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A normally dry wash ran over Idaho highway 78 on June 14, forcing closure of the Owyhee County Courthouse last Wednesday. OCSO photo

Washout closes Idaho 78, courthouse

Clerk: Skeleton crew worked Wednesday; most couldn't get to offices

The Owyhee County Courthouse was closed to business last Wednesday after heavy flooding washed out Idaho highway 78.

Swollen by rain brought in by a thunderstorm, a typically dry gulch near the Rabbit Creek Trailhead poured over the two-lane

blacktop at milemarker 28 near Murphy.

The Idaho Transportation Department closed the highway shortly before 7:30 p.m., on June 13, and Sheriff Larry Kendrick said the closure occurred about 1½ miles west of the county seat.

The county courthouse — and all county offices housed in the complex — were closed last Wednesday as the highway remained shut down during clean-up and repair efforts.

ITD reopened the road late in the afternoon last Wednesday.

Kendrick said there had been erosion under the roadway and that the wash's run over the highway near the Bureau of Land Management trailhead site left 12 to 18 inches of sediment on the driving surface.

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Homedale population jumped 2020-22

Census: Marsing, Grand view grew more modestly

Homedale emergency responders' concerns about strain on an all-volunteer system because of population growth bear out in the latest Census numbers.

The City of Homedale's population grew 8.6 percent in the 27 months between April 1, 2020 and July 1, 2022.

According to data released last week by the Idaho Department of Labor, Owyhee

— See *Population*, page 8

San Juan Eguna festivities return

There's plenty to do and see at the second annual San Juan Eguna Basque Festival on Saturday.

The Txoko Ona Basque Club plays host to the free, family-friendly event at its center, 333 S. Main St., in Homedale.

A mus tournament starts at 2 p.m., and the gates to the festival swing open at 5 p.m.

The first 150 people to enter will receive a free festival koozie.

Between 6 p.m., and 7:30 p.m., Basque dance and musical performances are planned.

Children and adult games

— See *Festival*, page 14

Three Creek claims second-generation state rodeo queen

Katie Brackett follows her mother's lead to national finals

The extent of the Brackett dynasty at the Idaho High School Finals Rodeo became a lot clearer early last week.

Turns out, Katie Brackett's knack for winning the Miss Idaho High School Rodeo title is hereditary.

"Being crowned the Idaho High School Rodeo Queen is an honor," the Three Creek

resident said. "I have been working towards this for the past three years, and I am thrilled to have the chance to represent my state at the National High School Finals Rodeo in Gillette, Wyo."

Brackett will compete during the 75th anniversary NHSFR between July 16 and July 22.

During a June 10 event inside

the Bannock Event Center in Pocatello, Brackett stood with 14 other contestants — including Homedale's Kinsey Blankenship, the District 5 queen — and took not only the crown but championships in the categories of personality, speech, and modeling. She tied

— See *Rodeo*, page 9



IHSR Queen Katie Brackett (right). Photo by Paula Brackett



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Homedale council conveys entire library complex

Valuable commercial kitchen among assets turned over to library district

With most of the packed house of 35 people in attendance to support the Homedale Library District, the city council unanimously agreed to hand over all three library buildings after last Wednesday’s public hearing.

Trinity Holiness Church pastor Samuel Page was among the people who spoke in favor of the library district receiving the buildings — including the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, the 1980 library now known as the Homedale Community Center, and the original 1921 wood frame library behind the 1980 building.

Page said the library staff did more to keep the community center operating

for the folks that rent it than the city staff did, including finding someone to shovel snow in the winter or cleaning up the center when the previous renters left it a mess ahead of Page’s weekly services inside the building at 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

“I feel like the greatest asset would be to turn it back to the library because they’ve had the heart to care for the building,” Page said.

While the council retained new chairs and tables from the community center, all other contents — including about \$40,000 in commercial kitchen equipment — was conveyed to the library district.

There was no mention of the appraised values of either of the three buildings. As government property, the parcels and improvements are exempt from county valuation.

Former city library employee Carol McMichael and town resident Kelsey Kirkland also spoke in support of the full complex’s conveyance to the library district.

No one spoke to oppose the idea.

“Homedale library goes above and beyond what you think a library offers,” Kirkland said.

McMichael said the library was a key gathering spot for her children before she joined the staff.

“I feel very strongly that some kids coming to the library don’t have much else, but at least they have some place to go,” McMichael said.

Council members had little discussion after the hearing closed; the majority of the talk about the library’s fate was carried out during the May meeting.

“Nothing has changed,” Councilman Steve Atkins said when Mayor Gheen Christoffersen asked his opinion.

“I’ll go with what we decided last time,” Councilperson Kim Murray said.

Before the transaction can be finalized, the city demanded copies of the library district bylaws, budget, policies, and a list of the board members.

The audience members broke into applause when the vote was finalized. Whoops could be heard in the hallway as the council tried to move on to the next topic in the meeting.

— JPB

Demolition derby drivers’ meeting slated tonight

Anyone who wants to compete in the 42nd annual Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derby is asked to show up at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds today.

The annual drivers’ meeting takes place at 7 p.m., today at the fairgrounds pig barn.

Derby tickets are available online at <https://qrco.de/be2hZX>. General admission costs \$20 or \$18 with a military discount.

Surcharges are added.

The Independence Parade takes place the morning of the derby. Text Heidi Heng at (208) 600-5863 for more information.

The derby grand entry will be held at 5:30 p.m.

The Phobics will provide live music for dancing from 9 p.m., to midnight, and fireworks purchased by the Lions Club and the City of Homedale will be set off at 10:30 p.m.

HFD impact fees get BOCC backing

Homedale Fire District commissioners visited the county commissioners last week in their ongoing impact fees investigation.

Days after the June 12 meeting, HFD Commissioner Ric Uria said he and board chair Mick Woodburn went to Murphy to lay out the argument to establish impact fees.

“We’ve started the process of preparing for impact fees for the Homedale Fire District to try to save the taxpayers money because as the impact fee works, the contractors and the homeowners pay upfront when they do the building permits,” Uria told the commissioners.

“In the process, we found out we needed to go through the county in order to do that.”

Owyhee County would collect fees from developers building within the southern portion

of the joint district and disperse them to the fire district.

The county is entitled to charge an administrative fee for collecting the money.

Uria said fire commissioners already had visited with the Homedale City Council about the idea, and he plans to set up another meeting.

Dist. 2 County Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi said he agrees with the idea.

“We’ve talked about impact fees quite a while as a county, and it never made sense for us to do the fees. It’s better for taxing districts to do the fee,” Aberasturi said.

“I personally believe I’ve been paying into it numerous years. Why should I have to subsidize someone new moving in next door?”

Uria said population growth has strained emergency ser-

vices, and the overall decline in volunteerism compounds the problem.

He said Homedale Ambulance’s volunteer emergency medical technicians go on about 400 runs each year.

“We’re going to have to start paying somebody really darn quick,” Uria said, referring to paying staff to meet demand.

Aberasturi said the BOCC expects most county emergency services agencies to consider fees because of growth.

Uria said the fire district and the City of Homedale had talked about a joint impact fees study, but he wasn’t sure if the study was undertaken. The study would cost about \$19,000, he said.

Both Aberasturi and Dist. 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland said they would support impact fees.

— JPB

Homedale church VBS to launch

Homedale Friends Community Church will hold a Vacation Bible School beginning Monday.

The VBS runs from 9 a.m., to 11:30 a.m., Monday through Thursday, June 29.

Registration will be held between 8:30 a.m., and 9 a.m., on Monday.

The program is open to boys and girls who are pre-kindergarten through fourth grade.

Meet your local tax and retirement experts



Kelse Puri
Financial Advisor

Kelse Puri is a familiar face in the community. She is a Homedale native and a graduate of Homedale High School. After receiving a degree in Social Sciences from Boise State University she then pursued a career in customer service for nearly two decades. Kelse is a holistic financial advisor holding insurance licenses as well. Kelse genuinely enjoys working with people and strives to provide personalized financial plans that truly align with a client's goals and what's important to them. Kelse is committed to putting the client first and offering support through every step of the financial planning process. Kelse resides just outside of Homedale along the beautiful Snake River. Away from the office she loves volunteering in her community, working on home improvement projects, kayaking and fishing, and spending time with her family.

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Homedale Highway District mainstays moving on

Uria, Prow
combined for 70
years of service

Family and friends turned out last Wednesday to bid adieu to a pair of Homedale Highway District stalwarts.

District secretary/treasurer Terri Uria is retiring next month after 39 years on the job.

Subdistrict 1 Commissioner Larry Prow will leave his post next month after 31 years on the board.

The pair received gifts and ornaments of recognition during a noontime celebration inside the highway district shop on East Colorado Avenue.

Director of Highways Dan Herman sliced tri tip that Kaleb Hotchkiss had smoked on the Homedale Fire Department's Traeger then carried to the highway district. Hotchkiss is the husband of Kimmi Hotchkiss, who will succeed Uria as district secretary/treasurer after July 16.

Uria's brother-in-law, Dennis, won a three-way election in May for the right to succeed Prow on the board. Dennis Uria and his brother, Ric, were among the family members who turned out to



Larry Prow and Terri Uria hold their certificates of recognition after their retirement party at the Homedale Highway District shop. **From left:** Barron Pogue, Subdistrict 2 Commissioner John Demshar, Subdistrict 1 Commissioner and board chair Larry Prow, board clerk Terri Uria, and Director of Highways Dan Herman

give the two soon-to-be retirees a send-off.

Prow received a watch to mark his retirement, and flowers were among the gifts Terri Uria received.

Both were given unique crystal plaques to commemorate their years of service.

Prow's departure means next month will be the first meeting in 60 years that a man named Prow won't be on the board. Dennis Uria will take the oath of office to begin his first term on July 12.

Larry Prow began attending

highway district functions as a boy when his father, Elmer, served as commissioner.

Terri Uria's plans in retirement won't differ much from what she does now — except that she will enjoy her four grandsons and one granddaughter more. She and Ric have another grandchild on the way, too.

"I'll still ride my bike by

the office, but now I'll do it on meeting nights and wave," Uria said.

Uria and Prow both pre-date the current office building, which was built in 1996. They started attending meetings in the other office building, which stands to the east across the parking lot from the current boardroom and shop.

Uria's first eight years in the job were Elmer Prow's final years on the board.

As usual, Larry Prow was a man of few words, but he did have praise — in his way — for the road crew, which includes Herman and Barron Pogue.

"They do a pretty good job," Prow said.

He said he was going to "miss the friendships and miss Terri and the guys."

"I have appreciated the job. I have enjoyed the job," Uria said. "The board always treated me with respect through the years. That's why I stayed."

Subdistrict 2 Commissioner John Demshar continued to show respect even as the group posed for a final photo between the district's new water tanker and new street roller.

"Terri always did a good job," he said. "I have a bad habit of calling late at night, and she'd always say, 'I'll get on that in the morning.'"

Prow said Uria enabled his longevity on the board.

"I probably wouldn't have made it this long without Terri," he said.

— JPB

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County receives record PILT — again

Owyhee County has received another record amount of federal funding for tax-exempt public lands.

County Clerk Angie Barkell confirmed receipt of the Fiscal Year 2023 Payments in Lieu of Taxes on Friday, one day after the U.S. Department of Interior announced the annual disbursement.

Each year, the federal government sends millions of dollars to governments across the country to compensate for property tax revenue lost because of the presence of public lands acreage.

This year, Owyhee County deposited the largest check it has ever received—\$1,686,555—for the 3,628,337 acres of public land in the county.

Each summer, the Board of County Commissioners constructs an annual budget that anticipates how much federal revenue will be received. It's not until June of the next year that officials learn exactly how much the Interior Department will release.

Barkell said approximately \$800,000 will be used in the FY 23 Current Expense budget to fulfill departmental needs until Sept. 30.

The other half of the payment will be deposited in the county's building fund.

The building fund includes PILT money, American Rescue Plan Act funding, and Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) monies.

The county received \$3.78 million in LATCF funding in October, and Barkell expects another check from the federal government this year. The allocation of LATCF funds is based on land mass, while PILT is based on population and public lands acreage.

County commissioners have disbursed ARPA funds to the Owyhee County Rodeo Association for improvements at the Homedale arena and to give Grand View Ambulance fiscal assistance.

Barkell said the county's building fund stands at about \$8 million, but funds are being saved for anticipated Murphy drinking water and wastewater system repairs and upgrades.

Owyhee has the second-most public lands acreage in the state, second only to Idaho County's 4.5 million acres.

Owyhee received the sixth-largest payout, and the five counties above Owyhee received more than \$2 million each (Idaho County and Elmore County received more than \$3 million apiece).

The counties receiving more money than Owyhee County:

- **Elmore** — \$3,071,077 for 1,357,417 acres

- **Idaho** — \$3,037,978,
4,531,923 acres

- **Cassia** — \$2,732,485,
918,850 acres

- **Blaine** — \$2,707,727,
1,325,118 acres

- **Twin Falls** — \$2,008,657 for 638,226 acres

PILT payments are made for tax-exempt federal lands administered by Interior's bureaus, including the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and National Park Service.

In addition, PILT payments cover federal lands administered by the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission. Payments are calculated based on the number of acres of federal land within each county or jurisdiction and the population of that county or jurisdiction.

Idaho counties received \$38.2 million in PILT support this year. The federal government listed 32.6 million acres of public lands in the state.

PILT payments have been distributed annually since 1977.

Owyhee County has received \$27.3 million over the past 25 years.

In recent years, some in Congress — including Idaho's delegation — have worked to permanently ensure the payments. In previous years, Owyhee County received only a fraction of what was owed under the formula. In more recent years, the county has received full payments each year.

— JPB

Bruneau-GV releases free, reduced-price lunch policy

The Bruneau-Grand View School District free and reduced-price meals policy for the next school year is available.

The policy is set for children unable to pay the full price for lunch served under the National School Lunch Program.

Copies are available for review at the school district office and at the offices for Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School, and Grand View and Bruneau Elementary schools.

The policy includes income eligibility information.

Applications must be returned to the school the child attends. Additional copies are available at each school.

Households enrolled in Food Stamps, Temporary Assistance for Families in Idaho (TAFI) or Food Distribution on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) need only provide recipient's name, food stamp, TAFI or FDPIR case number, the student(s)

name and an adult signature.

All other applicants must list names of all household members (including foster children), all income (including amount, source, and frequency of the income received by each household member). The application must also include an adult's signature and the last four digits of that adult's Social Security number.

Homeless, runaway or migrant students are eligible for benefits. Household members do not have to be U.S. citizens for the students to qualify.

Applications may be submitted at any time. A determining official will review the application, and parents or guardians may discuss decisions. Formal appeals must be requested.

Kalani Ratcliffe and Bonni Draper handle decisions for the Bruneau-Grand View School District. They can be reached at the district office, 39678 State Hwy. 78, Bruneau, ID 83604.

Corrections

Owyhee County land owners have until June 26 to file a 2023 property assessment appeal with the county Board of Equalization. The deadline was incorrect in last week's edition of The Owyhee Avalanche.

The phone number to reach the Owyhee County Treasurer's Office is (208) 495-1153. The number appearing in last week's paper was the office fax number.

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

Food distribution
9 a.m. to 1 p.m., for Marsing residents only. The HUB food pantry, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 649-5411

Bingo
10 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 Proof exercise class
10 a.m., to 11 a.m., free, old Marsing High School gym, 800 Main St., Marsing. (208) 296-0847

Summer reading program
10 a.m., to 11 a.m., Steel Legacy Honey visit, Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

Fit and Fall exercise
10:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Way to go, IDAHO! summer reading session
10:30 a.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

Food bank drop off
1 p.m., to 3 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
8 a.m., to 10 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale. (208) 473-9331

Top Hat Market
3 p.m., to 7 p.m., Bette Uda City Park, 200 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. Information: markettophat@gmail.com; registration: <https://www.markettophat.com/vendor-information>

STEM Night in the Park
5 p.m., ‘Make homemade bubbles’, Bette Uda City Park, 204 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

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

Saturday

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

San Juan Eguna Basque Festival
2 p.m. Mus tournament; 5 p.m. gates open; 6 p.m., to 7:30 p.m. dance/music performances; 7:30 p.m. games; free, Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., Homedale. Information: txokoona.org/san-juan-eguna

Sunday

Catholic Mass
1 p.m., Our Lady Of Tears chapel, Silver City

Monday

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

Vacation Bible School
Registration, 8:30 a.m., to 9 a.m.; VBS, 9 a.m., to 11:30 a.m., pre-K through 4th-graders, Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder

Opal Nash Story Time
10 a.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

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Region III assistance assessments
Noon to 3 p.m., appointments necessary, Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 495-5688

Rains bring moldy forage concerns to Owyhee farmers

I have been out of the country for the past two weeks but have heard reports of almost daily rain showers at home.

Repeated rain showers coupled with cool temperatures and high humidity have likely forced many producers to leave cut hay lying in the field for extended periods of time before it could be baled. These conditions allow for growth of mold on the hay.

Here are some frequently asked questions and answers on the subject of moldy hay:

What is the “black dust” on the hay in the windrow, and coming out of the baler or forage harvester?

The dust is partially fungal

spores that have been produced at any point prior to harvest and spores that were produced in the windrow after cutting because of high moisture levels. Another source of the dust is pulverized and decomposed plant material after repeated drying.

You can prevent further mold growth in harvested hay and silage

Hay preservatives such as propionic acid products and other mold inhibitors can reduce or stop further mold growth in hay and silage, at least temporarily, when applied during baling or chopping. These products will not reduce the damage done before harvest; they merely stop new growth.

What effects do molds have on animals?

The spores can produce undesirable physical responses

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from humans and livestock from the physical dust and an allergic response in the animals. Horses and other non-ruminants are generally more susceptible to this problem than cattle. Feed intake is reduced. The spores also indicate a possibility of mycotoxin-producing organisms. A mycotoxin is a toxic secondary metabolite produced by an organism of the fungus kingdom, including mushrooms, molds, and yeasts.

Molds commonly found in hay include *Alternaria*, *Aspergillus*, *Cladosporium*, *Fusarium*, *Mucor*, *Penicillium*, and *Rhizopus*. These molds can produce spores that cause respiratory problems, especially in horses or other animals fed in poorly ventilated areas and, under certain con-

ditions, produce mycotoxins.

There is much confusion about mycotoxins in forages because several mycotoxins may be present, diagnostic methods are not consistent, and treatment and control recommendations lack needed research. While most molds do not produce mycotoxins, the presence of mold indicates the possibility of mycotoxin presence. Animals being fed moldy hay should be watched carefully for mycotoxin symptoms such as reduced feed intake, reproduction issues, and high somatic cell counts in lactating animals. If you suspect the hay has mycotoxins, consult your veterinarian or nutritionist.

Strategies for utilization of moldy hay

If hay is dusty (from mold spores), avoid feeding it to sensitive animals and those in areas with poor ventilation. If mycotoxin symptoms are observed, check with a nutritionist to make sure the ration is properly balanced and possibly with a veterinarian to eliminate other disease/health problems. Some forage testing laboratories will provide mycotoxin tests.

Often, the best strategy is to remove a suspected mycotoxin-contaminated feedstuff

from the diet and see if symptoms disappear. If mycotoxins are present, the feedstuff can often be fed at a diluted rate and/or with approved feed additives. Dilute the suspected feed by starting with a small amount, gradually increase the proportion, and observe animal behavior and health closely. Allow animals to sort through the hay and reject molded forage, and then remove the rejected forage.

In summary

Most molds are harmless — not producing known mycotoxins. Many of the commonly diagnosed mycotoxins are produced in the field prior to harvest. The physical dust problem associated with moldy forage can be reduced by ensiling, mixing with a high-moisture feed or wetting the hay, but these actions will not reduce mycotoxins if present.

— Marsing resident Scott Jensen is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension educator. He welcomes questions on livestock care. The U of I Owyhee County Extension office is located at 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing and can be reached at (208) 896-4104. Contact him at scottj@uidaho.edu.

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Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 80 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 1,163 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 174 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 571,984 acre-feet of water on Monday.

— Information compiled from the National Weather Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Helena Chemical in Homedale.

Catholic Mass returns to Silver City

Another summer of Catholic Masses is scheduled at the Our Lady of Tears chapel in Silver City.

The season begins at 1 p.m., on Sunday.

Each Mass will be held at 1 p.m. Three other Masses are planned — July 24, Aug. 27, and Sept. 17.

According to the Friends of Our Lady of Tears newsletter, celebrants haven't been announced, but it's possible Boise Diocese Bishop Peter Christensen could make his annual trip to the historic mining town in September.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a picnic to enjoy a day in Silver City for each Mass.

The Friends group seeks prizes — preferably made of silver — for its annual Silver Dollars for Silver City fundraiser raffle to accompany the giveaway of pre-1900 Morgan silver dollars. Call St. Paul's at (208) 466-7031 for more information.

Proceeds will go toward a project to put new siding on the chapel. All authorizations have been secured from Owyhee County and the county's Historic Preservation Committee to shore up aging exterior walls and bring new, historically correct wooden siding to the building.

Kathy Hawkins, sister of Silver City winter watchman Dave Wilper, donated handmade altar linens — including a new set of purificators and corporals.

Benefit page established after woman dies in Boise

A crowdfunding effort has been launched to help pay final expenses of a Homedale woman killed while walking in Boise.

Jestine Burt, 23, died at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center about 2½ hours after she was struck by a motorist while walking near the intersection of Cloverdale and Ustick Roads late on the night of June 10.

A GoFundMe page "In Loving Memory of Jestine" has been started to help pay funeral costs and support and care for the woman's infant son.

Nearly \$13,000 had been contributed by Monday morning. The original goal was \$10,000.

According to the Ada County Coroner's Office, Burt was hit at approximately 11:50 p.m., on June 10. She died of blunt force injuries at 2:26 a.m., on June 11 after life-saving measures in the hospital's operating room were unsuccessful.

Coroner Richard D. Riffle ruled the manner of death an accident, and the Boise Police investigated the case.

— JPB

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June 27: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli

June 28: Bacon and egg potato bake, mixed vegetables

Sandbar Community Room, Marsing

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

Milk available each day

Suggested donation: \$4 (60 and older), \$6 (59 and younger)

June 21: Salmon with hollandaise over rice, winter vegetables, baby carrots, pineapple, whole wheat roll

June 23: BBQ pork sandwich, whole wheat bun, corn, applesauce

June 26: Tuna casserole, green beans, stewed tomatoes, Mandarin oranges, whole wheat roll

June 28: Cranberry meatballs over rice, peas, baby carrots, tropical fruit, cornbread

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June 27: French dipped sandwich, whole wheat bread, macaroni and cheese, vegetables, fruit salad, yogurt, pudding

June 29: Beef goulash, cheese, noodles, green salad, cottage cheese, whole wheat roll, tropical fruit

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

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Golfer knocks in hole-in-one at benefit tournament

The highlight of the golf tournament might have been the money raised for The Rock of Homedale.

But former Homedale schools principal Luci Asumendi had a milestone of her own Friday at River Bend Golf Course outside Wilder.

Asumendi used an 8-iron to knock in a hole-in-one on the 125-yard par-3 12th hole at River Bend.

The ace was the first for Asumendi, who played with her grandchildren and her granddaughter's fiancé'.

"I hit an 8-iron and thought it was too long, and as I watched the ball roll on the green, and disappear, I wasn't quite sure what to think ... certainly I didn't think it went in the hole, until my grandkids said, quite loudly, 'Muma, I think you got a hole-in-one,'" Asumendi said.

The ruckus got the attention of other participants in the tournament.

"After that, it was quite surreal. Brett, Ryan, and Jim Ryska came running over so excited to congratulate me," she said.



From left: Aujha Case, Jaxson Kent, Emily Civian and Luci Asumendi celebrate Luci's first hole-in-one Friday at River Bend Golf Course. Photo by Gregg Garrett

The Garretts — Gregg, Randee, Hailee, and Ryan — were in the group behind Asumendi's foursome. Gregg and his son captured the milestone with photos.

"It was my first hole-in-one and completely unexpected," Asumendi said. "A fun day for a good cause, and playing with my grandkids was really special."

— Gregg Garrett provided context for Asumendi's hole-in-one.

— Ed.

Asumendi played with her grandson Jaxson Kent, her granddaughter Emily Civian, and Emily's fiancé' Aujha Case.

Proceeds from the tournament were to be earmarked for capital improvements at the non-denominational Christian youth center, but co-organizer Kathy Deal announced prior to the tournament Friday that The Rock received a \$4,600 property tax bill. The last bill was the first time the building was taxed as an improvement on the East Owyhee Avenue parcel.

The longest drive contest was held on No. 10, and golfers tried to get closest to the pin on No. 2.

Tournament sponsors included Asumendi Accounting, Elite International Soccer, The Evans Group, Ideal Custom Homes, Farm Bureau Insurance, Rock Bottom Dairy, Simplot, SKB Cattle, Stella's Ice Cream, SunPro, Realtor Tracy Grove, and Visions.

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✓ Population: Owyhee County sees 5.7 percent more people since 2010

County's largest city added 247 residents (2,882 to 3,129) in that timeframe.

The largest growth in that span was between 2021 and 2022 when Homedale gained 124 new residents (4.1 percent growth).

The population growth led Homedale Fire District officials to approach the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners for support in charging impact fees. County commissioners gave informal support to the idea during their June 12 meeting.

Meanwhile, Marsing Rural Fire District already gets revenue from impact fees in Canyon County. The growth within the district led to the construction of the second fire station across the Snake River from Marsing.

The City of Marsing saw relatively modest growth in the same time period. According to Census figures, population growth was stagnant between 2021 and 2022 after the city added 38 residents between April 1, 2020 and July 1, 2021. The growth marked a 3.1 percent rise from 1,222 residents to 1,260.

The City of Grand View's population has grown 4.8 percent in the same time frame, with all but one of the 21 new residents moving into the city limits between April 1, 2020 and July 1, 2021.

The town grew in size from 441 in 2020 to 462 by July 1, 2022.

There are no specific population numbers for Murphy and Bruneau.

But Owyhee County's overall population has grown 4.5 percent (gaining 535 residents) since 2014.

The county population at the last Census was 12,133, reflecting an additional 310 residents (2.6 percent) since 2019. The county has gained 660 new residents since 2010 (5.7 percent growth).

Owyhee County's population in April 2000 was listed at 11,526, and that figure dropped a half of percentage point over the next decade.

Growth in the past 20 years is at a 5.3 percent clip (a net gain of 607 residents).

Owyhee County's population dipped to 11,288 in 2014 (a 2.1 percent decline since 2000), but has rebounded to steadily rise each year since 2016.

The county's Hispanic population grew steadily between 2000 (2,979) and 2017 before leveling off at 3,046 in 2018 and 2019.

The county's median age has grown 3.3 years to 39.3 years of age since April 2000.

The county's population was 6,372 in 1969 and 8,079 six years later. The county topped the next milestone with 9,123 residents in 1994 and then jumped to five figures just three years later (10,110 in 1997). The county took six years to cross over to 11,033 in 2003 then surpassed 12,000 17 years later.

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An Idaho Transportation Department crew worked frantically to get the highway back into driving shape last Wednesday. OCSO photo

✓ Washout: ITD had road open to traffic by late Wednesday afternoon

County Division of Motor Vehicles services were still available in Marsing and Grand View last Wednesday. County Clerk Angie Barkell reminded folks that court business could be carried out at the magistrate office inside Homedale City Hall.

Not everyone supported the closure idea.

One Murphy resident said they were “fired up” about the closure because it deprived residents on the Idaho 51 end of the county (Grand View, Bruneau, and points south including the Duck Valley Indian Reservation) the ability to do business after possibly traveling an open highway only to find a closed courthouse.

Barkell said the majority of courthouse employees commutes from west of Murphy, and Reynolds Creek Road was mud-covered and a drive on that alternate route would have been treacherous.



Floodwaters eroded the roadbed and put several inches of sediment on Idaho highway 78. OCSO photo

“Reynolds Creek (Road) was ... too far, and with the threat of storms, we didn’t know what the condition of the road could be,” she said.

“... (At) every low spot and every draw, water had been all over the road

all the way from Black Mountain to Bailey Road.”

The timing of the flooding also required patience.

“We didn’t know the condition of the road,” Barkell said. “We had to wait for daytime hours to see what it looked like.”

Barkell said a few employees made it to the courthouse, but most business was done by forwarding phone calls to satellite offices. She sent one of her court clerks to Homedale to help deputy clerk Aiesha Zenor with any influx of business.

The decision to close the courthouse was made swiftly because of the need to get permission, too, Barkell said.

“In order to close the courtroom, we have to get a judicial order from the administrative judge in Third District, and that takes time,” she said.

— JPB

✓ Rodeo: Local competitors leave their mark on state high school finals

for horsemanship, personal interview, impromptu, and written test.

The national competition will take place at the world’s largest rodeo featuring more than 1,700 cowboys and cowgirls from 44 states, five Canadian provinces, Australia, Mexico and New Zealand.

The Castleford High School incoming senior is class president and FFA chapter vice-president, and she’s active in volleyball and basketball.

She also competes in high school rodeo in girls’ cutting, reined cow horse, breakaway roping, and team roping.

As part of the FFA, she raises market steers for her county fair.

The District 6 queen isn’t the first person from her family to wear the state crown.

Brackett follows in the footsteps of her mother Kimberly (Williams) Brackett, who 30 years earlier won the title of Idaho High School Rodeo Queen and placed in the top 10 at the national finals in Gillette.

It’s possible that they are the only mother-daughter duo as Idaho High School Rodeo queens.

It’s definite that Katie won’t be the only Brackett competing in Gillette next month.

Chantry Brackett won the girls’ cutting state championship to qualify for nationals. During the state rodeo at the Bannock County Fairgrounds in Pocatello, Chantry was runner-up in two go-rounds, and she won the average for the state championship. She will be a senior at Kimberly High School.

Castleford High School graduate Will Brackett accepted \$1,350 in scholarships from the Idaho High School Rodeo Association Committee and Simplot during a ceremony after the June 10 short go.

Will won the boys’ cutting state championship last year. He finished eighth this year and is eligible to compete in the Silver State International Rodeo, which starts next Wednesday in Winnemucca, Nev.



Clockwise from above: Three Creek’s Will Brackett shows off his scholarships. Photo by Paula Brackett

Homedale’s Kinsey Blankenship waves after being crowned District 5 queen.

Blankenship’s district championship buckles for breakaway roping and queen. Submitted photos



Avalanche Sports

Handful of Homedale wrestlers travel to Utah

HHS assistant leads Team Idaho 14Us

Tour of Idaho triple crown winner Wynn Watson is the youngest of four Homedale wrestlers competing with

Team Idaho north of Salt Lake City. Homedale coach Joe Egusquiza leads the 14U batch of Idaho wrestlers during the Western States series of tournaments at the Legacy Events Center. The action started Sunday and ends Tuesday. Other Homedale wrestlers on the

scene in Farmington, Utah, include 14U athletes Porter Swan and Micah Higley, and 12U wrestler Hunter Bell. The series of tournaments include Western States Turf Wars, and Western State Championships for Greco-Roman, freestyle and folkstyle.

WRESTLING RECAP Homedale youth captures triple crown

State titles highlight season

Wynn Watson is an appropriately named young wrestler. The Homedale boy finished off a rare hat trick in Idaho youth wrestling, collecting championships at all three Tour of Idaho Tournaments. In mid-March, he won the Cradle for the Cure to wrap up the Tour of Idaho triple crown. Now, he's in the Salt Lake City area with a couple other Homedale wrestlers and Team Idaho for a series of national tournaments. In the winter, Watson was the only wrestler statewide in the 5- to 6-year-old age group to win all three Tour of Idaho championships, including the Snake River Rumble in Idaho Falls on Jan. 27-28, and the Rumble in the South in Burley on March 3-4. Wrestling at 58 pounds, he was one of only 15 Idaho wrestlers ranging from his age group through high school divisions to win all three championships last season. He continued his championship streak on April 1, taking the crown for his age group at the Idaway State Championships in Idaho Falls.

Several Homedale youth wrestlers also came home with state medals:

- Macie Ensley, 5-6, 40-pound champion
- Maddix Ensley, 7-8, 52 champion
- Hunter Bell, 11-12, 147 runner-up
- Mason Ensley, 5-6, 40 third place
- Ace Wright, 9-10, 71 fifth place



Wynn Watson shows off the three trophies he won for taking down the Idaho youth wrestling triple crown this year. Submitted photo

Watson was named the 5-6 division's outstanding wrestler and won the 58-pound title during the district tournament in Middleton on March 25. Other Homedale medalists:

- Hunter Bell, 11-12, 147 champion
- Macie Ensley, 5-6, 40 champion
- Maddix Ensley, 7-8, 52 champion

- Ace Wright, 9-10, 71 runner-up
- Mason Ensley, 5-6, 40 third place
- Nolan Aitchison, 5-6, 62 third
- Karson Earles, 5-6, 37 fourth
- Tuff Coopersmith, 5-6, 52 fourth

Marsing at Idaway
Marsing medalists were listed on TrackWrestling.com

in the Idaway state championship results:

- Jaxon Sawyer, 9-10, 115 champion
- Taylor Izzard, 11-12, 72 third
- Tristan Izzard, 13-14, 187 third
- German Martinez, 11-12, 112 fourth
- Kayla Martinez, 7-8, 68 fourth
- Artemio Diaz, 7-8, heavy-weight fourth

HHS duo named All-State

Two Homedale High School softball players are back on the Class 3A All-State team. Trojans pitcher Dani Sitts and shortstop Olivia Asumendi landed on the first-team list for the second straight season. Class 3A coaches from around Idaho vote on the honor. The two Trojans standouts were first-teamers after leading Homedale to the state championship as sophomores in 2022.

Trojans schedule Sandpoint rematch up north

Homedale High School's football team is heading north for another non-conference challenge in the fall. The Trojans released their 2023 schedule last week, and a return trip to face Class 4A Sandpoint is on the books for Saturday, Sept. 16. Homedale will have a new season-opening opponent, too, as Filer visits for an Aug. 25 contest at Deward Bell Stadium. Other non-conference games include Sept. 1 on the road against Gooding, and Sept. 8 at home against Baker, Ore. The Trojans start their quest for a fifth consecutive 3A Snake River Valley conference championship with Homecoming on Sept. 22 against Parma. Other 3A SRV games include Sept. 29 at Payette, Senior Night on Oct. 6 against Weiser and road games against Fruitland (Oct. 13) and McCall-Donnelly (Oct. 20). The junior varsity schedule includes three doubleheaders with the varsity against Filer, Gooding and McCall. The Trojans JV plays host to Melba on Thursday, Sept. 14 in the only variation to the varsity opponents.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

June 24, 1998



Foundation takes over Silver City school

Six board members of the Historic Silver City Foundation Inc. and the superintendent of the Melba School District pose in front of the Silver City School House on June 13. The board members are, from left, Tracy Silver, Marty Peterson, Glenn O'Dell, Paul Nettleton, Melba Superintendent Joe James, Grant Danner and Jerry Hoagland.

Historic Silver City Foundation incorporates

Ownership of the Silver City School House building was transferred over to the Historic Silver City Foundation, Inc. on June 13.

The foundation is comprised of members of the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association, the Melba School District Board of Trustees and Silver City homeowners. Earlier this year, the group signed a letter of incorporation and drew up bylaws to establish the foundation, which has as its goal the restoration of the school building.

Two years ago, the OCA asked the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners to ask the school district to consider giving the old school house building to the county to be maintained as a public building. Presently the OCA leases the building for its annual convention. The second floor of the structure has been home to the School House Museum since 1961.

Bruneau snail endangered status affirmed

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service last week affirmed that its 1993 decision to list the Bruneau hot springsnail as endangered under the Federal Endangered Species act was appropriate.

In a court-ordered reconsideration of the listing decision, the Service reviewed all information used in the original decision and new information that has become available since then, including comments submitted during three public comment periods between September 1995 and June 1997.

The federal government maintains that the snail has suffered from the reduction of thermal spring habitats by agricultural-related groundwater withdrawal and pumping.

Sarceda graduates cum laude

Gayle Sarceda, daughter of Fred and Sandy Sarceda of Homedale, was among those receiving a bachelor of science degree from Eastern Oregon University on June 13, 1998. She graduated in Agricultural Business Management with a minor in Crop and Soil Science. Her degree was granted cum laude, an honor reserved for students maintaining a 3.5 grade-point average or better during their years at college.

50 years ago

June 21, 1973



4H MEMBERS attending Idaho 4-H club congress at the University of Idaho, Moscow, were, from left, Beverly Hansten, Owyhee County Extension Home economist, Barbie Lahtinen, and Pam Holbrook, Bruneau; Diana Dines, Marsing; Sheila Huter, Homedale; Ann Black, Bruneau; Bob Rathbone and Elizabeth Lootens, Marsing.

Officials attend Gem cities confab at Lewiston

Mayor George Murray, Councilman Kenne Metzger, and City Clerk Vivian Lillie and their families attended the Association of Idaho Cities 26th annual convention at Lewiston Thursday to Saturday.

Mayor Murray was elected to the board of directors at the Saturday business meeting.

He also served on the nominating committee and on the 1973 policy-resolutions committee for Districts 3 and 4.

City celebration seeks widescale participation

Homedale Jaycees with the support of the Homedale Chamber of Commerce has started plans for a hometown July 4th celebration for public participation and enjoyment at Riverside Park.

Tentative plans schedule the festivities to get underway at 3 p.m., Wednesday, July 4, with sack races, horseshoe tosses, three-legged races and a variety of other games for community participation.

A chicken barbecue is planned for the supper hour, 5:30 to 7 p.m., with more games to follow.

Later in the evening the Homedale Marching Band will put on a marching and drill exhibition. Grand finale of the day will be the aerial fireworks display to be held at the athletic stadium.

Tickets for the dinner will go on sale this week end with adults, \$1.25; children under 12, 75¢.

Jaycees urge everyone to plan now to attend Homedale's 4th of July celebration, and to invite relatives and friends for a day of fun at home. —Dean Gray, reporter.

Legion Auxiliary installs officers, name delegates

The American Legion Auxiliary installed officers for the ensuing year at its June meeting. Polly Grimes, president for the past two years, installed the following: Florence Paxton, president; Bonnie Yorgensen, vice president; Verda Johnston, historian; Edna Olsen, secretary-treasurer; Norma Pegram, chaplain; Alice George, sergeant-at-arms.

Mmes. Grimes and Olsen were appointed auditing committee to audit books for retiring secretary-treasurer, Dora Upton.

Mmes. Paxton, Grimes, Yorgensen, and Olsen were chosen delegates to the department convention at Salmon the latter part of July. Mmes. Nona Jackson, Pegram, Johnston and Upton were named alternates.

Mrs. Paxton presented a gift to Mrs. Grimes, junior past president, in appreciation of her services as president.

155 years ago

June 20, 1868

FROM THE OWYHEE FERRY.—We were favored with a call from Mr. Lockwood, of the Owyhee Ferry, this week. He has made a new grade on this side of the river at a cost of over a thousand dollars, so that now freight teams experience no difficulty in getting up the hill. The water is about six feet above low water mark. Mr. Lockwood has a mowing machine running at the river, and informs us that he will cut about one hundred tons of hay this year.

THE WOODSTOCK COMPANY are now down forty feet in their north shaft, below the tunnel level. At that depth the quartz is about three feet in width and looks richer than ever. Seventy-five tons of the ore are being hauled to the Upper Sinker mill, and we will doubtless be able to report a large return of bullion.

IMPROVEMENTS.—Now that all classes of business are assuming a permanency in consequence of the known richness of our mines, our citizens are making costly and substantial improvements. A row of splendid fire-proof buildings will soon be erected on Maize's Point, west side of Washington Street, commencing near where Blake's Assay Office is at present situated. Tho's Cole, Jr., & Co. are actively engaged in grading for the purpose of building a large fire-proof, sixty feet deep and cut stone front of ninety feet. It will most likely be finished inside of three months, and will be occupied by Tho's Cole, Jr., & Co.'s Bank, Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express Office, Tho's Ewing & Co.'s wholesale and retail store, and Jos. A Rupert's drug store. Immediately south of this, Blake & Co. will also put up a large assay office, the same style of fire-proof; and still further south in the same row, W. B. Crane is preparing to build a similar fire-proof, forty by sixty. Taken all in all, these buildings will doubtless be the largest and best of the kind in the Territory, and will greatly add to the importance of the Ruby end of Silver City.

On corner of Washington and Second Streets, Wm. H. Dewey has raised his two buildings several feet above their former level, and is building a solid stone foundation underneath, which he intends shall be a fire-proof. In fact, people who invest largely in building are unwilling to take the chances on anything except fire-proofs, clearly foreseen that in all probability a fire will lay the wooden buildings in ashes.

Messr's. Harmon & Marshall are putting up a large two-story building on Jordan Street; the lower story, which will be below the level of the street, will constitute a wagon and carriage making shop, and the upper story a blacksmith shop. All along the east side of Jordan Creek houses are being erected, mostly for family residences. Before Winter sets in again our town will be increased by the addition of several million feet of lumber in the shape of buildings of various kinds, and will then present quite a respectable appearance for a mountain town.

CITY HOTEL.—Maurer & Stumpp have now taken hold of this popular house and are running it in good shape. They make it known in our column of new ad's, this week. These gentlemen are determined not be excelled in the hotel business, and we can recommend them to public patronage.

Commentary

Mtn. States Policy Center Steps to leave behind rhetoric in policy debate

Recently too much of what passes as a public policy debate in our country could instead be confused for an episode of Survivor. While politics, name-calling, and resorting to partisan labels may make for good TV, it rarely results in good policy.

While the Mountain States Policy Center doesn't shy away from our belief in individualism and the power of hard work and innovation and that free markets have allowed us to thrive, we know the importance that fact-based research and thoughtful debate have on the development of good policy.

To help tone down some of the rhetoric and refocus the conversation in a constructive way, here is a checklist that can be used to analyze policy:

- **Read source details.** To fully understand what a bill, study, or court ruling says, it is best to go directly to the source and read the full details. Nuance and important factors can too easily be missed if relying on summaries and talking points.
- **Analyze citations.** Footnotes and source links are more than a requirement from our past term papers. Looking up the details relied on in a report

— See Policy, Page 13

Jason Mercier
Mountain States Policy Center

Jason Mercier joined the Mountain States Policy Center in late April as free market think tank'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 Washington state lawmaker's to create the government's budget transparency website.



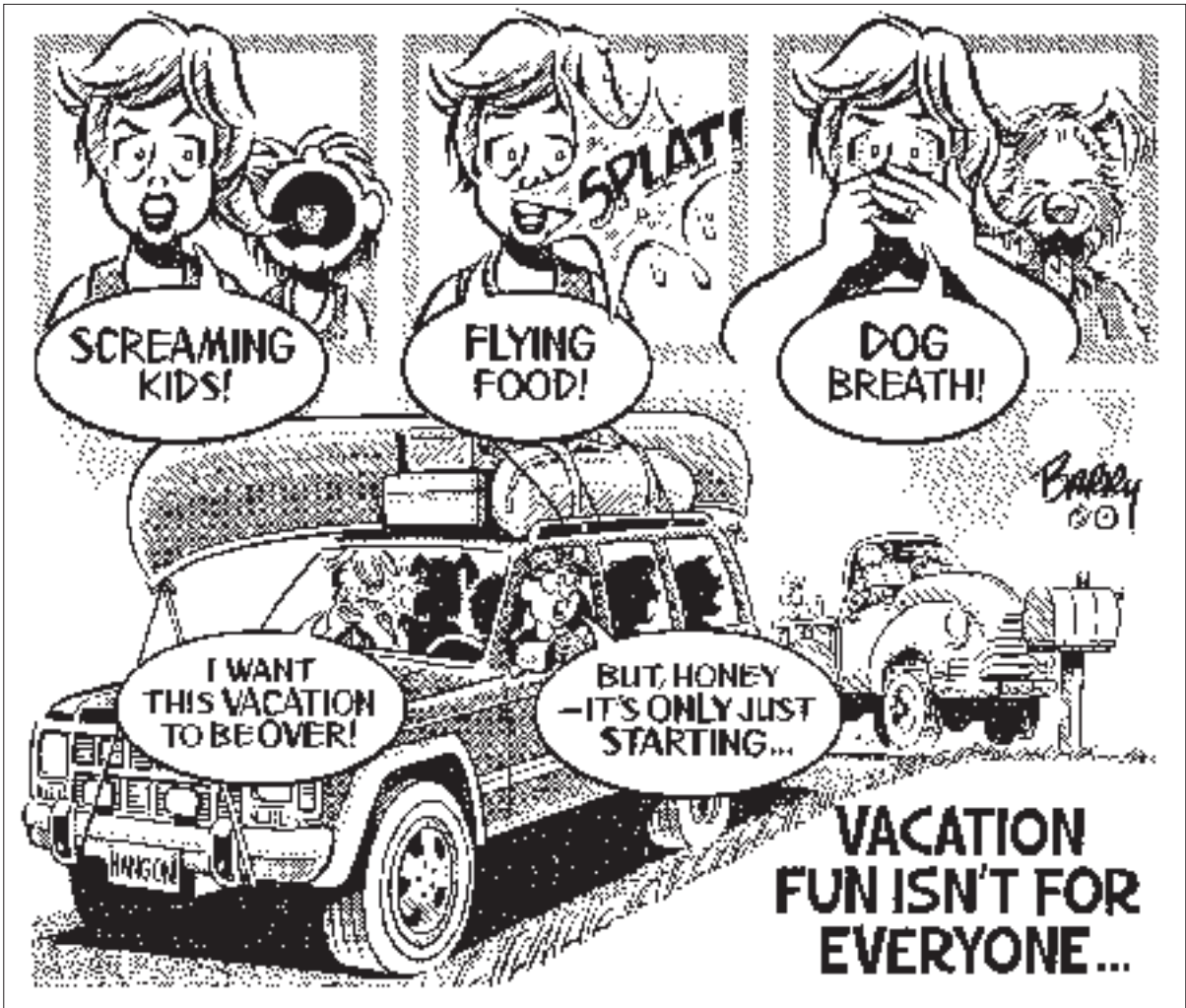
About Mountain States Policy Center

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

Homedale resident Oscar Evans is on the board of directors.

Learn more at mountainstatespolicy.org.

JP Doodles



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

From Washington
Delegation honors Idahoans fighting Alzheimer's, dealing with fed policy

In recognition of June as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month, we had the opportunity through a Congressional Record Statement to honor Idahoans and their families fighting this dreaded disease. We pay tribute to all those affected by Alzheimer's as we also express gratitude to the advocates in our communities working hard to advance Alzheimer's research and other important efforts that are making progress in fighting this disease and supporting families dealing with Alzheimer's. We continue to work to ensure federal policies enable, not discourage, innovators to quickly bring their life-saving discoveries to market in the fight against Alzheimer's.

The following is our Congressional Record Statement:

We recognize June as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month. According to the Alzheimer's Association, 27,000 people aged 65 and older are living with Alzheimer's in Idaho, while 65,000 family caregivers bear the burden of the disease. In honor of these Idaho families and the millions of other Americans and their loved ones impacted by Alzheimer's, we continue the fight to stop harmful policies delaying access to treatment for Alzheimer's patients.

The Food and Drug Administration's, FDA, accelerated approval pathway has provided a

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Commentary

Financial management

College grad’s financial mess can be cleaned up — with discipline

Dear Dave,

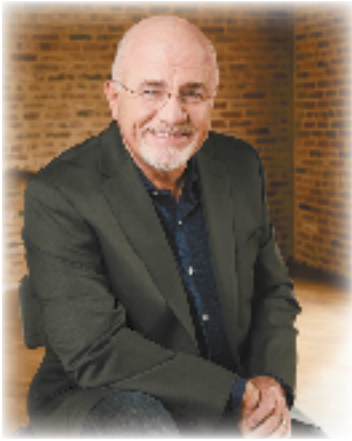
I’ve been struggling for about a year, ever since I made a stupid new-college-graduate decision to finance a car. It’s a 2018 Jeep Compass, and I owe \$21,000 on it. The trade-in value is about \$11,000, so I really got stung on the sticker price and everything else. I also have \$85,000 in student loan debt and around \$7,500 on credit cards. The good news is, I make \$63,000 at my job, and that should increase to \$75,000 by January of next year. My girlfriend and I are renting an apartment and engaged to be married in 2025. How do I clean all this up before then?

— Austin

Dear Austin,

Well, the good news is, you have the rest of your life to never make this kind of mistake again. I’m really sorry you’re going through all this, son. What a horrible thing to experience right after college.

So, you’re \$10,000 upside-down on a vehicle you owe \$21,000 on, right? The truth is, you’re kind of stuck. If you’re serious about getting out of this mess and not repeating the same mistakes twice, you’re going to be working like a dog for the next year or two. Right now, you need a serious side job nights and weekends — maybe two. And I’m talking bare-bones living.



DAVE Says
by Dave Ramsey • www.davesays.org

No vacations, and no eating out for a while. You don’t need to see the inside of a restaurant unless you’re working there. Get what I’m saying? No

unnecessary spending. Period. On top of all this, you’ve got to start living on a strict, written monthly budget.

Now, about your fiancée. I get the desire to fix things before you get married. But married people work together on this kind of stuff all the time. Believe it or not, there’s no perfect time to get married. I mean, it sounds like you two have already decided to go there and figured out neither one of you are perfect. That’s just called being human. So, there’s really no reason to wait on tying the knot at this point. And the truth is, the two of you can whip your finances into shape faster and much more efficiently working on

it together — as a married couple.

Austin, I want you tear into this debt like your life depends on it. Because guess what, dude? It does!

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of “The Ramsey Show.” He has appeared on “Good Morning America,” “CBS This Morning,” “Today,” Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company Ramsey Solutions.

✓ Alzheimer’s: Congressional delegation records support and concerns

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lifeline for countless Americans suffering from Alzheimer’s disease by advancing access to safe and effective medicines years before these treatments could otherwise come to market. Numerous studies show that drugs that have gone through the accelerated approval pathway reach patients an average of more than three years before they would otherwise.

Unfortunately, the current Administration has taken unprecedented steps to erode this pathway, deterring life-saving innovation and delaying access to care by restricting Medicare coverage for an entire class of potential Alzheimer’s therapies. This harmful coverage decision carries grave implications for Alzheimer’s patients. Every day without access to FDA-approved drugs, more than 2,000 people transition to a more advanced stage of Alzheimer’s where they are no longer eligible for treatment, reports the Alzheimer’s Association. The Administration must reverse course and provide access to these life-saving pathways as quickly as possible.

We are grateful to leaders from communities across Idaho and our country who are pivotal in advancing Alzheimer’s and dementia research and other important efforts that are

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making progress in fighting this disease and supporting families dealing with this dreaded disease. The advocates’ personal experiences with the disease’s effects in their own families often fuel and inform their engagement. Their perspectives are deeply valuable as we continue to work to improve drug access and affordability. This includes working to ensure federal policies enable, not discourage, innovators to quickly bring their life-saving discoveries to market.

Time and again, American ingenuity has proven

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it can meet the challenges we face, if the federal government gets out of the way. This Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month is a reminder of the pressing need to better empower patients and doctors to decide the treatments right for them. Throughout this month, as Americans wear purple and participate in other awareness and educational activities and in the years ahead, let’s do all we can to alleviate the burden on families across our country by easing access to innovative treatment for Alzheimer’s.

✓ Policy: Checklist can clear up partisan noise, define if a policy proposal is virtuous or not

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can provide additional context and reveal if the base document accurately reflects the information cited.

- **Consider counterpoints.** The goal of a policy proposal is to improve things. By considering opposing viewpoints and critiques you can present the best recommendation to accomplish your goals.
- **Switch actors to see if your opinion changes.** Focusing on the partisan label of a bill sponsor or the background of an author can often prejudice our opinion before we even consider the details. Pretend that the proposal comes from a different camp to see if that changes your opinion.
- **Formulate a position and make a**

recommendation. After reading the details, verifying the sources, considering alternative viewpoints, and checking to make sure partisan labels weren’t dictating your opinion, you are now in an excellent position to make a policy recommendation.

As we discussed in our most recent Peak Policy video update, we need to leave the tribal yelling for the sporting events and instead focus our public policy debates in a constructive and thoughtful way. This checklist for analyzing public policy is one way to do that.

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

Letters to the editor

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

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

- E-mailed to jon@owyheeavalanche.com
 - Mailed to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628
 - Dropped off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale
- For more information, call (208) 337-4681.

Public notices

NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Owyhee County intends to file an application with USDA, Rural Development for financial assistance for the following purpose: Murphy Water System Facility Planning Study.

Also, the public is invited to consult with USDA, Rural Development on any concerns regarding environmental resources that may be affected by the proposal. The address and phone number of the Rural Development office is:

2208 E. Chicago St., Ste. C
Caldwell, ID 83605
208-779-3440

If any additional information is needed, the name, address and phone number of the contact for the Applicant is:

Angie Barkell
Clerk
208-495-2421
20381 State Highway 78
Murphy, ID 83650
06/21/2023

LIEN SALE

Unit F-2, Christina Cozart, 4030 River Resort Rd, Homedale, ID 83628

Unit includes bicycles, truck tool box, and misc. household items

Silent auction will be held at Highway 95 Self Storage. 3685 Highway 95 in Homedale. Viewing and bidding will open as of the first posting on 6/21 and will close at 1pm on Saturday, July 1st

06/21,28/2023

NOTICE OF LETTING

Idaho Project in Owyhee County, Proposal No. C200215 for the work of Scale Pit and Deck replacement at US-95 Marsing POE, MP 18.3. Remove existing 12 ft x 16 ft scale and replace with 12 ft x 20 ft scale.

Sealed Proposals will be received only at the office of the IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT, 11331 WEST CHINDEN BLVD. BLDG #8, BOISE, IDAHO 83703 or PO Box 40, Boise, ID 83707-0040, ATTN: ADVERTISEMENT & AWARD until two o'clock p.m. on July 11, 2023.

For additional information contact the Contract Administrator:

Name: Craig Roberts
Phone: (208) 334-4426
Email: Craig.Roberts@itd.idaho.gov

Digital copies of the Plans, Proposals, and Specifications must be downloaded for a fee of \$22.00. **Bidders must appear on the plan holders list for their proposal to be accepted by the Department. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdninfo.com for assistance in downloading and working with this digital**

ORDINANCE NO. A – 231

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARSING, IDAHO, AMENDING ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS IN REGARD TO MULTIPLE DWELLINGS WITH 3-4 UNITS; REPEALER; EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City has determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens for multiple dwelling units of three or four units to require a special use permit in the residential zone.

BE IT ORDAINED By the Mayor and City Council of the City of Marsing, Idaho:
Section 1. That Title 8, Chapter 5, Section 2(B) be amended as follows:

LAND USE	DISTRICT				
	A	R	C	CI	P
Dwellings, multiple with 3-4 units and townhouses	S	PS			

Section 2. Any portions of any existing ordinances, which are in direct conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as the conflict exists.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval, and publication.

ADOPTED by the Mayor and City Council of Marsing, Idaho, this 14th day of June, 2023.

CITY OF MARSING
Owyhee County, Idaho
/s/: Hayzen Corder
Mayor
ATTEST:
/s/: Jolyn E. Thompson
City Clerk
06/21/2023

project information.
General Bidding information and Specifications may be obtained from the Idaho Transportation Department website at <http://itd.idaho.gov/business/>

This contract requires full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which protects persons from being denied the benefits of or excluded from participation in programs or activities; or subjected to discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, Limited English Proficiency or economic status. The Bidder is encouraged to utilize the goods and services of disadvantaged firms in accomplishing the tasks or providing the services of this agreement, and to provide equal opportunity to all sub-bidders and suppliers.

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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. CV37-23-00189
In the Matter of the Estate of HOLLY R. WADE, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed as Personal Representative of the above named estate. All persons having claims against the 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, or filed with the Clerk of the Court.

Dated this 8 day of June, 2023
/s/Mary E. Brinker
Mary E. Brinker, Personal Representative
of the Estate of Holly R. Wade
10402 Airpark Loop
Melba, ID 83641

06/21,26;07/05/2023

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Trustee's Sale No. PLTS103618
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Pioneer Title Company of Ada County dba Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on 10/10/2023, at the hour of 11:00 AM, of said day, at Owyhee County Courthouse, In The Lobby, 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy, ID, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the "Property"), situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, to-wit;

Lot 4, Block 1, Eagle View Estates, according to the official plat thereof recorded as Instrument No. 215482, records of Owyhee County, Idaho, and as amended by amendment to the plat of Eagle View Estates recorded June 18, 1997 as Instrument No. 222082, Owyhee County records.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 12532 Cinnebar Way, Murphy, ID 83650, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Tish Powell, a married woman and her sole and separate property, as Grantor, to Pioneer Title Company of Ada County, as Trustee, for the benefit and security

of Joseph E. Stewart and Paula L. Stewart, as Beneficiary, dated 7/14/2017, recorded 7/31/2013, under Instrument No. 293396, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, ID, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by Joseph E. Stewart and Paula L. Stewart.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4) (a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which is sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 7/14/2017, FAILURE TO PAY THE INSTALLMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST WHICH BECAME DUE ON 10/1/2022; PLUS LATE CHARGES, AND ADVANCES FOR DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES AND HAZARD INSURANCE AS SET FORTH; AND ALL SUBSEQUENT INSTALLMENTS OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST, PLUS LATE CHARGES, DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES, DELINQUENT INSURANCE PREMIUMS AND ALL FORECLOSURE COSTS AND FEES.

All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$156,918.98, together with interest thereon at 6% per annum from 5/2/2023, until paid.

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

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

DATED: June 8, 2023.

Pioneer Title Company of Ada County dba Pioneer Lender Trustee Services
Trustee
/s/:By Deborrah Duncan,
Assistant Secretary
Pioneer Lender Trustee Services
8151 W. Rifleman Street
Boise, ID 83704
06/21,28;07/05,12/2023

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CANYON
Case No. CV14-23-01186
NAFCO, INC., an Idaho corporation,
Plaintiff,

vs.
BRADY FAIRCLOTH, an individual,
Defendant.

TO: BRADY FAIRCLOTH
You have been sued by Plaintiff NAFCO, INC., in the District Court in and for Canyon County, Case No. CV14-23-01186.

The nature of the claim against you is for breach of contract and unjust enrichment. Any time after 21 days following the last publication of this Summons, the Court may enter a Judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form including the case number, and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at 1115 Albany St., Caldwell, Idaho (208-454-7572) and serve a copy of your response on the Plaintiff's attorney Abigail McCleery at NAFCO Inc., 3449 E Copper Point Dr, Ste 275 Meridian, Idaho 83642, Telephone: (541-335-4549)

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

Date: 5/22/2023
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
By: /s/ Zachary Snively

Deputy Clerk
05/31;06/07,14,21/2023

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✓ Festival: Games for all ages planned during Basque Center celebration

get going at 7:30 p.m., and Rochelle and The James Gang will provide live music.

The games include txinga (weight carrying) and a bota contest for adults. The bota con-

test will involve trying to squirt a drink from a Basque bota bag without making a mess.

Children's games will be tug-o-war, gunnysack races and an egg toss.

The centerpiece of celebrating the feast day of St. John the Baptist is a bonfire.

At sunset on Saturday, the bonfire will be lit and the festival song San Juan Zortziko

will be performed.

The bonfire signifies a tradition throughout the Basque Country to mark the San Juan Eguna celebration.

There will be food and bev-

erages available as well as vendors during the festival.

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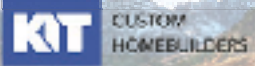
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