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OCSO pay a major component in new county budget

Another wage study, on-call policy on the way

Citizens will have a chance to speak up about an Owyhee County budget that approaches \$28 million.

The proposed \$27,978,947

Fiscal Year 2025 budget is actually five percent smaller (about \$1.5 million) than the current budget.

The Board of County Com-

missioners will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget at 10 a.m., on Monday inside Courtroom 2 at the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381

Hwy. 78, in Murphy.

More employee raises — and raises for elected officials — are planned when the new fiscal year starts on Oct. 1.

Commissioners said the pay increases are cost-of-living

related, and average out to about \$1 per hour. But some employees got larger bumps based on years of service. Some of the new hires in leadership

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A mother walks her children across 8th Avenue West near the new pedestrian crossing warning lights at Marsing Jr.-Sr. High School on Thursday during the first week of school in town. In a short amount of time after secondary school classes let out at 3:22 p.m., the mother was the only person to activate the new warning lights before crossing the street toward and continuing down the new sidewalk to the Labor Camp. Other groups of students walked across the street without activating the lights, which were installed as part of the City of Marsing Child Pedestrian Safety grant that also brought sidewalks to the 300 block of West Main Street.

Cities' code deal fizzles

Homedale officials worry about safety, manpower

The City of Homedale's Fiscal Year 2025 budget ticked up to \$13.25 million, but a code enforcement deal with a neighboring municipality won't be part of the equation.

The Homedale City Council unanimously passed the FY 25 budget last Wednesday after no citizens provided comment during the public hearing.

The budget is nearly \$885,000 larger than the current budget (a 7.2 percent increase), but it represents a decline of nearly \$3.77 million from the FY 23 budget (a 22.2 percent decrease).

The largest fund in the new budget will be nearly \$7.1 million in the water line.

The city is planning to spend more than \$6 million on well

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Longtime Marsing trustee resigns

Showalter family moving out of district

On the eve of Marsing School District's new year, a member of the board of trustees resigned.

Zone 2 Trustee Chad Showalter became the second school board member to move out of the

district this year.

The 13-year board veteran tendered his resignation during the Aug. 13 school board meeting, which took place the night before the new school year began last

Wednesday.

"It has been a great honor and privilege to serve on the Board and contribute to the

— See *Marsing*, back page



Chad Showalter

Gem Irrigation looks to new law to solve candidate drought

Directors petition BOCC for divisional realignment

Changes could be coming to at least one local irrigation district's board of

directors.

The Gem Irrigation District announced this week plans to seek modification of the boundaries for Divisions 1 and 5 in an effort to widen the candidate pool for directors.

In order to serve on the board of directors, a person must live in the

division they will serve.

District board secretary Sherry Maxwell explains that Division 1 has a lot of farm ground, but few qualified residents to serve.

"We are redrawing to add more people that will be available to be on the board," she said.

Redrawing division boundaries requires approval from the Owyhee County commissioners.

During a recent meeting, the Gem Irrigation board of directors unanimously passed a petition to seek

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Owyhee County Fair livestock results

Showmanship Overall
Large animal round robin Champion — Hadlee Brown, Country Kids 4-H; **Reserve champion** — Ainsley Erwin, Rimrock FFA
Small animal round robin Champion — Alyssa Cunningham, Country Kids 4-H; **Reserve champion** — Ethan Kukla, Wilson Butte 4-H

Beef
Grand champion — Tyler Stebly, Homedale FFA; **Reserve grand champion** — Hadlee Brown

Sheep
Grand champion — Shane Beaver, Country Kids 4-H; **Reserve grand champion** — Brylee Folkman, Bruneau Canyon 4-H

Swine
Grand champion — Cooper Rheuby, Country Kids 4-H; **Reserve grand champion** — Hadlee Brown

Dairy
Grand champion — Tys Dewinkle, Melba FFA; **Reserve grand champion** — Ainsley Erwin

Horse
Grand champion — Grace Clay, Pony Express 4-H; **Reserve grand champion** — Josie Showalter, Owyhee Silver Spurs 4-H

Market goat
Grand champion — Jex Salutregui, Owyhee Silver Spurs 4-H; **Reserve grand champion** — Alyssa Cunningham

Dairy goat
Grand champion — Ainsley Erwin; **Reserve grand champion** — Alicia Worley, Reynolds Creek 4-H

Pet/pygmy goat
Grand champion — Reva Williams, Snake River Livestock 4-H; **Reserve grand champion** — Freya Williams, Snake River Livestock 4-H

Rabbit
Grand champion — Alyssa Cunningham; **Reserve grand champion** — Cadee C., South Mountain Livestock 4-H

Birds and poultry
Grand champion — Ethan Kukla; **Reserve grand champion** — Teagan H., Clover Crew 4-H

Dog
Grand champion — Grace Clay, Owyhee Ruff Riders 4-H; **Reserve grand champion** — Brey Stahle, Clover Crew 4-H

Cat
Grand champion — Kayla H., Clover Crew 4-H



Graduating 4-H senior TJ Gonzalez with his Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association-sponsored steer from the Lowry family. Submitted photo

Showmanship Age division
Beef Senior
Champion — Tyler Stebly; **Reserve champion** — Kyndra Williams, Jordan Valley FFA
Intermediate
Champion — Hadlee Brown; **Reserve champion** — Cruz Colyer, Rimrock FFA
Junior
Champion — Harper Brown, Country Kids 4-H; **Reserve champion** — HarleyJo Anderson, Owyhee Silver Spurs 4-H

Sheep Senior
Champion — Mila Binford, Homedale FFA; **Reserve champion** — Boston Garrett, Homedale FFA
Intermediate
Champion — Shane Beaver; **Reserve champion** — Brylee Folkman
Junior
Champion — Easton B., Shoofly Livestock 4-H; **Reserve champion** — Alice B., Country Kids 4-H

Swine Senior
Champion — Heather Reynolds, Homedale FFA; **Reserve champion** — Wyatt Morris, Owyhee Outlaws 4-H
Intermediate
Champion — Cooper Rheuby; **Reserve champion** — Hadlee Brown
Junior
Champion — Harper Brown; **Reserve champion** — Sunni F., Clover Crew 4-H

Dairy Senior
Champion — Tys Dewinkle; **Reserve champion** — Ainsley Erwin

Intermediate
Champion — Andrew Worley, Reynolds Creek 4-H; **Reserve champion** — Finn Dewinkle, Owyhee Outlaws 4-H
Junior
Champion — Femke Dewinkle, Owyhee Outlaws 4-H; **Reserve champion** — Zachary Parr, Reynolds Creek 4-H

Horse Senior
Champion — Grace Clay; **Reserve champion** — Josie Showalter

Intermediate
Champion — Alicia Worley; **Reserve champion** — Lauren Richling, Pony Express 4-H
Junior
Champion — HarleyJo Anderson; **Reserve champion** — Justus White, Owyhee Silver Spurs 4-H

Market goat Senior
Champion — Keighan Stimmel, Homedale FFA; **Reserve champion** — Karaline Stimmel, Homedale FFA
Intermediate
Champion — Cooper Rheuby; **Reserve champion** — Makenna Fedie, Clover Crew 4-H
Junior
Champion — Jex Salutregui; **Reserve champion** — Alyssa Cunningham

Dairy goat
Champion — Alicia Worley; **Reserve champion** — Ainsley Erwin

Pet/pygmy goat
Champion — Reva Williams; **Reserve champion** — Freya Williams

Rabbit Junior
Champion — Alyssa Cunningham; **Reserve champion** — Cadee C., South Mountain Livestock 4-H

Birds and poultry Junior
Champion — Silas Kukla, Wilson Butte 4-H
Intermediate
Champion — Ethan Kukla; **Reserve champion** — Teagan H., Clover Crew 4-H

Dog Senior
Champion — Grace Clay, Owyhee Ruff Riders 4-H; **Reserve champion** — Julianna Clair, Owyhee Ruff Riders 4-H
Intermediate
Champion — Brylee Folkman, Bruneau Canyon 4-H; **Reserve champion** — Brey Stahle
Junior
Champion — Roan Folkman, Bruneau Canyon 4-H; **Reserve champion** — Blakely Holt, Owyhee Rumble 4-H

Market Beef
Grand champion steer — Cruz Colyer; **Reserve grand champion steer** — Colby Starbuck, South Mountain Livestock 4-H
Champion Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association-sponsored steer — Colby Starbuck; **Reserve champion OCA-sponsored steer** — HarleyJo Anderson
Champion self-sponsored steer — Cruz Colyer; **Reserve champion self-sponsored steer** — Tyler Stebly

Sheep
Grand champion — Jace

Ryska, Shoofly Livestock 4-H; **Reserve grand champion** — Bradley Garrett, Shoofly Livestock 4-H
First-place feeder — Korban C., Marsing FFA
Champion pen of three — Rimrock FFA

Swine
Grand champion — Cooper Rheuby, Country Kids 4-H; **Reserve grand champion** — Hadlee Brown
First-place feeder — Dillon S., Snake River Livestock 4-H

Market goat
Grand champion — Cooper Rheuby; **Reserve grand champion** — Jex Salutregui
First-place feeder — Alyssa Cunningham

Breeding/quality Beef
Grand champion cow/calf pair — Alex Worley, Reynolds Creek 4-H
Champion registered/purebred cow/calf pair — Alex Worley
Grand champion breeding heifer — Harper Brown, County Kids 4-H
Champion registered/purebred heifer — Harper Brown; **Reserve champion registered/purebred heifer** — Hadlee Brown
Champion commercial heifer — Hadlee Brown; **Reserve champion commercial heifer** — Kallie Barber, Owyhee Silver Spurs 4-H

Sheep
Grand champion — Shane Beaver, Country Kids 4-H; **Reserve grand champion** — Josie Showalter, Marsing FFA
Champion ewe lamb, under 1 year — Shane Beaver
Reserve champion ewe lamb, under 1 year — Kinley Shanley, Owyhee Silver Spurs 4-H
Champion ewe lamb, 1-2 years — Josie Showalter, Owyhee Silver Spurs 4-H
Champion ewe lamb, over 2 years — Josie Showalter
Reserve champion ewe lamb, over 2 years — Lillian K., Owyhee Silver Spurs 4-H

Swine
Grand champion — Cooper Rheuby; **Reserve grand champion** — Wyatt Morris

Dairy
Grand champion — Tys Dewinkle, Melba FFA; **Reserve grand champion** — Ethan Kukla

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✓ Cities: Homedale council OKs \$13.25 million FY 25 appropriations

work and transmission line upgrades in preparation for anticipated stricter federal drink water regulations.

The sewer budget declined by millions of dollars for the second year in a row as the wastewater treatment plant reconstruction project grinds to a bumpy end.

The police department’s budget rose to nearly \$948,000 (an increase

of more than \$43,000), but Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller’s proposed code enforcement agreement with the City of Marsing won’t be included.

With Councilpersons Mike Aebischer and Kim Murray citing officer safety concerns and manpower concerns, no council member brought forward a motion on the \$30,000 contract when Aebischer — filling in for Mayor Gheen

Christoffersen — asked for action.

Eidemiller told the council that the deal was going to help HPD in two ways:

- Newly certified Officer Liset Llamas would be restored to a full 40-hour week after losing 20 hours when the Homedale School District scaled back its school resource officer plan.
- Eidemiller could use the revenue

if he had the opportunity to hire a replacement for former Officer Justin Herman in the middle of the fiscal year.

City attorney Paul J. Fitzer also said having a familiar and certified HPD officer running code enforcement would make his job prosecuting Marsing violations easier.

— JPB

✓ County: Commissioners use ARPA funds to help shore up OCSO fleet

positions in the sheriff’s office received larger raises because of knowledge and experience, officials said.

The elected officials’ raises are about three percent.

The county has commissioned another wage study to examine wages in the sheriff’s office, jail and dispatch center.

“The sheriff’s office pay scale is really not correct,” Barkell said, adding that the pay scale was skewed previously because of the wage policy under former Sheriff Perry Grant.

Commissioners have set aside about \$15,000 in reserve in preparation for wage corrections once the study is completed.

“We’ll probably see those wages rise in the middle of the year to compete with the neighbors,” Barkell said.

Calyx-Weaver & Associates and CEO Patti Perkins will carry out the new wage study. Perkins’ firm conducted the previous wage study that covered all county positions.

The study should cost no more than \$1,000, officials said.

In other personnel-related costs, the overtime budgets increased for the sheriff’s office (50 percent increase from \$10,000 to \$15,000) and the dispatch center (25 percent increase from \$8,000 to \$10,000).

“With all these new employees, we have to send them to (Idaho Peace Officers Training and Standards Academy), and they accrue OT when they are over there, and we have overtime to cover their shifts, too,” Dist. 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi said.

The new employees and con-

tinuing education also led to an increase in the OCSO training budget (more than double for the dispatch center from \$3,500 to \$10,000, from \$6,000 to \$20,000 in the jail, and from \$7,500 to \$12,500 for in-house training for patrol deputies). Some training will be legal instruction led by Prosecuting Attorney Chris Topmiller.

“Part of that is they didn’t have a regular training schedule (previously),” Barkell said.

Commissioners appropriated another \$10,400 in the OCSO budget to compensate on-call deputies in the Grand View-Bruneau area.

“Down at the Bruneau-Grand View end, we don’t have enough deputies,” Aberasturi said. “Before the next guy gets there, someone has to be available.”

On-call deputies will receive \$100 for each week they’re on call. If they get called out, deputies will receive their regular hourly wages.

“That’s not a lot of money,” Aberasturi said.

The 133 percent increase in the OCSO capital vehicles budget from \$115,800 to \$270,000 in a continuing effort to get

patrol vehicles on a replacement rotation. Eight new patrol trucks have been purchased with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, and the FY 25 budget line will provide three others.

“We’re getting away from the lease and going back to purchasing,” Barkell said, signaling an end to a Grant-era policy. “Every year, we’ll be replacing three vehicles.”

The replacement program will help keep patrol vehicles on the road, Aberasturi said.

“We have a bunch of rigs that are sitting out there that are falling apart, to say the least,” Aberasturi said. “We’re using old rigs because we have so many of these four-year-old pickups that have a lot of issues.

“We’re using older rigs to keep the officers out there right now.”

The necessary emergency equipment for the new vehicles is already paid for, officials said.

“We’ll have close to a new fleet,” Barkell said, adding that the county will save \$300,000 on lease interest fees.

Aberasturi said Barkell came

up with the lease extrication idea.

“She’s the one that brought that up on that,” he said. “We’re all against the leases. Each department head and elected official, it’s just their choice (for leases).”

Another aspect of the sheriff’s office budget is outside contracts.

The agreement to provide law enforcement for Idaho Power properties around C.J. Strike Reservoir is nearly \$104,000, which is nearly 46 percent lower because the FY 24 budget included nearly \$87,500 for a new vehicle).

The City of Marsing enhanced law enforcement contract has been passed by the county commissioners, but the Marsing City Council has yet to

approve the \$90,000 proposal. The contract is nearly 10 percent (\$8,000) higher than the FY 24 pact, and the council tabled the proposal during last Wednesday’s meeting when Sheriff Larry Kendrick attended to discuss the issue.

The county will propose charging the City of Homedale \$22,500 for its use of the Spillman dispatch program.

“We dug around and tried to find out. There was some deal made when we first went with Spillman,” Barkell said. “They should have to pay for part of it.”

Barkell said the sheriff’s office plans to send a bill to the city because Homedale officials originally agreed to the fee but never received a bill.”

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Planning ahead comprises large part of county budget

Some elements of Owyhee County’s proposed Fiscal Year 2025 budget will help officials prepare for the future.

The county commissioners’ portion of the nearly \$28 million budget includes a new \$60,000 line for an emergency manager and code enforcement officer.

Dist. 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi said the line will help build resources for a much-needed code enforcement officer to help wrangle Planning and Zoning issues such as RVs used illegally on property rather than in RV parks as well as weed abatement and other county code violations.

“We will have someone to go out there if there is a violation, go out and have a warning and get them in compliance,” Aberasturi said. “We’re not going to make anyone homeless.”

Aberasturi also said an weed superintendent to succeed him eventually will have to be hired to keep the county in compliance with state law.

Another part of the plan is to find a successor for county emergency manager Jim Desmond, whom County Clerk Angie Barkell says has plans to retire in the near future.

“It’s a place-holder,” Barkell said of the budget line. “We have all these things that are coming, so this is a placeholder to find out what we’re going to do.”

Desmond’s contract expires on Sept. 30, 2025, the end of the upcoming fiscal year. The commissioners have allocated \$20,000 more than FY 24 for flexibility in case of training or the need for a non-contract employee.

“Should someone need to shadow him, that’s what the extra money is for, so we can get that person or several persons up to speed,” Barkell said.

After playing catch-up with maintenance at the Owyhee County Community Center at the fairgrounds in Homedale and seeing a spike in rentals, the commissioners have doubled the repairs and rent budget to \$20,000.

“There was somewhat a lack of maintenance down there for a period of time,” Aberasturi said. “We got way behind on maintenance, so we had to go back in and do quite a bit of work to get things back up to par again.”

About \$26,000 has been spent on the community center maintenance and repairs, and officials said that the rise in the public’s interest to use the building has generated enough revenue to cover the costs.

Maintenance will be carried out regularly now as building coordinator April Binford creates a schedule.

The commissioners have appropriated \$85,000 in a capital construction fund to install new furnaces in the county courthouse in Murphy and replace the windows in the courthouse annex that houses the P&Z department.

A \$25,000 allocation will allow the county to resurface the Murphy airport runway.

The county recently received about \$800,000 from the State of Idaho that will be used for road and bridge improvements. Barkell said the influx saved the county from needing to levy to pay for needed projects in the coming fiscal year.

The commissioners are trying to build up cash for upcoming large projects on the Trout Creek Road and Pleasant Valley Road. Engineering on those projects will start in FY 25.

A joint effort with Mountain Home Air Force Base will bring improvements to the Clover Three Creek Road, too.

The Salmon Creek Road Bridge in the Reynolds Creek area will be replaced through the state, Dist. 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland said.

County officials plan to meet with Integra Resources Corp., officials on Monday to discuss road improvement plans as the DeLamar Mine opening approaches in 2026.

Other road projects include chip-sealing Oreana Loop Road as well as purchasing road mix, replacing cattle guards and providing dust control.

“We have a seven-year cycle to chip-seal all our oiled roads to keep them maintained,” Dist. 3 Commissioner Cindy Bachman said.

— JPB

Homedale reading club meetings upcoming

Two Homedale District Library book clubs are getting ready for their next meetings.

The next Adult Book Club meeting is set for 5 p.m., on Friday, Sept. 6 inside the Homedale library community room, 125 W. Owyhee Ave. The book to be discussed is *Edenbrooke* by Julianne Donaldson.

The Teen Book Club will next meet at 4 p.m., on Wednesday, Sept. 18 at the Teen Corner in the community room. The book to be read is *The Giver* by Lois Lowry.

Laura Aebischer will read for the Opal Nash Story Time for preschoolers at 10 a.m., on Monday.

The Story Time is held at the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Idaho Ave.



Masing-based wildlife expert Corbin Maxey (left) brought a variety of reptiles — including an albino Burmese python — to his Friday presentation at the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library. Submitted photo

The Teens and Tweens program is taking a couple weeks off prior to returning in September.

The program is held at 5 p.m., on Thursdays and is open to boys and girls ages 10-17. The group meets inside the library community room.

The Idaho Department of Labor will hold its weekly visit to help with all types of career issues.

A department representative will be at the library from noon to 4 p.m., today and each Wednesday.

For more information on library programs, call (208) 337-4228.

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Saturday memorial service scheduled for Sen. Steve Symms

U.S. and State of Idaho flags were lowered to half-staff on Aug. 12 to honor former U.S. Sen. Steven D. Symms.

Symms, 84, who grew up in Sunny Slope and was part of the family’s fruit orchard operation before heading to Washington, D.C. for 20 years, died at his Virginia home on Thursday, Aug. 8, 2024.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m., on Saturday, Aug. 24, 2024 at The College of Idaho’s Jewett Auditorium.

Symms served four terms in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1973 to 1981 and two terms in the U.S. Senate from 1981 to 1993.

Gov. Brad Little issued the half-staff flag directive the day after Symms’ passing.

“Sen. Steve Symms was a true patriot—a military veteran and dedicated public servant whose roots in agriculture helped informed his decisions back in D.C. representing Idaho’s interests,” Little said in a statement. “A conservative



Sen. Steve Symms

who was elected during the ‘Reagan Revolution,’ Steve Symms routinely pushed back on government overreach, stood up for the working people of Idaho, and defended the freedoms we hold dear as Americans.

“God bless this fighter for Idaho values. Teresa and I share our deep condolences for the family and many, many loved ones of Sen. Steve Symms.”

Symms attended Sunny Slope School and Marsing High School before graduating from Caldwell High in 1956. He was a four-year football letterman at the University of Idaho.

After college graduation, he served in the Marine Corps before helping build the Symms Fruit Ranch business beginning in the mid-1960s.

He served on the Finance Committee and Budget Committee in the U.S. Senate. As chair of the Transportation Subcommittee, he led the way for several highway and interstate improvements in Idaho.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Idaho Freedom Foundation, 802 W. Bannock St., Ste. 405, Boise, ID 83702.

Homedale court hours changing for Tuesdays

The Owyhee County Magistrate Court in Homedale will have new Tuesday hours beginning next week.

The court, located in the new Owyhee County Justice Center at 130 W. Idaho Ave., opens at 8:30 a.m., each day Monday through Friday.

Office hours run until 5 p.m. each day, but beginning next week, the Tuesday hours will be 8:30 a.m., to 1 p.m.

There are no other changes in hours at the court office.

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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.

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
- Food bank drop off**
12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m., (weather permitting; holidays could change date), Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 902 Bassett St. (U.S. Hwy. 95), Jordan Valley. (541) 889-9206 or (541) 586-2562

Friday

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

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., Laura Aebischer reading. Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Tuesday

- Fit and Fall class**
10 a.m., free, Melba Valley Senior Center, 115 Base Line Rd, Melba. (208) 495-2168
- Fit and Fall exercise**
10 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Fit and Fall Proof exercise class**
10 a.m., to 11 a.m., free, old Marsing High School gymnasium, 800 Main St., Marsing. (208) 296-0847
- Region III assistance assessments**
Noon to 3 p.m., appointments necessary, Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 495-5688
- High Desert Republican Women meeting**
6 p.m., Sandbar Community Room, Marsing City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 204-9744
- High Desert Republican Women forum**
6 p.m., Marsing City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing.

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Wednesday

- Massage**
8 a.m., to 1 p.m., \$15 for 15 minutes, appointments necessary. Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. Appointments: Jo (208) 337-3020
- Ladies coffee group**
9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Food distribution**
9 a.m. to 10 a.m., for school families only; 10 a.m., to 1 p.m., for general Marsing community. The HUB food pantry, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 649-5411
- Bingo**
10:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Labor Dept. bilingual employment services**
Noon to 4 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 364-7781 or canyoncountymail@labor.idaho.gov for appointment or information.

Thursday, Aug. 29

- Fit and Fall class**
10 a.m., free, Melba Valley Senior Center, 115 Base Line Rd, Melba. (208) 495-2168
- Fit and Fall exercise**
10 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Fit and Fall Proof exercise class**
10 a.m., to 11 a.m., free, old Marsing High School gymnasium, 800 Main St., Marsing. (208) 296-0847
- Prime Time Swingers perform**
11 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Homedale Hwy. District public hearing**
Noon, Homedale Highway District Office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., Homedale.

Friday, Aug. 30

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

Tuesday, Sep. 3

- Board of County Commissioners meeting**
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421
- Fit and Fall class**
10 a.m., free, Melba Valley Senior Center, 115 Base Line Rd, Melba. (208) 495-2168
- Fit and Fall exercise**
10 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Fit and Fall Proof exercise class**
10 a.m., to 11 a.m., free, old high school gym, 800 Main St., Marsing. (208) 296-0847
- Rusty and the Country Jammers perform**
11 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Region III assistance assessments**
Noon to 3 p.m., appointments necessary, Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 495-5688
- Opaline Irrigation District meeting**
7 p.m., 7300 Opaline Rd., Melba.
- Alcoholics Anonymous**
7 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. Hwy. 95, Wilder.

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

Swan Falls museum soon to close

Two Saturdays remain this year for a chance to visit the renovated Historic Swan Falls Powerhouse Museum.

Idaho Power announced that the museum will be open for free self-guided tours on Saturday and Aug. 31.

The museum at the oldest hydroelectric dam on the Snake River is open from 10 a.m., to 4 p.m., each of the next two Saturdays.

Swan Falls Dam, which is east of Murphy, was built in 1901 to provide electricity to the Silver City mines.

Idaho Power built a new a power plant in the mid-1990s that generates enough energy for more than 20,000 homes.

The original plant is now a museum. It was updated earlier this year with new displays to complement the vintage equipment at the old facility.

Museum visitors can also check out the interpretive signs in the adjacent park that outline the geologic and cultural history of the area.

Pedestrian access across the dam is open in daylight hours.

For directions and more information, visit idahopower.com/swanfalls.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Choice of milk and juice
PB&J sandwich, and vegetable and fruit choices offered daily

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

Aug. 26: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, applesauce **Lunch:** Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, buttered corn, whole grain roll

Aug. 27: **Breakfast:** Sausage breakfast pizza, sliced pears **Lunch:** Sausage patty, hash brown patty, French toast sticks, fruit cup

Aug. 28: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk pancakes, syrup cup, Yami yogurt, sliced peaches **Lunch:** Spaghetti, seasoned green beans, snickerdoodle cookie

Homedale Middle

Choice of milk and juice, yogurt or string cheese
Cereal option and PB&J offered daily
Vegetable and fruit choices offered daily

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

Aug. 26: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, Yami yogurt **Lunch:** Mozzarella bread sticks, marinara sauce cup, buttered corn, snickerdoodle cookie

Aug. 27: **Breakfast:** Mini bagel, frudel, grapes **Lunch:** French toast sticks, sausage patty, hash brown patty

Aug. 28: **Breakfast:** Cheesy scrambled eggs, blueberry muffin **Lunch:** Chicken Alfredo, steamed buttered carrots, garlic toast

Homedale High

Choice of milk and juice, yogurt, string cheese or hard-boiled egg
Vegetable and fruit choices offered daily
Cereal option, Grab ‘n’ go items each day

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

Aug. 26: **Breakfast:** **Lunch:** Garlic cheese French bread pizza, crinkle fries, snickerdoodle cookie **Grab ‘n’ go:** Turkey bacon sub

Aug. 27: **Breakfast:** **Lunch:** Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, curly fries **Grab ‘n’ go:** Berry chicken salad

Aug. 28: **Breakfast:** **Lunch:** BBQ chicken pizza, Tater Tots **Grab ‘n’ go:** Club sub sandwich

Marsing

Meals include choice of milk, fruit juice, fresh fruit & vegetables

Elementary daily: Breakfast: Cereal option **Middle/High School each day: PB&J option**

Cold Grab-n-go line: Wrap, sub sand., salad

Hot Grab-n-go line (varies): Cheeseburger, chicken dish (reg./spicy sand.; nuggets; bites)

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

Aug. 26: **Breakfast:** French toast bites, Yami yogurt **Lunch:** Spaghetti, mixed vegetables, garlic toast, snickerdoodle cookie **Cold Grab ‘n’ go:** Ham and cheese sandwich

Aug. 27: **Breakfast:** Biscuit, pork sausage patty, country gravy **Lunch:** Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, country gravy, buttered corn, breadstick **Cold Grab ‘n’ go:** Turkey and cheese sandwich

Aug. 28: **Breakfast:** Glazed donut, string cheese, sliced apples **Lunch:** French toast sticks, pork sausage patty, hash browns, strawberry cup **Cold Grab ‘n’ go:** Ham and cheese sandwich

Aug. 29: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, string cheese, toast **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza ripper, tossed salad, pineapple tidbits, Jello with topping **Cold Grab ‘n’ go:** Turkey and cheese sandwich

Bruneau Elementary

All meals: Milk and fruit juice/fruit offered daily

Jr.-Sr. high school: Pizza offered daily

Aug. 21: **Breakfast:** Waffles **Lunch:** Corndogs, green beans

Aug. 22: **Breakfast:** Cereal **Lunch:** Lil Smokies, celery sticks, fries

Aug. 26: **Breakfast:** Breakfast bars **Lunch:** Orange chicken, peas

Aug. 27: **Breakfast:** French toast **Lunch:** Ham and cheese sandwich, broccoli

Aug. 28: **Breakfast:** Biscuit and jelly **Lunch:** Pizza, carrots

Grandview Elementary and Rimrock Jr./Sr. High

All meals: Milk and fruit juice/fruit offered daily

Jr.-Sr. high school: Pizza offered daily

Aug. 21: **Breakfast:** Bagels with cream cheese **Lunch:** Pizza, corn

Aug. 22: **Breakfast:** Waffles **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, fries, vegetable

Aug. 26: **Breakfast:** French toast **Lunch:** Chicken patties with bun, green beans, mashed potatoes, gravy

Aug. 27: **Breakfast:** Blueberry muffins **Lunch:** Beef tacos, pinto beans, corn

Aug. 28: **Breakfast:** Strawberry strudels **Lunch:** Sloppy Joes, fries, broccoli

Death notices

EVERETT LEE HUDGENS, 83, of Homedale, died Friday, Aug. 16, 2024 at home of natural causes. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapels, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

EVERETT E. (BUD) JONES, 82, a former Homedale resident who was born in Jordan Valley, died on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, in Sparks, Nev. A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 24, 2024 at Canyon Hill Cemetery, SE section of block 54, 2024 N. Illinois Ave., Caldwell.

MARK KENNEDY, 67, of Homedale, died on Saturday, Aug. 3, 2024. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapels, Homedale and Caldwell

LINDA KAY LEMRICK, 73, of Wilder, died Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2024 at a Boise hospital of natural causes. A graveside service will be held on Thursday, Aug. 22, 2024 at 11 a.m., at Wilder Cemetery in Wilder. Condolences: www.flahifffuneralchapel.com

LAUNIE MASHBURN, 84 of Adrian, formerly of Homedale, died on Friday, Aug. 16, 2024, at his home. Arrangements: Haren-Wood Funeral Chapel, Ontario, Ore.

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

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

Aug. 21: Taco salad, rice, corn

Aug. 22: Salmon, scalloped potatoes, winter blend vegetables

Aug. 27: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas

Aug. 28: Deli sandwich, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, California blend vegetables

Aug. 29: Beef stroganoff, beets, green beans

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

Aug. 23: Roast beef/Swiss sandwich, potato salad, 3-bean salad, 9-grain bred, fresh fruit

Aug. 26: Pork roast with gravy, sweet potatoes, peas, whole wheat roll, pineapple

Aug. 28: Mushroom cheeseburger, roasted potatoes, mixed vegetables, whole wheat bun, applesauce

Aug. 30: Ham with pineapple, cheesy potatoes, Capri vegetables, Hawaiian roll, orange

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. 22: Roast beef, baked potato, grapes and apples, roll, berry cobbler

Aug. 27: Tostada bowl salad, tortilla shell/chips, green salad, refried beans cottage cheese, fresh berries

Aug. 29: Pork chops, green beans, potatoes, sauerkraut, whole wheat roll, applesauce

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. 22: Chicken and rice

Aug. 27: BBQ pork

Aug. 29: Spaghetti

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Owyhee County Fair livestock results

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Champion cow, 2-3 years old — Tys Dewinkle; **Reserve champion cow, 2-3 years old** — Ethan Kukla
Champion yearling — Landry Kukla, Melba FFA; **Reserve champion yearling** — Ainsley Erwin
Champion intermediate calf — Femke Dewinkle, Owyhee Outlaws; **Reserve champion intermediate calf** — Hayden Higgins, Melba FFA
Champion senior calf — Neiko Dewinkle, Melba FFA; **Reserve champion senior calf** — Zachary Parr

Market goat
Grand champion — Cooper Rheuby; **Reserve grand champion** — Hudsyn Brown, Country Kids 4-H

Dairy goat
Grand champion — Ainsley Erwin; **Reserve grand champion** — Alicia Worley
Champion junior doe — Ainsley Erwin; **Reserve champion junior doe** — Alicia Worley

Champion senior doe, 3-5 years (in milk) — Julianna Clair; **Reserve champion senior doe, 3-5 years (in milk)** — Grace Clay, Owyhee Ruff Riders 4-H
Champion senior doe, 5 years and over (in milk) — Alicia Worley; **Reserve champion senior doe 5 years and over (in milk)** — Ainsley Erwin

Pygmy goat
Grand champion — Freya Williams
Reserve grand champion — Reva Williams



Ainsley Erwin was reserve champion during the Aug. 8 dairy showmanship competition. Submitted photo



From left: Alia Aquiso, Liam Aquiso and Mackley Prow from Rimrock FFA show off their pen of three champion lambs from B&H Livestock. Submitted photo



Mason Herman gets a candid shot with his swine in the livestock barn. Submitted photo



Colby Starbuck from South Mountain Livestock 4-H (left) raised the reserve champion steer, and Cruz Colyer of the Rimrock FFA chapter (right) showed the grand champion steer. Submitted photo



Homedale sisters Hadlee Brown (left) and Harper Brown (second from right) won reserve champion and grand champion honors, respectively, for breeding heifers. Both girls are Country Kids 4-H members. Submitted photo

Owyhee County Fair 4-H awards

Announced Aug. 9

Livestock Sportsmanship — Female: Kallie Barber, Owyhee Silver Spurs; Male: Wyatt Morris, Owyhee Outlaws

Herdsmanship Large animal Overall
Marsing FFA

Daily Cattle
Wednesday, Aug. 7 — Country Kids; **Thursday, Aug. 8** — South Mountain Livestock; **Friday, Aug. 9** — Reynolds Creek

Sheep
Wednesday, Aug. 7 — Marsing FFA; **Thursday, Aug. 8** — Shoofly Livestock; **Friday, Aug. 9** — Clover Crew

Swine
Wednesday, Aug. 7 — Marsing FFA; **Thursday, Aug. 8** — Clover Crew; **Friday, Aug. 9** — Marsing FFA

Goat
Wednesday, Aug. 7 — Clover Crew; **Thursday, Aug. 8** — Country Kids; **Friday, Aug. 9** — Reynolds Creek

Small animal Overall
Clover Crew

Daily
Wednesday, Aug. 7 — Country Kids; **Thursday, Aug. 8** — Clover Crew; **Friday, Aug. 9** — Clover Crew

Champion Exhibitors Outstanding exhibitor — Paisley Starbuck, South Mountain Livestock

Record books — Dallas Delvecchio; Jordan Ineck, Clover Crew; Hadlee Brown, Country Kids; Garrett Hubler; Eric Hutchens; Jessica Hipwell, Owyhee Outlaws; Madison Sikma; McKenna Sevy; and K. Stimmel, Country Kids

Livestock judging Overall — 1. Raimey Starbuck, South Mountain Livestock; 2. Jabe Maxwell, Homedale FFA; 3. Wyatt Barber, Owyhee Silver Spurs

Adult — Erin Eldridge; **Senior** — Jayden Skinner, Jordan Valley FFA; **Intermediate** — Paisley Starbuck; **Junior** — Raimey Starbuck



Reynolds Creek 4-H club’s groovy retro theme captured second in the exhibit hall decoration contest.

FFAchapter—1. Homedale; 2. Melba; 3. Marsing

Club awards Decorations
Best exhibit hall theme — 1. Owyhee Rumble; 2. Reynolds Creek; 3. Shoofly Livestock

Best livestock barn — Country Kids

Outstanding books Scrapbook — South Mountain Livestock

Secretary book — South Mountain Livestock

Treasurer’s book—Shoofly Livestock

FFA teams
1. Homedale; 2. Melba; 3. Marsing

Style Revue Clothing construction Junior Division
Champion — Lcee Loucks, Owyhee Silver Spurs; **Reserve champion** — Lieseke VanEs, Owyhee Silver Spurs

Select and Show
Champion — Amillya Henderson, Owyhee Rumble

Foods exhibitors Intermediate/Senior Division
Champion — Bambi Ryska, Owyhee Silver Spurs; **Reserve champion** — Lynlee Ryska, Shoofly Livestock

Junior Division
Champion — Joslyn Corder; **Reserve champion** — Addisyn Duryee, Shoofly Livestock

Leathercraft exhibitors Senior Division
Champion — Caleb White, Owyhee Silver Spurs; **Reserve champion** — Josie Showalter

Intermediate Division
Champion—Bambi Ryskal; **Reserve champion** — Bailey Moos, Wilson Butte

Junior Division
Champion — Chase Madsen, Wilson Butte; **Reserve champion** — Waylon Riley, Clover Crew

Sewing and Quilting exhibitors Intermediate/Senior Division
Champion — Bambi Ryska; **Reserve champion** — Lillian

K., Owyhee Silver Spurs

Junior Division
Champion — Makenzee M., Owyhee Silver Spurs; **Reserve champion** — Lcee Loucks

Family Consumer Sciences and Miscellaneous Exhibitors
Top overall — Bambi Ryska
Top Miscellaneous — Lcee Loucks

Judges’ Choice Awards of Excellence—Josie Showalter; Jocelyn Corder, Clover Crew; Kinley Shanley, Owyhee Silver Spurs; Jackson Martin, Clover Crew; Wolfe Buzzard, Owyhee Silver Spurs; Kallie Barber; Chase Madsen; Addisyn Duryee; Taylor Izzard, Owyhee Silver Spurs; Justus White, Owyhee Silver Spurs; Reva Williams, Snake River Livestock; Aspen VanDerhoff, Shoofly Livestock

Judging
Senior — Jessica Hipwell; **Intermediate** — Brylee Folkman, Bruneau Canyon; **Junior** — Silas Kukla, Wilson Butte; **Adult**—Ginger Loucks

and Rhonda N.

Scholarships
Taylor Sauer Owyhee County Fair Memorial — Kimmie Loucks, Marsing FFA (presented for 12th year by Clay and Shauna Sauer, Taylor’s parents)

Owyhee County 4-H College — Hannah Moos, Wilson Butte; TJ Gonzalez, Bruneau Canyon; Johnathon Ineck, Wilson Butte; Trinity Neeser, Owyhee Sage Riders; and Tyson Campbell, Owyhee Silver Spurs

4-H Events and Activity Scholarship (4-H Camp) — Chase M., Wilson Butte; Ethan Kukla, Wilson Butte; and Silas Kukla, Wilson Butte

4-H Events and Activity Scholarship (Southern District 4-H Shotgun Shoot — Bobbie F., Owyhee Shooting Sports; and Tyler T., Owyhee County Shooting Sports

Club leaders service
20 years — Ginger Loucks, Owyhee Silver Spurs
15 years — Jackie Engle, Owyhee Outlaws
10 years — Susan Jaca, Wilson Butte; and Heather Packer, Clover Crew

Five years — Laura Gonzalez, Bruneau Canyon; Lamar Harris, Pony Express; Kimi Hotchkiss, Shoofly Livestock; Lizzie Kukla, Wilson Butte; and Dusty Kukla, Wilson Butte

First year — Shannon Adamson, Barnyard Brigade; Kristen Brown, Country Kids; Arbor Duryee, Shoofly Livestock; Cassandra Folkman, Bruneau Canyon; Brandi Furstenaus, Owyhee Rumble; Kristen Montenegro, Pony Express; Bobby Williams, Snake River Livestock; Kristen M., Pony Express; Taryn Packer, Clover Crew; Roger H., Clover Crew; Jennifer H., Clover Crew; and Jason Ineck, Clover Crew

Fair superintendents
Beef cattle — Kate Comfort and Lacey Robbins
Dairy cattle — Rudi and Anne DeWinkle
Goat — Deidre Erwin
Horse — Tony Fisher
Large animal round robin — Hannah Mamer
Small animals — Jennifer and Roger Hancock
Swine — Lucas Cossel
Sheep — Mamer

— Citing a policy that prohibits disclosing full names, the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office provided only first names and last name initials for this year’s Owyhee County Fair animal show winners. The Owyhee Avalanche was able to track down most of the last names through research, which included viewing exhibitor lineup sheets that were publicly displayed during the fair. Not all exhibitor sheets were viewed, so a few youth remain identified as originally submitted by the U of I Extension staff.

— Ed.

JORDAN VALLEY JR. RODEO



Last hurrah before back to high school

Kenzie Smith, who started her sophomore year at Homedale High School on Monday, finished second in Senior girls' breakaway roping after roping her calf in 2.9 seconds during Saturday's Jordan Valley Junior Rodeo. Pick up the Aug. 28 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche for results and more photos. Photo by Cherie Rolland / Cherie Rolland Photography

Young Trojans have ethic, excitement for volleyball court

A busy first week will tell Heidi Nash just how well the hard work of summer paid off. The fourth-year Homedale High School volleyball coach leads a young Trojans squad into a jamboree and a tournament within the first the four days of the season, beginning with the scrimmages in Parma tonight. "We worked hard this summer to build chemistry and try multiple offensive systems," Nash said. "This team loves volleyball and wants to be on the court at every opportunity." With at least seven matches ahead in the two-day Kuna Classic on Friday and Saturday, there will be plenty of opportunities to hit and defend. "Given the size of our conference now, there won't be a lot of non-conference games, and we have opted to get in as many games as possible by playing in

the Kuna tournament and the Mountain View tournament (Sept. 13-14)," Nash said. Realignment has created a larger 4A Snake River Valley conference. Parma moved down to Class 3A, but Cole Valley Christian jumped up a classification, and Emmett petitioned to move down. "It will be an extremely competitive league and a tough conference schedule," Nash said. The Trojans enter the season without six key contributors for the 2023 campaign. Olivia Asumendi, Kinlee Garrett, Zayne Hall, Lexie Heck, and Isana Larzelier graduated, decimating the Trojans' front line and libero experience. Additionally, would-be returning middle blocker Kierstley Roseborough's family moved to the Twin Falls area. "We will have a young but talented, quick team this year with a lot of club volleyball

experience," Nash said. The returning players include (with comment from their coach): **Halle King, 5-8, sr.** — King said she is completely healthy after her season-ending anterior cruciate ligament tear that occurred early last season. "Halle has been working hard to rehab her knee and is excited to be back on the court," Nash said. "Halle is an energetic leader and as the lone senior, we will rely on her experience and enthusiasm to guide this young varsity squad." **Lilly Relk, 5-6, so., setter** — Like King, Relk is coming off rehabilitation after ankle surgery at the end of last season. Nash said Relk "plays like an upperclassman" because of her extensive club experience. "Lilly is a smart setter who sees the court well and can run

— See Volleyball, page 18

Homedale football program embraces sustainable resources

Trojans move into season with new QB, linemen

The most sustained run of success in program history has proven one thing to Homedale High School football fans: Preparation throughout the

program and a "next-man-up" attitude is crucial. Only a handful of key players graduated in the spring, but 16th-year coach Matt Holtry and his staff start a third consecutive season with a new quarterback. Dillon Fine graduated after — See Homedale, page 12

Huskies coach inherits playoff-savvy core All-conference duo follows McClellin to Vallivue

Mike Forestiere is new to the Marsing High School football program, but his players go up against a familiar foe in a new context Friday. Forestiere's debut with the Huskies comes at 7 p.m., on the home field against Cole Valley Christian out of Meridian. The Chargers are now non-conference opponents after statewide realignment and a move into the 4A Snake River Valley conference. When the teams were in the 2A Western Idaho Conference last season, the Huskies squeezed past the Chargers for a rare state playoffs appearance in coach Shea McClellin's final season. The WIC is now a Class 3A configuration, and the Huskies will end the regular season against new conference member Parma on Oct. 25. Forestiere inherits a club that finished 5-4 last season with a 2-2 conference mark and made the program's first journey to the state playoffs in a decade. Unlike his predecessor, who was in his first head coaching job, Forestiere has been coaching for 40 years. The

former University of Oregon player coached in the Boise area years ago before moving to programs in California, Washington and Kansas. He most recently spent three seasons at Highland Park in the Topeka, Kan., area. Forestiere has been a rebuild in most of his coaching stops, but Marsing isn't a reclamation project. Jace Chadez returns as quarterback, and EJ Young will slide in at running back. Luke Steinmeyer, an All-2A WIC selection a year, is back at tight end, and Levi Puga brings experience at the wideout position. Two all-conference players from a year ago — running back Cache Hance and wide receiver Mason Enochson — followed McClellin to Vallivue in Caldwell. Developing depth will be crucial for the Huskies because many key players will start on both sides of the ball, including defensive backs Chadez, Puga, and Shaw and linebackers Steinmeyer and Young. There are only new starting players in six positions.



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Sports

Trojans returning nucleus looks to fill absences in soccer

Several seniors from state tourney team graduated

A ton of seniors graduated in the spring, but the culture remains for the Homedale High School girls' soccer team.

The Trojans begin their first season since a historic run to the 3A state tournament with a 4A Snake River Valley conference game against Payette at 5 p.m., on Tuesday on the road.

“Our strength will be that this year we have two years of playing under our belt,” third-year coach Shelby Nicoletti said. “When you start a program from scratch in a community that does not have a youth soccer league, it is like starting from scratch every year. Having a group of players that are used to my coaching style and expectations, along with a bit of history within the game will sure make the straining sessions more dynamic and more fun.

“I’m excited to continue to teach

tactics and structure now that they have some fundamentals and technical abilities mastered.”

Nicoletti, whose daughter Morgan is on the Trojans squad, has a long resume in the game. She played Div. I college soccer at Washington State University and Connecticut and played professional with the Seattle Sounders. She has 20 years of coaching experience and currently serves as an assistant varsity coach and leads the junior varsity team for the The College of Idaho.

Leading returning players include (with Nicoletti’s comments):

Morgan Nicoletti — “Morgan provides the motor in our midfield, running endline to endline directing the crew on the pitch and contributing shots and set pieces.”

Karlie Kildow — “Karlie brings an offensive threat to score goals and a non-stop competitive edge.”

Stella Heck — “Stella is our ‘little engine that could’ and can swing from an outside back to a wingback almost fluidly.”

Belen Asumendi — “Belen provides speed in our back line and a willingness to defend with contact.”

Stephanie Quezada — “Stephanie is our ball-winner in the midfield that will shoot as often as she is able.”

Mattea Dimick — “Mattea Dimick

plays centrally in the back or into a holding midfield position, but we will utilize her ability to shoot as often as we can this year up-front.”

Taylor Phelps — “Taylor Phelps excels on the outside, taking people on and distributing the ball.”

Tiana Sorensen — “Tiana will use her basketball prowess to find gaps to play in and receive the ball under pressure offensively.”

Leeya Haas — “Leeya Haas provides experience and technical ability on the ball to be a playmaker for us both in the run of play and in set pieces.”

Evalina Costello — “Evalina will play a role as an attacker on the width with a defensive mindset.”

Ellie Miller — “Ellie Miller brings energy and the ability to chase and pressure in the attack, forcing errors on our opponent.”

Kennedy Kildow — “Kennedy Kildow will be our goalkeeper to hold the net for us.”

The returning nucleus will be important because of key components that were lost to graduation.

“We lost a lot of seniors last year, many of whom had a big impact in our starting lineup and minutes played,” Shelby Nicoletti said. “Key roles like center back and one of our goal scorers.”

The coach is looking for versatility

from freshman **Chloe Haas**.

“(Haas) could be inserted into a few roles within the squad this year,” Nicoletti said. “As a ninth-grader, she shows a lot of grit and try and a willingness to be coached.”

Nicoletti instills a “team-together” mindset with her squads.

“It is only when everyone plays their role that we can have success as a whole,” she said. “Our team motto is ‘We before me.’ No one is a standout if the whole is not supported.”

Playing together is going to be crucial in the 4A SRV with Fruitland returning a strong senior class and adding a couple talented freshmen.

“Emmett was a very tough game last year, and Parma has a youth league, so I am sure they have some depth that we haven’t seen yet,” Nicoletti said.

The coach said the conference is tough because of the quality of product her colleagues help bring to the pitch.

“Trine (Loenberg) does a wonderful job with Weiser every year, and Mike (Maini) up at McCall has a perennial history of putting together smart and effective teams.

“The coaches and teams in our league are great ambassadors of the game, and it is fun to get to coach with and against solid people.”

— JPB

Homedale Trojans Fall Coaches



Football
Head coach
Matt Holtry, 16th season

Assistants
Tony Uranga, assistant head coach/defensive coordinator
Josh White, junior varsity head coach
Darren Uranga
Cam Long
Terry Moore
Rod Linder

Dan Holtry
Ben Roberts
Chad Packer
Dennis Carrell
Wyatt Dorsey
Zac Taylor
Jesse Packer



Volleyball
Head coach
Heidi Nash, 4th season
Frosh/soph and varsity assistant
Sophie Gissel
Junior varsity
Faith King



Cross country
Head coach
David Gummersall, 4th season
Assistant
Machele Randall



Girls' soccer
Head coach
Shelby Nicoletti, 3rd season
Junior varsity
Abby Haas
Assistant coach
David Correa

FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

Football
(Home games at Deward Bell Stadium)
Varsity - Friday, Aug. 23, home vs. Snake River, 7 p.m.
Junior varsity - Friday, Aug. 23, home vs. Snake River, 4 p.m.
Freshman - Wednesday, Aug. 28, home vs. Emmett, 7 p.m.

Volleyball
Varsity
Parma Jamboree
Wednesday, Aug. 21 vs. Weiser, 4:45 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 21 vs. Caldwell, 5:35 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 21 vs. Parma, 6:30 p.m.
Kuna Classic
Friday, Aug. 23 vs. Mtn. Home 1, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 23 vs. The Ambrose School, 6 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 23 vs. Cole Valley Christian, 7:45 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 24, pool play begins at 8 a.m.
Saturday, Aug. 24, single-elimination tournament begins at 2 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Aug. 29 at New Plymouth, 6 p.m.
Freshman
Thursday, Aug. 29 at New Plymouth, 4:45 p.m.

Girls' soccer
Varsity Tuesday, Aug. 27 at Payette, 5 p.m.
Junior varsity Tuesday, Aug. 27 at Payette, 3:30 p.m.

Cross country
Friday, Aug. 23 at New Plymouth Invitational, New Plymouth M.S., 5 p.m.

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Sports

Ex-Trojans ready for C of I season

Homedale High School graduates will begin their college football season Saturday evening in Caldwell.

Junior linebacker Willie White and redshirt freshman receiver Mason Strong are on the active roster for The College of Idaho this season, and the Coyotes start the campaign at 7 p.m., on Saturday by playing host to Lincoln University from Oakland, Calif.

Saturday’s game is the first of two non-conference home contests that will kick off at 7 p.m., at Simplot Stadium. Simpson (Calif.) visits on Saturday, Aug. 31.

Brodie White, a true freshman and White’s younger brother, is listed on coach Mike Moroski’s roster as a tight end. He was an All-State lineman for HHS through last season.

The College of Idaho football home schedule

At Simplot Stadium, Caldwell

Saturday, Aug. 24 — vs. Lincoln (Calif.), 7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 31 — vs. Simpson (Calif.), 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 28 — vs. Montana Tech, noon (Frontier Conference)

Saturday, Oct. 12 — vs. Arizona Christian, 1 p.m. (Frontier)

Saturday, Oct. 26 — vs. Carroll College, 1 p.m. (Frontier)

Saturday, Nov. 16 — vs. Southern Oregon, 1 p.m. (Frontier)

Road games — Sept. 14 at Montana Western (Dillon); Sept. 21 at Southern Oregon (Ashland); Oct. 19 at Montana St.-Northern (Havre); Nov. 2 at Eastern Oregon (La Grande)

✓ Homedale: Good crop of juniors look to sustain Trojans’ dominance

a meteoric single season as starting quarterback, but a talented signal-caller could be a literal heir-apparent to the job.

Junior **Xavier Uranga** (5 feet, 9 inches, 142 pounds) is the fourth athlete from that family to assume the quarterback job in the past four decades after his uncle Tony, his father Darren and his cousin Daniel.

Xavier’s dad is the offensive coordinator, and Tony will program defenses to get the football back in his nephew’s hands.

“Xavier Uranga will be taking over the QB1 role this season, and we are excited about his progress from the start of the spring to this fall,” Holtry said. “He has gotten stronger, faster, and more confident with each rep, and it’s exciting to see his progression.”

Uranga may be new to the varsity job, but he’s no stranger to the Trojans system. And — with only tight end Oklin Carson graduating — he has a full complement of returning skill players.

And then some.

Seniors **Luke Henry** (5-10, 168) and **Rafael Cuenca** (6-2, 190) are back at receiver with upperclassmen **Alex Sotelo** (5-9, 154) and **Brock Walker** (6-2, 184) at running back and fullback, respectively.

“At running back, we lost Andrew Marston to graduation this past year as well,” Holtry said. “**Kade Hall**, **Javid Blewett**, and Alex Sotelo will be the players stepping up to fill that role.

“They all have had a great summer, and they are competing for reps each and every day.”

A junior varsity standout last season, Blewett (6-1, 190) will be part of the Trojans’ stable of running backs along with another newcomer and fellow junior, Kade Hall (6-0, 198). Another 11th-grader **Chance Martell** (5-7, 153) could make an impact on offense, too.

“We are excited about Xavier Uranga and his progression this summer as well as his understanding of the offense,” Holtry said. “Having three capable

running backs and three athletic targets at wide receiver helps in that progression.”

Junior **Lukas Hall** (6-5, 199) will provide an imposing target at tight end, and he will inherit the special teams duties and punter and kicker. He’s also listed as a defensive end.

With three seniors back — **Caden Layne** (6-2, 208), **McCoy Swallow** (6-1, 229) and **Diego Cortez** (6-1, 226) — and new senior starters **Kevin Andrade** (5-9, 209) and **Terry Volk** (6-1, 275), a reloaded offensive line will spearhead efforts to improve overall efficiency and red-zone scoring, Holtry said.

The rotation of seniors helps ease the sting of losing the line prowess of Carson, Brodie White and Emario Cuellar to graduation.

“We have a core group of returners that bring experience in key spots on the field,” Holtry said. “We are excited to see what the identity that this group creates and the legacy they leave as seniors.”

Walker (linebacker), defensive backs Henry and Cuenca, and linemen Layne, Cortez, and Swallow are among the seniors who will also start on defense.

Blewett and Hall will also start on the defensive line.

Uranga and seniors Sotelo and **Angel Nolasco** (5-9, 167) will round out the defensive backfield.

Holtry said new underclassmen are crucial because of “the ability for our team to gel as one and for our juniors to step into some key roles and execute at a high level.”

Junior **Sebastian Larzelier** (5-8, 148), and the latest Fisher brother — **Tyce** (5-11, 174, so.) — will start at linebacker with Walker.

“We have been fortunate to have these players learning our defense over the past five or six seasons, and so we are excited to see the continued growth of the defense as a whole and the returning players’ progression as they play with confidence,” Holtry said.

— JPB

MARSING HUSKIES



Football
Head coach
Mike Foristiere, 1st season
Assistant coaches
OJ Barber
JW Chadez
Pat Liskey



Volleyball
Head coach
Amy Chadez, 6th season
Assistant coach
Megan Astorquia

Junior varsity A coach
Brandi Chadez

Junior varsity B coach
LeAnn Garcia



Cross country
Head coach
Isaiah Ponce, 3rd season

THIS WEEK'S SPORTS SCHEDULE

Football
Varsity
Friday, Aug. 23, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 7 p.m.

Volleyball
Varsity
Tuesday, Aug. 27, home vs. Liberty Charter, 6:30 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Tuesday, Aug. 27, home vs. Liberty Charter, 5:30 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Tuesday, Aug. 27, home vs. Liberty Charter, 4:30 p.m.

Cross country
Friday, Aug. 23 at New Plymouth Invitational, New Plymouth M.S., 5 p.m.



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Looking back...

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25 years ago

August 25, 1999

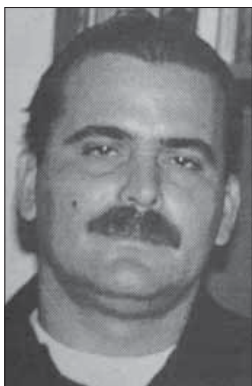


School registration...

Lynn Phelps talks with Homedale School District Resource Officer Sergeant Gary Olsen of the Owyhee County Sheriff's Department last week to register her daughter Summer Phelps. Olsen gave parents registering their children child identification kits.

Eidemiller appointed Homedale police chief

The Homedale City Council appointed police sergeant Jeff Eidemiller as the new police chief at a council meeting Aug. 11. The position was vacated after Police Chief Kevin McKinney resigned earlier this month to accept a position in Elko County, Nevada.



Eidemiller will finish the term, and a final decision will be made in January to either appoint him or hire a new chief.

Eidemiller has worked for the city since 1995 as a full-time officer but had worked as a reserve officer from 1989 until 1995. He is a graduate of the Police Academy, has attended DEA Basic Investigation courses, FBI Basic Investigation courses, evidence and crime investigation classes and is a certified Arrest Technique instructor. Eidemiller also is a certified Emergency Medical Technician and works as a supplement volunteer for the Homedale Ambulance service.

"I want to eventually have every officer on the force certified as an EMT," Eidemiller said. "Police officers are usually the first on the scene of any emergency. If we are all certified, we can begin helping a victim until the ambulance arrives."

JV School District hires teacher, superintendent

The Jordan Valley School District recently hired one new teacher and a new school superintendent to the district staff.

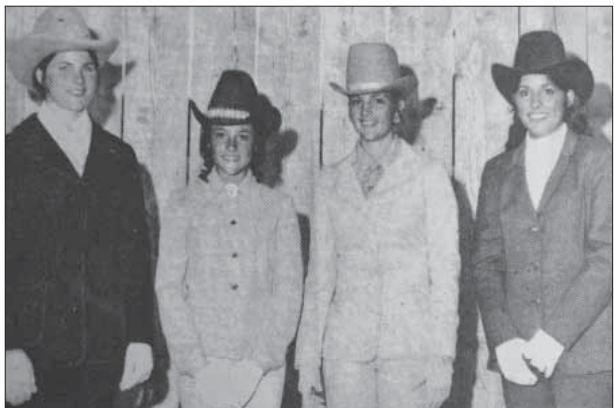
Don Fluke replaced the former superintendent Gene Mills who left June 30 to work in Culver, Oregon. Fluke is from Woodland, Washington where he retired as superintendent in 1990.

Kris Fine from Glide, Oregon will also join the staff as the new agricultural teacher.

Fine is a first-time teacher and graduated last May from Oregon State University. She said she hopes to lead students into more FFA activities. She said she wants to include the students in contests which apply with FFA activities. She also recently moved to Jordan Valley.

50 years ago

August 22, 1974



GINA PICKETT, 17, Caldwell, left, is the new queen of the Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo, with Melody Williams, Homedale, first runner-up; Tonya Halbert, Boise, second runner-up; and Elaire MacKenzie, Rockville, Miss Congeniality. Queen Gina received a tiara at Friday night's rodeo, and Princess Elaire a necklace. All were presented plaid ponchos.

290 rodeo contestants make Owyhee events sparkle

Young cowboys whose names are familiar to rodeo fans through Little Britches, high school and college rodeo competition in Southwestern Idaho, took home several top prizes during the 4-night Owyhee County Rodeo at Homedale.

A total of 290 contestants signed up for the ICA-approved rodeo, with \$7,900 in prize money distributed among nine events.

Pat Fuller, a young Clarkston, Wash., bronc-buster, won the saddle bronc riding championship with 121 points earned on two mounts. He pocketed \$84.06 for first place in the averages. He won the first go-round and took second in the second go-round.

Dee Pickett, Caldwell LB rodeo graduate, won the calf roping, taking first in the first go-round and fourth in the second go-round. He also received \$267.

Succor Crik Sam Sez:

"Now that we had June weather in July an' September weather in August, do we git summer weather this fall or next winter?"

Morfitt takes oath as attorney for Owyhee

James C. Morfitt, Caldwell, a Republican candidate for Canyon County prosecuting attorney, took the oath of office Thursday as prosecuting attorney for Owyhee County.

Morfitt will fill the vacancy in Owyhee County at least to the end of this year. The counties are in the same judicial district.

Morfitt is unopposed in the general election. He said he accepted the appointment from the Owyhee County commissioners with the understanding that he would serve to the end of this year.

The prosecutor's workload in Owyhee County is small and, therefore, Morfitt said he will have time to devote to campaigning in Canyon County.

The Owyhee prosecutor post has been vacant since the resignation of Bill Gigray III in early July. For a short time, the county had an arrangement with the state attorney general's office to provide legal services. Then Gary Morgan, a Caldwell attorney, filled in until Morfitt was appointed.



153 years ago

August 19, 1871

A GHOST AT WAGONTOWN.—There is just now rather a singular ghost sensation among the Chinese miners at Wagontown. A Chinaman is troubled with the apparition of a beautiful woman on horseback that haunts him all hours of the day and night. In his waking moments as well as in his dreams the phantom equestrienne suddenly appears, sometimes through the door, sometimes through the solid walls at the house. The celestial has several times changed his quarters, but with no avail, as the ghostly rider is on his truck wherever he goes. The haunted fellow is continually filled with terror and is often heard to utter the most agonizing cries. He eats but little or nothing and as a consequence is now almost reduced to skin and bone. Her ghostship will probably soon bear him away to Chinese heaven or Hades. Lucky child of the flowery kingdom! When we are summoned hence, we cherish the hope that our company across the dark river may be no worse than a beautiful woman on horseback.

SCHOOL CENSUS.—We learn from the report of School Census Marshall, P. M. Sullivan for the current year that, in School District No. 1, there are, between the ages of 5 and 21 years, 64 boys and 79 girls — total, 143, being an increase of 40 over last year, the census of which showed, 103

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE.—Last Tuesday, a bucket filled with rock got caught near the top of the South Chariot shaft, causing the fastenings to give way and precipitating it over two hundred feet to the bottom of the shaft — in which a miner was at work, but who, strange to say, escaped uninjured, except by fright.

Local Hints and Happenings.

Count Bismarck is in town.
Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Liscomb, of Boise City, are in town.

The days are now very warm for Owyhee, but the nights are delightfully cool and pleasant.

Bill-beads, circulars, *cartes de visite* and every description of job work neatly printed at the AVALANCHE office.

Hon. S. A. Merritt, our Delegate to Congress, arrived in town Thursday evening on his way to San Francisco.

The Masons and Odd Fellows have leased Bishop, Bonney & Co.'s Hall for three years at a monthly rental of \$80.

Fred Brunzell has fitted up in tip-top shape and re-opened the old Scandina saloon at the upper end of Washington street.

The boarding house keepers on the Mountain have all come down to \$7 per week, except Crowley & Buttermen, whose price is \$8.

Two female fortune tellers arrived from Boise last Thursday. They unveil the future and tell the truth — unless they are bilks.

Miss Martha Hymer returned this week from Virginia City, Nevada, where she has been attending school during the last six months.

Mr. Garlick this week sent his step-daughter, Miss Comelia Koeuhr, to Virginia City, Nevada, where she will remain two years at school.

A. H. Roomer and T. V. Matthews, of the Northwestern Stage Company, were in town this week on their way from Winnemucca to Boise City.

Commentary

Mtn. States Policy Center

Bipartisan federal open primaries bill worth discussion

The debate about open primaries may soon occur in the halls of Congress. A group of bipartisan lawmakers last month introduced the “Let America Vote Act of 2024” to require open primaries for state and federal elections across the country.

According to the bill: “It is the sense of Congress that the right of a citizen of the United States to vote in any taxpayer-funded election for public office shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on the grounds of political party affiliation or lack thereof.”

Here is what the sponsors said about why they introduced the national open primaries bill:

“This commonsense reform is not political or controversial. It ensures every U.S. citizen, regardless of political affiliation, has the unequivocal right to vote while reinforcing election integrity by strictly prohibiting non-citizens from participating in taxpayer funded elections.”

— Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick
(R-Pa., 1st District)

“Participating in our democracy is a central right of citizens, and voters unaffiliated with any political party deserve to have their voices heard throughout the entire political process.”

— Rep. Jared Golden
(D-Maine, 2nd District)

“The right to vote is reserved solely for American citizens. I am pleased to co-lead this legislation to codify this commonsense principle and safeguard our elections from unconstitutional non-citizen voting.”

— Rep. Andrew Garbarino
(R-N.Y., 2nd District)

“Good ideas come from both sides of the aisle, so Americans shouldn’t be denied the right to vote for the candidate of their choosing because they aren’t affiliated with a political party.”

— Rep. Marie Gluesenkamp Perez
(D-Wash., 3rd District)

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Jason Mercier

Mountain States Policy Center

Jason Mercier is Mountain States Policy Center’s vice president and director of research.

MSPC president and CEO Chris Cargill says Mercier is one of the nation’s top budget and tax analysts.

Mercier has two decades of experience with free market think tanks, working with the Washington Policy Center and the Freedom Foundation.

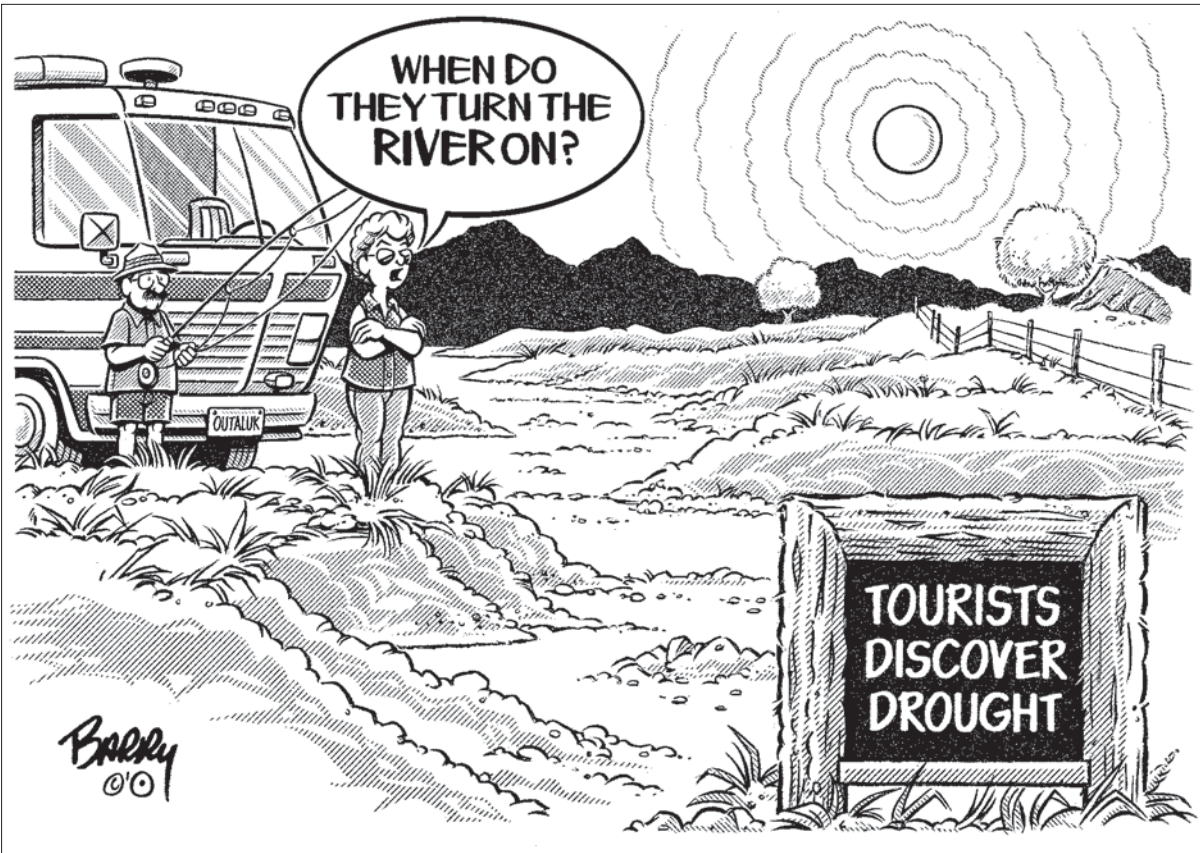
He is a Fellow with the national Better Cities Project and a member of the State Tax Advisory Board for the Tax Foundation.

Fifteen years ago, he worked with lawmakers to create Washington state’s budget transparency website.

Learn about MSPC at mountainstatespolicy.org.



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 the Statehouse

Farmers, not government mandates, are solution for Idaho’s troubled water

Most people don’t know it, but Idaho has a problem — a big problem only Idahoans can solve.

Idaho is facing a water shortage underground. It’s a tough message to convey because Idaho is in a good water year, but this is not about the water you can see. It is about the water you can’t see. The Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (ESPA) is rapidly dwindling. It has been for decades.

Said another way, the water budget is out of balance. There has been more water coming out of the aquifer than going in. The aquifer, larger than Lake Erie, has been steadily declining for 60 years. How much water have we lost? Since 1952, we have lost the equivalent of five trillion gallons of water — enough for the domestic use for the total population of Idaho for the next 75 years.

Why do we need to turn this around and get aquifer levels headed in the right direction?

The aquifer is our most important source of water in the state. It sustains agriculture across Idaho, especially in eastern Idaho. It is the sole source of drinking water for most municipalities on the plain and countless domestic wells. It feeds the Snake River, our lifeblood for agriculture, recreation, energy, fisheries, and many other uses.

I am committed to the success of Idaho agriculture, especially in eastern Idaho.

I have personally been fully engaged since the start of my administration to invest in water infrastructure and bring the right folks to the table to solve the problem. The Legislature and I put half a billion dollars toward water quantity investments over the past three years.

And we aren’t just throwing money at the problem without results. Recent data suggests that the Idaho Water Resource Board’s Managed ESPA Recharge

Gov. Brad Little

R-Emmett (term expires 2026)

Little is in his second term as governor. He previously served 10 years as lieutenant governor and was a state senator for nearly eight years.

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Program is helping to turn the ship around, albeit slowly.

In addition, I hosted a statewide water summit in August of 2023 with hundreds of Idaho stakeholders to identify challenges and potential solutions to water issues in Idaho. I directed the Idaho Department of Water Resources to create the ESPA Groundwater Management Plan Advisory Council, which has met regularly since 2023 with a goal of creating a groundwater management plan that will help us balance our aquifer’s checkbook.

And just weeks ago, I signed an executive order, the Protecting Idaho Water Sovereignty Act, which charts a path forward on a new agreement that is driven by Idaho farmers — NOT the government. Several negotiation meetings have taken place over the summer, and I’m confident that farmers will create the solutions that will avoid future water shortages

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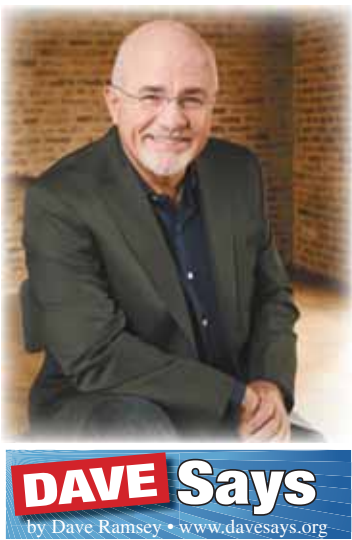
Financial management

A written budget, discipline can save you from debt cycle

Dear Dave,
How do you feel about people taking money out of savings to pay off credit cards? I have an emergency fund in place, like you recommend, and a savings account. I also have about \$5,000 in credit card debt. What's your take on this?
— Kellye

Dear Kellye,
Honestly, I'd rather see you pick up a side job nights or weekends. That's not a ton of debt, and you could have it paid off in just two or three months with a decent part-time job. Plus, it'd keep your savings intact.
But if you're determined to do it your way, I'll give you a couple of guidelines.

- No. 1, don't wipe out your savings to make this happen.
 - The second? Cut up the credit cards, close the accounts and never go into debt again.
- Now, whatever you do, here's something I want you to understand. And I need you to really hear me when I say this, OK? The credit cards aren't the problem. The debt you've racked up on the credit cards isn't really the problem, either. Both of those are just symptoms of buying things you don't need, with money you don't have, in order to make yourself feel better momentarily, or impress other people.
Kellye, you won't find the real problem until you take a good, long, honest look in the mirror. It's you. You're the



problem. Whether it's because of overspending, a lack of income or just simply being disorganized, you (and your behavior with money) are the problem.

I'm not trying to be mean, but do you get what I'm saying? Being successful with your finances is 80 percent behavior, and only 20 percent knowledge. Your everyday habits and mindset go a long, long way in determining whether you'll live from paycheck-to-paycheck — and in debt — or gain control of your money and become a financial success.
Being broke and weighed down by debt is normal in today's culture. If you're not already doing this, and it sounds like you're not, I want you to start living on a written, monthly budget. I've got a feeling you don't know where your money's going right now. Doing this, and giving every dollar of your income a job to

do before the month begins, is the best way I know of to get control of your money.
Because if you don't, a lack of money and planning will control you!
— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is a national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 20 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS Mornings, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company, Ramsey Solutions.

✓ Water: Aquifer problem affects more than just the Eastern Snake Plain

From Page 14
no matter where you farm.
But let me be clear about something: I will not mandate a government solution.
Why?
Because the ONLY solution that is acceptable to me is one that is crafted by farmers. If we don't do this together, then the EPA or the courts (or worst, Congress!) will determine our water destiny.
Idaho farmers, not the feds, must come up with the solution. And that is exactly what is happening. Just two weeks ago, I sat down with water users from all over the Eastern Snake Plain and watched what happens when farmers collaborate. Their ingenuity far outpaces any government idea.

But again, the threat of losing control of our water management and decision-making to the feds is more real than ever. The most conservative U.S. Supreme Court in our nation's history just blocked an agreement between rural western states in a ruling that allows the federal government to assert control of water in times of disagreement.
We don't want that to happen in Idaho.
Agriculture is too important to risk handing our water over to anyone but our own.
Folks, this is not about "us versus them" or eastern Idaho water users versus Magic Valley water users. In fact, a quarter of senior surface water users in the state are located in eastern Idaho. Idaho law is meant to protect Idahoans and our water. It might not always

be pretty, but it protects property rights and maintains our water sovereignty.
As governor, my job is to protect Idaho water and everything and everyone that depends on it. I encourage all Idahoans to join me in this effort.
I will fight tooth-and-nail against the federal government to retain control of our water for eastern Idaho's agricultural economy and future generations. That means farmers making decisions for themselves.
— Brad Little (R-Emmett) is in his second term as Idaho governor. He previously served 10 years as lieutenant governor and was a state senator for nearly eight years.

✓ Primaries: Open primary idea not handcuffed to ranked choice voting

From Page 14
Sponsors of the "Let America Vote Act of 2024" described the bill's features this way:
"The right of a U.S. citizen to vote in any taxpayer-funded election for public office shall not be denied or abridged on the grounds of political party affiliation or lack thereof.
"No person who is not a citizen shall be permitted or granted the right to vote in any taxpayer-funded election for public office held by or in the United States or any State."
Notably, this federal bill does not require the controversial use of Ranked Choice Voting (RCV). Open primaries and RCV are two very different things.
According to the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), "primaries can be categorized as closed, partially closed, partially open, open to unaffiliated voters, open or multi-party." Here is how NCSL classifies each state's primary system:
Multi-party primaries (including top-two and similar systems) — Five states (Alaska, California, Louisiana, Nebraska, and Washington): "A small but growing number of states hold a single primary in which all candidates, regardless of party, are listed on a single ballot."
Open primaries — 15 states (Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Hawaii, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi,

Missouri, Montana, North Dakota, South Carolina, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, and Wisconsin): "In an open primary, voters choose which party's ballot to vote, but this decision is private and does not register the voter with that party."
Open to unaffiliated voters — Seven states (Arizona, Colorado, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, North Carolina, and Rhode Island): "Many states allow unaffiliated voters to participate in any party primary they choose, but do not allow voters who are registered with one party to vote in another party's primary."
Partially open — Four states (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, and Ohio): "This system permits voters to cross party lines, but their ballot choice may be regarded as a form of registration with the corresponding party."
Partially closed — Nine states (Connecticut, Idaho, Kansas, Maryland, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, and West Virginia): "In this system, state law permits political parties to choose whether to allow unaffiliated voters or voters not registered with the party to participate in their nominating contests before each election cycle."
Closed primaries — 10 states (Delaware, Florida, Kentucky, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Wyoming): "In general, a voter seeking to vote in a closed primary

must be a registered party member."
While there are many examples of states with open primaries, currently only Alaska and Maine use Ranked Choice Voting for statewide elections. Alaska voters narrowly adopted RCV in 2020 by 50.55 percent, but its use has been so controversial that Alaskans this fall will have the opportunity to repeal it with the certification of a new ballot measure.
Both Washington's Secretary of State Steve Hobbs and Montana's Secretary of State Christi Jacobsen have spoken out against ranked choice voting, with Hobbs saying "ranked-choice voting adds a layer of complexity to voting that threatens to disenfranchise people who aren't experts at the process."
As expressed by the sponsors of the "Let America Vote Act of 2024," it is important to remember that taxpayer-funded elections don't belong to private political groups. Moving our election systems to a clean open primary is a debate worth having. Adopting open primaries, however, should not be limited to a take-it-or-leave-it proposition tied to the controversy of Ranked Choice Voting.
— Jason Mercier is vice president and director of research of Mountain States Policy Center, an independent research organization based in Idaho, Montana, Eastern Washington and Wyoming. Online at mountainstatespolicy.org.

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	69,580.21	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...
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Public notices

ORDINANCE NO. 445
CITY OF HOMEDALE
AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION
ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING
OCTOBER 1, 2024, APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF
\$13,250,593.00 TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES
OF THE CITY OF HOMEDALE FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR,
AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF A SUFFICIENT TAX UPON THE
TAXABLE PROPERTY AND SPECIFYING THE OBJECTS
AND PURPOSED FOR WHICH SAID APPROPRIATION IS
MADE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho:

Section 1: That the sum of \$ 13,250,593.00Js, and the same is appropriated to defray the necessary expenses and liabilities of the City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024,

Section 2: The objects and purposes for which such appropriation is made, and the amount of each object and purpose is as follows:

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:	
GENERAL FUNDS	
Administrative	\$ 1,976,399.00
Law Enforcement	\$ 947,893.00
Streets & Highways	\$ 535,470.00
Park & Recreation	\$ 397,160.00
Airport	\$ 653,050.00
Irrigation	\$ 241,675.00
Sanitation	\$ 180,000.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS:	\$ 4,931,647.00

DEDICATED FUNDS	
Water	\$ 7,094,550.00
Sewer	\$ 1,224,396.00
TOTAL DEDICATED FUNDS:	\$ 8,318,946.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:	\$13,250,593.00

Section 3: That a general tax levy on all taxable property within the City of Homedale is levied in an amount allowed by law for the general purpose for said City, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024.

Section 4: All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 5: This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force upon its passage, approval and publication in one issue of the Owyhee Avalanche, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Homedale, and the official newspaper of said city.

PASSES under suspension of rules upon which a roll call vote was taken and duly enacted an Ordinance of the City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho at a convened regular meeting of the City of Homedale’s City Council held on the 14th day of August 2 24.

/s/:Gheen Christoffersen, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/:Alice E. Pegram

City Clerk-Treasurer

08/21/2024

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

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION FOR GEM IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Please take notice that pursuant to I.C. Section 43-106 and 43-109(2) the Board of Directors of the Gem Irrigation District has, by unanimous resolution, filed a petition with the Board of County Commissioners of Owyhee County seeking approval of the County to modify the boundaries of divisions 1 and 5 of the Gem Irrigation District. Said petition will be heard by the Board of County Commissioners at the hour of 1:00pm September

16, 2024 at the Owyhee County Courthouse. Murphy, Owyhee County. Idaho.

Gem Irrigation District
Board of Directors
Chris Landa, Chair
08/21/2024

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

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Homedale Highway District Board of Commissioners will meet August 29, at Noon., at 102 East Colorado Avenue, Homedale, Idaho to consider and adopt a final budget for 2024– 2025 Fiscal Year. A Public Hearing will be held for the enactment of said budget at that same time and place. The proposed budget is available for the public to inspect at the Office of the District, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Kimberly Hotchkiss-Secretary/Treasurer

HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT – PROPOSED BUDGET
OCTOBER 1, 2024, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2025
Publish Aug. 21 and 28 in Owyhee Avalanche Post: Aug. 15, 2024

<i>BUDGETED ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS</i>	<i>Proposed Budget Oct.1, 2024 to Sept. 30, 2025</i>
Balance Carryover FY 2022 - 2023	1,085,000.00
Agricultural Replacement / Personal Property Replacement	3,797.00
Highway User Funds and HB772 and IC-63-3638	1,000,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue and Permit Fees	4,500.00
Sales Tax/Surplus	12,000.00
Penalties and Interest	500.00
Property Tax	118,577.00
Transfers and Adjustments	-20,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE	2,204,374.00

<i>BUDGETED PROPOSED EXPENDITURES</i>	
Advertising Expense	800.00
Commissioner’s Salary	16,680.00
Contingency Fund	30,000.00
Dues and Subscriptions (IAHD)	3,750.00
Engineering Fees	15,000.00
Equipment Lease/Purchase/Rental	150,000.00
Gas, Oil and Tires	47,500.00
Insurance [General]	9,136.00
General Supplies and Miscellaneous Expenses	27,500.00
Materials/Construction Expense	1,300,708.00
Mileage	500.00
Office Supplies	6,000.00
Payroll Benefits and Taxes	49,500.00
Health/Dental Insurance	20,000.00
Professional Fees: Audit	5,300.00
Professional Fees: Legal	3,000.00
Repairs & Maintenance and Tools	40,000.00
Salaries and Wages	220,000.00
Signs	5,000.00
Utilities	5,000.00
Weed Control	40,000.00
Workmen’s Compensation	7,000.00
Training and Education	2,000.00
Ending Fund Balance	200,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,204,374.00

08/21,28/2024

Homedale. Bidding closes at 1pm on Saturday, August 24th
08/14,21/2024

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. 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 Estate of JOSEPH DEAN MEADE

CLAIMS TO:
JUDY LORRAINE MEADE
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ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE
CITY OF MARSING
ORDINANCE A - 235
AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024 APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$6,347,715.00 TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE CITY OF MARSING FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR, AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF A SUFFICIENT TAX UPON THE TAXABLE PROPERTY AND SPECIFYING THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSE FOR WHICH SAID APPROPRIATION IS MADE.
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARSING, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO.

SECTION 1: That the sum of **\$6,347,715.00** be, and the same is appropriated to defray the necessary expenses and liabilities of the City of Marsing, Owyhee County, State of Idaho for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024.

SECTION 2: The objects and purposes for which such appropriation is made, and the amount of each object and purpose is as follows:

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:

GENERAL FUNDS:	
Administrative	\$ 1,192,496.00
Streets & Highways	\$ 2,560,500.00
Parks & Recreation	\$ 198,700.00
Planning & Zoning	\$ 311,200.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS:	\$4,262,896.00

SPECIAL FUNDS:	
Water	\$ 875,700.00
Sewer	\$ 175,300.00
Irrigation	\$ 169,000.00
Sanitation	\$ 864,819.00

TOTAL SPECIAL FUNDS: \$2,084,819.00

TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES: \$6,347,715.00

SECTION 3: That a general tax levy on all taxable property within the City of Marsing be levied in an amount allowed by law for general purpose for said City, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024.

SECTION 4: All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force upon its passage, approval, and publication in one issue of the Owyhee Avalanche, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Marsing, and official newspaper of said City.

PASSED UNDER SUSPENSION OF THE RULES, upon which a roll call vote was duly taken and duly enacted as an Ordinance of the City of Marsing, City Council held the 14th day of August, 2024.

/s/:Hayzen Corder, Mayor
ATTEST:
/s/:Jolyn E. Thompson, City Clerk-Treasurer

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Bruneau Cemetery District will hold its annual budget meeting at 30073 Hot Springs Rd. in Bruneau, ID at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, August 26, 2024. A copy of the proposed budget will be posted at the Bruneau post office.

PROPOSED BUDGET FY 2023-2024
BRUNEAU CEMETERY INCOME:

REMITTANCE FUNDS	\$15,975.00
BURIALS	\$ 2,325.00
PLOT FEES	\$ 2,650.00
DONATIONS	\$ 300.00
	\$21,250.00

BRUNEAU CEMETERY EXPENSES:	
MAINT. & REPAIRS	\$ 4,500.00
POWER	\$ 2,800.00
MOWER	\$ 7,000.00
IRRIGATOR	\$ 3,900.00
TAXES	\$ 550.00
BURIALS	\$ 2,100.00
INSURANCE FUND	\$ 400.00
	\$21,250.00

EMERGENCY FUNDS \$74,975.00

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PROPOSED BUDGET FY 2024-2025
BRUNEAU CEMETERY INCOME:

REMITTANCE FUNDS	\$16,280.00
BURIALS	\$ 2,530.00
PLOT FEES	\$ 2,850.00
DONATIONS	\$ 300.00
	\$21,960.00

BRUNEAU CEMETERY EXPENSES:	
MAINT. & REPAIRS	\$ 8,500.00
POWER	\$ 3,010.00
MOWER	\$ 7,200.00
TAXES	\$ 550.00
BURIALS	\$ 2,300.00
INSURANCE FUND	\$ 400.00
	\$ 21,960.00

EMERGENCY FUNDS \$83,833.00

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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✓ Volleyball: Juniors and sophomores round out varsity roster this season

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the offense with confidence. She’s a top server who is also a threat at the net, and we are excited to see her back in action this year.”

The balance of Nash’s roster are newcomers:

Kaitlin Johnstone, 5-6, jr., utility — “She can hit, has a great serve and can pass and play defense. Kaitlin puts a ton of time in year-round and has a great attitude and really wants to be wherever the team needs her. She loves volleyball and leads by example with her work ethic.”

Kynna Soland-Pfeil, 5-9, jr., middle blocker — “Kynna is a southpaw who is hard to block. She has gotten really strong this year and has developed her skills offensively and

defensively.” Nash is expecting a “breakout year” for the front-liner.

Lily Schwabauer, 5-11, jr., MB — “Lily continues to get stronger and more aggressive on the court. We are excited to see her grow into her role on varsity this year and to use her height to dominate at the net.”

Bailey Robinson, 5-9, jr., MB/opposite hitter — “Bailey is recovering from a knee injury sustained during rodeo season. She brings strength and height to the front row, and she’s anxious to get on the court. She’s athletic and aggressive at the net and adds a positive energy to the team.”

Teague Taylor, 5-9, so., MB/OH — “(Taylor) is an extremely quick, athletic player and will be an offensive threat. She’s also a

solid defensive player and has the potential to be a six-rotation player. Teague’s offense will be key to our team.”

Piper Kushlan, 5-9, so. — Nash says Kushlan is similar to Taylor because she “has a lot of length and is very athletic.” Both girls saw extensive varsity time as ninth-graders because of the Trojans’ injury issues.

“They bring a little varsity experience and confidence that comes with that. They will continue to improve exponentially in the weeks to come.”

Charity Pate, 5-5, so., utility — Pate is coming off a season as junior varsity setter and a stint in international competition in Spain.

“She’s very athletic, adaptable, and court-smart. She has a calming presence about her

that will be helpful to this young varsity squad.”

Aly DeVice, 5-5, so., utility — DeVice joins the varsity after serving as pin hitter and defensive specialist on the junior varsity in 2023.

“She’s versatile, quick, and athletic and can play many positions offensively and defensively. Aly’s a team player who is willing to take on the role where she’s most needed. She’s aggressive at the net and energetic, and we are excited to add her dynamic personality and skill set to the varsity roster.”

Claire Salutregui, 5-4, so., DS/libero — Nash said Salutregui will bolster the Trojans’ serve receive and backrow defense. “Claire has a textbook platform and reads the court well. She’s also a dynamic, stra-

tegic server that typically goes on scoring runs. She continues to grow in confidence.”

Marley McLaughlin, 5-5 so., DS/libero — A swing player between frosh-soph and JV as a ninth-grader, McLaughlin had a breakout summer after the spring club season, Nash said.

“She’s grown in confidence and is excellent on serve receive. She also has a tough serve, and we are excited to see what Marley can do.”

Youth and enthusiasm will be key for the Trojans this season, Nash said.

“Their love of the game will serve them well. Being a young team, it will be an adjustment to playing varsity teams, but I believe they will adjust quickly to the competition and speed of the game.” — JPB



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