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Los Angeles Chargers defensive lineman Scott Matlock (left) acknowledges the Deward Bell Stadium crowd during Thursday's jersey retirement as (from left) his brother Steven and Mike and Donna Marose applaud.

Throngs honor Matlock

HHS standout returns for jersey retirement

Lyn Johnson stood on the Deward Bell Stadium turf Thursday anticipating the return of Scott Matlock along with scores of other Homedale High School football fans.

"It was a lot bigger than I thought it was going to be," Matlock said of the reception for the retirement ceremony for his No. 44 jersey.

"I'm super-blessed. It was awesome."

"Awesome" would probably be the superlative Johnson would use to describe the opportunity to watch Matlock grow into the force that was celebrated Thursday.

Indeed, Johnson had a unique perspective as he gazed from behind shades, his retirement beard giving David Letterman a run for his money for cool.

Sure, Johnson was a fan — just as he was of every other Trojan for whom he nursed dings and scrapes and sprains as the HHS athletic trainer.

But Johnson, with his years of Friday nights under



Scott Matlock stands next to the display featuring his retired No. 44 Trojans jersey inside Mike Matteson Fieldhouse.

the lights, also is a keen talent scout.

While he was proud to see the Trojans retire Matlock's No. 44 jersey in a noontime ceremony, the man wasn't all that surprised.

He saw something special in Matlock when he played for the Trojans — first wearing No. 74 as a freshman and a sophomore then donning the No. 44 (which still fit Thursday) for his pivotal junior

and senior seasons at HHS.

Johnson called it "swagger," and it exuded from Matlock and influenced the entire offensive line during that 2017 senior season.

The swagger was still there Thursday, albeit tempered with a huge smile and an equal dose of gratitude from the redhead as he walked on to the artificial turf through

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Bridge condemned; emergency fix begins

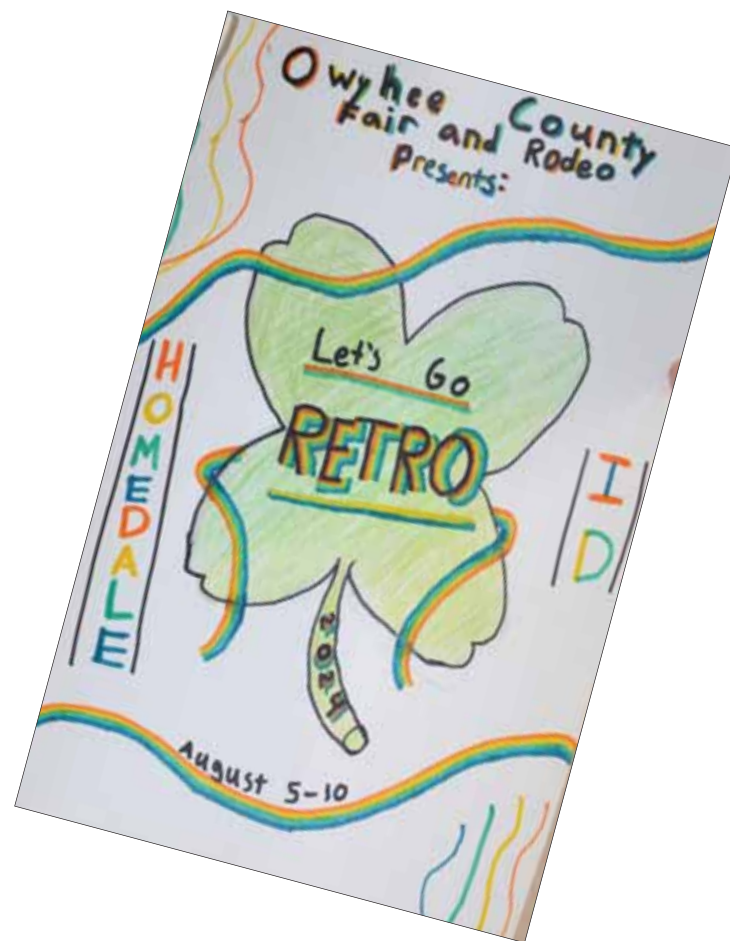
BOCC declares disaster for structurally fatigued Salmon Creek Road span

Owyhee County Commissioners declared a disaster Monday morning, triggering immediate closure of the Salmon Creek Road Bridge.

"It is (open) only for lo-

cal light vehicles and closed for public access," District 1 Commissioner and board chair Jerry Hoagland said.

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2024 fair book now available

The Owyhee County Fair is just a few weeks away, and fair manager Sonja Crifffield announced that the fair book, featuring cover art by Makenna Fedie, is now available. The book is available online at <https://bit.ly/2024OCFB>, and hard copies can be obtained in Homedale at Albertsons, Idaho Pizza Co., and Mattesons and in Marsing at OC Coffee, M&W Market and the ION ExtraMile.

Trojans Tots expands for 2024-25 school year

Registration starts in early August

Because of demand, the Trojan Tots program will grow for the 2024-25 school year.

Homedale School District

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BLM begins building air tanker base

Mtn. Home location central to fight wildfires

As wildfires break out in Eastern Oregon and Southwest Idaho this summer, the Bureau of Land Management has announced plans to construct an air tanker base in Mountain Home.

The Mountain Home Single Engine Air Tanker (SEAT) Base will be built at Mountain Home Municipal Airport.

Construction began Sunday, and the new base will expand aircraft availability to respond more quickly to fight wildland fires in southwestern Idaho and the surrounding area.

At least one SEAT was used to battle the 200-acre wildfire that was sparked along U.S. Highway 95 south of Marsing on July 12.

The Mountain Home SEAT Base will include several critical components:

- A fire-retardant loading pad
- A containment area
- An evaporation pond
- Two taxilanes
- An operations building
- A storage facility.

The project is expected to be completed by May in time for the 2025 fire season.

The project is funded by the BLM through a lease agreement with the City of Mountain Home Airport.

“This facility will significantly enhance our local and regional wildland fire aviation support capacity. Mountain Home’s central location is strategically advantageous, enabling us to efficiently support both local and regional communities,” said BLM Boise District Fire Management Officer Chris Cromwell.

“This area experiences one of the highest amounts of new fires in the country, making this facility crucial for our firefighting efforts.”

The SEAT Base improvements will further the BLM’s mission to be a good steward of public lands and continue to provide professional wildfire response to local and nearby geographic areas.

“We’re extremely excited to see the new improvements to the SEAT Base get underway and look forward to the opportunities this will afford us in the coming years,” Cromwell said.



Jacquie Rogers reports another successful readers’ party
Jim Paxton (left) and Matt Paxton perform during the annual Jacquie Rogers Readers’ Party, held July 13 at the Homedale Senior Center. The event also featured the World’s Worst Melodrama as well as food, bingo and mingling with actors, authors and friends. Rogers expressed gratitude for the folks who donated more than \$800 for the Children’s Tumor Foundation to benefit neurofibromatosis research by bidding auction baskets and/or donations by authors Mary Vine, Jeanette Anderson, Jack Sprague, Jim Townsend, and Merri Halma. Brenda Paxton, Moriah McCormick, Diane Garland, Tresa Hiatt, and several attendees also contributed directly or won bids on baskets. Brenda Paxton acted as auctioneer assisted by Matt Paxton, Jim Paxton, and Jack Sprague. Submitted photo



The first half of a new modular classroom was put into place near the Trojan Tots pre-kindergarten building on July 16.

✓ Expands: 3-year-olds added to program

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superintendent Rob Sauer confirmed that the construction of a cement pad and arrival of a modular building near the existing pre-kindergarten classrooms signals a change coming before school starts on Aug. 19.

“We have had a number of Homedale families request that we explore the possibility of adding a 3-year-old program,” Sauer said. “Since we started the 4-year-old program, there has been a wait list as well.

“The need is there, so we agreed that we would explore the idea and see if it was possible.”

District officials are planning on the enrollment of 32 4-year-olds. Eighteen 3-year-olds are expected to start the new phase of the program in a few weeks.

The district purchased the modular building from Specialty Modulares of Boise.

The \$263,000 price tag included delivery, set-up, ramps and stairs to the building, Sauer said.

No district general funds were used for the project.

“All funds that have been used are grant funds and expiring federal funds,” Sauer said.

The building was moved onto the property at the northeast corner of East Owyhee Avenue and North 1st Street East on July 16.

The buildings will be ready for occupancy this week, Sauer said, so staff can start setting up the rooms.

Once electrical power is connected, the classroom will be ready for students and the start of the school year.

The current Trojan Tots program is funded primarily through grants from the Idaho School Readiness Project through Idaho State University, Sauer said.

“Through ongoing conversations, the Readiness Project agreed to contributed funding to a 3-year-old program,” Sauer said.

The Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health also has provided major assistance in getting Trojan Tots and the Trojan Connection community school off the ground, he added.

— JPB

Important start-of-school dates

- **9 a.m., to 7 p.m., Aug. 5** — Returning and new kindergarteners through fourth-graders at the elementary school, 420 W. Washington Ave.
- **2 p.m., to 7 p.m., Aug. 5** — Returning fifth- through eighth-graders, middle school, 3437 Johnstone Road
- **10 a.m., to noon, Aug. 5** — Seniors, high school, 203 E. Idaho Ave.
- **1 p.m., to 3 p.m., Aug. 5** — Juniors, high school
- **9 a.m., to noon, Aug. 6** — New fifth- through eighth-graders, middle school
- **10 a.m., to noon, Aug. 6** — Sophomores, high school
- **1 p.m., to 3 p.m., Aug. 6** — Freshmen, high school
- **10 a.m., to noon, Aug. 7** — New freshmen through seniors, high school
- **4 p.m., to 8 p.m., Aug. 15** — Open houses at all school sites
- **Monday, Aug. 19** — First day of school for kindergarteners through high school seniors

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✓ **Matlock:** Community turns out to salute current NFL defensive lineman

two columns of today’s Homedale players.

“I feel super-proud of the impression I was able to leave behind and to be able to inspire kids to be whatever they dream to be,” Matlock said several minutes after signing a handful of autographs for some of the youth football players who scurried toward him.

“I’m super-honored and super-blessed. I’m at a loss for words.”

Matlock, now heading into his second season as a defensive lineman for the Los Angeles Chargers, finished his senior season on the old Bell grass with 57 tackles, including five quarterback sacks among his nine tackles for loss. He was a two-way first-team All-3A Snake River Valley conference player (tight end and defensive lineman) and landed on the Class 3A All-State team. He also played in the District III East-West Shrine All-Star Game.

“From his arrival here in Homedale, Scott Matlock grew physically, emotionally, and intellectually,” HHS coach Matt Holtry said during his jersey



retirement monologue. “As you look at him today... I think you’d agree that we don’t know that he has stopped growing yet.”

That swagger — really confidence and single-minded determination to succeed — carried Matlock to an All-Mountain West Conference career at Boise State University that the Chargers thought highly enough that they made the 6-foot, 4-inch, 315-pounder the 200th pick in the 2023 NFL Draft.

“I remember bragging about Scott to (then-BSU coach Andy Avalos) on the phone and telling him, ‘If we ever had a

guy that you need to take a shot on, it’s this one,’ Holtry said during his monologue.

“I am happy to say that I was right about Scott.”

Even as a sixth-round pick, Matlock’s determination continued to brew during his rookie season, and now he heads into his second training camp having already tickled new coach Jim Harbaugh’s hard-nosed defensive fancy.

And he left Homedale for Southern California with the knowledge that no other Trojan will ever wear No. 44 again.

“Today we have one of the

Left: Scott Matlock signs a football for one of the youth players who approached him after the ceremony. Above: Matlock and his high school coach, Matt Holtry, pose for a photo.

greatest and highest honors in sports, and that is to retire the No. 44 as we recognize one of the greatest football players to dawn the Trojan Red and White and one of the best to travel through this program and community,” Holtry said.

Accompanied by the folks who helped raise him — Mike and Donna Marose — and his big brother Steven, Matlock accepted a keepsake jersey and certificate at midfield from HHS athletic director Casey Grove.

The family — along with Steven’s wife and son (Scott’s sister-in-law and nephew) — then retired to the Mike Matteson Fieldhouse where Matlock caught up with a couple former HHS teammates over a table of cookies and memorable snapshots.

Matlock’s retired jersey now occupies a place of honor in that fieldhouse, the red-and-white No. 44 bordered by even more photos from Matlock’s Homedale playing days.

“I’m just trying to soak it all in,” Matlock said. — JPB

✓ **Bridge:** Bypass to be in place in 30 days; permanent fix a year away

The bridge, which takes the road over Reynolds Creek about two miles north of the Reynolds Cemetery, was condemned by a bridge inspector last Wednesday, Hoagland said.

“The inspector discovered a major crack in one of the stringers and a swelling of rust deterioration on another main stringer,” Hoagland said.

The inspector condemned the bridge and requested a closure. Hoagland and Road District 1 manager Phil Ritzenhouse visited the site while the inspector was working.

Resolution 2024-20, passed Monday, declared the disaster because of structural fatigue.

Emergency medical services, the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office and Bureau of Land Management fire officials were notified of the closures so they could come up with alternate travel plans, Hoagland said.

Salmon Creek Road travels north-northwest off Packrat Road to the summit of Wilson Creek Road and then down Wilson Creek to Idaho highway 78. It takes about an hour to travel the road.

“Without this emergency fix, the only access for fire, EMS and local residents was

the Wilson Creek Road, which is not an all-season road,” Hoagland said.

The bridge was already scheduled for “priority replacement” through Local Highway Technical Assistance Council funding, and preliminary engineering had begun last month, Hoagland said.

The bridge replacement is one of bridge funding programs financed with Gov. Brad Little’s Leading Idaho initiative passed by the Idaho Legislature, Hoagland said.

The bridge is a vital link for two families on the west side of bridge, and the span provides access to more than 200,000 acres of federal, state and private lands, Hoagland said.

Hoagland said Junayo Ranch personnel helped moved its platform for scales into place Friday. The platform just fit over the existing bridge. County crews also hauled base ma-

terial for the approaches.

The county engineer will prepare a load limit for the bridge, Hoagland said.

“I emphasize it is only an emergency, temporary fix, and LHTAC has placed this reconstruction at the top of their list,” Hoagland said.

A bypass will be complete in 30 days, he said.

“That will be more permanent until the bridge is completed, hopefully this winter,” Hoagland said. “But, there are a lot of steps that have to take place. It might be next summer/fall.” — JPB

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Cruz C. Araujo-Lino — College of Law, Juris Doctorate in Law; major: Business Law with Entrepreneurship emphasis

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Arnulfo Llamas — CALS, B.S., Plant Sciences; major: Crop Management

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Gage C. Purdom — College of Letters, Arts & Social Sciences, Bachelor’s of Music; major, Music with a Performance Keyboard option; B.S., Political Science

Julia Santiago — College of Letters, Arts & Social Sciences, B.S.; major: Organizational Sciences

Ricardo Hernandez — College of Business & Economics, B.S., Business; major: Finance

Wendy Prado-Martinez — College of Letters, Arts & Social Sciences, A.A., General Studies

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Thalia C. Guajardo — College of Education, Health & Human Sciences, Master’s of Science, Athletic Training

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Natalia R. Maes — College of Letters, Arts & Social Sciences, B.A. in Anthropology, B.A. in History

Trey M. Wilson — College of Business & Economics, B.S. in Business; major: Marketing with a General Marketing emphasis.

Courthouse report

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

July 15

Mohammed Boufenchouche, Philadelphia, Pa. — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, operating vehicle without 120-permit to increase gross weight: \$174.50 in fines, \$147.50 in court costs

July 3

Darcy Jo Cape, Boise — Misdemeanor driving under the influence, second offense (plea deal): 365 days in jail (14 days served, 351 days suspended), 2 years supervised probation, 1 year driver’s license suspension, \$500 in fines, \$202.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor driver possess or consume open alcoholic beverage container

Kenneth Ross Cooper, Boise — Misdemeanor willful concealment of goods,

wares or merchandise (plea deal; charge amended from misdemeanor burglary tools possession): \$242.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

Zaya Z. Jeffries, Homedale — Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession (plea deal): \$202.50 in fines, \$347.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor marijuana possession

Johnathon L. Johnson, Homedale — Misdemeanor driver possess or consume open alcoholic beverage container (plea deal; first charge of misdemeanor controlled

substance possession reduced to operating vehicle without current or valid Class D license infraction): \$42.50 in fines, \$345 in court costs

Kirk Alfred Bowers, Ontario, Ore. — Misdemeanor Fish and Game violation, fishing without a license (not salmon, steelhead, sturgeon or bull trout): \$26 in fines, \$165 in court costs

Jermiah W. Shafer, Nampa — Misdemeanor driving without privileges, misdemeanor inattentive or careless driving (plea deal): \$470 in fines, \$330 in court costs

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Membership in groups like OCA can help advance your industry

I spent the last week at the National Association of County Agricultural Agents (NACAA) conference in Dallas. It was hot, humid, and very educational. I have been a member of NACAA since the beginning of my Extension career.



Scott Jensen

Just what is the value of membership in any association? For me, it provides an opportunity to meet with individuals working on similar issues and share ideas. Sometimes it provides a known shoulder to lean on when going through tough times. NACAA membership has provided me opportunities for continuing education and professional development. I have now attended many NACAA conferences. I have gained something worthwhile that I could bring home and use each time. This ongoing education has helped me to be a better University of Idaho Extension Educator and directly benefited clientele in Owyhee County and across Idaho. The Owyhee Cattlemen's Association (OCA) has been around since 1878. The mission of OCA is to protect and improve natural resources while safeguarding and promoting the interests of cattle producers in and around Southwest Idaho. I have been

privileged to work with many Owyhee County ranchers as they served on the board over the past 20 years. The different boards over the years have worked hard to protect the interests of beef cattle producers. Many times, they have dealt with serious issues, testified in legislative committees, and written/sent comments on behalf of the association. A collective voice on an issue has much more impact than that of a lone individual. Whatever your interests and passions are, I encourage you to get involved with those of similar interests. Work together for the good of the whole, whatever that might be. There are many examples of this in agriculture: food co-ops, marketing associations such as Country Natural Beef, and Food Producers of Idaho just to name a few. You will gain as much or more than you give when you link arms with others to promote your industry.

— Marsing resident Scott Jensen is the former University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension educator. His new role is Area Extension Educator-Range, and he now works out of the College of Natural Resources, IWC 242, 322 E. Front St., Boise, and can be reached at (208) 364-4623. He probably still welcomes questions on livestock care and he can still be reached by email at scottj@uidaho.edu.

VFW rifle raffle underway

The Samuel C. Phillips III Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 11065 has started a fundraising raffle. The prize is a Henry .44 Magnum / .44 Special Carbine rifle Model H00GR. The gun is valued at \$1,158.

Tickets cost \$10 each or you can buy three tickets for \$20. Tickets are available through members of the VFW post, which is headquartered in Wilder. Tickets also are available at Parker Advisors in Homedale.

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
- 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.
- Gem Highway District meeting**
6 p.m., 1016 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4581

Thursday

- Fit and Fall class**
10 a.m., free, Melba Valley Senior Center, 115 Base Line Rd, Melba. (208) 495-2168
- Fit and Fall exercise**
10 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Fit and Fall Proof exercise class**
10 a.m., to 11 a.m., free, old Marsing High School gymnasium, 800 Main St., Marsing. (208) 296-0847
- Prime Time Swingers perform**
11 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Food bank drop off**
12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m., (weather permitting; holidays could change date), Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 902 Bassett St. (U.S. Hwy. 95), Jordan Valley. (541) 889-9206 or (541) 586-2562
- Teens and Tweens**
5 p.m., to 6 p.m., 'STEM Kits,' Homedale Community Center, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

Friday

- Food bank distribution**
9 a.m., to 10 a.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho St., Grand View.
- Alcoholics Anonymous**
7 p.m., Sandbar Community Room, City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 860-9674

Saturday

- Homedale firefighters pancake feed**
8 a.m., to 10 a.m., donations requested, Bette Uda City Park, East Idaho Avenue, Homedale.
- Owyhee Cattlemen's Association meeting**
9 a.m., Silver City Schoolhouse
- Owyhee Cattlemen's Association dance**
9 p.m., \$10 per person, \$15 per couple, music by Runnin' for Cover, Silver City Schoolhouse

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., 'Fire trucks & Firefighter' theme, Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Tuesday

- Fit and Fall class**
10 a.m., free, Melba Valley Senior Center, 115

- Base Line Rd, Melba. (208) 495-2168
- Fit and Fall exercise**
10 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Fit and Fall Proof exercise class**
10 a.m., to 11 a.m., free, old Marsing High School gymnasium, 800 Main St., Marsing. (208) 296-0847
- Region III assistance assessments**
Noon to 3 p.m., appointments necessary, Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 495-5688
- Sports physicals**
5 p.m., to 7 p.m., \$30, RehabAuthority, 134 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3254
- 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
- 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
- Nature's Treasures program**
11 a.m., 'Plant to Harvest Adventure,' free, all ages. Registration requested, Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. Registration: (208) 337-4228. Information: Madi Passmore (208) 896-4104 or pass5045@vandals.uidaho.edu
- Labor Dept. bilingual employment services**
Noon to 4 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 364-7781 or canyoncountymail@labor.idaho.gov for appointment or information.

Thursday, Aug. 1

- 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 high school gym, 800 Main St., Marsing. (208) 296-0847
- Friends of the Homedale Library meeting**
4 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale.
- Teens and Tweens summer program**
5 p.m., to 6 p.m., 'Cake Decorating Class with Albertsons,' Homedale Community Center, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.
- Owyhee County Fair Board meeting**
7 p.m., Owyhee County Fairgrounds, 420 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale.

Friday, Aug. 2

- 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

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Homedale firefighters to present community pancake feed Saturday

Homedale’s volunteer firefighters are flipping flapjacks as community outreach.

The Homedale Fire Department pancake feed will take place from 8 a.m., to 10 a.m., on Saturday at Bette Uda City Park.

The firefighters will pass the boot to take donations from anyone who wants to contribute when they eat.

The meal will be served at the City Park kitchen area near South 2nd Street East.

The fire district’s annual golf

tournament fundraiser will be held on Saturday, Sept. 14 at River Bend Golf Course outside Wilder.

The tournament has a shotgun start of 9 a.m.

The entry fee is \$300 per team or \$75 per person. Prizes will be available, including for the team costume contest.

Hole sponsorship costs \$200.

For more information about the golf tournament, call Darren Krzesnik at (208) 573-4993.

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Served at noon

Roll/bread and milk available each day

July 24: Baked fish, scalloped potatoes, broccoli in cheese sauce

July 25: Beef in mushroom gravy over rice, cabbage, peas

July 30: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn

July 31: Ham and cheese sandwich, fries California blend vegetables

Sandbar Community Room, Marsing

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

Milk available each day

Suggested donation: \$5 (60 and older), \$8 (59 and younger) \$8 (take-out meal, any age)

July 24: Spaghetti with meat sauce, Italian vegetables, spinach salad, French bread, pears

July 26: Orange chicken over brown rice, stir-fry vegetables, snap peas, whole wheat roll, Mandarin oranges

July 29: Baked potato with chili and cheese, corn, 9-grain bread, spiced peaches

July 31: Sherry mushroom chicken over pasta, Catalina vegetables, snap peas, Baci roll, tropical fruit

Rimrock Senior Center

Served at noon

Milk and fruit juice served each day

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

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July 25: BBQ chicken, pasta salad, vegetables, roll, bananas

July 30: Ham dinner, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, fruit salad

Melba Valley Senior Center

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

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

Payment by donation.

All ages welcome

July 25: Breakfast for lunch

July 30: BBQ

Obituaries

Manuel Louis Aberasturi

Manuel Louis Aberasturi was born on September 22, 1947 to Raymond and Ramona Aberasturi in Boise Idaho. Manuel was the third born, following older brother Dave and Jack before Rayme, their younger sister. They grew up in the red rock house west of Homedale where many memories were made.

Manuel graduated from Homedale High School and soon after married Cindy Shenk. Manuel and Cindy had 2 boys, Raymond and Daniel. Cindy and Manuel separated, and he moved to Nevada where he worked on a ranch for a few years. He later moved to New Mexico and loved living there. Manuel worked in the oil fields until he retired.

In 2016 he married Sauni Easley in New Mexico where they lived for 6 years. During this time Manuel battled



several types of cancer. In 2023 they moved to Vale, Oregon. He was able to move back to the old rock house and spend his last weeks with his Son Dan and family. Manuel passed at the age of 76.

He is survived by his sister Rayme Linder and brother-in-law Steve Linder, brother Jack, son Dan and daughter-in-law Wendy with their 4 daughters:



Hailee, Makayla, Amaia, and Taytem, 3 great-grandkids: Nayvie, Joaquin, and Rhutt, wife Sauni Aberasturi and numerous nieces and nephews.

Manuel is joining his mother, father, brother, and son Ray.

Celebration of Life for Manuel will be held at the Basque Center in Homedale Friday, July 26th at 1:00 pm.

Donna Rae (Nelson) Garbett

June 9, 1948-July 19, 2024

Donna was born in Boise, Idaho, the second of three children of Warren Edmond Nelson and Sarah Rosella Fuller. She passed away at home in Evanston, Wyoming at the age of 76 with her beloved husband by her side.

Donna spent her childhood on farms in Marsing and Homedale, Idaho. She attended Knowlton Heights, Marsing, and Vallivue schools until she was 16. She went on to graduate from Homedale High School in 1966. During her childhood, she learned to work hard and grew her testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. She was blessed with the priceless gift of faith, and relied on prayer in her life to lead and guide her. She truly valued her membership in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Donna lived in Idaho, Delaware, Oklahoma, Utah and Wyoming as an adult, raising four children. She married Charles Michael (Mick) Garbett on December 24, 1986 and was sealed in the Jordan River Temple on December 16, 1989.

Donna worked many jobs in her life and was deeply involved in her community.



She learned desktop publishing and started a business with a friend in Evanston called 1st Impressions. Her final profession before retiring was for a consumer credit counseling agency where she felt challenged and was able to serve others.

Donna enriched the lives of those around her with unwavering love and dedication. She loved to camp, sew, craft, and spend time with her loved ones. She left behind a legacy of love and kindness through her family. She is survived by her husband of 38 years: Evanston, WY; and children: Wendy (Scott) Salutregui of Homedale, ID; Sam (Ann Marie) Johnstone of Palmer, AK; Angi (John)

Hofmann of San Tan Valley, AZ; and Michael (Debbie) Garbett of Bear River, WY; 15 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, daughter Keri Kinnane, and sisters Valene Novak and Sheri Jensen.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, July 24, 2024 at 11am at the Evanston, Wyoming LDS chapel at 632 Twin Ridge Avenue. Prior to the service, a visitation will take place at the same location, where friends and family can pay their respects, from 10:30-11am. A luncheon will follow the services in the cultural hall.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to all of Donna’s friends and family who helped her through her time of need. In lieu of flowers please consider donating to Donna’s favorite organization: Camp Sego Lily of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers. Please make checks to Camp Sego Lily of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers and mail them to Attn: Sandra Barker, 103 Navajo Circle, Evanston, WY 82930.

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Avalanche Sports



Trojans fans get first look at 2024 squad

Homedale High School’s football team wrapped up its summer camp by hosting nine teams in a jamboree Thursday. Mountain Home and Homedale scrimmaged to wrap up the day. The Trojans start the season back at Deward Bell Stadium at 7 p.m., on Friday, Aug. 23 against Snake River. This is the first year for revamped enrollment classifications. Homedale is now a Class 4A school playing in the 4A Snake River Valley conference with Payette, Weiser, Fruitland, McCall-Donnelly, and Cole Valley Christian. Parma stays in 3A, joining new Marsing and Melba in the new 3A Western Idaho Conference. Rimrock is in Class 1A as part of the Long Pin Conference.



JV coach leads Rimrock’s third annual youth basketball camp

With junior varsity coach Jackie Thurman supervising, Rimrock High School girls’ basketball players presented their third annual youth camp in Bruneau. Sixty-six boys and girls between pre-kindergarten and seventh grade spent two days learning fundamentals such as ball handling, defense, passing, and shooting before spending the third day showing off their skills in games and during a tournament. Each camper went home with a shirt, basketball, popsicles, new basketball skills, and some fun memories. And the campers posed with Thurman and her players. **Back row, from left:** Paisley Prow, Kenzley Fowers, Lainee Raymond, Alia Aquiso, Mackley Prow, Thurman, Ruby Lisle, Ily Bailey, Oakley Smith, Jessica Escobedo, Madi Lutrell, Olivia Farfan, and Jade Reisinger. Photos by Kaeloni Smith



Rivercats bow out of district tournament

The American Legion baseball season ended with a narrow loss for the Owyhee Rivercats in the district tournament.

The Melba Stallions scored runs in the sixth and seventh innings to pull out a 6-5 victory in a loser-out game in Mountain Home.

Mason Taylor scored on a wild pitch in the bottom of the fourth inning as the Rivercats (17-11) batted around and grabbed a 5-4 lead with a four-run rally.

Wylee Bidiman tied the game, 4-4, when he scored on a bases-loaded walk. Drew Taylor knocked in Carson Fine with a base hit, and Xavier Uranga started the rally when he scored on Mason Taylor’s bases-loaded walk.

The Stallions led, 4-0, when Owyhee

— See *Rivercats*, page 14

School sports physicals on tap

The Homedale RehabAuthority location is offering youth sports physicals, and proceeds will again benefit local school athletic programs.

Athletes who must obtain physicals include boys and girls heading into seventh grade as well as their freshman and junior years in high school. Any high school athlete wanting to participate in sports in the 2024-25 school year who didn’t obtain a physical last year also must have an examination.

RehabAuthority, located at 134 E. Idaho Ave., will provide \$30 physicals from 5 p.m., to 7 p.m., on Tuesday, July 30.

Checks can be made out to Homedale High School for high school athletes and Homedale Middle School for middle school athletes, or whichever school the athlete will attend.

All proceeds are returned to the athlete’s respective school sports programs.

If an athlete can’t make the RehabAuthority opportunity, a physical still must be obtained.

The state’s sports physical form is available on the Idaho High School Activities Association website at <https://idhsaa.org/asset/document/99-Physical%20Exam%20and%20Consent%20Form.pdf>



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Looking back...

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25 years ago

July 28, 1999



Bird community...
Mary Lootens stands near her bird house village of “Little Marsing” that she built in her backyard. Lootens won Grand Champion in the open class division at the 1998 Owyhee County Fair with her homes and plans to show the houses again this year.

Fire district levy election to be held Tuesday
Next Tuesday’s election for approval to increase the Homedale Rural Fire District’s management and operations levy is crucial if the district is to continue to provide quality protection to its patrons, the fire district secretary said Monday.

A growing population and inadequate equipment has spurred the district to ask for a permanent levy rate increase to generate about \$93,400 annually. The new levy would not increase taxes.

In fact, if approved, property owners would actually see a slight decrease in the amount of property taxes they would pay for fire and ambulance protection, fire district secretary Mikeal Parker said.

For instance, a property owner with a home assessed at \$50,000 would, with a homeowner’s exemption, pay \$2.10 less than he did last year.

The new levy would replace the \$98,000 two-year override levy, approved in 1996. That levy allowed the fire district to purchase a new fire truck to replace an older pumper truck which had broken down and was not repairable.

The district’s current management and operations levy generates only about \$37,000 each year, funds the district expends just to remain in operation.

Local participates in National Skills contest
Nate VanWassenhove from Marsing represented the state of Idaho in Auto Service Technology competition at the thirty-fifth annual National Skills USA-VICA Championships held in Kansas City, Mo. on July 1. VanWassenhove placed 11th in the nation against 52 secondary students.

The automotive competition provides 10 hands-on assignments and a written test reflecting Auto Technician certification required in the field during a 5 to 6 hour test period.

Homedale school board searches for new trustee
Homedale School District is currently searching for a new Zone 5 School Board Trustee after the recent resignation of Pam Gibbens.

Gibbens vacated her position on the board, after accepting a job as secretary at the elementary school earlier this month. She will replace Rhonda Frost who will move to the new middle school this fall as a Title One aide. Gibbens previously worked as the secretary for the Marsing Elementary School.

50 years ago

July 25, 1974



JOHN DAVIS, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Davis, Succor Creek, was the subject of a write-up in Saturday’s Statesman. Prior to the Nampa rodeo, Davis was in second place in bull riding in the PRCA, having won over \$14,000. At Nampa Saturday night his ride rated 73 points, giving him a 4th place for \$552.27. On Sunday night at Salinas, Calif., he rode the Brahma bull “Oscar” to earn a 79 rating. It was the first time “Oscar” had been ridden. Davis is shown above riding bull No. 28 at the National Finals Rodeo in Oklahoma City, “the world series” of rodeo, Dec. 1, 1973, where he placed third.

’74 Trojan team to attend football training camp
Final plans are being completed for the 1974 Homedale High School football team to attend a pre-season training camp at Cathedral of the Pines, located 13 miles outside of Ketchum.

Open house for parents, friends, and interested fans will be Thursday, Aug. 22 from 1 to 5 p.m., according to Daryl Kellum, head coach.

Approximately 50 team members, managers, and coaches will leave by bus for camp on Aug. 18.

The camp is being paid by registration fees and donated food from located fans.

Needed food items in all or partial quantities include:

Ground beef, 100 lbs.; chicken, 15 fryers; wieners, 20 lbs.; tuna fish, 6 cans; fish sticks, 20 lbs.; sliced baloney, 10 lbs.; sliced cheese, 10 lbs.

Breakfast meats, 50 lbs.; eggs, 20 doz.; salt, 5 lbs.; sugar, 50 lbs.; powdered sugar, 25 lbs.; brown sugar, 12 lbs.

Shortening, 6 lbs.; salad macaroni, 6 lbs.; bread, 20 loaves; potatoes, 300 lbs.; French fries, 30 lbs.; corn, 8 qts. or fresh; cabbage, 10 2-lb. heads; carrots, 25 lbs.; pork and beans, 1 10-lb. can.

Fresh fruit, 25 lbs.; apricots, 8 qts.; jam or jelly, 15 large bottles; salad dressing, 6 qts.; catsup, 8 qts.; coffee, 3 lbs.; Kool Aid, 48 pkgs.; frozen lemonade, 24 6-oz cans; breakfast juices, 36 qts.; ice, 300 lbs.; watermelons, 8 melons.

Succor Crik Sam Sez:
“Man ain’t too smart or he’d figger out how to store up some of this heat to use next winter.”



153 years ago

July 22, 1871

OWYHEEITE IN LUCK.—Everybody in Owyhee knows Alex. Franklin, who taught dancing school here a year ago last winter, left on a prospecting tour in the spring, and finally located in Corinne, Utah. Well, to make a long story short, Alex. has struck it rich, and we are glad of it, for he is a bully boy. Here is what the Corinne *Journal* says about it:

We understand that our fellow townsman Alex. Franklin, has made a rich discovery of silver chlorides about twenty-five miles from Salt Lake City, from which he will undoubtedly realize a handsome “stake.” The vein is several feet in width and traceable some distance, which guarantees a sufficient quantity to enrich the oldest inhabitant of Corinne. From a careful examination of the ore we pronounce it No. 1, and are backed in our opinion by two assays showing nearly \$600 per ton. May Alex. live long to enjoy his prosperity, is our wish.

A QUARTETTE RACE.—As the last lingering rays of the setting sun were gilding the lofty summit of War Eagle mountain a week ago last Sunday, four solemn visage individuals were seen to leave Graham’s Sample rooms and march with determined stride up Washington street. Being on the alert for local items we followed the party, taking good care to keep a respectable distance in the rear. Thinking perhaps that a duel was on the *lapis*, we sharpened up Faber ready to jet down the bloody fray. Upon arriving at a level place in the road about a mile from town, the four were joined by some half a dozen others. They halted and began pacing off the ground. We concealed ourselves in an old cabin near at hand and through an aperture between the logs calmly awaited events. To our surprise we recognized the four solemn visage individuals to be Jas. Graham, Dr. Beckett, Jas. Lynam and R. S. Miles, and they were preparing to run a foot race, instead of mortal combat. A hundred yards was measured off, and two judges selected — W. H. Angell to start the racers and Sam Neeley to decide at the outcome. The contestants donned their hats, vests and coats and toed the scratch. After considerable jockeying and several vain attempts to get a fair start, Graham and Lynam ran through, but Doc. and Miles didn’t budge. Graham came out a jump or two ahead. It was then decided that Doc. and Miles should run in order that they might not have any percentage over the other two. The disciple of Esculapius won by about ten feet.

MINING INCORPORATION.—Articles of incorporation of the “South Chariot Mining Company” were filed a few days ago in the office of the Secretary of State of California. The object is to work gold and silver lodes in the county of Owyhee, Idaho Territory. Capital stock \$2,000,000, in shares of \$100 each. Trustees, Hill Beachy, F. W. Grayson, C. E. McLane, George Hearst, and Mark Livingston. Place of Business, San Francisco. The Peck & Porter Mine and the War Eagle Mill are included in the incorporation. South Chariot stock will command a good price as soon as thrown upon the market. It is one of the best and most substantial mining properties in Owyhee, and, as soon as properly developed, handsome dividends will be the order of the day. Superintendent Cassell has already commenced operations and, in a few days, will largely increase the working force of the mine.

Commentary

Americans
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Can Trump-Vance
ticket unify U.S.?

by Robert Romano

Prior to the seismic news cycle Sunday in which President Joe Biden dropped out of the 2024 race, former President Donald Trump has widened his lead against the incumbent in the swing states of Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, according to the latest polling data from Emerson compiled July 15-16.



Trump was leading Biden in Arizona 46 percent to 36 percent, in Georgia 44 percent to 39 percent, in Michigan 43 percent to 40 percent, in Nevada 47 percent to 38 percent, in Pennsylvania 46 percent to 40 percent and in Wisconsin 46 percent to 43 percent. If that’s what happens on Election Day, Trump would garner 312 Electoral College votes to Biden’s 226.

But Trump is not leaving anything to chance, and has tapped Sen. J.D. Vance (R-Ohio), who comes from humble working-class origins, as his vice presidential running mate with one mission: To help win Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin — the Rust Belt states hollowed out by globalization that put Trump over the top in 2016 in his victory over Hillary Clinton, running against free trade that ships jobs overseas, illegal immigration that takes many of the remaining jobs at home and also the endless foreign interventions that now risk a world war.

In his acceptance speech, Vance promised to keep Trump’s promise to the forgotten men and women who have suffered these economic shifts: “To the people of Middletown, Ohio, and all the forgotten communities in Michigan, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and Ohio, and every corner of our nation: I promise you this — I will be a vice president who never forgets where he came from. And every single day for the next four years, when I walk into that White House to help President Trump, I will be doing it for you. For your family, for your future and for this great country.”

Here, Trump through Vance is reassuring those who supported him in 2016 and 2020 that he has not forgotten the mission that he set out for himself to restore American industrial capacity to make its

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Letters to the editor

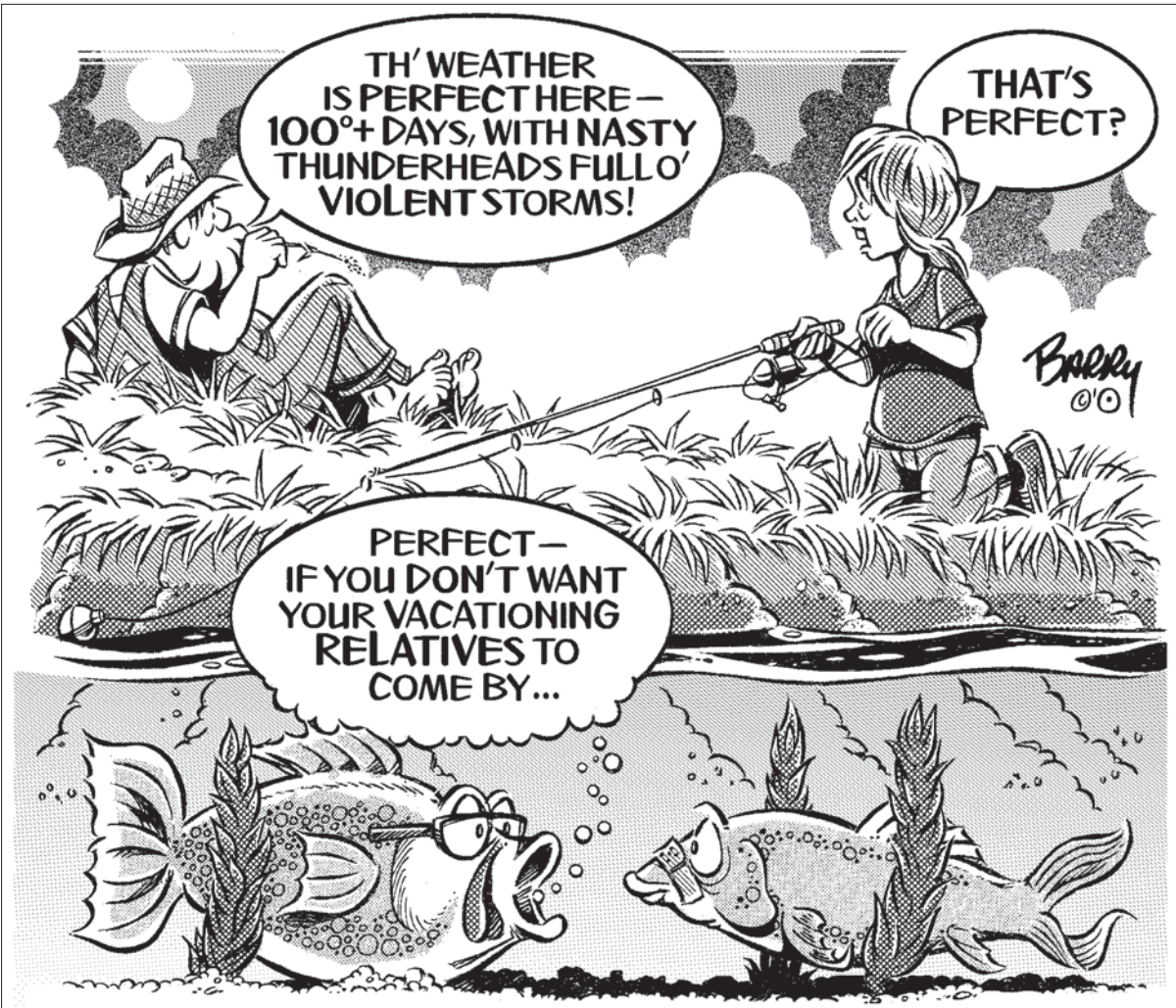
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The deadline for submitting letters is noon on Friday. Letters can be submitted in these ways:

- 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.

JP Doodles



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

From Washington
Time to end IRS’ costly direct
tax filing, not make it permanent

In May, the U.S. Department of the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) made the mistake of converting the Direct File pilot program into a permanent, unauthorized, multibillion-dollar government detour into the tax preparation business. What is advertised by the Biden Administration and its allies as a government-run “easy and free” way to file federal tax returns is now slated to become a bloated government diversion, putting an already troubled agency into a deeper hole. I previously wrote about the problems with Direct File, and the Attorney General of Idaho, Raúl Labrador, has similarly underscored such issues. New post-filing season data confirms the program’s flaws.

As part of the Inflation Reduction Act, Democrats led an effort to require the IRS to write a feasibility report on creating a new tax preparation online portal called Direct File. The following year, the IRS submitted the report, which consisted of multibillion-dollar, long-term cost estimates that the IRS’s own auditor flagged as being “subject to considerable uncertainty.” Sidestepping the red flags raised in the report and by other stakeholders — including Congress — the IRS announced it would undertake a “pilot” of Direct File the same day it issued the feasibility report. With its recent decision likewise avoiding these concerns, the IRS will now spend considerable taxpayer dollars to not only compete

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Commentary

Financial management

You’ve lost the car loans; don’t go backwards

Dear Dave,

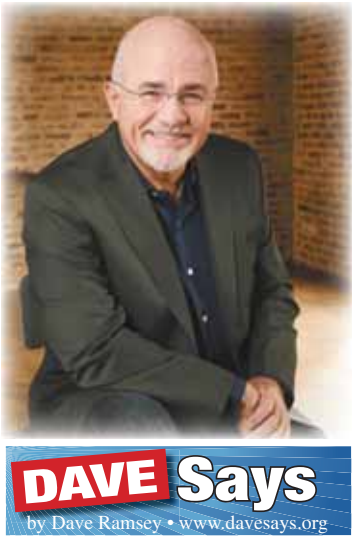
We’ve been following your Baby Steps plan, and we paid off two car loans a few months ago. That freed up almost \$800 a month. We have two kids, and we love to go on family camping trips. We’ve been trying to decide on a destination for the next one, but to do this we would need a vehicle with more room. Luckily, we found a used van at a reasonable price, and we think we could have it paid off in no more than 12 months. Would this be OK, since we would still have more money left than before?

— Sara

Dear Sara,

OK, you’re telling me you just got out from under \$800 worth of car payments each month, and you want to dive right back in by financing another one? I think you’ve missed the point of my plan. The point is to get out of debt, not just move it around or try to juggle smaller portions.

What you’re actually saying is you’re thinking about putting your family’s financial future in jeopardy, because you want to go on camping trips in a roomier car. That’s a bad plan! For you guys, something like this right now would be a luxury item. Did you know I went without a vacation for four years trying to get my life back together after I went broke? Four years! I’m not



suggesting you live with this attitude for the rest of your life, but I’m pretty sure there are other ways to make family camping trips happen.

Long story short, you don’t need a different vehicle to go camping. And you definitely don’t need to go back into car debt to go camping. Buy a couple of tents, throw them in the back of the car and head for the woods. If your cars are really just too small to handle everything, then rent a bigger car for the weekend. I’d rather you spend a few bucks doing something like that once in a while than picking up another car payment.

Your mindset on this worries me, Sara. The reason for getting out of debt is to live a better life. Living debt-free is smart, less stressful and it makes everything else feel lighter and easier to manage.

Live like no one else, so that later, you can live like no one else. Remember?

Please, don’t do it.

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is an eight-time 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.

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with tax preparation companies — many of which provide these services at little to no cost — but also with its own programs.

For decades, the private tax software industry has spent billions of dollars developing products to file and legally lower customers’ taxes. To the benefit of many, the private sector already provides much of its tax software for free. For example, in 2023, the private tax software industry filed 23.8 million tax returns for free. Unlike Direct File, which is labeled “free” but will cost taxpayers billions of dollars, these private tax preparers genuinely come at no cost. In addition, the Free File, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs — all run by volunteers for the IRS — prepare millions of returns a year and will also be Direct File’s competition.

Competing with yourself or businesses offering quality products for free is an unwise decision. “The government’s free tax-filing software is virtually

guaranteed to fail,” writes Tony Scott, a former Chief Information Officer (CIO) for the Obama Administration, and former Microsoft CIO. According to Mr. Scott, “a clear, demonstrable need for IRS Direct File appears to be missing.” The Direct File pilot program results prove he is right. Despite a massive marketing campaign and the Treasury Department expecting 500,000 filers, only 140,803 out of 19 million eligible tax filers used Direct File, an adoption rate of less than one percent. While some proponents have characterized these results as “wildly successful,” the former Microsoft CIO’s assessment is more accurate.

How much is Direct File costing taxpayers? The Direct File feasibility report had a budget of \$15 million, or \$141,500 a page. The Government Accountability Office lambasted the IRS for failing to keep accurate records of the program’s true cost. It is unlikely the IRS would be as lenient if ordinary taxpayers copied its record-keeping techniques. Government watchdog estimates put Direct File’s cost at \$129 million for 2024, which amounts to paying

\$902 per filed return. The Department of Treasury enthusiastically claimed Direct File saves tax filers an estimated \$5.6 million in tax preparation fees. Only in Washington, D.C. is spending \$129 million to save \$5.6 million framed as a success. By comparison, the aforementioned existing IRS programs, VITA and TCE, cost around \$2.50 per return. The existing Free File Program cost the government less than a penny to file a return.

Instead of diverting resources and attention to a redundant, expensive new government-run program, the IRS would better serve taxpayers by highlighting the existing options available to them and improving basic customer service. It is time to end Direct File, not make it permanent.

— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho’s senior member of the U. S. Senate. He is in his fifth six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999, and he has served 31 years in the U.S. Congress. Prior to that, he served eight years in the Idaho State Senate.

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own goods, whether technology or energy or other commercial goods. We need rare earth minerals of our own. We need to keep drilling oil and gas of our own. Generally, we need to not be dependent on global supply chains that are becoming increasingly taxed by increasing demand and limited supply, which exacerbates price inflation that households and businesses are suffering through.

But in addition to bolstering his political support in key swing states that will make the difference in 2024, and besides the immediate needs of the election is the specter of the near-fatal assassination attempt on Trump’s life on July 13 in Butler, Pa. — and what might have happened if it had succeeded.

But for Trump turning his head, the nation might be on an accelerated path to civil war right now. We may yet be on that road; however, and so much depends on our leaders including Trump’s ability and willingness to turn back from the brink as he promises to restore national unity. I hope we can preserve the Union, but I fear we will be unable to.

Forbes-HarrisX just did a poll July 13-15 where

59 percent said the assassination attempt would only divide the country further, with only 41 percent who believe it could lead to more unity and a curbing of calls to violence.

Republicans (i.e. Trump supporters) were the only group relatively optimistic unity is possible (58 percent say unity, 42 percent say divided further), whereas 72 percent of Democrats and 62 percent of independents say we will be divided further. So, the assassination attempt could just be one more lit match on the powder keg.

What Trump does next matters. I’m personally optimistic, but I’m also biased which gives me a blind spot. I want to believe Trump can lead us out of this, but Democrats and independents are concerned that the assassination attempt will only make things worse.

Meaning, even as Trump calls for unity and national reconciliation, he might be unable to lead us from the worst if others take matters into their own hands, as happened after Abraham Lincoln’s election in 1860 when the secession crisis began.

A few short weeks ago, nobody wanted to or thought to contemplate what if the worst happened as it related

to an assassination attempt. Today, the prospects of what a successful assassination might have provoked, including a civil war, are uncomfortable to discuss. But at this critical moment it is important to highlight what the dangers are of civil strife and national division when they reach the boiling point.

To avert war or to make one exceedingly unlikely, and for our country to be reconciled, both political parties’ freedoms should be respected and we must agree to protect one another’s liberties, not to censor one another, not to prosecute one another. These are the tools of tyrants that have appeared to become more frequent. Is war necessary to precede reconciliation, or can we just skip to the reconciliation part?

At first, after the assassination attempt, I thought maybe we had averted such a terrible outcome, but now, my concerns return as the shock wears off and all the warning signs are still there. Can this marriage be saved? We might be about to find out.

— Robert Romano is the vice president of public policy at Americans for Limited Government Foundation.

Public notices

NOTICE OF COMBINED PUBLIC HEARINGS PURSUANT TO IDAHO CODE §§ 31-3911 and 31-3908(1) (c) and (f) PETITION TO FORM A NEW MARSING AMBULANCE EMS DISTRICT AND TO DISSOLVE THE MARSING AMBULANCE DISTRICT AND CALL FOR SPECIAL ELECTIONS
BY: OWYHEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: The Board of Commissioners of Owyhee County will conduct combined public hearings:
PURPOSE OF THE HEARINGS ON PETITION TO FORM A NEW MARSING AMBULANCE EMS DISTRICT AND TO DISSOLVE THE MARSING AMBULANCE DISTRICT:
• To hear and consider agency and public comment on the above referenced filed Petition to create a new ambulance district pursuant to Idaho Code Section 31-3911 and call for a special election on the question.
• To hear and consider agency and public comment concerning the above referenced filed Petition to dissolve the existing ambulance district; subject to the County Commissioners granting the Petition to create the new ambulance district, and subject to the voters’ approval of the formation of the new ambulance district.

DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF THE COMBINED PUBLIC HEARINGS:
The public hearing will be conducted at the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho on August 5, 2024, commencing at: 10:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as this hearing is convened by the County Board of Commissioners. Interested persons have the right to appear at the public hearing and have an opportunity to be heard.

MATERIALS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION: The County has made available to the public, upon request, a copy of the filed Petition to Form the Marsing EMS District and to Dissolve Marsing Ambulance District.
By: Angela Barkell, County Clerk
07/10,17,24/2024

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO
IN RE: Petition to form an ambulance service district pursuant to Idaho Code Section 31-3911 and to dissolve the Marsing Ambulance District by Qualified Owyhee County Elector Petitioners.
Matter No. 2024-6-1

PETITION TO FORM AN AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT PURSUANT TO IDAHO CODE SECTION 31-3911; and TO DISSOLVE THE MARSING AMBULANCE DISTRICT PURSUANT TO IDAHO CODE SECTION 31-3908(1)(f).
COME NOW, the below stated Petitioners, pursuant to Idaho Code § 31-3911, and hereby petition the Commissioners of Owyhee County, state of Idaho,

to receive, process and grant this Petition as herein requested and as herein set forth.
Pursuant to the requirements of Idaho Code § 31-3911, the Petitioners set forth the following:
1. The boundaries of the proposed ambulance service district are as follows:
A) BEGINNING at a point on the boundary common to the State of Oregon and the State of Idaho and marking the southwest corner of Section 23, Township 3 South, Range 6 West of the Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho;
1) thence east along the south boundary of Sections 23 and 24 of said Township 3 South, Range 6 West to a point on the west boundary of Section 19, Township 3 South, Range 5 West;
2) thence south along said west boundary to the southwest corner of Section 19, Township 3 South, Range 5 West;
3) thence east along the south boundaries of Sections 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 of said Township 3 South, Range 5 West to the southwest corner of Section 19, Township 3 South, Range 4 West;
4) thence east along the south boundary of Sections 19 through 24 of said Township 3 South, Range 4 West to the southwest corner of Section 19, Township 3 South, Range 3 West;
5) thence east along the south boundary of said Section 19 to the southeast corner of said Section 19 and a point on the west boundary of Section 20, Township 3 South, Range 3 West;
6) thence south along the west boundary of said Section 20 to the southwest corner of Section 20, Township 3 South, Range 3 West;
7) thence east along the south boundary of Section 20, Township 3 South, Range 3 West to a point on the centerline of the Black Mountain-Power Line Road as it now exists;
8) thence meandering northerly along said centerline to a point on the south boundary of Section 5, Township 3 South, Range 3 West;
9) thence east along the south boundaries of Sections 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1, Township 3 South, Range 3 West to the southeast corner of said Section 1;
10) thence north along the east boundary of Section 1, Township 3 South, Range 3 West to the southwest corner of Section 6 of Township 3 South Range 2 West;
11) thence east along the south boundaries of Section 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1, Township 3 South, Range 2 West to the southwest corner of Section 6, Township 3 South, Range 1 West;
12) thence east along the south boundaries of Sections 6, 5, 4, 3,

2, and 1, Township 3 South, Range 1 West to the southwest corner of Section 6, Township 3 South, Range 1 East;
13) thence east along the south boundary of said Section 6 to a point on the thread of the Snake River and the boundary common to Owyhee and Canyon County;
14) thence northwesterly along the boundary common to said Owyhee and Canyon County to a point on the west boundary of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 4 West;
15) thence south along the west boundary of Sections 18, 19 and 30, Township 3 North, Range 4 West to the southwest corner of said Section 30;
16) thence west along the north boundary of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 5 West to the northwest corner of said Section 36;
17) thence south along the west boundary of said Section 36 to the northeast corner of the southeast ¼ of Section 35, Township 3 North, Range 5 West;
18) thence west along the north boundary of said southeast ¼ to the northwest corner of the southeast ¼ of said Section 35;
19) thence south along the west boundary of said southeast ¼ to the northwest corner of the northeast ¼ of Section 2, Township 2 North, Range 5 West;
20) thence south along the west boundary of the northeast ¼ of said Section 2 to the northeast corner of the southwest ¼ of said Section 2;
21) thence west along the north boundary of the southwest ¼ of said Section 2 to the northwest corner of southwest ¼ of said Section 2;
22) thence south along the west boundary of the southwest ¼ of said Section 2 to the northwest corner of Section 11, Township 2 North, Range 5 West;
23) thence south along the west boundary of Sections 11 and 14 of said Township 2 North, Range 5 West to the northeast corner of Section 22, Township 2 North, Range 5 West;
24) thence west along the north boundaries of said Section 22, 21, and 20 to the northeast corner of Section 19, Township 2 North, Range 5 West;
25) thence south along the east boundary of said Section 19 to the northeast corner of the south ½ of said Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 5 West;
26) thence west along the north boundary of the south ½ of Section 19 to the east boundary of the south ½ of Section 24, Township 2 North, Range 6 West;
27) thence north along the east boundary of

said Section 24 to the northeast corner of the south ½ of said Section 24;
28) thence west along the north boundaries of the south ½ of Sections 24 and 23 of said Township 2 North, Range 6 West to the boundary common to the States of Oregon and Idaho;
29) thence south along said common boundary to the **POINT OF BEGINNING.**
EXCEPTING THEREFROM
The southeast ¼ of the northwest ¼ of Section 21 of Township 2 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

2. The name of the proposed ambulance service district is as follows: *Marsing Ambulance EMS District.*
3. A map of the proposed ambulance service district is attached and marked Exhibit A and by this reference incorporated herein.
4. The City of Marsing lies within and is the only incorporated city that lies within the boundaries of the proposed new ambulance service district.
5. Certified copies of the resolutions of the City Council of the City of Marsing consenting to participate in the proposed new ambulance service district and consenting to the dissolution of the Marsing Ambulance District, has been filed with the Owyhee County Clerk by the Petitioners at the same time as the filing of this Petition.
6. The Petitioners will deposit with the County Clerk a sufficient sum of money to cover the costs of publication of this Petition and all necessary notices required by Idaho Code §§ 31-3911 and 31-3908 (1) (f) and (c).

WHEREFORE, Petitioners pray as follows:
1. That pursuant to Idaho Code § 31-3911(1), upon the filing of this Petition with the County Clerk and Recorder, that the County Clerk examine this Petition and certify that the required number of Petitioners have signed this Petition; and
2. That pursuant to Idaho Code § 31-3911(4), the County Clerk transmit this Petition and the City Resolution to the Board of County Commissioners; and
3. That pursuant to Idaho Code § 31-3908(1)(f), the Board of County Commissioners approve a resolution of their intent to consider, subject to conditions and process required by law, the dissolution of the Marsing Ambulance District with the plan of dissolution which includes that all debts and expenses of the Marsing Ambulance District be paid and any remaining assets of the said District to be transferred to the Marsing Ambulance EMS District subject to and contingent upon the following:
• The County Commissioners granting the petition to create a new ambulance service district and call for a special election on the question; and
• a majority of the electors at the special election voting “yes” to the creation of a new ambulance service district.
4. That the Board of County Commissioners cause the texts of this Petition and their resolution of intent to consider, subject to conditions and process required

by law, the dissolution of the Marsing Ambulance District be published once a week for at least three (3) consecutive weeks in the newspaper of general circulation within the County together with a notice of the time of the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners when this Petition and the Board’s resolution of intent will be heard together with a statement that all persons interested may appear and be heard as provided in Idaho Code §§ 31-3911(4) and 31-3908(1)(f); and
5. That after the conduct of the public hearings, the Board of Commissioners enter an order granting this Petition fixing the name and boundaries of the proposed district as petitioned and as provided in Idaho Code § 31-3911(5); and
6. That following the Board of County Commissioners entering the order granting this Petition, that the County Clerk publish notice of an election to be held at the next election date as authorized by law for the purpose of determining whether or not the proposed ambulance service district shall be organized as provided in Idaho Code § 31-3911(6); and
7. If at the special election more than one-half (1/2) of the votes cast are in favor of creating the new ambulance service district, the County Commissioners convene a meeting and:
• Order the territory as petitioned is duly organized as an ambulance service district under the name designated in the ballot; and
• Divide the new ambulance service district into three (3) subdivisions and appoint the first three (3) commissioners of the new ambulance service district; and
• Adopt a resolution to dissolve the Marsing Ambulance District, pay its debts and expenses and transfer the remaining assets to the new ambulance service district; and
• Certify a copy of the order, creating the ambulance service district and the resolution dissolving the Marsing Ambulance District, and cause the same to be filed for record in the office of the county recorder, the state tax commission and with the governor.
PETITIONERS’ DECLARATIONS:
I, the undersigned, being a qualified elector of Owyhee County, state of Idaho, residing within the boundaries of the proposed new Marsing Ambulance EMS District as legally described in paragraph 1 of this Petition, so hereby certify and declare, under penalty of perjury pursuant to the law of the state of Idaho, that I reside at the place set opposite my name and that I join in the above-stated petition to the Commissioners of Owyhee County to grant this Petition and proceed, as herein petitioned, to call an election on the creation of a new ambulance service district pursuant to Idaho Code Section 31-3911.
Petition includes 89 signatures, of which 80 were valid.
Signed:
Sharon VanWassenhove
Nicole Cassity
Brock Cassity
Steven L. Sloyer
Barry Kendall
07/10,17,24/2024

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OWYHEE COUNTY, STATE OF IDAHO
RESOLUTION 2024-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF OWYHEE COUNTY:

- Making certain Findings; and
- In consideration of the filed Petition to create a new Marsing Ambulance EMS District, declaring intent to consider dissolution of the Marsing Ambulance District with the plan of dissolution subject to process and conditions precedent as required by law; and
- Setting public hearings and process to be followed; and
- Directing the County Clerk; and
- Providing an Effective Date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Owyhee County:

Section 1: Findings
It is hereby found by the Board of County Commissioners of Owyhee County that:

1.1 A Petition To Form An Ambulance Service District And To Dissolve Marsing Ambulance District has been duly filed with the County Clerk pursuant to Idaho Code Sections 31-3911 and 31-3908(1) (f) by over 50 Qualified Owyhee County Elector Petitioners residing within the boundaries of the proposed Marsing Ambulance EMS District (the “Petition”). Along with the Petition, the Petitioners filed certified resolutions of the City Council of the City of Marsing consenting to participate in the new Marsing Ambulance EMS District and consenting, if the voters approve the formation of a new Marsing Ambulance EMS District, to the Board of County Commissioners dissolving the existing Marsing Ambulance District; and

1.2 Pursuant to Idaho Code Section 31-3908(1)(f), the Board of County Commissioners has the authority to dissolve the existing Marsing Ambulance District by following the public hearing and notice requirements of Idaho Code Section 31-3908(1)(c).

Section 2: Intention to dissolve Marsing Ambulance District subject to conditions precedent as required by law:

2.1 The Board of Commissioners of Owyhee County, in consideration of the filed Petition, does hereby declare its intent to consider the dissolution of the Marsing Ambulance District subject to the following process and conditions as set forth in this section as required by law.

2.2 The Board of Commissioners does hereby sets two public hearings (one for creation of a new Marsing Ambulance EMS District, and one to consider intent to consider dissolution of the existing Marsing Ambulance District) and directs the County Clerk to publish this Resolution and the Petition together with the notice of the joint hearings, in accordance with Idaho Code Sections 31-3908(1)(c) and (f) , and 31-3911(4) which hearings will be held at the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 20381 State Highway 78,

Murphy, Idaho, on August 5, 2024, commencing at: 10:00 A.M. or as soon thereafter as these hearings are convened by the County Board of Commissioners. Interested persons have the right to appear at the public hearing and have an opportunity to be heard on these matters.

2.3 If, after due consideration, following the conduct of the public hearing on the Petition, the Board of Commissioners determines to grant the Petition, it shall publish notice of and call for a special election on the question.

2.4 If a majority of the electors at the special election, to create a new Marsing Ambulance EMS District, vote “yes”, the Board of Commissioners will approve a resolution to dissolve the Marsing Ambulance District pursuant to a plan of dissolution providing for the payment of all outstanding debts and

expenses with any remaining assets to be transferred to the new ambulance service district upon its formation.

Section 3: Direction to County Clerk

3.1 The County Clerk is hereby directed to publish this resolution and the Petition together with the notice of the joint hearings as herein set, in accordance with Idaho Code Sections 31-3908(1) (c) and (f) and 31-3911(4); and

3.2 Retain this resolution in the official records of the County Commissioners and to provide a certified copy to any person who requests it subject the payment of a certification fee.

Section 4: Effective Date.

4.1 This Resolution shall be in full force and effect after its passage and approval.

SO ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY

CITY OF GRAND VIEW
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

The 2025 fiscal year,(FY2025) from October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2025. The public hearing will be held at City Hall, 425 Boise Ave, Grand View, Idaho at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, August 14th, 2024. All interested persons are invited to appear and show cause, if any, why such budget should or should not be adopted. Copies of the proposed City budget in detail are available for current charge per copy at City Hall at 425 Boise Ave, Grand View, ID, during regular office hours 7:30 am to 3:30 pm - Monday through Thursday. City Hall is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone desiring accommodations for disabilities to the hearing, contact City Hall at (208)834-2700 at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing. The Proposed FY 2025 budget is shown below as the FY 2025 Proposed Expenditures and Revenues.

EXPENDITURES			
Fund	FY 2023 Actual Expenditures	FY 2024 Budget Expenditures	FY 2025 Proposed Expenditures
City General	\$74,930	\$171,063	\$223,930
Club Grant	\$0	\$0	\$0
ARPA Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
General Fund Total	\$74,930	\$171,063	\$223,930
Parks	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sewer	\$94,459	\$248,215	\$260,625
Street	\$32,022	\$109,484	\$101,251
LHTAC Grant	\$0	\$0	\$50,000
Water	\$302,020	\$358,890	\$376,834
DEQ/CBDG Water Grant	\$252,340	\$1,880,000	\$1,556,216
DEQ SRF Loan (Water)	\$0	\$0	\$0
DEQ Wastewater Grant	\$0	\$300,000	\$1,027,176
Total All Expenditures	\$755,771	\$3,067,652	\$3,596,031
REVENUES			
Fund	FY 2023 Actual Revenues	FY 2024 Budget Revenues	FY 2025 Proposed Revenues
Property Levy-Taxes			
General Fund	\$83,344	\$84,749	\$83,118
Street	\$36,242	\$36,992	\$37,683
Total Tax Revenue	\$119,586	\$117,720	\$120,801
Other Revenues			
City General	\$90,709	\$90,335	\$103,129
ARPA Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
CBDG Grant	\$252,340	\$500,000	\$0
Parks	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sewer	\$126,192	\$248,215	\$260,625
Street	\$39,297	\$72,492	\$101,251
LHTAC Grant	\$0	\$0	\$50,000
Water	\$302,020	\$358,890	\$376,834
CBDG Grant	\$252,340	\$1,380,000	\$1,556,216
DEQ SRF Loan	\$0	\$0	\$0
DEQ Wastewater Grant	\$0	\$300,000	\$1,027,176
Total All Revenue 07/24,31/2024	\$1,182,484	\$3,067,652	\$3,596,032

COMMISSIONERS of Owyhee County this June 24, 2024.

Signed:/s/: Jerry Hoagland, Chairman
Commissioner District 1
Signed:/s/: Kelly Aberasturi, Commissioner District 2
Signed:/s/: Cindy Bachman, Commissioner District 3
ATTEST by:
/s/: Angela Barkell, County Clerk
07/10,17,24/2024

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CASE NO. CV37-24-228
IN THE MANNER OF THE ESTATE OF
Shannon Joe Eells, Deceased
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed as Personal

Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against 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 the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.
DATED this 9th day of July, 2024.

SIGNED:
Nina Ann Eells
Personal Representative of the Estate of Shannon Joe Eells

CLAIMS TO:
Nina Ann Eells
504 Morning Dove Way
Marsing, ID 83639
(208) 880-4064
07/24,31;08/07/2024

Public notices

CITY OF MARSING					
Quarterly Expenditure & Revenue Report					
3rd FISCAL QUARTER, FY 2023/2024					
FUND	BUDGET AMOUNT	Expended to Date	% of Budget Expended	Revenue to Date	% of Budget Revenue
01 General	\$ 801,998.00	\$ 219,013.34	27.31%	\$ 207,065.96	25.82%
Law Enforcement	\$ 88,000.00	\$ 67,868.86	77.12%	\$ -	0.00%
02 Roads & Streets	\$ 661,000.00	\$ 120,111.45	18.17%	\$ 118,434.19	17.92%
03 Parks	\$ 222,950.00	\$ 63,681.60	28.56%	\$ 42,829.79	19.21%
05 Planning & Zoning	\$ 169,150.00	\$ 104,664.05	61.88%	\$ 42,199.83	24.95%
Sub-Total	\$ 1,943,098.00	\$ 575,339.30	29.61%	\$ 410,529.77	21.13%
25 Water	\$ 886,950.00	\$ 282,840.35	31.89%	\$ 387,295.48	43.67%
29 Irrigation	\$ 180,800.00	\$ 104,624.86	57.87%	\$ 7,356.86	4.07%
30 Sanitation	\$ 163,000.00	\$ 112,246.56	68.86%	\$ 88,423.66	54.25%
35 Sewer	\$ 762,419.00	\$ 270,670.98	35.50%	\$ 320,550.92	42.04%
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Sports

Locals put up top performances during national rodeo

Two Homedale competitors won a go-round during the National High School Finals Rodeo last week. Sloan McFarlane and Sam Saunders were tops in their first go-round performance of the team roping at Rock Springs, Wyo. McFarlane and Saunders posted a 6.39-second performance on July 14. They finished third in the Saturday performance at 7.96. McFarlane finished second in Thursday's reined cow horse performance with 293 points. She was fifth on July 15 with 285 points, and finished tied for ninth in Saturday's

short-go with 287.5 points. She finished 10th in her Friday performance in breakaway roping in 12.25 seconds. Sloan's brother Trell was runner-up in the July 15 saddle bronc performance at 69 points. He was third on Friday with a 54-point ride. Homedale's Sierra Telford won the July 14 performance for reined cow horse with a 296-point showing. She was tied for fourth in two rides on Friday at 287.5 and 292. She finished seventh in her Friday barrel racing performance at 17.887 seconds. She was 10th on July 15 at

18.08. Adrian resident Celie Davis, who attends Homedale schools, was fourth in the July 16 goat tying performance at 7.87 seconds. She finished fifth in Thursday's girls' cutting at 142.5 points, and she took sixth on July 16 at 143. She was 18th in the girls' cutting short-go Saturday with a 63-point showing. Two Brackett siblings from Three Creek took part in cow cutting, too. Chantry finished fifth in Saturday's girls' performance with 143 points. She was tied for ninth on July 14 at 139.

Rhett was 19th in Saturday's boys' performance with 137 points. He took fifth in his other performances on July 15 (141 points) and Friday (144). Homedale's Trey McFarlane had the fifth-best saddle bronc ride last Wednesday morning, scoring a 73-point ride. • Homedale's Kenzie Smith was overlooked in the Silver State International Rodeo results reported last week. Smith was fourth during one of the breakaway roping go-rounds during the high school portion of the rodeo in Winnemucca, Nev.

✓ Rivercats: Owyhee extends win streak with narrow victory in opener

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broke through in the bottom of the second inning. Lukas Hall scored on Mason Taylor's sacrifice. **Thursday: Mountain Home 8, Rivercats 4** — The host Phantoms ended the Rivercats' five-game winning streak, smacking 12 hits and taking advantage of five errors. Owyhee managed just five hits and trailed 2-0 after the

top of the first inning. The Phantoms broke the game open with three runs in the top of the fifth to take a 7-1 lead. Chance Martell went 2-for-4 with a double from the top of the batting order. He scored two runs. Fine also went 2-for-3 and drove in a run. Bidiman also had an RBI, while Mason Taylor picked up the Rivercats'

other hit. **Last Wednesday: Rivercats 5, Vale, Ore., 3** — Bidiman's two-run double with no outs in the bottom of the seventh inning gave Owyhee a walk-off win in its district tournament opener. The Rivercats wore their Luke Aman memorial jerseys for their district tournament debut. Fine started the inning with

a bunt single, and Hall walked before Bidiman lined a pitch into center field. The rally completed the Rivercats' comeback from a 3-1 deficit. Vale scored twice in the top of the fifth to snap a 1-1 tie. Uranga scored on one of Vale's four errors to knot the score, 3-3, in the bottom of the frame. Hall's base hit plated Chance

Martell earlier in the inning to spark the two-out rally. Uranga scored on a wild pitch in the bottom of the first to get the scoring started. Hall and Bidiman collected three strikeouts each to lead a four-pitcher parade to the mound. Lane Zehr and winning pitcher Mason Taylor allowed Vale's only hits over the final 3 1/3 innings.

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SATURDAY

9 a.m. — Registration at the Silver City school-house

9:30 a.m. — Welcome, pledge and invocation
Membership bit drawing
Introductions

Preparing for and fitting into the family operation

Hallye Duckett

Promoting Idaho, U.S. beef internationally

Lynn Bachman, former OCA president

10:30 a.m. — Break

10:45 a.m. — Deck of cards raffle

Livestock grazing and sage-grouse; long-term research project results

Dr. Karen Launchbaugh, University of Idaho

Low-cost virtual fencing option in development

Dr. Karen Launchbaugh, University of Idaho

Avian flu: Concerns for Owyhee ranchers?

OCA Beef Heifer Replacement Program

Noon — Potluck lunch

1:30 p.m. — Market conditions information

Prepared by John Nalivka

Dormant season grazing to reduce annual grasses/fine fuels research

Scott Jensen, University of Idaho

Integra Resources update

Bureau of Land Management update

Agri-Lines

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Idaho Cattle Association update

Jerry Wroten, ICA president

3 p.m. — Break

Partner updates

Political updates

Honorary Life Members — Frank and Cindy Bachman

Resolutions

New business

Election of directors

5 p.m. — Social hour

6 p.m. — Dinner by Cowgirls Catering
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9 p.m. — Dance

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SUNDAY

7 a.m. — Coffee and breakfast buffet available at Idaho Hotel

8:30 a.m. — Tour departs for Integra Resources DeLamar mine tour
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10 a.m. — OCA board meeting at Nettleton Horse Corrals

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146TH SUMMER MEETING

Ranchers delve into political relevancy



In an effort to jump-start political activism among Owyhee Cattlemen's Association members, Morgan Lutgen visited the winter meeting in Oreana in February to discuss the Idaho Cattle Association's creation "The Western Martingale," which is a website to help ranchers submit comments on government policy initiatives more easily. Visit westernmartingale.com for more information.

Viability is a big theme for the 146th annual Owyhee Cattlemen's Association summer meeting Saturday in Silver City.

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OUTGOING PRESIDENT

Owyhee Cattlemen's Association president Rex Hoagland (right) congratulates beef heifer replacement recipient Tommy Cossel after the young man received a calf from Lita Hoagland at last year's summer meeting in Silver City.



Hoagland still fighting for modernization, involvement

To look at him, one would think Rex Hoagland is a throwback to the dustier days of Owyhee County's ranching history.

But in his two years as board president, Hoagland has worked hard to make sure the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association is firmly entrenched in the 21st century with information and communication.

He has completed his mission on getting the OCA website running as a resource for communication as well as helping the county's ranchers stay abreast of the issues and developments that are affecting their industry and their bottom line.

Hoagland, whose final meeting as president comes Saturday in Silver

City, has posted articles and more on the website to help keep information flowing.

"I hope that our members have taken the time to look at it and stay up to speed on some of the articles that have been posted on there," Hoagland said. "I have tried to bring some interesting innovations on new products that could help in our range management such as virtual fencing and grazing."

There are other ideas that have been shared on the website, too, including teaming with the Bureau of Land Management to improve water tanks on federal ground to get more water in areas that need more grazing.

Hoagland's biggest push was to reignite the OCA as a political power when it comes to fighting for the industry in the halls of Congress.

The president says bringing the association back to the front of the minds of lawmakers and policy makers isn't a matter of adding names to the OCA roll call.

"I have tried to get more people to join OCA but have not had a lot of success because of years past and things they assume still go on, which they don't," Hoagland said.

While strength certainly will come in numbers, turning up the volume coming from the association will

— See *Hoagland*, Page 16

INCOMING PRESIDENT



Incoming Owyhee Cattlemen's Association president Caleb Showalter (right) and his 12-year-old son Luke rope a calf during ranch operations. Caleb and his wife, Katie, also have a 21-year-old daughter, Alana. Submitted photo

Showalter looks to board, next generation to lead association

At 41 years old, Caleb Showalter may be part of the solution he envisions for keeping the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association vibrant for years to come.

The incoming board president has owned a cow-calf operation with his wife, Katie, for 16 years, but Showalter still will lean on his fellow OCA directors during his term.

"We have a very good board of directors, and their knowledge and different aspects of cattle production they are involved in is what I plan to rely on for what hurdles we need to overcome and bring in front of members," Showalter said.

Showalter has been on the OCA board for four years, and he says

more men and women from the new generation of producers need to get active with the association just as contemporaries Jeff Anderson and Wyatt Stanford — both under-40 OCA directors — have.

"I would like to see more young ranchers getting involved," he said.

Showalter also believes spreading the word about what's happening on the range to those who aren't aware is important.

"I think that the viability of the OCA is not the question. It has more to do with changing with the times and connecting with people who don't know cattle producers and telling the story of husbandry of the land and animals.

"Education is very important, and our state is changing and not everyone knows someone in the beef industry, and their opinion on ranching — especially on federal lands — is a little blurry."

Showalter is married to Katie, who grew up in Arock, Ore.

The couple leased a cow-calf operation from Katie's parents, Phidel and Penny, in 2007 before purchasing the herd a year later.

Katie helps runs OC Coffee in Marsing with her mother-in-law Sue. The couple has two children — 21-year-old Alana and 12-year-old Luke. A college student, Alana also puts in work at OC Coffee.

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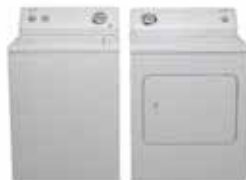
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Bruneau ranchers Frank and Cindy Bachman have been a team in life and on the range for 43 years. Submitted photo

Bachmans' industry impact built on generations of examples

Leadership is primary component of family's history

Serving the cattle industry and driving it forward isn't anything new for Frank and Cindy Bachman.

In fact, standing up for the heritage and future of ranching is something of a birthright for this year's Owyhee

Cattlemen's Association Honorary Life Member recipients.

"I feel that they have been a big part of OCA and the way of life we love in our county," OCA board president Rex Hoagland, the man who nominated the couple for the lifetime award, said.

"The years that Frank was with Simplot and their ranch and way of life and what they do for the community: A great ranch

family from our county and well deserving."

The Bachmans have done more than run cattle in their efforts to strengthen the way of life and forge an ongoing trail of success for their family and colleagues.

"It is a great honor and blessing for Frank and I to be chosen Owyhee Cattlemen's Association Lifetime

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HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS



Above: Cindy (left) and Frank Bachman are inducted into the Southern Idaho Livestock Hall of Fame as Mike Guerry speaks. **Right:** The Bachman family at the Southern Idaho Livestock Hall of Fame induction in Twin Falls, from left, granddaughter Paige Jardine, son-in-law Dean Jardine, granddaughter Ella Jardine, daughter Jeana Jardine, Cindy's mother Marian Secrist, Cindy and Frank Bachman, granddaughters Lillie and Elsie Bachman, son and daughter-in-law Lynn and Tiffany Bachman. Submitted photos



⌘ Bachmans: Couple now hall-of-famers

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members," Cindy said.

The couple was inducted into the Southern Idaho Livestock Hall of Fame in Twin Falls in the spring, too.

Both Frank, 74, and Cindy, 68, have been advocates for the resources that keep ranchers' livelihoods viable.

Frank left the Bureau of Land Management after 10 years as a range conservationist and natural resource specialist to accept the Bachman ranching legacy.

"Frank's life goal was and has always been to be a rancher," Cindy said.

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Rusty Gill (left) accepted the silver bit from fellow board member Rex Hoagland after winning the membership raffle last summer.

2023-24 board of directors

Rex Hoagland

Position: President

Age: 63

Occupation: Cattle procurement director, CS Beef Packers

Family: Wife, Karen; children J.D., Brandy, Kassi; 11 grandchildren

Residence: Melba

OCA membership: 7 years

Joined board in 2019

Background: Lifelong Owyhee County resident spent 16 years traveling the U.S. as a cattle buyer.

Note: This is Hoagland's final meeting as a board member.

Caleb Showalter

Position: Vice-president

Age: 41

Occupation: Rancher

Family: Wife, Katie

Residence: Marsing

Joined board in 2020

Background: Showalter's par-

ents own Showalter Construction in Marsing.

Note: Showalter will become the OCA's next board president.

Jake Steiner

Position: Director

Age: 35

Occupation: Rancher

Family: Wife, Ashley (11 years)

Residence: Oregon

Joined board in 2020

Background: Son of former OCA president Lorna and John Steiner.



Jake Steiner

Jeff Anderson

Position: Director

Age: 40

Occupation: Rancher

Family: Wife, MaryJo (5 years)

Residence: Jordan Valley



Jeff Anderson

Joined board in 2020

Background: 2002 Jordan Valley High School graduate. ... Attended Oregon State University/Linn-Benton Community College

Note: Anderson will become vice-president at the end of Saturday's meeting.

Ira Brackett

Position: Director

Occupation: Commercial cow/calf operator

Family: Wife, Kim; children Cade, Zane, Chantry, and Rhett

Residence: South of Homedale

Joined board in 2019

Background: Has ranches halfway between Marsing and Jordan Valley. ... Idaho Beef Council director.



Ira Brackett

Rusty Gill

Position: Director

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OCA LEADERSHIP

Cattlemen's board of directors

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Occupation:

Simplot Livestock

Family: Wife, Shawna. Son: Rylee (6)

Residence: Grand View

Joined board in 2022



Rusty Gill

Background: Gil has been an OCA member for only a year, but jumped into a leadership role almost immediately.

Tiffany Hipwell

Position: Director

Age: 44

Family: Husband, Doug (26 years). Children: Kate (19), Jessica (17), Emeline (15), and Colt (10)

Residence: Sinker Creek

Owyhee County resident for 26 years since moving from North Powder, Ore., in 1997

Joined board in 2021, "Thanks to the persistence of Paul Nettleton," she said. "I acquiesced because I love

Owyhee County and raising healthy, wholesome kids, crops and cattle."

Years as OCA member: 11

Why she joined OCA: "My eldest child wanted to take one of our steers to the county fair."



Tiffany Hipwell

"Owyhee County is home to far more cattle than people. To protect and promote our rich history and role as livestock producers, it is essential we unite and build a community of cattlemen and women that grows and builds on past generations. We are stronger, we are better, and we are greater, together."

Her outlook ties into a quote from Margaret Mead that she shared:

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world: indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Note: This is Hipwell's final meeting as a board member.

Wyatt Stanford

Position: Director

Age: 26

Occupation: Helps run 06 Livestock ranch with uncle Dennis and mother Ada.

Family: Single

Residence: Jordan Valley

Joined board in 2022

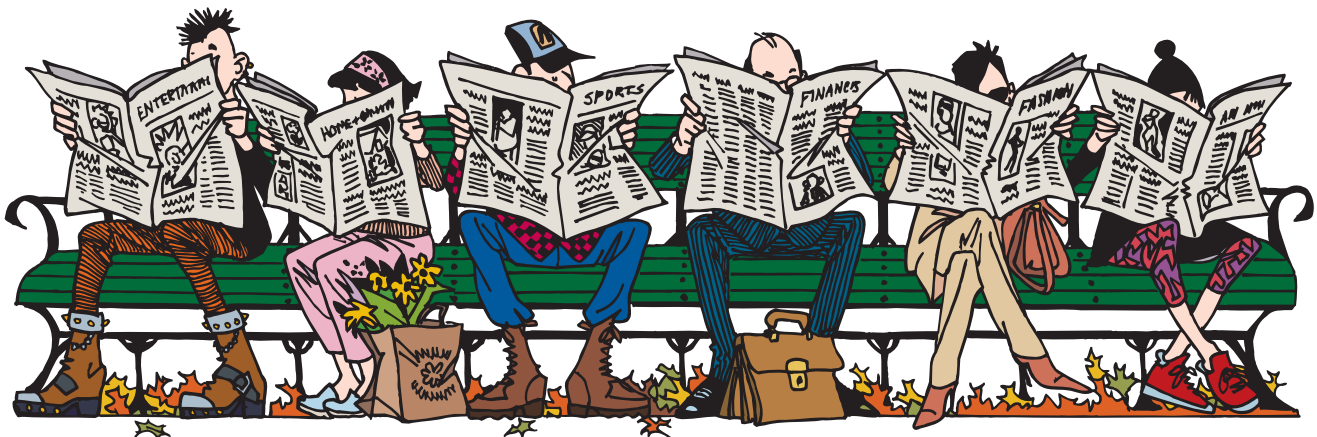
Background:

The 2016 Jordan Valley High School graduate is a lifelong OCA member. He decided to join the board of directors "because it is a great association to a part of. This is a lifestyle I plan on doing for the rest of my life, so being up-to-date on the politics is very beneficial. ... Several relatives have served on the board, including his grandfather Lee Stanford, great uncle Vern Kershner, and cousin Kenny Kershner, all of whom were presidents. His uncle Dennis and his father, the late Pat Stanford, also were OCA directors.



Wyatt Stanford

Wednesday morning in Owyhee County



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HISTORY OF LEADERSHIP



Brian Collett, the OCA board president in 2004-05, accepts the membership bit from one of his successors, Rex Hoagland, during the winter meeting in Oreana in February.

Past Presidents Owyhee Cattle and Horse Growers Association

(no list available prior to 1935)		1959	Ed Riddle	1968	Bill Tindall
1935-41	Frank Gusman	1960	Alvin Benson	1969	John Tyson
1942-47	Lynn Bachman	1961	Frank Baltzor	1970	Ernie Bahem
1948-50	Milford Vaught	1962	Arsen Alzola	1971	Dick Bass
1951-52	Earl Bachman	1963	John Malmberg	1972	Ben Panzeri
1953-54	Dick Gabica	1964	Walt Morgan	1973	Bob Collett
1955-56	Jim Nettleton	1965	Walt Yarbrough	1974	Pete Jackson
1957	Gene Davis	1966	Don Davis		
1958	Frank Maher	1967	Lee Stanford		

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RANGELAND IN THE CLASSROOM



Bruneau resident Carrie Markham (right) uses the I-ROAM trailer to bring different items to Idaho students to create the ecology and the vast benefits of Idaho's rangeland. Submitted photo

Bruneau woman leads ed. initiative

I-ROAM enlightens about
importance of natural resources

Carrie Markham is teaching what she knows to push a 25-year-old initiative into a new phase on enlightenment. The former Bruneau-Grand View School District

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Old Timers Awards and Honorary Life Members

Prior to 1968

Emmett Fry
Ralph Sampson

1968 Ralph Stanford
Norman MacKenzie

1969 Henry Hatton
Albert Harley

1970 Jonas Bass
Kirby Forman
Earl Bachmann
Hugh Nettleton

1971 Milford Vaught
Omar Stanford
Angel Bilboa
Zack Montini
Bill Burghardt
Theron Adcock

1972 Ray Pershall
Al Mackey

1973 Walt Adams

1974 No one chosen

1975 Marion Wroten

1976 Elmer C. Johnston

1977 Perle Davis

1978 Marvin Jess
Joe Nettleton
Albert Black
Frank Baltzor
Adam Blackstock

1979 No one chosen

1980 Lee Stanford
Ed Muller

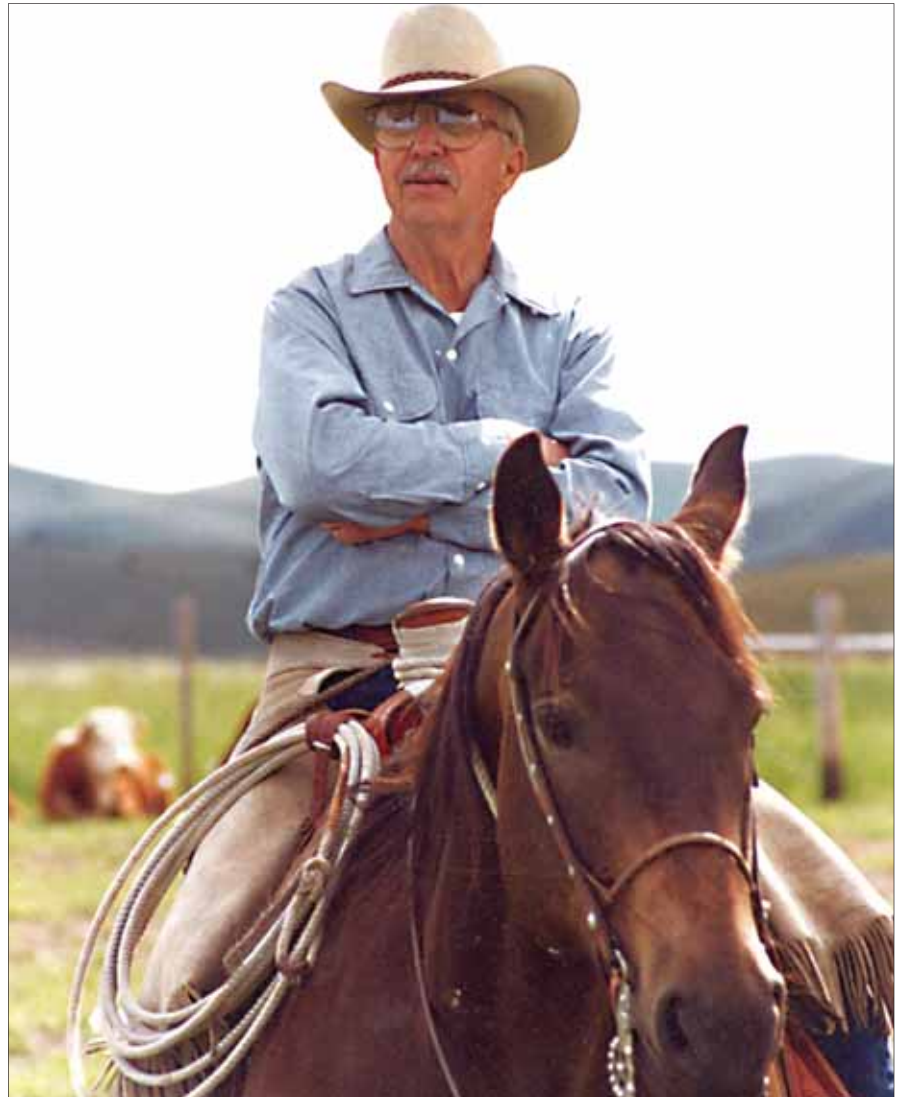
1981 Cliff Feltwell
Everett Townsend

1982 Joe Turner
Grant Strickland
Cliff McMahan

1983 Dick Gabica
Albert Harley
Paul Black
Bob Gluch

1984 Walt Yarbrough
Noy Brackett
Johnny Miller
Jim Alzoa

1985 Bill Maher
Art Bahem



Bob Kelly was one of five people to receive Honorary Life Member awards during the 2006 summer meeting in Silver City.

1985 Emeline Nettleton
Rollie Patrick
Dick Benham
George Johnstone

1986 Al Curtis
Jay Thompson
Clayton Turner
Bill Tindall

1987 Harold Markley
Curley Heath
Willie Panzeri
Bob Harris

1988 Frank Maher
Owen Barton
Fostino Alzola
Bob Davis

1989 Monk Stimmel
Don McKay
Rufus Lequerica

1990 Arsen Alzola
Bill Swan
Chuck and Frankie Dougal
Gertrude Anderson
Gusty Elordi*

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OCA LEGACY

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1991	Chet Tindall	1999	Gene Stanford	2009	No one chosen
	Bill Tindall		Joe Black	2010	Benny and Mary Panzeri
	Ruby Staples		Ronald Hutchison		Forest and Nancy Fretwell
1992	Roy Hoagland		Herb Mink	2011	Tom and Connie Hook
1993	Ted Cossel		Merv Robinson		Chad Gibson
	John Malmberg	2000	Bud Greeley	2012	No one chosen
	Don Davis		Clarence and Virginia Miller	2013	Pete and Nancy Jackson
1994	LeRoy Beaman	2001	No one chosen	2014	No one chosen
	Walt Morgan	2002	Richard Bennett	2015	John Biar
1995	Calvin Johnston	2003	Ace and Marilyn Black		Vern and Bonnie Kershner
	Joe Churruca	2004	Frankie Dougal		Tim Nettleton
	Bill and Nita Lowry		Virginia Stanford		John Richard
1996	Bob Collett		Dick and Karen Bass	2016	George and Donna Bennett
	Bus Cummings	2005	Curt Strickland*		Gary Penny
	Gene Davis		Juanita Johnstone		Neil Rimbey
	Hazel Hanley		Dick and Barbara Jayo	2017	Mike Hanley
	Tom Skinner	2006	Virginia Belknap	2018	Terry and Rosemary Warn
1997	Frank and Nathalie (Tally) Davis		Fred and Lodice Grant	2019	Eric Davis
	Ray and Bonnie Colyer		Bob Kelly	2020	Richard and Connie Brandau
	Frances Field	2007	Barbara and David	2021	Bill Barton
1998	Tom and Celia Hall		Lahtinen	2022	Dave and Celia Tindall
	Jack and Elvira Potter	2008	Elias and Inez Jaca	2023	Paul Nettleton
			Ernie and Sherry Bahem		
			Walt Nilles		

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OUTGOING PRESIDENT

⌘ Hoagland: AUM assessment still in the works

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help as well.

"We are still in a fight to stay on the range, and it is a very important part of the system to balance it and help it thrive," Hoagland said.

"If we do not band together and speak as one, the small minority group will push us out, and then we will be down to needing ground to run on that is privately owned, and that will be a struggle to make happen in our county."

Hoagland continues to hold out hope that ranchers will stay involved

and realize that moving the industry in the future will require involvement of this generation and the next generation and both segments of ranching heritage embracing modern tools.

"I hope that the ones coming behind take a look at what we have coming at us with EPDs (Expected Progeny Differences) and DNA to improve our herds and make more with less," Hoagland said, circling back to another possible necessity if more rangeland is closed off.

There are still some initiatives that Hoagland hopes can be launched

within the OCA as he passes the gavel to Caleb Showalter.

One of the bigger goals is restarting the voluntary Animal Unit Monthly (AUM) assessment that ranchers would pay into a legal defense fund to help their fellow cattlemen with permit renewal fights and other court battles. The membership has approved restarting the assessment, but Hoagland said work is ongoing to collect producers' addresses and clarify the list of ranching operation owners who would contribute.

— JPB

HISTORY OF LEADERSHIP

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1975	Bill Ross	1985	Forest Fretwell	1996	Michael F. Hanley IV
1976	Don McKay	1986	Eric Davis	1997	Peter Jackson Jr.
1977	George Earll	1987	Craig Malmberg	1998	Chris Black
1978	Ted Cossel	1988	Dave Tindall	1999	Richard Brandau
1979	Ray Colyer	1989	Frank Bachman	2000	George Bennett
1980	Frank Davis	1990	Vern Kershner	2001	Martin Jaca
1981	Ted Gammett	1991	Tim Lowry	2002	Kenny Tindall
1982	Gene Tindall	1992	Bill McBride	2003	Charlie Lyons
1983	Elias Jaca	1993	Ted S. Blackstock	2004	Tony Richards
1984	Rand Collins	1994	Ted Hoffman	2005	Brian Collett
		1995	Jerry Hoagland	2006	Brad Huff
				2007	Russ Turner
				2008	Dana Rutan
				2009	Bodie Clapier
				2010	Doug Rutan
				2011	Mark Frisbie
				2012	Matt Tindall
				2013	Bill White
				2014	Kenny Kershner
				2015	Ken Bahem
				2016	Daniel Richards
				2017	Chad Nettleton
				2018	Lynn Bachman
				2019	Lorna Steiner
				2020	Paul Nettleton
				2021	Scott Bunderson
				2022	Oscar Evans

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SAGE-GROUSE AND GRAZING

U of I findings: Moderate grazing has no effect on nest success

Sage-grouse and cows can coexist on the same land without declines in greater sage-grouse nest success or insect abundance, according to a 10-year University of Idaho study.

In fact, according to the research, there are upshots for grouse living side-by-side with cows.

“Nesting success doesn’t seem to be affected by low to moderate levels of cattle grazing, and insect biomass increases with grazing,” U of I professor of wildlife sciences Courtney Conway said.

The idea for an extensive grouse and cattle grazing research project was spurred by opposition to spring cattle grazing on federal land in the early 2000s and a lack of science to inform the debate. The decade-long research project wrapped up data collection in August.

Conway joined forces with U of I professor of rangeland ecology



Sage-grouse share a pasture with cattle. University of Wyoming photo Karen Launchbaugh; biologists in the Bureau of Land Management — the agency that oversees much of the sage-grouse habitat in southern Idaho — Idaho Fish and Game; several ranchers who have grazing permits within sage-grouse habitat; and other partners in Idaho to bring scientific data to the debate.

“Many decisions regarding sage-grouse and cattle were being made by land managers, but there wasn’t a lot

of science to rely on,” Conway said. “We just didn’t know what effect spring grazing had on nesting grouse, brood production or anything else.”

Working closely with local ranchers who agreed to participate in the long-term project, Conway’s group of researchers annually collected and analyzed data from five research sites in Idaho.

“I think this is a significant outcome for the ranching community, which has wondered all along what they would do if scientists learned that their spring grazing was bad for grouse,” Launchbaugh, the co-lead investigator, said.

“Had we found that spring grazing had a negative effect on grouse populations, it could have resulted in the loss of grazing allotments on federal land, something cattle ranchers, especially smaller operations, need for their businesses to survive.”

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ADVANCING THE LIFESTYLE



Replacement heifer recipients at the 2012 summer meeting included, from left, Lyndsey Salutregui, Cheyenne Davis and Suzi Stirm. More recipients will be named Saturday.

Cattlemen's heifer replacement program

2023-24 — Tommy Cossel (Lita Hoagland)

2021-22 — Alex Worley, Marsing (Jerry Wroten)

2020-21 — Brogan Gebauer, Marsing (Josh Bruce)

2019-20 — Jacqueline Montgomery, Homedale (Dan Mori); Gene Showalter, Marsing (Kenny and Teresa Kershner); Josie Showalter, Marsing (Morgan Ranches); Tyler Thompson, Homedale (Brian and Chris Collett)

2018-19 — Emma Eldridge, Bruneau (John and Lorna Steiner); Mitchell Erwin (Lynn and Tiffany Bachman); Fallon Wasson (Matt and Lisa Tindall)

2017-18 — No applicants

2016-17 — Mitchell Erwin, Bruneau (Joyce Livestock); Chloe Heitz, Marsing (Doug Rutan); Zane Helm, Melba (David Rutan); Lauren Jensen, Marsing (Dan Mori); Gabe Shaffer, Homedale (Ed Olson)

2015-16 — Baylee Davis, Jordan Valley (Mike and Jeanne Stanford); Brody Gaertner, Marsing (Kenny and Teresa Kershner); and Seth Gaertner, Marsing (Morgan Ranches)

2014-15 — Taylor Ann Fisher-Thomas, Marsing (Justin Christensen); and Jaiden Vincent, Wilder (Bill and Bev White)

2013-14 — Michael Babcock, Homedale (Dan Mori); Cheyenne Davis, Jordan Valley (Ted and Mary Blackstock); TJ Davis, Jordan Valley (Chad Hensley); Devin Edmiston, Melba (Gene and Ruth Clapier); and Lauren Jensen, Marsing (Morgan Ranches)

2012-13 — Cheyenne Davis, Jordan Valley (Wintercamp Ranch Trust, Don Barnhill); Jaycee Engle, Melba (Chad Hensley); Bo Pickett, Caldwell (C Lazy 2 Ranch, Ruth and Gene Clapier); Caleb Smith, Caldwell (Ted and Mary Blackstock); Taylor Ann Thomas-Fish-

er, Marsing (Justin Christensen); Jaiden Vincent, Wilder (Bill and Bev White); and Jordyn Vincent, Wilder (Steve Yarbrough)

2011-12 — Cheyenne Davis, Jordan Valley (Tanna Gilbert); Lyndsey Salutregui, Homedale (Matt and Lisa Tindall); Suzi Stirm, Melba (Dan Mori)

2010-11 — Wesley Grim, Marsing (Joyce Livestock — Paul Nettleton); Lorenzo Lankow, Marsing (Brian and Chris Collett); Zachery Tindall, Bruneau (06 Livestock)

2009-10 — Tom Nelson, Jordan Valley (Bodie Clapier); Dalton Penrod, Marsing (David Rutan); Brittany Roberts, Melba (Doug Burgess); Adrianna Salutregui, Homedale (Dan Mori); Suzi Stirm, Melba (Vern Kershner); Evon Timmons, Marsing (Sierra del Rio, Craig Baker); Samantha Woods, Homedale (Doug Rutan)

ADVANCING THE LIFESTYLE

OCA's long history of helping youth

Owyhee Cattlemen's Association ranchers have been getting behind youth to keep the industry thriving for generations.

Fifty years ago, according to the July 25, 1974 edition of The Owyhee Chronicle, nearly three dozen ranchers helped boys and girls get involved in the Owyhee County Fair:

34 cattlemen sponsor calves for 4-H program for OCA program

Thirty-four Owyhee cattlemen have sponsored 4-H calves to be shown at the fair this year, and auctioned Aug. 20.

The 4-H members raising calves, and their sponsors are:

Robin Nourse (Lloyd Coleman), Roxanne Engle (George Johnstone), Mary Burke (Joe Nettleton), Kelly Cossel (Ted Cossel), Hal Howard (Walt Morgan), Larry Jewett (Wilbur F. Wilson) Holly Burke (Don Davis), Sheryl Prescott (Tindall & Sons), Pam Holbrook (Lafe Holbrook), Wendy Gilbert (Holbrook Ranches).

Clint Prescott (James R. Munro), Lynn Nourse (John Tyson), Stewart Holbrook (Bud Holbrook), Lesa Stevens (Ben Panzeri), Steve Lejardi (Panzeri Farms), Pam Stevens

(Glenn Salmeier), Becky Howard (Ray Pershall), Doris Tyson (C.T. Ranch), Bob Bass (Jonas Bass), Bret Bailey (Ernie Bahem), Phillip Maupin (Jack Watson).

Lance Gilbert (Monte Rohwer), Tana Gilbert (Gene Davis), Tobey Gilbert (Guy Colyer), Debra Jewett (Jean Prescott), Lori Prescott (Curt Strickland), Perry Jewett (Bob Tindall), Rhonda Prescott (Grant Strickland), Sue Purnell (Oscar Field), Lon Wickel (Colyer Cattle Co.), Jeff Jayo (George Earl), Karen Kent (Lawrence Kent), Stanley Silveria (O.K. Livestock), Cindy Maupin (Chuck and Doris Tyson).



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146TH SUMMER MEETING

⌘ OCA: Change in board secretary may be coming

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The men and women who will file into the historic schoolhouse will hear about how they need to jump in for the health of their herds and the health of the industry on a whole.

Outgoing OCA board president Rex Hoagland continues to implore his colleagues in cattle to get vocal and become squeaky wheels to fight bureaucratic policies and rules that threaten the livestock industry.

"We need to quit sitting with our heads in the sand, and we need to get on the phone with our federal leaders and even those at the state level," Hoagland said. "I'm tired of people complaining at the coffee shop and not getting involved."

"Our organization can be a pretty loud political group, if we can just get off our seats and talk."

Regaining the clout the OCA enjoyed 40 years ago will be an uphill climb as urbanization continues to grab the eyes and campaign coffers of even the most rural lawmakers, though.

There's no word on which political figures will visit Silver City this year, but Hoagland hopes that Shawn Dygert, the Republican nominee for District 23 Idaho House of Representatives Seat B, will make an appearance to hear cattlemen's concerns.

If Dygert beats his Democratic opponent in the Nov. 5 general election, he will succeed Tina Lambert in the Idaho Legislature.

Lambert had begun the uphill climb to get the state's Constitutional Defense Council to finally free up Constitutional Defense Fund money to reimburse Owyhee County ranchers Paul Nettleton and Tim Lowry



Scott Jensen fans out a deck of cards from which Paul Nettleton selected during the 2012 Owyhee Cattlemen's Association summer meeting in Silver City.

for the legal fees they incurred while beating back the federal government's attempt to claim stock water rights nearly 20 years ago.

Lambert had started on legislation to compel the payment, but ran out of time to introduce the bill in the 2024 session. The OCA membership passed a resolution supporting Lambert's efforts during its winter meeting in February.

Nettleton and Lowry had sought reimbursement of their legal fees when they won their battle before the Idaho State Supreme Court in 1997. But the state's High Court justices ruled that they couldn't award legal fees under the federal Equal Access to Justice Act.

Environmental groups use EAJA as a weapon against the federal agencies, Hoagland said, suppressing policy with the threat of lawsuits the fees for which will be picked up by the federal government.

"That's one thing that has stuck in

my craw for four, five, or six years now," Hoagland said.

"It forces the BLM to sit there and pee down their leg every time we want to do something."

Dirk Mendive, an aide for U.S. Rep. Russ Fulcher (R-Idaho), will address EAJA during his scheduled time at the podium Saturday.

"He claims when (Donald) Trump was in (the White House), we were about able to make changes to that," Hoagland said.

Hoagland says that environmentalists' legal threats have scared the BLM on several fronts, "like the (Mormon) crickets for the last 10 years. They don't want to spray on public land," he said.

Hoagland hopes that the status of crickets will be discussed during Saturday's meeting.

"We do need to talk about what we'll try to do next year to combat

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HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

✕ **Bachmans:** Frank left BLM to ranch fulltime

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Even before jumping into ranching fulltime, Frank worked diligently to improve range conditions.

While working in the Jarbidge Resource Area, he was instrumental in significant pipeline projects and major fire rehabilitation in Owyhee, Elmore, and Twin Falls counties.

During Frank's BLM tenure, the federal agency had a policy of moving employees to Washington D.C. for two years as part of the career advancement path.

But Frank switched tracks two years before he and Cindy married, buying the Mackley ranching operation from his grandmother Effie's estate in 1979.

When he and Cindy married in 1981, he left the BLM to pursue ranching fulltime.

The Bachman ranching heritage stretches to Jacob Bachman, Frank's great-grandfather who homesteaded the Triangle in the Owyhees.

Frank's grandfather, Lynn, and great uncle, Earl, were founding members of the reorganized OCA. His grandfather, Lynn, was the second president of the reorganized OCA from 1942 to 1947. Earl was the fourth OCA president (1951-52).

Frank would become board president in 1989, and he later served as the 71 Livestock Association president from 2003 to 2007. He also spent time as on the Idaho Cattle Association board of directors.

The leadership continued when Frank and Cindy's son, Lynn, accepted the OCA gavel in 2017. The couple's other son, Kit, was an OCA director before moving to Winnemucca, Nev., to work as a

BLM wildlands firefighter.

Kit and Lynn are fifth-generation Owyheeans. Lynn and Tiffany Bachman have three children — Elsie, Jacob and Lillie — who are sixth-generation Owyhee County residents.

"Our Owyhee County roots are planted firmly and deeply in Owyhee County," Cindy said.

Frank's upbringing in ranching started early on his parents' ranch in Oreana. In third grade, Frank and his parents (Lynn and Mildred) moved to Bruneau and grazed cattle on the Castle Creek allotment from Poison Creek to Mud Flat in the summer then wintered the animals on the Bruneau River.

Frank is the only sibling of five brothers and one sister who continues to ranch, and he chose to attend Boise State University and the University of Idaho in an effort to keep the ranch in the family. After earning a Bachelor's degree in Livestock Range Management in 1973, he accepted a job in the BLM

Jarbidge Resource Area.

Cindy was born in Willits, Calif., but the family moved to Lamoille, Nev., near Elko after buying the Lee Livestock ranch when she was 3 years old.

Cindy has ranched and buckarooed since the age of 5, beginning with her dad Dave Secrist first at the Lee outfit and then at Dinner Station Ranch 25 miles north of Elko, which the family purchased when she was 14.

"He taught me all the hands on facets of ranching from bookkeeping to showing registered Hereford bulls at the Nugget stage in Reno, to irrigating, haying and everything else a rancher does including buckarooing."

Cindy's trail to the Bruneau Valley (and meeting Frank at an "infamous" Bruneau dance) began when Dave Secrist purchased 2,000 steer calves and sent them to the Kohring farm in Little Valley for the winter.

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HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

✂ **Bachmans:** Cindy grew up with ranching, too

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Cindy moved to Bruneau in the fall of 1978 to manage the receiving, branding and doctoring of the 2,000 calves for the winter. In the summer, she and the steers went back to Dinner Station.

Cindy has spent time on a BLM Resource Advisory Committee, continuing the industry involvement that her mother — Marian Secrist — showcased as president of the Lamoille Women's Club and Elko County Cowbelles (now known as Cattlewomen). Marian is 97 and still lives on her own in Bruneau.

Dave Secrist served as Nevada Cattlemen's Association president and was twice chosen Cattleman of the Year.

He spoke against creating herd management areas for wild horses during testimony in Washington, D.C., and Cindy said her father was "a big part of" the Sagebrush Rebellion.

"I come by protecting and preserving our ranching heritage from both my parents, although I didn't give it a second thought growing up," Cindy said.

"Frank and I are a great team to continue protecting and preserving agriculture in Owyhee County and our ranching heritage for generations to come."

Cindy won election as Owyhee County's District 3 commissioner in May, extending service that began



Cindy and Frank Bachman have teamed up in the ranching business for 43 years. Submitted photo

when she was appointed to succeed the late Joe Merrick.

Frank and Cindy own and operate Bachman Land & Livestock LLC, which was created in partnership with Lynn and Tiffany Bachman 10 years ago.

Their cattle are located in the Bruneau Valley, on the family's Snake River farm and an adjacent BLM allotment in the late fall, winter

and spring. Cattle spend summer on the Rizzi Ranch near Mountain City, Nev., which the family leases.

The Bachmans have been raising cow/calf pairs for 43 years. The operation strives to raise and market high-quality certified Angus calves. The goal is an all-natural calf that becomes high-quality beef for consumers, Cindy said.

— JPB

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☒ OCA: Two new directors to be elected Saturday

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them,” Hoagland said.

The president will give an update on the possible respiratory problems in Owyhee County herds that Hoagland said more resembles avian flu.

The key for dairy farmers has been keeping “electrolytes in front” of their cattle, Hoagland said.

Scott Jensen from the University of Idaho, who recently left his position as Owyhee County agent, will address the membership about research studying the job dormant season grazing has done to reduce annual grasses and fine fuels.

With Jensen’s change in job status,

his days as OCA board secretary are numbered, too. Hoagland is hopeful that whoever the U of I finds to succeed Jensen in the Owyhee County office in Marsing can slide in as OCA secretary, too.

Three youth have applied for animals in the OCA heifer replacement program. Sponsoring ranchers will make their presentations Saturday.

Former OCA president Lynn Bachman will talk to the association about time he spent on Beef Quality Assurance programs in Japan and South Korea.

“It should be good to let our ranchers know what other countries are using,” Hoagland said.

Hallye Duckett, the ranch manager for South Mountain Cattle and most recent Idaho FFA state secretary, will talk about what it takes to fit into family ranch operations.

The annual elections will take place near the end of the meeting.

Caleb Showalter of Marsing will become the new board president, and Jordan Valley producer Jeff Anderson will succeed Showalter as vice-president.

New directors will be elected to succeed Hoagland and Tiffany Hipwell.

Continuing their service on the OCA board are Wyatt Stanford, Jake Steiner, and Rusty Gill. — JPB



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teacher, and 20-year Bruneau resident, is in the midst of her first year running the Idaho Rangeland Resources Commission's educational outreach program.

I-ROAM, the Idaho Rangeland Outdoors Adventure Mobile youth education project, has been around in one form or another for 25 years. IRRC executive director Gretchen Hyde was on the ground floor of the

initiative that creates curriculum for teachers to share with students of all ages.

Markham, who was a special education teacher for Bruneau-Grand View and also spent time teaching math in Mountain Home and a one-room schoolhouse in Prairie during a 14-year classroom career, hits the road with the I-ROAM trailer for campus visits as well as summer school excursion.

She has been the IRRC's first full-time education specialist since November.

There are five associate instructors who use similar tents with rangeland scenes and objects who teach throughout the state.

But the amount of educational information available on livestock, natural resources, soils, general ecology and anything else you can think of about rangeland makes the IRRC educational program a self-starter for teachers looking for a different approach to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics lessons.

"Teachers can tie the rangeland piece into biology or science class," Markham said. "Some of the curriculum is aligned to science standards, math standards, and English standards."

"Really, any teacher could find materials to teach (for) themselves in the class."

Life on the Range videos as well as lesson plans and other materials are available for free on the IRRC website.

"Over the years, Gretchen and other people and scientists have created so much great material," Markham said. "The curriculum is overwhelming, the amount that's there already there."

"It's more a need to let (teachers) know that it's there," Markham.

The educational initiative can have a two-pronged — and a long-reaching — impact.

The younger children — kindergarteners to seventh-graders — get the chance to learn about

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the various aspects and uses of rangeland. They learn about how ranchers and others can use the resource beyond what the children may know as a playground where their friends and families go ride ATVs, Markham said.

“It’s hard to decide what to teach even down to the career classes for the (older) kids,” Markham said. “That’s another push, too, because there is such a need for rangeland careers with the Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service struggling to hire people.”

I-ROAM can be a tool to help re-establish an understanding of

rangelands and the livestock industry within urban students who may have lost touch or have never been aware of Idaho’s agricultural bedrock.

“The urban part is probably one of the most important ones to reach because they have no understanding of what rangeland is and livestock and the diversity of plants,” she said. “How can they make those decisions if they have no understanding on what they’re voting on?”

“In Boise and now Twin Falls, they’re encroaching on the rangeland, and we’ve got to interact with (urban residents) all the time and if they don’t understand, it’s difficult to interact with them.”

The most important visits may be with students such as those Markham saw in Kuna or the ones she came across at Peaceful Belly Farms in Sunny Slope — which she only later found out were Boise youngsters.

During a visit to an environmental science class in Kuna, Markham watched as students ranked the important uses of rangeland — putting “aesthetics” above “food” and “wildlife habitat.”

“The older kids, they don’t realize that what they’ve been looking at their whole life is rangeland,” Markham said. “Fourth grade and up is when

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you see light bulbs going off, and they have so many questions, too.

"That's the fun thing for me. They're excited."

I-ROAM is a cooperative between the IRR, the University of Idaho, the BLM, the Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation, the U.S. Forest Service and the Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

Part of the curriculum is the "Roaming the Range with Sage" workbook.

The curriculum provides lessons and activities for students in kindergarten through 12th grade,

both outdoors and in the classroom.

Markham was raised by parents who had a background in ranching and logging in Eastern Oregon. As a teen, she was involved with 4-H, FFA and high school rodeo. Those interests led her to pursue a teaching degree in secondary agricultural education.

After graduating from the U of I, she went to work in the agriculture industry, first for Performix Nutrition Systems and later for Northwest Farm Credit Services.

After meeting and marrying her husband, she stepped away from her banking job and moved to Bruneau.

The relocation led to a new career path, and she gained an Idaho Teaching Certificate and a Master's degree in Educational Leadership.

She taught math and special ed in the Bruneau-Grand View and Mountain Home school districts, and she also taught in a one-room schoolhouse in Prairie — while she and her husband raised two boys, cattle and horses.

"This experience gave me an appreciation and understanding of the needs and concerns of ranchers as they relate to rangeland," Markham said.

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IN MEMORIAM

Alene Phyllis Downing

Oct. 10, 1926 to March 24, 2024

Alene Downing passed away peacefully on March 24, 2024 at Owyhee Health and Rehab with family by her side. Her ashes were interred at the Homedale-Marsing Cemetery, and a Remembrance Celebration will be held at the family homestead near Wagon Town.

Alene was the oldest of three daughters born to Walt and Mildretta Adams on Oct. 10, 1926 in La Grande, Ore. She grew up in Homedale and attended all grades of school there. Many summers were spent with her parents and sisters, "proving up" on their homestead site at Wagon Town near Silver City.

In her high school years, Alene jockeyed a racehorse owned by Roy Connell on tracks throughout the valley. She completed her schooling in Homedale (as did all her children, grandchildren and some great-grandchildren), graduating from Homedale High in 1944.

She is a fourth-generation Owyhee County descendant, and her love of Owyhee County was deep. She said her "favorite places on Earth were Wagon Town and Silver City where she spent many happy days, and Homedale where she was raised."

Alene married Kenneth Downing on Oct. 30, 1946, in Winnemucca, Nev. Their son, Tim Walter, was born in 1948 and daughters Dani Lee in 1949 and Toni Louise in 1951. The family resided in Murphy for a time before moving back to Homedale in 1956 where she lived most of her life.

The family settled on a small farm west of Homedale. Alene was a devoted and hard-working mom, providing a haven for a menagerie of wild and domestic animals.

Kenny and Alene purchased a



house in Silver City in 1951 when the location was still a "ghost town." The house remains in the family.

After her kids were grown, Alene worked 14 years as a seed analyst for Whitney-Dickenson Co., in Homedale, retiring in 1996.

After the passing of her mother in 1987, she became caregiver for her dad. She spent a number of summers in Silver City caring for "Gramps" and running the museum her parents established there. Then caring for him in Homedale. Alene loved antiques, tracking historical places and rock hunting. She was gifted at crafts, sewing and music, playing the piano for over a decade for the Homedale Order of Eastern Star.

Alene was independent, adventurous and courageously took on challenges like having her own home built and starting a business in her 60s and early 70s.

Her grandchildren have fond

memories of time spent with Gran at her house, at the Homestead, and in Silver City where she could leave even the most energetic little boy in the dust hiking the trails on Florida or War Eagle Mountains.

Alene was preceded in death by her parents, Walt and Mildretta Adams; a son, Tim; Sister and Brother-in-law Pat and Don Davis; nephews, Bill and Kenny Davis; a son-in law, Steve Ross; special friends, Opal Nash and Shirlene and Richard Ross.

She is survived by a sister, Marilyn (Jack) Burke; daughter-in-law, Deb Downing; daughters Dani Aman and Toni Ross; grandchildren, Erica (Brad) Dines, Marci (Jason) Blandford, Zac (Lisa) Ross, Zeb (Julee) Ross. Twelve great-grandchildren, four nieces, Judy (Bill) McBride, Janie Burke, Holly (Kip) Romans, Mary Burke and a nephew, John (Sherry) Burke and special friend Larry Carlston.

IN MEMORIAM

Jacqueline “Jackie” Leah McKee Benson *Oct. 10, 1945 to April 12, 2024*

Jacqueline “Jackie” Leah McKee Benson, 78 of Reynolds Creek Murphy, Idaho died suddenly on Friday, April 12, 2024.

Jackie was born on October 10, 1945 to Russell and Ann McKee. In 1947, Russ and Ann purchased land in the Owyhee mountains of Reynolds Creek where Jackie roamed horseback as the little redheaded mountain princess.

After graduating in 1964 from Kuna High School, Jackie married Doyle Caldwell and had her two sons, Barry and Todd Caldwell.

In 1975, she married Bobby Benner and had her daughter Rachelle Benner (Fahey).

It wasn't until later in life did Jackie marry her forever love, Tom Benson,

with whom she spent 29 years.

Jackie and Tom often attended the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association winter and summer conventions.

Jackie found joy in gardening, watching her grandkids' sporting events (football was her favorite), canning, baking, working around her beautiful place and later in life found an interest in politics.

She was predeceased by her parents, multiple siblings and many dear



friends.

Jackie is survived by her husband Tom Benson, her children Barry (Elizabeth) Caldwell, Todd (Malea) Caldwell, Rachelle (Jeff) Fahey, and her grandchildren Bethany Fahey, Landon Darst, Jeff and Dylan Fahey.

A celebration of life and potluck was held on Saturday, May 18, 2024 at the Owyhee County Historical Museum in Murphy.

Memorials can be made in Jackie's honor to the museum.

The family thanks Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire and EMS, Marsing Ambulance, and Neva Miller for taking special care of her.

Memories and condolences can be shared at www.flahifffuneralchapel.com

Jacqueline Marie “Jackie” Dines

April 24, 1944 to June 28, 2024

Jacqueline Marie “Jackie” Dines passed away peacefully at her home in Marsing on June 28, 2024. She was 80.

Jackie was born on April 24, 1944, in Caldwell, Idaho to parents George and Helen Jones. Jackie graduated in 1962 from Nampa High School.

She married the love of her life George Dines on Nov. 9, 1963, they were married for 51 years at the time of George's passing.

George and Jackie had three children: Mike in October of 1965, Michelle “Babe” in October of 1967 and Mark in January of 1969.

In 1965 they started living and working on various ranches all over the Owyhees and Eastern Oregon and finally made their home in Marsing in 1979. Jackie faithfully traveled with

George to snaffle bit futurities and cowcutting competitions all over the Northwest for many years.

In 1996, Jackie started a job with Owyhee Lanes & Restaurant in Homedale as a waitress for her friend Lynn Fry. During the years that she worked, she created everlasting friendships with her coworkers, farmers, and local families often known as “Grandma.” After Jackie retired in 2016, you could find her at home making one of her famous desserts and a pot of coffee, looking



forward to her family and friends stopping by.

She was preceded in death by her parents George and Helen Jones, sister Georgie Lee Jones Proffitt, and husband George Dines.

Jackie is survived by her three children: Mike and wife, Lilia Dines; Michelle “Babe” Archer; and Mark, and wife Kerry Dines; eight grandchildren: Troy (Cara) Dines, Carey Dines, JaNae Archer, Cole Archer, Courtney Archer, Jayce Dines, Emmet Hibbs and, Elias Hibbs; three great-grandchildren: Rosie Dines, Brinley Dines, and Leona Dines; her sister Rose Jones King, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services under the direction of Nampa Funeral Home Yraguen Chapel were held on Saturday, July 20, 2024.

IN MEMORIAM

Colene (Corky) Rae Fretwell

May 28, 1964 to Aug. 22, 2023

Colene (Corky) Rae Fretwell, 59, of Caldwell, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2023, surrounded by her loving family and closest friends. She was born May 28, 1964, in Caldwell, the third child of Forest and Nancy Fretwell.

Her first home was the "Old Brown House" on The Gusman Livestock Ranch in Pleasant Valley. Her family moved to the White Horse Ranch, in Oregon when she was 2. From there, they moved to Bonanza, Ore., where she attended school from kindergarten through fourth grade. The family made their final move home to the Ranch in 1974, back into the "Old Brown House". She helped hang the pictures back on the same nails from years before and eventually became comfortable with the little critters that played on her floor at night. Later in life, she looked back and thought it was quite "Western" to have lived in such a house. Colene started the fifth grade in a small one-room schoolhouse in Pleasant Valley, the same school her father and paternal grandmother attended during their grade school years. There was one teacher for all eight grades and three students in her class, all cousins of some degree. She graduated high school in Jordan Valley in 1982 with a class of 11 students.

In 1983, her daughter Alli Jo was



born at 28 weeks, weighing a mere 2 pounds, ready to rock the world. In 1984, she married Rod Bradley and had their spunky hazel-eyed daughter, Megan Doreen, in 1985, completing their family. They later divorced in 1988.

She moved to Orofino in 1995 and became an EMT, which she loved. Five years later, she returned to Nampa to be closer to family. Colene worked for DirecTV for many years. In 2009, she attended Paul Mitchell Hair and Beauty School in Boise to become a hairstylist. She loved making her clients feel beautiful, especially her elderly clients. She often went to the care centers when her clients could no longer come to the salon. She discovered a love of cooking later in life. She found joy in her vegetable and flower gardens, and her little companion dog Rudy.

Although her real love was her two daughters, seven grandsons, and her very special friends, Dori, Gwen, Myrna, Tammie, and Sammy, all who were by her side in the last days as she bid us goodbye to leave us for a better place, to see our Lord Jesus and many loved ones who had gone before her. A very special thanks to her dearest friend Dori for giving Colene the power of her love so that we all got to enjoy a few hours of laughs, pictures, and memories together.

Her wish is to have her ashes scattered in her special place in June when family and close friends could have a special picnic with music and laughter among the wildflowers.

She is survived by her daughter, Alli Jo Swenson (Troy), and sons Jacob (Kali), Kayden, Chase, and Easton; daughter Megan Kenaston (Ryan) and sons Elijah, Ryker, and Kaese Harrison; her folks, Forest and Nancy Fretwell; sister, Stacy Fretwell; brothers Doug and Sam Fretwell (Chanette), as well as many special aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her nephew Tyler Gorley, grandparents Burt and Gladys Brown, Don and Evelyn (Fretwell) Smith, and Everett Fretwell.

A celebration of life was held on Sept. 16, 2023, at the Jordan Valley Lions Hall.

Duane Arthur Whitted

Duane A. Whitted, 80, died on Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2024, in his Grand View home with his wife at his side.

Donations can be made in Duane's

memory to Grand View Ambulance.

Arrangements were handled by Rost Funeral Home and Crematory in Mountain Home.

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IN MEMORIAM

Arthur Joseph “Joe” Merrick

Aug. 1, 1952 to Aug. 12, 2023

Owyhee County Dist. 3 Commissioner Arthur Joseph “Joe” Merrick died on Saturday, Aug. 12, 2023 in Boise. He was 71.

Merrick was born Aug. 1, 1952 in Nyssa, Oregon to C.A. “Pete” Merrick and Verna Woodland.

He married Verla, his best friend and sweetheart, in the Idaho Falls Temple on Aug. 21, 1975. The couple lived in Owyhee County since their marriage and are parents of Ryan, Dennis, Angela, Samuel, Kurt, and Kimberly.

Merrick enjoyed serving his community and those around him. He was an advocate for the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association and its members.

He was first elected to the Board of County Commissioners in 2021. He also served on the Owyhee County Fair Board for a number of years, including three as chairman. He once was a member of the Bruneau-Grand View School District board of trustees.

He was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-



Day Saints and had many different callings including serving a two-year mission in Lima, Peru. He enjoyed his most recent calling in the Boise Idaho Temple.

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

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

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

Joe was preceded in death by his father C.A. “Pete” Merrick, brothers Dean and Aaron, and sister Sidney.

Services held at the Grand View Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in mid-August were provided by Rost Funeral Home, Mountain Home.

William “Bill” Dean Simpson

William “Bill” Dean Simpson of Grand View died on Thursday, Aug. 17, 2023.

Bill was known as a perfectionist in all he did. He had a reputation for being influential and always helpful, giving with his time and energies to those needing it.

Family and friends enjoyed his wisdom and wit when sharing his many stories and adventures.

Bill is survived by his wife Linda Jayo Simpson, son Ty (Gretchen), grandson Ian and granddaughter Kolee Simpson, daughter Rena Simpson and grandson Brogun May.

A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, Oct. 14, 2023 at the Oreana Community Hall.

Memorials can be made to the Oreana Community Hall, 24777 Collett Road, Oreana, Idaho 83650



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