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Homedale subdivisions to handle own irrigation systems

City works to end illegal practice

Rectifying an improper issue that stretches back five decades, the City of Homedale has announced that it will no longer be responsible for irrigation sys-

tems in four residential subdivisions.

Letters were sent out to irrigation customers in the Audrey-Marion Drives area, Big Sky, Ponderosa and Silver Sage subdivisions last week.

Homedale City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram explained that the letter was mailed several years after City

Attorney Paul J. Fitzer discovered the problem.

About three or four years ago, it was discovered that city management of the irrigation systems in each subdivision was illegal.

"We knew it would wreak havoc on (subdivision residents)," Pegram

said of the delay in rectifying the situation.

Pegram said last week's notification is the first step in giving residents in those subdivisions time to create irrigation associations — similar to

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Homedale chip-seal project complete

Above: A worker applies white lines to restore diagonal parking stalls to the south side of the 200 block of West Idaho Avenue on Thursday, marking another step in the completion of a pavement preservation project on Idaho highway 19 through Homedale. **Below:** A pilot vehicle leads a car through the work area as a tanker lays down fresh oil over the chip-seal.



Fair grand marshal nominations open

Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Parade coordinator Jolyn Thompson is asking for suggestions on who to appoint as grand marshal.

Nominees should be individuals who contribute time, energy and knowledge to the Owyhee County 4-H and FFA youth programs, fair or rodeo.

Send nominations to Thompson at thompsonjolyn88@gmail.com. Nominations must be received before Friday, Aug. 2, so a decision can be made.

No pre-registration is necessary to participate in the parade, which will take place on Saturday, Aug. 10.

Parade lineup begins at 9

a.m., with judging at 9:30 a.m., and the parade starting at 10 a.m.

Horse entrants will stage at the Deward Bell Stadium parking lot on Riverside Drive.

All other entrants will stage at the Homedale High School parking lot at the corner of East Idaho Avenue and North 3rd Street East.

Extension Office preps Avian Flu fair warning

Signs will be posted next week

With Avian Flu concerns spreading at neighboring fairs, the Owyhee County Fair Board has agreed to put up warning signs next week.

University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office representative Suriñe Greenway pushed for the signage with animals arriving for the week-long batch of annual shows early next week.

Goat superintendent Deidre Erwin brought the biosecurity concern to Extension officials,

Greenway said.

The Avian Flu is linked to poultry, but is known to cross species into lactating animals, Greenway said.

She added that cases have been confirmed in Owyhee County livestock.

Greenway said the University of Idaho recommended putting up signage about ways to avoid spreading the virus, including a warning sign about the flu strain and guidelines on washing hands.

"They should be general practice to reduce spread at any

— See *Flu*, page 4

Hearing to study new EMS taxing district

Marsing Ambulance District could disappear

Owyhee County Commissioners will hold a public hearing Monday on the question of establishing the Marsing Ambulance EMS District.

The public hearing is the next step in the campaign to dissolve the Marsing Ambulance District in favor of a taxing district that would have a board of governors separate from the Board of County Commissioners.

The hearing will be held at 10 a.m., on Monday inside Courtroom 2 at the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, in Murphy.

After the hearing, county commissioners could set an election date for voters within the proposed taxing district to decide if that's what they want.

The new district wouldn't impact Sunny Slope on the Canyon County side of the Snake River, which is the case with the current taxing district.

Officials operating the Marsing Ambulance Service received 80 validated signatures from eligible voters and support from the Marsing City

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OCA’s next generation poised to step up for ranching

Gen Z ranchers: Modern technology will preserve industry

The importance of the next generation’s role in preserving ranching was on full display Saturday in Owyhee County’s oldest existing community.

Two 20-somethings were elected to the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association board of directors at the end of the 146th summer convention, and another Gen Z’er implored the membership to embrace social media and other modern technology to tell their story to the growing segment of the population that doesn’t understand where its food comes from.

Although Zach Tindall and Matea Jaca are young compared to their new counterparts on the OCA board of directors, their lineage in Owyhee County ranching stretches back generations.

Tindall is the 28-year-old son of David and the late Celia Tindall. He’s a Rimrock High School graduate. During Sunday’s directors meeting at the Nettleton Horse Corral, he took the place of Tiffany Hipwell, whose term on the board ended Saturday.

Jaca, 20, is the daughter of Martin and Susan Jaca. Her grandparents are Elias and Inez Jaca, and the family’s involvement in ranching stretches six generations. Matea, who graduated from Melba High School, replaces Rex Hoagland on the OCA board.

“Give them all the help you guys can. Answer their questions,” Hoagland asked the remaining directors and other veteran members. “They should be a good crew.”

Hoagland, 63, ended his two years as president Saturday, handing the gavel to 41-year-old Caleb Showalter of Marsing. It wasn’t the only piece of hardware Showalter accepted from his immediate predecessor Saturday; he also collected a silver bit built by Nathan Collinsworth after the

membership raffle at the start of the meeting.

“We have a great board,” Showalter said before closing Saturday’s meeting inside the Silver City Schoolhouse. “I’m excited to see what we can do in the next year.”

Although there apparently had been talk of trimming the presidential term back down to one year (Hoagland was the first president to serve at least two years since the 1950s), it was not discussed in the membership meeting how long Showalter — or new 40-year-old vice-president Jeff Anderson of Jordan Valley — would serve in their new positions.

As for the younger Jaca and Tindall, board members typically serve six years, and make a decision during that time whether to continue on the presidential path or stay as a supporting director before retiring.

Appointments at such a young age could be a mechanism to ensure the viability of the OCA for decades. The ranchers organization’s dwindling political clout is a big concern that Hoagland had tried to keep in the forefront throughout his presidency.

Both Jaca and Tindall are set up to possibly return to the board in later years — with more experience — much like Paul Nettleton did when he rejoined the board for a tenure that concluded with his presidential run in 2020.

Jaca, whose parents and grandparents have built Jaca Land and Livestock Co., is a 2022 graduate of Melba High School. She graduated in the spring from the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls with degrees in General Agriculture, Animal Science and Agribusiness.

Her family roots in cattle ranching stretch back 118 years on Reynolds Creek.

The families of both new



New OCA directors Zach Tindall (left) and Matea Jaca stand on either side of new board vice-president Jeff Anderson.

directors have a long history of serving on the OCA board.

Jaca’s father (2001) and grandfather (1983) were OCA presidents. Elias and Inez are OCA Life Members, too.

Members from three generations of Tindall’s paternal line have wielded the OCA gavel, including his grandfather Bill in 1968, his uncles Gene (1982) and Kenny (2002), his father Dave in 1988 and his brother Matt in 2012.

His parents — Dave and Celia — are OCA life members as is his grandfather, Bill, and great-uncle Chet.

His maternal line includes grandfather Joe Black, who was named a life member 25 years ago, and great-uncle and great-aunt Ace and Marilyn Black (2003), and his great-grandfather Albert (1978).

The two new OCA directors are on the same journey as Hallye Duckett, who as a Brigham Young University-Idaho student is studying Agribusiness and Marketing with an eye toward continuing to help manage her family’s South Mountain Cattle Co., ranch.

Like Jaca, Duckett’s collegiate focus was influenced by her family.

Her mother and father, Matt and Pyper Duckett, operate South Mountain Cattle Co., and Hallye Duckett is ranch manager when she’s not in college.

“When we think of fitting into the family operation, we think of coming back to the family ranch,” Duckett said. “But we need to think of agriculture as a whole, especially those of us who have agriculture produc-

tion backgrounds.”

On Saturday, the immediate past Idaho FFA state secretary told OCA members that it’s crucial to exploit modern communication tools such as social media to ensure American consumers understand the true story of how their food — including beef — is raised by agricultural producers.

And she said that young people like her, Tindall and Jaca can play vital roles.

“The next generation has a lot to offer,” Duckett said. “There are so many options to do a lot of good and be a catalyst for change.”

A change of the American mindset toward how the country’s food makes it to the dinner table should be a primary focus to ensure the ranching and farming way of life continues, she said.

Duckett expressed her shock upon scrolling through Instagram and finding a video filled with misinformation portraying dairy farming in an unfavorable light.

She said many commented on the video without knowing the facts of the industry, perpetuating incorrect opinions.

“They were portraying our industry in a negative light and telling our story for us,” she said.

The problem with the misinformation and misconception stems from the urbanization of American society. Or, more accurately, Duckett said the shrinking agricultural element of our society.

She pointed out that only two percent of today’s U.S. population is involved in ag

production, and that a study showed 40 percent of American schoolchildren think that chicken, beef and pork products come from plants.

“Many don’t do research,” she said of the segment uneducated about agriculture production.

She pointed out that recent surveys have shown that the percentage of Americans who don’t know where their food comes from has grown 17 percent a few years ago to 25 percent today.

“Gen Z and the next generation will be the ones to close the gap,” she said.

The trick is to fight fire with fire, she said.

“This generation (Gen Z) is good at being advocates for agriculture,” she said, adding that young ag producers like herself and others can help combat misinformation by telling their story in similar visual media.

“We do have a relationship with (online influencers),” Idaho Beef Council CEO TK Kuwahara said. “We’re doing more on getting our story out there more widely.”

Duckett produced a video about her family’s ranch outside Marsing and why she was heading into the industry as part of a scholarship application. She shared the video with the OCA members Saturday.

“If we’re not going to tell our story, other people are going to tell our story for us,” she said.

Duckett’s time with Vallivue High School’s FFA chapter and with the state officer team gave her hope that there are ways to turn things around through education, too.

“Many kids in FFA don’t have an agricultural background, but they are planning ag careers,” she said, pushing OCA members to help mentor young people heading into those careers and trying to tell the industry’s story.

The impact of the new generation can go beyond the pasture or the feedlot, though.

“We need them in the Legislature and as agricultural lawyers,” Duckett said.

— JPB

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Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo schedule

MONDAY
Rodeo arena
Owyhee County 4-H Horse Show
8 a.m. — Flag salute; showmanship (including grand champion); western equitation; bareback equitation; ranch riding; English classes; Boxing Levels 1 and 2 and cow work
Tumbleweed Theatre
7 p.m. — Fair and rodeo queen speeches and modeling

TUESDAY
Rodeo arena
Owyhee County 4-H Horse Show
8 a.m. — Parade of clubs and flag salute
8:30 a.m. — Recognition of graduating seniors, ranch horse, trail, reining, green horse, and horse awards
Community center exhibit hall
All day — Open for decorating
3 p.m., to 8 p.m. — Entry check-in, including open class and 4-H; commissioners' cookie contest entries; Items Made by a Man! entries; Salt Block Lick Art contest entries; Owyhee County Nature's Wonder contest entries; and apple pie contest entries
Livestock arena
6 p.m. to 8 p.m. — Sheep, goat weigh-in
Stall decorating all day until 4 p.m., and from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

NEXT WEDNESDAY
Homedale Senior Center
7 a.m., to 11 a.m. — Buckaroo Breakfast, \$8 adults, \$5 children 12 and younger
Livestock barn
8 a.m. — Swine weigh-in; 4-H and FFA dairy

check-in; small animal check-in
8 a.m. to 9 a.m. — Beef weigh-in
9 a.m. — Cloverbud goat show
10 a.m. — Market goat show
12:30 p.m. — Pygmy and dairy goat shows
1 p.m. — Sheep show
Small animals
8 a.m. — Rabbits check-in
By goat barn
Noon — Cow patty toss
Community center exhibit hall
2 p.m. to 8 p.m. — Hall open
5 p.m. — County commissioners judge cookie contest
Site TBA
11 a.m. — University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension AmeriCorps youth activity: Egg drop
2 p.m. — Donut eating contest
3 p.m. — University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension AmeriCorps youth activity: Ice cream making
Covered dining area near livestock barn
3 p.m. — Homedale FFA bingo
5 p.m. — Homedale FFA bingo
Tumbleweed Theatre
4:30 p.m. — Style Review practice
6 p.m. — Style Review
Rodeo arena
6 p.m. — Queen horsemanship
8 p.m. — Slack performance (free admission)

Note — The remainder of the schedule will appear in the Aug. 7 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche.

First-responder National Night Out set in Murphy

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office National Night Out participation is shifting to Murphy this year.

After holding its inaugural event at Marsing City Park in 2023, the sheriff's office has announced plans for National Night Out from 7 p.m., to 9 p.m., on Tuesday at the Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., in

Murphy.

According to a post on the OCSO Facebook page, the event is a chance to meet local first-responders from the sheriff's office as well as volunteer fire and emergency medical services agencies in Owyhee County.

Free food and live music is advertised as well as children's activities.

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Fair board, rodeo directors strike arena deal

With the year’s biggest event a week away, the Owyhee County Fair Board and the Owyhee County Rodeo directors have a facility rental agreement.

The contract was signed by fair directors and rodeo board president Johnathon Cossel after unanimous consent during the fair board’s special meeting on July 23.

Both sides went over the contract during the meeting inside the Owyhee County Community Center. The rodeo board had its own draft, and Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Chris Topmiller had prepared a draft for the fair board, according to board secretary and fair manager Sonya Crifffield.

The rodeo board will pay \$2,000 to rent the rodeo arena from 6 a.m., on Monday to 6 p.m., on Sunday, Aug. 11, according to the agreement.

The PRCA rodeo starts a four-day run with a free slack performance at 8 p.m., next Wednesday. Gates open at 6 p.m., on Thursday, Aug. 8, Friday, Aug. 9, and Saturday, Aug. 10 for the other performances.

Discussion during the meeting revealed that the rodeo board actually wants to start work at 6 a.m., on Sunday, but the contract that was signed and forwarded to Owyhee County Clerk Angie Barkell still listed 6 a.m., Monday as the start date of the rental.

The fair board apparently wanted \$3,000, but agreed to the rodeo board’s terms.

“The rodeo board doesn’t want to pay a rental fee because they’ve dumped a lot of money into the arena, so we’re going to call it a ‘miscellaneous’ fee,” fair board chair Lath Callaway said.

There will be no security deposit, and Callaway said the usage fee will be applied toward the fair’s overall \$3,500 bill for hauling garbage.

“I think we can waive the deposit,” Callaway said. “We didn’t come up with a deposit amount.”

Former rodeo board member Kent Curtis, who is now a fair director, agreed.

“They always fix (any damage) anyway,” he said.

Rodeo directors won’t be able to using the arena until after the Owyhee County 4-H Horse Show awards ceremony concludes on Tuesday evening, though. Fair and rodeo queen coordinator Stacy Woods said the grand entry practice is set for 7 p.m., on Tuesday.

The horse awards may start as late as 6 p.m.

“Tell them (4-H horse leaders) that if they’re later, they’re going to get rushed because these guys need to get in there,” Callaway said.

The rodeo board also agrees to return the facility into the pre-event condition, including repairing any damage.

“We do what we can to always leave it better than we found it,” Cossel said.

The rodeo board will provide \$1 million in insurance.

The fair board agrees to provide trash services as part of its responsibility.

The directors amended an agreement with the set-up and clean-up contractors earlier in the special meeting, agreeing to pay \$13,000 this year. That’s a 30 percent increase from the amount paid in 2023. The longtime contractors who set up banners and haul trash are believed to have never had a formal contract, Barkell said.

The rodeo agreement also includes use of the Tumbleweed Theatre for queen contestant speeches and other contest-related events.

The north side parking area in the rodeo grounds also is reserved for rodeo contestants and spectator parking, according to the contract. This year, the rodeo board plans to have security personnel to help park contestants in an area that won’t disrupt spectator parking.

The final terms on the contract provides that the two boards of directors will “co-operate in matters that require involvement of both organizations to the best of each of their abilities.”

That clause most likely stems from the difficult communication that both sides experienced last year as the rodeo directors were remodeling the arena for the first PRCA rodeo.

Rodeo board members Chris Landa and Larry Corta, who attended the meeting, told the fair board that new roping chutes should be installed before the rodeo begins this year.

New taco vendor signed

Gordo’s, a restaurant in Homedale, will be allowed to sell a variety of street tacos during the fair after the fair board’s reversal last week.

Directors originally rejected Gordo’s vendor request because Freddy’s Tacos has been a longtime vendor at the fair, but the Homedale restaurant owners appealed saying they make a different type of taco.

— JPB

✓ Flu: Signs will go up before exhibitions start Wednesday

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She said that state veterinarian Dr. Scott Leibsle recommends that animals destined for the show ring get tested within seven days of their exhibition, but Greenway acknowledged that test results wouldn’t be available until after the fair.

Instead, she urges exhibitors to be mindful of the flu’s symptoms in animals.

“We don’t want a healthy animal coming to the fair being infected and returning to the herd,” Greenway said.

Fair director Ed Collett said one step toward Avian Flu prevention would be the previously discussed plan to clean the goat barn of bird droppings and use grape seed fogger and lasers to discourage birds from returning to the barn.

“This is probably something we’ll have to deal with each year,” he said.

Fair director Katie Colyer, who attended the July 23 special meeting by phone, said Avian Flu wasn’t an issue at the recently completed Elmore County Fair. She added she didn’t mind putting up signs.

“It is an issue,” Greenway said. “If the fair board doesn’t want to (bring awareness), the Extension will bring it to the attention of exhibitors.

“At the very end of the day, we’re here to educate the youth and their parents.”

— JPB

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Tickets are on sale for the annual Ducks Unlimited Owyhee County Sportsman’s Party. The dinner and social time, which includes prize drawings, will take place at 6 p.m., on Friday, Aug. 16 at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community, 126 W. 2nd St. N. Tickets are \$50 per person, \$70 per couple, and \$25 for youths. Proceeds from the night will benefit DU’s wetlands conservation efforts. Visit www.idahodu.org to obtain tickets or for more information. You can also call Elmus Miles at (510) 385-4400 for more information.

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Served at noon. Roll/bread and milk available each day
July 31: Ham and cheese sandwich, fries California blend vegetables
Aug. 1: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans
Aug. 6: Baked ham, sweet potatoes, Brussels sprouts
Aug. 7-8: CLOSED for Buckaroo Breakfast

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 31: Sherry mushroom chicken over pasta, Catalina vegetables, snap peas, Baci roll, tropical fruit
Aug. 2: Chicken Florentine pasta, peas and carrots, beets, 9-grain bread, fruit cup
Aug. 5: Pork and chile casserole, corn and peppers, baby carrots, cornbread, applesauce
Aug. 7: Breaded chicken with country gravy, mashed potatoes, country vegetables, 9-grain bread, peaches

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.
Call (208) 834-2922 as early as possible to place order to go
Aug. 1: Bacon, lettuce, tomato sandwich, potato salad, banana, ice cream
Aug. 6: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, cucumbers and carrots, English muffin, cottage cheese, apricot, tapioca pudding
Aug. 8: Taco salad, refried beans, salsa, green salad, tortilla chips, fresh melon

Melba Valley Senior Center

Meals served at noon (Salad bar at 11:30 a.m.)
Phone ahead (208) 495-2168 same day for complete menu
Payment by donation. All ages welcome
Aug. 1: Meatloaf
Aug. 6: Baked chicken
Aug. 8: Breakfast for lunch: Biscuits and gravy

✓ District: Voters would have say in proposed shift

From Page 1
Council in the effort to build autonomy separate from the county commissioners. Currently, an ambulance board oversees the day-to-day operational decisions of the district, but the county commissioners hold the purse strings. The BOCC passed Resolution 2024-18 on June 24 to outline the intention to dissolve the Marsing Ambulance District after receiving the petition. The commissioners are ac-

cepting written comments now, and verbal comments will be taken during the public hearing. Only a simple majority is required to create the new district. If the existing district is dissolved, the commissioners would then transfer all assets, outstanding debt and expenses when the new district is formed. Three subdistrict commissioners would be appointed if the new political subdivision is formed.

Calendar

Today

Massage
8 a.m., to 1 p.m., \$15 for 15 minutes, appointments necessary. Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. Appointments: Jo (208) 337-3020
Ladies coffee group
9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
Food distribution
9 a.m. to 10 a.m., for school families only; 10 a.m., to 1 p.m., for general Marsing community. The HUB food pantry, 205 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

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
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

Homedale Farmers Market
3 p.m., to 7 p.m., Bette Uda City Park. Information: Alicia Wages (208) 608-3122 or visit their Facebook page
Alcoholics Anonymous
7 p.m., Sandbar Community Room, City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 860-9674

Saturday

Snake River Country Market
11 a.m., to 3 p.m., ‘Back to School Bash,’ London Park, Main Street and 4th Avenue West, Marsing. Information: snakerivercountrymarket@gmail.com

Sunday

Marsing High School all class reunion
1 p.m., bring dish to share, table service, chairs. Marsing City Park, Band Shell, Marsing. Hosted by MHS Class of 1974. Information: (208) 697-3531

Monday

Owyhee County 4-H Horse Show
8 a.m., Owyhee County Fairgrounds rodeo

arena, 420 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale.
Board of County Commissioners meeting
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421
Homedale Elementary School registration
9 a.m., to 7 p.m. - Returning and new students – Grades K-4, Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale
Homedale Middle School registration
2 p.m., to 7 p.m. - Returning students – Grades 5-8, Homedale Middle School, 3437 Johnstone Rd., Homedale.
Homedale High School registration
10 a.m., to noon – Seniors, 1 p.m., to 3 p.m. – Juniors, Homedale High School, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale
Opal Nash Story Time
10 a.m., ‘Back to School’ theme, Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Tuesday

Owyhee County 4-H Horse Show
8 a.m., Owyhee County Fairgrounds rodeo arena, 420 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale.
Homedale Middle School registration
9 a.m., to noon - New students – Grades 5-8, Homedale Middle School, 3437 Johnstone Rd, Homedale.
Homedale High School registration
10 a.m., to noon – Sophomores, 1 p.m., to 3 p.m. – Freshmen, Homedale High School, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale.
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
OCSO National Night Out
7 p.m., to 9 p.m., all ages, Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy.
Opaline Irrigation District meeting
7 p.m., 7300 Opaline Rd., Melba.
Alcoholics Anonymous
7 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. Hwy. 95, Wilder.

Wednesday

Owyhee County Fair
All day, Owyhee County Fairgrounds, 420 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale.
Buckaroo breakfast
7 a.m., to 11 a.m., \$8 adults, \$5 children 12 and younger, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
Homedale High School registration
10 a.m., to noon - New students – Grades 9-12; Homedale High School, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale.
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

Quality producers, quality product drive cattle industry

OCA honors Bachmans, county commissioner

People with long histories in ranching shared the stage with the younger generation at Saturday’s Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association summer meeting.

And outgoing board president Rex Hoagland said that mix of ages is vital to the survival of the industry.

Frank and Cindy Bachman accepted this year’s OCA Life Member Award and later posed for a family photo with son Lynn, daughter-in-law Tiffany, and two of their grandchildren.

Moments after Hoagland presented the Bachmans with their Life Member plaque, he called 1995 association president Jerry Hoagland to the front of the Silver City Schoolhouse to honor the man’s time as an Owyhee County commissioner.

The Reynolds Creek rancher’s 18-year tenure on the Board of County Commissioners will end in January.

“I appreciate the support over the years,” Jerry Hoagland said after receiving a standing ovation. “We got a lot accomplished, and we have a lot more to do.”

Before his parents accepted their Life Member plaque, former OCA president Lynn Bachman reviewed for the membership his trip to Japan and South Korea as part of the Idaho Beef Council board.

Ira Brackett, a Three Creek rancher, is chair of the IBC board.

Members of the Idaho

board and Beef Council representatives from several other states spent three days in each Asian country to learn more about how consumers in those markets utilize U.S. beef in their diets.

Marketing is quite different in the region.

During a TV show similar to QVC shopping network in the States, sales of beef doubled when two members of the Beef Council delegation — replete with cowboy hats — appeared on camera for a minute, Bachman said.

Japanese consumers don’t like prime cuts of beef either. Filet is considered a flavorless cut on the other side of the Pacific Ocean, Bachman said. Older animals can be sold in Japan — the oldest market for American beef — because the country’s meals feature thinly cut meat and tenderness isn’t as much of a premium.

“They care about marbling quality, consistency and reliability,” Bachman said. “They would look at a chuck roll the same way we look at a ribeye roll.”

Korean consumers, on the other hand, are open to trying new things. South Korea is now the largest market for American beef.

Bachman said the Beef Quality Assurance program, through which producers, feedlots, shippers and packing houses can get certified to boost the marketability of beef, is being promoted in Asia as well.



Above: Frank and Cindy Bachman stand in front of son Lynn Bachman and his family after receiving the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association Honorary Life Member Award on Saturday in Silver City. **Below:** Reynolds Creek rancher and Owyhee County Dist. 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland (left) smiles as he listens to OCA president Rex Hoagland’s speech during a standing ovation for 18 years for elected service.



BQA certifications last three years. Idaho Beef Council CEO TK Kuwahara pointed out that many Owyhee County producers’ certifications have expired and need to be renewed either through online classes or in-person clinics.

“It’s all part of selling our product and moving it down the line,” Rex Hoagland said.

Hoagland gave a brief market analysis, too.

He said the U.S.’s domestic herd continues to dwindle,

and that is squeezing packing houses that have had to reduce their production rates.

Hoagland said kill numbers

at processing plants have fallen, and those facilities have “shackle capacity,” or room to process more beef.

In some cases, mid-size packing houses are contemplating closing their doors for the lack of beef available to send to market.

“For every (packing house) going off-line, you have two coming on-line,” Hoagland said, adding that the dwindling U.S. herd won’t warrant that type of capacity and the requisite herd size may never be achieved.

Still, the cattle market is thriving.

“Will it drop? The consumer will decide. We’ve never sold cattle this high before,” Hoagland said before issuing an ominous warning.

“If (consumers) don’t buy it, the price is coming down because we can’t keep (carcasses) hanging.”

There’s another variable in growing the U.S. herd, and that brings Hoagland back to the graying of the ranching industry.

“We have to get the younger folks involved and help them some,” he said. “Age is taking us out, so if the young folks don’t come up, our industry dies.”

— JPB



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Strut your garden stuff at the Owyhee County Fair

I wrote a similar article to this one last year, but it was after county fair season across the valley had ended. This year, I'm getting the word out while there is still time. The Owyhee County Fair is the first full week in August and entries are due Tuesday! And guess what, entering items is open to everyone. All ages and residents of any county are eligible. So get ready!



Ariel Agenbroad

I love county fairs, and whether you go for the food, the carnival rides, the music or atmosphere, chances are you have also seen the exhibits, too. Have you ever wondered if your tomatoes are worthy of a blue ribbon? There's only one way to find out. Entering and winning with fresh fruits and vegetables isn't complicated, but top winners know a few secrets. As a longtime competitive horticulturist and sometimes judge, I don't mind sharing what I've learned in hopes that you can find the same success and bragging rights.

First, the exhibitors guide (commonly known as the "fair book") is your bible to understanding the who, what, when, where, and how of each competition. Download the guide and read it. Then read it again! <https://owyheecounty.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/2024-Owyhee-County-Fair-Book.pdf>

The entry guidelines are non-negotiable and can be the difference between a grand champion entry and one that doesn't even make it to be judged. For example, you need to find your division. At the Owyhee County Fair there are four divisions in the Open Classes: Division C is

University of Idaho Extension

for Children 12 and younger; Division Y is for Youth ages 13-18; Division A is for Adults 19-64; and Division S is for Seniors aged 65 and older.

You also need to know which class number corresponds with which produce items you want to enter, as well as how many of each item is required and how they are to be prepared, labeled, and displayed. As a judge, I have had to disqualify beautiful entries because the number of beans or cherry tomatoes in an entry did not follow the guidelines.

For example, and this is word-for-word from the guide:

SECTION D: CORN Classes

1. Corn (roasting ears) best 1 ear. Leave ½-in. stem at butt. Remove husks, do not trim top.

So, if you have sweet corn to enter, you will enter your one best ear in Section D, Class 1, after removing the husk but not trimming the top, and leaving a ½-inch stem. And in "technical terms," the butt end of an ear of corn is the end that was attached to the stalk.

If you think you might want to give this a try, check your garden now for exceptional specimens of melon, squash, pumpkin or other crops for which you might only submit one item per entry. Identify a contender or two and take care to protect them from damage for the next few days.

For crops in which entries require multiples that are consistent in shape, size and color, like beans, peppers, tomatoes, onions, cucumbers, and most fruit, it is surprisingly difficult to find seven to 10 green beans that are exactly the same size, shape and length, even in a big garden! And

consistency matters. All else being equal, the top prize often goes to the entry in which each item most perfectly matches the others on the plate. Harvest at the peak of ripeness, not under or over, unless called for in the guidelines.

Once you've identified your prospective winners and are getting ready to harvest, pause and consider a few key tips for preparation.

For the Owyhee County Fair, all entries — including flowers, leafy vegetables, sugar beets, corn on the cob, berries, perishables, and pies — will be received from 3 p.m., to 8 p.m., inside the community center/exhibit hall at the fairgrounds at 432 W. Nevada Ave., in Homedale.

- Harvest in the morning of the day you plan to bring your entry to the fair for check-in, if possible. Harvesting in the morning captures vegetables at their peak water content, crispness and coolness.

- Make sure you re-read the guidelines on whether to leave or remove the leaves, stems, roots or other parts before displaying.

- Gently brush or wipe your produce to remove soil. Washing will hasten the aging and decomposition process, so only wash if really necessary.

- Keep your veggies nice and cool until delivered to the fair.

- If you can, harvest a few extra just in case a cherry tomato rolls out of the car when you get there. It happens!

- Ideally bring your entries in a cooler so they stay at their best, and make a list of the classes, entries, variety names and any other information that might be required.

What happens next?

After 2 p.m., next Wednesday, you can visit your entries at the community center/exhibit



With the right selection, preparation and exhibition, a fair ribbon and possible cash prize could be in your future.

hall and find out if you were a winner! Some exhibits will even earn a cash prize, called a premium. In order for premiums to be awarded, there must be three or more exhibits in that category. Every entry receives a ribbon, but not all entries receive a premium. First- and second-place winners in each category receive premiums. Division winners and department winners also receive premiums.

After a few days of display, the fair is over, and it's up to you to remove your entry.

Open class entries will be released from 6 p.m., to 8 p.m., on Saturday, Aug. 10, and from 9 a.m., to 11 a.m., on Sunday, Aug. 11 in the exhibit hall/community center. Exhibitors must present their claim tickets to the superintendent or clerk in charge of the various

departments before removing exhibits.

It is also time for you to collect any cash awards, or premiums, that you may have been awarded. Premium money not claimed within one week of the closing of the fair will revert back to the fair treasury.

See you at the fair!

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Fun, tasty educational exercises at fair

Three organizations that have become familiar to Owyhee County Fair attendees will present educational events for youth this year.

The University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 4-H, and AmeriCorps have teamed up to provide free activities next Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 10 at the fairgrounds in Homedale.

All materials will be provided.

Egg drop, 11 a.m., next

Wednesday — Youth will design containers to protect an egg during a fall. All materials will be provided. Contact Taryn Packer at pack5776@vandals.uidaho.edu or (208) 896-4104 for more information.

Ice cream making, 3 p.m., next Wednesday — Boys and girls will learn how to make their own ice cream from the raw ingredients, including milk, to the final delicious product.

The exercise follows the

process from the dairy cow to the ice cream bowl, and the participants will be able to sample their creation.

Contact Madi Passmore at pass5045@vandals.uidaho.edu or (208) 896-4104 for more information.

Paper airplanes, 11 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 8 — In a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics exercise, participants will design airplanes out of plastic straws and paper.

There will be a competition to see which design travels the farthest.

Contact Passmore for additional information.

Let's Plant Seedlings, 3:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 8 — Participants will learn how to plant seedlings and grow a variety of plants. Boys and girls will take home their own seedlings, too.

Contact Passmore with any questions or for further information.

Welcome to the Owyhee County Fair & Rodeo!

4-H & FFA

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Beef Show—Thurs 8am
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Bird Show—Thurs 12:30pm
Cat Show—Thurs 1pm
Sm Animal Round Robin—
Thurs 1:30pm
Dairy Cattle Show—
Thurs 3:30pm
Swine Show —Fri 8am
Livestock Judging Contest
— Fri 4pm
4-H Award Ceremony
— Fri 6pm
Lg Animal Round Robin
— Sat 8am

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Saturday, August 10th
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(see pg. 6 in the Fairbook)
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Events & Entertainment

Rodeo Queen Contest
Monday, 8pm
Open Class & 4-H Check-in
Tuesday, 3—8pm
Homedale FFA Bingo
Wed & Fri: 3pm & 5pm
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PARADE
Saturday, August 10th
Register—9am/Judging—9:30am
Parade starts-10am

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Buckaroo Breakfast needs donations, volunteers

Fair week event is senior center’s largest fundraiser of the year

Preparations for the Homedale Senior Center’s largest annual fundraiser are well underway.

The Buckaroo Breakfast will be held during the prime days of the Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo next week.

And senior center coordinator Melissa Sorlien has put out the call for assistance from local businesses and volunteers.

The breakfast will be held from 7 a.m., to 11 a.m., each day between next Wednesday and Saturday, Aug. 10. The event will be held in the senior center parking lot at the corner of West Idaho Avenue and North 3rd Street West.

“We need monetary donations to purchase the items for the breakfast just like last year,” Sorlien said. “We had a ton of support last year, and we are looking for that again.

“I will be sending emails and foot troops with fliers asking for donations.”

Donations from individuals and businesses are tax deductible because the senior center is a non-profit organization.

Anyone who wants to help out can make checks payable to Homedale Senior Center and send the checks to P.O. Box 848, Homedale, ID 83628.

Sorlien also needs volunteers to perform various duties during the breakfast hours — cooking the meal, wiping down tables, serving drinks and other tasks.

Call the senior center at (208) 337-3020 for more information.

The cost to eat has increased this year. Adults will be asked a donation of \$8, and it’ll cost \$5 for children 12 and younger.

Between the breakfast proceeds and raffle ticket sales, the breakfast raised \$6,000 for the operation of the senior center last year.

This year’s raffle has expanded to include two quilts, a lap blanket and a refurbished three-wheel bicycle.

PJ Walliser donated two denim quilts — one is queen-sized and the other is a twin. Kay Piercy created a 1776-themed lap blanket.

“The bike was just donated to the (thrift) store, and we are using it for the Buckaroo Breakfast,” Sorlien said.

Store clerk Dora Villanueva worked to clean up and restore the bicycle, Sorlien said.

Raffle tickets cost \$3 each or \$5 for two. They’re available at the senior center between 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The items are also on display during business hours.

The thrift store is open three days per week at the senior center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., plus from 10 a.m., to 2 p.m., on the third Saturday of each month.

Bus trips planned

Rose Gress, one of the drivers for the senior center’s bus, has named the transport the “fun bus,” after announcing planned out-of-town excursions.

On Friday, Gress will take seniors to a thrift store in Nampa. She is suggesting the Love INC of Treasure Valley store in The Birches shopping area.

The bus will leave Homedale at 10 a.m.

On Monday, the bus will make a trip to a local Walmart. Pickup will be at 10 a.m.

Folks who want to get on the list for either trip can text Gress at (208) 412-5307 or call the senior center at (208) 337-3020 during normal business hours.

The bus is also available during the week (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) to bring people to the center for the congregate lunch.

— JPB

Local wildlife expert to visit Homedale library

Budget hearing looms next month

Owyhee County-based wildlife expert Corbin Maxey will visit the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library next month.

Maxey will present his reptile show at the Homedale District Library at 11 a.m., on Friday, Aug. 16.

The library is located at 121 W. Owyhee Ave.

Maxey lives in the Marsing area along the Snake River. In addition to his own YouTube channel, Maxey has made appearances on local television as well NBC’s Today Show.

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

The library opens at 10 a.m., Monday through Saturday. It closes at 6 p.m., every day but Saturday when the doors close at 3 p.m.

The library is closed on Sunday.

Final UI class today

Madi Passmore, a summer intern working out of the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, makes the trip from Marsing to conduct Plant to Harvest Adventure in the final installment of the Nature’s Treasures series.

All ages are welcome for the free event. The class begins at 11 a.m., today at the library.

There will be a hands-on activity and snacks will be provided.

For more information, contact Passmore at (208) 896-4104 or pass5045@vandals.uidaho.edu

Youth programs continue

The next Teens and Tweens summer event takes place at 5 p.m., on Thursday at the Homedale Community Center, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

The master cake decorator from Homedale’s Albertsons store will teach a jumbo cupcake decorating class.

Boys and girls ages 10-17 are invited to attend the hourlong program.

With the school year just around the corner, Lora Woodward will read “The Night Before Kindergarten” at 10 a.m., on Monday for the library’s Opal Nash Story Time for preschoolers.

The featured book was written by Natasha Wing.

Chess class

During the Homedale Chamber of Commerce meeting on July 23, library trustee Kristie Garrett said a summer intern was providing one-on-one chess lessons for anyone who wants to learn how to play.

The final lessons will be held today from 2:30 p.m., to 5:30 p.m., and more information is available at the front desk.

Other August news

Garrett also announced that the library will begin offering public notary services next month.

The library board will hold its Fiscal Year 2025 budget hearing on Monday, Aug. 19, she said.

Shelving upgrade

Using funds from an Idaho Commission for Libraries facilities grant, the library district recently received new shelving. A crew from Corporate Office Installations completed the project.

Employment help offered

Weekly assistance from the Idaho Department of Labor continues from noon to 4 p.m., each Wednesday.

Homedale teaching changes announced

With the school year approaching, Homedale School District patrons will notice some changes to the faces teaching children.

Then again, there will be some familiar folks in new positions.

When the 2024-25 school year begins on Monday, Aug. 19, three longtime staffers won’t be in the halls at the elementary school, middle school or high school.

All three retired in May:

- Teri Uria left the school district after 36 years. A former elementary school teacher, Uria’s final position in the district was as the elementary school Title I reading specialist.
- Mary Sonke concluded a 21-year career as a part-time paraprofessional both at the middle school and the elementary school.
- Randy Lyons, a longtime teacher in Idaho schools, retired after eight years as a social studies teacher at the high school.

New teachers are in the fold, too, as district officials report that every 2024-25 position has been filled.

- Ruben Rodriguez will return to teach music and lead the high school and middle school bands. He joined the district during the 2023-24 school year after John Zieske’s departure.
- Luke Crockett is back in the district, succeeding Jake Levinski as the high school wrestling coach and assuming an English teaching position with Lyons’ retirement.
- Jamie Brunmeier will teach high school science, replacing Abigale Jones.
- Emma Hille is a new agricultural educator at the high school with the departure of ag teacher a FFA co-advisor Shane Wetzel.
- Kelli Aitchison will teach eighth-grade math, taking over for ViAnn Aristizabal.
- Craig Pentecost, a former subvarsity coach in Homedale, replaces Roger White as the middle school physical education and Health instructor.
- Brittany Anderson takes over a second-grade teaching position after Korrin Falk’s departure.
- Amber Titus will serve as school nurse. The position went vacant during the 2023-24 school year.

Start-of-school dates

- **9 a.m., to 7 p.m., Monday** — Returning and new kindergarteners through fourth-graders at the elementary school, 420 W. Washington Ave.
- **2 p.m., to 7 p.m., Monday** — Returning fifth- through eighth-graders, middle school, 3437 Johnstone Road
- **10 a.m., to noon, Monday** — Seniors, high school, 203 E. Idaho Ave.
- **1 p.m., to 3 p.m., Monday** — Juniors, high school
- **9 a.m., to noon, Tuesday** — New fifth-through eighth-graders, middle school
- **10 a.m., to noon, Tuesday** — Sophomores, high school
- **1 p.m., to 3 p.m., Tuesday** — Freshmen, high school
- **10 a.m., to noon, next Wednesday** — 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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Kim Panzeri award — Delaney Percifield



Chris Salove Community Supporter Award — Charlie Galvez



JR Kent Award — Justin Rodriguez (left) and Angie Menchaca (right) with Kent's granddaughter Marissa Galvin.

Submitted photos

Friday-Sunday
At Marsing High School
(20 teams played)

Special awards
Panzeri Award — Delaney Percifield, daughter of Debbie and Casey Percifield and granddaughter of the late Mike Percifield

Chris Salove Community Supporter Award — Charlie Galvez, Galvez Flooring

Note from nominating committee — “Charlie has played in the tournament for several years, coached our Babe Ruth team and donated on numerous occasions to the tournament and our high school baseball program.”

JR Kent Award — Justin Rodriguez and Angie Menchaca

Note from nominating committee — “Justin and Angie are a huge help each year during the tournament. From pulling weeds, prepping fields, grabbing supplies, setting up, working in the booths, and donating: They help us do it all. They play on the Pour House team.”

Family League
1. Pour House Second Generation (comprised of the children of the older Pour House team); 2. Team Forge (Les Loucks and family team). 3. Get Real

Male MVP — JT Chadez, Pour House Second Generation
Female MVP — Lacey Robbins, The Forge

Upper League
1. YNK Fishing Company; 2. Bad Company; 3. Weekend Warriors
MVPs — Heather Bochenski, YNK Fishing Company; and Karma Frick, Bad Company



Upper League champions — YNK Fishing Company



Family League champions — Pour House Second Generation



Lacey Robbins



JT Chadez



Karma Frick



Heather Bochenski

Volunteers, BLM crews knock down lightning-caused fires

Lightning strikes and high winds challenged firefighters — both volunteer and federal — trying to control a number of wildfires in Owyhee County last week.

The largest of those fires, the Sugar Fire, was sparked by lightning last Wednesday.

According to the Bureau of Land Management Idaho Fire Facebook page, the wind-whipped fire 19 miles northwest of Bruneau consumed 13,727 acres in the two days it took crews to contain it. The fire was controlled at 6 p.m. on Saturday.

“We are incredibly proud of our courageous wildfire firefighters who worked tirelessly all night to catch and control lightning fires,” officials posted on the BLM

Idaho Fire Facebook page. “Their unmatched determination and relentless efforts are the reasons our communities remain safe.”

While Idaho highway 51 remained open through the fire operation, motorists were asked to use caution because of poor visibility caused by smoke.

BLM assets on the fire included two overhead assets, five engines, five dozers and a water tender. A U.S. Forest Service engine was also deployed.

Smoke hung in the valley and settled into the Owyhees near Silver City as several fires burned in the county and others continued to eat up rangeland in Malheur County.

The Horse Fire, also caused

by lightning, burned about five acres 12 miles south of Bruneau. Containment came at 8:30 p.m., last Wednesday, and the fire was controlled at 6 p.m., on Saturday.

Also in the eastern part of Owyhee County, BLM and Grand View Fire crews fought the Bach Fire.

Lightning strikes about 15 miles southeast of Murphy sparked the fire, which grew to 78 acres before containment at 8:50 a.m., on Thursday. The fire was controlled two hours later.

“Quite a few Oreana locals assisted with a dozer, grader, side-by-sides and many shovels,” Grand View Fire Chief Greg Becker said. “Many thanks to them for their assistance.”

Seven Grand View volun-

teers responded to battle the Bach Fire, using two brush trucks, a water tender and one command vehicle.

Becker said Grand View firefighters were dispatched at 7 p.m., last Wednesday and battled the fire’s spread until BLM engines originally deployed to the Cotton Fire arrived around 1 a.m.

The 35-acre Cotton Fire has burned about 35 acres about 10 miles northwest of Juniper Mountain. It was first reported on Tuesday.

Lightning strikes caused two fires in the South Mountain area, too, according to the BLM Idaho Fire.

The Noon Fire burned five miles southeast of South Mountain. No control or containment

information was included in a weekend Facebook post.

The Flint Fire, which was five miles northeast of South Mountain, burned about an acre before containment at 7:23 a.m., on Thursday. The fire was controlled at 4 p.m., that day.

According to the Watch Duty fire app, there were a couple other fires in Owyhee County last week, too.

The Hotspice Fire burned south of the Sugar Fire, and the la 2 Fire burned about 20 miles east of the Sugar Fire.

In the western portion of the county, the Glassy Fire in the Upper Reynolds Creek area burned about a half-acre before it was contained early last week.

Avalanche Sports

HMS cheerleaders seek assistance to continue success

Sponsorships could buy safety equipment, practice mats for team preparing for competition

The Homedale Middle School cheer team is looking to build on its record-setting 2023-24 competitive season.

The team is coached by Ashton Atkins and Chardee VanDerhoff.

Last year, the squad collected seven trophies.

Entering the season with an eye for more success, the team has launched a fundraiser to acquired equipment that coaches say will help the team reach its full potential.

Program goals through the fundraiser are to acquire a full floor of practice mats and safety mats and build toward one day hosting a

competition in town.

The HMS cheer team is self-funded through community sponsorships.

The squad will attend four competitions in December and January.

The team includes Aubree Atkins, Teagan Lawler, Dallas Devecchio, Erika Salazar, Khloee Barnett, Taelah Higley, Britton Hovey, Akili Tines, Aspen VanDerhoff, Claire Allen, Skylee McKee, Geneve Buell and Bretlee Endicott.

For more information on sponsorships for the team, contact VanDerhoff at (208) 880-5994 or Atkins at (404) 834-3594.

Right: Members of the 2024-25 Homedale Middle School cheer squad perform a stunt during a recent clinic at the middle school. Submitted photo



HMS cheerleaders reflect on historic season

The Homedale Middle School cheer squad finished the 2023-24 season with the most tournament placements in school history, pulling in three first-place awards, a runner-up showing, a third-place trophy, and a fifth-place trophy during the competitive season. **Top row, from left:** Laci Davies, Akili Tines, Geneve Buell, Dallas Hutchens, Teagan Lawler, Zohie Brown, and Grace Sotka. **Bottom row, from left:** Aubree Atkins, Aspen VanDerhoff, Claire Allen, Lizzie Townsend, and Khloee Barnett. Submitted photo

Free Rimrock physicals offered

Desert Sage Health Center will provide free physicals for Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School athletes ahead of the 2024-25 school year.

Physical forms are available on the Bruneau-Grand View School District website, www.sd365.us, and physicals will be offered from 9 a.m., to noon and 1 p.m., to 3 p.m., on Tuesday, Aug. 13.

Desert Sage Health Center will provide physicals and immunizations at Rimrock. Appointments are necessary and can be obtained by calling the health center clinic in Grand View at (208) 834-2929.

Athletes must bring their completed sports physical forms signed by their parent or guardian to the appointment.

All athletes entering the sixth, seventh and eighth grades as well as incoming freshmen and juniors are required to have a physical on file before being allowed to participate in Rimrock sports.

Sophomores and seniors must only have valid physical forms and an interim health questionnaire (filled out prior to the start of the school year) on hand with the district.

HHS football schedule released

- All games kick off at 7 p.m.
- Friday, Aug. 23** — vs. Snake River
- Friday, Aug. 30** — at Filer
- Friday, Sept. 13** — at Kimberly
- Friday, Sept. 20** — at Jerome
- Friday, Sept. 27** — vs. Payette
- Friday, Oct. 4** — at Weiser
- Friday, Oct. 11** — vs. Fruitland
- Friday, Oct. 18** — vs. McCall-Donnelly
- Friday, Oct. 25** — vs. Cole Valley Christian, Owyhee H.S., Meridian

Looking back...

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

25 years ago

August 4, 1999



MSD delay...
Marsing School District Superintendent Dan Arriola tours the new addition to the Marsing Elementary School with the school board last week.

Marsing district will delay school opening
The Marsing School District announced last week that it will delay the first day of school to September 7 due to unforeseen problems during the renovation of the elementary school. The district will delay the entire school start K-12 so older students can be home for younger students of working parents.

“Scott (from Hedrick Construction Company) feels the classrooms will be ready by August 23,” Marsing School District Superintendent Dan Arriola said, “But, only allowing the staff two days to move in, we think would be unreasonable.”

The construction of the multi-purpose building is not scheduled to be completed until November.

Marsing vet awarded Purple Heart, 49 years late
Tears filled the eyes of William C. Jones of Marsing and most onlookers of family and friends, as Jones was awarded his Purple Heart medal, 49 years after being injured in the Korean War. Idaho Governor Dirk Kempthorne awarded Jones his medal during a ceremony held in the Rotunda at the Statehouse in Boise last Thursday afternoon.

Jones’ wife Mary has lobbied the Army for nearly seven years to recognize her husband with his official award. Jones was given a purple ribbon after he was injured but had never received the medal.

Jones was injured in his leg on the front lines after being hit by shrapnel on September 3, 1950 during the Teague Battle.

Local runners place at Track City Classic
There were over 3,000 athletes competing at the Track City Classic Track Meet in Eugene, Oregon on July 23-25.

Chase Christoffersen, Breanna Chadez, Kyle Christoffersen, Brandon Christoffersen, Bobby Haymes and Marcus Christoffersen attended the competition for the Homedale Team Idaho athletes.

Chase finished fifth in the high jump at 3 feet 5 inches in the bantam boys division for nine and 10 year old athletes.

Breanna competed in the midget girls at 11-12 and took fifth in high jump at 3 feet 11 inches.

In the midget boys, 11-12, Kyle took third in the 400 meter at 62.36, amd fourth in high jump with 4 feet 7 inches.

Brandon dominated the youth boys division in 13-14, taking first in the 2,000-meter steeple and set a new meet record with 7:07.2. Brandon also won first place in the high jump with 5 feet 11 and one-half inches. He finished third in the long jump at 18 feet 4 inches and fourth in the 400 meter with 56.20.

In the young men division for 17-18 year old athletes Marcus took third in the 400 meter with 49.80. Teammate Bobby finished seventh in the 800 meter at 2:06.

50 years ago

August 1, 1974



MRS. IOLA POTTER, who celebrated her 90th birthday July 22, was presented a special award at the Senior Citizens Appreciation Night for being the oldest senior citizen present. Sen. James McClure made the presentation. Seated at Mrs. Potter’s right was Mrs. Marjorie Vance. Photo by Bette Uda

Symms: Fed controls don’t work in cattle picture
SILVER CITY — Some 1,800 cattlemen, guests and sightseers converged on Silver City over the weekend to attend the 96th annual Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association convention, complete with speakers, barbecue, and all-night dance, at the Masonic Hall in the old mining camp.

Main speaker was Congressman Steve Symms, who told cattlemen he has been proud of the cattle industry “for trying to keep the government out — for trying to keep from being a stepchild of the government.”

And he said a major task facing the cattle industry was to make a concentrated effort to get people to eat more beef.

The Idaho congressman said he had supported the cattle industry on its beef quotas position, but voted against government loans to cattlemen.

“You got a Band-Aid for a serious problem,” Symms said, “and from the little value you’ll get, you get the stigma of accepting a government handout.”

An election of officers saw Bill Ross of Jordan Valley voted association president, and Don McKay, Jordan Valley, was chosen to serve as vice president. Elected as new association directors were Chuck Tyson, Reynolds Creek, and Ray Colyer, Bruneau.

Voters concentrate on state, congressional offices
Owyhee County voters will go to the polls in 14 precincts Tuesday, with no primary races within the county.

U.S. Sen. Frank Church is opposed by Leon R. Olson in the Democratic primary. Three candidates, Bob Smith, Charley Bolstridge and Donald L. (Don) Winder, seek the Republican nomination.

Congressman Steve Symms is unopposed in the Republican primary for first district representative, but J. Ray Cox and Ken Miller seek the Democratic nomination.

Gov. Cecil D. Andrus has no primary opposition. His Republican opponent in the general election will be Jack Murphy.

Succor Crik Sam Sez:
“The guy who framed the first dollar bill he ever earned in a 10-cent frame now has a 10-cent dollar and a \$1 frame.”



153 years ago

July 29, 1871

ELOPEMENT.—A letter from Mountain City, July 18th says, “Last night — Bunyard and Kate Wait eloped from here on the wings of love — *via* horseback, in the direction of Silver City, Idaho.— *Elko Independent*.”

Friend Bunyard and his fair Katie arrived here about noon on the 20th inst., and, as he couldn’t afford to have her *Wait* any longer, the knot was tied in the twinkling of an eye at 8 o’clock the same evening. The honeymoon now shines upon the happy pair at the Miners’ Hotel, and Bunyard says, “it’s bully, you bet!”

IDAHO has at last, and probably for the first time in her history, a genuine live Governor, in the person of Judge Bowen, formerly Chief Justice of Arkansas. We observe that the gentleman has arrived at his post and gone to work with his accustomed energy. Look out for Idaho asking to come in as a State before Governor Bowen is many years older. He’ll find a way through.

— *Corinne Reporter.*

THEATRICAL.

The Pixley Sister’s Dramatic Troupe performed here every night this week, except one, and, on every occasion, was greeted with well-filled houses. No theatrical company heretofore visiting our Territory ever met with such flattering success. It is a rare occurrence to see so many excellencies combined in a traveling troupe as are found in this one. Misses Annie and Minnie are pretty, modest, and charming actresses. They are very lady-like in their demeanor, both in and out of their profession and cannot fail to win golden opinions wherever they go. Ned Campbell is far over average as an actor, and has already become a general favorite with our people. Ellerton is versatile, perfectly at home before the footlights and, whatever he does, could not be done better. Clinton always brings down the house with his eccentric comicalities. Since arriving here the manager has availed himself of the services of Clara Lewis, who is a pleasing actress and a charming ballad singer. Frank Sparrow of the Great Western Minstrels is now playing with the troupe and is a valuable addition. Our worthy townsman J. L. Hall, acted in excellent style the character of Brownsmith in the comedy of Little Toddlekings, on Thursday evening. The orchestra, under the leadership of Mace Chapman, furnishes tip-top music.

Miss Annie was the recipient of a complimentary benefit tendered her by the citizens of Silver City last night, on which occasion was given the beautiful 3-act drama of “Caste”. As it was press-night, we were not present, but judging from the amount of applause heard in the Theatre, there must have been a large and appreciative audience.

Ned Campbell takes a benefit to-night on which occasion will be presented Boucicault’s renowned Irish sensation drama of “Colleen Bawn.” No other play of modern times has had such immense popularity as this. It will be a rare and rich treat. For particulars see programmes, which will be out before noon to-day.

THE NEW TOWN.—We propose calling the new town on the mountain, Mahogany. Let the folks up there adopt another name, or forever hold their peace.

Commentary

Jon P. Brown,
managing editor



Eyes on Owyhee Fair board left to its own devices

For many, the Owyhee County Fair board of directors may be an entity that is out of sight, out of mind for 11 months and three weeks out of the year.

Unfortunately, judging from the way recent meetings have meandered and (perhaps unintentionally) flouted open meeting laws, it would seem among the folks who aren't paying attention to this hard-working group are the three people who appointed the volunteer board in the first place.

The Board of County Commissioners is responsible for appointing the quasi-governmental board. As such, the buck stops with Dist. 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland, Dist. 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi, and Dist. 3 Commissioner Cindy Bachman when it comes to actions of the fair board.

But the fair board has a long history of pseudo-autonomy with little oversight.

A county commissioner rarely sits in on the meetings held at 7 p.m., on the first Thursday of each month inside the Owyhee County Community Center, 432 W. Nevada Ave., at the fairgrounds in Homedale.

Perhaps if a commissioner did attend from time to time, borderline illegal meetings such as the special meeting that took place July 23 wouldn't occur.

More to the point, if the commissioners required any volunteer who wants to serve on the fair board — or any advisory board such as the Waterways Committee or Natural Resource Committee — to undergo open meeting law training perhaps the fiasco that was last week's special meeting would never occur.

After all, every newly elected official is required to attend trainings before they take their first oath of office. In reality, it wouldn't hurt if long-standing elected officials were required to take refresher courses from time to time — kind of like keeping up your driving skills when trying to steer government efficiently and ethically for the taxpayers.

For her part, County Clerk Angie Barkell says she has nudged educational material on open meetings, public purchases and ethics toward the fair board via new secretary and fair manager Sonya Criffield. But, try as she might, Criffield has struggled to keep the directors on task, making it difficult to follow meeting recordings to produce accurate minutes.

An open meeting law crash course would have worked wonders last week.

Lath Callaway, recently unsuccessful in his bid for the Republican nomination to succeed Hoagland on the BOCC, has been longtime fair board chair.

Still, visitors to last week's meeting were shocked when they stepped into the room at the appointed time — 7 p.m. — and found Callaway deep in negotiations on a cleanup and set-up agreement with people who have long performed those chores for the county fair. Barkell said there is no formal contract with "Pancho and Connie" for those services, which now cost the county \$13,000 after Callaway and the fair board signed off on a 30 percent increase last week — one meeting after the agreement was actually finalized.

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JP Doodles



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

From Washington We must close the door on destructive crop diseases for sake of Idaho farmer

Idaho leads the nation in potato production, producing far more potatoes than are consumed in the State. This enables Idaho potato producers to sell one in every six rows of Idaho potatoes to people in other countries, according to data from the Idaho State Department of Agriculture. But, in order to maintain strong Idaho potato production and keep these markets open, we must be vigilant in ensuring we are not importing crop diseases threatening Idaho's production. I recently co-led an effort requesting U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack increase protections against importing potatoes with potato wart from Canada.

Potato wart is a highly destructive disease that can reduce yields and make potatoes unmarketable both within the U.S. and in foreign markets. Potato wart is present in Canada's Prince Edward Island (PEI), which led to Canada's suspension of potato exports from PEI to the U.S. in November 2021. However, USDA resumed importation in April 2022 after a meeting between President Biden and Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau.

U.S. potato producers are justifiably concerned USDA is not properly addressing the risks of potato wart. USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) identified multiple pathways (including through seed potatoes and potatoes for consumption) for potato wart to almost certainly be introduced into U.S. fields if steps are not taken to prevent it. APHIS found that about 48 percent of the contiguous U.S. states has a suitable climate for potato wart establishment, and resting spores can

U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo
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remain infectious for an alarming 40 years or more in the soil in suitable climates.

The National Potato Council (NPC) has raised

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Commentary

Financial management

Recent financial wins earn some grace about past mistakes

Dear Dave,

I’ve made a lot of stupid money mistakes in the past. Even though I finally paid off six figures in debt a few years ago and am in control of my finances for the first time in my life, I’m having a hard time forgiving myself for all the dumb things I did. I have an emergency fund and other savings set aside, and I’m almost ready to buy a house. But it seems like there’s still a cloud hanging over my head from all my bad decisions. How do I stop obsessing over my past financial mistakes?

— **Brea**

Dear Brea,

If you’ve had enough determination to pay off six figures’ worth of debt and to build savings on top of that in the past few years, you’re doing a phenomenal job!

Most people would just make excuses or give up, but you educated yourself, put your head down and stomped out all that debt. I’m very proud of you, hon. What you’ve done speaks volumes about your character and self-discipline.

The late Maya Angelou once said, “Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better.” That’s the key for you, I think. Doing dumb things doesn’t always mean you’re a dumb person. Sometimes, we just don’t have the knowledge or guidance we need to do things the right way. But once you learned a few things and saw there was a better way — a smarter way — you jumped in and made incredible things happen. You cleaned up your finances, and you changed your entire future for the better. I think that’s pretty cool. And



you know what else? It makes you a pretty smart lady.

I think part of your struggle may be the fact that you’ve spent more time making the wrong decisions with money than you’ve spent making the right ones. That’s understandable. But time will help heal that struggle. It’ll distance you

emotionally from the old you until you’re confident in the new you — not just in your actions, but in your heart and mind. I mean, think about it this way: If you violated trust with a friend, how would you rebuild it? First, it would take time. And second, it would take a series of trustworthy actions.

Let’s say someone had a drinking problem for a long time, but they’ve been dry for three months. After three months, their spouse still might not trust them with the checkbook. I totally get that. It’s a good start, but it’s not like they haven’t had a drink in three years. That’s where time comes into play. The more time they demonstrate a solid pattern of not going back to the bottle, the more evidence they create for why others should trust them.

I think you’ve developed a pretty good track record of being smart with your money, Brea. So cut yourself some slack. If God is willing to forgive us for the really bad things we say and do, you need to be able to extend a little grace to yourself for the dumb things in your financial past.

— **Dave**

— *Dave Ramsey is a national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of “The Ramsey Show,” the second-largest talk radio show in America. He has appeared on “Good Morning America,” “CBS Mornings,” “Today,” 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 the CEO of Ramsey Solutions.*

✓ Fair: Open meeting law is vital for taxpayers and secretary’s sanity

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The agreement amendment sought by the “contractors” was approved without much of a vote; Criffield said the confab at last week’s special meeting was hashing out a few tweaks.

A few tweaks should be carried out in an open meeting after the appointed start time with a clear indication on the agenda that action could follow the discussion. The agenda for last week’s meeting merely had “action” listed parenthetically alongside “Old Business” with various topics listed beneath.

Then Callaway didn’t follow the agenda. The cleaning contract was discussed prior to 7 p.m., and the agenda had called for presentations from guests ranging from University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension representative Suriñe Greenway, fair and rodeo parade coordinator Jolyn Thompson (who at one point was unaware she was on the agenda, or even continuing as parade coordinator), Owyhee County Rodeo president Johnathon Cossel and possible vendors before the cleaning contract was to be discussed.

Callaway juggled the agenda items without calling

for an amendment to the proceedings.

A contract with the Owyhee County Rodeo Board was ratified and signed by the fair directors even though there are actually two drafts of the agreement — one presented by the rodeo board and the county version vetted by Prosecuting Attorney Chris Topmiller. The two versions apparently will be melded. And re-examined by Topmiller (?).

The fair directors also discussed a “wish list” amount for their Fiscal Year 2025 budget. A rough figure of how much the fair could spend for different needs was due to Barkell on Thursday so she could work up the county’s proposed FY 25 budget.

At one point, new fair director Anna Ousley asked a reporter to stop writing in his notebook and keep the budgetary discussion — taking place in an open and public meeting and involving taxpayer dollars — off the record.

File that and most of the open meeting blunders under “F” for “Forgive them for they know not what they do.”

Or, more appropriately, file them under “U” for

“Unaware of protocol because of a lack of training and oversight from the BOCC.”

Callaway, Kent Curtis and April Binford have been longtime volunteer fair directors, but everyone else in the fold — Ousley, Katie Colyer and Ed Collett — is fairly new to the process (although Collett probably has some governmental board experience from his time with the Grand View Fire District).

Criffield, the first-year board secretary/fair manager, is as green as they come, but is trying her darnedest and now has enlisted help from her predecessor Ginger Loucks. But keeping track of meeting minutes can’t be fun when the flow of the gathering meanders like Bugs Bunny heading to Albuquerque.

Again, the buck stops with the county commissioners on the legal execution of those meetings. In the meantime, Criffield would do well to team up with Barkell — and maybe a bunch of teenagers who can teach parliamentary procedure — and try to rein in the meetings.

For anyone else planning to attend a fair board meeting, bring some Dramamine.

✓ Diseases: Reforms in Canadian potato exports will protect our imports

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concerns with Secretary Vilsack and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency that beyond the initial prohibition of PEI potato exports (since resumed) no additional steps have been taken to prevent the spread of potato wart to the U.S. When asking for immediate action to mitigate the risk, Kam Quarles, NPC’s chief executive officer, wrote, “We fear under the current policy it is only a matter of time before potato wart is exported from PEI to the U.S.”

Idaho Gov. Brad Little has also urged USDA to take steps to protect U.S. potato production. The governor highlighted Idaho’s unfortunate experience with pale cyst nematode eradication, writing, “In Idaho, we understand the severe economic impact disease can have on the potato industry.”

In a letter to Secretary Vilsack, I joined Senate Finance Committee Chairman Ron Wyden (D-Ore.)

and 16 other Senate colleagues, including fellow U.S. senator for Idaho Jim Risch, in stressing, “Given that 20 percent of our potato crop — valued at over \$2 billion — is exported, we cannot allow introduction of a disease that would shut off access to international markets, and also curtail domestic production and sales.” We requested USDA take sensible steps to better protect U.S. potato production that include:

- Restricting bulk shipments into the U.S. to smaller-size packages, so repacking waste, which can transmit the disease, would be contained in Canada, not the U.S.;
- Limiting large retail shipments and ensuring consumers know they are for consumption rather than cultivation, to hopefully decrease consumers unknowingly planting infected potatoes in home gardens; and
- Controlling the waste generated by processing

facilities, which can transmit the potato wart disease.

The Senate Finance Committee has oversight responsibility over trade agreements. Serving as Ranking Member of this committee provides an enhanced platform to weigh in on trade issues affecting Idahoans — a position I use every chance I get to press the Biden Administration to work with Idaho farmers and ranchers to make certain our trade agreements are effectively enforced to best enable U.S. agriculture to continue to succeed both at home and in international markets.

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

Public notices

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Board of Commissioners for the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery Maintenance District has tentatively adopted a budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, as set forth below. A public hearing will be held for the enactment of said budget at the office of The Marsing-Homedale Cemetery, located at 4410 Cemetery Rd in Marsing, Idaho, at 5:00pm on Wednesday August 14th 2024. The budget is available for public inspection by appointment between the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm, Monday through Friday, at the cemetery office.

Proposed Budget, dated August 14 th 2024		
Budget Term: October 1 st , 2024 through September 30 th , 2025		
Available Funds		
Balance Forward	\$19,000.00	
State Investment	\$58,000.00	
Anticipated Revenue		
County Tax Levy	\$108,969.00	
Farm Rental	\$ 7,500.00	
State Investment	\$ 1,200.00	
Opening & Closing	\$ 12,000.00	
Plot Sales	<u>\$ 15,000.00</u>	
Total Funding	\$221,669.00	
Anticipated Expenses		
Payroll	\$98,318.00	
Utilities	\$14,800.00	
Insurance	\$25,700.00	
Maintenance	\$17,100.00	
Capital Improvements	\$23,000.00	
Legal & Accounting	\$ 6,600.00	
Contingency	\$36,151.00	
Total Disbursement	\$221,669.00	
Total Budget		
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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Commissioners of MARSING RURAL FIRE DISTRICT, Marsing, Idaho, Owyhee County and Canyon County, Idaho have tentatively adopted the 2024-2025 budget for said district as set forth below.

A public hearing will be held for the adoption of the budget at the Office of the District at 303 Main Street at 6:00 PM on Monday, August 12, 2024.

The budget is available for public inspection at the District Office between the hours of 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday by appointment.

Dated this 26th day of July 2024.

Marsing Rural Fire District	
Proposed Budget	
October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025	
Beginning Balance:	\$ 1,215,223
Revenue:	
Property Tax including penalties & interest	591,145
Ag Equipment Replacement Tax	16,525
Personal property replacement	714
Sales tax	32,000
Interest Income	40,000
Road inspection	7,000
Miscellaneous	<u>25,728</u>
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 713,112</u>
Expense:	
Personnel costs	163,530
Operations and maintenance	285,000
Support services	12,000
Capital outlay	175,000
Contingency	77,582
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 713,112</u>
Fund Balance - End of Year	\$ 1,215,223
Nancy Bush, Secretary/Treasurer	
07/31/2024	

PUBLIC NOTICE BUDGET HEARING

Pursuant to Idaho Code section 27-126. Notice is hereby given that the Owyhee Pioneer Cemetery District will be holding the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year budget hearing on Tuesday, 13 August 2024 at 4 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the Owyhee County Courthouse, Court Room 2, 20381 State Highway #78, Murphy, Idaho.

A copy of the proposed budget will be posted at the Owyhee County Court House, Murphy, Idaho.

Beverly White– Secretary/Treasurer, Owyhee Pioneer Cemetery District. 07/31/2024

Owyhee Pioneer Expenses:	
ADVERTISING	\$150.00
COMPENSATION	\$ 8,000.00
OTHER EXPENSES	<u>\$10,047.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$18,19700
Revenue:	
ESTIMATED TAX LEVY	\$ 3,006.00
PROPERTY TAX REPLACEM	\$ 695.00
CASH FORWARD BALANCE	<u>\$14,496.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	\$18,197.00
07/31/2024	



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

FY2025 PROPOSED BUDGET

Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (FY2025)

CITY OF HOMEDALE

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing pursuant to Idaho Code 50-1002, will be held for consideration of the proposed budget for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 (**FY2025**). **A proposed Budget Hearing will be held at Homedale City Hall, 31 W Wyoming at 6:00 p.m. on August 14th, 2024.** Copies of the proposed city budget with details are available for review at Homedale City Hall during normal business hours. All interested persons are invited to appear.

Funds	EXPENDITURES	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
		2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
		PROPOSED	PROPOSED	PROPOSED
01 General		\$1,605,275.00	\$1,715,403.00	\$1,976,399.00
02 Streets & Highways		\$366,186.00	\$485,519.00	\$535,470.00
03 Parks		\$253,796.00	\$515,248.00	\$397,160.00
04 Library DISTRICT; TAX SUPPORTED		\$101,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
05 Local Improvement District		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
06 Law Enforcement		\$777,739.00	\$904,120.00	\$947,893.00
25 Water	*	\$1,566,024.00	\$1,838,216.00	\$7,094,550.00
26 Sewer	*	\$11,379,825.00	\$5,895,696.00	\$1,224,396.00
27 Sanitation		\$153,000.00	\$167,000.00	\$180,000.00
30 Airport		\$585,000.00	\$590,000.00	\$653,050.00
60 Irrigation		\$231,772.00	\$254,395.00	\$241,675.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (all funds)		\$17,020,417.00	\$12,365,597.00	\$13,250,593.00
Property Tax Levy REVENUES				
General Fund		\$494,400.00	\$525,000.00	\$586,816.00
Park & Rec		23,700.00	24,500.00	25,240.00
Total Property Tax:		\$518,100.00	\$549,500.00	\$612,056.00
Revenue Other Sources				
01 General		\$1,110,875.00	\$1,190,403.00	\$1,389,583.00
02 Streets & Highways		\$366,186.00	\$485,519.00	\$535,470.00
03 Parks		\$230,096.00	\$490,748.00	\$371,920.00
04 Library		\$101,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
05 Local Improvement District		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
06 Law Enforcement		\$777,739.00	\$904,120.00	\$947,893.00
25 Water	*	\$1,566,024.00	\$1,838,216.00	\$7,094,550.00
26 Sewer	*	\$11,379,825.00	\$5,895,696.00	\$1,224,396.00
27 Sanitation		\$153,000.00	\$167,000.00	\$180,000.00
30 Airport		\$585,000.00	\$590,000.00	\$653,050.00
60 Irrigation		\$231,772.00	\$254,395.00	\$241,675.00
Total Other Sources		\$16,502,317.00	\$11,816,097.00	\$12,638,537.00
TOTAL REVENUE (all funds)		\$17,020,417.00	\$12,365,597.00	\$13,250,593.00

POSSIBLE GRANTS - FY2025		CITY SUPPORT FROM GENERAL FUND TO:
Streets/Hwy	\$ 75,000	Streets/Hwy \$219,370
Parks	\$ 150,000	Parks \$169,270
Law Enforcment	\$ 15,000	Police \$873,593
Airport	\$ 625,000	Irrigation \$82,775
GRANT MONEYS ARE NOT EXPENSED IF THE GRANT IS NOT RECEIVED		\$1,345,008
* Water \$6,113,000		
(includes anticipated USDA, DEQ Monies for upgraded Water System)		
Alice E. Pegram		
Homedale City Clerk/Treasurer		
07/31;08/07/2024		

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing pursuant to Idaho Code 31-1422, will be held for consideration of the proposed budget for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025. The hearing will be held at Parker Advisors, 19 East Wyoming, Homedale, Idaho at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday August 13, 2024.

HOMEDALE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT PROPOSED BUDGET

Oct. 1, 2024 to Sept. 30, 2025	
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 900,000.00
State & Local Tax Revenue	515,240.00
Ambulance Charges	180,000.00
Interest Income	30,075.00
Permits	2,000.00
Donation	600.00
Total Revenue and Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 1,627,915.00
Professional Fees	
Equipment & Building Improvements	\$ 89,439.00
Utilities & Phones	271,350.00
Contingency Fund	18,600.00
Education and Training	35,000.00
Dues & Memberships	11,300.00
Wages & Payroll Expense	1,300.00
Gas, Oil & Tires	340,913.00
Insurance	11,500.00
Repairs & Maintenance	18,031.00
Property Taxes	70,000.00
Supplies	250.00
Meals & Meeting Expense	34,500.00
Future Building Fund	3,200.00
Ending Fund Balance	225,000.00
	497,532.00
Total Expenditures & Fund Balance	
/s/: Mikeal D. Parker	\$ 1,627,915.00
Board secretary/treasurer	
07/31/2024	

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that a public hearing will be held before the Homedale City Council on Wednesday, August 14, 2024 at 6:00 pm at Homedale City Hall, 31 West Wyoming Ave. Homedale, Idaho.

The subject matter of this hearing is the Application for Annexation and Zoning filed by Rodney Fedie requesting that his property be annexed into the City of Homedale and be zoned Residential. The address is 3947 Pioneer Rd. Homedale, ID 83628, parcel RP0M0100150000.

The public is invited to attend and offer input. Written testimony may also be submitted to alicep@cityofhomedale.org.

Alice E. Pegram
City Clerk
City of Homedale
07/31;08/07/2024

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Public notices

Notice of Public Hearing
FY2025 PROPOSED BUDGET
Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (FY2025)
CITY OF MARSING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of City of Marsing, Idaho will hold a public hearing for consideration of the proposed budget for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 (FY2025), pursuant to Section 50-1002, Idaho Code. **The hearing will be held at Marsing City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave. 7:00 pm on Wednesday, August 14, 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 with details are available for review at Marsing City Hall during normal business hours, Monday - Friday 8 am - 5 pm. Anyone desiring accommodations for disabilities, please call City Hall at 208-896-4122 at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing.

Funds	Expenditures			
	FY2023	FY2024	FY2024	FY2025
	2022-2023	2023-2024	2023-2024	2024-2025
	Year End Actuals	Budget	3rd Quarter Actual	Proposed
	Expenditures	Expenditures	Expenditures	Expenditures
01 General	\$361,827.99	\$889,998.00	\$286,882.20	\$1,192,496.00
02 Roads & Streets	\$263,547.97	\$661,000.00	\$120,111.45	\$2,560,500.00
03 Parks	\$88,416.71	\$222,950.00	\$63,681.60	\$198,700.00
05 Planning & Zoning	\$124,313.18	\$169,150.00	\$104,664.05	\$311,200.00
25 Water	\$289,592.56	\$886,950.00	\$282,840.35	\$875,700.00
29 Irrigation	\$108,314.10	\$180,800.00	\$104,624.86	\$175,300.00
30 Sanitation	\$115,243.31	\$163,000.00	\$112,246.56	\$169,000.00
35 Sewer	\$297,595.75	\$762,419.00	\$270,670.98	\$864,819.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES All Funds	\$1,648,851.57	\$3,936,267.00	\$1,345,722.05	\$6,347,715.00

	Revenues			
	FY2023	FY2024	FY2024	FY2025
	2022-2023	2023-2024	2023-2024	2024-2025
	Year End Actuals	Budget	3rd Quarter Actual	Proposed
	Revenues	Revenues	Revenues	Revenues
Property Tax Levy				
General Fund	\$76,516.60	\$300,000.00	\$86,135.48	\$383,500.00
Roads & Streets	\$48,182.66	\$150,000.00	\$50,701.65	\$150,500.00
Park	\$17,781.34	\$50,000.00	\$18,978.18	\$43,200.00
Planning & Zoning	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total Property Tax:	\$142,480.60	\$500,000.00	\$155,815.31	\$577,200.00
Revenue Other Sources				
01 General	\$433,377.34	\$589,998.00	\$120,930.48	\$808,996.00
02 Roads and Streets	\$411,578.27	\$511,000.00	\$67,732.54	\$2,410,000.00
03 Parks	\$88,394.36	\$172,950.00	\$23,851.61	\$155,500.00
05 Planning & Zoning	\$82,452.64	\$169,150.00	\$42,199.83	\$311,200.00
25 Water	\$640,025.01	\$886,950.00	\$387,295.48	\$875,700.00
29 Irrigation	\$22,057.01	\$180,800.00	\$7,356.86	\$175,300.00
30 Sanitation	\$120,141.11	\$163,000.00	\$88,423.66	\$169,000.00
35 Sewer	\$346,456.83	\$762,419.00	\$320,550.92	\$864,819.00
Total Other Sources	\$2,144,482.57	\$3,436,267.00	\$1,058,341.38	\$5,770,515.00
TOTAL REVENUE All Funds	\$2,286,963.17	\$3,936,267.00	\$1,214,156.69	\$6,347,715.00

Jolyn E. Thompson
Marsing City Clerk-Treasurer
07/31;08/07/2024

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES OF THE STATE OF IDAHO NOTICE OF MORATORIUM

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Idaho Code § 42-1805(7) on July 16, 2024, the Idaho Department of Water Resources (“IDWR”) issued an order suspending further action on certain applications to appropriate water in the Snake River Basin upstream from Swan Falls Dam. The Snake River Basin upstream from Swan Falls Dam consists of all surface water drainages tributary to the Snake River upstream from Swan Falls Dam (located south of Boise), the Trust Water Area where ground water is determined to be tributary to the Snake River between Milner Dam (located near Burley) and Swan Falls Dam, and the Non-Trust Water Area which is that portion of the Snake River Basin upstream from Milner Dam not within the Trust Water Area. The moratorium applies to all surface water in, and tributary to, these drainages and all groundwater underlying these drainages.

A copy of the *Amended Snake River Basin Moratorium Order*, including a map of the moratorium area, can be viewed on IDWR’s website at: <https://idwr.idaho.gov/legal-actions/orders/moratorium-orders/> or by calling or visiting any IDWR office.

Any person aggrieved by the *Amended Snake River Basin Moratorium Order* and who has not previously been afforded an opportunity for hearing on the matter may file a written petition stating the reasons for contesting the order and requesting a hearing before the Director of IDWR. The petition must be filed within fifteen (15) days after receipt of written notice of the order or receipt of actual notice of the order. Written petitions may be filed at the IDWR, State Office, 322 E Front Street, Ste 648, PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0098; or IDWR, Southern Region, 650 Addison Ave W, Ste 500, Twin Falls, ID 83301-5858; or IDWR, Eastern Region, 900 N Skyline Dr Ste A, Idaho Falls, ID 83402-1718; or IDWR, Western Region, 2735 W Airport Way, Boise, ID 83705-5082 or they may be emailed to file@idwr.idaho.gov.

Mat Weaver, Director

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Commissioners of GEM HIGHWAY DISTRICT, Marsing, Idaho, Owyhee County, Idaho have tentatively adopted the 2024-2025 budget for said district as set forth below. A public hearing will be held for the adoption of the budget at the Office of the District at 1016 Main Street at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, August 13, 2024. The budget is available for public inspection at the District Office between the hours of 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday. Call (208) 896-4581 for an appointment.

Dated this 26th day of July 2024.

Proposed Budget Oct. 1, 2024 – Sept. 30, 2025

Anticipated Beginning Balance: \$1,049,346

Anticipated Revenue:

County and Local Revenue:

Property Tax 98,994
Ag Equipment Replacement Tax 2,336
Sales Tax 14,500
Interest 45,000
Miscellaneous 5,000

State Revenue:

Highway Users Fund 1,038,374
Total Anticipated Revenue: \$1,204,204

Anticipated Expense:

Contingency 17,500
Equipment Capital Outlay 120,967
Equipment Rental (Lease) 2,000
Gas, Oil, and Tires 35,000
Insurance and Bonds 17,500
Interest Expense 150
Labor and Salaries 206,778
Miscellaneous 250
Office Expense 14,500
Payroll Taxes and Benefits 41,352
Professional Fees 14,288
Repairs and Maintenance 24,169
Roads & Bridges 650,000
Shop Expense 15,750
Utilities 7,500
Weed Control 36,500
Total Anticipated Expense: \$ 1,204,204

Anticipated Ending Balance: \$1,049,346

Nancy Bush, Treasurer
07/31/2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Idaho Code Section 27-126, Notice is hereby given that the Riverside Cemetery District of Owyhee County, will be holding ithe 2024-25 budget hearing on Monday August 12, 2024, at 4:00 P.M. at the Lions Hall, 410 Roosevelt Avenue, Grand View, Idaho 83624

Anticipated Revenue

Cash on Hand 58,000.00
Tax Levy 6,877.00
Property Taxes 645.00
Sale of Plots 2,000.00
Other Income 1,000.00
Total 68,522.00

Anticipated Expenses

Lawning Mowing 10,000.00
Cemetery Maintenance 5,622.00
Office Expense 300.00
Insurance 600.00
New Cemetery Expansion 40,000.00
Sprinkler System 12,000.00
Total 68,522.00

Date 7/26/2024
Riverside Cemetery District
Dixie McDaniel
07/31;08/07/2024

OWYHEE CASE NO. CV37-24-00205 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JACK ALLAN THOMPSON, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JO ANNE THOMPSON, also known as JO ANNE GAVIOLA THOMPSON, has been appointed personal representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four 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 17th day of July, 2024.

/S:/GWEN K. SWEESY
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From page 1

✓ Irrigation: Change should be in place by start of next water season

homeowners associations — to impose operation fees and appoint officers to govern the systems within the subdivisions.

“We’re bringing the water

to the pump,” Pegram said. “That’s what we’re required to do, and at that point someone is going to have to take over.

“They’re going to have to handle (subdivision system)

maintenance, replacement, and repairs.”

Each subdivision has its own pump to bring irrigation water from the city’s portion of the Gem Irrigation system to its

residents.

Spare pumps for each subdivision, now stored at the city shop, will be turned over to the respective irrigation associations when they are created,

Pegram said.

There are at least 40 irrigation customers in each of the affected subdivisions, Pegram said. Monies that have been collected from those customers were placed in dedicated funds for each of the subdivisions, and those funds also will be turned over to the irrigation associations.

The city hopes that the new associations are in place and ready to govern before the start of the 2025 irrigation season in April, Pegram said.

As it stands now, the homeowners pay individual assessments to the Gem Irrigation District for their water each year. The city charges an extra fee for maintenance and the electricity to run the pumps.

The maintenance and electricity fee goes into the subdivisions’ funds to pay those expenses, and it is that money that will be returned to the subdivisions.

Pegram said homeowners in the Santa Fe and Westwood subdivisions don’t pay maintenance or electricity fees to the city because elected officials told developers at the time of construction — which occurred after the older subdivisions were established — that they couldn’t supply maintenance for the system.

It’s illegal for a city to supply irrigation service to some subdivisions and not others, and that led to the decision to cut the older subdivisions loose.

Pegram suggested that homeowners in the affected subdivisions organize block parties to get to know their neighbors and get the ball rolling on establishing an irrigation association. She said the organization doesn’t have to be a “full-blown” homeowners association; the board could just manage the irrigation system and stay out of the property management business.

Homeowners within the city limits that don’t live in subdivisions won’t be affected by this change in policy.

Homedale public works crews maintain checkboxes in the older areas of town, but each homeowner is responsible for their pump and irrigation system.

— JPB

Public notices

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	\$1,182,484	\$3,067,652	\$3,596,032

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