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EMS district change, development fees may be on way

County takes action;
city councils take up
issue today

Several changes in emergency services districts are possible in the northwest part of Owyhee County.

Voters in the Marsing Ambulance District will be asked to establish a new Marsing Ambulance Emergency Medical Services District.

After an Aug. 5 public hearing on the matter, Owyhee County commissioners authorized a Nov. 5 election. The vote came weeks after the commissioners passed another resolution announcing

intent to dissolve the existing Marsing Ambulance District.

The commissioners set up the election after granting a petition filed by voters to establish a replacement taxing district to help fund ambulance services within the district.

The district boundaries will be identical to the Marsing Ambulance

District that voters created a few years ago. The district would exist exclusively within Owyhee County. Like the original taxing district, it doesn't stretch into Canyon County.

The BOCC has served as the board of commissioners for that taxing

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2024 OWYHEE COUNTY FAIR AND RODEO

**Humble
Hoagland
leads again
— this time
a parade**

Grand marshal
downplays
his service to
community

The premise was Jerry Hoagland was Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Parade grand marshal in recognition of his nearly two decades as a county elected official.

In reality, Hoagland is much more than his 18 years as the District 1 representative on the Board of County Commissioners.

The Wilson community resident and Reynolds Creek-area rancher has served his community

— See *Hoagland*, back page



Caldwell girl crowned second-generation queen

Caldwell resident Riley Shearn (center) accepts the Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Queen buckle from rodeo board president Johnathon Cossel (left) after outgoing Queen Allison Hubler (right) had pinned the sash and placed the crown. Riley's mother Debbie Shearn — now the rodeo secretary — was queen in 1988. More photos from Saturday's coronation and rodeo, **B section**

Homedale Hwy. District chip seal project starts Monday

A road crew begins Homedale Highway District's plan to save money on maintenance Monday.

Director of highways Dan Herman said the strategy that he devised and that the district's

Stretches of a handful of roads will be rehabilitated

board of commissioners approved will ensure a rotation of roadwork throughout the 92-mile district on a timeline.

The work begins with three

days of chip-sealing covering 16 miles.

With this plan, Herman said the two-man crew will return to this year's set of roads for

chip-sealing again in seven years. He hopes to get that turnaround down to five years, though.

The work begins Monday

with chip-sealing sections of Y Road, Cemetery Road, Sage Road and Nielsen Lane.

The schedule shifts Tuesday to cover Graveyard Point Road

— See *Project*, back page



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Ruben Rodriguez held his first band camp as Homedale High School music director last week.



Homedale teacher jazzed to tackle first marching band season

Rodriguez accepted district’s baton in January

Ruben Rodriguez kicked off his first full year as the Homedale schools music director with band camp last week.

The veteran teacher, who was seen playing saxophone during Homedale High School pep band appearances during basketball season last year, ran his marching band members through their paces from Aug. 6 to Friday.

Some time was spent each day on the football field at Deward Bell Stadium working on a routine that will be used during halftime performances and during the marching band contest season.

Rodriguez joined the school district midway through the 2023-24 school year, taking over music director duties from John Zieske. He teaches high school and middle school musicians.

Zieske resigned his position in January after nearly 8½ years and now works as an inspections coordinator for American Fire Protection, according to his LinkedIn page.

Rodriguez spent three years as a math and music teacher at Greenleaf Friends Academy.

Rodriguez has lived in Homedale five years now.

“I’m a San Diego native, and my family and I fell in love with the community in Homedale,” he said. “I’m very excited to be a part of it and bring my experience to the table.”

Rodriguez has played music since the fourth grade, and he specializes in jazz. He was in marching bands in high school and college and was also a member of the San Diego Youth Jazz Band, which drew from the best high school jazz musicians in San Diego County.

During community college, he studied with jazz great Steve Feierabend.

“This added gas to an

already-big fire for jazz in my life,” Rodriguez said.

At California State University-San Marcos, Rodriguez studied under Dr. Mtafi Imara. An understudy of legendary tenor saxophonist Joe Henderson, Imara’s approach gave Rodriguez what he calls “a unique college experience.”

“Most of my music classes were one-on-one with Dr. Imara, which included many evenings sitting in at various jazz clubs around San Diego County,” Rodriguez said.

His wife, Kimberly, teaches seventh-grade English at Homedale Middle School. The couple has one grown daughter, Gabriella, and two teenagers — Samantha and Daniel.

Rodriguez led the concert band and the pep band last year as his first Homedale assignments. The band played three pieces during the Art and Music night inside the HHS fine arts auditorium in May.

— JPB

Bruneau-GV welcomes new teachers this year

A few new teachers will be on the Bruneau-Grand View School District campuses when school starts on Monday.

The school district continues to run on a four-day week (Monday through Thursday).

Parents and their children can meet the new teachers during a district-wide open house from 4 p.m., to 6 p.m., on Thursday. Open houses will be held at the elementary schools in Bruneau and Grand View and at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School outside Bruneau.

- Samantha Ellis is the district’s new music teacher, handling duties for kindergarteners through 12th-graders.

- Vanessa Corza will teach fifth grade at Grand View Elementary School.

- Ruth Ann Fahl has been hired as the Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School administrative assistant, and she’ll serve as the district’s registrar.

- Katie Imholte has been hired as an educational specialist for the Rimrock TRiO Upward Bound program, which is supported with a grant through Boise State University.

- Deidra Ingles is the new food service director.

- Sariah Pearson, who has taught in the district, has moved to a new job as secondary school counselor.

The first day for Grand View pre-kindergarten students is Monday, Aug. 26. Classes will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays.

The district offers free break-

fast for all enrolled students. Breakfast is \$3 for all non-enrolled students and adults.

Full-price lunch costs \$3.75 at the elementary schools and \$3.85 at the secondary school.

Prices for adults, non-enrolled students and second meals are \$4.95. Children in the reduced lunch program will pay 40 cents per meal. Milk costs 75 cents extra for all meals.

All checks for school lunch fees should be written separate from other school fees. Make lunch checks payable to Joint School District No. 365.

Free and reduced lunch applications are available on the district’s website, sd365.us.

There are a couple changes to bus routes coming into the 2024-25 school year.

- The Crane Falls Route in Bruneau has been closed.

- The Hot Spring Route is now the Little Valley Route.

Notice of all other route modifications will be made as soon as a new schedule is determined.

Rimrock High School’s fall sports teams will be led by returning coaches Sam Ward (football) and Melissa Raymond (cross country). Erica Mulberry is the Raiders’ new volleyball coach.

Nick Ellis coaches the junior high school football team.

Admission to sporting events is \$6 for adults and \$4 for students.

Annual sports admission passes are \$120 for adults, \$240 for a family, and \$180 for a couple.

Friends offer free school supplies

With school starting next week, Homedale Friends Community Church is planning a back-to-school cookout.

The community is invited to the cookout, which runs from 11 a.m., to 2 p.m., on Sunday at the church, 17434 Hwy. 95 between Wilder and Homedale north of the Snake River.

There will be free food, and

the church also will have free school supplies and free shoes while supplies last.

Children can also get fresh looks for school with free haircuts.

For more information, contact the church at homedalefriendscommunitychurch@gmail.com or (208) 880-9413.



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Homedale schools hold open houses Thursday

Homedale schoolchildren and their parents will be able to check out their classrooms and meet their teachers Thursday.

Open houses will be held at each school — elementary, middle school and high school — from 4 p.m., to 8 p.m.

The first day of school for kindergartners through high school seniors is Monday.

School supply lists for all levels — including Trojan Tots Pre-Kindergarten — are available at the district website (homedaleschools.org).

Elementary school orientation will be held at 4:15 p.m., and 6:15 p.m., in a pair of sessions led by principal Tate Castleton and counselor Trinity Pratt.

The orientation will take place in the cafeteria and include introductions, an overview of the school handbook and information about Thrillshare, the district-wide communication system.

Parents may also bring their child's school supplies to leave in their classrooms. A list of supplies is posted on homedaleschools.org and on the elementary school Facebook page.

Registration for any students who didn't make it last week also will be available between 9 a.m., and 3 p.m., through Thursday at the HES office.

Call (208) 337-4033 for more information on HES. The school is located at 420 W. Washington Ave.

For middle school information, call (208) 337-5780. The school is located at 3437 Johnstone Rd.

The high school office can be reached at (208) 337-4613, and the school is located at 203 E. Idaho Ave.

The district office is located at 116 E. Owyhee Ave., and can be reached at (208) 337-4611.

✓ EMS: Nov. 5 vote seeks to replace existing Marsing ambulance district

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district, but an independent board of commissioners will be appointed if voters establish the Marsing Ambulance EMS District this fall.

The question of establishing a new district will pass with a simple majority of affirmative votes (50 percent plus one).

If the election fails, the original taxing district will remain intact.

tions on Aug. 5 to establish intergovernmental and joint powers agreements with the Marsing Rural Fire Protection District and the Homedale Rural Fire Protection District.

The resolutions proclaim that growth in the affected communities has made considering impact fees necessary to combat the current and anticipated strain on emergency services in both districts.

"Fire protection will be stretched if the growth continues, and we certainly want to provide the best possible service to our community," Homedale Fire District board secretary Mike Parker said.

City councilpersons in Homedale and Marsing will discuss their own agreements with the fire districts at their respective meetings today.

The Homedale council meeting will start at 6 p.m., inside City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

The Homedale entities first began discussing the possible need for impact fees in June 2022.

Impact fees are only possible after a capital improvement plan is in place. According to Parker, the Homedale Fire District completed its plan exactly a year ago. A development impact fee study was also finalized on Aug. 14, 2023. Both documents have yet to be approved by the district commissioners, city council or county commissioners, though.

The Marsing council meeting convenes at 7 p.m., inside the council chambers at the Sandbar Community Room at City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave.

Through the intergovernmental agreement, the cities and fire districts would take the first steps toward establishing impact fees. Any action taken this week or last doesn't initiate any fees.

The agreements will authorize the establishment of city/district joint impact fee advisory committees for the respective areas.

Public hearings would be necessary in both communities to consider ordinances setting the impact fees.

If ordinances are passed, the fire districts would maintain capital improvements funds in each community.

Both councils could pass resolutions accepting the agreements tonight.

Homedale Fire commissioners met Tuesday afternoon after deadline to consider signing the agreement with Owyhee County and the Homedale intergovernmental agreement.

— JPB

Impact fees progress

There has been some movement on the idea of charging development fees for new residential and commercial construction in northwest Owyhee County.

The Owyhee County Commissioners passed two resolu-

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The Jump Fire burned close enough to worry residents in both Homedale and Marsing early last week. Submitted photo

Fire closes Jump Creek temporarily

Homedale, Marsing
volunteers first on scene;
12K acres burn

An emergency closure at Jump Creek Recreation Area was lifted late Thursday afternoon after crews stopped the progression of the Jump Fire.

The Bureau of Land Management Owyhee Field Office closed the Jump Creek area seven miles southwest of Marsing because the spread of wildfire threatened the area.

According to Owyhee County Sheriff’s dispatch traffic, personnel was trying to get the final person out of the rec area around noon on Aug. 6 when the closure was ordered.

The Jump Fire was the largest of a series of fires sparked by lightning during a stormy Aug. 5. Volunteer firefighters from Marsing and Homedale districts attacked the blaze before BLM crews took over the operation.

It was also the scariest as many area residents watched as the flames came uncomfortably close to their rural housing developments.

The Jump Fire ignited about 15 miles south and southwest of Marsing and burned

in grass and brush. BLM crews continued to work on hot spots Thursday.

Smoke from the fire was visible in the Owyhees south of Homedale from Y Road west to Johnstone Road last on Aug. 5.

Last week’s lightning sparked other fires in Owyhee country, including:

- The MMF74 HWY 51 Fire north of Bruneau. The fire was contained by 8:30 a.m., on Aug. 5 and controlled at 9 a.m., on Aug. 6.
- BLM used one overhead asset and three engines, and Bruneau Fire and the Mountain Home Rangeland Fire Protection Agency provided assistance.
- The fire burned 545 acres near Idaho highway 51.
- The Stonehouse Fire burned about 1/10th acre in Owyhee County southeast of Jordan Valley before it was contained on Aug. 5.
- The Parsnip Fire was controlled on the early afternoon of Aug. 6 after burning less than 100 acres in Oregon south of Jordan Valley.

GV Fire works on new tender

The Grand View Fire Department has announced planned work on a water tender project.

The agency has acquired a 2016 Peterbilt semi chassis, and Randco Tanks and

Equipment in Kelso, Wash., is performing modifications to create a new tender.

According to a Facebook post, the Washington company is building and mounting a water tank, shortening the frame, and the vehicle will be painted.

- Grand View volunteers were called out on the StrikeCut Fire on Friday. The firefighters provided mutual aid for BLM Idaho Fire crews and eventually were dismissed.

The fire burned about 170 acres near CJ Strike Dam Road and Idaho 167.

- The Oreana Fire burned about 1,600 acres south of Oreana before it was contained on Aug. 6 and controlled last Wednesday.

Grand View Fire volunteers fought the flames along with BLM, which provided at Single-Engine Air Tanker (SEAT), two fire engines, two dozers and a water tender.

Pole fire knocks out irrigation

The South Board of Control’s C Canal was without water temporarily on Aug. 6.

According to a City of Marsing social media post, water from the canal was shut down because of a power pole fire.

It took the rest of the day to fill the canal after electricity was restored.

Weather

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Aug. 6	97	62	.00
Aug. 7	96	61	.00
Aug. 8	93	61	.00
Aug. 9	92	63	.00
Aug. 10	94	63	.00
Aug. 11	94	59	.00
Aug. 12	93	57	.00

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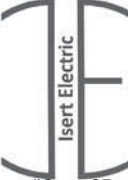
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School menus

Calendar

Homedale Elementary
Aug. 19: **Breakfast:** Raised donut, string cheese, applesauce **Lunch:** Chicken sandwich, crinkle fries
Aug. 20: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk biscuits, sausage patty, country gravy, orange slices **Lunch:** Macaroni and cheese, chicken nuggets, seasoned green beans, whole grain roll
Aug. 21: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, whole grain toast, sliced pears **Lunch:** Chicken fingers, mashed potatoes, country gravy, buttered corn
Aug. 22: **Breakfast:** Texas toast, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, garden salad, pineapple tidbits, Jello

Homedale Middle
Aug. 19: **Breakfast:** Raised donut, applesauce **Lunch:** Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, curly fries
Aug. 20: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk biscuits, country gravy, sliced pears **Lunch:** Mini corn dogs, mixed vegetables, chocolate chunk cookie
Aug. 21: **Breakfast:** Sausage patty, Texas toast, sliced peaches **Lunch:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, buttered corn, whole grain roll
Aug. 22: **Breakfast:** Croissant breakfast sandwich, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, garden salad, pineapple tidbits, Jello

Homedale High
Aug. 19: **Breakfast:** Maple bar or bagel and cream cheese, Yami yogurt, fruit smoothie **Lunch:** Meatball sub, crinkle fries **Grab ‘n’ go:** Chicken Caesar wrap
Aug. 20: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk biscuits, sausage patty, country gravy, iced coffee **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, Tater Tots **Grab ‘n’ go:** Turkey bacon sub
Aug. 21: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, string cheese, fruit smoothie **Lunch:** Corn dog, curly fries, Jello **Grab ‘n’ go:** BBQ chicken wrap
Aug. 22: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, banana, iced coffee **Lunch:** Mini pepperoni pizza, garden salad **Grab ‘n’ go:** Chef’s salad

Marsing
Aug. 14: **Breakfast:** Texas toast or frudel, string cheese **Lunch:** Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, Tater Tots **Cold Grab-n-go:** Chicken Caesar salad
Aug. 15: **Breakfast:** Frudel, string cheese **Lunch:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, buttered corn, country gravy **Hot Grab-n-go:** Cheesy chicken quesadilla, crinkle fries
Aug. 19: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, string cheese, **Lunch:** Macaroni and cheese, chicken nuggets, steamed carrots
Aug. 20: **Breakfast:** Pork sausage patty, country gravy, biscuit **Lunch:** Super nachos, refried beans or turkey and cheese sandwich
Aug. 21: **Breakfast:** Waffles, banana **Lunch:** Chicken drumstick, green beans, steamed rice or ham and cheese sandwich
Aug. 22: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, string cheese, muffin **Lunch:** Turkey and cheese sandwich, curly fries or cheeseburger, curly fries

Bruneau Elementary
All meals: Milk and fruit juice/fruit offered daily
Jr.-Sr. high school: Pizza offered daily
Aug. 19: **Breakfast:** Chocolate muffins **Lunch:** Uncrustables, carrots
Aug. 20: **Breakfast:** Bagels, cream cheese **Lunch:** Beef and bean burritos, corn
Aug. 21: **Breakfast:** Waffles **Lunch:** Corndogs, green beans

Grandview Elem., Rimrock Jr./Sr. High
All meals: Milk and fruit juice/fruit offered daily
Jr.-Sr. high school: Pizza offered daily
Aug. 19: **Breakfast:** Cereal **Lunch:** Beef and bean burritos, vegetable
Aug. 20: **Breakfast:** Apple strudels **Lunch:** Spaghetti with garlic bread, salad
Aug. 21: **Breakfast:** Bagels with cream cheese **Lunch:** Pizza, corn

Today
Ladies coffee group
9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
Food distribution
9 a.m. to 10 a.m., for school families only; 10 a.m., to 1 p.m., for general Marsing community. The HUB food pantry, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 649-5411
Bingo
10:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
Labor Dept. bilingual employment services
Noon to 4 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 364-7781 or canyoncountymail@labor.idaho.gov for appointment or information.
Marsing Chamber of Commerce meeting
12:30 p.m., Marsing City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing.
Marsing Schools Open House
4 p.m., to 6 p.m., Marsing Elementary School, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing.
4 p.m., to 6 p.m., Marsing Jr./Sr. High School, 800 Main St., Marsing.
Homedale City Council meeting
6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641
Jordan Valley Ambulance meeting
6 p.m., ambulance hall, 706 Main St., Jordan Valley.
Homedale Highway District meeting
6 p.m., Homedale Highway District office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., Homedale.
Marsing School Board meeting
7 p.m., school district office boardroom, The HUB, 301 8th Ave W, Marsing. (208) 649-5411
Marsing City Council meeting
7 p.m., Marsing City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 896-4122

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
Teens and Tweens summer program
5 p.m., to 6 p.m., ‘Onramp with CWI Teaches How to Build Motorized LEGO Kits,’ Homedale Community Center, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.
Homedale Schools Open House
4 p.m., to 8 p.m., Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale.
4 p.m., to 8 p.m., Homedale Middle School, 3437 Johnston Rd., Homedale.
4 p.m., to 8 p.m., Homedale High School, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

Friday
Food bank distribution
7:30 a.m., to 10 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale. (208) 473-9331
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
Ducks Unlimited OC Sportsman’s Party
6 p.m., \$50/person, \$70/couple, \$25/youth, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community, 126 W. 2nd St., N., Marsing.

Proceeds benefit Ducks Unlimited wetlands conservation efforts. Tickets/Information: www.idahodu.org, or Elmus Miles (510) 385-4400.
Alcoholics Anonymous
7 p.m., Sandbar Community Room, City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 860-9674

Saturday
Food bank distribution
9 a.m., to 10 a.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho St., Grand View.
Homedale Senior Center thrift store
10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
Snake River Country Market
11 a.m., to 3 p.m., ‘Mindful Moments,’ London Park, Main Street and 4th Avenue West, Marsing. Information: snakerivercountrymarket@gmail.com

Sunday
Catholic Mass
1 p.m., Our Lady of Tears Catholic Church, Silver City.

Monday
Board of County Commissioners meeting
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421
Opal Nash Story Time
10 a.m., Steve Belknap reading. Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228
Homedale district library board meeting
10 a.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228
Creative writing group
5 p.m., Lizard Butte Library community room, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing.

Tuesday
Foot clinic
8:30 a.m., appointments necessary, foot exams, \$25; ear cleanings, \$30, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
Fit and Fall class
10 a.m., free, Melba Valley Senior Center, 115 Base Line Rd, Melba. (208) 495-2168
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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
Alcoholics Anonymous
7 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. Hwy. 95, Wilder.

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Obituary

Ray D. Shaffer

Ray D. Shaffer, 97, passed away on July 30, 2024, in Bruneau, ID.

Ray was born November 14, 1926, in Hopwood, PA. He was one of 8 children, having 3 brothers and 4 sisters. His 8th-grade education and dedicated work ethic carried him into many business ventures. He signed up for the US Navy, the day before his 18th birthday and proudly served two years during WWII. After getting out of the service, he married the love of his life, Carol Critchfield, and they settled in Pennsylvania for a short time.

Ray realized to provide for a family he needed to leave and work on civilian construction projects in other countries. He went to Vietnam and Greenland while Carol stayed home, but she did accompany him to Iceland. Later, they moved to Washington with Carol's par-

ents and started a mobile home trailer park in Parkland. After Sherry was born, he went to Afghanistan and Cambodia. He operated heavy equipment and worked on road construction in these countries. Once he had enough money saved, he stayed home and started working for himself. First starter houses and then larger projects, the Diamond and Palisade Apartments. They managed and lived in one of the apartments. Carol was always by his side supporting him with his next adventure. He built and operated Tacoma Truss Systems for many years. He had many real estate projects in the Spanaway and Parkland area. The purchase of Tacoma Livestock Market started him in the cattle business.

When Sherry and Guy got married and moved to Idaho, they started purchasing regis-



tered Hereford cattle at sales throughout the United States. His support in starting Colyer Herefords was part of the foundation it is today. He thoroughly enjoyed attending cattle shows but mostly in Reno and Denver. The people that he met at these events became lifelong friends.

After Carol passed in 1990, he followed the sun and warm weather he so loved. We

teased him that he was solar powered! Ray settled at La Quinta, CA and loved playing golf. But what he probably loved more was baking chocolate chip cookies and sharing with the people at the courses. He quickly became known as the "cookie guy" and was a favorite of the bag boys, starters, gift shop girls and anyone that ate his cookies. He would purchase flour in 25# bags! Ray was able to live a life we all aspire to.

He worked hard in his early years and was able to enjoy the "golden years." Keeping his independence, he was able to live at his home and drive until he was almost 97. He joined Sherry and Guy in Bruneau, ID last fall and enjoyed ranch life but not the winter weather.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and all his siblings and their spouses. He

is survived by his daughter, Sherry (Guy) Colyer, grandchildren, Kyle Colyer, Katie Colyer (Tige Skaar), and great-grandchildren, Piper and Cruz Colyer.

Please join us in celebrating Ray's life and legacy on Thursday, August 15, 2024, at the Colyer Ranch Sale Barn. Beverages at 6:00 pm, program at 6:30 pm, dinner to follow, and sharing of "Shaffer" stories with chocolate chip cookies.

Entombment services will be September 17, 2024, at 11:00 am, New Tacoma Cemeteries and Funeral Home, Chambers Creek Road, Tacoma, WA.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Bruneau Quick Response Unit, PO Box 294. Bruneau, ID.

Please visit Ray's memorial webpage at www.bowmanfuneral.com

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Served at noon
Milk available each day
Roll/bread available each day, except Aug. 21

Aug. 14: French dip, fries, carrots
Aug. 15: BBQ pork roasted potatoes, broccoli in cheese sauce
Aug. 20: Salisbury steak with mushrooms and onions, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots
Aug. 21: Taco salad, rice, corn

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)

Aug. 14: Sausage Alfredo penne pasta, peas, green salad, Baci roll, pears
Aug. 16: Sweet and sour chicken over brown rice, Asian vegetables, baby carrots, whole wheat roll, fresh fruit
Aug. 19: Cranberry meatballs over rice pilaf, corn, peas, whole wheat roll, fresh fruit

Aug. 21: Sicilian chicken over pasta, Chateau vegetables, spinach salad, French bread, peaches

Rimrock Senior Center

Served at noon
All meals are served with milk & fruit juice
Curbside pickup from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or delivery only.
Call (208) 834-2922 as early as possible to place order to go

Aug. 15: Hoagie sandwich, French fries, coleslaw, yogurt, roll, melon
Aug. 20: Ham dinner, mixed veggies, cottage cheese, pineapple, roll, carrot cake and ice cream
Aug. 22: Roast beef, baked potato, grapes and apples, roll, berry cobbler

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. 15: Potato bar
Aug. 20: Open face sandwich
Aug. 22: Chicken and rice

Celebrating

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Promising research in grazing to control invasive annual grasses

This column, first published in Progressive Cattlemen, summarizes ongoing research that Scott Jensen used to build a presentation to the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association summer meeting on July 27 in Silver City.

— Ed.

Cheatgrass (*Bromus tectorum*) and medusahead (*Taeniatherum caput-medusae*) are two invasive annual grasses whose presence are ever-increasing across western range-lands. The expansion of these annual grasses reduces the overall productivity of the land and



Scott Jensen

increases the frequency and severity of wildfire. Frequent wildfire then exacerbates the problem as the cycle continues and the invasion expands.

Unfortunately, there is no quick and easy solution to reduce the spread of invasive annual grasses. However, multiple research efforts are being made to learn if and how prescriptive or targeted livestock grazing can be used as a tool to help manage cheatgrass and medusahead. A key consideration in developing a targeted grazing plan for these grasses includes identifying times or seasons of the year when livestock can be concentrated and encouraged to consume them without damaging desirable perennial grasses and forbs. In most instances, the dormant season (late fall and winter) provides the best opportunity to remove litter and germinating annual grass seedlings without negatively affecting perennial plants.

Targeted, dormant season grazing requires several things to be successful.

First, there must be a graze-able quantity of forage available. This most consistently occurs later in the season as availability in the spring is very dependent on precipitation timing.

Second, adequate protein supplementation is neces-

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sary to keep rumen microbes healthy and functioning. Crude protein content of fully mature cheatgrass and medusahead is below that needed by rumen microbes.

Third, stock water must be available within a reasonable distance of the targeted areas. If necessary, stock water can be hauled to the cattle, although that can significantly increase costs.

One additional item over which we have no control is fall precipitation. Fall precipitation sufficient to germinate cheatgrass and medusahead seed in the litter or thatch layer is extremely helpful for encouraging consumption by cattle.

Research conducted at the University of Nevada-Reno's Gund Ranch Experiment Station from 2006 to 2009 focused on reducing cheatgrass fuel loads using fall grazing. In the study, cattle removed 58 to 80 percent of the cheatgrass standing crop each fall. Researchers also documented a six-fold decrease in the cheatgrass seed bank in comparison to about a two-fold seed bank decrease in the ungrazed area over the same period. Researchers did recognize that some of the decrease is likely attributable to two very dry years; however, overall results strongly suggested an effect from grazing. It is important to note that a decrease in cheatgrass density was not observed until after two years of grazing treatment.

I am currently involved in a collaborative, 10-year, landscape-scale research project in the Three Fingers Allotment of Bureau of Land Management's Vale District in Oregon. The project is led by Dr. Sergio Arispe, Oregon State University Extension Livestock and Range field faculty, and includes collaborators from Oregon State, University of Idaho, Nevada-Reno, Boise State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture Agricultural Research Service out of Burns, Ore., and local



Medusahead seedlings in thatch layer. Photo by Scott Jensen / University of Idaho Extension

ranchers. We are looking at using dormant season grazing to reduce fine fuels (mainly medusahead) and fire risk. We are now six years into the project.

The project consists of six replications of four treatments. Treatments include no graze, traditional graze (summer/early fall), dormant season (Oct. 15-Feb. 28), and traditional plus dormant season.

Key findings thus far are that there may be reductions in litter biomass in some grazed treatments relative to control treatments. There is no evidence of negative impacts on perennial vegetation. In fact, perennial grass density has shown significant increases in dormant and traditional plus dormant season grazing treatments. This increase in perennial grass density was not manifest until four years into the project.

Dormant season grazing is not without challenges. As discussed earlier, a lack of fall moisture impedes germination. It also reduces natural stock water availability. Too much precipitation, especially in the form of snow, can make it nearly impossible to keep cattle up in the desired areas. Too much cold weather and the cattle begin to lose body condition. In the project on the Three Fingers Allotment, we have only been able to use an average of 36 percent of



A cow chews on a mouthful of medusahead. Photo by Scott Jensen / University of Idaho Extension

the authorized AUMs (Animal Unit Monthly) because of the aforementioned challenges.

In summary, grazing management targeted at invasive annual grasses such as cheatgrass and medusahead can be effective over time at managing and possibly reducing fuel loads and wildfire risk. Additionally, invasive annual grass density can be reduced while increasing more desirable perennial grass density. These positive changes, however, take time. Consistency is key

to long-term success.

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



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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

August 18, 1999

The look of fear...

Six-year-old Katelyn Blackstock tries her skills in the mutton-bustin' event at the Owyhee County Rodeo this past week as mom keeps a watchful eye on her. She is the daughter of Ted and Mary Blackstock. This was the first year the event was held here.



Local teen wins Owyhee County Queen crown

Local girl Ginger May King was crowned the 1999-2000 Owyhee County Queen Saturday night during the final show of the Owyhee County Rodeo.

King follows Shanna Painter, 18, the 1998-1999 Owyhee County queen. She is the daughter of Rex and Jeannine Painter of Nampa.

King, 17, has lived in Owyhee County most of her life. She is the daughter of Greg and Debbie King and a senior at Homedale High School.

City seeks impact area update with county

The Homedale City Council and Mayor Paul Fink will meet soon with the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners to discuss updating the impact area agreement between the county and the city.

Currently, Owyhee County is issuing building permits and conducting inspections for individual residences, but not for subdivisions, in the one-mile corridor surrounding the city. The county also collects the fees.

"Until we can get that changed with the commissioners, it's hard for us to do any planning in the impact area because someday it will be part of the city," Fink said. "We have no say over what's going on.

"I really believe if we want to get a handle on what's going on, we need to go to the county and get our agreement amended."

Ride 'em cowboy...

Bryan Martinat of Homedale doesn't have much luck on the mechanical bull at the Owyhee County Fair last week. Martinat made three attempts to tame the bull, being bucked off repeatedly.



Acting police chief asks for safe zone ordinance

Acting Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller asked the city council last week for an ordinance designating the magistrate court and the city hall as "safe zones" into which it would be illegal for anyone other than police officers to carry firearms.

Eidemiller said he felt the law was necessary, because when the city's police officers are out on patrol, the city clerk, the deputy city clerk and magistrate court personnel are left alone in the building.

"I want us to take the steps necessary to prevent something from happening," Eidemiller said. "There are a few people in town who don't have very much upstairs, who are carrying around guns."

50 years ago

August 15, 1974



MIKE HANLEY'S STAGECOACH was being driven by Omer Stanford, Owyhee County pioneer, when this picture was taken on May 28, 1966. The road down Trout Creek, near Jordan Valley, has changed some, but the landscape hasn't changed much since back in the 1800s, when stagecoaches made regular runs to the Silver City, DeLamar mining area. Photo courtesy of Mildretta Adams.

Canoe race again a feature of fair week

The "Great Canoe Race" will be held again this year, according to Jerry Shipley, who said Wednesday the Marsing Chamber of Commerce has challenged the Homedale Chamber.

The race will start at the Marsing bridge at 7:15 a.m. Saturday morning, Aug. 17, and finish at the Homedale bridge.

A \$15 entry fee will be posted by each team with winner take all. The Marsing team will consist of Bob Caldwell and Ralph Hausken, and the Homedale team is Hal Tolmie and Marion Vance.

Mayor's brunch to host notables

Mayor's brunch will be held at City Hall at 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 17. Hosts will be Mayor and Mrs. George Murray, City Councilmen and their wives, with arrangements by City Clerk Vivian Lillie.

Mayors and dignitaries will ride in jeeps furnished by the National Guard in the parade. After brunch and the parade, the visitors will be guests at the barbecue in the Homedale City Park.

Invitations have been accepted to date by Mayor Ernest Starr, Nampa; Mayor Lowell Siminson, New Plymouth; Mayor Wesley O. Roehr, Payette; Mayor Leonard Cates, Ontario; Mayor C. L. Anderson, Fruitland; Floyd Decker, director, Association of Idaho Cities, Boise; Sen. and Mrs. Walt Yarbrough, Grand View.

Old Timers Day beef barbecue set for big crowd

Over 1,000 persons are expected to be served at the annual Old Timers Day and Beef Barbecue Saturday. It will be held at the city park immediately following the Owyhee County Fair parade.

Committee chairmen have completed their assignments and are ready for the big event, Jon Heitzman and Hal Tolmie, general co-chairmen, reported at the Tuesday luncheon meeting of the Chamber of Commerce.

Special guests of the Chamber will be Miss Lisa Paynter, first runner-up Dairy Princess, of New Plymouth, and Miss Karen Edwards, second runner-up, of Kuna. They will assist with serving half-pints of milk.

Monte Kirstine, ticket chairman, reported four persons will assist with the ticket sales to assure fast service to the food tables. Tickets are priced at \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for children.

153 years ago

August 12, 1871

NEW TUNNELING PROJECT.—The irrepressible Col. Von Schmidt is determined to supply San Francisco with water from Lake Tahoe. His negotiations with the Central Pacific Railroad for constructing a tunnel through the Sierra Nevada of sufficient size to permit the passage of trains over the canal are likely to be successful. The tunnel will save seven miles of travel, over 1,000 feet of ascent and descent, and almost the entire amount of snow-sheds. But whether the negotiations succeed or not, the work on the tunnel will be pushed forward immediately.

Mountain Jottings.

There is quite a commotion among the boarding house keepers on the Mountain in consequence of a reduction in the price of board to \$7 per week, it having hitherto been \$9. A few days ago some of the houses came down to \$8 per week, whereupon A. D. Miller of Fairview concluded to go them a dollar better and reduced it to \$7 commencing last Thursday. The others must follow suit, and, of course, the miners don't object.

The Fairview folks organized a surprise party last Wednesday evening, went over the mountain, took possession of Borman's Hotel, cleaned out the dining room and had a jolly dance. Everything passed off in the most agreeable manner, as all such impromptu affairs generally do.

The new town is now composed of two hotels, two saloons and quite a number of dwelling houses, besides the hoisting works and other buildings at the Mahogany and Peck & Porter. We understand that it is proposed to christen the place "Sunnyside." As soon as that or any other name is agreed upon, please inform the AVALANCHE.

"Sell-out for the drinks" is the favorite game on the Mountain. If you hanker after such amusement, call at Capt. Fry's saloon and old Anno Domini Miller will go you some.

Clarke & Miller started up the Surplus Oro Fino Boarding house this week with 16 boarders.

After a deal of scratching, hair pulling and water throwing, the Teutonic troubles at Oro Fino, of which we made mention last week, have been settled. The belligerent couple divided their little property, divorced themselves, shed a few crocodile tears at parting, and now each is playing a lone hand.

THAT SCREW BUSINESS.—In the News of last Saturday our dignified friend, M'Gonigle, takes back his petty fling at the Owyhee Board of County Commissioners, but insists that, in "Old Hill's" case, "there is a screw loose somewhere." We are inclined to think that if Mac would pay proper attention to his own "screws," he would have but little time, ability or inclination to meddle with the screw business of others.

Local Hints and Happenings.

Hon. E. C. Sterling, ex-Territorial Treasurer, has been spending a few days in town.

Dr. Colmache moved into his new quarters, one door below W. F. & Co.'s. office this week.

Our citizens are taking time by the forelock, by repairing their houses and providing wood for winter.

Jos. Caine, of Cainesville, has gone to California for the good of his health, and intends to return again this fall.

Commentary

Twin Falls County commissioners

Agriculture’s lifeblood S. Idaho farmers need water, too

When you think of Idaho, the first thing that comes to mind is agriculture. It is the backbone of our state’s economy and identity. From barley and wheat to beef and milk, the farmers and ranchers of southern Idaho are the reason so many of us have quality food on our tables.

There is one key ingredient needed by every agricultural producer, no matter the location: water. Unfortunately, it appears some have forgotten that eastern Idaho is not the only recipient of this essential resource from the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer — ALL southern Idaho farmers rely on that same water.



Don Hall

Now, nearly 200,000 acres of productive farmland in Twin Falls County are seeing a shortfall of critical water because of the unlawful actions of a few groundwater districts in eastern Idaho.



Jack Johnson

As elected representatives for Twin Falls County, it is our job as county commissioners to protect the best interests of our constituents. And in our county, most of our citizens are involved in the agriculture industry. It is truly the lifeblood of our region. But southern Idaho is also a desert, so it is thanks to our efficient irrigation systems that our agricultural producers can utilize the dry climate to grow the best crops.



Brent Reinke

This is why the disagreement in eastern Idaho over Idaho’s water right laws and mitigation plans is so disheartening; those junior water right-holders are not fighting back against overreach from Gov. Brad Little or the Idaho Department of Water Resources, and they’re not taking water back from corporations or politicians like they say they are. What they are advocating for is taking water that is legally owed to our senior water right users in Twin Falls County, while at the same time mining water from the severely declining levels of the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer (ESPA).

No one wants to see a single piece of Idaho farmland dry up. But the fact is, eastern Idaho junior water users are refusing to adhere to the court-approved mitigation plans and orders that aim to

— See **Water**, Page 11

Letters to the editor

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

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

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

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

JP Doodles



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

From Washington Honoring Idaho’s wildland firefighters

The Interagency Wildland Firefighter Monument stands on the grounds of the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) in Boise. NIFC offers a virtual tour of the monument available online at <https://www.nifc.gov/wildland-firefighters-monument>, and explains, “More than 325 plaques in the monument offer tribute to those the wildland fire community has lost. ... In the midst of the busy NIFC campus, the monument offers peace, tranquility and a place to reflect, and reminds visitors of those who made the ultimate sacrifice while battling flames, or dedicated long careers to wildland fire management.” Unfortunately, the recent loss of Juliana Turchetti while battling the Horse Gulch fire in Helena, Mont., is a heartbreaking reminder of the dedication and bravery of those who serve as wildland firefighters protecting our communities.

To help recognize the magnitude of this service, I co-sponsored S. 4687, the Wildland Firefighter Congressional Gold Medal Act. This legislation would award a Congressional Gold Medal to wildland firefighters past, present and future, and the medal would be displayed at the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise. The legislation, which fellow U.S. senator for Idaho Jim Risch has also co-sponsored, includes the following details about wildland firefighters’ service:

- The Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Bureau of Indian Affairs collectively employ more than 18,700 wildland firefighters to combat wildfires across millions of acres of public and private lands each year, while thousands more workers and volunteers serve as state, local and contract wildland firefighters;

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- Wildland firefighter crews are all-hazards frontline emergency responders who use any means necessary to protect life and property while responding to floods, hurricanes, pandemics and acts of terrorism; and
- Wildland firefighters put their lives on the line to keep the people of the United States safe, and some

— See **Firefighters**, Page 11

Commentary

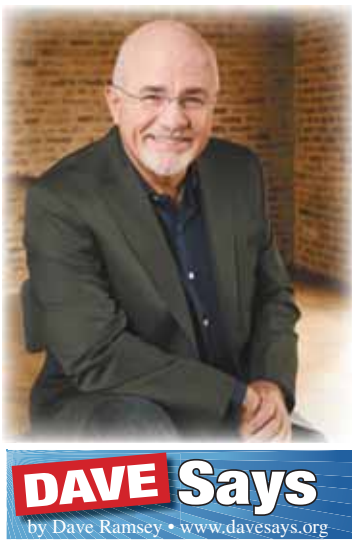
Financial management

Buy vacation home with cash; don't expect big rent returns

Dear Dave,
How do you feel about someone buying a vacation home then renting it out when they're not there?
— **Randall**

Dear Randall,
As long as you're debt-free and buying with cash, I'm cool with it. A vacation home is a really nice "extra" as you start building wealth. It's still basically a very large, very expensive toy. Still, it could become something of a money-maker for you if you play your cards right.

you won't get rich renting it out, but if you're talking about something that's more of a plan to offset the annual costs of your toy, I don't think you'll be disappointed.
Be ready to deal with lots of spills on the carpet and damage from your guests, along with general maintenance and repairs. There's always something that needs attention when you own a property. But if you can handle all that financially and emotionally, I think you'll be fine.
Best of luck, Randall!



out of your home when just starting out. But I understand that depending on the type of business you're running, that route's not always possible.
You should only buy a building when you have a really good idea exactly what your building needs will be, based on a solid track record. Growth in business is a good thing. But in some cases, you may want to hold off buying a building if you're growing too rapidly. Don't make the mistake of focusing too much on real estate, and not enough on generating revenue and managing your growth wisely. You'd also want to make sure you're going to be in anything you buy for a while, because you don't want to be stuck with a residual value — the remaining value of an asset after it has been fully depreciated.

So, yeah. In the first three to five years of starting your business, it's always a good idea to lease. After that, and once your company has a proven record of success, you can think about leasing with an option to buy, or — in the right situation — buying a building.
Debt-free, of course!

But here's another side to vacation home rentals that most folks don't consider. You might make some money, but there will almost always be several weeks during a year when it sits there empty. Chances are

Dear Dave,
How do you know when the time is right to buy a place and stop leasing? I've operated my own small business for three years, and in that time, I have leased the building that houses

my company. Thanks for your help.
— **Jon**

Dear Jon,
I'm a big fan of leasing the first few years after starting your own business. Now, it's even better if you can work

✓ Water: Owyhee County farmers could be affected by new IDWR move

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recharge and recover our aquifer. The ESPA provides drinking water for 300,000 people and irrigation for more than 2 million acres of farmland. Junior water right-holders do not have "priority" under our state constitution — not on a river, not to the aquifer. Yet that is the result some users are championing, to turn the prior appropriation doctrine on its head.
Our southern Idaho farmers, including those with senior water rights, need water, too. And right now, they are seeing a very real shortage that is putting their family farms in danger.
It is time we stopped making the governor and IDWR the boogeyman. Under Idaho's Constitution, water is allocated conjunctively by first in time, first in right. Thus, those who hold earlier water rights are dubbed as "senior" and are to be granted access to their share of this finite resource first. The governor and IDWR must follow the law that says if a shortage is calculated that would injure a senior water right user, junior users must mitigate to make up for it. The 2016 mitigation plan was agreed to by all groundwater users and has effectively provided

safe harbor to groundwater users who comply with their mitigation plans. It has been approved by IDWR and upheld by the district court.
It is disappointing that so many are unjustly upset with our state leaders for doing their job: following and upholding Idaho law. It is also disappointing that certain groundwater districts prefer to litigate rather than find solutions for their members.
The other major concern here is the lack of regard for the health of our aquifer. The ESPA's levels are at an almost-record low; levels we haven't seen since 1916. We have all witnessed the severe drought in our region these past few years; we're seeing less rainfall and reduced spring runs to the Snake River from the lack of snowmelt, all of which is directly hurting the ESPA. The aquifer lost more than 1 million acre-feet of water from 2022 to 2023 alone.
If we want our future generations to have access to clean drinking water and enough water to continue fueling all of eastern and southern Idaho's farms, we need to support our governor, IDWR, and our senior water right users for working to replenish the ESPA

and uphold the law of the land.
Eastern Idaho's farmers are not the only ones who need water — our southern Idaho farmers deserve the water they are entitled to under their senior rights. We believe the junior water users should step up to the table with the senior right-holders to find a sensible and efficient path forward that benefits all present and future farmers.
We must protect the Eastern Snake River Plan Aquifer, and we need to support ALL the farmers of Idaho's agriculture industry.
— *Don Hall (District 2) chairs the Twin Falls Board of County Commissioners, which also includes Jack Johnson (District 3) and Brent Reinke (District 1).*
— *The Idaho Department of Water Resources on July 16 suspended further action on some water appropriate applications on surface water and groundwater under associated drainages in the Snake River Basin between Swan Falls Dam and Milner Dam. See legal notice, Page 15A*
— *Ed.*

✓ Firefighters: Legislation honors, equips, protects wildland fire crews

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pay the ultimate sacrifice to do so. In the past five years, 91 wildland firefighters have lost their lives fighting fires. Acute and secondary effects from wildfire smoke exposure are directly linked to tens of thousands of firefighter and civilian deaths each year.
I remain committed to advocating for a number of efforts to improve our country's ability to prevent and respond to wildfires, which includes:
• Reversing the *Cottonwood* decision that provides a loophole for outside groups to effectively pause important wildfire restoration and other forestry activity by filing a lawsuit;
• Expediting the environmental review process for projects that remove invasive species and supporting policies that play a vital role in maintaining the economic

and environmental well-being of our region;
• Maintaining the availability of prescribed fires and targeted grazing as vital tools for mitigating wildfire risk; and
• Reauthorizing and expanding the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program to support collaborative and community-based forest management.
With my support, Congress also recently passed and the president signed into law the Fire Grants and Safety Act that reauthorized three grant programs administered by the United States Fire Administration (USFA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Idaho fire departments have received grants from these programs that focus on assisting local paid and volunteer fire departments with maintaining readiness.

Many wildland firefighters are far from family and friends as they battle wildfires blazing across our western states, and as the Wildland Firefighter Congressional Gold Medal Act reads, "The outstanding accomplishments of these brave individuals continue an unparalleled legacy of public service."
As I pray for their safety and work to ensure they have necessary resources and support to suppress fires and improve the health of our forests and grasslands, I also continue to work to ensure their legacy is honored.
— *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 PUBLIC HEARING - OWYHEE COUNTY

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO WILL MEET ON AUGUST 26, 2026 AT THE HOUR OF 10:00AM AT OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COURTROOM 2, 20381 HWY 78, MURPHY, ID, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING AND FIXING A FINAL BUDGET AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO EACH OFFICE, DEPARTMENT, SERVICE AGENCY OR INSTITUTION AND FUND FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR AT WHICH TIME ANY TAXPAYER MAY APPEAR AND BE HEARD UPON ANY PART OR PARTS OF SAID BUDGET; AND THAT THE FOLLOWING TABLE SETS FORTH THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED TO EACH DEPARTMENT FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR, THE CURRENT YEAR, TOGETHER WITH THE AMOUNTS EXPENDED FOR “SALARIES”, “BENEFITS”, AND “OTHER EXPENSES” DURING THE TWO PREVIOUS YEARS BY THE SAID DEPARTMENTS, TO WIT:

	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES				BUDGETED EXPENDITURES			
	FISCAL YEAR ENDING 9/30/2022		FISCAL YEAR ENDING 9/30/2023		CURRENT BUDGET FY ENDING 9/30/2024			
	SALARIES	BENEFITS	OTHER	TOTAL	SALARIES	BENEFITS	OTHER	TOTAL
CURRENT EXPENSE								
CLERK / AUDITOR	341,735.19	136,622.57	7,661.34	486,019.10	423,596.95	153,253.69	5,884.09	582,734.73
ASSESSOR	212,666.88	85,455.42	9,140.80	307,263.10	235,754.53	92,023.62	6,751.22	334,529.37
TREASURER								
/TAXCOLLECTOR	137,197.58	44,373.82	11,137.48	192,708.88	171,765.28	53,496.56	9,318.73	234,580.57
SHERIFF	852,012.34	306,827.24	369,463.44	1,528,303.02	1,029,513.78	367,743.89	454,265.29	1,851,522.96
COMMISSIONERS	135,915.71	61,252.31	77,812.39	274,980.41	164,071.64	68,825.99	49,580.21	302,477.84
CORONER	26,139.70	14,059.60	37,862.52	78,061.82	37,798.40	17,016.53	48,609.41	103,424.34
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY	150,284.65	42,922.39	7,936.75	201,143.79	213,139.72	61,003.71	17,403.22	291,546.65
BUILDING AND GROUNDS	44,718.24	17,690.67	138,195.35	200,604.26	51,067.23	20,694.80	181,007.51	252,769.54
CIVIL DEFENSE	0.00	0.00	46,009.93	46,009.93	0.00	0.00	16,624.04	16,624.04
COUNTY AGENT	82,154.35	24,187.98	33,177.59	139,519.92	107,184.94	37,046.94	36,473.15	180,705.03
ELECTIONS	12,641.90	0.00	23,940.24	36,582.14	14,189.15	0.00	16,151.37	30,340.52
BUILDING DEPARTMENT	57,250.33	21,931.15	6,193.84	85,375.32	75,548.37	24,889.53	3,682.21	104,120.11
PLANNING AND ZONING	91,895.71	35,436.99	9,546.66	136,879.36	105,125.21	38,575.37	10,787.29	154,487.87
GENERAL	0.00	0.00	137,265.05	137,265.05	0.00	0.00	180,862.74	180,862.74
TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT	0.00	0.00	195,421.13	195,421.13	0.00	0.00	190,282.26	190,282.26
JAIL	480,959.16	153,515.57	270,038.93	904,513.66	555,451.95	194,395.30	265,446.58	1,015,293.83
DISPATCH CENTER	281,519.87	96,760.45	2,718.66	380,998.98	310,719.13	107,790.76	3,816.42	422,326.31
CURRENT EXPENSE	2,907,091.61	1,041,036.16	1,383,522.10	5,331,649.87	3,494,926.28	1,236,756.69	1,516,945.74	6,248,628.71
ROAD AND BRIDGE	345,155.94	162,464.90	1,752,519.77	2,260,140.61	407,864.93	180,567.49	2,763,067.48	3,351,499.90
AIRPORT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
DISTRICT COURT	0.00	0.00	53,414.65	53,414.65	0.00	0.00	63,548.29	63,548.29
FAIR, COUNTY	26,337.28	0.00	34,036.02	60,373.30	30,394.12	0.00	35,729.30	66,123.42
FAIR, GROUNDS								
AND BUILDINGS	0.00	0.00	23,682.67	23,682.67	0.00	0.00	92,975.55	92,975.55
PROBATION	89,734.62	36,849.74	19,036.25	145,620.61	115,158.42	44,346.30	12,758.07	172,262.79
HEALTH DISTRICT	0.00	0.00	72,061.00	72,061.00	0.00	0.00	110,912.04	110,912.04
HISTORICAL SOCIETY								
& MUSEUM	46,663.62	18,044.78	19,623.17	84,331.57	67,250.83	22,669.72	22,449.14	112,369.69
INDIGENT AND CHARITY	58,132.02	18,639.10	412,074.73	488,845.85	63,561.61	18,855.76	342,692.42	425,109.79
JUNIOR COLLEGE TUITION	0.00	0.00	17,950.00	17,950.00	0.00	0.00	26,500.00	26,500.00
PEST	0.00	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
REVALUATION	145,297.67	52,116.25	25,917.09	223,331.01	205,991.31	69,680.81	19,662.07	295,334.19
SOLID WASTE	54,629.11	9,162.83	232,962.42	296,754.36	50,786.83	9,895.16	224,008.76	284,690.75
TORT	0.00	0.00	138,887.00	138,887.00	0.00	0.00	143,676.51	143,676.51
VETERANS MEMORIAL	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	600.00	600.00
WEEDS	0.00	0.00	92,071.90	92,071.90	0.00	0.00	95,075.02	95,075.02
911	0.00	0.00	289,027.43	289,027.43	0.00	0.00	179,029.36	179,029.36
WATERWAYS FUND	21,016.87	2,509.46	4,125.12	27,651.45	32,243.74	3,613.88	253,969.72	289,827.34
OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLES	13,907.24	1,747.06	10,270.73	25,925.03	16,303.47	2,437.42	41,210.18	59,951.07
TAXING DISTRICT								
ELECTION FUND	4,270.82	0.00	72,128.62	76,399.44	2,028.80	0.00	80,856.11	82,884.91
SNOWMOBILE FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	157.18	157.18
SEARCH & RESCUE – SHERIFF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECT FUND/ARPA	0.00	0.00	1,107,324.26	1,107,324.26	0.00	0.00	561,353.74	561,353.74
COURT FACILITIES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CHILD SAFETY FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
INTERLOCK DEVICE FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	230.35	230.35
JUVENILE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SCAPP PROGRAM/ALIENS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	916.08	916.08
SHERIFF								
DRUG ENFORCEMENT FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,186.60	2,186.60
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
SELF INSURANCE FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	57,432.74	57,432.74
HAZARDOUS WASTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	42,688.60	42,688.60
Grand Totals:	3,712,236.80	1,342,570.28	5,765,334.93	10,820,142.01	4,486,510.34	1,588,823.23	6,699,131.05	12,774,464.62

ESTIMATED REVENUE				
THE ESTIMATED REVENUE FOR 10/01/2024 TO 09/30/2025 IS AS FOLLOWS:				
FUND	BUDGETED EXPENSES	CASH CARRYOVER	OTHER REVENUE	PROPOSED TAXES
0001 CURRENT EXPENSE	8,395,391.00	24,334.00	5,659,145.00	2,711,912.00
0002 ROAD AND BRIDGE	3,796,260.00	2,157,160.00	1,639,100.00	0.00
0003 AIRPORT	25,000.00	16,483.00	0.00	8,517.00
0006 DISTRICT COURT	180,005.00	129,375.00	50,630.00	0.00
0007 FAIR, COUNTY	99,917.00	49,549.00	10,525.00	39,843.00
0009 FAIR, GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS	114,500.00	34,605.00	12,462.00	67,433.00
0010 PROBATION	221,143.00	54,033.00	94,000.00	73,110.00
0011 HEALTH DISTRICT	117,760.00	6,699.00	11,734.00	99,327.00
0012 HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM	132,422.00	5,286.00	10,812.00	116,324.00
0016 INDIGENT AND CHARITY	122,100.00	92,100.00	30,000.00	0.00
0017 JUNIOR COLLEGE TUITION	60,000.00	60,000.00	0.00	0.00
0019 PEST	5,000.00	2,319.00	0.00	2,681.00
0020 REVALUATION	413,576.00	67,413.00	62,120.00	284,043.00
0023 SOLID WASTE	477,742.00	127,178.00	350,564.00	0.00
0024 TORT	248,021.00	14,593.00	26,444.00	206,984.00
0025 VETERANS MEMORIAL	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	0.00
0027 WEEDS	163,000.00	11,663.00	1,000.00	150,337.00
0028 911	218,000.00	0.00	218,000.00	0.00
0031 WATERWAYS FUND	168,086.00	109,086.00	59,000.00	0.00
0032 OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLES	74,838.00	63,838.00	11,000.00	0.00
0033 TAXING DISTRICT ELECTION FUND	138,450.00	68,450.00	70,000.00	0.00
0034 SNOWMOBILE FUND	40,000.00	34,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
0036 SEARCH & RESCUE - SHERIFF	2,300.00	1,800.00	500.00	0.00
0041 CAPITAL PROJECT FUND/ARPA	4,930,000.00	4,300,000.00	630,000.00	0.00
0050 COURT FACILITIES	14,000.00	11,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
0060 CHILD SAFETY FUND	14,000.00	13,700.00	300.00	0.00
0061 INTERLOCK DEVICE FUND	3,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
0062 JUVENILE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00
0063 SCAPP PROGRAM/ALIENS	20,000.00	18,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
0064 SHERIFF -DRUG ENFORCEMENT FUND	5,000.00	4,500.00	500.00	0.00
0066 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES	4,400.00	400.00	4,000.00	0.00
0080 SELF INSURANCE FUND	100,000.00	0.00	100,000.00	0.00
0090 HAZARDOUS WASTE	430,000.00	390,000.00	40,000.00	0.00
	20,745,111.00	7,880,764.00	9,103,836.00	3,760,511.00

08/14,21/2024

NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINE
2024 General Election
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that for all Nonpartisan Candidates, Declaration of Candidacy forms must be filed with the Owyhee County Clerk’s Office, whose address is 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho, 83650, no later than August 30, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. (I.C. §34-1404). All write-in candidates must file Declarations of Intent by September 6, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. (I.C. §34-1407 & 34-702A). Such declarations are available at the Owyhee County Clerk’s office or at www.owyheecounty.net under the Clerk’s / Elections tab.
08/14,21/2024

NOTICE OF TAX SALE
Pursuant to Idaho Code §31-808, and pursuant to the Tax Deeds recorded with the Owyhee County Recorder on May 6, 2024,

Owyhee County will offer for sale on Monday, September 16, 2024, at 10:00 A.M. in Courtroom 2 of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho, the following properties:
Property known as **Lots 13-15 Block 1 Moler Addition 33 3N 4W, City of Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho**, and having a commonly referred to physical address of **911 Franklin St, Marsing, Idaho**. Said property was taken by tax deed, May 6, 2024, from **Jesus S & Maria G Berrospe**, parcel number **RPB0280001013A**.
A minimum bid of **\$7,416.42** is required which will include delinquent taxes; late fees; interest and costs, plus current year’s taxes and all other accruing costs.
Property known as **Lot 7 Block 1 Camyon Estates Sub 5 2N 5W, Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho**, and having a commonly referred to physical address of

5791 Johnstone Rd, Homedale, Idaho. Said property was taken by tax deed, May 6, 2024, from **Robert J Miller**, parcel number **RP009200010070**.
A minimum bid of **\$6,550.86** is required which will include delinquent taxes; late fees; interest and costs, plus current year’s taxes and all other accruing costs.
Property known as **Lot 4 Less the N 80’ Block 2 & Adj N 10’ of Vacated Alley Shults Addition, City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho**, and having a commonly referred to physical address of **109 S 7th St W, Homedale, Idaho**. Said property was taken by tax deed, May 6, 2024, from **David C Ward Jr**, parcel number **RPA0040002004A**.**
A minimum bid of **\$3,834.22** is required which will include delinquent taxes; late fees; interest and costs, plus current year’s taxes and all other accruing costs.

****This parcel has a manufactured home on it that is NOT part of the Tax Deed Sale. The sale is for the LAND ONLY.**
Owyhee County offers the above properties for sale without warranty or representations of any kind and is sold “as is”, “where is” without warranty or representations as to marketability, fitness for a particular purpose or representations concerning compliance with any Federal or State regulations. Owyhee County offers above properties for sale subject to any rights limitations, claims, easements, or rights of way that may exist. **It is the responsibility of prospective bidders to inspect the sale property and to make themselves aware of any issues or potential issues concerning the sale of the properties.**
The sale is an auction open to the public and will be sold to the

highest bidder, payable at the time of the sale in lawful currency of the U.S. Treasury Department in cash or certified funds such as a cashier’s check.
The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids or offers.
Dated this 5TH day of August, 2024.
/s/ Jerry Hoagland, Chairman, Owyhee County Commissioners
/s/ Angela Barkell, Clerk, Board of County Commissioners
8/07,14,21,28/2024

Buy it, sell it,
trade it, rent it...
in the
Classifieds!

Public notices

**NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING:
HOMEDALE LIBRARY DISTRICT**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a budget hearing will be held on the 19th day of August 2024 at 10:00 am at 121 W Owyhee Avenue, Homedale, ID 83628.
The budget is for October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025.

ANTICIPATED REVENUE:	
Donations/Grants:	\$13,000
Community Center:	\$12,000
Property Tax Revenue:	\$286,450
Carryover:	\$60,000
Other Income:	\$3,750
	\$375,200

ANTICIPATED EXPENSES:	
Administration:	\$19,000
Library Supplies/Materials:	\$17,000
Payroll:	\$165,100
Facility Operations:	\$60,400
Programs:	\$12,000
Grants Spent:	\$10,000
Other Expenses:	\$1,700
Capital Improvements/Contingency Fund:	\$90,000
	\$375,200

Residents of the library district are invited to attend the budget hearing concerning the entire budget. A copy of the proposed budget in detail is available at the Homedale District Library during regular operating hours.
At the hearing, the Homedale District Library Board will explain the budget and hear any comments/questions from residents of the library district.

Sharla Jensen
Library Director
08/07,14/2024

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting of qualified voters of the Lizard Butte Library District will be held on the 20th of August, 2024 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Lizard Butte Library in the said library district, Marsing, Idaho, at which time there will be a public hearing on the maintenance and operation budget for the forthcoming year. This special budget hearing is called pursuant to section 33-2725 of the Idaho Code as amended.

General Fund		
Lizard Butte Library District		
October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025		
Revenue	2023-2024	2024-2025
Property Tax	\$ 103,106.00	\$ 119,520.00
State Replacement Funds	\$ 3,677.00	\$ 3,677.00
Sales Tax & other	\$ 11,488.00	\$ 11,488.00
Grants & Matching	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Carry Over	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Forgone	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 133,543.00	\$ 149,685.00
Expenditures		
Plant Operations	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Library Supplies	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 8,143.00
Book Purchase	\$ 22,747.00	\$ 25,000.00
Insurance	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 4,300.00
Election/Legal	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Youth service/Adult Programs	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 4,300.00
Salaries	\$ 51,896.00	\$ 58,042.00
FICA	\$ 6,900.00	\$ 9,600.00
Literacy	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Contingency	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Total	\$ 133,543.00	\$ 149,685.00

Bond Repayment		
October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025		
Revenue	2023-2024	2024-2025
Property Tax	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
Expenditures		
Bond Repayment:		
Principal	\$ 49,052.99	\$ 51,076.42
Interest	\$ 8,607.01	\$ 6,583.58
Audit	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Contingency	\$ 2,340.00	\$ 2,340.00
	08/07,14/2024	

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT OF THE STATE
OF IDAHO, COUNTY OF
OWYHEE
MAGISTRATE DIVISION
CASE NO. CV37-24-00255
IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATES OF
Robert John Ensley and**

**Mary Sue Ensley, Deceased
Persons**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estates. All persons having claims against the said decedents 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That a public meeting will be held on the 28th day of August, 2024, at 4:45 PM at the Bruneau Valley Library in said Library District in Bruneau, Idaho, located at 32073 Ruth Street, in Bruneau, ID, at which meeting there will be a public hearing on the maintenance and operation budget for the forthcoming year. The budget hearing is called pursuant to Section 33-2713A Idaho Code as amended. A regular meeting of the Board will follow.

Budget		
Bruneau Valley District Library		
Oct. 1, 2024 - Sept. 30, 2025		
	2023	2024-2025
Balance to be levied on	\$17,765	\$18,528
Sales Tax Revenue	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
AEPTR	\$ 936	\$ 936
Unencumbered Funds	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
E-Rate Reimbursement	\$ 0	\$ 0
Personal Property Repl. Tax	\$ 132	\$ 132
Grants	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000

Budget	\$28,333	\$29,096
Payroll-Expenses	\$13,533	\$14,000
Utilities	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,700
Insurance	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,800
Continue Ed/mileage	\$ 200	\$ 200
Legal Ads	\$ 200	\$ 250
Expendables/Supplies	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Books/E-Books	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,646
Dues/Subscriptions	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Internet Fees/Phones	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Child. Read/Sp. Prog.	\$ 1,000	\$ 500
Emerg. Repairs/Cap.Projects	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000

Total Expenditures	\$28,333	Total Exp	\$29,096
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Dated this 24th day of July 2024
By Order of the Board of Trustees
Bruneau Valley District Library
Lyndie Easterday, Clerk/ Kathy L. Mori, Chair
08/07,14/2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
In compliance with Section 63-802, Idaho Code, Grand View Rural Fire Protection will meet on August 27, 2024 at 7:00pm at 720 Roosevelt Ave, Grand View Idaho, to adopt our FY 2025 budget.

Grand View Rural Fire Protection District					
Grand View, ID					
Budget 2025					
Revenues		Expenses			
Property Tax	161,779	Maintenance & Repairs	59,740		
Property Tax Replacement	134,985	Supplies	30,355		
Cash Carry-Over	30,000	Rent	30,000		
Other Income	24,500	Utilities	21,996		
		Fuel	7,562		
		Payroll Expenses	36,400		
		Legal/Professional	10,300		
		Communications	12,875		
		Insurance	6,365		
		Taxes	3,215		
		Capital Expenditure Fund	91,550		
		Tools & Equipment	9,785		
		Training	15,965		
		Miscellaneous Expenses	15,156		
Total-	351,264	Total-	351,264		

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Claims must be both filed with the Court and presented to the Personal Representative of the estate at the law office of JULIE ADAMS DEFORD, 317 12th Avenue South, Nampa, Idaho 83651.
DATED this 7th day of August, 2024.

/s/:Jona Sue Kophamer
Personal Representative
08/14,21,28/2024

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT OF THE STATE
OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR
THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
CASE NO. CV37-24-239
IN THE MATTER OF THE**

**ESTATE OF
Joseph Dean Meade,
Deceased**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed as Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.
DATED this 16th day of July, 2024.

JUDY LORRAINE MEADE
Personal Representative of the

**BRUNEAU FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025
BUDGET**

The public hearing for the proposed budget for the 2024\2025 fiscal year will be held on Tuesday, August 20th, at 7pm at the Bruneau QRU Building at 32531 Belle Ave., Bruneau, ID. For any questions, contact (208) 590-4149.

Expenditures	2024/2025
Utilities	1,900
Training	1,500
Building/Property	1,200
Equipment	
/Maintenance	3,000
PPE	7,000
New Equipment	2,250
Maint/Consumables	3,000
Insurance	3,700
Administrative	2,800
QRU Rent	10,000
Miscellaneous	8,000

Total Expenditures	44,350
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Receipts:	
General	
Carry-over funds	11,209
Tax Levy	29,778
Sales Tax	3,003
Ag Replacement and	
Personal Property	360
Total Revenue	44,350

/s/: Brandi Lisle
District secretary
08/07,14/2024

LIEN SALE
Units H-7 and J-25, Delphina Martinez, 161 Glenn St. South, APT. E, Vale, OR 97918. Items include clothing, some furniture, and misc. household items.
Silent auction will be held at Highway 95 Self Storage located at 3685 Highway 95 in Homedale. Bidding closes at 1pm on Saturday, August 24th
08/14,21/2024

Sell it, trade it, find it in the classifieds: 337-4681

Drunk driver sentenced for crash that killed Marsing coach

Meridian man gets at least two years in prison

A 28-year-old man has been sent to prison for causing the accident that killed a longtime Marsing High School volleyball coach.

Shawn Mykle Stacy of Meridian was sentenced Thursday in Third District Court

in Caldwell for felony vehicular manslaughter with a persistent violator enhancement.

Judge Brent L. Whiting imposed a fixed two-year sentence with 15 years indeterminate. The man's driver's license will



Shawn Stacy

be suspended for 20 years after his release from prison. Stacy can apply for reinstatement of privileges after the first year of the suspension.

Stacy also must submit a DNA sample and pay a \$5,000 civil penalty in addition to fines, court costs and reimbursement of public defender fees.

In February 2023, Stacy sped through a stop sign while westbound on Lower Pleasant Ridge Road near Greenleaf.

Stacy's vehicle collided with a pickup driven by John Bittick north of Friends Road. Bittick was seriously injured and his wife, former Marsing and Greenleaf Friends Academy volleyball coach Loma Bittick, died in the crash.

Stacy, who has a lengthy history of driving violations and other felony and misdemeanor convictions, was arrested on a felony warrant in January in Ada County.

"The defendant's reckless behavior and total disregard for traffic laws led to the senseless death of a Greenleaf woman and forever changed the life of her husband, who was injured so badly his life will never be the same," Canyon County deputy prosecutor Kimberlee Bratcher said.

"Prison is the appropriate sentence for the pain and suffering he has caused this family and our community."

Public notices

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management
[BLM_ID_FRN_
MO4500179179;
IDID106326604]
Notice of Proposed
Withdrawal and Opportunity
for Public Meeting for Mud
Flat Oolite Site, Idaho
AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On behalf of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and subject to valid existing rights, the Secretary of the Interior proposes to withdraw 1,957.89 acres of public land from location and entry under the United States mining laws, but not from leasing under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws or disposal under the Mineral Materials Act of 1947, for 50 years to protect the rare plants and fossils within the Mud Flat Oolite Site, Idaho. Publication of this notice segregates the lands for up to two years from location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, but not from leasing under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws or disposal under the Mineral Materials Act of 1947, while the application is being processed. This notice initiates a 90-day public comment period and announces the opportunity to request a public meeting on the proposed withdrawal.

DATES: Comments and requests for a public meeting must be received by November 4, 2024.

ADDRESSES: All comments and meeting requests should be sent to the BLM Idaho State Office, Attn: ID-933-Realty/Mud Flat Oolite Site Withdrawal, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise, ID 83709, or by email to BLM_ID_LLID933000-Withdrawal@blm.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christine Sloand, Realty Specialist, BLM Idaho State Office, telephone: (208) 908-3368, or csloand@blm.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BLM

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Marsing Ambulance District will meet on the 26th day of August, 2024, at 10:45 a.m., at the Owyhee County Courthouse, Courtroom 2, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho, for the purpose of considering and fixing a final budget and making appropriations for the 2025 Fiscal year, at which time any taxpayer may appear and be heard upon any part or parts of said budget. And that the following table sets forth the amount appropriated for the 2025 Fiscal Year.

MARSING AMBULANCE DISTRICT FY 2025 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS		
REVENUE:		
2024 PROPERTY TAX LEVY		\$ 155,408
PRIOR YEAR COLLECTIONS		4,592
SOLAR REVENUE		6,000
TOTAL:		166,000
EXPENSE:		
CONTRACT FOR EXPENSES		\$ 166,000
2023 Expenditures:		\$ 143,748
2022 Expenditures:		\$ 137,440

Dated this 9th day of August, 2024.

Marsing Ambulance District Board of Commissioners
Angela Barkell, Secretary
08/14,21/2024

has filed a petition/application requesting the Secretary of the Interior to withdraw the following described public land from location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, but not from leasing under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws or disposal under the Mineral Materials Act of 1947, for a period of 50 years.

Boise Meridian, Idaho
T. 7 S., R. 2 E.,
sec. 1, SE1/4SE1/4;
sec. 12, lots 1 and 2, lots 6 thru 11, and lots 14 thru 16.

T. 7 S., R. 3 E.,
sec. 4, lots 2 thru 4 and S1/2NW1/4;
sec. 5, lots 1 thru 3, S1/2NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, SW1/4, N1/2SE1/4, and SW1/4SE1/4;
sec. 6, lot 7, SE1/4NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4, and SE1/4;
sec. 7, lots 5 thru 12;
sec. 8, N1/2NW1/4 and SW1/4NW1/4.

The areas described aggregate 1957.89 acres, according to the official plats of the surveys of the said lands, on file with the BLM.

The Secretary of the Interior has approved the petition to file a withdrawal application. The Secretary's approval constitutes a proposal to withdraw and segregate the subject lands (43 CFR 2310.1-3(e)).

The use of a right-of-way, interagency agreement, or cooperative agreement, or surface management under 43 CFR subpart 3809 regulations, would

not adequately constrain non-discretionary uses and would not provide adequate protection for rare plants and fossils on these lands.

Water rights will not be needed to fulfill the purpose of the proposed withdrawal.

There are no suitable alternative sites, as the described public lands were specifically selected since the rare plants and fossils needing protection occur within the Mud Flat Oolite Site boundary.

For a period until November 4, 2024, persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections related to the withdrawal application may present their views in writing to the BLM Idaho State Office at the address listed above or by email to BLM_ID_LLID933000-Withdrawal@blm.gov.

Comments will be available for public review by appointment at the BLM Idaho State Office Public Room from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. You may ask the BLM in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, but we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying

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
Published in the Idaho Statesman, Times News, Challis Messenger and Arco Advertiser
on August 1, 8 and 15, 2024; Post Register, Mountain Home News, Owyhee Avalanche, Idaho State Journal, Power Co. Press and Teton Valley News on July 31, August 7 and 14, 2024; and Standard Journal and News Chronicle on August 2, 9 and 16, 2024.
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themselves as representatives of officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Notice is hereby given that the opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the withdrawal application. All interested parties who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the withdrawal application must submit a written request to the BLM Idaho State Office at the address indicated above or by email to BLM_ID_LLID933000-Withdrawal@blm.gov by November 4, 2024. If the authorized officer determines that the BLM will hold a public meeting, the BLM will publish a notice of the time and place in the **Federal Register** and a local newspaper at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

For a period until August 6, 2026, subject to valid existing rights, the public lands described in this notice will be segregated from location and entry under the United States mining laws, but not from leasing under the mineral

and geothermal leasing laws, or disposal under the Mineral Materials Act of 1947, while the withdrawal application is being processed, unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date.

The public lands described in this notice will remain open to such other forms of disposition as may be allowed by law on the public lands. Licenses, permits, cooperative agreements, or discretionary land use authorizations of a temporary nature and that would not significantly impact the values to be protected by the requested withdrawal may be allowed with the approval of the authorized officer during the temporary segregation period.

This withdrawal application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR part 2300.
(Authority: 43 U.S.C.)1714
Peter Ditton,
BLM Acting Idaho State Director.
08/14/2024



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✓ Hoagland: District 1 commissioner retiring after 18 years on board

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and constituents in myriad capacities over the years.

On Saturday, he rode in a position of honor, standing at the front of the trailer carrying the Owyhee County Fair Board of Directors near the front of the parade that traveled through downtown.

“I’m humbled by it,” Hoagland said Saturday morning as he received congratulations from well-wishers in the Homedale High School parking lot prior to parade push-off.

“I don’t think I deserve it. There are a lot of other people out there that deserve it.”

Homedale native Mark Bauer drove his 1952 Buick coupe to pull the hay trailer to fit into the “Going Retro” theme of this year’s fair.

In addition to his lengthy BOCC career, Hoagland at one point simultaneously served on the Reynolds Irrigation District board of directors.

He was part of the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association board of directors, culminating with his year as president in 1995.

Hoagland served as part of the Gov. C. L. “Butch” Otter’s Sage-grouse Task Force that crafted the state’s conservation plan in 2015, and his conservation efforts continue with trying to create wetlands habitat for the threatened Columbia Spotted Frog on his ranch in Reynolds Creek. The habitat expansion has also benefitted birds — including the coveted sage-grouse — deer, antelopes and even bats.

Other work with the BOCC

that has helped county property owners is remaining steadfast with his fellow commissioners in meetings with the Bureau of Land Management to help the Owyhee County Task Force keep the Boardman-to-Hemingway 500-kilovolt electrical transmission powerline primarily off private land in the county.

Keeping with his usual humility, Hoagland verbally shrugged his shoulders about his time on the BOCC.

“It’s just a job to do that for the county,” he said. “Someone had to do it.

“To keep me all these years, I thank (the voters) for the support and placing their trust in me. That’s why I’m humbled.”

— JPB



Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Parade grand marshal Jerry Hoagland had a place of honor on the fair board of directors float Saturday.

✓ Project: New strategy aims to keep many jobs in-house, save taxpayers

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from Sage Road to U.S. Highway 95 and Succor Creek Road from the state line to Johnstone Road.

Next Wednesday’s plan is too chip-seal Pioneer Road from Market Road to U.S. 95.

Herman said work will commence at 7 a.m., each day and wrap up by 4

p.m.

The purchase of new equipment, including a road grader, and a couple years’ supply of rock chips has bolstered a plan that Herman said would save the highway district’s taxpayers money in the long run as more maintenance can be carried out in-house despite just a two-man crew.

The only substantial outside expense for chip-sealing, Herman said, is contracting for the oil needed to seal the refurbished roadways.

In June, Thueson Construction carried out a \$267,000 project that district commissioners had wanted to complete for several years to reconstruct a rough portion of Johnstone Road between

Mule Springs Road and the South Canal culvert about six miles south of Homedale Middle School.

The current district directors include Subdistrict 1 Commissioner Dennis Uria, Subdistrict 3 Commissioner Scott Salutregui, and Subdistrict 3 Commissioner John Demshar.

— JPB

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Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo



Dairy goat grand champion Ainsley Erwin with Rudi de Winkle stand in front of the goat barn dedicated to the memory of Ainsley's late father, Russ. Submitted photo



Riley Shearn (right), the 2024-25 Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Queen, smiles as her predecessor, Allison Hubler, pins the queen's sash during Saturday's coronation during the pre-rodeo.

Fair and Rodeo Queen results

Announced Saturday during pre-rodeo

- Queen** — Riley Shearn
- First runner-up** — Trinity Neeser
- Miss Congeniality** — Neeser
- Horsemanship** — Shearn
- Speech** — Shearn
- Photography** — Shearn

Note — Shearn's mother, the former Debbie McKee, was crowned Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Queen when current rodeo board president Johnathon Cossel's grandfather, John Cossel, led the rodeo board in 1988.



Taylor Callison (top) staples an FFA banner to the top of the Marsing chapter's goat stalls during the Aug. 6 stall decoration work. Amy Bennett helps out.



Owyhee County Fair Board chair Lath Callaway (left) and fair announcer Hal Coburn got into the retro spirit during Thursday's disco party at the Tumbleweed Theatre. Submitted photo

Owyhee County 4-H Horse Show



Owyhee County 4-H Horse Show all-around, from left: Senior Division reserve champion Josie Showalter; Intermediate champion Garrett Hubler; Senior champion Grace Clay; Junior champion HarleyJo Anderson; and Junior reserve champion Colt Hipwell



Most Inspirational Senior recipient Emeline Hipwell of Murphy (left) accepts her buckle from Owyhee County Sheriff Larry Kendrick after the awards ceremony on Aug. 6.



Ainsley Erwin from the Bruneau Canyon club displays the 4-H flag that she donated to the county program after the two-day show.



Josie Showalter of the Owyhee Silver Spurs (bottom) carries the U.S. flag during the flag salute to start the Aug. 6 portion of the Owyhee County 4-H show.



Alex Worley of the Reynolds Creek club takes Oppa over a barrier in the English Equitation competition. Submitted photo



Carson Montenegro of the Pony Express club carries the rope representing a gate as he completes the trail horse course Aug. 6.

**Complete 4-H results weren't received by press time.
We hope to publish those on Aug. 21**

Owyhee County 4-H Horse Show



Owyhee County 4-H Horse Show other buckle winners, from left: Alicia Worley, Sportsmanship and English high point; Garrett Hubler, ranch riding and boxing Level II; Jessica Hipwell, Top Hand Level III; Josie Showalter, Top Hand Level II and overall green horse; Emeline Hipwell, Most Inspirational Senior; Trinity Neeser, boxing Level III; and Roan Folkman, Top Hand and boxing Level I

Results

Aug. 5-6 All Around Senior Division champion — Grace Clay, Pony Express Senior Division reserve — Josie Showalter, Owyhee Silver Spurs Intermediate Division champion — Garrett Hubler, Pony Express Junior Division champion — HarleyJo Anderson, Owyhee Silver Spurs Junior Division reserve — Colt Hipwell, Owyhee Outlaws Other buckles Most Inspirational Senior — Emeline Hipwell, Owyhee Outlaws Sportsmanship — Alicia Worley, Reynolds Creek English equitation high point — Alicia Worley Boxing Level I — Roan Folkman, Bruneau Canyon Boxing Level II — Hubler Cow work Level III — Trinity Neeser, Owyhee Sage Riders Green horse high point — Showalter Showmanship Grand champion — Clay Reserve grand champion — Showalter Note — Both advanced to Saturday's large animal round robin Alternate — Lauren Richling, Pony Express Senior Division — 1. Clay; 2. Showalter; 3. TJ Gonzalez, Bruneau Canyon; 4. Neeser; 5. Ainsley Erwin, Reynolds Creek; 6. Jessica Hipwell, Owyhee Outlaws	Intermediate Division — 1. Alicia Worley; 2. Richling; 3. Andrew Worley, Reynolds Creek; 4. Kinley Shanley, Owyhee Silver Spurs; 5. Hubler; 6. Carson Montenegro, Pony Express Junior Division — 1. Anderson; 2. Justus White, Owyhee Silver Spurs; 3. Zachary Parr, Reynolds Creek; 4. Kelsey Collins, Owyhee Sage Riders; 5. Owyhee Whitney, Owyhee Sage Riders; 6. Colt Hipwell Ranch Horse Top Hand (Buckles) Level III — Jessica Hipwell Level II — Showalter Level I — Roan Folkman Ranch riding — 1. Hubler; 2. Clay; 3. Brylee Folkman, Bruneau Canyon; 4. Riley Gonzalez, Bruneau Canyon; 5. Erwin; 6. Jessica Hipwell Roping Level III — 1. Jessica Hipwell; 2. Neeser Level II — 1. Kylee Montenegro; 2. Showalter; 3. Riley Gonzalez; 4. TJ Gonzalez; 5. Carson Montenegro; 6. Emeline Hipwell Level I — 1. Colt Hipwell; 2. Roan Folkman; 3. Collins Sorting High point team — Collins, Carson Montenegro, and Jessica Hipwell Level III — 1. Jessica Hipwell; 2. Neeser Level II — 1. Showalter; 2. (tie) Hubler; and Riley Gonzalez; 4. Kylee Montenegro; 5. TJ Gonzalez; 6. Carson Montenegro Level I — 1. Roan Folkman; 2. Colt Hipwell; 3. Collins	Boxing and cow work Boxing Level I — 1. Roan Folkman; 2. Erwin; 3. Colt Hipwell Boxing Level II — 1. Hubler; 2. Riley Gonzalez; 3. Showalter; 4. TJ Gonzalez; 5. Brylee Folkman; 6. Kylee Montenegro Cow work — 1. Neeser; 2. Hipwell Western Equitation Senior — 1. Clay; 2. Showalter; 3. Jessica Hipwell; 4. Erwin; 5. Riley Gonzalez; 6. Neeser Intermediate — 1. Garrett Hubler; 2. Andrew Worley; 3. Richling; 4. Shanley; 5. Alicia Worley; 6. Carson Montenegro Junior — 1. Anderson; 2. White; 3. Colt Hipwell; 4. Whitney; 5. Collins; 6. Lcee Loucks Bareback Equitation Senior — 1. Jessica Hipwell; 2. Showalter; 3. Riley Gonzalez; 4. Erwin; 5. Clay; 6. Neeser Intermediate — 1. Hubler; 2. Brylee Folkman; 3. Kylee Montenegro; 4. Shanley; 5. Carson Montenegro; 6. Richling Junior — 1. Anderson; 2. Colt Hipwell; 3. White; 4. Whitney; 5. Loucks; 6. Collins Reining Senior — 1. TJ Gonzalez; 2. Neeser; 3. Clay; 4. Jessica Hipwell; 5. Showalter; 6. Riley Gonzalez Intermediate — 1. Brylee Folkman; 2. Kylee Montenegro; 3. Carson Montenegro; 4. Richling; 5. Shanley; 6. Hubler Junior — 1. Roan Folkman; 2. Colt	Hipwell; 3. Anderson; 4. Loucks; 5. Collins; 6. Whitney Trail Senior — 1. Showalter; 2. Clay; 3. Emeline Hipwell; 4. Jessica Hipwell; 5. Riley Gonzalez; 6. TJ Gonzalez Intermediate — 1. Brylee Folkman; 2. Hubler; 3. Kylee Montenegro; 4. Carson Montenegro; 5. Alicia Worley; 6. Andrew Worley Junior — 1. Anderson; 2. Colt Hipwell; 3. Roan Folkman; 4. Loucks; 5. White; 6. Parr Green Horse High point — Showalter Skills — 1. Showalter; 2. Neeser Trail — 1. Showalter; 2. Neeser English High point — Alicia Worley Equitation — 1. Alicia Worley; 2. Alex Worley; 3. Neeser; 4. Kylee Montenegro Hunter/Hack — 1. Kylee Montenegro; 2. Alicia Worley; 3. Alex Worley; 4. Neeser; 5. Collins Equitation over fences — 1. Alicia Worley; 2. Alex Worley; 3. Kylee Montenegro; 4. Neeser; 5. Collins Record books Senior — 1. Jessica Hipwell; 2. Clay; 3. Neeser; 4. Emeline Hipwell; 5. TJ Gonzalez; 6. Showalter Intermediate — 1. Hubler; 2. Shanley; 3. Brylee Folkman; 4. Kylee Montenegro; 5. Carson Montenegro; 6. Alicia Worley Junior — 1. Colt Hipwell; 2. Loucks; 3. Anderson; 4. Collins; 5. Roan Folkman; 6. Whitney
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Owyhee County Local Rodeo

Final-night 90 wins mutton busting

Local results Overall

George and Juanita Johnstone Memorial mutton busting — 1. Marlo Miller, 90 points (buckle champion); 2. Joaquin Corta, 88; 3. Sawyer Meyers, 87; 4. Brad Heimark, 86.5

Steer riding — 1. Tryschen King, 80 points; 2. Rozin Mason, 78; 3. Grady Johnson, 70

Note — King won on the strength of his preliminary ride. No qualifying rides in Saturday’s short-go

Breakaway roping — 1. Katie McFarlane, Wilder, 2.6 seconds; 2. Jessi Jane Portenier, Caldwell, 4.1; 3. Morgan Spies, 4.2; 4. Sloane McFarlane, Wilder, 4.7; 5. Shailee Rutan, Jordan Valley, 4.8; 6. Sydney Davis, Adrian, Ore., 4.9; 7. Sage Badiola, Homedale, 7.6; 8. Addie Mackenzie, 12.5

Local team roping — 1. Kaitlyn Jones and Kyle Stevens, 11.4 seconds; 2. Porter Swan and Mateo Black, Homedale, 11.6; 3. Lacey Mackenzie and Michelle Rutan, Jordan Valley, 14.0

Thursday

Mutton busting — 1. Meyers, 87 points (buckle winner); 2. Heimark, 86.5; 3. Hardy Wright, 86; 4. Guage Young, 85; 5. Asher Jacoby, 82

Local team roping — 1. Porter Swan and Mateo Black, Homedale, 11.6; 2. Roger Todd and Ben Badiola, Homedale, 16.3; 3. Alex Wright and Blayze Wright, 16.7; 4. Gracy Eisenbrandt and Dave Bates, 21.4

Friday

Mutton busting — 1. Jamie Eells, 86 points (buckle winner); 2. Malone Mooney Spencer, 84.5; 3. Tucker Page, 84; 4. Clay Zahlier, 83.5; 5. Bruce Eells, 83

Steer riding — 1. Tryschen King, 80 points; 2. Rozin Mason, 78; 3. Dylan Doyon, 6; 4. (tie) Keegan Marcum and Noah Lombardo, 65

Breakaway roping — 1. Morgan Spies, 4.2 seconds; 2. Badiola, 7.6; 3. Kinlee Post, 13.1; 4. Bre Rose Carter, 13.3; 5. Halle Burch, 13.6; 6. Lily Schwabauer, 13.9

Local team roping — 1. Jones and Stevens, 11.4 seconds; 2. L. Mackenzie and Rutan, 14.0; 3. Ace Wright and Reese Carson, 15.7

Saturday

Mutton busting — 1. Miller, 90 points (buckle winner); 2. Joaquin Corta, 88; 3. Beckam Peramo, 86; 4. Leo Zumstein, 84.5; 5. Walker Fuller, 79

Steer riding short-go — No qualifying rides

Breakaway roping — 1. Katie McFarlane, 2.6 seconds; 2. Jessi Jane Portenier, 4.1; 3. Sloane McFarlane, 4.7; 4. Rutan, 4.8; 6. Sydney Davis, 4.9; 7. Meg Eiguren, Arock, Ore., 13.1

Local team roping — No times



Saturday’s wild horse race contestants try to control their would-be mounts.



Above: Guage Young recovered from this bobble to ride tough for 85 points Thursday.



Left: Wilder cowgirl Kate McFarlane ropes her calf during Saturday’s breakaway action in the local rodeo. Her 2.6-second performance won the week in Homedale.



Tryschen King of New Plymouth accepts his steer riding championship buckle from Owyhee County Rodeo president Johnathon Cossel on Saturday. Tryschen is the 8-year-old son of Danna and Chase King.



Marlo Miller of Marsing shows off his two buckles he received after a 90-point ride to win Saturday’s mutton busting performance and the overall Owyhee County Rodeo championship. Marlo is the son of Tori and Jason Miller.



Owyhee County Rodeo board president Johnathon Cossel (left) hands a \$3,000 check to Saint Alphonsus Sports Medicine Outreach athletic trainer Christopher Dean on Thursday. Dean, who was on hand to care for any injured cowboys, accepted the check on behalf of St. Al’s cancer program as the rodeo observed its annual Kick Cancer Night.

Owyhee County PRCA Rodeo



Parma’s Sammy Nelson leans her horse toward a turn during Saturday’s final barrel racing performance. Texan Brittany Pozzi Tonozzi streaked through the course in 17.43 seconds last Wednesday, and her time help up for the championship.

Fruitland roper with Owyhee ties wins pro all-around

PRCA results
(Total payoff, \$74,565)
Overall

All-around cowboy — Cole Eiguren, Fruitland, \$1,289 (tie-down roping and team roping)

Bareback riding — 1. Sage Allen, Blackfoot, 83.5 points on King Rodeo and Wentz Bucking Bulls’ Madona, \$2,496; 2. Ben Kramer, Max, N.D., 82.5, \$1,913; 3. Colton Clemens, Blackfoot, 82, \$1,414; 4. R.C. Landingham, Hat Creek, Calif., 81.5, \$915; 5. Clint Laye, Cadogan, Alberta, 79, \$582; 6. Clay Jorgenson, Watford City, N.D., 76.5, \$416; 7. Payton Wright, Pendleton, Ore., 76, \$333; 8. Hayden James, Emmett, 73, \$250

Bull riding — No qualifying rides; \$15,000 added prize money in 2025

Steer wrestling — 1. (tie) Darcy Kersh, Charters Towers, Queensland, Australia, and Tristan Martin, Sulpher, La., 3.6 seconds, \$1,819 each; 3. Payden McIntyre, 3.7, Douglas, Wyo., \$1,438; 4. Shane Frey, Duncan, Okla., 3.9, \$1,184; 5. Grant Peterson, Livermore, Calif., 4.2, \$931; 6. Josh Garner, Live Oak, Calif., 4.3, \$677; 7. (tie) Chet Boren, Vernal, Utah, 4.9, and Jason Thomas, Benton, Ark., 4.9, \$296 each

Team roping — 1. (tie) Kellan Johnson and Carson Johnson, Casper, Wyo.; and Travis Whitlow, Sun Tan Valley, Ariz., and Tyler Whitlow, Kimberly, 5.7 seconds, \$2,292 each; 3. (tie) Jack Graham, Lakeview, Ore., and Jason Duby, Klamath Falls, Ore.; and Tyler Wade, Terrell, Texas, and Wesley Thorp, Throckmorton, Texas, 5.9, \$1,719 each; 5. Wyatt Murray, Neola, Utah, and Rhett Nebeker, Roosevelt, Utah, 6.0, \$1,432; 6. Cole Eiguren and Tyler Eiguren, Fruitland, 6.2, \$1,289; 7. Ben Jordan, Benjamin, Utah, and JR Gonzalez, Maypearl, Texas, 6.7, \$1,146; 8. Blake Teixeira, Reno, Nev., and Cole Wilson,

Lake Shore, Utah, 6.8, \$1,003; 9. Jason Eiguren and Birch Eiguren, Jordan Valley, 6.9, \$859; 10. Rhett Anderson, Annabella, Utah; and Jared Fillmore, Payson, Utah, 7.2, \$573

Saddle bronc riding — 1. Ryder Wright, Beaver, Utah, 87.5 points on Big Stone Rodeo Inc.’s Rubels, \$2,876; 2. Q McWhorter, Petrola, Calif., 84.5, \$2,205; 3. Kade Bruno, Challis, 84, \$1,630; 4. Stran Nielson, Mona, Utah, 82, \$1,055; 5. (tie) Wyatt Casper, Miami, Texas, and Weston Patterson, Waverly, Kan., 80.5, \$575 each; 7. Cameron Messier, Herald, Calif., 80, \$384; 8. Damian Brennan, Injune, Queensland, Australia, 79, \$288

Tie-down roping — 1. John Douch, Huntsville, Texas, 8.5 seconds, \$2,248; 2. Shane Hanchey, Sulpher, La., 8.8, \$1,955; 3. Tanner Green, Cotulla, Texas, 9.3, \$1,662; 4. (tie) Shad Mayfield, Clovis, N.M., and Brayden Roe, Wendell, 9.8, \$1,222 each; 6. Kyle Lucas, Carstairs, Alberta, 10.1, \$782; 7. Cael Stratton, 10.4, \$489; 8. Justin Parke, Gooding, 11.6, \$196

Barrel racing — 1. Brittany Pozzi Tonozzi, Lampass, Texas, 17.43 seconds, \$2,053; 2. Jordan Driver, Garden City, Texas, 17.54, \$1,760; 3. Oceane Veilleux, St-Alfed, Quebec, 17.65, \$1,466; 4. Kylee Evans, Gooding, 17.66, \$1,271; 5. (tie) Keyla Costa, Tolar, Texas, and Mackenzie King, West Point, Utah, 17.69, \$880 each; 7. Kailey Mitton, Mt. Sterling, Utah, 17.70, \$587; 8. (tie) Julie Plourde, Saint-Gedeon, Quebec, and Italy Sheehan, Shoshone, 17.71, \$342 each; 10. Abby Phillips, Marshall, Texas, 17.77, \$196

Wednesday slack
Steer wrestling — 1. Jason Thomas, 4.9 seconds; 2. Trevor Maddox, Weiser, 5.9

Team roping — 1. Ben Jordan and JR Gonzalez, 6.7 seconds; 2. Blake

Teixeira and Cole Wilson, 6.8; 3. Rhett Anderson and Jared Fillmore, 7.2

Barrel racing — 1. Brittany Pozzi Tonozzi, Lampass, Texas, 17.43 seconds; 2. Jordan Driver, Garden City, Texas, 17.54; 3. Kylee Evans, Gooding, 17.66; 4. Mackenzie King, West Point, Utah, 17.69; 5. Kailey Mitton, Mt. Sterling, Utah, 17.70

Thursday
Steer wrestling — 1. Shane Frey, Duncan, Okla., 3.9 seconds; 2. Chet Boren, Vernal, Utah, 4.9; 3. Hank Filippini, Battle Mountain, Nev., 5.2; 4. Kwade Kosoff, Honeyville, Utah, 6.5

Bareback riding — 1. Ben Kramer, Max, N.D., 82.5 points; 2. Colton Clemens, Blackfoot, 82; 3. Clay Jorgenson, Watford City, N.D., 76.5; 4. Payton Wright, Pendleton, Ore., 76; 5. Hayden James, Emmett, 73

Team roping — 1. Wyatt Murray and Rhett Nebeker, 6.0 seconds; 2. Cole Eiguren and Tyler Eiguren, 6.2; 3. Jason Eiguren and Birch Eiguren, 6.9; 4. Swade Olsen, Greenwich, Utah, and Brian Wheatley, Hughson, Calif., 12.3

Saddle bronc — 1. Ryder Wright, Beaver, Utah, 87.5; 2. Noel Johnson, Phoenix, Ariz., 77.5; 3. Mitch Pollock, Winnemucca, Nev., 77; 4. Statler Wright, Beaver, Utah, 76.5

Tie-down roping — 1. John Douch, Huntsville, Texas, 8.5 seconds; 2. Tanner Green, Cotulla, Texas, 9.3; 3. Kyle Lucas, Carstairs, Alberta, 10.1; 4. Dylan Hancock, San Angelo, Texas, 13.1; 5. Riley Mason Webb, Denton, Texas, 14.5; 6. Chad Finley, Mt. Vernon, Ore., 17.9

Barrel racing — 1. Veilleux, 17.65 seconds; 2. Plourde, 17.71; 3. Italy Holman, Carlin, Nev., 18.25; 4. Stevi Hilman, Weatherford, Texas, 18.36; 5. McKenna Shock, Kanarraville, Utah, 18.39

Bull riding — No qualifying rides

Friday
Steer wrestling — 1. (tie) Kersh, and Martin, 3.6 seconds

Bareback riding — 1. Landingham, 81.5; 5. Laye, 79

Team roping — 1. Travis Whitlow and Tyler Whitlow, 5.7 seconds

Saddle bronc — 1. (tie) Wyatt Casper; and Weston Patterson, 80.5

Tie-down roping — 1. Brayden Roe, 9.8

Barrel racing — 1. Sheehan, 17.71 seconds; 2. Ashley Lawson, Caldwell, 18.17; 3. Sarah Roberts, Stephenville, Texas, 18.35; 4. Grace King, Greenleaf, 18.44; 5. Jojo Giannini, Caldwell, 18.66

Bull riding — No qualifying rides
Saturday

Steer wrestling — 1. Payden McIntyre, 3.7 seconds; 2. Grant Peterson, Livermore, Calif., 4.2; 3. Josh Garner, Live Oak, Calif., 4.3

Bareback riding — 1. Sage Allen, Blackfoot, 83.5 points

Team roping — 1. Kellan Johnson and Carson Johnson, Casper, Wyo., 5.7 seconds; 2. Jack Graham, Lakeview, Ore., and Jason Duby, Klamath Falls, Ore., 5.9; 3. Tyler Wade, Terrell, Texas, and Wesley Thorp, Throckmorton, Texas, 5.9

Saddle bronc — 1. Q McWhorter, Petrola, Calif., 84.5; 2. Kade Bruno, Challis, 84; 4. Stran Nielson, Mona, Utah, 82; 5. Cameron Messier, Herald, Calif., 80

Tie-down roping — 1. Shane Hanchey, 8.8 seconds; 2. Shad Mayfield, 9.8; 3. Justin Parke, 11.6

Barrel racing — 1. Costa, 17.69 seconds; 2. Jessi Wade, Kaufman, Texas, 18.01; 3. Marca Robinson, Marsing, 18.09; 4. Sammy Nelson, Parma, 18.24; 5. Megan McLeod-Sprague, Marsing, 22.55

Bull riding — No qualifying rides

Fair and Rodeo Parade



Joaquin Corta and Teal Cook, dressed in their best 1970s garb and hauling their saddle to the rodeo, won the parade’s Best in Show award Saturday.

Rodeo youngsters capture best in show

Saturday’s results
Grand marshal

Jerry Hoagland, Dist. 1 Owyhee County Commissioner

Best in show

Joaquin Corta and Teal Cook

Floats

Commercial — 1. Rod Fivecoat Auctions

Community — 1. Owyhee County Fair Board; 2. Owyhee County Rodeo Board; 3. Shawn Dygert for District 23 Idaho Legislature

Horse

Royalty — 1. Allison Hubler, Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Queen; 2. Trinity Neeser, 2024-25 queen contestant; 3. Riley Shearn, 2024-25 queen contestant

Single youth — 1. Layna Gonzalez

Buggies and Wagons

1. Joaquin Corta and Teal Cook

Cars

1. Mark Bauer, Homedale, 1952 Buick; 2. Hap Duryee, Homedale, 1965 Ford Falcon; 3. Joe Aman, Homedale, 1947 Ford coupe

Miscellaneous

1. Mark Andy, Runyan Goats



Candy flies from the Rod Fivecoat Auctions commercial float, which won its division.



Nailing the Let’s Go Retro parade theme without even trying were the classic cars, led by division runner-up Hap Duryee and his 1965 Ford Falcon. Another Homedale resident, Joe Aman, received third place for his 1947 Ford coupe (third car in line).



Several emergency services vehicles led off the parade, and one excited passenger enthusiastically greeted parade-goers while traveling west on East Idaho Avenue.



Fred Sarceda (left) and John Lejardi, two men who helped bring the siphon tube contest back to the fair, were presented with tokens of appreciation prior to Friday’s contest. Still one of the top competitors, Lejardi repeated as Men’s Seniors champ this year.

Several champs repeat in siphon tube setting

Friday’s results
Pee wee

Girls — Jaione Krakau-Lejardi, 29.22 seconds
Boys — Landon Brezenski, 21.19

Junior

Girls — HarleyJo Anderson, 2 minutes, 8 seconds
Boys — Ty Roland, 50.78

Masters

Ladies — Mandi Roland, 52.84
Men’s — Greg Purdom, 28.33

Seniors

Ladies — Sandy Sarceda, 59.56
Men’s — John Lejardi, 36.62

Tag team

Mixed — Greg Purdom and Cylas Purdom, 21.17
Adult — Kenny Thomas and Tracy Skinner, 17.68

Note — Jaione Krakau-Lejardi, Greg Purdom, Sandy Sarceda and John Lejardi were all repeat champions



Silas Kukla, 10, starts his 33.94-second run through the siphon tube-setting course at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds as one of the event coordinators, Gayle Batt, collects the tubes behind him.

Open Class results



Dan Cambell’s monster cabbage won grand champion in the vegetable division.



Retired Marsing High School teacher Mary Beth Prince shows off a miniature camera family heirloom while discussing her Historical Division entries in the open class contest last Wednesday.

Photography
Grand champion — Lauren Richling
Reserve grand champion — Shea McClellin
Superintendent’s choice — Chardee VanDerhoff
Division champions
Senior — **Champion:** Don Jamison; **Reserve:** Sue Cassidy
Adult — **Champion:** McClellin; **Reserve:** Kimberly Price
Youth — **Champion:** Richling; **Reserve:** Elsie Bachman
Child — **Champion:** Jess Riley; **Reserve:** Rosie W.

Flowers
Grand champion — Cheryl Mort
Reserve grand champion — Amber Hill
Superintendent’s choice — Hill
Judge’s choice — Audrey Zamrzla
Division champions
Senior — **Champion:** Mort; **Reserve:** Sue Showalter
Adult — **Champion:** Hill; **Reserve:** Cindy Church
Child — **Champion and Reserve:** Ava Crumrine

Note — Cheryl Mort, a member of the Owyhee Gardeners, led three generations of ribbon winners. The Owyhee County Fair reported that her daughter, Christy Cooper, won a first-place ribbon, and her granddaughter, Ava Crumrine, won with two separate entries.

Hobby crafts and ceramics
Grand champion — Makenna

Fiede
Reserve grand champion — Cal Leedom
Superintendent’s choice — Gus Jakoval
Division champions
Senior — **Champion:** Richard Fisher; **Reserve:** Allison Hubler
Adult — **Champion:** Jerry Holloway; **Reserve:** Ron
Youth — **Champion:** David Hoewing; **Reserve:** Allison Hubler
Child — **Champion:** Fiede; **Reserve:** Hunter Bell

Needlecraft
Grand champion — Amy Carson
Reserve grand champion — Maria Dugger
Superintendent’s choice — Sara Waters
Judge’s choice — Dugger
Division champions
Senior — **Champion:** Kathi Hagler; **Reserve:** Dugger
Adult — **Champion:** Carson; **Reserve:** Waters
Child — **Champion:** Miray Izzard; **Reserve:** Sadie Bell

Historical
Grand champion — Reimer
Reserve grand champion — Kelly Ineck
Superintendent’s choice — Kathy Hagler
Judge’s choice — Lisa Lehto
Division champions
Senior — **Champion:** Ineck; **Reserve:** Ashley Sevy
Adult — **Champion:** Reimer;

Reserve: Carolyn Rees
Agriculture
Vegetables
Grand champion — Dan Cambell
Reserve grand champion — Oliver Lootens
Superintendent’s choice — Graydon Marklee Christoffersen
Judge’s choice — Graydon Marklee Christoffersen
Division champions
Senior — **Champion and Reserve:** Cambell
Adult — **Champion and Reserve:** Lisa Lehto
Youth — **Champion:** Bridger Sessions; **Reserve:** Remington Sessions
Child — **Champion and Reserve:** Blakely Holt

Fruit
Grand champion — Craig Clapier
Reserve grand champion — Maylee Astorquia
Superintendent’s choice — Michael Mitchell
Judge’s choice — Jackson Astorquia

Art
Grand champion — Amaya Arriero
Reserve grand champion — George D.
Superintendent’s choice — Laurelyn H.
Judge’s choice — Amelia W.
Division champions
Senior — **Champion:** Ron Kiester

Adult — **Champion:** George D.; **Reserve:** Bailey Johnson
Youth — **Champion:** Amiya Arriero; **Reserve:** Evie Jutte
Child — **Champion:** Rosie W.; **Reserve:** Amillya Henderson

Pantry and Kitchen No. 1
Grand champion — Kelly Mitchell
Reserve grand champion — Piper Zamrzla
Superintendent’s choice — Michael Mitchell
Division champions
Senior — **Champion:** Susie Schmidt; **Reserve:** Maria Dugger
Adult — **Champion:** Amy Carson; **Reserve:** Kelly Mitchell
Youth — **Champion:** Charity Peite; **Reserve:** Ezra Greenfield
Child — **Champion:** Justus White; **Reserve:** Ruby

Pantry and Kitchen No. 2
Grand champion — R.J. de la Concepcion
Reserve grand champion — Elena de la Concepcion
Superintendent’s choice — Ashley Sevy
Judge’s choice — Sevy
Division champions
Adult — **Champion:** Bailey Johnson; **Reserve:** Elena de la Concepcion
Child — **Champion:** R.J. de la Concepcion; **Reserve:** Taylor Greenway

— Results provided by Owyhee County Fair staff.



Top 4-H Livestock awards given
Left: Wyatt Morris of the Owyhee Outlaws (left) and Kallie Barber of the Owyhee Silver Spurs were named this year’s 4-H Livestock Sportsmanship award winners Friday.

Right: Paisley Starbuck of South Mountain Livestock 4-H was named the Outstanding 4-H Livestock Exhibitor during Friday’s award ceremony.

Note — Official 4-H livestock award results weren’t received by press time. We hope to have them available for the Aug. 21 edition.



Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo



There were some throwback designs on display under the disco ball for the 4-H Style Revue last Wednesday at the Tumbleweed Theatre. Submitted photo



Jate Frost of Randlett, Utah, was one of three bull riders in Saturday's PRCA performance who failed to score a ride. He was aboard Buck Nation.



A spotter in the sale ring recognizes a buyer during the early stages of the Owyhee County Junior Livestock Sale, which was held Saturday to cap this year's fair. Lead auctioneer Kyle Colyer recognized Ann Rutan for 25 years of service to the auction prior to the bids beginning. Rutan, who has moved to Nebraska, retired after this year's sale.



Madison Sikma (left) and Grace Clay were the top finishers in the Owyhee County dog obedience competition. Clay was grand champion, and Sikma was awarded reserve. Submitted photo



Weston Bowman, 5, son of Bailey and Bryson O'Dell and the grandson of Marsing residents Lynn and Tammy Bowman, showed his bunny "Helen Henry" during Thursday's rabbit show at the Tumbleweed Theatre. Submitted photo



Owyhee County rancher Vern Kershner (right) steps up for the buyers' lunch prior to Saturday's junior livestock sale.