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Visitors to the new Owyhee County Justice Center in Homedale learned about the courtroom's video display, among other features. Submitted photo



County justice center hope: Improved customer service

Building department clerk now stationed full-time in Homedale

The new Owyhee County Justice Center in Homedale got its moment in the sun Thursday afternoon.

County government officials turned out for the public open house for the remodeled building at 130 W. Idaho Ave., in Homedale.

The three-hour open house began at 3:30 p.m., and gave the public a chance to see how the county's \$1 million investment transformed the former Terry Reilly Health Services dental clinic and Owyhee County Probation Office into a new magistrate courtroom and other

department offices.

The probation office staff has returned to its digs on the north end of the building after a temporary stay at the county satellite offices in Marsing. The probation office's main entrance remains on the North 2nd Street West side of the building.

Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington now has his chambers inside the justice center after relocating from the shared space at Homedale City Hall.

Likewise, deputy court clerk Aiesha Zenor will work out of the justice center

five days each week now. Previously, Zenor worked as a building department clerk on Mondays and Fridays in the county's Reich Street building in Marsing and then handled her court duties Tuesday through Thursday in Homedale.

"She will be available for courts and/or building department five days per week at the Homedale location, rather than the split," County Clerk Angie Barkell said. "We are hoping that will give citizens better service."

The first day of court hearings in the new courtroom was May 1, and

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Man convicted of sexual crimes decades apart

One case revived after second allegation

A Marsing man could face life in prison after an Owyhee County jury convicted him of sexually assaulting female family members.

David Gerthung, 48, was found guilty on two felony counts of lewd and lascivious conduct with a child younger than 16 after a Murphy jury deliberated for 40 minutes on



David Gerthung

Friday, May 24.

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Chris Topmiller said he plans to ask for "a lengthy period of incarceration."

Each felony count carries a maximum sentence of life in prison.

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Property tax deadline nears; new assessments heading into the mail

Treasurer's office will be open Juneteenth

Owyhee County property owners who haven't paid their 2024 bills in full will receive tax notices for their second half of taxes soon.

Property assessments will be going out, too.

During the May 28 Board of County Commissioners meeting in Murphy, Assessor Tiffany Nettleton said her office would start printing assessments that day and they were supposed to be in the mail by Monday.

Nettleton said the assessment notices will have a new format as required by recent state

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Three appointments balance fair board across county

Fair vendor applications available; 4-H presentations loom later this month

The Owyhee County Fair Board is back to full strength.

With the annual fair about two

months away, the Board of County Commissioners made three appointments during its May 28 meeting in Murphy.

Katie Colyer of Bruneau, Ed Collett from Grand View, and Anna Ousley out of Marsing were appointed to the board.

Ousley was selected from a large pool of applicants to replace former board vice-chair Jake Astorquia, who

resigned because of added responsibilities because of his job commitments.

According to the fair board lineup posted on the county website, prior to last week's appointments there were no directors from Bruneau or Grand View.

Board holdovers include chair Lath Callaway from Marsing, who recently lost the Republican primary election for the District 1 seat on the BOCC,

Tiffany Hipwell of Murphy, April Binford of Homedale, and Doug Rutan of Jordan Valley.

Binford serves as Owyhee County Community Center coordinator, handling the booking of dates for the meeting and event space. New fair board secretary and fair manager Sonya Criffield is the contact for events des-

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100 new voters can't distract from dismal turnout

No in-person polling place cracks 50 percent participation

One hundred voters registered at the polls during the May 21 primary elections, but only 37 percent of the Owyhee County citizens eligible to vote took advantage of their right. “We had no problems with the election,” County Clerk Angie Barkell said during the May 28 Board of County Commissioners meeting.

“It’s sad that the turnout was so low.” Speaking during the same meeting at which county commissioners canvassed the vote, Barkell said Owyhee County’s voter turnout was above the statewide average.

The precincts with some of the best voter turnout on May 21 were Bruneau, Grand View, and Oreana, where voters took action on a two-year, \$1.3 million supplemental levy proposed by the Bruneau-Grand View School District.

The commissioners’ certification of the election at last week’s meeting solidified the one-vote margin of victory for the school levy.

The levy passed, 225-224, with the Chattin Flats voters

MAY 21 PRIMARY ELECTION VOTER STATISTICS					
Precincts	Total Number of Registered Voters at the cutoff	Number of Election Day Registrants	Total Number of Registered Voters (automatically generated)	Number of Ballots Cast	% of Registered Voters who Voted (automatically generated)
Absentee	0		0	158	
Bruneau	307	0	307	131	43%
Grand View	499	15	514	200	39%
Murphy	255	8	263	128	49%
North Homedale	831	24	855	255	30%
North Marsing	833	14	847	267	32%
Oreana	138	0	138	64	46%
Pleasant Valley	61	0	61	34	56%
Riddle	86	0	86	20	23%
South Homedale	1184	19	1203	369	31%
South Marsing	821	14	835	255	31%
Three Creek	16	0	16	6	38%
Wilson	531	6	537	184	34%
Totals:	5562	100	5662	2071	37%

in Elmore County proving to be the difference. Chattin Flats voters favored the levy, 14-6.

With no new voters registering on Election Day, 131 of the 307 registered voters in Bruneau (43 percent) cast ballots.

In Grand View, 15 people registered on May 21, and 39 percent of the 514 voters (200

people) cast ballots. At Oreana Community Hall, 64 of the 138 voters in the precinct (46 percent) showed up. There were no Election Day registrations.

Murphy had the best turnout of all walk-up polling places as 128 of the 263 voters (49 percent) participated.

The Pleasant Valley mail ballot precinct had the highest turnout at 56 percent (34 of 61 voters) got their ballots back to the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy before the 8 p.m., cutoff on May 21.

Participation wasn’t as rosy in other mail-in precincts: 20 of Riddle’s 86 voters (23 per-

cent) cast ballots, and only six of the 16 voters in Three Creek (38 percent) took part.

Of the 2,071 people who cast ballots in the election, 158 of them voted absentee.

Owyhee County voting records showed that 5,662 people were eligible to vote in the primary election.



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MARSING GRADS’ SHINING MOMENT



Above: Retiring third-grade teacher John Barenberg tips over an hourglass full of sand while delivering his keynote address during the Marsing High School graduation ceremony on May 24 inside the new gymnasium. **Left:** Seniors Nate Delaney (left) and Jonathan Leon show their gratitude while making their way to their seats. Photos by Kimberly Freeman

County Republicans reorganize with a Grand View tilt

The Owyhee County Republican Central Committee’s new board of officers has a decidedly eastern county flavor after last Wednesday’s reorganization meeting.

Grand View resident Tammy Payne was retained as chair, and Homedale’s Holly Reynolds was appointed vice-chair. Grand View’s Andrea Owens, who lost the precinct committee person election to Brandi Long last month, was elected secretary/treasurer.

Husband and wife Andrea Owens and Mark Owens were elected state committee persons, and Taylor Magers of Grand View was appointed the state youth committeeperson.

All officers and state committeepersons are non-precinct committee members.

“Per Idaho GOP rules, only the elected PCs (precinct committee members) are allowed to vote on the officers and State Committeeman/woman/youth positions,” Payne said.

“It is one way of encouraging more people to participate in the central committee and the Idaho Republican Party.”

The new slate of precinct committeemen selected Erica Beus as the Riddle precinct representative. The committee election was necessary after Beus beat Ruth Jackson, 4-2, in the May 21

election but failed to garner the five votes required by GOP rules to avoid a committee vote.

In a report on last week’s meeting in Murphy, Payne said Jackson didn’t attend the election. Payne didn’t specify whether Beus was present.

The precinct committeemen also elected six delegates and six alternates to represent the county Central Committee at the Idaho Republican Party Summer Convention, which is set for Aug. 13-15 in Coeur d’Alene.

Only two of the sitting committeemen were selected as delegates — Walt Holton from North Marsing and Louis Monson from Wilson. The other delegates are Mark and Andrea Owens, Reynolds, and Payne.

Alternates are Greg Blodgett, the new South Marsing committeeman, Erica and Eric Beus, Magers, Russ Dygert, and Marie Hipwell.

Oreana committeeperson Brecca Hipwell and Murphy committeeperson Brenda Richards will sit with Payne on a committee appointed to review the Central Committee bylaws and report back to the full Central Committee with any recommended changes.

Payne said the bylaws haven’t been updated since October 2013.

The Central Committee will next meet on Monday, Oct. 1.





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Memorial weekend ATV accident claims Nampa man

Rec on rise with weather, BOCC opening roads

A Nampa man died in a recreational accident in Diamond Basin during the Memorial Day weekend.

Charles Schroder, 63, was riding on a Suzuki ATV when the accident occurred before

1 p.m., on Saturday, May 25, according to Owyhee County Sheriff's Backcountry Sgt. Kenny Hoagland.

Schroder and a companion who was also four-wheeling were wearing protective clothing and helmets, Hoagland said. The companion, who was riding on his own machine, was unhurt, the deputy said.

Sheriff Larry Kendrick said Schroder died at the scene of

crush injuries after hitting a wash on "a very advanced trail," which caused the ATV to flip.

The riders were taking a trail near Tiddie Springs Road about 12 miles southwest of Murphy.

Kendrick said the companion rider circled back when he noticed Schroder's machine was no longer behind him on the trail. The ATV was on top of Schroder when he was

located, the sheriff said.

A Bureau of Land Management ranger reported the accident shortly before 1 p.m., and ambulance crews from Marsing and Grand View responded along with Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire Rescue and a St. Alphonsus LifeFlight helicopter, according to Hoagland.

The accident occurred northwest of Silver City Road, which the Board of County Commissioners opened with passage of a resolution during a special May 23 meeting. The winter closure of Bachman

Grade Road was lifted in the same meeting just days before the Memorial Day holiday.

Kendrick said another ATV rider was Lifeflighted after an accident on Silver City Road at around 6 p.m., on Sunday, May 26. Grand View Ambulance, and MRW Fire Rescue also responded.

The sheriff said Hoagland also spent some time during the Memorial Day weekend trying to help a woman whose vehicle had become stuck in the area near Grasmere on Saturday, May 25.

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Correction

The District 23 legislative election recap article from the May 29 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche overlooked one long-serving Owyhee County resident in the Idaho Legislature. Bert Brackett of Three Creek was in the House of Representatives from 2005 to 2008 and then served in the state Senate from 2008 to 2020.

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Interns, leadership shift alter Extension summer makeup

If you read the May 22 University of Idaho Extension column in The Owyhee Avalanche, then it's old news to you that a significant transition is occurring at the Owyhee County Extension Office.



Suriñe Greenway

After two decades of dedicated service to Owyhee County as the Agricultural Livestock Educator and County Chair, K. Scott Jensen has moved into a valuable position as an Area Range Educator.

Scott's tenure as the County Chair has been marked with numerous accomplishments, from expert programming, community engagement, and leading the office through two decades of change. This new endeavor for Scott marks a notable new chapter in his career and, as you have guessed, simultaneously creates a noticeable change in the Marsing office as well.

While filling Scott's role remains a priority, it does create a unique situation during a busy time for our team. Although I am not stepping into the Livestock Educator position Scott held, I did take on the role of County Chair. This week marks a decade that I have been in the UI Owyhee County Extension Office as a Family and Consumer Sciences Educator. As I shift into this position, I plan to continue leading the volunteer Master Food Safety Advisor program, delivering my community-focused educational programming for youth and adults while also continuing to expand upon the foundation laid by Scott's leadership and mentorship. My goals remain the same as they have been: to support clientele and continue to lead practical education you

can trust so Owyhee County communities can thrive.

Madi Passmore, a summer intern, and Taryn Packer, an AmeriCorps member, will add to the focus of 4-H Youth Development opportunities that we look forward to providing in the summer. Both bring fresh energy and innovative ideas to our team's programming.

An agricultural sciences and communication and leadership major at the University of Idaho, Madi is focused on developing a series of workshops aimed at introducing all ages to current agricultural topics and practices. Madi's enthusiasm is evident, and we are hopeful her contributions will soon be noticed.

Taryn, serving through AmeriCorps, is returning to our office for a second summer. Her service last year was a great asset, centered on youth-focused programming that brought a variety of topics to Owyhee County. Taryn's efforts have significantly increased community participation and awareness in the past, and we look forward to building on this foundation this summer.

New for just this summer will be a short-term part-time position at the Owyhee County Extension Office through August. This role is funded with the University of Idaho Extension funds and intends to bridge the gap our office has with Scott's vacancy and aid in delivering the multiple events our office will host over the next few months, including the emphasis on preparation and implementation of the Owyhee County Fair.

— Suriñe Greenway is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Family and Consumer Sciences educator. For more information, you can reach the U of I Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104 or owyhee@uidaho.edu. The office is located at 238 W. 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.

Calendar

Today

- Ladies coffee group**
9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Bingo**
10:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Summer Reading program**
11 a.m., 'Idaho Farm Bureau AG STEM (mobile moving agriculture to the Classroom Trailer)', 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.

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
- Senior Jammers perform**
Noon, Melba Valley Senior Center, 115 Baseline Rd., Melba.
- Friends of the Homedale Library meeting**
4 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale.
- Teens and Tweens**
5 p.m., 'No Bake Cookie Dough Class', Homedale Community Center, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.
- Owyhee County Fair Board meeting**
7 p.m., Owyhee County Fairgrounds, 420 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale.

Friday

- Let's Talk About It adult book club**
5 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.
- Alcoholics Anonymous**
7 p.m., Sandbar Community Room, City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 860-9674

Saturday

- OCSO Boater Safety class**
9 a.m., to 4 p.m., Marsing School District HUB, 8th Avenue West, Marsing. Presented by Owyhee County Sheriff's Office.
- Catholic Mass**
10 a.m., Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Oreana. (208) 466-7031
- Free lunch**
11:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 303-7414

Monday

- Board of County Commissioners meeting**
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421
- Homedale district library board meeting**
10 a.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228
- Opal Nash Story Time**
10 a.m., 'ABCs,' Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

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Homedale Fire commissioners meeting

Noon, The Bowling Alley, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale.

Region III assistance assessments

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

Homedale Senior Center board meeting

1:30 p.m., public welcome, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

American Legion Post 128 meeting

7 p.m., Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing.

Wednesday

Ladies coffee group

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

Food distribution

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

Bingo

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

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Marsing Chamber of Commerce meeting

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

Homedale City Council meeting

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

Jordan Valley Ambulance meeting

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

Marsing City Council meeting

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

Homedale Highway District meeting

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

Marsing School Board meeting

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GEVEVE ROMRIELL, 92, of Caldwell, died Saturday, June 1, 2024 at home of natural causes. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapels, Homedale. (208) 337-3252



Leroy Breshears' family gathered for a photo during Saturday's fishing day held in his honor. Submitted photos



Nevah Tibbs, girls' first fish, first limit, largest trout

Josiah Tibbs, boys' first trout catch of the day.

Asher Tibbs, boys' first limit and largest trout.

Dozens of children get casts in at Breshears fishing day

The 25th annual Leroy Breshears Kids Fishing Day attracted 100 youth to the Island Park pond in Marsing.

A New Plymouth family dominated the awards for both the boys' and girls' divisions as members of the man remembered with the annual event turned out in force to support another year of encouraging children to take up fishing.

"(The Breshears family, including Leroy's wife Arvela) are big supporters of the derby and don't miss it if they can help it," fishing day spokesman James Ferdinand said.

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Posse and Idaho Department of Fish and Game team up each year to present the fishing day,

which is held in honor of a longtime Posse member and hunters' education instructor who passed away in 1999.

Nevah Tibbs, an 8-year-old from New Plymouth, swept the girls' awards. She caught the first trout for the girls on hand and collected her limit of fish first. Among the limit was the tournament's largest fish at 3.33 pounds.

Six-year-old Josiah Tibbs, also of New Plymouth, was the first boy to land a fish.

Asher Tibbs, 11, another New Plymouth youth, had the first limit among boys and landed the largest fish.

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- Owyhee County Farm Bureau Insurance, Wayne Hungate
- Homedale Chiropractic Center
- The Breshears Family
- Idaho Department of Fish and Game
- Owyhee County Sheriff's Office
- Owyhee County Sheriff's Posse
- Idaho Central Credit Union
- The Owyhee Avalanche



Boys State delegate Andrei Dumitru (left) and American Legion Post 128 Cmdr. Herb Churruca. Submitted photo

Romanian teen learns about U.S. government this week

Legion Post 128 sponsors Boys State candidate

"He saw no reason we cannot do the same," she said.

Dumitru has spent his time in Marsing with the family of sponsor and host Lisa Marshall.

During his Marsing experience he competed on the high school's cross country team, and he also ran distance races for the track and field team in the spring.

His best finish in cross country was a 19th-place time of 24 minutes, 10 seconds in the Charger Classic junior varsity 5-kilometer on Sept. 15 in Meridian. He ran a personal-best time of 20:59.6 in the varsity meet at the Winston Tilzey Invitational in Nampa on Oct. 11.

During the track season, he PR'd in the 400 meters at 1:04.63 during the April 25 Down the Stretch meet in New Plymouth. Other personal records included a 2:30.12 for 16th place in the 800 meters at the 2A District III championship meet on May 11 and a 5:50.42 in the 1,600 at the Lynn Behrman Invitational on May 3 in Parma.

His community service has included volunteering 25 hours for a fundraiser at the 2023 Owyhee County Fair and serving 60 hours as a teacher's assistant.

He also has given presentations about his homeland to U.S. students.

Romanian exchange student Andrei Dumitru spent the year learning about American culture as a Marsing High School junior.

This week, he's diving into American government as a delegate at the American Legion Gem Boys State at Gowen Field in Boise.

"He is very excited about this opportunity to practice the workings of government," American Legion Post 128 adjutant Kathy Barton said.

The Marsing-based Legion post is sponsoring Dumitru's Boys State excursion.

The American civics summer camp, which immerses incoming high school seniors in all three branches of government at varying levels, runs through Friday.

And for Dumitru it's not just a way to pass a bit of summer vacation while in the states.

Dumitru is part of the Future Leaders Exchange Program, which was developed by the U.S. Department of State for potential leaders of European countries.

Family members of foreign embassy staffers usually are allowed to participate in Boys State, so Barton double-checked with an event official about Dumitru's eligibility.

— JPB

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County to hold Mormon cricket landowner meeting

All county landowners are invited to discuss the Mormon cricket invasion at a public meeting slated for Murphy next week.

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners will convene a meeting about the latest hatches of the devastating insects at 7 p.m., on Thursday, June 13.

The meeting will be held at McKeeth Hall inside the Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., in Murphy.

Officials in attendance will include Lloyd Knight, the deputy director at the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, and Bob Gourley, the Idaho director for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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✓ Tax: Courthouse access to pay taxes on holiday available by calling

legislation.

“There will be three years of property values shown, along with two years of taxes,” Nettleton said. “The taxes shown will be for previous years because taxes based on 2024 values won’t be known until November.”

Nettleton said the new assessment notice format specifically lists “Less Homeowner Exemption” and the amount of any Homeowner Exemption on the property.

“The previous assessments simply said ‘Less Exemptions’ without specifying the type of exemption,” Nettleton said.

“We have been asking everyone who owns and occupies their home as their primary residence to check and make sure they are getting the homeowner exemption. If they are not, but believe they should be, they can call our office and we will help them with the application.”

The assessor’s office in Murphy can be reached by calling (208) 495-2817.

There is also an anti-fraud mechanism now in place through legislation.

“New legislation for 2024 will also require homeowners to provide their driver’s license or state-issued ID in order to prevent people from fraudulently claiming the homeowner exemption,” Nettleton said.

“This legislation also subjects taxpayers to penalties for claiming more than one homeowner exemption.”

County Treasurer Annette Dygert’s office is in reminder mode with the second half of property taxes due on June 20.

The reminders were mailed last month.

As of the end of April, the county has received 66 percent of the 2023 tax charge of nearly \$8.9 million.

There are still outstanding tax bills dating back to 2019, she said.

- 98 percent of the 2022 tax charge of \$8.645 million has been collected, but there are still 208 parcels with outstanding bills.
- 99 percent of the 2021 tax charge of nearly \$8.2 million has been collected. Taxes are still owed on 116 parcels.
- 99 percent of the 2020 taxes (just under \$7 million) has been collected, and 65 parcels are still outstanding.
- Three parcels on which 2019 taxes are still owed have been pushed into the tax deed process, Dygert said. The county has collected the bulk of the approximately \$7.5 million tax charge from that year.

Dygert said the treasurer’s office will be open to accept payments on Wednesday, June 19 even though it is a federal holiday.

“The courthouse will be locked, so if you need to bring a payment in person, please call our office and we will meet you outside,” she told prospective taxpayers.

Call (208) 495-1158 when you arrive to pay, and someone will assist you on June 19.

Dygert also said her office has received a lot of returned mail that was sent to the wrong address.

Taxpayers who haven’t received reminders should call the office at (208) 495-1158 or toll-free at (833) 337-5522 to update their mailing address or to have tax bill questions answered.

Dygert said payments will be accepted in the office, by mail, over the phone on online at www.owyheecounty.net.

Third-party provider Access Idaho, which enables credit and debit card payments, assesses a 2.5 percent fee.

A checking account can be used by providing a routing number and account number over the phone. There is a \$1 Access Idaho fee for that option.

“When paying with your credit, debit, or e-check please keep in mind your statement will show a charge from Owyhee Treas,” she wrote in an email.

“You can also pay the old-fashioned way of mailing in a check or visiting us at the office in Murphy (with no fee.)”

Be sure to mail payments before June 20, but if mailing on the deadline day is necessary, make sure the post office postmarks it for June 20.

“We do accept mail that is postmarked on or before the 20th,” Dygert said.

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Landowners implored to continue Mormon cricket reports

Hoagland fears larger hatches later this year

The march of the Mormon crickets, which seemingly has turned into an annual occurrence, was expected to reach Silver City and maybe even Murphy last weekend.

“The one’s I’ve seen are about Cain Springs up: Rabbit Creek, Reynolds Creek, clear down to the Hemingway (Recreation Area) parking lot,” Dist. 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland said while chairing the May 28 Board of County Commissioners meeting in Murphy.

“I haven’t seen any Murphy way. They’re all different sizes: Little bitty ones to great big ones.”

The Owyhee Sage-Grouse Local Working Group and county Natural Resources Committee held a joint meeting with the Idaho State De-

partment of Agriculture on May 22 to discuss this year’s infestation.

According to a meeting recap from Dist. 3 Commissioner Cindy Bachman, ISDA deputy director Floyd Knight reported the agency for which he works has received 27 complaints from Owyhee County.

“My hope is people will continue to keep reaching out, even if they’ve already called to the ISDA,” Bachman said.

The Bruneau Republican has been leading the campaign for property owners to call and report Mormon cricket sightings to the state in an effort to drum up more mitigation efforts.

“People in Reynolds are wanting to, if they get thick enough, to get an airplane and fly and spray,” Hoagland said.

Bachman said the ISDA has a 24- to 48-hour turnaround on responding to complaints.

“It’s really important that we continue to report outbreaks,” she said.

Landowners can call ISDA representatives Cole Morrison at (208) 316-0578 or Floyd Knight at (208) 859-4173, Bachman said.

Of the 1,700 pounds of insect bait issued in the state as of May 22, the department had delivered 1,200 pounds to Owyhee County.

The ISDA has a program in which landowners can be reimbursed for the cost of a spraying operation. The landowner would have to contract with the pilot or obtain a spray rig. Funds are available to reimburse for bait and chemical, too.

Bachman said information on how to execute reimbursement is on the ISDA website.

Treatments on land under the stewardship of the Bureau of Land Management are a little slower in coming, Bachman said, because of lawsuits have limited the agency’s ability to treat.

The federal Animal and Plant Health Inspection Ser-

vice began treatments on May 13, and Bachman said “they are trying to minimize the red tape.”

The trick is fighting crickets under restrictions to protect rare plant species, Bachman said. In actuality, she added, the restrictions are in place to protect pollinator species that help the rare plants.

The federal crews can only treat within one mile of private land, and the treatments can only be carried out on a road or a trail, she said. And once an area is treated, it is removed from consideration for additional treatments.

In the week before the LWG-NRC meeting, APHIS had deployed 2,300 pounds of bait.

Call APHIS at (208) 373-1600 to report cricket sightings on federal land. The agency is currently trying to update its data on the number of insects spotted.

Hoagland anticipates more infestations later this summer.

“The numbers may not be

there, but the bunch I saw come in to our area was a big, massive bunch, and it was about a half-mile long,” the Reynolds Creek-area rancher said. “We’re looking at maybe what happens later is another hatch at a higher elevation.”

Bachman said the creep of the insects is why folks must remain diligent.

“That’s why I think we need to continue to keep informing ISDA and APHIS of where they are because they just keep coming in waves,” she said.

The commissioners and other elected officials at the BOCC meeting also discussed how to battle the mess that occurs when the insect carcasses on roadways cake vehicles.

County Assessor Tiffany Nettleton said Dawn dish soap brand’s “power spray” product will help get rid of the bugs. Windshield scrapers can be deployed to peel bugs from vehicle’s wheel wells.

— JPB

BOCC adjusts sheriff’s payroll

Deputies have received POST completion raises recently

The Board of County Commissioners signed off on Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office payroll modifications during its last meeting.

Patrol Deputy Philip Overlin’s hourly pay was raised to \$20.29 retroactive to Nov. 20.

On May 27 in Murphy, commissioners OK’d his corrected pay sheet because an Oct. 25 contingent letter offered him that wage, but Overlin had been paid \$19.70 per hour since he began working for the county.

The oversight was found in a salary audit, officials said.

The commissioners also made “pay line changes” for detention deputies Brant Monahan and Chase Rhodes. Neither man’s grade or classification were altered, deputy clerk Audra Yoshikane said.

Rhodes continues at his rate of \$21.32 per hour, and Monahan still makes \$21 per hour.

Rhodes started his job on

April 29, and Monahan received a salary bump from \$20.29 to \$21 on April 8 after completing the Idaho Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) Academy.

Also during the April 22 BOCC meeting when Rhodes’ employment was approved:

- Julie Morgan was hired as a full-time dispatcher at the rate of \$23 per hour.
- Patrol Deputy James Ferdinand received a pay bump after completing his POST certification. Ferdinand saw his hourly wage increase from \$21.83 to \$22.38.
- Paula Rhodes moved from part-time to full-time in the role of dispatch supervisor at an hourly rate of \$26.
- Tearsy Freeman was reassigned from full-time to part-time dispatcher with her pay remaining at \$21.90 per hour.

In addition to Monahan’s POST pay raise on April 1, jailer Tyrell Lowe also received a POST Academy pay raise from

\$20.29 to \$21 per hour.

During the Jan. 16 meeting, Deputy Angel Juarez was given a raise to \$21 after his basic certification came through, and detention Deputy Elijah Castle was hired at a full-time rate of \$20.89 per hour.

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Marsing Chamber plans ATV run, Island Park fun

The Marsing Chamber of Commerce plans two community events this summer.

The first is an ATV/UTV poker run, which will be held on Saturday, June 15.

The Gateway to the Owyhees Poker Run pushes off from the Marsing Gun Club range on Trapshoot Road off Idaho highway 78. Registration begins at 9 a.m., and ATVs will leave the staging area between 10 a.m., and noon.

Registration cost is \$40 per ATV and \$10 for a second rider. The cost includes dinner and a swag bag.

Folks can play extra hands for \$5 per card.

The best hand wins \$250, and the next best hand takes in \$150. The worst hand will earn \$75.

For more information, call (208) 261-1420 or email marsingchamber@gmail.com.

Owyhee Graphics and Embroidery, a Chamber member business located in the old Blue Canoe building on Idaho 78, has designed event T-shirts, which can be ordered online until Tuesday at <http://www.companycasuals.com/MARSINGPOKERRUN> for delivery at the poker run.

Anyone ordering a T-shirt before Tuesday will also receive five tickets into the associated raffle that includes donated prizes from sponsors.

The Chamber's Classics, Cowboys & Cabernet event will bring a car show, wine and music to Island Park on Saturday, July 6.

The event is free to the public, folks wanting to show their classic cars can register between 9 a.m., and 2 p.m., for \$10.

The event is a fundraiser for the Chamber of Commerce and its initiatives.

Music and wine will be available from 3 p.m., to 7 p.m. Scotty Larsen and the High Desert Lawless will provide the music, and the wine will be poured by Chamber member Dunning Estates.

Holy Oly O's and Cowgirl Catering will provide food, and Left Handed Cookie Art will also be on hand.

Visit the Chamber's website, marsingchamber.org, for more information.

Electronics recycling project ongoing

The Chamber's campaign to support STEM education continues.

A recycling bin for old or broken electronics is available at Gfeller Leather Casemakers, 218 Main St.

Chamber president Steve Derricott owns the business.

The community is encouraged to bring unwanted electronic items to donate to Reuseum, which is a local organization dedicated to teaching Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics concepts to children through the use of recycled materials.

Items marked for recycling can be dropped off at the Gfeller shop between 7 a.m., and 5 p.m., each Monday through Thursday.

Reuseum is committed to data compliance and offers the option to clear data from your devices or even destroy the hard drive upon request. Just tape a note to the device if you want the hard drive destroyed.

Visit www.resuseum.com or call (208) 375-7507 for more on what the organization accepts.

Sheriff: Memorial Day fairly quiet near county's water

Nevada pair arrested on misdemeanor drug charges near C.J. Strike

Law enforcement calls on the first big weekend of the summer season, Memorial Day, were muted because of unfavorable weather.

"Waterways went good," Owyhee County Sheriff Larry Kendrick said of the holiday activity. "There were a lot of campers, but due to the weather, it wasn't hot enough for recreational boaters."

There were a lot of fishermen, and — apparently — a couple incidents involving alcohol and drugs.

Two Owyhee, Nev., residents were arrested on misdemeanor drug charges at about 10:41 p.m., on Sunday, May 26.

Kendrick said Deputy Jacob Smith detained 42-year-old James Abel Barton, and 45-year-old Michelle Marie Hanks, at the Cove Rec Area near C.J. Strike Reservoir.

The man and woman were released on their own recognizance after entering guilty pleas during May 28 arraignments before Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington in Murphy.

Both are due back in court at 1:30 p.m., on Tuesday, July 16 for pretrial conferences.

Both face misdemeanor counts of marijuana possession, and Hanks has been charged with an additional misdemeanor for suspected drug paraphernalia possession.

Barton also received infraction citations for driving on an expired license, having an unregistered motor vehicle, and failing to provide proof of liability insurance.

- A report of shots fired on the Owyhee County side of Swan Falls was confirmed as firecrackers by Idaho State Police troopers in Ada County, Kendrick said.
- A man and woman were involved in a verbal altercation that was originally reported as an in-progress domestic assault at 9:15 p.m., on Sunday, May 26 at the Black Sands boat dock outside Grand View.

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55TH ANNUAL OUTPOST DAYS

OCHS’ annual fundraiser draws big crowds to museum

Hundreds of people moved through the Owyhee County Historical Museum on Saturday and Sunday, taking in the exhibits as part of their visit to the 55th annual Outpost Days in Murphy.

“We would like to thank everyone for coming out for Outpost Days and making it a great success,” museum director Eriks Garsvo said.

The weekend, which was sponsored by radio station 101.9 The Bull, included historical re-enactments and lost arts demonstrations, and local musicians provided entertainment at the refurbished Marsing Depot stage all day both days.

“The big highlight on Saturday night was the chuckwagon dinner and the drone show provided by Skyworx drones,” Garsvo said.

“On Sunday, we had performances by the Oinkari Basque dancers and painted horse drum group from Duck Valley (the Shoshone-Paiute Indian Reservation that is housed in southern Owyhee County and northern Nevada).”

Bids will be taken through Sunday for the annual online auction, which is available at www.outpostdays.afrogs.org.

“So keep bidding and helping the museum continue to preserve Owyhee County history,” Garsvo said.



The Oinkari Basque Dancers brought more color to the refurbished Marsing Train Depot stage. Submitted photos



Led by Jeff Deil, a group of boys and girls from the Idaho Youth Horse Council drove 20 head of cattle about two miles across sagebrush range on Saturday, ending with the cattle waltzing into a corral.



Owyhee County Historical Museum director Eriks Garsvo (right) chats with a man about a vintage firearm at the Idaho Military History Museum booth during Outpost Days in Murphy.



As evening fell on Outpost Days on Saturday, it was a nice chance to see the refurbished — and lit — Marsing Train Depot from the Erb side of things.



Right: A covered wagon flew over a covered wagon during the SkyWorkx drone show Saturday night. **Below:** The drone show also showed organizers’ gratitude to lead sponsor 101.9 The Bull.



Avalanche Sports



Cole Fossette connects on a two-run single in the Owyhee Rivercats' 4-1 win over the Boise Baseball Academy 16U squad in the Luke Aman Memorial. Wylee Bidiman and Bentley Holland scored on a pop fly to center field. Submitted photo

Rivercats rally for third at home

The Owyhee Rivercats rallied from an 0-2 start in its own tournament to finish third in the inaugural Luke Aman Memorial Tournament on Sunday.

The American Legion baseball showcase at John Jackson Field drew the largest crowds in its five-year history, according to Rivercats information director Kevin Fine.

Formerly known as the Owyhee Rivercat Classic, the tournament was renamed in honor of an incoming Rivercats player who died in a farming accident in January.

The Idaho Show, coached by Northwest Nazarene University coach Joe Schaefer, capped a 4-0 run to the championship with a 9-0 win over the Vallivue Titans (3-1) on Sunday.

The Rivercats (2-2 in the tournament, 3-3 in 2024) edged the Boise Gems, 2-1, in Sunday's third-place game.

The Boise Baseball Academy teams faced off in another final bracket game Sunday with the 18U beating the 14U, 6-4, for fifth place.

The Idaho Show-Newberry crushed the Pocatello Rebels, 11-1, in the seventh-place game.

Sunday: Rivercats 2, Boise Gems 1 — The No. 2 seed into bracket play, Owyhee beat the Timberline High School Legion squad behind nine strikeouts from William Dunn.

Cyrus Wetherall knocked in a pair of runs, and Wylee Bidiman went 2-for-3.

Saturday: Rivercats 13, BBA 16U 1 (5) — Lukas Hall spun a two-hitter with nine strikeouts as Owyhee bounced back from an 0-2 start to the tournament.

Hall helped himself at the plate, too, ripping a triple and a single while collecting a pair of RBI.

The Boise Baseball Academy's only run was unearned. Chance Martell chipped with a double and two RBI for the Rivercats.

Friday: Pocatello Rebels 6, Rivercats 2 — The American Legion Post 4 squad erased Owyhee's early 1-0 lead with a three-run third inning then tacked on single runs over the next three innings.

Owyhee was stung by nine errors — leading to all six unearned runs — while Martell and Lane Zehr teamed to scatter four hits and strike out 11 batters.

The Rivercats' offense was shackled, though, with Martell getting a single from leadoff spot, and Wetherall picking up a base hit. Cole Fossette knocked in a run, and Martell and Xavier Uranga each scored.

Thursday: Idaho Show-Schaefer 11, Rivercats 0 — Owyhee went the distance with the eventual tournament champion to start the weekend.

The Rivercats were held to a pair of hits — singles from Uranga and Carson Fine in the first two spots of the batting order.

Idaho Show held on to a 3-0 lead until exploding for eight runs over its final two at-bats, including a five-run seventh inning.

Beau Ramsey, a Middleton High junior, allowed two hits in 4 2/3 innings as a starter for Idaho Show. Nampoa Christian ace Kaden Mullins struck out five over 2 1/3 innings of

no-hit ball to end the game.

Last Wednesday: Vallivue 6, Rivercats 4 — Lukas Hall scored three times, but Owyhee remained one step behind the Titans throughout the ballgame in Caldwell.

The Rivercats scored twice in the top of the fourth inning to cut the deficit to 4-3, but Vallivue was able to score once in each of its final two at-bats to keep the momentum.

Hall doubled and tripled, and Wylee Bidiman singled while collecting two RBI and scoring Owyhee's other run.

Tick Sweet notched an RBI, and Lane Zehr went 1-for-3.

William Dunn struck out four over four innings, and Bidiman gave up two runs in two innings while allowing three hits.

May 28: Rivercats 4, Parma 0 — Hall and Chance Martell combined to pitch a six-hit shutout in Owyhee's American Legion season debut at John Jackson Field.

The game was delayed twice by lightning.

The Rivercats struck in the bottom of the first inning then tacked on another run in the third inning.

A two-run fifth completed the scoring against the Gauchos.

Bidiman picked up the Rivercats' only RBI, while Xavier Uranga and Carson Fine both singled and scored runs.

Martell scored twice, picking up a pair of hits.

Cyrus Wetherall doubled to deep left field for Owyhee's only extra-base hit.

Hall started and struck out five batters, while Martell fanned four in 2 1/3 innings.

Homedale assistant headed to wrestling Hall of Fame

A Homedale High School assistant coach is among this year's Idaho Chapter National Wrestling Hall of Fame inductees.

Luke Crockett of Wilder is a former standout Boise State University wrestler who has helped the Trojans wrestling program under Jake Levinski.

Crockett also coached varsity wrestling at Nampa High School from 2014 to 2021, and he was a scholarship wrestler at Boise State University until a drunk driver hit him, forcing amputation of his leg and the end of his career on the mat.

Crockett also has taught English at both Nampa and Homedale.

The Hall of Fame induction banquet takes place on Saturday, June 15 at the Galaxy Event Center, 1385 S. Blue Marlin Lane, in Meridian.

The event begins with a 5 p.m., social hour followed by dinner at 6 p.m., and then the induction ceremony.

Today (June 5) is the final day tickets are available at <https://idahonwhofchapter.ticketspice.com/2024-idaho-nwhof-chapter-induction-ceremony>

The remainder of the 2024 inductees include:

- Todd Cady (Nampa, Columbia High School)
 - Al Fontes (Eagle, Rocky Mountain High School)
 - Debbie Kelly (Meridian, USA-Idaho Wrestling)
 - Lynn Knudson (Mountain Home, Mountain Home High School)
 - Joe Lammers (Nampa, Skyview High School)
 - Pat Owens (Meridian, Kuna High School)
 - Wade Palmer (Meridian, Meridian High School)
 - Jackie Smith (Boise, USA-Idaho/Idaho NWHOF)
 - Janie Tuma (Nampa, USA-Idaho)
- The National Wrestling Hall of Fame is located in Stillwater, Okla.

Three local softball players selected for 2A WIC first team

Two Marsing High School sophomores earned All-2A Western Idaho Conference first-team spots in softball.

Bailey Daugherty and **Brooklyn Roadenbaugh** joined Melba senior **Mallory Lincoln** on the first team.

Daugherty led the Huskies with a .385 batting average and was second on the team with three home runs. Roadenbaugh smacked a team-leading five homers. She also shared the team lead with 10 stolen bases.

Daugherty and Roadenbaugh shared the team RBI lead with 22 apiece, and Daugherty led Marsing with 28 runs scored and nine doubles. Roadenbaugh scored 24 runs.

She was coach Kortney Ford's front-line pitcher, too, going 8-13 in 26 appearances. She struck out 225 batters and posted a 4.71 earned-run average in 133 2/3 innings. Marsing's second-teamers

included:

- **Taylor Callison, jr.** — Callison shared the team lead with Bailey Daugherty, swiping 10 bases. She also hit a home run and amassed 14 RBI while scoring 22 runs. Callison also had three doubles and a triple.
- **Lily Thoene, jr.** — Thoene batted .354 with 17 RBI and 23 runs scored. She hit a home run and ripped eight doubles.

Melba's second-teamers were senior Analise Robson, junior Kali Jo Adams, and sophomore Analyse Durham.

Huskies' honorable mentions:

- **Dany Daugherty, fr.** — Daugherty scored 10 runs and drove in eight more.
- **Kylie Goostrey, jr.** — Goostrey knocked in 12 runs and scored 11. She had four doubles and a homer.

Freshman Olivia Attack and Owyhee County resident Malalen Jaca, a senior, were Melba's honorable mention reps.

Looking back...

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Larry Bauer, city of Homedale’s maintenance supervisor, and his crew repainted the parallel parking spaces on Idaho Avenue last week. The street will receive a second coat of paint on the parking spaces just prior to the Owyhee County Fair, Bauer said. “We had to do the parallel parking markings now as last year was the first time they were put on and they had completely rubbed off and we had people parallel and diagonally parking along the street,” he added.



Gem Irrigation District farmers vote on loan
BOISE — Water users in the Gem Irrigation District will have an opportunity to vote Tuesday, June 20, on a Rehabilitation and Betterment loan, which will cover the cost of replacing three needle valves at the 54-year old Owyhee Dam.

Total cost for the project is estimated at about \$967,000 of which 28.4 percent of \$274,628 is allocated to Gem Irrigation District. The district will be required to pay 25 percent of the cost of \$68,657 the year in which the construction work is complete. Approval of the R & B loan will allow the water users to repay 75 percent or \$205,971 of the costs over a five-year period.

Boys State may result in political careers for some
Several area high school students are home from Boys State held in Boise from May 27-June 3 with a new appreciation for the art of politics and the law-making process, and the experience may have prompted at least one or two of them to run for public office someday.

Representing Homedale at the 46th annual statewide gathering of over 300 delegates were Joe Mansisor, son of Ray and Mary Louise Mansisor, and Tony Uberuaga, son of Pete and Monica Uberuaga. Representing Wilder was Juan Carrillo, son of Merced and Maria Carrillo. All three student leaders were sponsored by Homedale American Legion Post #32, with the Wilder school district also helping send Carrillo.

Andy Percifield, son of Tim and Cindy Percifield, represented Marsing, under the sponsorship of Marsing American Legion Post #128.

Rimrock High School’s delegates were Corey Munro, son of Larry and Kathy Munro of Grand View; Roger Bachman, son of Larry Bachman of Oreana; and John Frisch, son of Kent and Tangie Frisch of Grand View. They were sponsored by Grand View American Legion Post #134 and Bruneau American Legion Post #83.

Girl Scouts receive their badges earned this year
Girls of Junior Scout Troop 122 completed their 1988-89 scout year with presentation of badges earned.

Amy Duryee and Devina McBride received tending toddlers badges; Heidi Young, experiencing foods; Lani Ethington, foods, fiber and farming; Roxy Hawks, world of dancing; Laura Heady, cookie patch.

50 years ago

June 6, 1974



BLUE-RIBBON VICTORS in at least three events of Homedale Elementary School’s track meet for grades 1-2-3 include, from left: First row — Karri McIntyre, Lisa Larrocea, Lisa Hobbs. Second row — Shannon Nash, Dave Renteria, Gary Kushlan, Chris Landa, Vicki Faust, Ruth Ann Louder. Herb Fritzley coordinated the meet with the assistance of several teachers and fathers of students

Council hears Boise Cascade sub-division proposal
Regular meeting of the Homedale City Council was held Monday night at City Hall with Mayor George Murray presiding.

City Councilmen present were Norm Tolmie, Kenne Metzger, and Ed Manning; absent: Mike Kelly. City employees present were Paul Simon, Larry Ryel, and Vivian Lillie. Visitors were Marion Vance, Homer Anderson, Vern Hastriter and Del Macy.

The agenda included:
— Marion Vance, local manager of Boise Cascade, explained plans of a proposed sub-division west and south of Homedale. Council accepted presentation of plan and upon acceptable completion of preliminary study by Boise Cascade, Council will then begin annexation proceedings.
— Idaho Power Manager, Homer Anderson, presented a proposed new installation of street lighting. Motion was carried unanimously to accept proposal.
— Del Macy asked the Council for some assistance in improvement of condition of road at Airport. Considering the ideal location of the Homedale Airport, various aspects of future development was discussed.

Sen. Yarbrough seeks re-election
Walter Yarbrough of Grand View announced this week that he will again be a candidate for the state senate from District 19.

Yarbrough has served five terms in the senate, representing Owyhee County his first term, then District 13 for three terms, and District 19 (Owyhee and part of Ada County) this past term. He is Senate caucus chairman of the Republican Party, vice-chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and a member of the State Affairs and Transportation committees.

He also served on the State Government Reorganization committee.

Marsing grads hear Bob Smith, ‘senate hopeful’
MARSING — The guest speaker for the recent Marsing Junior-Senior banquet was Bob Smith of Nampa, Republican candidate for United States senator.

He was introduced by Tina Larsen. Pam Followill read the class prophecy and Lucille Ineck read the Senior Will.

153 years ago

June 3, 1871

HOW TO GO TO SLEEP.—No doubt there are many of our readers who understand this delightful art to perfection; but there are certain conditions of animal economy, even in a state of health when “tired nature’s sweet restorer” refuses to close our lids, and seems pertinaciously to fly from us, though wooed ever so warmly. The most natural and facile method is to place the head in a comfortable position, and when taking a full inspiration, breathe as much as possible through the nostrils. The attention must now be fixed upon the fact of breathing. The patient must imagine that he sees the breath passing from his nostrils; and the very moment he brings his mind to conceive this, apart from all other ideas, consciousness and memory depart, and — he sleeps. The method is strange, but simple, and the experiment will prove its truth.

The Governorship.

Last week we mentioned Jas. S. Reynolds, of the *Statesman*, as our choice for Governor of Idaho, which evokes the first of the following paragraphs from the *Statesman*, and the second from the *News*:

We desire to ask “Old Hill” what have we ever done to him, that he should treat us that way? We have never injured him that we know of, and yet he wants to blight us with a mantle that carries death in its folds. But we will return good for evil. If that dread responsibility should be cast on us, and we survive it long enough, our first official act will be to cause to be prepared, an immense pardon in blank to “Old Hill,” regularly signed and sealed, which shall at once be transmitted to him. There shall be a long blank left to name the offenses, so as to fit his extraordinary case.

Does the AVALANCHE propose by his nomination to subject “Old Jim” to the “mysterious fatality connected with the gubernatorial throne?” What do you mean, Hill? Explain yourself. It was Dumont who collapsed, not Connor; but this mistake does not relieve you from the suspicion of having a design upon the earthly career of “Old Jim.”

We have had enough of this carpet-bagging business, mean just what we say, want “Old Jim” for Governor. It was Dumont who died, not Connor — our mistake and your treat, Mr. *News*. After a man has been the father of seventeen children and then desires to be Governor of Idaho, it is time for him to pass in his checks, and be gathered unto his fathers. If the gubernatorial mantle should prove a winding sheet to “Old Jim,” it will be his funeral, not ours, and, in such an event, may the Lord have mercy upon his soul!

STAGE DRIVER HURT.—The Northwestern stage capsized on Birch Creek, between here and Cope District, last Saturday, seriously injuring the veteran driver, Tom. Burk. In turning over, the coach struck him across the loins, badly bruising his kidneys and breaking loose several of the false ribs. A messenger was immediately dispatched for Dr. Burgi, of this place, who quickly repaired to the scene of the accident and rendered all possible assistance. The sufferer remained in a comatose state till Wednesday last. At first his life was despaired of, but Dr. Burgi informs us that he now entertains hopes of the recovery of his patient, who has been removed to Anderson’s Ranch, 15 miles from town. At the time of the accident there were seven or eight Chinese passengers who escaped with only a few trifling scratches.

Commentary

Bill Wortman, principal
Adrian High School



Keys to success Adrian: Home of opportunity, accomplishment

Dear Malheur County residents and our valued students, parents, alumni, and friends,

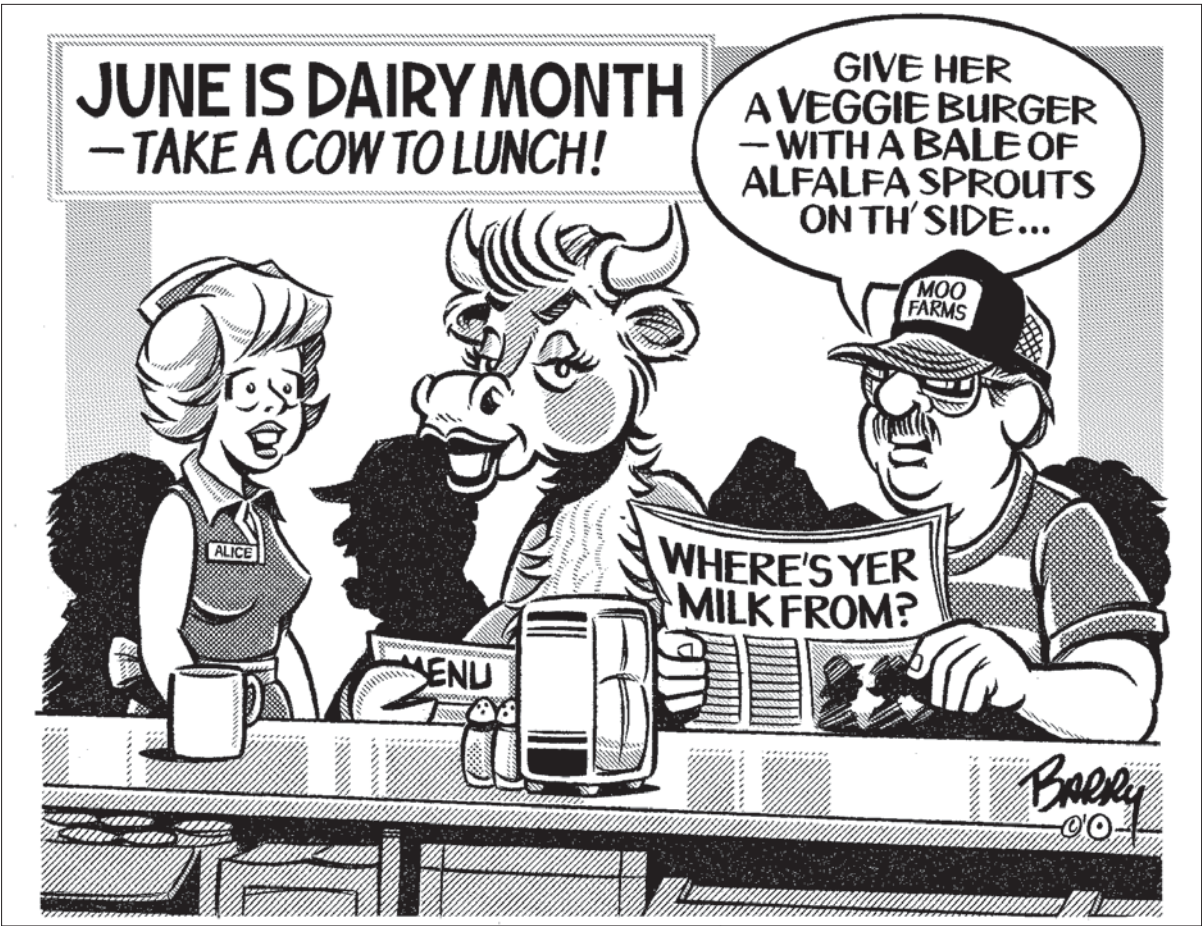
Adrian High School offers a top-notch education. As the principal, it is my duty to highlight how great of a school we are. Our test scores are consistently well above county and state average; however, this is not the main measure of success of our school. The following is a list of our core accomplishments:

- 1) We strive to keep our core classes at or below the ratio proven successful, 16 students to 1 teacher. Our math, ELA, and science classes are our top priority to maintain that ratio for student success.
- 2) We strive to provide opportunities for all students. Twenty percent of our classes offered are for dual credit (both college and high school). This could not have been accomplished without our great partnership with Treasure Valley Community College, especially Stephanie Oester, Dr. Merrill, and Rennie Neider.
- 3) Our teachers can offer WR: 121, 122 MATH: 111, 112, 114, 243 BIO: 101, 102, 103 CS: 161, HPE: 295 and ANTH: 101, and many online dual-credit courses. This is all paid for by our district.
- 4) We have an Articulated Ag pathway that when completed, students transfer 31 credits to TVCC or other colleges. These are also co-curricular classes with our strong FFA program.
- 5) We have multiple 3g certified welders in our high school. Upon graduation, these students can be gainfully employed in the \$20-\$50 an hour range.
- 6) We have graduated two Certified Nursing Assistants who both have enrolled in the TVCC RN program and are currently gainfully employed.
- 7) Over the past four years, we have graduated 17 students on full-ride academic scholarships to four-year universities, and a Div. I athlete to the United States Air Force Academy.
- 8) Clubs we offer include Honor Choir, National Honor Society, Drama, and International Club. We have a foreign exchange program that brings cultural diversity to our school.
- 9) We have 10 state championships in athletics in the past 10 years, and 14 overall. We have great coaches, athletes, and a community that supports competition.
- 10) We have a full-time Graduation Specialist/Counselor.
- 11) We offer an Honors Diploma and a weighted grade-point average (GPA).
- 12) Most importantly, we have a truly experienced staff that are dedicated to teaching, and students that are dedicated to learning.

We do many more things here at Adrian High School that we take pride in. We love our school, our community, and students.

— Bill E. Wortman has been Adrian High School principal since November 2020. He also serves as the Antelopes' football coach.

JP Doodles



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

From Washington IRS must act quickly to resolve ID theft cases impacting Idahoans

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has been flush with funds since the Biden Administration enacted an incredible \$80 billion in addition to the agency's \$12.3 billion annual budget. Despite these funds being described as a cure-all for the IRS's shortcomings, some customer service has actually worsened. One in particular is the resolution of identity theft cases, sometimes leaving identity theft victims in stressful financial limbo for nearly two years.

With criminals continuously finding creative ways to steal individuals' and businesses' identities to file tax returns, the IRS is no stranger to identity theft cases. Taking years to identify and resolve victims' claims and problems is unacceptable, and both the delinquent resolution time and sheer volume of this backlog must be improved rapidly.

The National Taxpayer Advocate has pointed to lengthy tax-related identification theft resolution delays as among the most serious problems taxpayers face. In its annual report, the Taxpayer Advocate found there are "unconscionable delays" in IRS support for victims of tax-related identity theft. In particular, "Taxpayers who are victims of tax-related identity theft often must wait nearly 19 months for the IRS to process their returns and send their refunds." The IRS currently has a backlog of almost 600,000 such cases, according to IRS data.

The human cost can be devastating. Idahoans have faced significant issues with this form of identity theft. Victims sometimes only discover the theft when the IRS rejects their legitimate tax return filing because criminals already fraudulently used the victims' Social Security numbers to file a return. Once aware, many

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negative outcomes can occur during the time a taxpayer awaits the IRS resolving its case. This includes the IRS taking actions that could harm already victimized taxpayers, such as delayed (often stolen) refunds,

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Commentary

Financial management

Easy decision on rental sale proceeds: Pay off your house

Dear Dave,

We sold our rental property recently. When we bought it, we thought it would be a good source of passive income. But owning it wasn't passive at all. It got to the point where the work and hassle became too much. We have \$240,000 from the sale, and we're debt-free except for our home. We owe \$140,000 on our house, and could pay it off instantly, but part of me wants to invest the proceeds from the sale of the rental property. Is it better to become completely debt-free at this point, or should we invest it so we can have even more money for retirement?

— Anthony

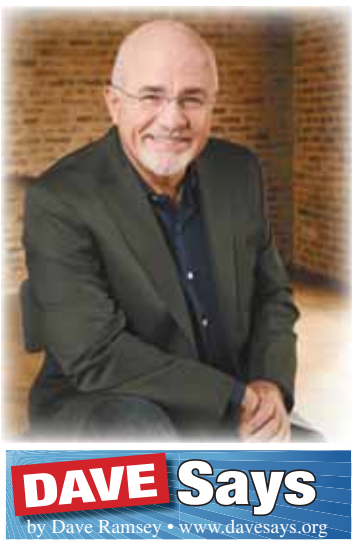
Dear Anthony,

You mean you had to actively manage your rental property? Listen, anyone who tells you

real estate is passive income is full of crap. It's a natural extension of the garbage people spout about how it's OK to go into debt to buy real estate, because the renter is making your payments. No, it's your payment. And when the renter doesn't pay, or it sits empty, guess what? You have to pay it.

If you want passive income, buy an S&P 500 index fund. Set it and forget it. You won't have to fix a leaky roof, replace worn-out appliances or try to collect from deadbeat tenants. Real estate is a great way to invest, if you do it the right way. I love it. It's anything but passive, though.

Let me ask you this about your situation. If you had a paid-for house, would you borrow \$140,000 against it to invest? Of course not. It's



pretty much the same thing, and that would be dumb. Pay off your home, brother. Just pay it off. You'll be debt-free, and you'll still have six figures to invest.

I love that you're thinking about the future, Anthony. And I know the compound interest

you're visualizing down the road is really tempting. Your compound interest calculator will tell you some amazing things, but what it's leaving out is risk. It also can't tell you about the carefree way you'll walk, and how it'll feel like a huge weight has been lifted off your shoulders when you don't have a house payment. You'll be able to live life on your terms, and all the decisions you make will come from a completely different point of view — one that isn't burdened by the weight of bankers hovering around, waiting for you to give them what's theirs.

The borrower is always a slave to the lender. Think about it. Only one implication of slavery is mathematical. All the rest are spiritual, physical, relational, emotional and mental. Being debt-free

changes your life from the inside-out. Not only does it make your life better, but it allows you to give with incredible generosity, and be an agent for positive change in the lives of others.

Pay off the house!

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is an eight-time No. 1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 20 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS Mornings, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company, Ramsey Solutions.

✓ ID theft: Influx of budget needs to be focused on customer service

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IRS collection actions (including liens and levies), potential impacts on employment, time spent seeking resolution, costs associated with seeking resolution, drain on IRS and court resources, and more.

Further, someone who receives an IRS lien or levy inappropriately because of an unresolved ID theft case has a limited window of due process in which to act, or the person forfeits that right and the IRS can (and will) start acting on the collection action. The whole process costs time and money. Once the collections process begins, the victim has new problems of trying to get the lien removed, and liens impact credit, interest rates, and potentially employment. The "victim impact" can be huge, with

IRS delays materially exacerbating the situation.

As the Taxpayer Advocate notes: "Victims of identity theft may feel overwhelmed, helpless, angry, isolated, betrayed, and even embarrassed. This crime may trigger fears regarding financial security and the ability to trust again. The IRS should do everything possible to timely assist these victims and provide them with the peace of mind that the IRS is looking out for their best interests and protecting their rights."

I agree. I am pressing IRS Commissioner Danny Werfel for answers and progress. I asked the IRS to report on concrete steps the IRS will take to quickly and thoroughly resolve unresolved identity theft cases and the reasons why there are so many of these cases. Additionally, IRS's Identity Protection PIN (IP

PIN) program is something you can proactively do to reduce the risk of your tax returns being fraudulently filed. In the meantime, I continue to stress that the IRS does not need billions more to fix these problems. It needs to use already-allocated funds wisely on improved customer service and responsiveness that includes addressing these alarming identity theft issues — not on wasteful, redundant programs and heavy-handed enforcement.

— 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.

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Marsing City Hall
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Grand View City Hall
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Public notices

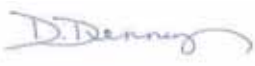
NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING JOINT SCHOOL DISTICT NO. 370 OWYHEE AND CANYON COUNTIES, IDAHO

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Regular Board Meeting of the above named School District will be held on the 10th day of June, 2024 at the school office in said district, at which meeting there shall be a public hearing at 7:00 P.M. on the amended maintenance and operation budget for the current school year. This budget as presently determined by the Board of Trustees is now available in the office of the School District and will remain available until the meeting and hearing as provided by law.

This regular meeting and budget hearing is called pursuant to Idaho Code § 33-801, as amended. Dated this 31st day of May, 2024.

SUMMARY STATEMENT -- AMENDED 2023-24 SCHOOL BUDGET AND 2024-25 SCHOOL BUDGET ALL FUNDS

	GENERAL M & O FUNDS					ALL OTHER FUNDS				
	PRIOR YEAR	PRIOR YEAR	CURRENT	PROPOSED	PROPOSED	PRIOR YEAR	PRIOR YEAR	CURRENT	PROPOSED	PROPOSED
	ACTUAL 2021-22	ACTUAL 2022/23	BUDGET 2023-24	BUDGET 2023-24	BUDGET 2024-25	ACTUAL 2021-22	ACTUAL 2022-23	BUDGET 2023-24	BUDGET 2023-24	BUDGET 2024-25
REVENUES:										
Beginning Balance	(1,988,314)	(2,882,270)	(3,021,721)	(3,053,042)	(3,606,739)	(2,069,562)	(16,149,541)	(5,545,322)	(8,265,925)	(2,372,764)
Local Revenue	(648,161)	(871,281)	(1,367,932)	(1,206,020)	(1,378,571)	(2,177,923)	(2,879,243)	(2,441,018)	(1,861,352)	(3,584,022)
County Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Revenue	(8,513,495)	(9,128,273)	(9,799,260)	(10,467,063)	(9,587,564)	(563,011)	(589,463)	(523,516)	(1,100,720)	(1,054,114)
Federal Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	(1,861,708)	(1,748,191)	(2,523,193)	(3,276,400)	(1,116,378)
Other Sources	-	-	-	-	-	(14,156,983)	(9,300)	-	-	-
Transfers	(41,636)	(45,832)	(46,775)	(58,316)	(21,532)	(328,061)	(390,408)	(531,300)	(542,841)	(589,337)
TOTALS	(11,191,606)	(12,927,656)	(14,235,688)	(14,784,441)	(14,594,406)	(21,157,248)	(21,766,146)	(11,564,349)	(15,047,238)	(8,716,615)
EXPENDITURES:										
Salaries	4,746,210	5,234,421	6,044,315	5,741,545	6,375,405	890,108	804,719	827,285	790,415	807,920
Benefits	1,690,522	2,295,766	2,694,300	2,657,180	2,786,200	335,067	388,847	407,173	416,125	377,517
Purchased Service	1,404,323	1,567,640	1,882,859	1,702,911	1,674,927	206,271	439,539	1,395,794	1,640,695	217,446
Supplies & Materi	3,143,138	399,783	333,722	359,233	321,057	768,977	858,223	323,907	539,309	386,962
Capital Outlay	44,593	56,901	38,794	85,789	49,996	2,235,267	9,501,436	5,016,661	7,738,104	3,977,159
Debt Services	-	-	-	-	-	288,111	1,155,700	1,054,100	1,054,100	1,054,000
Insurance & Judgr	65,324	69,243	76,169	83,092	114,045	77	82	91	91	135
Transfers	83,338	133,813	82,440	82,440	138,231	283,829	302,426	495,635	495,635	472,638
Contingency Rese	-	-	541,884	465,512	572,900	-	-	-	-	-
Unappropriated Bi	1,917,537	3,170,089	2,541,205	3,606,739	2,561,645	16,149,541	8,315,174	2,043,703	2,372,764	1,422,838
TOTALS	13,094,985	12,927,656	14,235,688	14,784,441	14,594,406	21,157,248	21,766,146	11,564,349	15,047,238	8,716,615


Debbie Denney, Business Manager
06/05/2024

MARSING JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL NO. 363 OWYHEE AND CANYON COUNTIES, IDAHO NOTICE OF AMENDED 2023-2024 BUDGET HEARING PROPOSED 2024-2025 BUDGET HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a special meeting of the Board of Trustees/Directors of Marsing Joint School District No. 363, Owyhee and Canyon Counties Idaho, will be held on **June 11, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.** at the District HUB, at which meeting there shall be a public hearing on the revised 2023-2024 maintenance and operation budget and proposed 2024-2025 maintenance and operation budget.

A copy of the amended 2023-2024 budget and the proposed 2024-2025 budget as determined by the Board of Trustees are available for public inspection at the Marsing Joint School District Office at 205 8th Avenue West, Marsing, ID 83639 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (Monday thru Thursday) from the date of this notice until the date of the hearing.

This budget hearing is called pursuant to Section 33-801, Idaho Code as amended.

Lorraine Simonson, Business Manager/Board Clerk
Marsing Joint School District #363, Owyhee & Canyon Counties, Idaho
Posted: May 31, 2024
06/05/2024

AMENDED SUMMARY STATEMENT 2024 SCHOOL BUDGET/PROPOSED SUMMARY STATEMENT 2025 SCHOOL BUDGET ALL FUNDS

MARSING JT SCHOOL DISTRICT #363											
GENERAL M & O FUND						ALL OTHER FUNDS					
		Prior Year	Prior Year	Current	Amended	Proposed	Prior Year	Prior Year	Current	Amended	Proposed
		Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget
Budget Line	OBJ#	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2023-2024	2024-2025	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2023-2024	2024-2025
1	Beginning Balances	722,546 CR	1,120,000 CR	490,901 CR	1,395,699 CR	1,118,111 CR	2,116,446 CR	1,602,286 CR	1,461,039 CR	2,914,437 CR	3,918,934 CR
39	Local Revenue	337,186 CR	495,750 CR	830,401 CR	951,282 CR	999,000 CR	1,326,582 CR	1,363,411 CR	962,770 CR	1,193,803 CR	1,142,600 CR
41	County Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55	State Revenue	5,992,203 CR	5,838,828 CR	6,381,490 CR	6,969,555 CR	6,494,694 CR	386,370 CR	354,081 CR	380,350 CR	780,891 CR	3,667,976 CR
68	Federal Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	3,429,713 CR	3,382,480 CR	2,421,868 CR	2,520,174 CR	1,020,611 CR
72	Other Sources	0	0	0	0	0	4,829 CR	0	0	9,180 CR	0
76	Transfers	23,670 CR	1,445 CR	0	20,114 CR	1,545 CR	111,681 CR	116,128 CR	35,575 CR	71,500 CR	71,500 CR
78	TOTALS ***	7,075,605 CR	7,456,023 CR	7,702,792 CR	9,336,650 CR	8,613,350 CR	7,375,621 CR	6,818,386 CR	5,261,602 CR	7,489,985 CR	9,821,621 CR
GENERAL M & O FUND						ALL OTHER FUNDS					
		Prior Year	Prior Year	Current	Amended	Proposed	Prior Year	Prior Year	Current	Amended	Proposed
		Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget
Budget Line	OBJ#	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2023-2024	2024-2025	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2023-2024	2024-2025
60 100	Salaries	3,990,767	3,942,660	4,046,678	4,395,975	4,379,405	1,783,934	1,698,503	1,176,911	1,078,078	1,031,913
60 200	Benefits	1,184,096	1,350,044	2,009,673	2,055,462	1,944,310	481,947	467,775	559,469	601,119	398,381
60 300	Purchased Services	1,186,081	1,326,685	1,244,184	1,305,052	1,315,106	747,924	426,528	191,478	481,106	494,347
60 400	Supplies & Materials	195,037	347,375	277,377	266,203	255,299	1,538,139	1,148,048	475,646	883,433	576,225
60 500	Capital Outlay	4,921	10,500	5,000	1,122,711	514,545	1,251,465	1,103,105	1,017,220	1,125,070	4,001,608
60 600	Debt Retirement	0	0	0	0	0	1,548,543	1,972,984	1,840,881	3,301,061	3,317,598
60 700	Insurance & Judgments	52,955	56,620	60,200	70,787	90,184	0	0	0	0	0
60 800	Transfers	111,681	116,128	35,575	71,500	71,500	23,670	1,445	0	20,114	1,545
62	Contingency Reserve	350,069	306,009	24,104	48,959	43,000	0	0	0	0	0
73	Unappropriated Balance	-2	2	1	0	1	-1	-2	-3	4	4
74	TOTALS ***	7,075,605	7,456,023	7,702,792	9,336,649	8,613,350	7,375,621	6,818,386	5,261,602	7,489,985	9,821,621

06/05/2024

**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

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON
NAME CHANGE**

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**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 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 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. CV37-24-172
**IN RE: HEATHER ANN
MORTON**

A petition to change the name of Heather Ann Morton, now residing in the City of Homedale, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Owyhee County, Idaho. The name will change to Heather Ann Marshall. The reason for the change in name is: Divorced, want to resume my maiden name of Marshall.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 11:00 o'clock a.m. on July 17, 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 28, 2024
/s/:Aiesha Zenor, Deputy Clerk
06/05,12,19,26/2024

**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
Body: HL
Model: TL
System Ident. Number: Q31032812 Commonly known

SUMMARY STATEMENT 2024 - 2025 SCHOOL BUDGET								
ALL FUNDS								
School District: Pleasant Valley School District								
REVENUES	GENERAL M & O FUND				ALL OTHER FUNDS			
	Prior Year Actual 2021-2022	Prior Year Actual 2022-2023	Prior Year Actual/Budget 2023-2024	Proposed Budget 2024-2025	Prior Year Actual 2021-2022	Prior Year Actual 2022-2023	Prior Year Actual/Budget 2023-2024	Proposed Budget 2024-2025
Beginning Balances	268586	214344	206029	268586	41732	46521	58835	70525
Local Tax Revenue	12370	15886	11737	12000				
Other Local				900	4400	4800	4800	2400
County Revenue								
State Revenue	203745	231585	308507	298847	7156	656	10958	9000
Federal Revenue	1196				29000	71844	99221	24458
Other Sources								
Totals	\$485,897.00	\$461,815.00	\$526,273.00	\$580,333.00	\$82,288.00	\$123,821.00	\$173,814.00	\$106,383.00
EXPENDITURES	Proposed Budget 2021-2022	Proposed Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Budget 2023-2024	Proposed Budget 2024-2025	Proposed Budget 2021-2022	Proposed Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Budget 2023-2024	Proposed Budget 2024-2025
Salaries	98440	93443	138664	149415	16640	16640	16640	\$
Benefits	25470	33197	55508	56602	11627	15760	15760	14400
Purchased Services	118537	122082	93254	118669	9000	15500	15500	17500
Supplies & Materials	9569	11550	8050	8800	4000	4000	4000	12850
Capital Outlay			3600	3500	2000	2000	2000	5500
Debt Retirement								
Insurance & Judgments	8451	6600	8000	10100			49389	
Transfers (net)	11086	-11086	-49389		-7500	11086		
Contingency Reserve								
Unappropriated Balances	214,344.00	206,029.00	268,586.00	233,247.00	46,521.00	58,835.00	70,525.00	56,133.00
Totals	\$485,897.00	\$461,815.00	\$526,273.00	\$580,333.00	\$82,288.00	\$123,821.00	\$173,814.00	\$106,383.00
A copy of the School District Budget is available for public inspection at the District's Administrative or Clerk's Office.								

06/05/2024

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

PUBLIC NOTICES

The following application(s) have been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho:

57-12099
DAN BEYER, CHARLES BEYER
15141 BATES CREEK RD
OREANA, ID 83650-5103
Point of Diversion L2 (NWNE)
S3 T05S R02W OWYHEE County
Source BATES CREEK
Tributary PICKETT CREEK
Use: DOMESTIC; 01/01 to 12/31; 0.02 CFS
Total Diversion: 0.02 CFS
Date Filed: 03-13-2024
Place Of Use: DOMESTIC
T04S R01W S28 SWNW

Application proposes to divert a maximum of 5,000 gallons per year for domestic purposes using a mobile pumping and tank system to transport water to the domestic place of use.

This application proposes to appropriate trust water and will be evaluated in compliance with Idaho Code § 42-203C and IDWR’s Water Appropriation Rules, IDAPA 37.03.08.

The applicant asserts the application should be reviewed

for approval under the terms of the October 21, 2022 Amended Snake River Moratorium Order because use of water proposed by the application will have no effect on prior surface and ground water rights because of its insignificant consumption of water.

57-12101

DENNIS PARRY
4100 MARKET RD
HOMEDALE, ID 83628-3694
Point of Diversion SESW S14 T03N R05W OWYHEE County
Source UNNAMED DRAIN
Tributary JUMP CREEK
Use: IRRIGATION; 03/01 to 11/15; 0.05 CFS
Total Diversion: 0.05 CFS
Date Filed: 03-25-2024
Place Of Use: IRRIGATION
T03N R05W S14 SESW
Total Acres: 2.5

Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. For additional information concerning the property location, contact the Western Region office at (208)334-2190; or for a full description of the right(s), please see https://idwr.idaho.gov/apps/ExtSearch/WRAApplicationResults/. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-203A. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 W AIRPORT WAY, BOISE ID 83705-5082 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 6/24/2024. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

MATHEW WEAVER,
Director
06/05,12/2024

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROPOSE OR PROMULGATE NEW OR CHANGED AGENCY RULES

The following agencies of the state of Idaho have published the complete text and all related, pertinent information concerning their intent to change or make the following rules in the latest publication of the state Administrative Bulletin.

The proposed rule public hearing request deadline is June 19, 2024, unless otherwise posted.

The proposed rule written comment submission deadline is June 26, 2024, unless otherwise posted.

(Temp & Prop) indicates the rulemaking is both Temporary and Proposed.

*(*PH) indicates that a public hearing has been scheduled.*

IDAPA 16 – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0036

**16-0601-2402, Child and Family Services.* (*PH) (Temp & Prop) Modified language specific to “social workers” is inclusive to family services workers, which includes licensed and non-licensed social workers and individuals with a human services degree allowing for foster care contact.

IDAPA 21 – IDAHO DIVISION OF VETERANS SERVICES 351 N Collins Rd, Boise, ID 83702

21-0104-2402, Rules Governing Idaho State Veterans Cemeteries. Rulemaking expands eligibility to non-retiree Guard and Reservists who completed an enlistment of service honorably, but otherwise ineligible, for interment at Idaho State Veterans Cemeteries.

IDAPA 52 – IDAHO STATE LOTTERY 1199 Shoreline Ln, Ste 100, Boise, ID 83702

52-0103-2401, Rules Governing Operations of the Idaho State Lottery. (Temp & Prop) Substantive changes provide lottery retailers the ability to pay prizes up to \$599 with no-fee prepaid prize payment cards and other modern methods of payment.

IDAPA 58 – DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY 1410 N Hilton St, Boise, Idaho 83706

58-0103-2301, Individual/Subsurface Sewage Disposal Rules and Rules for Cleaning of Septic Tanks. ZBR Rewrite establishes: construction and use limits of sewage disposal systems; installation and registration permits; and general requirements for septic tank wastes.

NOTICE OF ADOPTED / AMENDED PROCLAMATION(S)

IDAPA 13 – IDAHO FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

13-0000-2400P3, Establishing Seasons and Limits for Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping in Idaho

NOTICES OF ADOPTION OF TEMPORARY RULE ONLY

IDAPA 11 – IDAHO STATE POLICE

11-1001-2401 (Fee Rule), Rules Governing Idaho Public Safety and Security Information System

IDAPA 24 – DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

24-0201-2401 (New Chapter, Fee Rule), Rules of the State Athletic Commission

NOTICES OF INTENT TO PROMULGATE RULES – NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING

(Please see the Administrative Bulletin for dates and times of meetings and other participant information)

IDAPA 02.08 – IDAHO SHEEP AND GOAT HEALTH BOARD

02-0801-2401, Sheep and Goat Rules of the Idaho Sheep and Goat Health Board

IDAPA 08 – STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

08-0113-2401, Rules Governing the Opportunity Scholarship Program

08-0115-2401 (New Chapter), Rules Governing the Firearms Safety Grant Program

08-0202-2401, Rules Governing Uniformity

08-0203-2401, Rules Governing Thoroughness

08-0401-2401, Rules of the Idaho Digital Learning Academy

IDAPA 24 – DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

24-0401-2401, Rules of the Board of Registration for Professional Geologists

24-2101-2401, Rules of the Idaho State Contractors Board

24-3001-2401, Idaho Accountancy Rules

24-3201-2401, Rules of the Idaho Board of Licensure of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors

24-3501-2401, Rules of the Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board

24-3701-2401, Rules of the Idaho Real Estate Commission

24-3990-2401, Rules Governing the Damage Prevention Board

IDAPA 35 – IDAHO STATE TAX COMMISSION

35-0201-2401, Tax Commission Administration and Enforcement Rules

Please refer to the Idaho Administrative Bulletin **June 5, 2024, Volume 24-6**, for the notices and text of all rulemakings, proclamations, negotiated rulemaking and public hearing information and schedules, executive orders of the Governor, and agency contact information.

Issues of the Idaho Administrative Bulletin can be viewed at www.adminrules.idaho.gov/

Office of the Administrative Rules Coordinator, Division of Financial Management, PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0032

Phone: 208-334-3900; Email: adminrules@dfm.idaho.gov

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Above: The new Owyhee County Justice Center, located at the corner of West Idaho Avenue and North 2nd Street West in Homedale, has an entrance onto the town’s main drag. The county probation office entrance is still located on North 2nd Street West. **Left:** A younger, prospective jurist takes Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington’s spot on the bench as Darrington (right) and chief probation officer Ivy Smith visit with open house attendees. Submitted photos

✓ Center: Open house caps long project

court is held at the justice center on the first and third Wednesday of each month, just as was the case in the old City Hall-adjacent magistrate courtroom.

The Board of County Commissioners appropriated federal ARPA funds and Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Trust money to buy the building from the Sheldon Family Trust, purchase a lot to the east for employee parking and pay for the Succor Creek Construction-led remodel.

When formulating the Fiscal Year 2023 budget, county commissioners moved all PILT and ARPA funds into a new line item called the Capital Project Fund to comply with the new Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Rule 84. That rule requires all state and local governments to clearly identify its fiduciary activities. Previously, Owyhee County would use its PILT Trust to fund portions of the annual budget and the commissioners would pull from the PILT Trust whenever a building or maintenance

project cropped up during the year.

Owyhee County spent \$289,700 to buy the building in 2021 then rented dental office space back to TRHS.

The bare lot on the east side of the building that is intended for parking was purchased for \$105,205 in 2022. The lot has yet to be paved.

Vacating City Hall has allowed the City of Homedale to move departments around within the building at 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

The police department now inhabits the old magistrate courtroom with separate offices for Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller and K-9 Officer Danny Zenor.

The courtroom will be used as a training space, such as for CPR classes or other law enforcement-related training, and will continue to serve as the city council chambers on the second Wednesday of each month and during special meetings.

— JPB



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✓ Fair: Annual 4-H oral presentations contest scheduled later this month

tined for other venues on the fairgrounds in Homedale.

The appointment of Colyer and Collett restores balance to the board, which had four representatives from the Homedale-Marsing area previously.

Homedale resident Kent Curtis, who served as a non-voting member as the Owyhee County Rodeo Board liaison, has left the fair board after his retirement as a rodeo director.

Dist. 3 Commissioner Cindy Bachman made the motion to appoint Colyer, Collett and Ousley.

Ousley is a member of the Owyhee Gardeners club.

Other applicants for the Marsing position included former fair board secretary and fair director Ginger Loucks, Pam Howard, Homedale FFA co-advisor Rachel Rheuby, and Jason Montgomery.

Missi Williams also applied for the Grand View directorship.

After county commissioners unanimously appointed Ousley, Collett, and Colyer, Bachman mentioned that the board had received only one letter of support with a community member recommending Ousley's appointment.

The fair board meets at 7 p.m., on the first Thursday of the month inside the Owyhee County Community Center at the fairgrounds in Homedale.

The first meeting with the full fair board and new members should take place Thursday.

The fair will run from Aug. 5 to Aug. 10 in Homedale.

This year's theme is "Let's Go Retro," and a fair book cover art contest ended Friday.

Criffield said the winning entry will grace the front of the fair book, and other entries will be featured throughout the handbook.

Criffield also announced last month that applications for food and commercial booths for the upcoming county fair are now available on the county website, owyheecounty.net.

Owyhee County 4-H club members have until Tuesday to register for the annual oral presentations contest.

Oral presentations will be held from 9 a.m., to 3:30 p.m., on Tuesday, June 18 at Marsing Elementary School.

Those 4-H'ers competing in the horse show must be present in Marsing to qualify for the all around.

A second round of presentations will be held from 10 a.m., to 1:30 p.m., on Thursday, June 20 at the American Legion Post 83 Hall in Bruneau.

Call the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104 to register for a time slot.

— JPB

✓ Convicted: Case conflicted to Canyon and not prosecuted discovered

Gerthung will be sentenced at 2 p.m., on Friday, Aug. 23, in Murphy. He remains in custody in the Owyhee County Jail as a presentence investigation and psychosexual evaluation are carried out, Topmiller said.

Gerthung's trial started on Wednesday, May 22.

"Even though the trial was the day after the election, I felt it was important for the victims to get the case resolved one way or another," Topmiller said.

The two-day trial ended up going a couple hours into Friday, May 24.

The case was filed in November 2022 after an Owyhee County Sheriff's investigator spoke with Gerthung's 11-year-old granddaughter. The interview revealed that Gerthung had molested her for four years, beginning in 2018.

During the investigation, law enforcement discovered an old allegation that Gerthung had sexually abused his stepdaughter between 1998 and 2006.

That victim is now 33 years old, Topmiller said.

"Her case got sent to Canyon County for review (due to a conflict of interest) and for whatever reason, was declined for prosecution," Topmiller said in an email.

"Her case languished for years until the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office found it while investigating the younger child's case."

Gerthung's case originally went to mediation, but when talks broke down, the case was sent to trial. Both victims testified during a February 2023 preliminary hearing before mediation.

Topmiller urged anyone who has been a victim of sexual abuse, or knows a victim, to report the incidents to authorities.

Even if the incident wasn't reported or the case wasn't prosecuted, Topmiller said there is still avenues.

"It's never too late to try and get justice," he said.

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