Attorney Chris Topmiller says he has

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## Letters to the editor

### Sheriff reaffirms commitment after election

Dear Owyhee County citizens,

I am deeply honored and grateful for the trust you have placed in me by electing me as your sheriff. Your vote is a powerful affirmation of our shared vision for a safer, stronger, and more united community.

Throughout this campaign, I have had the privilege of meeting many of you, hearing your concerns, and sharing your hopes for the future of our county. I am committed to serving all residents with dedication, transparency, and integrity.

Together, we will work to enhance public safety, build stronger relationships between law enforcement and the community, and ensure that our county is a place where everyone’s constitutional rights are respected. I am excited to continue our journey together, and my team and I will continue moving the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office forward in an ethical and professional direction.

Thank you once again for your confidence and support. I look forward to working with you — our community — to make Owyhee County the greatest it can be. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with your ideas, concerns, and feedback as we move forward together.

Larry Kendrick  
Owyhee County sheriff  
Murphy

## Bachman ready to continue her role as commissioner

I am grateful, thankful, blessed and humbled by your monumental support for me at the polls on May 21st . I truly thank you all for electing me to be your Owyhee County Commissioner - District 3 and the

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## JP Doodles

IF GRADUATION CREATES AN EMPTY NEST AT HOME, HOW WILL YOU DEAL WITH IT? *Barry*

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|  <p><b>MAE HEMM</b><br/>“What a nice sewing room my girl's bedroom will make!”</p> |  <p><b>LUCKY MANN</b><br/>“I'm not losing a son — I'm gaining a man cave!”</p> |  <p><b>BEA WILDURD</b><br/>“Imagine — life without his socks and underwear to pick up!”</p> |  <p><b>KENT FIGGER</b><br/>“Empty?!! My oldest is 30 — an' still hasn't moved out!”</p> |
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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

### Grateful to peace officers who protect liberties, maintain law and order

In 1987, during remarks at a White House briefing for members of the National Law Enforcement Council, our country’s 40<sup>th</sup> president, Ronald Reagan, underscored the role of law enforcement officers in maintaining our constitutional rights: “*For two centuries our Constitution has secured the blessings of liberty for people from every part of the Earth who left behind the lands of their ancestors and came here to live in freedom and to call themselves Americans. I say this to you because you, and members of the law enforcement community like you, have played a special role in our nation ever since its founding. The men who wrote the Constitution said that among their purposes was to ‘establish Justice, and insure domestic Tranquility.’ They knew that for this to be a land of liberty it must also be a land of lawful order.*”

Idaho law enforcement personnel continues to play an important role in ensuring that law and order enables our liberties. For more than 60 years, our country and communities across our great state have celebrated the enormous contributions of law enforcement officers through events associated with National Police Day and Week each May. I join Idahoans who come together to recognize the dedicated work of Idaho officers who have given their lives in the line of duty and the more than 3,000 sworn police officers in Idaho who keep Idahoans safe and uphold our rights as Americans.

Idaho has, heartbreakingly, lost dedicated peace officers in recent months. I was deeply saddened to hear about the passing of Ada County Sheriff’s Office Deputy Tobin Bolter, who was shot during a traffic stop on April 20. My prayers remain with the family and friends of the fallen deputy, as with the loved ones of Post Falls Officer Nicolas McDaniel, who suffered a fatal heart attack in October 2023 after helping a citizen locked out of their car.

As I think about the voids the loss of these officers

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have left in our communities and their legacies, I once again co-sponsored a resolution that designated May 12-18 as National Police Week to express unwavering support for law enforcement officers across the United States; recognize the need to ensure law enforcement officers have the resources necessary to do their jobs; and acknowledge that police officers and other law enforcement personnel, especially those who have

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# Commentary

## Financial management Take time to discover what fulfillment is for you

**Dear Dave,**  
My husband and I have been very blessed financially over the course of our lives. We make a little over \$200,000 a year combined, and we currently have a net worth of around \$4 million. But what do you do when you're not motivated by that kind of thing anymore? How do you find and live out God's purpose for your life when you've already had a better life than you ever expected?

— Amanda

**Dear Amanda,**  
I can't tell you what your calling is, but I can say this. There's a lot of fulfillment and joy to be found when you're

doing something that serves the people and things in your life that matter most.  
If you've studied psychology a bit, you may remember something called Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs. Basically, it says once your physiological and safety needs have been met, you begin to feel the need to find other things to motivate you. It sounds like you're both hard-working, performance-driven people. I am, too. And people like us get our relaxation, and even fulfillment, away from work in different ways than most people.  
If I were in your shoes, I'd start trying to think about ways you can serve other people or causes you care about. Maybe



there were dreams you had a long time ago, and you put them aside for your career. What really speaks to you right now, at this stage of your life?

For you, if you have kids in the house, it might mean becoming a stay-at-home mom and really pouring yourself into them. It might mean starting an animal shelter, or providing meals for people who are homebound. Everyone has dreams, and everyone's dreams are different.  
It sounds like you've been thinking about this for a while, so here's my advice to you. Take a day, or even a weekend, all to yourself. Get away from everything and everyone — any and all outside distractions — and think about your future self. Bring along things to eat and drink, a bunch of notepads, pencils and a Bible. Then, before you do anything else,

take a deep breath, relax and pray.  
From that point on, be completely honest with God and with yourself. Open up your heart and mind to things you care about and all the possibilities. You have to have a goal that's worthy in mind, and that's the one thing that's missing. But a time of thoughtful prayer — and yes, even daydreaming — may just put you closer to an answer than you've ever been before.  
Congratulations on your success, Amanda. You and your husband truly have been blessed. But now, it may be the time to become a blessing to others!

— Dave

### ✓ Candidates

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heard some citizens' critiques of his performance since his 2022 appointment.  
"I'm pleased to have won, but am also somewhat chastened by the experience, which brought me into contact with many citizens who were not shy about expressing what they wanted to see out of the county prosecutor's office," the Wilder resident said.  
"I need to do a better job of communicating what my office does, is doing, and will be doing going forward. I'd like to highlight the good work we do and will be doing."  
The veteran attorney (he was a deputy prosecutor in Canyon County and even applied for a Third District judgeship in 2017) has an improvement plan, too.  
"I'm also working on outreach in the eastern sector of the county, which many citizens believe has been underserved by my office," he said. "I want to get to a place where any citizen anywhere in the county feels comfortable picking up the phone and calling me or firing off a quick email to me."  
Topmiller said his office cellphone line, (208) 870-3575, is manned "24/7."

"Citizens can either call or text and expect a timely response from me," he said.  
Topmiller and his opponent, Homedale resident Trenton McRae, have shown grace in the aftermath. Both men admit they have learned lessons.  
McRae said as much in his congratulatory social media post:  
"My prayer is that you really did hear the concerns of the citizens and use that to make yourself an even better attorney and person," the Canyon County deputy prosecutor wrote to Topmiller. "I know this race has made me re-evaluate and commit to improving not only my professional life but my spiritual and physical life as well."  
We should only hope that other people are in re-evaluation mode after some of the claims that were posted in all the county races.  
"Trent ran a solid campaign, and it wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that I knew I could lose if things had gone a different way," Topmiller said.  
Like Topmiller, District 1 county commissioner-elect Walt Holton is aware of how important his volunteer brigade was to his defeat of Lath Callaway.  
The Marsing-area resident said he'll brush up on his parliamentary procedure in preparation for succeeding

Jerry Hoagland in January. He'll continue checking into the weekly Board of County Commissioners meetings via Zoom, too.  
Holton's also shifting gears now that he has the job, albeit by a slim margin.  
"Additionally, now that the campaign is over, it is time for me to talk less and listen more to the people of Owyhee County," he said.  
For the sake of the job with which he has been entrusted, it is hoped that Holton finds a sound balance between his obligation to all county citizens as a commissioner and his devotion to the Republican Party and its platform as a county central committeeman.  
He said that he will reach out to other rural commissioners during his time at the upcoming Republican summer meeting to learn from their experiences with federal agencies.  
However, Holton must understand that he has now been entrusted to serve all Owyhee County citizens, not just the ones who voted for him in the primary.  
A pragmatic approach to the role of commissioner is necessary to solve issues of all kinds, and there is a fine line between being an Owyhee County commissioner and a Republican who serves on the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners.

### ✓ Letters

*From Page 12*  
first female commissioner to be elected in Owyhee County's 160-year history.  
My next steps will be to continue working alongside Commissioner Hoagland, Commissioner Aberasturi and your Owyhee County team to create your FY 2025 budget, support your Community Planning Department to begin the 15-month update process of your Owyhee County Comprehensive

Land Use Plan. I plan to extensively review Title 9 Zoning Regulations known and cited as the Owyhee County Zoning Ordinance, continued oversight of the legal status of your RS 2477 road rights-of-way, continued oversight of the BLM's five Owyhee County Travel Management Plans and that appeal process, and continue the week-to-week oversight of your Owyhee County government in addition to all other commissioners responsibilities.  
I believe the voters chose me as their Owyhee

County Commissioner for the next four years because of my extensive knowledge of all of Owyhee County from Homedale to Three Creek, Murphy to Pleasant Valley, my past leadership roles on Owyhee County boards and committees, and I am committed to listen and learn. Your voices are heard.  
God's blessing and favor upon us all. Thank you again Owyhee County.  
Cindy Bachman  
District 3 county commissioner  
Bruneau

## ✓ Peace officers: Appreciate men and women who risk lives to protect us

*From Page 12*  
made the ultimate sacrifice, should be remembered and honored. Specifically, the resolution includes the following reflections:  
• "Federal, State, local, and Tribal police officers, sheriffs, and other law enforcement officers across the United States serve with valor, dignity, and integrity;"  
• "Each law enforcement officer is charged with:

- 1) pursuing justice for all individuals; and
  - 2) performing the duties of a law enforcement officer with fidelity to the constitutional and civil rights of the public the officer serves."
- "Law enforcement officers swear an oath to uphold the public trust even though, through the performance of the duties of a law enforcement officer, the officers may become targets for senseless acts of violence;"

Thank you, Idaho peace officers and law enforcement families, for keeping our communities safe and ensuring our constitutional freedoms.  
— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho's senior member of the U. S. Senate. He is in his fifth six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999, and he has served 31 years in the U.S. Congress. Prior to that, he served eight years in the Idaho State Senate.



# Public notices

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Please be advised that Ideal Custom Homes has filed an Application for Special Use requesting they be allowed to build three (3) town homes on the property located at 507 W California Ave and 415 N 5<sup>th</sup> St. West; Lots 1 & 2 of Block 10; Parcels: RPA00100100020 & RPA00100100010.  
A public hearing will be held at Homedale City Hall on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 6:00 pm. The public may appear and offer testimony at that time. Written testimony can be submitted via email: [alicep@cityofhomedale.org](mailto:alicep@cityofhomedale.org) or PO Box 757 Homedale, ID 83628.  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
Please be advised that a public hearing will be held before the Homedale City Council on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 6:00 pm at Homedale City Hall, 31 West Wyoming Ave. Homedale, Idaho.  
The subject matter of this hearing is the Application for Zone Change filed by Ideal Custom Homes, on behalf of Jackson’s Food Stores, requesting that the City of Homedale change the zoning of parcel RPA00000103762 from Industrial to Residential. This property is the southern portion of the old Sugar Beet Dump property, south of Industrial Rd. between S 2<sup>nd</sup> St. East & US Highway 95, Homedale, ID. A map is available at City Hall.  
The public is invited to attend and offer input.  
Alice E. Pegram  
City Clerk  
City of Homedale  
05/29/06/05/2024

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All bids must be filed with the Secretary of the Board of Gem Highway Commissioners, P.O. Box 453, Marsing, Idaho 83639-0453, on or before 5:00 PM the 10th day of June 2024.  
The right is reserved to reject all proposals, or to accept the proposal or proposals deemed best for the Gem Highway District, and to waive any technicality. Bid packets are available by calling KEITH BERENDS, Road Superintendent, (208) 896-4581, Office or (208) 860-6918, Cell.  
Dated May 15, 2024  
Nancy Bush  
Secretary-Treasurer  
05/22,29/2024

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE**  
**Magistrate Division, Murphy Section**  
**[Idaho Code § 15-3-801(a)]**  
**Case No. CV37-24-00115**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF**  
**EDWARD F. CHADEZ,**

| NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING Bruneau-Grand View School District No. 365 Elmore and Owyhee Counties, Idaho                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                    |                 |                 |                 |                                               |                 |                 |                 |
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| NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at the regular meeting of the qualified voters of the Bruneau Grand View Joint School District No. 365, will be held TUESDAY, June 11, 2024, 7:00p.m. at Rimrock Jr./Sr. High School Board Room 102, 39678 State Highway 78, Bruneau, Idaho 83604 at which time there will be a public hearing on the proposed maintenance operation budget for the 2024-2025 school year. The proposed adult lunch fee increases of over 5% and proposed Rimrock Jr. Sr. High fees increase for the coming school year. These budgets, as presently determined by the Board of Trustees, is available at Bruneau Grand View School District Office, 39678 State Highway 78, until the regular meeting and budget hearing as provided by law. This regular meeting and budget hearing is called pursuant to section 33-801, Idaho Code. |                    |                 |                 |                 |                                               |                 |                 |                 |
| SUMMARY STATEMENT 2024 - 2025 SCHOOL BUDGET                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                    |                 |                 |                 |                                               |                 |                 |                 |
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| Local Revenue                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | -\$160,381.00      | -\$275,087.00   | -\$78,950.00    | -\$779,000.00   | -\$569,988.00                                 | -\$289,794.00   | -\$682,729.00   | -\$619,645.00   |
| County Revenue                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | \$0.00             | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00                                        | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00          |
| State Revenue                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | -\$4,009,547.00    | -\$3,493,443.00 | -\$4,462,431.00 | -\$4,244,756.00 | -\$198,306.00                                 | -\$317,416.00   | -\$1,435,955.00 | -\$1,435,204.00 |
| Federal Revenue                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | -\$255,513.00      | -\$408,914.00   | -\$230,000.00   | -\$300,000.00   | -\$1,226,500.00                               | -\$267,328.00   | -\$464,360.00   | -\$464,360.00   |
| Other Sources                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | \$0.00             | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00                                        | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00          |
| Transfers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | \$0.00             | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | -\$55,120.00                                  | -\$222,988.00   | -\$222,988.00   | -\$222,988.00   |
| TOTALS ***                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | -\$6,945,907.00    | -\$7,029,958.00 | -\$5,188,483.00 | -\$5,323,756.00 | -\$3,810,175.00                               | -\$2,685,408.00 | -\$4,222,037.00 | -\$4,209,117.00 |
| EXPENDITURES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                    |                 |                 |                 |                                               |                 |                 |                 |
| Salaries                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | \$1,798,234.00     | \$1,386,212.00  | \$2,065,615.00  | \$2,393,685.00  | \$627,887.00                                  | \$420,691.00    | \$365,113.00    | \$382,346.00    |
| Benefits                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | \$572,001.00       | \$356,778.00    | \$726,831.00    | \$803,421.00    | \$165,473.00                                  | \$123,327.00    | \$107,285.00    | \$117,810.00    |
| Purchased Services                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | \$1,587,328.00     | \$830,992.00    | \$1,696,679.00  | \$1,466,791.00  | \$600,717.00                                  | \$328,606.00    | \$420,286.00    | \$1,438,424.00  |
| Supplies & Materials                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | \$239,161.00       | \$227,154.00    | \$362,467.00    | \$317,850.00    | \$493,408.00                                  | \$219,287.00    | \$161,315.00    | \$171,000.00    |
| Capital Outlay                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | \$39,337.00        | \$7,716.00      | \$49,150.00     | \$60,566.00     | \$151,796.00                                  | \$15,646.00     | \$44,833.00     | \$18,100.00     |
| Debt Retirement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | \$429.00           | \$492.00        | \$1,005.00      | \$1,005.00      | \$329,187.00                                  | \$326,558.00    | \$327,947.00    | \$492,514.00    |
| Insurance & Judgments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | \$35,777.00        | \$45,239.00     | \$49,748.00     | \$48,450.00     | \$0.00                                        | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00          |
| Transfers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | \$55,120.00        | \$222,988.00    | \$222,988.00    | \$231,988.00    | \$0.00                                        | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00          |
| Contingency Reserve                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | \$0.00             | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00                                        | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$0.00          |
| Unappropriated Balances                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | \$2,618,610.00     | \$3,952,387.00  | \$0.00          | \$0.00          | \$1,441,707.00                                | \$1,251,293.00  | \$0.00          | \$0.00          |
| TOTALS ***                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | \$6,945,997.00     | \$7,029,958.00  | \$5,174,483.00  | \$5,323,756.00  | \$3,810,175.00                                | \$2,685,408.00  | \$1,426,779.00  | \$2,620,194.00  |
| 2023-2024 Fee Increases:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                    |                 |                 |                 | JayDene Aquiso, Assistant Business Manager    |                 |                 |                 |
| School Lunch increase- Adult Lunch \$4.70 to \$4.95                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                    |                 |                 |                 | Bruneau Grand View Joint School District #365 |                 |                 |                 |
| Elementary Student Lunch Increase-\$3.50 to \$3.75                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                    |                 |                 |                 | 39678 State Highway 78                        |                 |                 |                 |
| Jr. Sr. High Student Lunch Increases\$3.60 to \$3.85                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                    |                 |                 |                 | Bruneau, Idaho 83604                          |                 |                 |                 |
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| Activity Card - \$50 (increase of \$20)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                    |                 |                 |                 |                                               |                 |                 |                 |
| JH Sports Fees - \$50 (increase of \$25)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                    |                 |                 |                 |                                               |                 |                 |                 |
| HS Sports Fees - \$75 (increase of \$25)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                    |                 |                 |                 |                                               |                 |                 |                 |

05/29/2024

**a/k/a EDWARD CHADEZ and EDWARD FELIX CHADEZ, Deceased.**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that CHARLES E. CHADEZ has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent, EDWARD F. CHADEZ. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. **Claims must be both (1) presented to the personal representative of the estate at the law offices of White, Peterson, Gigray & Nichols, P.A., 5700 East Franklin Road, Suite 200, Post Office Box 247, Nampa, Idaho (ID) 83653-0247, and (2) filed with the Clerk of the Court.**  
DATED 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.  
Philip A. Peterson  
Attorney for:  
Charles E. Chadez  
Personal Representative  
05/15,22,29/2024

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE**  
**Magistrate Division**  
**[Idaho Code § 15-3-801(a)]**  
**Case No. CV37-24-00152**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF**  
**REBECCA E. QUIRK, Deceased.**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MICHAEL E. MAYES was appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must both be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated and and filed with the Clerk of the Court.  
DATED May 15, 2024.  
Todd A. Rossman, ISB #4023  
Todd A. Rossman, P.A.  
Attorney for Personal Representative  
5660 E. Franklin Road, Suite 220  
Nampa, Idaho 83687  
Tel: (208) 475-3150

05/22,29/06/05/2024  
**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE**  
To be sold for cash at a Trustee’s Sale on October 10, 2024, 09:00 AM in the Lobby, Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650, the following described real property situated in Owyhee County, State of Idaho (“Real Property”): In Township 1 South, Range 2 West, B.M., Owyhee County, Idaho.  
Section 18: That portion of Government Lot 3 of Section 18, T1S, R2W, B.M., lying South and West of the High Line Canal  
Excepting therefrom, any portion thereof which many lie within the East 330 feet of said Lot 3  
Together with a Manufactured Home affixed to and made a permanent part of the subject real property described as follows:  
Year: 1992  
Make: KITM  
VIN: X9474B22SN14088AB  
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System Ident. Number: Q3I032812 Commonly known as: HC 79 Box 420, aka 12946 Bailey Rd, Melba, ID 83641  
Angela M. Fritzler and Eric J. Fritzler, as Trustors conveyed Real Property via a Trust Deed dated December 29, 1998, in favor of North American Mortgage Company as Beneficiary, in which Transnation Title & Escrow, Inc. was named as Trustee. The Trust Deed was recorded in Owyhee County, Idaho, on January 6, 1999, as Instrument No. 227119, and modified pursuant to the Modification recorded on September 26, 2006, as Instrument No. 258249, and modified pursuant to the Modification recorded on April 14, 2009, as Instrument No. 267932, and modified pursuant to the Modification recorded on December 7, 2012, as Instrument No. 279354, and modified pursuant to the Modification recorded on December 9, 2021, as Instrument No. 310523, and modified pursuant to the Modification recorded on July 5, 2023, as Instrument No. 315448, of Official Records. The Deed of Trust was assigned for value as follows: Assignee: MidFirst Bank, a Federally Chartered Savings Association Assignment Dated: June 4, 2008 Assignment Recorded: June 19,

2008 Assignment Recording Information: Instrument No. 265399 Shelly M. Casares is the Successor Trustee pursuant to a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Owyhee, State of Idaho on December 1, 2022 at Instrument No. 314027, of Official Records. The Beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust due to Trustor’s failure to make monthly payments beginning July 1, 2023, and each month subsequent, which monthly installments would have been applied on the principal and interest due on said obligation and other charges against the property or loan. By reason of said default, the Beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable. The total amount due on this obligation is the principal sum of \$154,378.84, interest in the sum of \$10,194.31, other amounts due and payable in the amount of \$20,088.43, for a total amount owing of \$184,661.58, plus accruing interest, late charges, and other fees and costs that may be incurred or advanced. The Beneficiary anticipates and may disburse such amounts as may be required to preserve and protect the property and for real property taxes that may become due or delinquent, unless such amounts of taxes are paid by the Trustors. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds of this sale include the Trustee’s fees and attorney’s fees, costs and expenses of the sale, and late charges, if any. Beneficiary has elected, and has directed the Trustee to sell the above described property to satisfy the obligation. The sale is a public sale and any person, including the Beneficiary, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding by certified funds (valid money orders, certified checks or cashier’s checks). The conveyance will be made by Trustee’s Deed, without any representation or warranty, including warranty of title, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis, without

limitation, the sale is being made subject to all existing conditions, if any, of lead paint, mold or other environmental or health hazards. The Trustors, successor in interest to the Trustors, or any other person having an interest in the property, or any person named in IRC § 45-1506, has the right, at any time prior to the Trustee’s Sale, to pay to the Beneficiary, or the successor in interest to the Beneficiary, the entire amount then due under the Deed of Trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually incurred and attorney’s fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Deed of Trust with Successor Trustee’s and attorney’s fees. In the event that all defaults are cured the foreclosure will be dismissed and the foreclosure sale will be canceled. The scheduled Trustee’s Sale may be postponed by public proclamation up to 30 days for any reason. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder’s sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Successor Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The above Trustors are named to comply with IRC § 45-1506(4)(a). No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Dated this 17th day of May, 2024. Shelly M. Casares  
Substitute Trustee 376 East 400 South, Suite 300, Salt Lake City, UT 84111 Telephone: 801-355-2886 Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8AM-5PM (MST) File No. ID10624  
05/29/06/05,12,19/2024

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE CASE NO. CV37-24-162 IN RE: NOAH ANTHONY VALENTINE (minor) and HUNTER JAMES VALENTINE (minor)

A petition to change the name of (1) Noah Anthony Valentine, and the name of (2) Hunter James Valentine, all minors, now residing in the City of Homedale, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Owyhee County, Idaho. The names will change to (1) Noah Roy Campbell, and (2) Hunter James Campbell. The reason for the change in name is: bio dad has not been in contact in 10 years and children wish to change name to mother's last name.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 11:00 o'clock a.m. on July 3, 2024 at the Owyhee County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name changes.

Date: May 22, 2024 /s/:Aiesha Zenor, Deputy Clerk 5/29,6/5,12,19/2024



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