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Gypsy Jackson summer reading gets bubbly

Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library summer reading program participant Mateo Uranga sweeps a giant bubble-making device through the air during last Wednesday's session in Homedale. The program continues through July 10. For more on the library, read **Page 8**. Submitted photo

New principals in place for Marsing schools

Most 2024-25 jobs now filled

Marsing schoolchildren will notice several changes when they return to school on Aug. 14.

In recent meetings, the board of trustees has hired middle school and elementary school principals as well as filled teaching positions.

Marsing High School graduate Lachelle Wood has been promoted to middle school principal after most recently serving as a sixth-grade teacher.

During the same Feb. 13 meeting in which Wood was reassigned to replace Brian Marshall, trustees also hired a Nampa School District administrator to fill the role left behind when elementary school

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Rodeo queen hopefuls sought

Applications for the 2024-25 Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Queen contest are now available.

In a post to the Miss Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Queen Facebook page, 2023-24 Queen Allison Hubler announced applications will be accepted until July 22.

Contestant requirements include:

- Women between the ages of 16 and 23
- Contestants must have their own horse.
- They are required to give a speech, model

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Construction to close part of Johnstone

Rough road south of Homedale finally gets asphalt

After years of patchwork and no work, a treacherous stretch of Johnstone Road outside Homedale is getting new pavement.

Thueson Construction became general contractor for the project after the Homedale Highway District board

of commissioners accepted the Nampa company's bid of \$267,744.

The bid was one of four opened on May 15, the same day the commissioners made their selection.

The project area stretches from just north of Mule Springs Road to the cattle guard near South Canal. The part of the roadway will be closed to traffic beginning Monday, district secretary Kimberly Hotchkiss said.

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Homedale Farmers Market returns for summer of '24

New coordinator learning as she goes; next event Friday

The Homedale Farmers Market is back and new coordinator Alicia Wages hopes it will be booming soon.

The first market, which was held on Friday, June 7, attracted 11 vendors to Bette Uda City Park.

"All the vendors did quite well for the first one of the season," Wages said. "I've been very excited about it. But now I am doing the Wilder's one and it's a lot of work.

"But I love the chaos of

doing this because it keeps me busy, and I'm meeting so many amazing people."

Wages said there was a steady flow of market-goers throughout the afternoon and evening on June 7.

The next Homedale market takes place from 3 p.m., to 7 p.m., on Friday at the park on East Idaho Avenue. Markets will be held on the first and third Friday of the month through September.

Vendors may set up for 1

p.m., to 3 p.m., prior to the market.

Booth space costs \$10 per event or \$65 for the season.

For more information, visit the event's Facebook page at Homedale Farmers Market.

For information on becoming a vendor, reach out to Wages at (208) 608-3122.

Wages is expecting more vendors this week, although she only had two no-shows among

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Greenleaf residents Larry and Tana Hunter are slated to man their Hunter Woodworking booth again Friday. Submitted photo



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Marsing Ambulance has new administrator; is new district next?

Service replaces both emergency response rigs

New equipment and new leadership may just be the start of significant changes for the Marsing Ambulance Service.

Betty Ackerman's retirement as emergency services supervisor was marked with a June 1 open house at the Marsing fire station. During the same event, the service officials unveiled two ambulances that are new to the operation.

One is a brand-new ambulance purchased with a state grant. The other is a former Homedale Ambulance rig purchased to allow the Marsing organization to retire 2008 and 2009 units that were becoming mechanically unreliable.

"These new units will allow MAS to provide reliable service to our patrons for many years to come," the service said in a statement.

Funds from the Marsing Disaster Auction also helped purchase the vehicles.

Ackerman's retirement brings to a close decades of emergency services volunteerism both in Marsing and Jordan Valley.

After moving to Marsing from Jordan Valley, Ackerman returned to emergency medical technician service with a little prodding from a volunteer fireman.

"Bob Malmberg kept bugging me," Ackerman said.

So she retook the test and rejoined the ranks for the



JD Phipps (left) has succeeded longtime Marsing Ambulance volunteer as the service's administrator. Both will continue as EMTs.

selfless folks who help their neighbors.

She spent the past 21 years as the ambulance service's administrator.

JD Phipps, a medical field professional for years, is the new administrator. He has spent five years volunteering for the Marsing service, but has held an EMT certification since 1989.

But Ackerman is still around.

She'll keep up her certification, too, even though she wants to spend more time with her husband Kelly and their four children and 10 grandchildren.

"They're going to have to beat me out of this place with

a stick," Ackerman said last month.

"I'll have more time to be a grandma. I don't mind handing over all the paperwork. I'm happy to hand that to JD."

She helped Phipps get settled into the job after he accepted the position on May 1.

"Really we just had to spend some time together transferring knowledge on how she does things," Phipps said.

"I've been picking his brain for years anyway," Ackerman added.

Phipps' career stops have included as an emergency room and intensive care unit registered nurse.

"I became an RN to become a flight nurse," he said.

After a decade as a flight nurse, Phipps moved into administration of a flight nursing crew.

His leadership job with a medical evacuation company brought him and his wife — an RN and EMT named Elaine — to Caldwell. And eventually Marsing.

"We knew we wanted to live out here and be part of a volunteer organization," Phipps said.

The couple, who have five children and one grandchild, bought property in the Marsing area in 2013 and lived there part-time at first.

Ackerman said the job she accepted two decades ago and the one she left this spring are

vastly different.

"When I first started, there wasn't as much required by the state and society," she said.

Although Phipps has been a flight nurse administrator and a hospital administrator, he came into the Marsing leadership role knowing there would be a learning curve.

The Marsing Ambulance Service administrator oversees the entire operation — from training to keeping the ambulance stocked with medical supplies to writing reports and policy manuals and grants to taking care of payroll.

Yes, even though the service is staffed by volunteers, there are stipends for the crew members who are on call for six-hour shifts. And the administrator is a paid position, too.

The administrator also ensures that bills for service are ready to ship to the third-party company that mails out invoices.

The administrator is still responsible for picking up ambulance shifts during the week, too.

"For both my wife and I this is absolutely about giving back to the community," Phipps said. "This is the first role in my career where the people I'm taking care of are people in MY community."

Ackerman carries the same pride.

"This has been my baby and my community, and I get to take care of it," she said.

Board member Jim Briggs assured Phipps and Ackerman that the admiration is mutual.

"The service and the district are blessed with the years of service Betty has put into the ambulance service," Briggs said. "We're blessed that JD has come to continue that service."

The structure of the taxing district that funds the Marsing Ambulance Service operation may be changing, too.

Owyhee County's commissioners currently are the directors for the ambulance district, but steps are being taken to create a board that is independent from the Board of County Commissioners.

Last Wednesday, the Marsing City Council unanimously passed Resolution 170 supporting ambulance service officials in their quest to form the Marsing Ambulance EMS District and dissolve the Marsing Ambulance District. The petition must be forwarded to the BOCC, and the question put before the voters.

— JPB

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Council approves plan for Homedale townhomes

Four more new residences will pop up on Homedale’s west side after a 3-0 vote by the city council last Wednesday.

On a third attempt, Ideal Custom Homes received approval to build three townhomes on the corner of North 5th Street West and West California Avenue.

Councilman Mike Aebischer cast his vote in favor of the special use permit via telephone. Councilman Aaron Tines was absent from the meeting.

“I think they’ve worked with us. They’ve worked really hard on what we’ve asked,” Councilperson Kim Murray said. “I think it’s going to be an improvement from the junk that we have there now.”

Ideal Custom Homes representative Katie Deal presented the council with an illustrative look at how the developer would provide enough off-street parking to address the council’s concerns about traffic congestion so close to Homedale Elementary School.

The developer will combine two lots and construct a three-unit townhome complex on North 5th Street West. A fourth residential development will be built facing California Avenue.

The intention is to build owner-occupied homes, Deal said in addressing fears that a vehicle congestion situation similar to the four-plex on Industrial Road (which is a rental property) could



Ideal Custom Homes finally received permission to build townhomes on a rundown lot on the west side of Homedale.

crop up.

A Homedale Road resident, Chelsea Roberts, brought up concerns she said she heard from “several citizens” about the number of parking spaces needed for the families living in three townhomes.

“That’s why we included the off-street parking requirement,” Councilman Steve Atkins said.

Mayor Gheen Christoffersen said the plan showed room for three off-street parking spaces per townhouse.

The decision came on the same night that the council heard a pitch from Great West Engineering representatives to help create a comprehensive land use plan, which would establish rules and regulations for developers looking to build in town. A comprehensive plan could set requirements for minimum off-street parking, which was the biggest issue in Ideal Custom Homes’ struggle to get the west side townhomes approved.

Prior to the public hearing on the special use permit, Ideal Custom Homes withdrew its request for a zone change for the southern portion of the former Amalgamated Sugar Co. beet receiving station south of Industrial Road off U.S. Highway 95.

The development company, which submitted the zone change request on behalf of Jackson Food Stores, will resubmit the application at a later date, Kathy Deal said.

— JPB

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Honor rolls

University of Idaho

Four Homedale High School graduates were recently placed on the University of Idaho College of Agricultural and Life Science’s Dean’s List for the 2024 spring semester:

- Spencer Fisher
- Trenton Fisher
- Sigmund Goode
- Willy Haun

Lewis-Clark State College

A handful of local residents earned their way onto the Lewis-Clark State College 2024 spring semester honor roll.

Three students from Wilder, some with ties to Homedale High School, were on the president’s list with a grade-point average of 3.75 or higher while taking 12 graded credits:

- Courtney M. Downum

The dean’s list featured students who attained a GPA of between 3.25 and 3.749:

- Osue A. Bernabe-Albor, Homedale
- Caden G. Freeman, Marsing
- Joelly Mendoza-Acosta, Wilder

Utah Tech

Local students were named to the 2024 spring semester honor roll at Utah Tech University in St. George, Utah:

President’s List (3.9 GPA or higher) — Katie Christoffersen, Homedale

Dean’s List (3.5 to 3.89 GPA) — Melba residents Troy Theobald, Quinton Hill, Kelsey Rosenlund, and Hannah Beus

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In an article on the passing of former Idaho Supreme Court Justice Daniel Eismann, The Owyhee Avalanche utilized a statement from Gov. Brad Little in which he offered condolences to the former Homedale resident’s wife, Sheila. Eismann’s wife passed away at the age of 74 on Oct. 6, 2023.

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Finance, fatherhood, return on investment

On June 8, my wife and I welcomed Cormac (Mac) Saxton Bingham into our family. Despite this being our fourth kid, the potent potpourri of conflicting emotions that come with having a newborn in the house remains unchanged for us. We are happy and exhausted, grateful and grumpy, busy and content, relieved yet anxious. Some of that anxiety comes with the fragility and unpredictable nature of infants, and the other part of it is tied to finances.

Having a baby is expensive. Even before the child is born there are numerous doctors visits, ultrasounds, blood work, and lab tests. The delivery itself is more cost-intensive even still. And all of that is assuming fertility treatments are not necessary and that there are no complications during gestation or delivery.

Then there are the diapers. So many diapers. The clothes Mac will grow out of in three weeks. The baby carrier, stroller, bassinet, and more.

In the big picture, though, all those expenses are just the beginning; entry fees to parenthood so-to-speak. The bulk of the costs will be incurred over the next 18-plus years as we raise our children to adulthood and beyond. Years ago, I heard of a study that found it cost a million dollars to raise a child. As we prepared for our fourth child I thought about that statistic often, because that would mean we would need \$4 million to raise our

children, and I am certain that I will not be netting that much money in the next nine to 18 years. This led me to investigate.

It did not take long to find that the million-dollar estimate per child was an extreme outlier. It was generated from an Australian study and then referenced a couple more times in other blogs and articles. One reason that study produced such a high number was because it included the cost of obtaining an undergraduate degree, a cost that is not incurred by every individual and certainly not every parent. The more commonly cited number for raising a family is actually \$240,000 per child on average, and that does not include the cost of college. While \$240,000 per child is still a lot of money, it is a lot more digestible than \$1 million.

Perhaps the only thing more incredible than the cost of raising children is how little that number matters. You cannot put a cost on holding your newborn child, or watching your 4-year-old introduce himself to his new baby brother, or the countless other funny, proud, and heart-wrenching moments.

The experience of fatherhood is not easy or cheap, but the return on investment is greater than I could have ever anticipated.

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Andrew Bingham

Calendar

Today

Ladies coffee group

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

Food distribution

9 a.m. to 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

Summer Reading program

11 a.m., ‘World Center for Birds of Prey visit’, 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

Mobile Food Pantry

7:30 a.m., to 10 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale. (208) 473-9331

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

Teens and Tweens

5 p.m., ‘Field Trip to Murray’s Treats’, Homedale Community Center, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

Friday

Homedale Farmers Market

3 p.m., to 7 p.m., Bette Uda City Park. Information: Alicia Wages (208) 608-3122 or visit their Facebook page

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Saturday

Free lunch

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

San Juan Eguna Basque Festival

5 p.m. gates open; 6 p.m. events begin; free, Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., Homedale.

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Opal Nash Story Time

10 a.m., ‘All About Space’, Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

Girls’ youth basketball camp

10 a.m., to 2 p.m., girls entering 2024 fall school year 3rd through 8th grades, \$45. Homedale High School Auxiliary gymnasium, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 863-2105 or HomedaleBasketball@gmail.com

Homedale youth football camp

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Gem Highway District meeting

6 p.m., 1016 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4581

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Region III assistance assessments

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High Desert Republican Women meeting

6 p.m., Sandbar Community Room, Marsing City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 204-9744

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Wednesday

Massage

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

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Obituaries

Geneve Romriell

Geneve Romriell, 92, passed away June 1, 2024, at home on the farm along the Snake River that she loved. Born into the large family of John and Della Hatch during the Depression era helped to form her lifelong characteristics of determination, hard work, and frugality. Her earliest years were spent in Utah surrounded by extended family. Working and playing together outdoors, Niff, as her siblings affectionately called her, had many fun and sometimes dubious experiences, mostly instigated by her older sister Dorothy. As the family moved to Payette and Weiser areas in Idaho, Niff enjoyed school and learned to work hard in the orchards and fields until she was old enough to have a job in a local store when she was in High School. She said that she didn't want her parents to spend money on her, so it was important for her to always have a job.

Geneve met Kenneth N Romriell at a church dance and they were married in the Idaho Falls Temple in February of 1952. They worked hard together farming or various jobs throughout their life, living in Idaho, Nevada, and Arizona. During this time,



they had six children and taught them to enjoy learning, working and playing together, singing, and the importance of the gospel of Jesus Christ in their lives. Many memorable experiences were had on their desert farm in Arizona and then finally in Idaho where they held many family reunions and get-togethers with family and friends. Gathered around a campfire to sing and laugh was a favorite treasured moment.

Geneve was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in many callings throughout the years in Primary, Relief Society, and Young Women's organizations. She served as a dedicated Cub Scout den mother and a loving nursery leader. She used her creative

talents to write ward skits, plays, and musical road show productions for the youth. Geneve will be remembered for her theatrical reading of Winnie the Pooh to her children, her silly antics with her grandchildren, rocking to sleep her great-grandchildren, and her contagious laugh.

Preceded in death by her husband Kenneth, siblings Eileen, Dorothy, Larry, and Johnny. She is survived by her children and their spouses: Allan & Corean Romriell, Glen & Toni Romriell, Teresa & Nico Hopman, Colleen Kohler, Linda & Mark Bunn, Clint & Sheri Romriell, 27 grandchildren, 64 great-grandchildren, as well as sisters, Carol, Margie, JoAnn, Emily, Donna, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am on Monday, June 10, 2024, at the Homedale Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 708 W Idaho Ave, Homedale ID 83628. The family viewing will be 9:30-10 am and the public viewing from 10-10:45 am. Following the funeral, the interment will be at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. Condolences and memories can be shared at www.flahifffuneralchapel.com

Logan Stuart Emry

Logan Stuart Emry was born March 25th, 2024 to Austin and Kelli Emry in Caldwell, Idaho. On June 10th, Logan gained his angel wings and joined the Lord in heaven.

Logan turned 11 weeks old on the day of his passing and already had a big personality at his young age. He loved snuggling, eating around the clock, watching his goofy big sister, and making everyone around him melt with his contagious smile and beautiful eyes.

We will be holding a public service to celebrate his life on Friday, June 21st, 2024



at 1pm at the Homedale Friends Community Church in Homedale, ID. There will be a lunch following the service for those would like to visit with the family.

✓ Johnstone: 4-day project

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The paving project is expected to last through Thursday, June 27.

Johnstone should be open to traffic again on the morning of Friday, June 28.

The road is the only access to Owyhee County's Homedale-area solid waste facility. When Johnstone was closed for the replacement of the South Canal culvert, residents were directed to take their trash to the Republic

Services transfer station on Industrial Road in Homedale.

The stretch of Johnstone has been broken-up pavement and gravel for years as district commissioners looked for ways to come up with funding.

Thueson has completed placing the gravel base for the roadway and will spend Monday preparing the roadway for the three-day pavement project.

— JPB

Death notice

DANIEL THOMAS EISMANN, 77, who grew up in Homedale and later served as Owyhee County magistrate judge and Chief Justice of the Idaho State Supreme Court, died on Tuesday, June 4, 2024. A memorial service will be held at

10:30 a.m., on Friday, June 21, 2024 at Calvary Chapel Boise. A public viewing will follow from 4 p.m., to 7 p.m., at Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel, Boise. A graveside ceremony for family and close friends will be held at a later date.

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Obituary

Gerald “Jerry” Ross Patterson

It is with heavy hearts that the family shares the passing of Gerald “Jerry” Ross Patterson, from Madras, Oregon, on June 7, 2024 at the age of 83.

Jerry was born on June 24, 1940, to Leonard and Nina (Ofe) Patterson in Lewellen, Nebraska. At the age of two, Jerry’s family packed up and headed west, eventually making their home in Arock, Oregon after stops in Nevada and Jordan Valley, Oregon. From a young age, Jerry’s spirit and way of life embodied that of a true American cowboy. Even as a child, Jerry rarely ventured far from one of his horses, to the extent that he even rode one through the doors of his one-room schoolhouse in Arock. As a teenager, Jerry began to pursue his lifelong passion for rodeo as a bareback and bull rider.

After graduating from Jordan Valley High School in 1958, Jerry continued with his rodeo career while also pursuing work as a ranch hand in the Jordan Valley area. Through one of those jobs, Jerry would meet

the love of his life; the boss’s daughter, Dotha J. Raburn. The couple began their 58 years of marriage on June 18, 1966 and relocated to Madras, Oregon, where Jerry had taken a job with Madras Cattle Feeders. It was during this time that Jerry received formal training as a butcher and helped build the Madras Meat Market, which years later became a local dining establishment known as The Meet Market (currently Wild Winds Station). In 1971, Jerry and Dotha purchased their nearly 200-acre family farm/ranch northeast of Madras, on which they would raise their family. That same year, Jerry began a 23-year career with Portland General Electric, retiring in 1994 as a hydroelectric operator.

Throughout his entire life, Jerry continued to pursue his passion for competitive rodeo. In anticipation of having a family, he retired from the more dangerous rough stock events (bareback and bull riding) shortly after marriage



and redirected his focus to team roping. The choice to walk away from these beloved events was not an easy decision for the highly competitive cowboy. However, the sacrifice paled in comparison to the joys he would realize as a father, beginning with the birth of his son, Chuck, in 1968, followed in 1971 by his youngest son, Brett. While there was always work to be done on the farm, Jerry was often able to find a way to pack up the camper and horse trailer for weekend team roping events, creating many cherished “off the farm”

memories for his family.

Jerry’s love and unrelenting commitment to family was always a top priority. From his mother and siblings to his many nieces and nephews, Jerry was seen as a pillar of stability. For his wife, sons, daughters-in-law, he provided an ever-present sense of stability and comfort. For his granddaughters and great-granddaughter, he was all things previously mentioned (X100), with a bonus role of “playmate.” For all, Jerry was a role model who embodied the characteristics of loyalty, honesty, integrity, kindness, and an unrelenting work ethic.

Survivors include his wife, Dotha; sons and spouses, Chuck and Kimberly Patterson, Brett and Genevieve Patterson; granddaughters and spouses, Kaylee and Lee Hofman, Savannah and Austin Say; granddaughters, Emelia and Athena Patterson; great-granddaughter, Hartlee Hofman; brothers, Robert

Patterson and wife Juanita, Lowell Patterson; sister, Elaine White; brother-in-law, Jerry Raburn and wife Judy, and numerous nieces and nephews. Jerry was preceded in death by father, Leonard, mother, Nina, father-in-law Oran “Shorty” Raburn, mother-in-law Doris Raburn, and nephew Alvin Patterson.

Goodbyes are not forever. Goodbyes are not the end. They simply mean I’ll miss you, until we meet again, Grandpa. Until then, welcome to Heaven, Cowboy. Your entry fees are paid! ~ Kaylee (Patterson) Hofman

Service is June 21, 2024 at the Prineville Funeral Home. Public viewing from 9:30-10:30 am with services starting at 11:00 am. Interment will take place immediately after the service at the Mt. Jefferson Cemetery in Madras, Oregon followed by a celebration of life at the Madras Elks Lodge.

Additional info: <https://www.prinevillefuneralhome.com>



Above: McKee Eells got to try her hand at milking a cow during the first installment of the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library summer reading program on June 5. Last Wednesday, one of the stations at the library let the boys and girls play disc golf. Submitted photo



Scores flock to Jackson library for summer reading

Youth programs keep rolling through June

The Adventure Begins at Your Library summer reading series enters its third week today at the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library.

Children registered for the Homedale District Library program will get a visit from the World Center Birds of Prey staff beginning at 11 a.m.

The visit will take place on the Homedale Community Center lawn, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

The library has had to utilize nearly all of its space each Wednesday since

the summer reading program started.

The weekly events began June 5 with agricultural science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and a visit from University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension intern Madi Passmore and the Idaho Farm Bureau Moving Agricultural to the Classroom trailer.

Children learned how to milk a cow, make butter and grind wheat as well as taking in a lecture on dairy cows in Idaho by Dennis Lincoln and trying out pancakes slathered with the butter they made.

Last Wednesday came Tie Dye STEM Day. Children dyed their own materials and also learned a little bit about disc

golf.

Next Wednesday’s program is Space STEM Day, and a Fourth of July STEM event is scheduled for July 3. The July 10 program will feature an outdoor survival escape room and nature scavenger hunt.

Library director Sharla Jensen said more than 200 children ages 5-12 signed up for the summer program prior to the May 22 registration deadline. About 150 boys and girls have been turning up each week.

The library has kicked off its year-round Teens and Tweens offerings for boys and girls ages 10-17, too.

Youth that attend Thursday’s session,

which begins at 5 p.m., will walk to Murray’s Treats on East Idaho Avenue to learn about local businesses and enjoy some ice cream.

The group will meet at the community center before walking to the ice cream shop.

The next Opal Nash Story Time for preschoolers will take place at 10 a.m., on Monday at the library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave.

Youth programs coordinator Emily Lincoln will read about space and the planets, and the children will make a night-sky craft.

Call (208) 337-4228 for more information on programs.

MARSING CHAMBER GATEWAY TO THE OWYHEES ATV/UTV RUN



Marsing School District board of trustees chair Jason Sevy (front) took the navigator’s seat for the Marsing Chamber of Commerce’s poker run Saturday. Submitted photo

Desert racers rave about first poker run

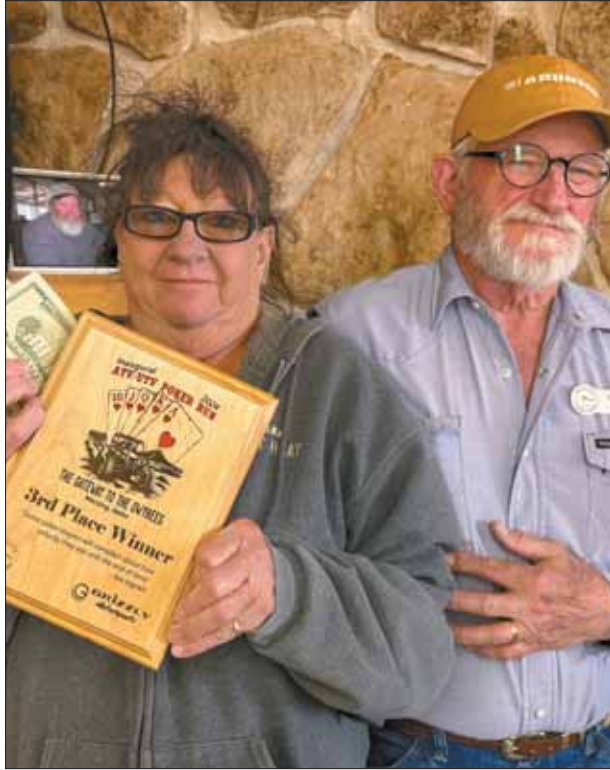
Business group looks forward to Island Park event next month

Participants are calling the inaugural Marsing Chamber of Commerce Gateway to the Owyhees ATV/UTV poker run a “resounding success.” “I spoke with Micah Witt and Jordan Wilson from Caldwell,” Chamber vice-president Janette Bormann wrote in an email to Chamber members. “It was revealed that the first Chamber ATV-UTV Poker Run was a resounding success.

“The enthusiastic duo praised the well-marked trails and the impeccable organization of the event.” Bormann said Witt is a “seasoned” desert racer and plans to return for next year’s event, and he volunteered to take charge of signage for the event. Other participants this year included Jason Sevy, Russ Bowers, Ashley Bowers and Averille Sevy. Four people took home prize money in the poker run. The first-place winner had a high hand of a straight, and second place was split between identical four-of-a-kind hands of 7s with a fifth-card kicker of a 10.

“In a display of sportsmanship, the winners agreed to split the prize money of \$175 and drew lots for the plaque,” Bormann said of the battle for second place. The third-place plaque went to the person holding the least-favorable hand. Next up for the Chamber is the inaugural Classics, Cowboys & Cabernet event. The 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 for \$10 between 9

a.m., and 2 p.m. 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 on the organization and the upcoming event.



Four riders had winning hands in the poker run with the runner-up pair drawing lots to see who would take home the second-place trophy. From left: First place, second place and least-favorable hand. Chamber president Steve Derricott presented the plaques. Submitted photos

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HHS grads playing college summer ball

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Rivercats rack up more league victories

Avalanche Sports

Marsing coaching roster complete

Rimrock volleyball coach leaves post

Coaching changes are in the air at local high schools. Michael Foristiere began summer workouts with the Marsing High School football team as his first on-field activities since being hired in February. Foristiere succeeds Huskies alum Shea McClellin, who left to replace Layne Coffin as Vallivue head coach after two seasons in Marsing. Jake Dugger is back as the Huskies' girls' basketball coach. The school board approved his interim status to run the program on May 14 after Aidrie Voile resigned after one season. Dugger coached the Huskies for parts of three seasons, taking over the team in January 2016 and coaching full seasons in 2016-17 and 2017-18. He was 29-29 during his tenure. The Marsing grad played for the Huskies boys' squad in the 1980s.

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Homedale High School graduate Sierra Telford, shown barrel racing in a District 2 rodeo at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds earlier this year, won the state championship in girls' reined cow horse at the Idaho State High School Finals Rodeo last Wednesday. Photo by Cherie Rolland / Cherie Rolland Photography

McFarlanes win state all around

Homedale competitors — and the McFarlane family specifically — ruled the week at the Idaho High School State Finals Rodeo. Trey McFarlane won the all around boys' state championship while taking home the state title in saddle bronc. Trey's sister, Sloan, captured the girls' all around. Homedale athletes also captured the reserve all around titles with Sam Saunders cleaning up in the boys' competition and Sierra Telford coming through for the girls. The weeklong rodeo was held at the Bannock County Fairgrounds in Pocatello, and the Homedale contingent helped District 2 take home high-point honors. The top four finishers in each event qualified for the National High School Finals Rodeo, which will be held from July 14 to July 20 at the Sweetwater Events Complex in Rock Springs, Wyo. Telford won the state championship in the girls' reined cow horse competition, which was decided last Wednesday. Sloan McFarlane was runner-up. Trey McFarlane pulled off a 63-point ride in Saturday's saddle bronc short go to wrap up his state championship. His brother, Trell, was second in the overall and had the top ride in all three long go-rounds during the week. Sloan McFarlane (runner-up, 37 points) and third-place Telford (34.5 points overall) will have a chance to compete at nationals in breakaway roping. McFarlane was just 1.5 points off the championship pace set by Alexis Hutchings. Sloan McFarlane will be eligible for the

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All-State Games beckon locals

Five local football players begin workouts today for the 20th annual Idaho All-State Game series. Four Homedale Middle School athletes — eighth-graders Kreece Powell and Easton Dines and seventh-graders Aayden Yost and Zavior Cortinas — will suit up for Team Treasure Valley against Team Idaho. Rimrock High School graduate T.J. Gonzalez has been selected to play for Team Red in a Class 1A senior all-star showcase against Team Blue. The all-star games will be played between 9 a.m., and 8 p.m., on Saturday at Eagle High School. All-State athletes were nominated by their coaches. The best individuals with outstanding skills and character were selected after a rigorous talent analysis by the All State Game talent team comprised of former college athletes and coaches.

- Yost is a 5-foot, 4-inch, 110-pound defensive end.
- Cortinas (5-1, 145) is an offensive lineman.

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Trojans rule All-3A SRV baseball, softball

Softball: Corta, Asumendi top coaches' voting

Five of the six Homedale High School players making the All-3A Snake River Valley conference team are seniors. Shortstop/pitcher Olivia Asumendi leads the group as the conference player of the year after a final prep season in which she led the Trojans in most categories. Bound for The College of Idaho, Asumendi ripped eight home runs and 10 doubles to lead the Homedale with 42 RBI and 39 hits. She batted a team-best .582 and scored 32 runs. Asumendi also swiped four bases. From the pitching circle, Asumendi was 8-3 in 12 appearances with a 3.08 earned-run average and 99 strikeouts. Coach Larry Corta, who completed his 21st season at the helm, was named

conference coach of the year after leading the Trojans to their 10th consecutive 3A District III championship and a 17-5 record. Other Homedale seniors on the All-3A SRV first team include:

- **Dani Sitts, pitcher** — Having signed to attend Hastings (Neb.) College, the right-hander went on to post a 9-2 record with a 3.61 ERA and a team-high 122 strikeouts in 22 appearances. She batted leadoff at a .500 clip with a team-high 46 runs scored and 28 RBI. She was second on the team with 36 hits and also smacked two home runs and seven doubles. She led the team with eight stolen bases.
- **Zayne Hall, first baseman** — Hall

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Dillon Fine doubles up on player of the year

The domination is complete. Div. I college signee Dillon Fine wrapped up his historic Homedale High School baseball career by sweeping the 3A Snake River Valley conference's top awards. The University of Utah-bound right-hander was voted player of the year and pitcher of the year after an unbeaten senior season in which he led the Trojans with a .551 batting average, 51 runs scored, and 11 doubles. He also stole 24 bases. He was practically unhittable on the mound, spinning a 0.37 earned-run average and allowing 12 hits in 12 starts. He averaged 2.2 strikeouts an inning (126 strikeouts in 57 1/3 innings pitched) and his walks-to-hits-per-innings pitched (WHIP) ratio was

a miniscule 0.42. An All-3A state tournament team selection, Fine has signed to play with the Sawtooth Sockeyes in Caldwell. The Sockeyes will play through the last week of July, and the regular-season finale is July 28 against the San Francisco Seals. Dillon's brothers — twin **Payton**, who signed a letter of intent to attend Arizona Christian on May 21 and is also playing for the Sockeyes this summer, and sophomore **Carson** — were placed on the All-3A SRV first team. Carson hit .455 and knocked in 26 runs. He scored 23 runs while collecting four doubles and a triple. He was fourth on the team with 10 stolen bases.

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Sports

Fine siblings suit up for Sockeyes summer team

Payton Fine has joined his fraternal twin, Dillon, on another baseball team.

The 6-foot, 1-inch, 185-pound right-hander is pitching for the Caldwell-based Sawtooth Sockeyes this summer.

The Homedale High School grad, who is committed to play for Arizona Christian, walked one batter during a hitless inning of relief in the Sockeyes’ 23-3 win over the Bend Bucks on June 9 at Wolfe Field.

He got a strikeout during a one-inning relief stint in an 8-4 win over the Utah Yaks on Thursday.

Inserted at designated hitter, Dillon Fine went 3-for-3 with two runs scored and two RBI in the Sockeyes’ 23-0 dismantling of the Bucks on June 10. A 6-4, 185-pound right-hander, Dillon Fine has signed with the Div. I University of Utah.

Caldwell’s college summer league team opened the season with six consecutive wins before meeting the Utah Yaks in the third game of a five-game series on Friday.

Results for Friday, Saturday and Sunday games against the Utah Yaks weren’t available at press time.

Home games start at 6:35 p.m., each day except Friday and Saturday (7:05 p.m.).

The Sockeyes will play their first 16 games at home, ending the stand Sunday in the finale of a four-game set against the Garciaparra Baseball Group.

Homedale girls’ hoops camp slated next week

Open summer soccer workouts announced

Time’s running out to register for the Homedale girls’ youth basketball camp.

Homedale High School coach Benji Sorenson and his coaching staff and players will lead the three-day clinic for girls entering the third through eighth grades in the fall.

The camp will be held from 10 a.m., to noon on Monday, Tuesday and next Wednesday inside the HHS auxiliary gym on North 3rd Street East.

The cost is \$45, and each camper will receive a T-shirt.

The camp will allow younger players access to the current Trojans as well as the coaches who could lead them in the future.

The girls will learn the HHS philosophies and language

while working on fundamentals like dribbling, passing, shooting and defense. The teaching will come through drills and game-based instruction.

Contact Sorenson at (208) 863-2105 or homedalebasketball@gmail.com for more information.

Girls’ soccer

As Shelby Nicoletti enters her third season as the HHS girls’ soccer coach, she has announced open play on Tuesday and Thursday nights at Deward Bell Stadium.

Seventh- and eighth-graders as well as high school-aged girls are invited to join the fun from 8 p.m., to 9:30 p.m.

Workouts are voluntary.

“Just come enjoy the game and learn some skills and be with nice friends,” Nicoletti wrote on Facebook.

Reach out to the coach at (425) 263-1244 with questions or for more information.

✓ All-State: Games Saturday

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- Powell (5-9, 130) is a defensive back.
- Dines (5-9, 160) is a defensive end.
- Gonzalez (5-11, 215) is an offensive lineman and also plays defensive end.

The athletes will room in the Boise State University dormitories while taking part in workouts, a combine and skills competitions and hearing from guest speakers and touring Albertson Stadium and the

BSU football facilities.

After each game, awards named for All-State alumni — Leighton Vander Esch for defensive MVP, Taysom Hill for offensive MVP, and Nate Potter for academic and character MVP — will be handed out.

Proceeds benefit Fostering Idaho, raising awareness for foster care children. More than \$250,000 has been raised during the game’s history, providing essentials such as backpacks, clothes, and gift cards.

✓ State: Big Owyhee County presence

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goat tying national title, too, after finishing third at the state rodeo. She won Saturday’s short-go with a 7.64-second turn, keeping up the momentum created when she won the third long-go with her 7.02-second performance.

Other national qualifiers are:

- Saunders and Sloan McFarlane after their fourth-place showing in team roping
- Telford, fourth place in barrel racing
- Trey McFarlane, fourth place in bull riding.
- Rhett Brackett, a Castleford High School student who

lives in the Three Creek area of southeastern Owyhee County, and his sister Chantry Brackett finished fourth in their respective divisions to qualify for nationals in cow cutting.

Competitors finishing fifth through 25th in the state finals rodeo qualified for the Silver State International Rodeo, which will be held June 30 through July 7 in Winnemucca, Nev.:

- **Celie Davis, Adrian** — Fifth in pole bending, seventh in barrel racing, and eighth in goat tying
- **Trey McFarlane, Homedale** — Sixth with his brother, Trell,

in team roping; 10th in tie down roping

- **Meg Eiguren, Jordan Valley** — Seventh in breakaway roping
- **Ty Roland, Homedale** — Sixth in saddle bronc
- **Sam Saunders, Homedale** — Eighth in tie down roping, eighth in steer wrestling
- **Shayde Volk, Homedale** — Ninth in bareback
- **Trevor Rhoades, Melba** — 10th in steer wrestling
- **Ashton Zabriskie, Homedale** — 12th in bull riding
- **Georgia King, Homedale** — 18th in pole bending

✓ Coaching: Rimrock has three openings

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Former Huskies assistant coach Lamon Loucks has been tabbed to replace another staple as boys’ basketball coach. Tim Little resigned after 15 years with the district to take an administrative job with Gem Prep Academy in Nampa.

Loucks was hired during the board’s May 14

meeting, too.

Rimrock High School has a varsity volleyball coach vacancy after Karlee Aquiso departed after five seasons and one historic appearance in the 1A, Div. I state tournament.

There are also junior high school coach openings for volleyball and football in Bruneau.

✓ Softball: One underclassman honored

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is heading to Missouri Valley College for rodeo, having signed her letter of intent on May 13. She knocked in 35 runs — second on the team — with two homers, a triple and eight RBI. She batted .471 and scored 22 runs.

- **Isana Larzelier, second**

baseman — Larzelier hit .379 with a 20 RBI and 33 runs scored. She notched a couple doubles and one triple with four stolen bases.

Ellie Miller was Homedale’s other all-conference first-teamer. The junior outfielder collected three doubles and two triples and batted .310.

She scored 16 runs and posted 15 RBI.

Senior outfielder **Arlett Quezada** was named to the honorable mention list after a final season that featured 23 runs scored, 11 RBI and five doubles with a .276 batting average. She also stole five bases.

✓ Baseball: Four sophomores recognized

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A senior, Payton drove in 30 runs with seven doubles and two triples while hitting .333 and scoring 24 times. He was coach Burke Deal’s No. 2 starting pitcher, going 8-3 with two saves in 15 appearances with a 1.72 ERA. He notched 66 strikeouts in 61 innings pitched and walked only 15 batters.

Other first-teamers included:

- **Jayden Wutherich, sr.** — Hitting .359, Wutherich drove in 22 runs and crossed the plate 21 times. He also picked up a pair of doubles.
- **Lukas Hall, so.** — Splitting time behind the plate and on the mound, Hall batted .383

and shared the team home run lead with Dillon Fine at two. He clubbed eight triples and drove in a team-high 44 runs.

His right arm produced two wins in eight appearances with a 3.32 ERA and 33 strikeouts in 25 1/3 innings.

Hall was solid behind the plate with a team-high .995 fielding percentage and 24 assists. He made only one error in 215 chances.

Hall was named to the all-tournament team at State, too.

- **Chance Martell, so.** — A third baseman and catcher, Martell was second on the club with 20 stolen bases. He hit .350 and scored 31 runs while driving in another 21. He had

three doubles and two triples.

Senior first baseman **Andres Garcia** was a second-teamer, batting .350 with 22 runs scored, 12 RBI and a double. He had one of the team’s top fielding percentages (.970) while handling 134 chances and making just four errors. He was part of five double plays.

Sophomore **Xavier Uranga** swiped 15 bases during the season and scored 29 runs. He legged out five doubles and hit .270 to earn a second-team spot.

Senior **Oklin Carson** was placed on the honorable mention list after hitting .274 with a home run, two triples and a double. He posted 14 RBI and 15 runs scored.

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Sports

GEM STATE RODEO ASSOCIATION, PAYETTE COUNTY STOP

Several local young cowboys and cowgirls showed up to compete in Sunday's Gem State Rodeo Association stop at the Payette County Fairgrounds in New Plymouth.

Right: Mannie Mulrony of Wilder won the Senior boys' cow riding with a 57-point ride. His parents are Cameron and LeAnne Mulrony.



Kya Hummel, daughter of Drew and MikiAnna Hummel of Homedale, finished her goat run in the Mini Mite division in 16.26 seconds.

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Cherie Rolland Photography



Left: Klay Lequerica of Arock, Ore., timed in at 10.61 seconds in the Pee Wee boys' flag race.



Right: Macardy Babcock of Marsing roped her calf in 5.98 seconds to finish third in the Junior girls' breakaway roping.



Left: Oakley Mackenzie of Homedale won the Pee Wee girls' barrel race with a nice 18.856-second run.

Sports

Rivercats regain winning ways at Pendleton tourney

Mason Taylor threw a three-hitter as the Owyhee Rivercats shut out Hermiston, 10-0, to wrap up the Ashlee Hodgen Memorial Tournament in Pendleton, Ore., on Sunday.

Owyhee (10-6 overall) swept its Sunday games behind solid pitching.

Taylor struck out three batters in a five-inning game halted by the 10-run rule. He helped his own cause with a double and a single, two runs scored and two RBI.

Bently Holland went 2-for-3, and Hayden Barnett tripled, knocked in a run and scored.

Sunday: Rivercats 5, Cole Valley Christian 3 — Chance Martell scored the go-ahead run on Wylee Bidiman's sacrifice fly, giving the Rivercats a 4-3 lead in the bottom of the fourth inning at Pendleton High School.

Cole Valley had tied the score with three unearned runs in the top of the inning.

Winning pitcher William Dunn and Bidiman shut out Cole Valley the rest of the contest.

Dunn doubled, while Martell scored three runs. Carson Fine went 2-for-3.

Saturday: Vallivue 17, Rivercats 10 — Owyhee racked up 14 hits, but couldn't overcome seven errors after a wild start at Bob White Field against the Titans.

Vallivue scored five runs in the top of the first, and held an 11-4 lead after three innings. The teams run five runs each in the seventh inning.

Martell went 3-for-5 with two triples, three runs and three RBI at the top of the Rivercats' lineup.

Fine doubled twice, and Bidiman came up with a double.

Saturday: La Grande, Ore., 13, Rivercats 2 (5) — Xavier Uranga led off the game and scored on Bidiman's sacrifice for Owyhee's first run and only lead at Pendleton High School.

La Grande posted back-to-back four-run rallies to take control of the game after two innings.

Donovan Uranga's base hit scored Barnett in the second inning for Owyhee.

Fine took the loss. Only three of the eight runs he allowed in the first two innings were earned.

Friday: Rivercats 11, Hermiston 6 — Two-run rallies in the second and fourth innings gave Owyhee the momentum to win its tournament opener at Blue Mountain Community College.

Fine drilled a two-out, two-run triple to snap a 1-1 tie in the top of the second inning.

Three consecutive singles from Bidiman, Dunn, and Barnett fueled Owyhee's five-run third inning.

Bently Holland went 3-for-4 with two RBI and two runs scored. Dunn also knocked in two runs, and Taylor scored three runs.

Dunn got the win, while Bidiman pitched four innings of no-hit ball to close the door.

Last Wednesday: Rivercats 16, Parma 3 — Lukas Hall struck out eight batters and tossed a two-hitter on the road to send Owyhee to its third consecutive win by a margin of 10 runs or more.

The Single-A Gauchos tried to hang with the Rivercats early, answering a three-run rally in the top of the first inning with two runs of their own in the bottom half of the frame.

But Hall settled down and dodged four Owyhee errors.

Bidiman drove in four runs while going 3-for-4 with two runs scored and a double.

Hall doubled and knocked in a run while scoring twice.

Leadoff hitter Xavier Uranga did damage, too, smacking a double and posting three RBI.

Martell scored four times, and Fine and Alex Sotelo each scored twice.

Homedale raised its Single-A league record to 5-2 with the win.

June 11: Rivercats 21, Ontario, Ore., 4 (5) — Three pitchers teamed up on a three-hitter as Owyhee blasted another Single-A league opponent from over the border.

Owyhee racked up 10 runs in the first inning and held an 18-0 lead before the Tigers scratched out three runs against Uranga in the bottom of the third inning.

Three of Owyhee's 10 hits were doubles from Hall, who drove in four runs and scored twice. His biggest hit was a two-run double that plated Barnett and Uranga and gave Owyhee its 18-0 lead.

Fine's two-run single in the second inning sparked a 2-for-5 outing. His third RBI of the game came on a third-inning single to score William Dunn.

Dunn singled once and walked four times while driving in a pair of runs and scoring three times.

Barnett smashed a two-run double in the first inning. He and Uranga scored three runs each.

Bidiman scored twice and had an RBI single in the opening inning during a 2-for-3 day.

Only one of the four runs Uranga allowed was earned. He gave up Ontario's three hits, notched three strikeouts and walked three batters in two innings. Martell started the game with two innings of no-hit ball and a strikeout. Dunn walked one and fanned a batter in his one inning.

The Rivercats capitalized on 20 walks given up by five Ontario pitchers.

Matteson's completes interior remodel at Homedale store



Lawsen Matteson (top) and Nick Elordi put the finishing touches on the new Matteson's sign inside the remodeled store last week. Submitted photo

Idaho Avenue storefronts changing

A store remodel is complete at Matteson's in Homedale.

The business, which has been on the corner of East Idaho Avenue and South Main Street for more than 70 years, recently finished work that rearranged the inside of the convenience store.

The cash register and counter was relocated from the south wall to the west wall, and the former customer counter area now houses an expanded self-service area for breakfast and lunch grab-and-go food and coffee and other beverages.

New signage has been installed above the retail soft drink cooler, and the Owyhee Motor Sales NAPA auto service counter has been pivoted to face patrons when they come through the store's entrance.

Homedale painting contractor Martin Cloud and his crew applied a fresh coat of paint to the walls and new dark trim inside the store, too.

The remodel follows the recent refurbishing of the Matteson-owned NAPA Owyhee Auto Parts store next door.

In the first block of West Idaho Avenue, the old Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency building, which in recent years has housed Idaho Classics LLC automobile restoration, is under new ownership and receiving a fresh coat of paint as well.

Basque festival returns to Txoko Ona center on Saturday

The annual San Juan Eguna Basque Festival is set for Homedale on Saturday.

The public event, which celebrates the feast day of St. John the Baptist, will run from 5 p.m., to past sunset at the Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St.

The day gets started with the Tony Larrocea 8 King Mus Tournament at 1 p.m.

The gates for the public festival open at 5 p.m., and dance and musical performances will be held between 6 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.

Children and adult games will be staged at 7:30 p.m.

Live music will follow.

At sunset, a bonfire will be lit and San Juan Zortziko performed.

Bonfires burn in the Basque country as a tradition to celebrate the Basque Summer Solstice.

The free, family-friendly event will feature food and beverages, too.

Chairs and shade canopies are welcome, but no outside food or pets will be allowed onto the Basque Center grounds.

There is a raffle, too. Tickets are available online at txokoona.org or can be purchased Saturday at the event. Tickets cost \$25 each, and the prizes include a Basque Essentials pack, a Trojan Pride pack, and a Meat 'n' Potatoes pack.

Commentary

Mtn. States Policy Center Executive orders, courts usurp legislative branch

When he was first elected, President Barack Obama proclaimed to the nation that he would not just wait for Congress to act. “I’ve got a pen,” the president said.

It’s likely that those who agreed with President Obama’s politics applauded the statement. And maybe you’re one of the millions of Americans who want presidents, governors, and bureaucrats to act — even if the legislative branch of our government (i.e., the people) never gave them the authority to do so.

If this describes you, it’s time to rethink your position and commitment to our Constitution.

Civics 101 teaches us that the legislative branch makes the laws, the executive branch enforces the laws, and the judicial branch interprets the laws. Of the three branches, the legislative is perhaps the most important as it is the only part of the government that can make new laws or change existing laws — or at least that’s the way it was supposed to be.

In reality, all three branches are now trying to make laws — an effort that is dramatically changing the size, scope, and confidence in government. This is true at the federal level and in many states as well.

Consider the president’s most recent action forgiving student loans. Congress never passed such a law. Instead, the Biden Administration is using different interpretations of an early 2000s piece of legislation to “forgive” the debt (i.e., have taxpayers cover), despite court rulings that have called it unconstitutional.

In the tug of war over separation of powers, executives (whether they be presidents or governors) have always tried to push the limits of their power. The founders knew this would be the case, which is why they tried to instill so many checks and balances, as well as place the legislative branch first in the Constitution.

But more recent executive actions have so blurred the lines that it is difficult to see how a restoration of our founding principles would be accomplished.

President Biden has issued 138 executive orders.

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Chris Cargill
Mountain States Policy Center, president and CEO

About Mountain States Policy Center
Founded in 2022, Mountain States Policy Center is based in Boise and Coeur d’Alene, and is an independent think tank that believes in providing research and recommendations to lawmakers, the media and the public, based on facts — not emotion. Harnessing the power of publications, conferences and video events, MSPC brings forward free market solutions to our region’s biggest challenges and will be a watchdog to improve government transparency and effectiveness. Our mission is to empower those in the Mountain States to succeed through non-partisan, quality research that promotes free enterprise, individual liberty and limited government.

Homedale resident Oscar Evans is on the board of directors.

Learn more at mountainstatespolicy.org.



JP Doodles

A TEN-YEAR-OLD BOY'S SUMMER

BACK THEN

7 a.m. -- get up
7:15 a.m. -- look for worms
8 a.m. -- family breakfast
8:30 a.m. -- go by Bobby's
9:00 a.m. -- go fishin'
11:30 a.m. -- collect bottles
Noon -- family lunch
1:30 p.m. -- build tree house
2:30 p.m. -- go swimming
4:30 p.m. -- play baseball
6 p.m. -- family supper
7 p.m. -- play baseball
9 p.m. -- hide 'n' seek
10:30 p.m. -- Z-Z-Z-Z-Z...

NOWADAYS

10:30 a.m. -- get up
10:32 a.m. -- play video games
Noon -- pizza & soda pop
12:01 p.m. -- play video games
2:30 p.m. -- donuts & candy
3:00 p.m. -- play video games
5:00 p.m. -- pizza & soda pop
5:25 p.m. -- play video games
8:30 p.m. -- ice cream & candy
8:45 p.m. -- play video games
midnight -- pizza & soda pop
2:15 a.m. -- play video games
3 a.m. -- ice cream & donuts
5:30 a.m. --

Barry

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 Recent D-Day remembrances mark the price of freedom

On the western side of the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., stands a blue wall, called the Freedom Wall. The wall is adorned with 4,048 gold stars. Each represents 100 American service personnel who died in World War II or remain missing. This means more than 400,000 Americans gave their lives to not only protect our freedom as Americans, but also the freedom of people across the world. The gold stars are symbols of the gold stars American families often displayed in their windows following notice they lost a family member in the war. The fitting words, “Here We Mark The Price Of Freedom,” are inscribed below the Freedom Wall.

Next to the Freedom Wall is a quote by President Harry S. Truman that helps illustrate this price:

“The Heroism of our troops ... was matched by that of the Armed Forces of the nations that fought by our side ... They absorbed the blows ... And they shared to the full in the ultimate destruction of the enemy.”

The June 6, 1944, Allied forces invasion of Normandy Beach, France as part of Operations Overlord and Neptune, commonly known as D-Day, that was key to the Allied victory on the Western Front of World War II is a central example of the enormous price born for freedom by America and our allies.

The Congressional Research Service (CRS) reports that more than 73,000 American servicemembers were among the more than 150,000 Allied troops who landed in Normandy. In addition to the U.S.,

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soldiers’ home, nations included Great Britain, Canada, Belgium, Norway, Poland, Luxembourg,

— See *Freedom*, Page 15

Commentary

Financial management

Everyone should carry identity theft insurance these days

Dear Dave,
How important do you feel identity theft protection is today? Should my husband and I buy it just for ourselves, or should we cover the kids, too? Lastly, where does identity theft protection fall in your Baby Steps plan?
— Lanie

Dear Lanie,
Unless you’ve gone completely off the grid, and have been there for a long, long time, there’s a good chance someone out there has a few of your numbers. Unfortunately, that’s all part of living in today’s world. Between consumer carelessness and data breaches — which have become an all-too-common occurrence these days — almost everyone has experienced, or will experience, some sort of identity theft

during their lifetime.
So, yes, I recommend everyone have identity theft protection. I don’t really consider it part of the Baby Steps, because in my mind it’s like car insurance or life insurance, in that it’s something virtually everyone needs. And things like that should just be part of your regular monthly budget.
Good question, Lanie!
— Dave

Dear Dave,
I own a small rental house, and for the most part my tenants have been conscientious people over the years. Recently, I learned my current tenant is subleasing the property for the short term as a vacation site. This kind of thing is prohibited in the rental agreement. He has always taken very good



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care of the place, so should I confront him about this, or just ignore it until it becomes a real problem?
— Karl

Dear Karl,
This may sound hardnosed, but it’s already a problem.

He’s in obvious violation of the lease agreement. If it were me, I’d have a face-to-face talk with this guy today. I’d let him know how much I appreciate that he’s been a good, respectful tenant in the past, but the subleasing has to stop.
An agreement is an agreement. I have several rental properties myself, and I always try to be gentle and nice, but really clear about things. You may not have experienced any problems up until now, but what happens next time? If you don’t know and trust who’s in the house, you could end up with holes in the walls, ruined carpets and worse. On top of all that, what if they don’t have the money to fix things when they leave? It’ll be on you, because you lost control of your property. Again, be decent when you

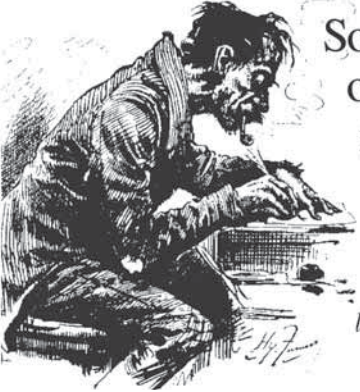
talk to this guy. It sounds like you two have a good history. But remind him he’s in violation of the lease agreement. And gently let him know if anything like this happens again, you’ll begin the eviction process.
— Dave
— Dave Ramsey is an eight-time No. 1 national best-selling author, personal finance 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.

✓ Freedom: Senate proclamation, WWII memorial recall brave sacrifice

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Greece, Czechoslovakia, New Zealand, Australia and French commandos. More than 6,000 American casualties were among the 10,000 Allied forces who were killed, wounded or missing from the Normandy invasion.
D-Day is a hallmark of Americans’ long history of costly sacrifice to guard and advance freedom. While America can never fully repay this inestimable debt, we can express our deep gratitude every chance we get, including on the recent 80th anniversary of D-Day.
I co-sponsored a resolution expressing the gratitude and appreciation of the U.S. Senate for the acts of heroism and valor by the members of the United States Armed Forces who participated in D-Day and commending those individuals for leadership and

bravery in an operation that helped bring an end to World War II. On June 4, the Senate unanimously passed this resolution also co-sponsored by 61 other senators, including fellow U.S. senator for Idaho Jim Risch.
Interestingly, the National Park Service (NPS) responds to questions about why the World War II Memorial was built where it stands in Washington, D.C., with the following:
“The question of location is answered partly by the inscription on the massive granite Announcement Stone facing 17th Street,
“ ‘Here In The Presence Of Washington And Lincoln, One The Eighteenth Century Father And The Other The Nineteenth Century Preserver of Our Nation, We Honor Those Twentieth Century Americans Who Took Up The Struggles During

The Second World War And Made The Sacrifices To Perpetuate The Gift Our Forefathers Entrusted To Us: A Nation Conceived In Liberty And Justice.’ ”
At the memorial, the NPS also notes that the casualties Americans bore in World War II are only surpassed by the loss of more than 620,000 Americans during the Civil War. The commonality among these and our country’s other wars and opportunities for service is brave Americans bearing all for the cause of liberty and justice — a price of our freedom beyond worthy of our continual recognition.
— 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.



Something on your mind?

We welcome letters to the editor

Letters to the editor

All letters to the editor submitted to The Owyhee Avalanche must be no longer than 300 words, signed and include the writer’s address and daytime phone number.

The deadline for submitting letters is noon on Friday. Letters can be submitted in these ways:

- E-mailed to jon@owyhee.com
- Mailed to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628
- Dropped off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale

For more information, call (208) 337-4681.

✓ Legislative: U of I’s proposed University of Phoenix purchase bypassed Idaho Legislature

From Page 14
Former President Trump issued 220 in his four years in office. Both issued various orders that dabbled into policymaking.
Many courts have done the same. The U.S. Supreme Court re-wrote portions of the Affordable Care Act in 2012 to uphold the law by a vote of 5-4. The Nevada Supreme Court once overturned a voter-approved constitutional amendment for a two-thirds vote on taxes, so that education spending could increase.
Interpreting law? No. Policymaking? Yes.
On the state side, Washington Gov. Jay Inslee has frequently used executive orders to adopt policy that he couldn’t get the state Legislature to pass, even at one point making it illegal to go fishing during the pandemic — again, something the Washington legislature never passed.
Montana Gov. Greg Gianforte and Idaho Gov. Brad

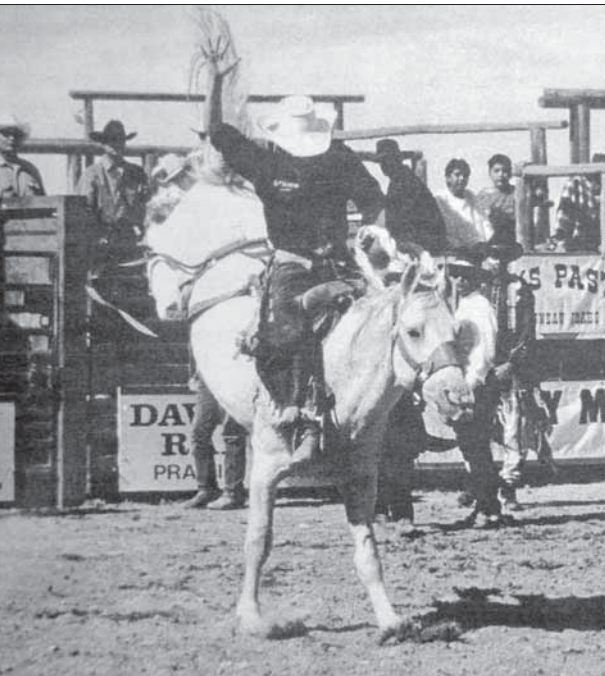
Little have been more cautious about stepping on the toes of the legislative branch. Still, bureaucrats have a history of finding a way.
One needn’t look further than the proposed \$685 million purchase by the University of Idaho of the University of Phoenix. The Idaho state Board of Education unanimously approved the deal, which caught many legislators and the public off-guard. In fact, it was made public only 24 hours before the vote, even though it’s the Legislature that appropriates money to the university.
As former Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia would frequently say, if you want a law, “convince enough of your fellow citizens” to pass it. And if you want a role in policymaking or appropriating, join the legislative branch.
If the Congress or the Legislature won’t act, elect a new Congress or Legislature.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

June 23, 1999



Ride ’um cowboy...
Wade Black rides a saddle bronc in Bruneau during a high school rodeo competition. Black won first place in the state competition last week to qualify for the national rodeo in Gillette, Wyo., next month.

District II leads state rodeo finals
District II led the State Rodeo Finals in competitors on June 14-19 in Pocatello. State Rodeo Qualifiers in each event were as follows:

Megan McLeod, Lacy Nelson, Katie Jo Mackenzie, Annie Roeser, and Brooke Taylor in the barrels; Katie Jo Mackenzie, Angelene Manning, Stephanie Dopps, Sammy Cook, Julie Rosti, Megan McLeod and Kerri Smith in goat tying; Angelene Manning, Courtney Ostolasa, Shauna Greenfield and Corrine Dilly in girls cow cutting; Julie Rosti, Lacy Nelson, Jennifer Caldwell, Tina Nau, Marie Zapata, Lindsey Smith and Keri Smith in pole bending.

In breakaway roping, the state qualifiers were: Katie Jo Mackenzie, Megan McLeod, Kelli Dugger, Keri Smith, Angelene Manning and Jackie Hasenyager. Girls rookies of the year were Julie Rosti, Annie Roeser and Lindsey Smith.

In the boys classes, Sam Mackenzie, Joel Jeffries, Kyle Joslin and Josh Bruce placed in steer wrestling; Mackenzie, Jeffries, C.P. Shannon and John Hagler in calf roping; Nathan Ingram, Jerod Duff, Will Bradley and David Warrick in bareback riding; Joslin, Ryan Maher, Cody Ruiz, Mason Michaels, Dennis Carpenter and Jack Plocher in bull riding.

Homedale brothers, Wade and Will Black, placed first and second in boys cow cutting at the finals.

Marsing FFA wins state mechanics competition
The Marsing FFA Chapter won the State Agricultural Mechanics Career Development Event in Moscow on June 8-11. Team members Nate VanWassenhove, Travis Millet and Rafa Cuevas attended the three-day competition with FFA Advisor Jason Nettleton. Amanda Vestal, Chris Basel, Krista Miller and Dusty Cooper attended the competition as the livestock team, and Jeff Sevy, Debbie Sevy, Megan VanWassenhove and Cooper competed as the dairy team.

Van Wassenhove scored in first place in the competition out of 91 competitors.
Millet took first place with an 83 in small engines.
Cuevas won first place in the oxy-acetylene contest scoring an 85 and scored a 59 in arc welding.

50 years ago

June 20, 1974



GOOD WEATHER for a water fight has invaded Homedale and Treasure Valley the past week. Junior high students must have anticipated the hot weather coming when they staged this water fight at the city park on the last day of school. Photo by Bette Uda

Succor Crik Sam Sez:
“It’s so hot out here on the crik the gophers is takin’ swimmin’ lessons.”



Rocky Bridges receives award from OES
Rocky Bridges, a former 5th grade teacher at Homedale, who is currently attending a seminary in Kansas, has received a \$375 Estarl Award from the Eastern Star.

This announcement was made at the Tuesday meeting of the Silver Star chapter, no. 83, Order of the Eastern Star. The Estarl award is an Eastern Star training award for religious leadership.

Twenty-one members attended the meeting with Dora Upton, worthy matron, and Lorrain Upton, worthy patron, presiding. A special guest attending was Zula Gregory, past grand matron of Grand Chapter of Idaho of Rupert.

The Grand Chapter, which was at the Student Union Building at Idaho State University June 9-13, was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Lorrain Upton, worthy matron and worthy patron; Ruby Orton, grand representative of Minnesota in Idaho; Clarence Orton and Margaret Buck.

Pvt. Vanosdall completes Army training
Pvt. Clifford E. Vanosdall, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo C. Vanosdall, Rt. 1, Wilder, has completed nine weeks of advanced individual training at the U.S. Army infantry training center, Ft. Polk, La.

Chroniclings...
A 600-acre fire Monday in Malheur County south of Vale was controlled by four BLM crews, aided by local ranchers. Smoke from the blaze drifted into this area Tuesday, obscuring the horizon. The record heat the past week has magnified the fire danger on southern Idaho and eastern Oregon rangelands, according to the BLM.

The post office lobby is being locked each evening because of recent vandalism, according to Vic Uria, postmaster.

Swimming pool
The Homedale Swimming Pool has been delayed in opening because of broken water pipes. The pipes have been repaired, and cleaning and painting is underway.

The pool cannot be opened until adjustments are made in the depth of the pool, in order to meet State Health Board requirements. The pool will be further delayed in opening due to the Contractor strike.

153 years ago

June 17, 1871

FOURTH OF JULY!
—THE—
ANNUAL RACES
will take place on the
WAGONTOWN TRACK,
JULY 4th.....1871,
\$50.00
For the best saddle horse; 5 entries at \$20 each.
\$50.00
For the best second class race horse;
5 entries at \$25 each.
\$50.00
For the best first class race horse; none
barred out, entrance fee, \$50.
Distance of Running:
Saddle horses..... 400 yards
Second class horses.....1/4 mile
First class horses.....500 yards
THOS. WALLS, Proprietor.

FOURTH OF JULY IN SILVER CITY.—At the Fourth of July meeting last Saturday evening, Judge Gilmore Hays was elected Chairman and W. J. Hill, Secretary. A committee of nine, consisting of the following named gentlemen, was appointed to make arrangements for a public celebration on the coming Fourth: A. J. Borland, Jas. Graham, A. W. Buchanan, W. H. Frazer, Judge Hays, H. B. Eastman, Jno. Grete, Geo. Coe and Dr. Beckett. The exercises will most likely take place in Hill’s Hall, and will consist of reading the Declaration of Independence, recitation of the American Flag, an oration, music, patriotic songs, &c., to conclude with a grand ball at night, to be given by the Silver City Quadrille Band. A good time is anticipated. The programme will be published at length in our next.

Presentation.
Yesterday one of our citizens was presented with a gun, chiefly valuable on account of its stock, which is elaborately and curiously carved. As the recipient of the testimonial is an exceedingly modest man, we forbear giving his name in the following letter which was read at the presentation:

SILVER CITY, June 16, 1871.
Mr. ———, Honored Sir: Self preservation is one of the first laws of nature. Believing this to be a self-evident fact and deeply appreciating your late display in the Christian science of self defence, as one of the most brilliant affairs of the kind on record, but knowing full well that your iron frame and elastic muscles cannot long withstand the tremendous shocks, necessarily following such Herculean encounters, and feeling a lively interest in the preservation of those golden locks which time has spared of that silvery tinge so lavishly bestowed on those less worthy — we herewith present you with this ancient and honorable fire-arm, as a token of our esteem and a fit emblem of your many daring deeds. Hoping it may be instrumental in adding laurels to a brow already radiant with many victories, and of sparing your life will Time, the greater champion shall claim your belt — and then may your last words be in the language of that brave long gone before, “Nika wake ticka midlite yo-chum, hias ticka midlite closh illihee copet hiyu cloochman!”

(Signed) MANY CITIZENS.

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✓Market: Variety of vendors scheduled

those that had specifically committed for the inaugural market. Several other vendors were tentative hopefuls.

She admits there is a learning curve since she jumped in to single-handedly preserve a farmers market presence in Homedale.

“I would really like to get food trucks and music,” she said. “I just found out that I need to get sponsors for the music part. I’m learning little by little how this farmer’s market business gets.”

A farmers market was held in Homedale for about a decade, either as the Homedale Farmers Market or the Top Hat Market, until the Top Hat market manager moved out of the area after the 2023 season.

The El-Ada Community Action Partnership Owyhee County coordinator, Wages stepped up earlier this year to take on the role of preserving the market.

Wages said it’s yet to be seen how vendor registration proceeds will be used. The previous market was created to set up a grant system for Homedale High School programs.

“We, as part of the Homedale Chamber of Commerce, can figure out what we can put it towards,” Wages said.

Vendors scheduled to greet customers at the first market included:

- The Cupcakery bakery, Caldwell
- The Soda Shed, Parma
- Holy Oly O’s mini donuts, Marsing
- Shaped Metals, LLC — metal art
- Simple Treasures
- Doughliciously Home Baked Goods, Marsing
- Heritage Sourdough
- Poppy Roads Creations
- Brianna’s Best
- Scentsy

- Ridiculously Delicious
- Hunter Woodworking
- Florita — Plants, jewelry and handmade kitchen cloths
- Elizabeth Hergesheimer — cosmetologist specializing in hair tinsels, feathers, and wraps
- Roseanne Chavez — crystal-beaded jewelry and handmade afghans
- Brittany Josoff — Homestead kitchen-themed items
- Dominique Patterson — Sno-cone shack
- Great Basin Crafts — Western jewelry and décor
- An Avocado — tie-dyes and jewelry
- Fostering Idaho — Heidi Belt will information on foster care
- Krist Gibbs — Patriotic home décor and refurbished furniture. Her children sell cotton candy.

— JPB

✓Marsing: MES counselor in place, too

principal Tim Little ended a long tenure to accept an administrative job at Gem Prep Academy in Nampa.

Sara Bell, who ended the 2023-24 school year as vice-principal at Endeavor Elementary School, was hired upon the recommendation of a search committee.

“Among the eight highly qualified applicants for our elementary principal position, the committee selected Sara based on her professional qualifications and interpersonal skills,” district superintendent Norm Stewart said.

Wood has been teaching in her home district for 13 years, and Stewart said, “She has been diligently working towards her administrative certification.”

“This opportunity allows us to internally transfer and promote a strong teacher leader, well-versed in the district’s needs, into a building leadership role,” Stewart said.

“I am enthusiastic about seeing Lachelle’s transition and growth as an administrative leader within the middle school and the district.”

School board members have signed off on several other personnel moves in recent months:

- **Shelby Wood** was hired to fill a second-grade teaching vacancy created when **Aleasa Herman** transferred into the third-grade teaching role formerly held by John Barenberg. The decision was made in a May 21 meeting.
- Herman was tapped to succeed Barenberg, who retired after 37 years, during the trustees’ Feb. 13 meeting.
- **Brianna Dill** is the new elementary school counselor. She was hired on Feb. 13 to replace **Aidrie Voile**, who left after one year.

- **ViAnn Aristizabal** was hired May 14 to succeed Teresa Draper, who retired as a sixth-grade math teacher at the middle school.
- **Darla Tunning** transferred to the middle school/high school art teacher position to succeed retiring **Mary Beth Prince**. Tunning’s transition from fifth-grade teacher was approved on May 14.
- **Jacob Zarpentine** was hired on April 9 as the high school’s GEAR-Up coordinator, college and career counselor and assistant athletic director.

Before last week’s board meeting, the school district still had four teaching positions open for the 2024-25 school year, including fourth- and fifth-grade jobs at the elementary school and two sixth-grade teaching slots — English Language Arts and Social Studies — in the middle school.

— JPB

✓Queen: Hubler vies for Miss Rodeo Idaho

and perform a horsemanship pattern during fair week.

- They must ride in the grand entry every night.
- They will be required to answer questions on topics such as rodeo knowledge, current events, and a personality question.

Royalty hopefuls can request an application by sending an email to queen coordinator Stacy Woods at idahofun2016@gmail.com or by calling (208) 250-0855.

In the email, a prospective candidate should include information about herself, her equestrian backgrounds and why she would be the best representative for the Owyhee County Rodeo.

This year’s rodeo, which will be in its second year of PRCA sanctioning, will take place between Wednesday, Aug. 7 and Saturday, Aug. 10, in Homedale during the county fair.

Meanwhile, Hubler has thrown her hat into the ring for the Miss Rodeo Idaho competition.

The Miss Rodeo Idaho contest will be held between July 12 and July 16 ahead of the Snake River Stampede at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa.

Public notices

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

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

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

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION Case No. CV42-24-0873 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DOLORES JAYO, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named Estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to Randall Jayo, Personal Representative of the Estate, c/o Jeffrey J. Grieve,

Benoit, Alexander, Mollerup & Danielson, PLLC, P.O. Box 366, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0366, and filed with the Court.

DATED this 4th day of March, 2024.
/s/ Randall F. Jayo
RANDALL F. JAYO
06/12,19,26/2024

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SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE Case No. CV37-24-00160 IDAHO CENTRAL CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff, v. ESTATE OF CAROL A. STOKES; HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF CAROL A. STOKES; SPOUSE OF CAROL A. STOKES; STATE OF IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE; AND JOHN AND JANE DOE, Defendants.

TO: ESTATE OF CAROL A. STOKES; HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF CAROL A. STOKES; AND SPOUSE OF CAROL A. STOKES.

You have been sued by Idaho Central Credit Union, Plaintiff, in the District Court of the THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT in and for the COUNTY OF OWYHEE, State of Idaho, in Case No. CV37-24-00160.

The nature of the claim against you is an action for the judicial foreclosure of a Deed of Trust encumbering the property located at 307 Patton St., Marsing, ID 83639-5107, due to non-payment of the required monthly payments.

Any time after 21 days following the last publication of this Summons, the Court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, **unless** prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the Case No., and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at 20381 ID-78, Murphy, ID 83650, and served a copy of your response on the Plaintiff’s attorney, Sean H. Costello of Skinner Fawcett LLP at 250 W. Bobwhite Ct., P.O. Box 700, Boise, ID 83701-0700, (208) 345-2663.

A copy of the Summons and Complaint can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for Plaintiff. If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.

DATED June 10, 2024
ANGELA BARKELL
Clerk of the Court
/s/:Brittany Gonzalez
Deputy Clerk
06/19,26;07/03,10/2024

Public notices

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
Trustee’s Sale No.
PLTS103891**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Pioneer Title Company of Ada County dba Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on 10/8/2024, at the hour of 11:00 AM, of said day, at Owyhee County Courthouse, In The Lobby, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, ID, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the “Property”), situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, to-wit;

Parcel 1:

Apart of Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 29, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described to-wit:
COMMENCING at the Southeast corner of Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 29, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho; thence North 89° 48’ 10” West 613.71 feet, along the South line of Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, to the INITIAL POINT of this description; thence North 0° 00’ East 145.20 feet, parallel to the East line of the said Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; thence North 89° 48’ 10” West 150.00 feet parallel to said South line; thence South 0° 00’ West 145.20 feet parallel to the said East line to a point on the said South line; thence South 89° 48’ 10” East 150.00 feet, along the said South line to the INITIAL POINT of this description.

Parcel 2:

A part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 29, Township 3 North, Range 4 West of the Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described to wit:
Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 29, Township 3 North, Range 4 West of the Boise Meridian; thence North 89°48’10” West 613.71 feet, along the south line of the said Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, to the INITIAL POINT of this description; thence North 0°00’ East 145.20 feet, parallel to the east line of the said Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; thence North 89°48’10” West 300.00 feet parallel to the said South line; thence South 0°00’ West 145.20 feet parallel to the said East line to a point on the said South line; thence South 89°48’10” East 300.00 feet, along the said South line to the

INITIAL POINT of this description.

E X C E P T I N G T H E R E F R O M the following described parcel:
Apart of Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 29, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described to-wit:
COMMENCING at the Southeast corner of Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 29, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho; thence North 89°48’10” West 613.71 feet, along the South line of Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, to the INITIAL POINT of this description; thence North 0°00’ East 145.20 feet, parallel to the East line of the said Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; thence North 89°48’10” West 150.00 feet parallel to said South line; thence South 0°00’ West 145.20 feet parallel to the said East line to a point on the said South line; thence South 89°48’10” East 150.00 feet, along the said South line to the INITIAL POINT of this description.

Parcel 3:

A part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 20, Township 3 North, Range 4 West of the Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described to wit:
Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 29, Township 3 North, Range 4 West of the Boise Meridian; thence North 89°48’10” West 613.71 feet, along the south line of the said Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; thence North 0°00’ East 145.20 feet, parallel to the east line of the said Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter to the INITIAL POINT of this description; thence continuing North 0°00’ East 326.48 feet to the point of intersection of the centerline of a drainage ditch running Southwesterly; thence following said centerline South 58°57’ West 163.93 feet to an angle point on said centerline; thence South 65°40’ West 619.68 feet along said centerline to then point of intersection on the West line of said Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; thence South 0°09’40” East 129.37 feet along the West line of said Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter to the Southwest corner of said Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; thence South 89°48’10” East 404.71 feet along the South line of said Southeast Quarter

of the Northeast Quarter; thence North 0°00’ East 145.20 feet, parallel to said East line; thence South 89°48’10” East 300.00 feet parallel to said South line to the INITIAL POINT of this description.

Parcel 4:

A part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 29, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, of the Boise Meridian in Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described to wit:
COMMENCING at the Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 29, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, the INITIAL POINT of this description; thence North 89°48’10” West 613.71 feet, along the South line of the said Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; thence North 0°00’00” East 509.51 feet, parallel to the East line of the said Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter to a point of the Southwesterly right of way line for the Oregon Short Line Railroad; thence along said right of way line South 63°06’ East 688.17 feet, to a point on the East line of the said Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; thence leaving said right of way line South 0°00’00” West 200.27 feet, to the INITIAL POINT of this description.

Parcel 5:

A tract of land in Owyhee County, Idaho, being all that portion of the right of way of the UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY, A Delaware corporation (successor in interest, by merger, to UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY, a Utah Corporation and to the OREGON SHORT LINE RAILROAD COMPANY), being that same tract of land heretofore acquired by the said OREGON SHORT LINE RAILROAD COMPANY by virtue of that certain Warranty Deed dated May 24, 1922, from JOHN W. HILL and ROSE E. HILL, the said instrument having been filed for record in the said Owyhee County on October 5, 1922 in Book 16 of Deeds, Page 304, the said tract of land being more particularly described therein as follows:

A strip of land 150 feet wide, being 100 feet on the Southwesterly side and 50 feet on the Northeasterly side of the center line of the main tract of the Homedale Branch Extension of the OREGON SHORT LINE RAILROAD as the same is now located over and across the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 28,

Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho. The location of said center line of main track being more particularly described as follows:
BEGINNING at a point in the West line of said Section 28, 1026.5 feet South of the Northwest corner of the said Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence South 63°06’ East 683 feet, more or less, to a point in the East and West center line of said Section 28, 583 feet, more of less, East of the West Quarter section corner thereof.

Parcel 6:

A TRIANGULAR-SHAPED tract of land in Owyhee County, Idaho, being all a portion of the right of way of the UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY, A Delaware corporation (successor in interest, by merger, to UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY, a Utah corporation and to the OREGON SHORT LINE RAILROAD COMPANY), being a portion of that same tract of land heretofore acquired by the said OREGON SHORT LINE RAILROAD COMPANY by virtue of that certain Warranty Deed dated May 2, 1923, from JOHN W. HILL and ROSE E. HILL, said instrument having been filed for record in the said Owyhee County on July 6, 1923 in Book 17 of Deeds, Page 41, the said tract of land being more particularly described therein as follows:
That portion of the South Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 28, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, situate Southerly and Westerly of a 150 foot wide strip of land heretofore acquired by the said railroad company by virtue of that certain Warranty Deed date May 24, 1922 from JOHN W. HILL and ROSE E. HILL, the said instrument having been field for record in the said Owyhee County on October 5, 1922 in Book 16 of Deeds, Page 304. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 5806 Honey Lane, Marsing, ID 83639, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Wild Oak Honey Farms, LLC, as Grantor, to Pioneer Title Company of Canyon County, as

Trustee, for the benefit and security of Golden C. Millet, as Beneficiary, dated 4/5/2019, recorded 4/11/2019, under Instrument No. 299462, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, ID, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by Golden C. Millet.
T H E A B O V E G R A N T O R S A R E N A M E D T O C O M P L Y W I T H S E C T I O N 4 5 - 1 5 0 6 (4) (a) , I D A H O C O D E . N O R E P R E S E N T A T I O N I S M A D E T H A T T H E Y A R E , O R A R E N O T , P R E S E N T L Y R E S P O N S I B L E F O R T H I S O B L I G A T I O N .
The default for which is sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 4/5/2019, FAILURE TO PAY THE INSTALLMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST WHICH BECAME DUE ON 4/1/2024; PLUS LATE CHARGES, AND ADVANCES FOR DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES AND HAZARD INSURANCE AS SET FORTH; AND ALL SUBSEQUENT INSTALLMENTS OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST, PLUS LATE CHANGES, DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES, DELINQUENT INSURANCE PREMIUMS AND ALL FORECLOSURE COSTS AND FEES.

All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$420,697.68, together with interest thereon at 4.5% per annum from 4/1/2024, until paid.

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

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

DATED: May 31, 2024.
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Cale Sledge was unanimously appointed president effective June 3 by the board of directors.

Most recently AGCO Corp.'s western U.S. regional sales director, Sledge holds a master of business administration from Boise State University and a bachelor of business administration from Georgia College & State University.

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The Owyhee County Courthouse is closed for the holiday, but the treasurer's office staff will be on hand to accept second-half property tax payments.

Call the treasurer's office at (208) 495-1158 when you arrive to make your payment, and one of the employees will provide assistance. The office is closed to the public otherwise.

Emergency services throughout the county will still be available on the holiday. Owyhee County Sheriff's dispatch can be reached for non-emergency situations at (208) 495-1154, and anyone having an emergency can call 911.

Sheriff's deputies, Homedale Police officers and volunteer firefighters and emergency medical personnel will be on duty throughout the county.

Homedale City Hall and Grand View City Hall are closed for the holiday, but Marsing City Hall will be open.

The Division of Motor Vehicles branches in Marsing, Murphy and Grand View are all closed Wednesday. Typically Grand View's DMV is open only on Wednesdays each week.

Public libraries throughout the county will be open.

The HUB food pantry at the Marsing School District office building on 8th Avenue West will be open for families to pick up necessities. Marsing school families can visit the pantry from 9 a.m., to 10 a.m., today, and the rest of the Marsing community can stop by from 10 a.m., to 1 p.m.

Homedale Senior Center will be open, and the congregate meal at the Sandbar Community Room at Marsing City Hall will be served today.

Rimrock Senior Center in Grand View will be closed, as it is every Wednesday.

U.S. Post Offices throughout the county will be closed.

US Bank in Homedale is also closed Wednesday.

Homedale Drug and its liquor store are open as is the liquor store and grocery at M&W Market in Marsing.

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