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## County will pay at least \$250K on public defenders

### Silver City Road maintenance agreement signed

In an addendum to its 2020 public defense grant application, Owyhee

County released salary information and a list of its conflict defense attorneys.

The county will pay \$250,000 for conflict defense attorneys — half for William Wellman, the primary conflict attorney under contract. The other \$125,000 will be split among 13 other conflict attorneys.

The county's addendum said even more money may be needed because murder cases against Nicholas Blake Vandenberg, Willie Keith Rabey and Montanna Rae Reed have not yet been completed. All three have entered plea agreements and are scheduled to be sentenced later this year.

The county's public defender outlay has nearly doubled in the past five fiscal years. Owyhee County's FY 2015 public defense budget was \$130,000.

All public defenders work as private contractors and don't receive employee-related benefits.

— See *County*, page 5

## Passion, dispute at annex hearing

Proponents want continuity; opponents warn of economic, social disruption

Homedale School District annexation proponents' message was clear during Thursday's public hearing: Let the voters decide if they want to be excised from the Wilder district.

Faced with testimony disputing student attendance data and accusations of a lack of thorough signature canvassing

— See *Annex*, page 8



Homedale School District annexation proponents Patti Zatica (left) and her daughter Tess McCoy sign in before Thursday's hearing in Wilder.

## SUMMER VACATION SPENT PREPARING



### ReadyKamp returns to HHS

Youth from throughout the Southwest District Health coverage area, including Owyhee County, stayed at Homedale High School last week as the school district hosted a disaster preparedness summer camp for the second year in a row. The centerpiece was a mock bleacher collapse at Deward Bell Stadium during which students rescued victims and evaluated the injured. For more on the week, see *Page 20*. Submitted photos



## Grand View faces deadlines to fix water system

City has only one usable well

The City of Grand View has major infrastructure problems, and officials are on the clock with deadlines to deal with one of them.

The city is still awaiting word on whether it will

— See *Water*, page 5

## Marsing Third of July event shapes up

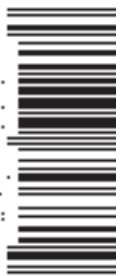
Road striping to be completed

Organizers of the Third of July Fireworks Extravanga are hoping ongoing construction in Marsing won't affect attendance too harshly.

Apparently road crews are trying to do their part.

Idaho Transportation Department contractors will pave Main Street from the School

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## Marsing NAPA grand opening set

Although the store has been open since April, NAPA Owyhee Auto Supply in Marsing will hold its grand opening celebration on Monday.

The new, larger store is located at 11 W. Main St.

As part of the grand opening, a tool sale is planned during the store's regular hours, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Items will be sold right off the truck that will be parked at the store.

The official launch of the grand opening will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., when NAPA staff will cook up hot dogs and hamburgers. Soda and water will be available to drink.

During the launch, there will be a dunk tank, Owyhee Auto Supply manager Brandon DeMond said, along with a balloon board where folks can pop balloons for prizes.

Store visitors will receive entries into a raffle for a two-person Salmon River boat trip with Salmon River Experience, a Yeti cooler, and a television. There are two boats trips available.

The raffle box will be set up this week, and the drawing takes place Tuesday.

"We really want folks to come and check out our new store," DeMond said.

— TK



Grand View volunteer firefighters work to extricate the juvenile female driver of a car that rolled off an embankment early Sunday morning. Photo submitted by Ed Collett

## Marsing man jailed for alleged DUI with juvenile in vehicle

A Marsing man is behind bars after an alleged drunk driving incident late Saturday evening.

Paul Stanley Harris, 44, was pulled over in a 1985 Chevy pickup near the intersection of Main Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue West in Marsing for failing to maintain his lane. Harris had three passengers in the truck, including an 11-year-old female, Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said.

When the deputy spoke with Harris, he reported smelling alcohol on the driver's breath.

Harris failed a field sobriety test, and his blood alcohol content was measured at .222 percent. The legal limit in Idaho is .08 percent.

He was charged with felony excessive driving under the influence. It was his third DUI in the past 10 years, Bowman said.

Harris also faces misdemeanor charges of injury to child and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Harris received an infraction for failing to wear his seat belt and two more for passengers who were not wearing theirs.

Harris made his initial appearance before Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington on Monday morning. He is currently in custody in the Owyhee County Jail in Murphy.

— TK

## Grand View youths airlifted after crash

Grand View Fire volunteer personnel had to extricate a 17-year-old girl from a vehicle after a rollover accident early Sunday morning.

Owyhee County Sheriff's deputies and volunteer firefighters responded to a single-car accident in which four Grand View juveniles were injured just after 1 a.m. on Sunday on Oreana Shortcut Road.

Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said a 17-year-old female lost control while driving on the gravel road and the 2001 Buick LeSabre rolled down an embankment before coming to rest on its roof.

Three males, two 17-year-olds and one 16-year-old, were also in the vehicle when it rolled. The driver, whose legs were pinned, had to be extricated by Grand View Fire.

Three helicopters were used to transport the youths, including one from Air St. Luke's and two Saint Alphonsus LifeFlight air ambulances.

Staff at both St. Luke's and St. Al's refused to release information or even confirm that the juveniles were hospitalized.

— TK

## Fair and rodeo queen candidates sought

Applications are now being accepted for the 2019 Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Queen contest.

To be eligible, contestants must have lived in Idaho for the past year and must be between the ages of 16 and 23 and unmarried.

Competition and judging will take place Aug. 5 through Aug. 10, and the contestants will be graded on horsemanship, personality, and appearance. Prizes awarded include the queen title, first and second runners-up, Miss Congeniality and horsemanship.

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# County to get nearly \$1.5M PILT payment

## Federal check helps sheriff's office, community center project

Owyhee County will receive its largest federal lands compensation check in history this year.

Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt announced last week that the county will receive nearly \$1.5 million in Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) money for fiscal year 2019.

County Clerk Angie Barkell said that this year's PILT check for \$1,484,775 represents the full funding amount that the federal government would pay based on Owyhee's percentage of public lands acreage and population.

The PILT funding is the federal government's way of compensating counties for lost property tax revenue because of large tracts of tax-exempt public lands.

The county has been using portions of the annual PILT check to fund budgets since the economic downturn in 2008. Ideally, county commissioners would like to put the money in

## PILT since '98

Fiscal year	Payment
2019	\$1,484,775
2018	\$1,367,534
2017	\$1,340,027
2016	\$1,312,017
2015	\$1,187,555
2014	\$1,303,868
2013	\$1,216,850
2012	\$1,245,549
2011	\$1,221,211
2010	\$1,209,356
2009	\$1,181,049
2008	\$1,151,480
2007	\$726,207
2006	\$729,305
2005	\$716,258
2004	\$701,243
2003	\$682,283
2002	\$594,479
2001	\$566,318
2000	\$368,447
1999	\$349,064
1998	\$359,881
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,014,656</b>

— *Source: DOI*

the PILT Trust, which before 2008 had been earmarked for capital improvements and expansion.

The county has dipped into the PILT Trust to build the community center at the

## Owyhee County Fairgrounds after attempts to obtain an Idaho Community Development Block Grant failed.

Other PILT plans include \$900,000 in the fiscal year 2019 current expense budget and \$50,000 for the sheriff's office off-highway vehicle fund.

Barkell said that commissioners plan to budget about \$800,000 of PILT revenue in the FY 2020 budget.

Each year, county budget planners project PILT revenue when figuring out appropriations, but the money isn't actually received until the beginning of the fourth quarter of the fiscal year for which it was earmarked.

According to Department of Interior records, Owyhee County has received more than \$21 million in compensation since 1998.

The federal government will send more than \$32 million in PILT funds to Idaho governments this year.

Owyhee County ranks seventh among the state's 44 counties for the amount received. Elmore County received \$2.56 million, the largest amount for any Idaho county. Elmore was one of three of the state's

counties to receive \$2 million or more.

But PILT money is never a guarantee. Western congressmen have been trying to create stability in the PILT funding much like efforts to do the same for Secure Rural Schools funding that helps counties with U.S. forestlands.

Without a permanent funding bill, PILT is subject to the volatility of annual appropriations battles.

"PILT has not been permanently funded yet, but we are holding out hope that it will be," Barkell said.

Earlier this year, the National Association of Counties sent out a request for its members to pressure their congressmen to move the ball forward on permanent funding legislation.

The Department of the Interior press release announcing PILT stated county payments may vary from year to year as a result of changes in acreage data (updated annually by the federal agency administering the land), prior-year federal revenue sharing payments reported annually each state's governor, and population as updated through the U.S. Census Bureau.

— JPB

# Horses rescued in Marsing

A Meridian-based horse rescue group has taken ownership of horses county authorities seized last Wednesday.

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office took possession of five horses after Marsing resident Adelfo Vegil-Alvarez, 47, was charged with misdemeanor cruelty to animals.

Deputies took action after receiving reports that the animals were under-fed and lacked adequate water.

Two of the five horses were in very poor condition, sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said.

OCSO took over care of the animals but left them on-site, according to Bowman.

On Friday, Idaho Horse Rescue in Meridian took possession of the horses after Vigil-Alvarez signed over ownership, Bowman said.

He added that Owyhee County did not incur any costs while caring for the animals for two days.

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# Public process opens on feds’ fuel breaks proposal

Boise meeting set on West-wide strategy already used in Owyhee

Public comment is now open on the federal government’s plan to build fuel breaks through the Great Basin much like has been started in Owyhee County.

A 45-day public comment period started Friday when the Bureau of Land Management released the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Fuel Breaks in the Great Basin.

The 11,000 miles of fuel breaks are proposed to control wildfires over a 223-million-acre area in parts of Idaho, Oregon, Nevada, Washington state, California and Utah.

Public meetings also are planned during the comment period. Three are planned in Idaho,

and will run from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., on each respective day.

- Tuesday, July 9 at Red Lion Boise Hotel, 1800 W. Fairview Ave., Boise
- Tuesday, July 16 at BLM Twin Falls District Office, 2878 Addison Ave., Twin Falls
- Wednesday, July 17 at an as-yet undetermined location in Idaho Falls. Call the BLM Idaho Falls District at (208) 524-7500 for more information.

An electronic copy of the Draft Programmatic EIS and associated documents is available on the BLM Land Use Planning and NEPA register at <https://go.usa.gov/xnQcG>. Comments on each applicable document can be submitted by clicking the “Documents” link

then clicking on “Comment on Document” button next to the link for each document.

Respondents must be aware that personal information, such as phone number, email address and other personal identifying information, may be included in the public record if it is part of their comment. The BLM cannot guarantee the ability to remove such information if it is requested by the commenter.

The BLM already has started a fuel breaks program on the Owyhee Front in the aftermath of the 2015 Soda Fire. Targeted grazing and mowing are used along roads to create the breaks.

The preferred alternative identified in the Draft Programmatic EIS would utilize those tools as well as brown strips, which are areas where all vegetation has been removed; and green strips where vegetation that is more flammable has been replaced with less flammable vegetation.

The breaks would be reseeded with native and non-native species throughout the 223 million acres.

BLM developed four alternatives, including the No Action Alternative, based on comments received during the initial scoping period.

## Making moon rocks at Marsing library

Lizard Butte Library’s Catriona Hardy (left) instructs Hannah Breithaupt (center), 6, in making moon rocks during a summer reading activity last Wednesday at the library.



## Homedale City Library intern teaches basic word processing

The Homedale City Library will offer Microsoft Word tutoring sessions in a one-on-one setting on Thursdays from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

The library’s summer intern, Julia Gomez, a Homedale High School senior-to-be, is coordinating the class.

The instruction will include basic Word applications, including opening and saving documents, basic formatting, choosing font type and size, and more.

Anyone wishing to participate in the classes can call the library at (208) 337-4228 to schedule a session.

Gomez is unsure what the end date of her classes will be. “As long as the library wants me to do it,” she said.

Part of the criteria for her hiring was to develop activities and programs that she would be in charge of planning and implementing.

Her employment, which will be for a total of 80 hours through the summer, was funded by a \$1,000 grant from the Idaho Commission on Libraries.

She will remain with the library until the end of August, when she will return to HHS for her senior year.



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✓ **Water:** City has less than three years to re-establish system redundancy

receive an Idaho Department of Environmental Quality source water protection grant to address a lack of redundancy in its municipal wells.

Grand View's Well No. 2 is now the only operational well to serve 174 connections. State law requires two wells for any system with more than 25 hookups.

Water from that well shows elevated nitrate levels, but DEQ Boise Regional Office drinking water manager Brandon Lowder said the levels are lower than the maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 10 parts per million.

"We always keep a close eye on that," he said. "When it goes over half the MCL, we hone in and increase the monitoring frequencies."

The city's Well No. 1 has been taken off-line and relegated to emergency use because a failed casing is allowing water infiltration

from a shallow source point, Lowder said.

According to a Compliance Agreement Schedule that went into effect on June 17, Well No. 1 also has elevated nitrate levels. The city must submit its plan of attack to fix the well by Dec. 31.

Lowder said the compromised casing can allow either surface water or canal water into the municipal system.

"If it is surface water, we essentially have to treat that well as a surface water source," Lowder said, adding that the process would require filtration and disinfectant.

When notified of the issue, the city council decided to take the well off-line. It is now available in emergency situations only.

The well can only be used if the city is in danger of running out of water. In that drastic scenario, citizens would receive a dire warning about

the municipal system.

"If they needed to use that well, they would have to notify people that they couldn't drink that water," Lowder said, adding that the water cannot be consumed even if it is boiled first.

After initially rejecting the idea of applying for state assistance because of some elected officials' fears of government interference, the Grand View City Council is now awaiting word on whether DEQ will award a grant of nearly \$10,000 so the city can formulate a source water protection plan.

News on the grant award is expected any day now.

If the grant is awarded, the state will provide \$8,632 and the city will kick in \$1,264, according to DEQ source water program coordinator Amy Williams. The city's contribution will come in the form of work performed by Pocatello-based engineer Mike

Settel.

"They want to evaluate the situation and try to figure out where the nitrate is coming from," Lowder said. "The infiltration could be the reason for the nitrate."

Lowder said nitrate levels could be elevated because of human activity, nearby feed lots and/or agricultural operations. The state already has designated the region around Grand View as a high nitrate area, and private well owners are urged to have their water tested regularly.

"The nitrate could be addressed through treatment, but they need to look into it and decide how to fix that," Lowder said.

Fixing the compromised casing Well No. 1 is more complicated.

Lowder said the city could seal the casing and then address the nitrate problem, or officials could decide to abandon the

well and drill a new one.

Both options would require an engineer to submit a design plan for DEQ approval, he said.

The city is on the clock to get the work done, though, after the issuance of a Compliance Agreement Schedule earlier this month.

DEQ has given Grand View until the end of 2021 to have the problem completely solved.

"(That deadline) is to accommodate the longest time frame scenario they may want to do," Lowder said, adding that drilling a new well is the most time-consuming option.

The Dec. 31, 2019 deadline requires the finalization of an updated facility plan that outlines the city's water system, the problem at hand and how the city plans to address it to come back into compliance with state regulations.

— JPB

✓ **Marsing:** Lions Club barbecue, myriad vendors highlight town's party

Drain Canal west to the Idaho highway 55 and U.S. Highway 95 junction.

Striping through downtown Marsing will be completed on Tuesday, prior to the Third of July festivities, according to an ITD update.

For information about the road work and how it may affect holiday plans, call (208) 377-9688.

The first booths on site for the town's annual Third of July celebration will set up at 5:30 p.m., next Wednesday in Island Park.

Food trucks for the event, coordinated by the town's Chamber of Commerce, will be ready to go by 6:30 p.m., according to Chamber president Julie Franklin.

The Marsing Lions Club's annual fundraiser barbecue starts at 5:30 p.m.

The menu consists of Traeger-roasted beef, beans, coleslaw, potatoes, bread, and dessert, all homemade.

The prices are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and youths ages

12 to 18, and \$5 for children ages 5 to 11. Children younger than 5 eat for free.

Proceeds for the fundraiser go toward the Lions Club's community service projects, including the Easter egg hunt, Christmas baskets, and eyeglasses.

Vendors and others with displays for the Third of July event include:

- Bureau of Land Management
- University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office health booth

- K & R Kettle Corn
- King Taco Charros
- Idaho National Guard
- Holy Oly O's donuts
- Maria Cruz, train and bouncy house
- Marsing High School cheerleaders
- Maui Wowie smoothies
- Pour House
- Bunkhaus Po'boys and pepper steak
- Bang on the Wall burger
- Wilderness Wireless
- 4-H
- Marsing Chamber of Commerce

- Toy booth

The fireworks will be set off at dusk, around 10:15 p.m. Marsing deputy city clerk Jolyn Green said that Mayor James Ferdinand attended a training in Wyoming to be able to launch the fireworks.

Shuttles will be available

at the old high school gym on Main Street, the school's parking lot on 8th Avenue West, and a designated area behind the Lizard Butte landmark in Canyon County.

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## ✓ County: Major felony cases push budget to more than double what it was in FY 15

The following attorneys are under public defender contracts:

- Wellman, primary public defender
- Ryan P. Henson
- Chad Gulstrom
- Isaiah Govia
- Travis Rice
- Russell Metcalf, who is based in Homedale
- Alan Coffell
- Ed Yarbrough, who is a former Owyhee County prosecutor
- Mistie Bauscher
- Bethany Harder
- Scott Fouser
- John Kormanik
- Robert Chastain
- Terry Ratliff

Fouser, Kormanik, Chastain and Ratliff are part of the defense team handling the murder cases.

**Excavator to maintain Silver City Road**

Owyhee County has entered into a road use and maintenance contract with Earll Excavating, Inc.

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The company hauls ore and ore tailings from the War Eagle Complex to the Diamond Creek Mill, and as the county wants to ensure preservation and safe use of the road, Earll Excavation has agreed to do so.

The agreement runs through Dec. 31, with no cost to the county.

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A week later, the agreement was signed during the Board of County Commissioners meeting.

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# Ex-champs return to Lions derby

Online ticket sales continue;  
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Fifteen drivers turned out for last Wednesday’s meeting for the 38<sup>th</sup> annual Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derby.

Among those in attendance at The Bowling Alley were former champions Chester Conklin of Parma (2008) and Mark Williams of Homedale (2017).

Lions Club treasurer Jeremy Townsend confirmed that two-time champion Leonard Hurd of Emmett (2006 and 2003) plans to compete again this year when the derby returns to the Owyhee County Fairgrounds rodeo arena.

Tickets are still available. All tickets cost \$15 this year, and

seating is general admission throughout the arena. Derby tickets are on sale through a link on the Lions Club’s Facebook page. They will also be sold on a first-come, first-served basis the day of the event if tickets are still available.

Organizers remind the community that there are several other events surrounding the derby in which the public can participate:

- An Independence Day parade will start at 9 a.m., on Thursday, July 4 in downtown Homedale. Parade participants will line up at 8:30 a.m., in the Homedale High School parking lot.

Call Cat at (208) 606-6299 or Michael at (208) 250-9128 or email lionsderbyparade@yahoo.com for more information.

- Believe Pulling will hold another truck pull at the fairgrounds. Check-in will be held from 10 a.m. to noon with competition starting at 1 p.m.
- The Homedale High School cheerleaders and basketball program will benefit from the cornhole tournament, which will be held between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., at the fairgrounds. The entry fee is \$10 per team, and the winning team takes home \$100.

Contact HHS cheerleading coach Evonne McGuire at (208) 918-3919 or basketball coach Johnny Lane at (208) 965-4428 to register for the tournament.

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# ✓ Annex: State Board of Ed. has final say on holding November election

and even class bias, Canyon County residents seeking continuity for their school-aged children in the Homedale School District stated their case inside the Wilder High School gymnasium.

Many of the pro-Homedale testimonials implored a vote at the Canyon County polls in November.

“Let the patrons that live in that area vote and decide,” Homedale school board chair Kurt Shanley said. “They are the ones affected by it, and they’re the ones who will benefit from it.”

## What’s next

Now it’s up to the hearing officer, Eagle-based attorney John Stellmon, to make a recommendation to the Idaho State Board of Education on whether to consider an election or keep the status quo without input from the patrons who would be affected.

Twenty-three people — including petitioner Gavin Parker, Wilder schools superintendent Jeff Dillon, Shanley, Homedale High School principal Matt Holtry (a resident seeking annexation) and retired deputy state superintendent Tom Farley (a Wilder High School graduate) — spoke during the two-hour hearing.

During his testimony, Parker asked audience members to stand then asked those supporting annexation into the Homedale district to sit, leaving a minority of Wilder supporters on their feet.

But Wilder school board member John Bechtel said the example didn’t accurately depict how excision from the Wilder district would affect the families who currently send their children to classes in the small town. He said the working-class nature of the Wilder district patronage prevented more people against excision from attending the weeknight hearing to give testimony.

Written testimony was accepted until 5 p.m., on Friday, Stellmon said.

Dillon cited what he called “our updated data” to dispute enrollment numbers annexation proponents claimed in their petition. He said the

Homedale proponents never sought population numbers from the Wilder district.

“It’s very disappointing that Mr. Parker and organizers of the petition have failed to do their homework on the correct data regarding the area identified in the annexation proposal,” Dillon said.

Petitioners claim at least 80 percent of the students in the proposed annexation area already attend Homedale schools.

## Wilder disputes figures

But Dillon said that Wilder data shows 32 of 50 children ride school buses to Wilder each day. After the meeting, Holtry said he had a list that shows 30 students in the proposed area attend Homedale schools.

Shanley delivered the Homedale district’s official testimony and said that under the HSD open enrollment policy there are 58 students from the Wilder district attending class in Owyhee County with another nine under petition to start class in Homedale for the 2019-20 school year.

Shanley confirmed that Homedale trustees back the annexation request.

“To be honest with you, in my mind I guess, it seemed only fair to me that we help them with that process,” he said. “There’s generations of families that have lived in that area whose children have gone to Homedale schools.”

## Families seek tradition

Former HHS bookkeeper Patti Zatica and her daughter, Tess McCoy, and HSD federal programs director Christine Ketterling all testified as people who attended Homedale schools from the proposed annex area over the years. Ketterling said that she lives in her parents’ farmhouse, which started out in the old Fargo School District. The district eventually consolidated with the Homedale district, she said.

“So boundaries have changed over the course of time,” she said. “It was once Homedale School District.”

During emotional testimony, Ketterling said children in the area already participate in Homedale extra-curricular activities such as the Owyhee County Fair, Owyhee County Judo and Homedale Youth Sports.

She shared an anecdote that

showcased why the petitioners seek continuity, saying her brother was allowed into the Homedale School District after open enrollment was suspended only because she was already attending class across the river.

“It is in the best interest to have security in knowing they will always be able to attend the Homedale School District,” the third-generation HHS graduate said.

She also spoke to school board representation that petitioners are seeking.

“As open-enrollment students and families, we are not represented on the board of trustees and have no voting rights on anything related to our own students,” she said.

Dillon accused signature-seekers of trying to convince people to back the petition with the claim that a shift to the Homedale district would lower their school taxes. Citing the state Department of Education website, Dillon said that Wilder has the lowest tax rate among the Treasure Valley school districts.

“This utilization of false data for their personal benefit is a mockery to the annexation process and demonstrates a lack of appreciation this group puts on the protections identified in Idaho Code 33-308,” Dillon said.

## WSD: Kids want to stay

Dillon said the majority of students in the proposed annexation area want to stay in the Wilder district because of the success they have experienced. He said that Class of 2019 graduates have obtained 16 college credits and compiled an average grade-point average of 3.0.

“They want to stay in the Wilder School District because the Wilder Middle-High School is one of the top utilizers of advanced opportunities in the state of Idaho,” he said.

Without citing a source, Dillon said the district is “recognized as one of the top 25 most innovative districts in America.”

He added that the district’s mastery-based education model meets the needs of every student, and the district is attractive because of its low student-to-teacher ratio and the fact that all families have access to WiFi internet at home to help students continue their studies.

HHS grad Tony Uranga,

who moved into the area of focus more than a decade ago so his children could attend Homedale, said his son Daniel and daughter Tea had opportunities through Future City and robotics competitions that would not be available in the Wilder district.

“Going to Homedale is the best possible thing for my kids,” Uranga said. “I’m not saying it’s better, but it’s different.”

Countering the petitioners’ claim of student safety and a desire to guarantee continuity in education by ensuring their children will permanently attend class in Homedale, Dillon said 32 students would have their education disrupted because they would have to move into the Homedale district.

He said the population shift would create overcrowding in Homedale classrooms and affect student safety.

## HSD: No capacity issue

Shanley said the Homedale district doesn’t have a capacity issue.

“What we do is we staff our grades with the appropriate number of teachers,” he said. “Our fourth grade, not third, has 27 students per teacher. But we do not have a capacity issue. We could hire another teacher, and that takes care of that.”

He also mentioned the district’s plan to build four additional elementary classrooms. He said the project wouldn’t raise taxes, but didn’t specifically say that the funding at hand comes from the district’s plant facility levy, which patrons recently reauthorized.

Annexation would cause additional costs to the Wilder district, Dillon said, because one trustee zone encompasses 90 percent of the proposed annexation area, and the boundaries would have to be redrawn.

“It would make a small district smaller and remove a significant portion of a district that has seen the greatest population growth outside the city limits for more than 15 years,” Dillon said.

Another annexation opponent, Wilder school board member John Bechtel, claimed his school district faces a steep reduction in tax base if the excision is granted and CTI Foods’ Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing. He said the area targeted for annexation and CTI (which as SSI, the subsidiary name on the building) account for half

of the district’s tax base.

Bechtel didn’t mention that CTI Foods successfully reorganized, emerging from Chapter 11 bankruptcy early last month, according to news reports.

## WSD trustee: Homedale trying to widen tax base

Bechtel admonished the Homedale district for entertaining the annexation idea and accused officials of wanting to “steal away more money from a smaller school district.”

“The district (petitioners) wish to move into is trying to broaden its tax base so it can build new facilities like a new grade school and/or high school, and want the tax impact to be lower on their patrons all the while dumping a 20 percent tax burden on the Wilder School District.”

Outside of the four classrooms, Homedale trustees have announced no formal plans to expand the district’s facilities.

Bechtel said the narrow spectrum of signatures shows that the petitioners didn’t have the best interest for the success of all students at heart.

“The 32 under-represented students would be forced into an already-crowded district (which) obviously doesn’t want to accommodate them because they didn’t get their signatures on the list,” he said.

“(Wilder students have) grown up with the same friends, gone to the same schools, played sports, built their education around a completely different approach. I can only imagine how far back the kids will fall because of the new surroundings, a different system, bullying.”

He said the Wilder district’s success is evident in the fact that enrollment has grown by 200 students in recent years, offsetting the 58 students Shanley said are attending Homedale schools.

Farley, who said he helped craft the state’s school choice laws during his career, opposes annexation based on taking tax base away from any district.

“Sounds to me like the annexation of a portion of the Wilder district into the Homedale district is based on want and not need, and I spent 52 years in education focused on the needs of children not adults,” he said.

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**Make-it class**  
4 p.m., open to school-aged children, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

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

**Story Time**  
Noon, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

**Pinochle games**  
After lunch, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922

**Farmers Market**  
3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Bette Uda City Park, 204 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 840-0440.

**Cultivate children’s program**  
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Bette Uda City Park picnic area, 204 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 840-0440

**Mennonite Youth Choir**  
7 p.m., refreshments served, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View.

**Friday**  
**HHS volleyball yard sale**  
7 a.m. to 3 p.m., donations welcome, Homedale High School old gym, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 284-1253 or afouts@homedaleschools.org

**Idaho Foodbank drop-off**  
9 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale.

**Story Time**  
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, afternoons Monday through Saturday

**Saturday**  
**HHS volleyball yard sale**  
7 a.m., to 3 p.m., donations welcome, Homedale High School old gym, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 284-1253 or afouts@homedaleschools.org

**Free lunch**  
Noon to 12:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419

**Pinochle and dominoes games**  
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922

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

**Game night**  
6 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. Youth 12 and older, 2nd Friday of each month. (208) 896-4690

**Adult book club**  
7 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. First monday of every month. (208) 896-4690

**Tuesday**  
**Widow’s breakfast**  
8 a.m., The Bowling Alley, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale.

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**Wednesday**  
**All veterans coffee**  
9 a.m., Phipps-Watson American Legion Hall and Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing

**Make-it class**  
4 p.m., open to school-aged children, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

**Grand View Fire commissioners meeting**  
5 p.m., Grand View Fire Station, 721 Roosevelt Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2511 (call ahead to ensure the meeting will be held)

**Marsing Third of July celebration**  
5:30 p.m., Island Park, Marsing.

**Marsing Third of July fireworks**  
Dusk, Island Park, Marsing.

**Thursday, July 4**  
**Independence parade**  
8:30 a.m., lineup at high school parking lot, 9 a.m., start, downtown Homedale. (208) 606-6299, (208) 250-9128 or lionsderbyparade@yahoo.com

**Farmers Market**  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Bette Uda City Park, 204 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 840-0440.

**Truck pull**  
10 a.m. to noon, check-in; 1 p.m., competition, Owyhee County Fairgrounds, 420 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale

**Homedale Lions demolition derby**  
10:30 a.m., gates, 4:30 p.m., grandstands open, 5:30 p.m., grand entry, \$15, Owyhee County Fairgrounds rodeo arena, 420 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale. (208) 866-2629

**Corn hole tournament**  
11 a.m. to 2 p.m., \$10 entry, benefits HHS cheerleaders and basketball, Owyhee County Fairgrounds, 420 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale. (208) 919-3919 or (208) 965-4428

**Friday, July 5**  
**Story Time**  
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, afternoons Monday through Saturday

**Saturday, July 6**  
**Free lunch**  
Noon to 12:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419

**Pinochle and dominoes games**  
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922

**Monday, July 8**  
**Board of County Commissioners meeting**  
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421

**Homedale Public Library board meeting**  
1 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

**Tuesday, July 9**  
**Volleyball camp**  
8:30 a.m., to noon, for high-schoolers, \$75, Homedale High School, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. afouts@homedaleschools.org or (208) 284-1253

**Foot clinic**  
8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., \$20, walk-ins welcome, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922

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## Out of school and into the garden

Spending time in a garden can be a wonderful and enriching experience for children. Research shows that kids who are encouraged to develop green thumbsearly on are more enthusiastic about learning, have an increased interest in science, and are more likely to try new fruits and vegetables.



Ariel Agenbroad

Unfortunately, many of us may remember our early gardening experiences as dreaded chores! But it certainly doesn’t have to be that way. Share your love of gardening with the children in your life and enjoy the benefits together.

Here are a few tips for gardening with kids that we have picked up through working with youth in our 4-H and Junior Master Gardener programs:

- **Keep it hands-on.** Sometimes it’s necessary to do a little explaining before you start an activity or project, but avoid lecturing. Get out there and start planting, tasting, exploring and discovering!
- **Keep it short.** Little attention spans are limited — even for fun stuff! Focus on one topic or activity at a time, and then move on to the next experience. The only exception seems to be digging in soil or compost. Just try tearing them away!
- **Keep it small.** Offer children the opportunity to plant their own very tiny plot or container, but keep it manageable.
- **Keep it fair.** Have enough supplies on hand so that every kid gets to participate fully.
- **Keep it safe.** Use age-

appropriate tools and activities and be prepared with first aid for falls, cuts, scrapes, bites or stings. Encourage good habits for sun protection early!

- **Keep it flexible.** Realize that you might not get your planned garden tasks done when you have little helpers. Sometimes one “why?” question can lead you in a whole different direction for the day’s activities. Remember that this can be entertaining and encourages creative inquiry and critical thinking.

- **Keep it magical.** Plant mammoth sunflowers, bean teepees, cucumber tunnels or edible flower patches. Kids are often amazed by something as simple as a carrot being pulled from the Earth, but find even more ways to dazzle!

- **Keep it creative.** Incorporate garden art, storytelling and journaling, especially on days when you can’t be outside.

- **Keep it going.** Try to engage kids continually throughout the entire spectrum of changing seasons. Even in winter, there are plenty of activities and experiments that can be done in the house with potted herbs, sprouts and more.

For more great tips, ideas and stories, visit [www.jmgkids.us](http://www.jmgkids.us) or stop by the University of Idaho Extension office and browse our 4-H curriculum for more ideas!

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## Courthouse report

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

**June 17**  
**Andrew R. Hagberg, Kimberly** — Misdemeanor IDAPA transportation general logbook violation: \$43.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

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# Obituaries

## Zoe “Judi” Easterday

Zoe “Judi” Easterday, of Arock, OR, passed away unexpectedly on June 17, 2019 while working at her beloved ranch with Norm. She was born on June 30, 1942 to Lorene and Duard Terry in Pocatello, ID. The family lived in Howe, ID until Judi was one year old and then moved to Echo, OR and resided there until 1956. In 1960, they bought a ranch on Cow Creek in Jordan Valley. Being that this was Judi’s senior year of high school, Judi remained in Helix, living with the school librarian until graduation.

In the fall of 1960, Judi moved to Boise, ID and attended Link’s School of



Business. Upon graduation from there, she resided in Boise and worked for an insurance agency for several years. She married local rancher, Mike Hanley and they moved to Jordan Valley, OR. Their family grew with the birth of their daughter, Martha in 1970 and son, Ike in 1975.

Judi later met Norman Easterday and they were married in 1989. In addition to raising cattle on their Arock, OR ranch, Judi drove a cattle truck and kept books for their livestock hauling business. She was also a brand inspector for 32 years.

Judi is survived by her husband, Norman Easterday; her daughter, Martha (John) Corrigan of Crane, OR; her son, Ike (Shirley) Hanley

of Jacksonville, OR and 5 grandchildren: Cassidy and Zoey Morgan Corrigan and Drew, Grace and Fin Hanley. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brothers, Bruce and David.

Services were held on Monday, June 24, 2019 at 11:00 AM in the gymnasium at the Jordan Valley High School with viewing just prior to services, from 10:00 to 11:00 AM. Interment was at the Jordan Valley Cemetery.

Memorial can be made in Judi’s name to the Arock Community Church or St. Jude’s Cancer Research Center. Memories of Judi and condolences to the family may be given on Judi’s memorial page, at [www.flahifffuneralchapel.com](http://www.flahifffuneralchapel.com)

## Lois May Vance

Lois May Vance, 83, of Homedale, passed away peacefully on June 21, 2019. Lois was born April 11, 1936 to Leroy and Arleah Fearn in Red Cloud, Nebraska. She was raised with 2 brothers and 1 sister.

The family moved to Boise in April 1939.

Lois and Ron Vance married January 3, 1968. The blended family included eight children to raise. They lived in Mtn. Home, then moved to Blackfoot due to Ron’s job, and lived there for 16 years. These were noisy, fun years with so many children in the house. It involved a lot of cooking and cleaning, gardening and canning, and Christmas traditions.

Ron sold farm chemicals, and when he started his own business in Blackfoot, Lois became the bookkeeper.

They worked together in Blackfoot, then moved to Aberdeen and continued working until retiring in 2002. They had a house built in Homedale to be closer to Ron’s brothers, and enjoyed retirement.

Lois and Ron liked camping, fishing, and taking care of their yard. Lois was proficient



at Hyster driving for their business, a skilled seamstress sewing clothes and quilting, and enjoyed reading.

Lois is survived by her husband of 51 years Ron, daughters Joylene, Sandra (Max), Deana (Stan), Lisa (Mike), sons Randy (Lora), Jake, Pat (Annette), Doug (Rita), 25 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers Leroy and Keith, sister MaryLou, and son Lonnie.

A viewing will be held Tuesday, July 2 at 6-8pm at Flahiff Funeral Home in Homedale. Graveside services will be Wednesday, July 3 at 10 a.m., at the Marsing-Homedale cemetery.

## Richard “Dick” Jenkins

Richard “Dick” Jenkins, of Garden Valley, Idaho, passed away on May 26th, 2019.

Dick was born October 26th, 1939 to Ray and Thelma Jenkins. He spent his childhood growing up in numerous Idaho towns. He was a brother to Sandy, Melvina, Duane, Dave, Todd, Debbie and Sandi.

Once Dick was old enough, he began accompanying his father into the backcountry where they guided. He would spend the next two decades returning on and off to work. His time at the Flying B Ranch and Sulphur Creek are some of the best in his 79 years.

In 1957 Dick met Sharon Walther at the Silver Spur. They married in 1958. They enjoyed many adventures, working on ranches and guid-



ing. Dick and Sharon shared 6 children together and later divorced.

In 1966 Dick met Mirriam “Mimi” Patten at the Snake River Stampede. They were married not long after. The two made their home in Grand View, and later in Boise. They had 4 children.

In 1974 Dick met Linda Donley in Banks. They would spend the next 32 years together, raising 1 child. During this time Big Gallagher Art was started. Dick became a well-known western artist. They traveled to art shows in surrounding states, making their living. He built a custom log home for them that he was very proud of.

Dick worked on ranches in Idaho, California and Colorado. He also worked for JR Simplot, Gillihan’s Guide Service in Big Creek and JI Morgan. He loved horses and had a great admiration for working cowboys and the cowboy lifestyle.

Dick is survived by his children Guy (Heather), Dusty, Kelly, Wade, Troy, Shelina (Thor), Marisa, Bret and Rich (Melissa). He also leaves behind 28 grandkids and 14 great-grandkids. He was preceded in death by his parents, 2 children, Richard and Krista, and 2 sisters, Sandy and Sandi.

There will be a memorial service for Dick on June 29th, at 2:00, at Garden Valley School.

# Death notices

**BONNIE JOLENE BURNS**, 69, of Homedale, died Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at home of natural causes. A viewing was held Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

**EARL M. ELSNER**, 89, of Boise and formerly of Owyhee County, died on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at his home. Services are in the care of Cloverdale Funeral Home. (208) 375-2212 [Cloverdalefuneralhome.com](http://Cloverdalefuneralhome.com)

# Senior menus

**Homedale Senior Center**

Salad bar available with each meal:  
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Milk available each day  
Roll every day except June 26 and July 3  
June 26: Beef burrito, rice, refried beans, broccoli  
June 27: Roast pork, mashed potatoes w/gravy, country trio veggies  
July 2: Baked fish, macaroni & cheese, beets  
July 3: Hot dog on bun, chili & fries, broccoli  
July 4: Closed for holiday

**Rimrock Senior Center**

All meals are served with milk & fruit juice  
June 27: Beef enchilada casserole, Spanish rice, salsa, bean salad, sour cream, apricots, yogurt, whole grain tortilla chips, cook’s choice soup  
July 2: BBQ chicken, potato salad, baked beans, deviled Eggs, sliced tomatoes, fresh fruit or melon, pudding, cook’s choice soup  
July 4: Closed for holiday

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# HPD makes arrest in domestic battery case

DUI and drug arrests, warrant service reported

A Homedale man was arrested 19 days after he allegedly battered his significant other.

Homedale Police arrested 34-year-old Angel Gustavo Garcia when he was located on the street near West Wyoming Avenue and North 6<sup>th</sup> Street West just before noon on Saturday.

Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said a \$20,000 felony warrant alleging domestic battery with traumatic injury was issued after officers responded to a June 3 call for service.

The victim was found with red marks on both sides of her neck and throat, Eidemiller said, but Garcia was no longer on the scene.

**Kuna man accused of DUI**

Joshua L. Studer, 37, of Kuna was arrested on a misdemeanor drunk driving charge last Wednesday after logging blood-alcohol concentration readings of .222 and .206, both more than twice the legal limit of .08.

Eidemiller said Studer was also cited for misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia after an officer stopped him in a convenience store parking lot at 1:47 a.m., at the corner of East Idaho Avenue and North 1<sup>st</sup> Street East.

**Wilder man busted for pot**

A citizens' call led to the arrest of 31-year-old Marcus Ryan Kawano of Wilder shortly before midnight on Saturday.

Eidemiller said that at 11:24 p.m., officers responded to a report of a vehicle on Purdom Lane just south of Idaho highway 19 parked with no headlights on.

After making contact and investigating, the officers discovered 19.6 grams of marijuana and rolling papers, the chief said.

Kawano was booked into Owyhee County Jail in Murphy on a misdemeanor marijuana possession charge.

**Man nabbed on warrant**

Dakota Oralio Smittle, 25, of Homedale was arrested before 9 p.m., on June 18 on a Canyon County misdemeanor warrant.

A Homedale officer served the failure to appear warrant on East Idaho Avenue.

According to court records, Smittle didn't show up for a probation violation hearing on June 4 in Caldwell.

Third District Judge James A. Schiller issued a \$10,000 bench warrant after Smittle missed an evidentiary hearing on a probation violation.

The case dates to 2014 when Smittle entered guilty pleas to misdemeanor drug and alcohol charges.

— JPB

## Summer menu

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# Cemetery gets Idaho Power mower

Board member had used personal equipment to maintain grounds

by Mandi Boren

For The Owyhee Avalanche

The Riverside Cemetery board accepted a lightly used Ford Flail mower from Idaho Power last week.

Idaho Power employee and cemetery board member Doug Thurman said the mower was an extra piece of equipment that was no longer in use at the company's CJ Strike Dam power plant.

The mower donation was set in motion when Thurman informed Idaho Power community relations representative Blake Watson of the Grand View-area cemetery's need.

Watson delivered the 1990s-era mower deck to cemetery board members Thurman and Bill Meade on June 17.

"The new part of the cemetery has become a weed problem, and we needed a way to manage that," Meade said. "This mower will be a benefit for both locations."

Approximately four years ago, the cemetery board purchased an additional two-acre lot adjacent to the south boundary of the cemetery in Grand View.

The cemetery board also owns and maintains an abandoned location on Roosevelt Avenue. All but one of the graves at the old site were relocated to the new site years ago; however, one grave dated from 1910 still remains.

Meade, who has been using his personal tractor and donated time to maintain the areas, said the mower will be used to help keep the weeds at bay at both locations and until the new location can be planted to grass.



Riverside Cemetery board member Bill Meade stands in front of the lawnmower Idaho Power recently donated. Photo by Blake Watson / Idaho Power

— Mandi Boren, an Oreana resident, covers the Grand View-Bruneau-Oreana area for The Owyhee Avalanche. Send news tips to her at [mandi@owyheeavalanche.com](mailto:mandi@owyheeavalanche.com)



This 1910 grave is the last resting place remaining in the old section of the Riverside Cemetery in Grand View. Idaho Power's recent donation will help the cemetery maintain the overgrown vegetation. Photo by Elaine Bean

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# BUSY FIRST WEEKEND OF SUMMER



**Local Basques celebrate with dance**  
The Txoko Ona Basque Club's annual picnic on Sunday gave the large Owyhee County Basque community an opportunity to celebrate its culture — and share it with anyone who cared to drop by the Basque Center in Homedale.  
Dance performances included those by Herribatza Dantzariak (above), a group of local dancers under the direction of Gloria Lejardi, and the Boise-based Oinkari Basque Dancers (right).  
There were also mus tournaments, a weight-carrying contest (Txingak), horseshoes and, of course, food.



## Something for everyone at Grand View Days



**Clockwise from above:**  
**Friends enjoy shaved ice** during Saturday's Grand View Days celebration. **From left:** Lainee Raymond, Crew Merrick, Rigdon Kunsy, Elijah Boren, and Dylan McNeley. Photo by Ashley Merrick  
**Scott McNeley** drives and children ride in the Simplot Co.'s vintage bus during the Grand View Days parade.  
**Javier Castro** (left) got some help from Idaho Department of Fish and Game Conservation Officer Brian Jack at the National Turkey Federation shooting station. Jack patrols a portion of Owyhee County. Photos by Mandi Boren  
**The Grand View Days softball tournament champs:** **Back row, from left:** Ayla Lawson, Judy Magers, Scott Kern, Wendi Kern, Trevor Lawson, Brett, Chez Robison, Peter Bretas, and Heidi Anderson. **Front row, from left:** Caden Banister, Devani Lawson, and Valeria Lino. Photo submitted by Judy Magers





# Avalanche Sports

## Senior Rivercats find leads slippery in Baker City

Owyhee County's single-A American Legion senior division struck early in every game but its last at the Elkhorn Classic in Baker City, Ore.

The Rivercats (7-9 overall) closed the tournament Sunday with a 6-2 loss to Hodgen Distributing, a team from Pendleton that had beaten Owyhee by the same score in Friday's first day of the tournament.

**Sunday: Pendleton, Ore., 6, Rivercats 2** — In a switch from earlier tournament games, Owyhee trailed throughout the game and finally scored in its final at-bat.

Jaylon Hilton doubled to drive home Garrett Bettleyon, who had led off the top of the seventh with a base hit. Bettleyon scored on Tyler Woodward's ground ball.

Hilton doubled twice, and Ben Lee also had a double to highlight the Rivercats' five hits.

Lee took the complete-game loss, striking out seven over six innings. He allowed only one earned run as the Rivercats committed two errors.

**Saturday: Rivercats 13, Morrow County, Ore., 12** — John Lejardi's one-out walk-off base hit capped a four-run game-winning rally in the bottom of the seventh. Teron Morrison, who had tied the game with a double, scored the go-ahead run.

Bettleyon also doubled in the seventh inning as Owyhee surged back after Morrow County's four-run uprising in

### Emmett comes back vs. Junior Rivercats

A fast start couldn't guarantee victory for the Owyhee Rivercats American Legion junior division team.

The Rivercats scored six runs in their first at-bat but quickly went silent June 17 in a 10-7 loss to the host Emmett Blue Angels.

The Blue Angels ended a 7-7 deadlock with two runs in the bottom of the third inning and took advantage of Owyhee's four errors to score five unearned runs in the five-inning game.

Owyhee (7-4-1) was held to three hits and failed to score after taking a 7-4 lead in the second inning.

Andrew Marston had a single and two RBI to lead the Rivercats. D'Orr Packer was 1-for-2 with two runs



Andrew Marston fouls off a pitch. He had two RBI against Emmett.

scored and an RBI.

Dillon Fine also singled, while he, Josh Brown, Landen, Tyler Woodward and Xavier Delgadillo all scored runs.

the game.

The Legends' pitchers limited the Idaho team to just three other hits.

Bettleyon led off the second inning with a shot to center field for 1-0 edge.

After La Grande tied the game, Bettleyon drove a two-out pitch over the center field barrier for a 2-1 lead in the fourth inning.

The Legends took advantage of Dakota Gammel's inaccurate pitching to start a run of six unanswered runs over their final three at-bats to win the game.

Hilton and Muir both doubled for the Rivercats.

**Friday: Baker City, Ore., 13, Rivercats 3 (5)** — The Rivercats' first-inning lead didn't last long, and the host Brewers blew open the game with an 11-run third inning.

Owyhee led 3-1 heading into the bottom of the third when Lee stole home and Stoddard scored on Hilton's two-out single.

The Rivercats grabbed an early 1-0 advantage when Stoddard tripled home Muir in the first inning.

The Brewers had 10 of their 14 hits in the third inning, sending 15 batters to the plate.

**Friday: Pendleton, Ore., 6, Rivercats 2** — Owyhee led its opening tournament game twice, but Hodgen Distributing of Pendleton pulled ahead over its final two at-bats.

Only one Pendleton run was

earned as the Rivercats committed four errors.

Stoddard's RBI double sent Muir home with the Rivercats' first run in the top of the first inning.

Lejardi gave Owyhee a 2-1 lead in the fourth. He reached on a dropped third strike, moved to third on Woodward's double and scored on an error. Woodward was stranded at third base.

Starting pitcher Brady Trout got stranded 90 feet from home plate after doubling to start the third.

**Last Wednesday: Ridgevue 11, Rivercats 4** — The Pilots from Nampa took control with back-to-back five-run rallies at home.

Owyhee tied the game, 1-1, in the top of the second inning when Lejardi's two-out single sent home Muir.

After Ridgevue scored another five runs in the bottom of the second, Stoddard pounded a two-run double to score Hockenhull and Lee in a quick start to the third inning. Hockenhull and Lee had both singled and stole second base before Stoddard's extra-base hit.

Losing pitcher Trout was 2-for-4 to lead the Rivercats' eight-hit attack.

The Pilots scored 11 runs on 12 hits over the first three innings against Trout. Lee struck out six and walked none while pitching one-hit ball over the final three innings.

## HHS volleyball sets benefit yard sale

A two-day indoor yard sale will help the Homedale High School volleyball team attend a summer camp.

The fundraiser is scheduled to run from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Friday and Saturday inside the high school's auxiliary gym, 203 E. Idaho Ave.

Yard sale proceeds will help the team pay for its Utah State Camp trip.

• Two camps open to youth players from all around the region are planned for Homedale between Tuesday, July 9 and Thursday, July 11.

The high school camp costs \$75 and will be held from 8:30 a.m. to noon each day.

A camp for sixth- through eighth-graders will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., each day. The cost is \$65.

Contact head coach Amber Fouts at afouts@homedaleschools.org or (208) 284-1253 to get registration forms or more information.

• The annual fundraiser coed grass volleyball tournament will take place from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, July 10-11. The entry fee is \$100 per team, and registration is open until July 5.

The double-elimination tournament will feature four-person coed teams. Players must be at 16 years old.

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# Looking back...

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

## 25 years ago

June 29, 1994

### Jet skis highlight Fundaze

Revved up Jet Ski racing returns to Marsing this Saturday and Sunday.

Dubbed the Snake River Fundaze, the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Posse, sponsors of the jet ski racing, have teamed up with the Marsing Chamber of Commerce to expand the event into an almost 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration.

More than 30 racers from the Idaho Personal Watercraft Association are expected to compete this year.

### Women will mix it up in Derby

The first year Brenda Coons ran a car in the Homedale Lions Demolition Derby, it was painted pink with black tiger stripes.

She made it to the finals that year, and again 1993.

For the last four years, Coons has been the only woman driver. She is back this Fourth of July driving a 1978 Chrysler Newport, spotted behind a barn and purchased for \$100.

But she has company.

Two other women are running in what derby co-organizer Dave Bahem predicts will be about a 30-car field.

And they don’t want powder puff. They want to mix it up.

Which is what Coons has been doing all along, but never with the intent of carrying a torch for equal rights. She is in it for the thrills and spills.

“It’s an adrenaline rush. The guys are a lot of the fun,” she said. “I don’t expect special treatment from them, and they don’t give it. I probably wouldn’t like it if they babied me.”

Admittedly a tomboy when she was younger, Coons, 22, once ran a trap line on Succor Creek everyday after school from age eight until her junior year in high school. And did it better than her brother, she said.

When she worked at SSI, the single mother of one girl hung out with the guys. Cars and hunting were subjects she was familiar with.

Her dad and brother Clint were derby drivers.

And she remembers another driver from derbies past. Kate Christoffersen was a hard charger behind the wheel of derby cars for years, until she died in a tragic accident.

“She’d still be driving now if she was alive. She was a gutsy lady,” Coons said. “After that I couldn’t wait to turn 18.”

### Homedale bypass won’t go in 1996

The U.S. 95 bypass of Homedale, an off and on again project for the past 30 years, is officially off again for now.

Citing a lack of community support, the Idaho Transportation Department Board of Directors last Tuesday approved the design but voted to delay the project. Construction on the \$1.2 million bypass was set to begin in 1996.

Sources said the earliest the project could get the go ahead is 1997 or later. Transportation Department officials are now considering moving up a \$5.1 million restructuring of U.S. 95 from the Marsing junction to Homedale ahead of the bypass.

“Our decision was to delay that project and accelerate the project to the south,” ITD Board Vice Chairman Leon Smith said.

## 50 years ago

June 26, 1969

### FILE 13

Bert Adams of Owyhee Heights, who keeps a rain gauge and supplies the Chronicle with information on precipitation, reports that a tornado formed Monday afternoon about 4 or 5 o’clock in the Succor Creek Canyon area, but apparently never touched down.

Bert says he has seen many tornadoes in the Nebraska and Iowa areas, and knows one when he sees it.

He said Jerry Condra, who lives in the Ridgeview community not too far from Succor Creek, also noticed the unusual cloud formation. He said it appeared off toward the Three Finger Butte vicinity.

Owyhee Heights got .43 of an inch of rain last Thursday, but nothing like the deluge which hit the Jump Creek and Mule Springs communities south of Homedale.

The cloudburst apparently centered in the vicinity of the Parr ranch Thursday afternoon about 2 o’clock, and resulted in the Parr basement being flooded.

### Owyhee 4-H’ers return from Club Congress

Eleven Owyhee County 4-H’ers returned Saturday morning from attending annual 4-H Club Congress at Moscow. Theme of the weeklong session was “An Unlimited You.” The 4-H members live and eat mostly in the Wallace complex, simulating college life.

Some of the workshops participated in by Owyhee 4-H’ers were leadership, recreation, citizenship, Idaho pride, nutrition as a science, carcass evaluation, and an equally wide variety of classes.

In addition, each member had the opportunity to tour the campus and become familiar with it. They also visited various departments to discover career opportunities in the subject matter.

Ellen Van Slyke, Central Cove, was chosen as one of the models for the Simplicity Style Review program, Thursday evening. Participating in the closing ceremonies were Sharon Travis, Wilder, and Jane Eidemiller, Fargo.

Others in attendance were Linda Tyson, Murphy; Mary Anne Black, Dorothy Crosley, Janet Field and Clorice Monaghan, of Grand View; Julianne Silveria, Central Cove; and Diane Takasugi and Kenneth Kubosumi, of Homedale.

Accompanying the group were 4-H leader Virginia Kohring, of Bruneau, and Extension Home Economics Agent Mary Lee Wood.

### Girls Staters return home from Nampa

LeAnda Johnstone and Leora Zanks spent last week in Nampa attending the Syringa Girls state session at Northwest Nazarene College.

Leora is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Zanks, Homedale. LeAnda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Johnstone, Central Gem.

Leanda wrote the Chronicle that she was elected to the office of state representative from the County of Democracy. She was a citizen of Bridle City and ran on the Federalist ticket.

Linda Serratos, Wilder, was the other delegate from this area.

### Succor Crik Sam Sez:

“If this rain keeps up we won’t need a swimmin’ pool. We can jist send the kids outside with their swimmin’ suits on.”

## 145 years ago

June 27, 1874

### Improve the Breed

Stock-raising is rapidly becoming an important branch of industry in Owyhee County, as well as throughout the entire Territory, many of our citizens being engaged in that business, in connection with other pursuits. Foremost among those, who possessed the sagacity and enterprise to introduce improved breeds of stock, are Messrs. Hoffer & Miller and W.F. Sommercamp, of Silver City. They obtained thoroughbred bulls and cows from the East, which at first necessitated a large outlay of money, but they are already reaping the reward of their foresight, and filling their pockets with double eagles.

One of the first and most important things to do to insure success in raising stock is to improve the breed and raise the best. It costs no more to raise a good animal than a poor one. Common California horses can be purchased in California at from \$8 to \$20 per head, while good horses are quick sale at from \$100 to \$300; and there is a great difference in sheep and cattle, the poorer classes being unsalable and unprofitable to keep, and the better class are always salable and profitable to keep. One good milch cow is worth more for family use than twenty poor ones, and will bring about twenty times as much anywhere. Common Mexican sheep only shear from one to two pounds of coarse wool per animal, while a good Merino will shear from ten to twelve pounds of fine salable wool. The former is a dear bargain at any price, while the latter, even at \$20 per head, will pay a handsome interest on the investment.

In the anxiety to accumulate stock, people often overlook the importance of raising good stock, but experience demonstrates that money is made in stock-raising in proportion to the quality and not the quantity raised.

### THE TELEGRAPH

Silver City will soon have telegraphic communication with the outside world, and we believe it is to be an undeniable fact that this long wished-for consummation will be of inestimable benefit to our camp and every business man in it. Nothing helps to build up a mining camp more than a telegraph, except indeed it be a railroad, and a telegraph line will, sooner or later, bring the iron horse to our doors. The parties, who have undertaken the job, are already at work along the line between here and Winnemucca, and will certainly not fail to build it. But they are greatly in need of money and it behooves our business men to aid the enterprise to the utmost extent of their ability. C. S. Miller, Esq. has taken the matter in hand, and will immediately circulate a subscription list. It is to be hoped that our citizens will respond liberally, and sustain their well-merited reputation of being generous, wide-awake, and enterprising people.

Let us take a pride in this matter, and, whatever we give, let it be an out and out donation. To this may be made the objection that we get nothing in return. Perhaps, not directly, but indirectly, immense benefits will accrue. From our experience in such matters, we would rather donate what we have to spare, than to take a little dap of stock, and perhaps be called upon from time to time to pay assessments thereon. The better way is, to give what you are able and have no more bother about it. Will our people do so? We hope they will.



# Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



## On the edge of common sense

### The cost of recycling

We try to be faithful recyclers around the house. I make regular runs to town with the pickup full of newspapers, bottles, aluminum cans, cardboard boxes and tin.

I take old pipe and steel to the scrap metal yard and buy car parts at G & B Salvage. Yesterday, I noticed our toilet paper was labeled “100 percent unbleached, 100 percent recycled paper, 100 percent post-consumer content and 59.4 square feet in total area.” It’s a little like newsprint, and I feel odd using toilet paper somebody else had used, but I guess we’re doin’ the right thing. Sister Sue said they were using it, too. But it struck her as one of the incongruities of modern times that recycled toilet paper costs more than a roll of the new.

I remember the same thing happened with gasoline when they introduced unleaded. It cost more than regular to which they had to add the lead. How ’bout sugarless gum? Bottled water? Egg substitutes? Hamburger Helper cost more per pound than hamburger. Are we being skewered on our noble quest to be green and healthy?

Several years ago, the cattle business went on a binge to recycle manure and feed it back to the steers. Concrete pens, elaborate washing systems, dryers and millions of dollars yielded us a product with the nutritional value and palatability of bedding for the price of caviar.

The trend towards lean beef gives me second thoughts, as well. Just looking at a hubcap-sized Holstein round steak, you realize God intended it for taco meat. But if that same steak goes into a specialty health food meat counter, it costs twice as much. It is labeled Au Bouf DeLite and guaranteed to contain less than .01 percent fat. Cooking instructions are explicit: Boil for three days and pound until flat as hammered gravy.

My mother saved and reused tin foil, wax paper, jelly glasses, bacon fat, soup bones, old bananas, cloth diapers, baby clothes, string, ribbon, wrapping paper and cottage cheese containers. There are still those around who straighten and reuse old nails, buckets of bolts, fence wire and lumber.

Maybe, in truth, if you counted the labor, it costs more to straighten old nails than to buy new ones. But thriftiness forced recycling. Today, the high cost of recycled, sugarless, lean, unleaded products is the price we pay to do our part in makin’ the world a better place.

So when pondering the use of environmentally correct antique toilet paper, we can envision the historical significance and gain some satisfaction knowing this same paper might have been used by Davy Crockett, Oprah Winfrey or Chief Sitting Bull. And if that don’t make it worth the price, I’ll send you some slightly used corncocks.

— Visit Baxter’s Web site at [www.baxterblack.com](http://www.baxterblack.com) for more features and to purchase Baxter Black books, CDs and DVDs.

## Letter to the editor

### Albertsons community support obvious in Homedale

In response to the published letter to the editor of June 19, 2019 (“Albertsons gay pride support not aligned with local values”), the senior center members would like to thank Albertsons of Homedale for its unwavering support for this community. Since taking Paul’s supermarket over, Albertsons has been a generous donor for several community causes. In fact, you would be hard-pressed to find anyone who has asked for Albertsons help and been turned away.

Albertsons donates day-old grocery goods daily to the senior center. Those goods are distributed to the entire community; regardless of our citizens’ economic, social or political status. Examples of donations are bakery and deli items, nutritional drinks, vegetables and fruits. During holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas, Albertsons donates to us.

This community store doesn’t stop there. The store

has given us gift certificates, which help keep down the high cost of our food distribution; donated articles for our silent auction; and during our fundraising campaign Albertsons allowed the volunteers to set up tables and sell raffle tickets, which helps with our operational costs. Finally, this year, Albertsons will be contributing to the Buckaroo Breakfast event during fair week.

It isn’t just the senior center that benefits. Albertsons donates to other charitable organizations such as El Ada Community Action Partnership. This program helps community members in several ways, such as assisting with power bills, distributing food boxes to families in need, and other programs.

The Homedale Senior Center feels Albertsons has reached out and helped this community, and we say, “Thank you.”

Homedale Senior Center members

## From Washington

### Veterans’ mental health needs are ongoing

When we think of what it means to be healthy, we often think of physical health — maintaining an optimal weight, eating well and not having any ailments slowing us down. However, the definition of “healthy” includes not just physical but also mental and emotional wellbeing. Distressing statistics show we cannot afford to overlook the importance of balancing all of these essential parts of healthy living. I recently co-led the introduction of S. 1594, the Show Esteem and Respect for Veterans by Increasing Care and Equity (SERVICE) Act to address the alarmingly high veteran suicide rates by allowing veterans open access to mental health care at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

While veterans are not the only Americans experiencing high suicide rates, veteran suicide rates in western states, including Idaho, remain dramatically higher than the general population. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports, “Suicide rates have been rising in nearly every state.” According to the CDC, Idaho ranks fifth-highest in the nation for suicide rates at 23.2 percent per 100,000 people. This is more than 50 percent higher than the national average (14 percent). And, the rate of veteran suicides is approximately two times higher than general Idaho population suicides and 150 percent higher than the national veteran suicide rate.

Under current law, veterans who seek VA care more than five years after their discharge must prove the health issue for which they are seeking care is directly connected to their service. That puts an unfair burden on combat veterans seeking mental health services, as research shows mental health conditions related to military service may take years to manifest. Combat-related trauma is more likely than other non-combat sources of trauma to manifest itself in delayed-onset post-traumatic stress. One study found that approximately 1 in 10 Vietnam veterans experienced post-traumatic symptoms more than 40 years after their deployment.

The SERVICE Act would allow all combat veterans to seek treatment for service-connected mental illnesses, regardless of when their condition presents itself. This would expand their access to mental health services to help ensure combat veterans receive needed care, even long after their return from deployment. Those who have bravely served our nation in uniform deserve comprehensive services, including mental health services, which support their return to civilian life. We can work to make a difference in this important part of the overall problem of suicide in our country, and I look forward to adding this bill to

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the growing list of veterans services reforms making their way to President Trump’s desk.

The more we mainstream discussions of mental health, the more we can remove stigmas and ease access to mental health resources. I again co-sponsored legislation recognizing June as “National Post-Traumatic Stress Awareness Month” and Thursday (June 27) as “National Post-Traumatic Stress Awareness Day” to raise awareness about issues related to post-traumatic stress, reduce the associated stigma and help ensure those individuals suffering the invisible wounds of war receive proper treatment. I also recently had the opportunity to record a public service announcement about veteran suicide awareness and resources. We must *BeThereforVeterans.com*:

*“America’s servicemembers and veterans are strong and resilient, but some may face difficult times or even crisis after their service. In Idaho, we take care of each other, which is why I am asking you to join me in efforts to prevent suicide and Be There for the Veterans in your community. To someone going through a difficult time, your presence, your phone call, a wave at the mailbox — even the smallest act — has the power to save a life. Learn more at BeThereforVeterans.com.”*

— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho’s senior member of the U. S. Senate. He is in his fourth six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman.



# Commentary

## Financial management

### Effectively helping people in need takes more than money

Dear Dave,

My husband and I met a young woman through an outreach program at church. She is a single mother with a small child, and recently she asked us for money, so she could buy baby food and diapers. This isn't the first time she has asked us for money. In the past, she has used money we've given her to buy alcohol for herself after telling us it was going to be used for the baby. She truly does need financial help, though. Can you give us some advice on handling this situation?

— Angela

Dear Angela,

Financially speaking, her problem sounds as much like

a mismanagement of money as it is a lack of money. That, and she seems to have an issue with lying. If you're determined to help this woman, you can put conditions on your help designed to improve her decision-making abilities and her life.

If someone is bold enough to ask for your money, you have every right to attach requirements to the money for their own good. One of two things will happen if you handle it this way. She'll either graciously accept your conditions and welcome the help, or she'll get angry and say you have no right interfering in her business. I've never had a problem helping people who have good hearts and just



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need a break. But if someone cops an attitude with me in a situation like this, I wouldn't be breaking out my wallet anytime soon.

If you choose to do this,

make the money a gift and not a loan. Concentrate on trying to get her on a path where she's a little more honest with you and thinks a little straighter. Hopefully, as a result she will start making better choices. Teach her how to create and live off a budget, or help her enroll in a personal finance course, too. Right now, just handing her money is like giving a drunk a drink.

This whole situation is a lot bigger than helping someone with baby food and diapers. The answer to that is easy. In this case, however, I'd probably give it to her in the form of a gift card. Some of those don't allow alcohol purchases. You could avoid that possibility, too, by getting

things for the baby yourself and taking them to her.

In many cases, truly helping someone is a lot more work than just throwing money at them. Sometimes, you have to get down in their mess, get real with them, and walk with them.

—Dave

— Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including *The Total Money Makeover*. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 16 million listeners each week on 600 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at [daveramsey.com](http://daveramsey.com) and on Twitter at [@DaveRamsey](https://twitter.com/DaveRamsey).

## Governing the state's education system

### President explains how things get done with state Board of Ed

Five years ago, I was appointed to serve on the Idaho State Board of Education. I applied for the position because I care deeply about public education in Idaho. I've learned a lot during my time on the board and want to share some insights about our system and how it operates.

The State Board of Education was created in the Idaho Constitution and charged with the "general supervision of the state educational institutions and public school system ... " Those "educational institutions" are our public colleges and universities and the public school system. The public school system is comprised of 115 local school districts and more than 50 charter schools that serve more than 300,000 students. Overseeing that system is a huge responsibility covering everything from kindergarten through graduate degrees. Idaho and Rhode Island are the only states that have one board overseeing all public education.

There are eight State Board members — seven volunteers appointed by the governor and confirmed by the state Senate for five-year terms, and the elected Superintendent of Public Instruction. In addition to serving on the board, State Superintendent Sherri Ybarra leads the State Department of Education, which supports our public elementary, and secondary (K-12) schools. The department is not separate from the board; it operates as the Board's executive agency for K-12 education. The superintendent position was also established in the State Constitution, and Superintendent Ybarra votes on all board matters, including those involving higher education institutions.

The department's staff of 140 works closely with local school districts, superintendents and other administrators and teachers to implement policies and state-level standards in areas such as instructional standards and graduation requirements. The department also distributes state and federal education funds

**Debbie Critchfield**

*President, Idaho State Board of Education*

*Reappointed for a full five-year term last year. Also succeeded Dr. Linda Clark as board president in 2018.*

*Term expires May 2023*

*Contact at [board@osbe.idaho.gov](mailto:board@osbe.idaho.gov) with questions or observations about Idaho public education in Idaho.*



to the districts, coordinates various statewide initiatives and programs and manages teacher certification. Matters involving district personnel and education-related materials are decided at the local level by elected school district trustees and administrators who are also in charge of day-to-day operations and classroom instruction.

The State Board focuses on statewide policy, working with the Legislature and the governor on development and implementation. A staff of just over 35 provide professional support to the board, manage state scholarships and other programs, conduct research for decision-makers, work with higher education institutions on everything from new degree programs to tuition and fee requests and help implement various student success initiatives. The staff works with elected officials, education stakeholder groups and other interested parties on a vast range of policy matters. The staff conducts policy analysis and prepares agenda materials for board meetings, which often run 1,500 pages or more for each meeting. Each board member has honed his or her critical-thinking skills, which are essential in order to absorb information and make decisions based on this much material.

The State Board also serves as the Board of Re-

gents for the University of Idaho and as the Board of Trustees for Idaho State University, Boise State University, Lewis-Clark State College, and the State Board for Career Technical Education. Idaho's four community colleges are each governed by their own separate board of trustees and are a growing part of our higher education system, that also operate in accordance with certain board governing policies. The board also oversees the Idaho Public Broadcasting System, the Division of Career Technical Education and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. Finally, the Public Charter School Commission also falls under board governance.

We manage this responsibility through a system of standing committees. These committees are the workhorses of the board where proposals and policy issues are discussed, vetted and refined before they are considered by the full board. When the board meets this week in Coeur d'Alene, we will review this structure and discuss if adjustments are needed to best support board discussions and decision-making.

The board's governing policies provide the governing framework, which enables the board to effectively oversee the entire public education system. I agree with former board president Dr. Linda Clark, who noted in an earlier column that "Idaho's consolidated governance model is the envy of many other states because it provides us with the ability to set policy, which impacts the entire education pipeline without having to navigate multiple layers of decisions-makers."

As board president, I intend to reach out this next year and work with Idaho's elected officials, education stakeholders, parents, students and others. Idaho is doing many things well. Together, we can build on progress made and find ways to continue to improve our overall public education system. After all, our students are counting on us.

Let your voice be heard. Write a letter to the editor.



# Public notices

NOTICE

The annual return of the Homedale Trust for the year ending December 31, 2018 is available for the public inspection during regular business hours at its office at 19 E. Wyoming Ave., Homedale, ID. The Homedale Trust, Homedale, ID 83628. 208-337-3271.  
Suzanna Brockett  
06/26/2019

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. CV37-19-00148  
IN THE MATTER OF  
THE ESTATE OF **DAVID  
R. DOWNUM**, Deceased.  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
that HANNAH M. DOWNUM  
has been appointed personal  
representative of the above-named  
decedent. All persons having  
claims against the decedent or the  
estate are required to present their  
claims within four months after  
the date of the first publication of  
this Notice or said claims will be  
forever barred.

Claims must be presented to  
the undersigned at the address  
indicated and filed with the Clerk  
of the Court.  
DATED this 31<sup>st</sup> day of May  
2019.  
s:/ Shawn C. Maybon, Attorney  
for the Personal Representative  
06/12,19,26/2019

IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT  
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO,  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY  
OF OWYHEE  
CASE NO. CV37-19-00189  
SUMMONS

**JIM COOK and RITA  
COOK, Husband and Wife,  
Plaintiffs, vs. THE UNKNOWN  
HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF  
THE ESTATE OF DAVID  
E. LAVATTA, DECEASED,  
AND ANY AND ALL OTHER  
PERSONS UNKNOWN  
CLAIMING ANY RIGHT,  
TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE  
FOLLOWING DESCRIBED  
REAL PROPERTY, TO-WIT:  
North Half of the Southeast  
Quarter Northwest Quarter  
Northeast Quarter, Section 20,  
Township 2 North, Range 4  
West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee  
County, Idaho, Defendants.**  
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READ THE INFORMATION  
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Northeast Quarter, Section 20,  
Township 2 North, Range 4  
West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee  
County, Idaho.**

You have been sued by JIM  
COOK and RITACOOK, husband  
and wife, in the District Court in  
and for Owyhee County, Idaho.  
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you is to quiet title in the Plaintiffs  
to the above described real  
property and to declare that the  
Defendants have no right, title or  
interest in said real property.  
Any time after 21 days  
following the last publication of  
this Summons, the court may  
enter Judgment against you  
without further notice, unless  
prior to that time you have filed  
a written response in the proper  
form, including the Case No.,  
and paid any required filing fee  
to the Clerk of the Court at 20381  
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your response on the Plaintiffs’  
attorney at 1202 1<sup>st</sup> St. S., Nampa,  
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should immediately retain an  
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District Court  
s:/ Lena Johnson, Deputy  
Clerk  
06/12,19,26,07/03/2019

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2-10576 DESERT FARMS  
REAL ESTATE LLC 8222  
DESERT DR. MARSING, ID  
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Place Of Use: STOCKWATER  
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**57-12006 DESERT FARMS  
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DESERT DR MARSING, ID  
83639-8264 Point of Diversion  
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(2) Points of Diversion SENW  
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2.1 CFS Total Diversion: 2.1  
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County Source SPRINGS  
Tributary SNAKE RIVER Point  
of Diversion L6(SWSNW)  
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County Source SPRINGS  
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of Diversion L7(NWNESW)  
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County Source SPRINGS  
Tributary SNAKE RIVER Point  
of Diversion L7(SENESW)  
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County Source SPRINGS  
Tributary SNAKE RIVER Use:  
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03/01 to 11/15 155 AF Use:  
IRRIGATION STORAGE 01/01  
to 12/31 155 AF Total Diversion:  
155 AF Date Filed: 6/5/2019  
Place Of Use: IRRIGATION  
STORAGE T01S R02W S17  
SWNW SENW NESW Place  
Of Use: IRRIGATION FROM  
STORAGE T01S R02W  
S17 L6(SWNW) L6(SENW)  
L7(NESW) NWSW Total Acres:  
31**

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protest to the applicant.

GARY SPACKMAN,  
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06/19/26/2019

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## Silver City Mass schedule finalized

Fr. Caleb Vogel will officiate Catholic Mass this summer in Silver City.

St. Paul's Catholic Parish in Nampa announced the Mass schedule for Our Lady of Tears Catholic Church last week.

Our Lady of Tears sits on top of a hill in the historic mining town.

Vogel will be in town for Mass at 1 p.m., on the following Sundays:

- July 21
- Aug. 25
- Sept. 22

The Masses are open to everyone.

Catholic Mass at Oreana's Our Lady Queen of Heaven church is set for 10 a.m., on the fourth Saturday of each month year-round.

For more information, call St. Paul's at (208) 466-7031 or visit [www.nampacatholic.church](http://www.nampacatholic.church).

## Local students prepare for disaster

Area youth took part in annual preparedness training at Homedale High School last week.

ReadyKamp, organized and coordinated by Southwest District Health (SWDH) and Southwest Idaho Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), brought in 27 students from seventh to ninth grades to learn how communities can become safe and prepared for emergencies.

This is the second consecutive year that the Homedale School District has provided space free of charge for the training, which used to be held in Nampa.

The camp is the only one in Idaho and was organized six years ago by camp coordinator Jeff Cappe, modeling a similar one in Alabama. Cappe is a SWDH training coordinator.

According to SWDH public health preparedness planner TJ Wilson, participants learn about disaster preparedness, hazardous materials, fire safety, search and rescue, water rescue, triage, CPR, first aid, emergency radio communication, and terrorism.

A SWDH release reported that training modules are presented by local first-responders and MRC volunteers using the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) teen Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) curriculum.

The scenario for this year's four-day camp was a bleacher collapse. Its pinnacle came during an exercise last Wednesday that allowed the students to apply their knowledge and skills to deal with the emergency.

The campers divided into teams, each with distinct, defined duties and response roles for the mock disaster.

One team had the role of first-responders and surveyed the scene of the collapse, while another began setting up a triage area nearby.

The drill was staged at Deward Bell Stadium.

"It's a great opportunity for the kids to practice first aid, carries and other skills they have learned," Wilson said.

Once the first-responders assessed the scene and decided it was safe, they began moving those posing as injured to the various triage areas. The victims were categorized based on the severity of their injuries.

All who participated as victims were given different scenarios and injury levels. One complained of an arm injury, while another couldn't move her legs. This gave campers the opportunity to use their carry training.

Participants were aided by a group of returning campers, who acted as team leaders.

St. Luke's Medical Center and Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center provided backpacks, while Caldwell Transportation Company provided bussing to off-site events.

Meals provided at a discount by St. Al's were prepared at the school. Participants stayed overnight at HHS throughout the week.

ReadyKamp made sure that safety was a priority.

Registered nurses were on-site, local law enforcement had a presence, the building was locked down at night and night-safety coordinators were employed. During the day, visitors had to be buzzed in and were met by camp staff.

It wasn't all work. Campers squeezed in regular camp activities, such as campfires, marshmallow roasts, movie nights, and pizza parties.

The camp culminated with a graduation ceremony and awards dinner on Thursday.

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