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SBOC manager outlines best-case irrigation scenario

South Board of Control (SBOC) manager Clancy Flynn floated a rosy picture for the water year during his final meeting with the board.

Flynn's last day on the job was Friday, three days after the March 8 regular meeting.

During his water update to the board's directors, Flynn focused on what farmers around Homedale and Marsing can expect for irrigation supplies this growing season.

At press time Monday, the Owyhee Reservoir was 45 percent full with 323,583

acre-feet of water.

That compares to the reservoir being 25 percent full with 175,809 acre-feet of water on March 9, 2015.

"Obviously we're way better than we were this time last year," Flynn said.

However, he also said his best-case sce-

nario for the water season is purely anecdotal.

"I looked at the snow we had in February, and how much we lost to get the 170,000 that we have, and then did some

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Annual dance brings out color and pageantry of Basque culture

Homedale resident Daniel Uranga swings the Basque flag to culminate *Ikurina Dantza* ("Flag Dance"), which opened *Herribatza Dantzariak*'s performance at Saturday's 16th annual *Txoko Ona Homedale Basque Dance* at *Badiola Arena*. Daniel is the son of Tony and Jennifer Uranga.

Council abolishes Marsing P&Z panel

Elected officials to hear land use issues directly

The Marsing City Council dissolved the Planning and Zoning Commission last Wednesday.

The council has always had the final say on P&Z permit requests. With the end of the volunteer advisory board, any appeal of future P&Z deci-

sions would be filed with the Third District Court.

Mayor James Ferdinand cast the deciding vote to abolish the commission after the city council split, 2-2, on the issue.

About seven people attended the public hearing on repealing Ordinance No. A-82.

Two of the P&Z commissioners, Bob Ramos and Noyam Hale, made comments. P&Z chair Hayzen Corder did

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OCSO mum on accidental shooting

Few details are available, but someone was wounded in an accidental shooting earlier this month at the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office gun range.

County emergency radio traffic from March 6 reflects that a male received a gunshot wound.

In the weeks that have followed, the sheriff's office has refused to supply any further information on how the shooting happened, the identity of the injured party or the condition of the man.

Homedale council rejects appointee

Homedale still has only three city councilmen after Mayor Gheen Christoffersen's pick to fill the vacancy was rejected.

The city council continues with a slim quorum of three members, but Christoffersen worries that if an emergency arises or someone is out of town, a council meeting will have to be cancelled.

With Michael Aebischer, Tim Downing and Dave Downum in the audience last Wednesday,

Christoffersen called for a vote on Aebischer's appointment to the position that has been vacant since Vonnie Harkins' death in January.

Jerry Anderson, whom Christoffersen appointed in December after Kim Murray's resignation, was the only councilman to approve of Aebischer's appointment.

Council president Steve Atkins and Councilman

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Foot race triggers traffic troubles

Marsing officials: August's Wine Run not welcome on Owyhee side of river

Marsing authorities don't plan on allowing a repeat performance after a foot race devolved into a traffic nightmare Saturday on Main Street.

The Shamrock Shuffle drew about 850 runners to Island Park for the start of a series of races ranging in distances of 5 kilometers, 10 kilometers and a half-marathon.

What transpired was a traffic backup through town and an Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy taking control of the situation to get vehicles moving again.

"I haven't heard of anyone being delayed for more than five to 10 minutes," race organizer Wayne Ebenroth of Final Kick LLC said. "Other than people that were rushing to get somewhere I don't know that it was worse than any typical construction."

Deputy Chris Even, who is also a Marsing city councilman, said he received about a dozen complaints while on duty Saturday. Despite the city council telling Ebenroth that participants could park in only the high school gymnasium parking lot, Mayor

James Ferdinand said there were major problems.

"We had cars illegally parked all over town, we had people that couldn't get out onto Main Street, we had people walking down the middle of the road, down side streets," Ferdinand said. "From the reports that I've gotten, they acted like they were entitled to take over the town."

The first city officials heard of the plans for the race apparently came on the eve of the city council meeting, less than five days before the race was to be held. Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said he received an inter-office email about the event about mid-week.

Organizers provided their own traffic control, but OCSO dispatch as flooded with complaints when one lane of the Snake River bridge remained shut down after the start of the race. Even, who was on duty, ordered all lanes of traffic reopened.

Even said Ebenroth was told during the council meeting that the one lane of traffic could be closed for the start and finish only, with traffic resuming in both

directions once racers cleared the bridge.

Even said traffic became a problem around noon, and cars were backed up to the Whitehouse Drive-In and later to the city's western edge. The deputy said a Marsing Ambulance crew had trouble maneuvering out of a business parking lot after a medical call because of the backup.

Ebenroth hopes to hear from a sheriff's office representative for their perspective on how the event was managed.

"I wouldn't mind talking to one of the deputies in the next week or two and get their feedback," he said.

The race course was supposed to begin and end at Island Park, with participants racing along Idaho highway 55 into the Sunnyslope area.

Ebenroth plans an Idaho Wine Run in the summer, according to his filing with Canyon County Highway District No. 4, and he hopes to launch the race from Island Park.

Chances are the start-finish line will not be situated in Marsing.

Both Even and Ferdinand said they will reject any attempt to hold a race later this year.

"Our local businesses did not benefit from this whatsoever, it was more of a hindrance and it will not happen again," Ferdinand said.

However, he thinks the race organizers did a good job cleaning up the park.

"They did police their own trash, the port-a-potties were gone Sunday, that part was very well coordinated," the mayor said.

— JPB and SC

Marsing school bond vote delayed to August

Survey, public meetings planned

Marsing school board trustees have pushed back the proposed bond election.

The decision to delay the ballot measure was made during the board's March 8 meeting.

The new election date of Aug. 30 is aimed at giving the district time to develop a plan that may include combining the high school and middle school populations into one facility and building a new gymnasium.

The current middle school building might be used for expanded educational opportunities and office space, but nothing has been solidified, district superintendent Norm Stewart said previously.

The election was scheduled for May 17, but as soon as the proposed bond election was announced, district superintendent Norm Stewart said he started hearing from the community about giving public comment.

The district's bonding capacity is \$13.5 million. The measure will require a super majority of a 66 2/3 approval rate.

Some people thought school officials were rushing into things for a May election. Other folks asked what the need is for the building, and what it would look like.

Stewart then shared those con-

cerns with the school board.

"We wanted to make sure that we had time enough to give the community opportunities to give feedback in regards to the proposed measure to come out in August," Stewart said.

No school board member fought to keep the May timeline.

"Everyone was unanimous because I started talking to the board previously about some of the concerns that I heard from the community," Stewart said. "We want to be able to answer people's questions and get input from them."

Stewart and the trustees have also talked with school staff members about building a new facility.

"We asked what do you feel is a 'must have' within the building, and then what would be on a wish list," Stewart said.

He had planned a telephone survey to gauge how community members felt about the bond proposal, but conducting the survey was put off until trustees made a decision whether or not to push back the election.

The telephone calls to a random sampling of Marsing residents will now be made between March 28 and April 8.

A series of meetings are also scheduled to gather input from the community. The open houses will be held at 6:30 p.m., on March 31, April 21 and May 5 in the district cafeteria.

— SC

New MHS cheerleading coach sought

Marsing school board trustees are hoping to quickly fill a job vacancy.

During their March 8 meeting, trustees accepted the resignation of Shoni Jarvis as Marsing High School cheerleading coach.

District superintendent Norm Stewart said he is looking for a replacement for Jarvis.

For more information on the job opening, contact the school district office at (208) 896-4111.

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One county race for May primary; District 23 crowded

Marsing man, Homedale woman among those seeking state House seats

All Owyhee County incumbents will seek re-election in May 17 primary, which — as has become the norm — will serve as a *de facto* general election for all officials who work in the courthouse in Murphy.

After Friday's filing deadline passed, county prosecuting attorney will be the only contested county race for the Republican primary. Two-term incumbent Douglas D. Emery faces a challenge from former two-term prosecutor Ed Yarbrough.

All other incumbents have filed to seek re-election, and no challengers — either on the GOP or the Democratic ticket — submitted nomination petitions. April 19 is the deadline for write-in candidacies.

Joe Merrick (District 3) and Kelly Aberasturi (District 2) are running unopposed to continue on the Board of County Commissioners.

The District 23 legislative ballot will be crowded during the

primary.

The addition of a Marsing resident has created a three-way race for the Republican nomination for House of Representatives Seat B, a position currently held by Pete Nielsen (R-Mountain Home).

Justin Freeman of Marsing and Megan Blanksma of Hammett will challenge Nielsen in the GOP primary.

No Democrats have filed, but Homedale Libertarian Christopher Jenkins and Independent Bill Chisholm of Buhl will challenge the GOP nominee in the Nov. 8 general election.

Glenns Ferry Republican Rich Wills, the District 23A incumbent, will battle Hammett's Christy Zito in the GOP primary.

Homedale Democrat Mary Ann Richards has filed to seek the District 23A seat, and will face the Republican nominee in November.

District 23 state Sen. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson) is running unopposed in the primary and has

Important election dates

- April 1** — Last day for county clerk to mail absentee ballots
- April 19** — Last day to declare write-in candidacy
- April 22** — 5 p.m. deadline to pre-register to vote
- April 23-May 3** — County clerk mails ballots to Three Creek, Riddle and Pleasant Valley voters
- May 11** — Mail-in absentee ballot request deadline
- May 17** — Absentee ballots due to county clerk's office by 8 p.m.
- May 17** — Election Day: Polls open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

no challenger on the other side of the aisle.

Third-term U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo is unopposed in the Republican primary, but there are two Constitution Party candidates (Pro-Life of Letha and Ray J. Writz of Coeur d'Alene) and Boise Democrat Jerry Sturgill on other primary ballots.

Three candidates each will seek their party's nomination in the First Congressional District.

Incumbent Rep. Raul Labrador will be challenged in the Republican primary by Isaac M. Haugen of Ketchum and Gordon Council of Caldwell.

The Democratic nomination

race features Moscow's Staniela Nikolova, Boise's James Piotrowski and Shizandra Fox, who doesn't appear to live in Idaho.

Haugen and Fox have California mailing addresses listed on the Idaho Secretary of State's website.

County committee elections for each party also will take place on May 17.

Republican precinct candidates include:

- South Marsing — Brett Endicott
- Murphy — Brenda Richards
- Pleasant Valley — Teresa Kernshner
- North Marsing — Lavada

- Loucks
- North Homedale — Robin Aberasturi
- South Homedale — Lena Winchester
- Oreana — Lorna Steiner
- Grand View — Marie Hipwell
- Riddle — Eric Beus
- Democratic precinct candidates are:
- North Homedale — Nancy Belknap
- South Marsing — James D. Pease
- Wilson — Laura Coontz
- Murphy — Karen Steenhof
- Bruneau — Dale Hooley
- Former Third District judge Molly J. Huskey is up for re-election to the state court of appeals, while Supreme Court Justice Roger S. Burdick also is up for reaffirmation.
- Six candidates have filed in a bid to succeed Jim Jones on the state's highest court, including Sergio A. Gutierrez of Nampa, Curt McKenzie of Boise, William Breck Seiniger Jr. of Boise, Clive J. Strong of Boise, Christ Troupis of Eagle and Robyn Brody of Rupert.

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Husky PRIDE award

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Probationer back in jail after DUI

A 21-year-old Homedale man is back in jail after being arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence.

Miguel Angel Bedolla was picked up after his probation officer reported to the Homedale Police Department that he was

driving drunk.

Bedolla was arrested after 11 p.m. Friday, and was ordered to serve discretion time in jail Monday.

Bedolla is on probation for a 2014 felony conviction for battery on a peace officer and controlled

substance possession.

No other details on the DUI arrest were available.

The Idaho courts repository does not list any upcoming court dates for Bedolla.

— JPB

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✓ Irrigation: Water users meeting looms

backwards calculations to figure out 'OK, now we have this much snow left. What could that potentially mean if it came off in a certain fashion?' " Flynn said. "So anecdotal as it is, if it played out that way it would mean another 425,000 (acre-feet of water)."

SBOC secretary/treasurer Connie Chadez clarified that the snow would have to melt off perfectly for that to happen.

Flynn added that nobody should put too much stock into his anecdotal scenario.

"You can't count on anything except for what's behind the dam right now," Flynn said.

If the snow were to melt off in a perfect way, it would bring the reservoir to 748,583 acre-feet, which is more than it can hold. The reservoir's storage capacity is 715,000 acre-feet, which

equates to two years of full allotments for area producers.

South Board watermaster John Eells thinks this year's irrigation season will begin the first part of next month.

"To be honest with you, we turn it on when the farmers need it," Eells said. "We'll probably come on with the Marsing side, the first week of April, and the south canal, if the river keeps coming up, we'll probably come in the second week of April on that, and run it until it's gone."

There is currently enough water behind the Owyhee Dam to provide over two acre-feet of water to patrons.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service released the third water supply outlook for the 2016 water year on March 4.

As of March 1, NRCS snow telemetry data showed the snow

water equivalent in the Owyhee basin to be 108 percent of normal. The snow water equivalent in the Bruneau basin was 123 percent of normal.

The Owyhee basin was at 154 percent of normal on Feb. 1, the Bruneau basin had 156 percent.

Idaho's mountain snowpack ranges from 90 to 110 percent of normal for most of the state.

This year's water users meeting for patrons of the South Board will begin at 1 p.m., next Wednesday at the Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

The local irrigation directors meet at 1 p.m., on the second Tuesday of every month at the SBOC office at 118 S. 1st St. W. in Homedale. The Ridgeview Irrigation District directors meet at 1 p.m., followed by the Gem directors at 1:15 p.m. and the South Board of Control at 1:30 p.m.

— SC

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✓ **Marsing:** Mayor leaves door open to reinstate P&Z process if needed

not attend the hearing.

Ramos told mayor James Ferdinand and the council that he didn't see the need to dissolve the panel.

Hale agreed with Ramos.

"We have an investment of education and time to try and serve our community by doing what Planning and Zoning is supposed to be doing. It doesn't cost the city anything," Hale said.

Ferdinand and council members have previously voiced concerns about a lack of quorum at P&Z meetings and lengthy delays in processing simple applications.

However, Ferdinand and city attorney Cheresse McLain said there are also potential open meeting law issues regarding the

P&Z board.

"The liability that we see is some open meetings act requirements," McLain said. "There are some questions whether or not we've been in full compliance with the posting agenda requirements, the timing of the posting of the agenda and the keeping of the minutes."

She explained that such violations could open the door for a lawsuit and would nullify any actions that the P&Z took in a meeting when an open meeting law violation may have occurred.

McLain pointed out one more concern that she has.

"The city attorney isn't present during these Planning and Zoning meetings. That can be troublesome," McLain said.

Ferdinand said while liability is the main concern for the city, there also isn't enough building activity to justify having a P&Z board.

"In this time that we have really not a lot going on as far as planning and zoning is concerned. They completed the comprehensive plan and the new zoning map," Ferdinand said.

However, councilman Chris Even said he still sees a need for P&Z.

"Having a second set of eyes look at things is never a bad thing," Even said. "My concerns would be making sure they're up to speed with stating when their meetings are going to be, and keep better records, keep better minutes and keep us informed

with what's going on."

Aron Streibel was the only other council member to comment before the vote to repeal the ordinance.

"I appreciate what they've done, but I'm also in favor of streamlining things for businesses, so it's not such an arduous process," Streibel said.

Streibel and fellow councilman Cory Percifield voted to repeal the ordinance. Marie Herman and Even voted to keep the P&Z board.

Before Ferdinand voted to break the tie, he said disbanding the commission isn't final.

"It can be re-established without any difficulty, and therefore I vote to repeal ordinance A-82," Ferdinand said.

He added that the panel would have more than just three members if it were reformed.

"If we discover that we're busy enough to reinstate Planning and Zoning, we're going to have a new ordinance that reflects a minimum number of members," Ferdinand said.

— SC

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✓ **Homedale:** Newest cop finishes academy, hits beat

Aaron Tines both voted against Aebischer's appointment.

No other discussion was held regarding the future of the position or the other men who have expressed interest in holding office.

Christoffersen told The Owyhee Avalanche on Monday afternoon that he is still weighing his options. He welcomes further input and applications for the position. Call City Hall at 337-4641 for more information.

Atkins and Tines both told the Avalanche they didn't approve Christoffersen's appointment because they didn't know enough about Aebischer, who is relatively new to the community. Both men also said they would like to see someone with more experience and knowledge of the city on the board.

Downing and Downum are both former city council members.

Homedale's newest policeman finishes POST

Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller told the council that Officer Shane Witt was set to start his in-town field training Sunday, two days after he graduated from the Idaho Peace Officers and Standards Training academy in Meridian.

Witt is a former Owyhee County Jail detention deputy.

The chief also said his department continues to negotiate with the city's insurance carrier over replacing the radar trailer that was damaged in a vehicle accident some months ago.

City attorney Paul J. Fitzer was asked to send a letter to Idaho County Risk Program (ICRMP) to help the process along. Apparently, the insurance company is refusing to provide fair market value reimbursement for the radar trailer.

The city could sue if a satisfactory settlement isn't reached.

Eidemiller also said that his department is still waiting on completion of the environmental study before proceeding with expansion of the city corporation yard behind the police station. The city has received Bureau of Homeland Security grant funding to expand the parking area and pivot the entry gate toward West Wyoming Avenue.

The expansion would allow the public works department to park its vehicles in the yard, too.

Marsing schools to feed children

Hungry Homedale children will have another place to get a free lunch during the summer months.

The council approved Teresa Bettleyon's request to use a part of the open space at Riverside Park for a summer feeding program.

Bettleyon said 90 percent of the children age 18 and younger living in the census area around the Homedale Municipal Pool are eligible for free and reduced lunches, which triggered her idea to provide a meal in the area Monday through Friday during the summer.

"We see that's where kids congregate in the summer," Bettleyon told the council.

Folks serving meals would clean up and pack out the extra refuse generated, Bettleyon said. The meal would be served in an area with tables, but far enough away from the swimming pool to not interfere with that operation, she said.

She also said that this summer feeding program would be separate from and would not overshadow the meal program presented by Homedale School District food services supervisor Vicki Eby during summer school at the elementary school.

— JPB

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Obituaries

Robert Glen Briggs

Robert Glen Briggs, age 82, died of natural causes on January 14, 2016 at home in Marsing, Idaho.

Bob was survived by his wife June Briggs, 82, of Marsing, his daughter and son-in-law Barbara and Curt Hecker, Sandpoint, Idaho, and his son and daughter-in-law Jim and Muriel Briggs of Marsing. Grandchildren are Chad and Cody Hecker and Deidrie and Garret Briggs.

Bob was born on September 6, 1933 in Ogden, Utah, to parents Glen and Doris Briggs. He graduated from Nampa High School and attended the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho graduating with a degree in Agricultural Business in 1955. Bob was drafted into the Army directly after college and was honorably discharged after basic training with a family hardship order. Bob moved to Nampa to farm with his dad. He worked hard and bought the "River" place in 1959 in Marsing, Idaho. After getting



established, Bob and June moved to Marsing in 1960.

Bob was a great family man and a loving father. Bob met June Buchholz at the University of Idaho and they got married on August 6, 1955 and the couple had many great years together.

Bob was active in the Agricultural community. He served as a

director on the Owyhee County Farm Bureau, Owyhee County Fair Board, Idaho Alfalfa Seed Commission and Idaho Alfalfa Seed Growers. His passion was his profession of farming. He enjoyed being outdoors on the farm, changing water, fixing fence and watching the crops grow. But his real love was working with the cows and moving them from pasture to pasture or getting a newborn calf to feed. His family and friends will always remember him as he would walk among the cows and they would follow him anywhere he went.

Bob was buried at the Marsing/Homedale Cemetery. A celebration of life for Bob and June will be held on March 19, at 11:00am at the Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Highway 95, Wilder, Idaho with lunch to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the Marsing Ambulance District at P.O. Box 132 Marsing, Idaho 83639

Nellie Tomi Bidwell

Nellie Tomi Bidwell, 88 (an Irish woman with a strong opinion, loving mother and awesome grandma), of Nampa, formerly of Homedale, Idaho, was born September 17, 1927 in Weiser, Idaho, to Allen "Spud" and Jesse (Butts) Murphy. She was raised in Homedale, graduating from Homedale High School in 1945. After graduation she went on to business school. Tomi married Morse L. Bidwell February 14, 1946. They had two sons, Allen and Rick. Tomi and Morse were later divorced.

In 1980, she met and married Harold "Mick" Craven. They were later divorced.

Tomi worked as a bookkeeper. First, keeping books for her dad, Spud, when they owned Murphy Oil Company. She then went to work for Rife, Wilson and Pezybylski, later working for Jim Duncan and finishing her career working for Parker and Drum. She also volunteered at the Homedale Senior Citizens Center and Homedale Presbyterian Church. Tomi was preceded in death by her parents, both ex-husbands and in 1990 her son Rick, (whom she missed very much) and so many friends that it would be hard to name them all.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Allen and Cindy



Bidwell, grandson Shane (Cindi), granddaughters Jennifer, Theresa and Susan, 8 great-grandchildren, (Alyssa, Amanda, Alex, Bayley, Kyra, Kayla, Kalista and Chello), 3 great-great-grandchildren (Aunaliyah, Veda and Aahna) and Eric, whom she considered a grandson.

Contributions in Tomi's memory may be made to the First Presbyterian Church, Homedale, Idaho, or a charity of your choice.

A Celebration of Tomi's life was held at 2:00 pm, Saturday, March 12th at the First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th Street, Homedale, Idaho

Condolences can be given at www.flahifffuneralchapel.com

June Rose (Buchholz) Briggs

June Rose (Buchholz) Briggs, 82, of Marsing, Idaho, a farm wife, mother, grandmother, and schoolteacher, died of natural causes on February 3, 2016.

June passed just 20 days after her husband, Bob. She is survived by her children; her daughter and son-in-law Barbara and Curt Hecker, Sandpoint, Idaho, and her son and daughter-in-law Jim and Muriel Briggs of Marsing, Idaho. Grandchildren are Chad and Cody Hecker and Deidrie and Garret Briggs.

June was born on June 30, 1933, in Orofino, Idaho to parents Ben and Vernice Buchholz. She was the last surviving sibling of four sisters and three brothers. She graduated from Orofino High School and attended the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho, graduating with a degree in Education in 1955. In 1978, she earned a Master's Degree in Education



from Boise State University.

June met her lifelong husband, Bob, during their college days at Idaho and they were married on August 6, 1955. They were married for 60 years.

June was a schoolteacher for 29 years. She taught one year at Mountain Home and 28 years in

the Homedale School District. She also taught Sunday school at the Homedale Friends Church for many years. Teaching was her passion, and she touched many lives during that time. Her real love and joy were her grandchildren, of which she was very proud.

June was always a very active member in the Friends Church and served on numerous committees. She was very passionate and dedicated about serving the Lord Jesus Christ. June also had many friends and enjoyed her coffee groups.

June was buried at the Marsing/Homedale Cemetery. A celebration of life for Robert and June will be held on March 19, at 11:00am at the Homedale Friends Community Church with lunch to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the Homedale Friends Church at 17434 Highway 95, Wilder, Idaho. 83676-5704.

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**Death
notices are
on Page 7A
this week**

Diana May Stricklin

Diana May Stricklin, 61, of Homedale, passed away, Friday, March 11, 2016. She was born May 1, 1954 to Roy and Lois Jackson in Caldwell, Idaho.

Diana grew up and went to school in Homedale. She later attended Links Business School and worked for IBM, Carnation Plant, Hoff's Wood Products, Watson's Apple Shed and later took care of Aunt Dora Upton. She met David Stricklin while working at Hoff's and on August 29, 1980 they were married and spent 35 wonderful years together. They were blessed with two children: Eric and Regina. She worked at Walmart for the last 5 years and really enjoyed the friends she had made there, especially Bear. As her health declined she was unable to work. Diana was very close to her Sister Debbie, Niece Misty Marrs, Nephew, Kevin Marrs, Great-Niece Trinity Stimmel.

Diana is survived by her husband, David, a Son, Eric Stricklin, a daughter, Regina Stricklin, Sis-



ter, Debbie Marrs, Niece, Misty Marrs, nephew, Kevin Marrs, Great nieces: Trinity Stimmel, and Karma Arehart, and Father-In-Law, Bill Stricklin.

She preceded in death by her Parents, MIL, Beatrice Stricklin, and a little sugar doggie, Buttercup. Thank You to all of the Family and Friends who helped out.

Diana's Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, March 19, 2016 at 1:00 PM at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. Inurnment will follow at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery, Marsing, ID. Condolences may given at www.Flahiff-funeralchapel.com



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Fair is fun for whole community

Fair is an opportunity for Owyhee County's most valuable resource — PEOPLE — to have a unique 4-H learning experience. It provides 4-H'ers an opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned. This represents an educational function in which the 4-H'er can share what they have done and serves to strengthen their life skill development.



Georgia Goodwin

Fair provides feedback on 4-H'ers' accomplishments. This stimulates positive self-regard for their efforts. It provides families a chance to work together. This fellowship helps strengthen family relationships. Fair also provides an opportunity for the public to see 4-H in action. The showcasing serves to help our community better

University of Idaho Extension

understand what 4-H'ers are able to achieve.

In the fair setting, a 4-H'er's learning can be enhanced in the exhibit evaluation process through education, evaluation and encouragement. Since 4-H focuses on youth, the growth and learning of each individual is more important than the outcome of a competitive event, product, article, or animal exhibited. Exhibits and fair activities should provide an opportunity for youth in all types of 4-H clubs and groups to educate others about what they have learned by being involved in 4-H. Our challenge is to merge the traditional orientation of fairs (products, livestock and competitive events) with 4-H's commitment to the individual growth and life skill development of youth.

In the past, we've given much of our attention to the competitive activities that identify a "champion." This type of activ-

ity is important, but is only one of the ways 4-H'ers compete at a county fair. The evaluation process of a 4-H exhibit helps youth measure their progress toward accomplishing their goals and against accepted standards of excellence. Each experience can encourage and inspire 4-H'ers to expand their project interest and activity.

Our community can help serve and support our youth by volunteering and assisting with the Owyhee County Fair. We always have a need for qualified adult helpers, fair judges, and organizers. If this is something you are interested in learning more about, call or email the Owyhee County Extension Office.

— Georgia Goodwin is the 4-H coordinator for the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office. She can be reached at (208) 896-4104, ggoodwin@uidaho.edu, or at the Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.

Calendar

Today

Coffee club

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

Owyhee County P&Z public hearing

10 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse Annex Building, 17069 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2095, ext. 2

Preschool Story Time

10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

After-school program

3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2639

Kid's Club

4 p.m. to 5 p.m., open to all school-aged children, Crossroads Church, Idaho highway 19 and U.S. Highway 95, Wilder. (208) 789-3432

Christian Life Club

4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., kindergarten through sixth grade, Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4757, (208) 353-6024 or (208) 337-3464

Thursday

Property tax reduction assistance

1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 495-2817

Vision Church food distribution

2 p.m. to 4 p.m., donations welcome, Vision Community Church, 221 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 779-7926

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting

6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867

Bruneau-Grand View school board meeting

7 p.m., Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School boardroom, 39678 State Hwy. 78, Bruneau (unless otherwise listed at www.sd365.us). (208) 834-2260

AA meetings

7 p.m. to 8 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

Friday

Idaho Foodbank drop-off

9 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale (208) 473-9331

Story Time

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

Teens and Tweens program

4 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday

Knights of Columbus fish fry

5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, 1122 W. Linden St., Caldwell.

Marsing American Legion Post 128 stew feed

6 p.m., Phipps-Watson American Legion Hall and Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing

Saturday

Fundraiser breakfast

7 a.m. to 10 a.m., \$6 per plate, all you can eat, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Friends of Homedale Public Library meeting

10 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

Free lunches

Noon to 1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419

Sunday

Faith Riders winter ride

4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Rafter S Indoor Arena, Allendale Road, Wilder. (208) 249-1595 or (208) 816-0714

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Holy Week luncheon

Noon, Mountain View Nazarene Church, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

Tuesday

Blood pressure clinic

10 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Holy Week luncheon

Noon, Mountain View Nazarene Church, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

Senior center pinocle

1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 350-7359 Tuesdays and Thursdays

Property tax reduction assistance

1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 495-2817

THE OWYHEE AVALANCHE

SEQUICENTENNIAL SAMPLINGS

Vol. 1, No. 31, Saturday, March 17, 1866

COUNTY AFFAIRS — So far as our knowledge extends, it is the history of nearly every County on the Pacific Coast that its finances are or have been managed with the utmost recklessness. There is with all, however, a species of uniformity. Every County is severely taxed. We often hear tax-payers inquire what becomes of the money? They see no public property — nor improvements. The objects and sources of taxation are multiplied and the rates increased, yet no money accumulates in the County Treasury and the paper of the County is next to worthless. At this point, a singular uniformity is still apparent. The usual debts are incurred anywhere from 100 per cent. to 1000 per cent. above the real value of the service or articles obtained, and thus increase the debt and add a heavy interest thereto. It is the history of all counties that they are worth their indebtedness and the citizens are finally forced to pay every farthing. They are thus made to pay from two to ten times the amount that would have been necessary under proper management. We can point to a score of counties whose scrip is from worthless up to and not exceeding twenty cents in value per dollar. While nearly every one familiar with its affairs believes the orders of Owyhee County worth seventy-five cents per dollar, yet they are freely offered for fifty cents in cash and traded at the stores at the same rates. Excepting a small wood jail, the County rents all buildings used for County purposes. We never hear of our County officers being under suspicion of dishonesty, and Owyhee County stands better to-day than most counties, and probably the best of any in the Territory. While our County only owes about \$16,000 or \$18,000, many people don't understand how it became so, nor why scrip is only fifty cents. Yet the best posted men will give no more. Can it be they fear the future of the County? The only charitably plausible reason is the great value of money for immediate use. Some say in twelve months we'll be out of debt. One year ago the same was said of Boise County. The Grand Jury of the County have recently made a careful investigation, and after stating that the debt is enormous, amounting to \$100,000 bearing 10 per cent. interest, this finding is given: "We find the credit of the County to be utterly ruined; its certificates of indebtedness scarcely worth the paper upon which they are written; an empty treasury; no real or personal property (with the exception of the Jail and Hospital) to guarantee the payment of its debt." In view of this and the facts above stated, our County officers should be continually on their guard, and furnish for publication a statement of bills allowed and orders made at each session of the County Commissioners. If their acts are all right they can have no objection, and the people would know what use was made of their money.

Death notices

SORNIA T. MONTES, 63, of Marsing, died Sunday, March 13, 2016 at a Nampa hospital of natural causes. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Home, Caldwell

BOBBY "BOB" DEWAYNE VANZANT, 66, of Meridian, who was raised and went to school in Homedale, died Wednesday, March 9, 2016 in a Boise hospital. A graveside service was held on Saturday, March 12, 2016 at Wilder Cemetery. Arrangements: Zeyer Funeral Chapel, Nampa. (208) 467-7300

Book fair slated at HES

The public is welcome to browse and buy today and Thursday at the Homedale Elementary School book fair. Proceeds will help teachers earn credits to purchase new books. The book fair takes place inside the school library from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. today and from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday.

Youth Taco Feed Fundraiser & Sale

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Democratic caucus set for Tuesday

Owyhee County Democrats will have a chance to choose between Hillary Clinton, Bernie Sanders and Rocky De La Fuente on Tuesday.

The Democratic caucus will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday in the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office conference room, 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.

According to the Owyhee County Democrats' Facebook page, the doors open at 6 p.m. for coffee and cookies. No entry will be allowed after 7 p.m.

County Democrats chair Pam Roylance said Democrats and independent voters will have the opportunity to cast ballots

for a presidential candidate and select two delegates to represent Owyhee County at the state Democratic Convention in June.

Anyone who will be eligible to vote in the general election in November, and who hasn't already taken part in the nominating process of another party, can participate in the caucus. Citizens who will reach voting age (18) between now and the general election on Nov. 8 can take part in Tuesday's caucus.

No absentee or proxy voting is allowed at the caucus; folks must show up to cast their votes.

For more information, call Roylance at 250-2458.

Adrian district sets gym levy meeting

The Adrian School District will hold a community meeting next month to discuss its plan for a May 17 levy election.

During their monthly meeting Thursday, school trustees scheduled the meeting for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5 inside the high school gymnasium, 305 Owyhee St.

The meeting will give patrons a chance to chime in on the school district's plans for a \$1.89 million project. A \$945,000 Oregon School Construction Improvement Grant has been received, but the district will seek a 20-year, \$945,000 levy to come up with required matching funds.

The plan is to build a second gymnasium and also upgrade the remnants of the old grade school possibly for additional classroom

space. No solid plans are in place yet as the district's architectural firm works out the details.

The school district currently has two existing bonds — a 40-year bond that built the new elementary school several years ago and a qualified school construction bond. Deputy district clerk Darla Witty said the elementary school bond is paid through property taxes, while the school construction bond payments are satisfied through general fund appropriations.

The May 17 election would require only a simple majority for passage.

The school district will receive the construction improvement grant only if the levy passes, superintendent Gene Mills pointed out in the district's March newsletter.

MRW knocks down fire

Windy conditions ignited a wood slash pile that threatened residences near the Snake River Inn on Idaho highway 78 on Sunday.

Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District public information officer Louis Monson said the agency responded with apparatus and firefighters from its Wilson and

Givens stations. Seven volunteers, two water tenders, a truck and an engine were dispatched. A command truck and a firefighter from Murphy also responded.

"Our best guess is someone dumped wood stove ash in the pile and there was a live ember," Monson said. "With the wind, it doesn't take much for a fire to start."



Above: From left: Homedale volunteer firefighter Tom Pegram, Teddi Proud, June E. Pollock, Cindy Cegnar, Fire Chief Dennis Uria and volunteer firefighter Jason Conant during the senior center evacuation. Left: Firefighters and Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller work to stem the flow of natural gas caused by a "gardening mishap," as Eidemiller put it, when a resident pierced the line with a shovel (at right) while digging up a rose bush.

Cruz wins Owyhee by slim margin

Gas leak triggers brief evacuation at Homedale polls

Owyhee County Republicans mirrored the preference of their state counterparts in last week's presidential primary.

Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas, who came out on top of the crowded primary ballot statewide, received 717 votes in Owyhee County to edge Donald Trump, who received 708 votes.

The Constitution Party also held its presidential primary on March 8, and voter turnout in Owyhee County was 36.06 percent.

Statewide, 222,000 Idahoans participated in the GOP primary, which the state party said was a 74 percent participation rate in the closed primary. Cruz had 45.4 percent of the vote statewide, and Trump grabbed only 28.1 percent of the vote.

The Owyhee County Democratic presidential caucus takes place at 7 p.m. Tuesday inside the conference room at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.

During the GOP primary, the South Homedale precinct at City Hall reported a county-best 45



Homedale resident Tom Murray submitting his vote at the Homedale Senior Center in the March 8 Idaho Republican Presidential primary.

Election Day registrations as 190 voters total walked up and registered at the polls countywide.

Pleasant Valley precinct reported the best turnout at 83.9 percent (52 of 62 registered voters cast ballots).

The South Homedale precinct handled the most voters with 294 ballots cast.

Voting at the North Homedale precinct at the Homedale Senior Center was interrupted briefly shortly before 1 p.m. Volunteer firefighters evacuated the building at 224 W. Idaho Ave., after a resident punctured a natural gas line next door.

Only three votes were cast countywide in the Constitution Party primary. Scott Copeland received two votes out of South Homedale to defeat J.R. Myers, whose only vote came from the Bruneau precinct.

Cruz earned 42.8 percent of the Owyhee County GOP vote in a primary that was watered down because of the presence of several candidates who had dropped out of the race after Idaho ballots were printed.

Trump garnered 42.3 percent of the county vote, while Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida had 148 votes (8.4 percent) and Ohio Gov. John Kasich garnered 62 votes (3.5 percent). Retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson, who suspended his campaign prior to the Idaho primary, received 15 votes countywide. Jeb Bush (six), Rand Paul (five), Mike Huckabee (four), Rick Santorum (three), and Lindsey Graham and Chris Christie (one each) were the other former candidates who received votes in Owyhee County.

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Basque culture expert to speak at OCHS meeting

Folks are invited for an informal lesson on the history of one of Owyhee County's larger ethnic populations.

Darryl Jungen will be the featured speaker at Friday's meeting of the Owyhee County Historical Society. His presentation on Basques in Idaho will begin at 7 p.m. at McKeeth Hall inside the museum at 17085 Basey Street in Murphy. The talk is free and open to the public.

Jungen, who is an educator at the Basque Museum and Cultural Center in Boise, will speak about Basque culture and history, including boarding houses the immigrants stayed in.

"The boarding houses provided an opportunity to continue the Basque culture," Jungen said. "They created a living history of the Basque culture, which became very important because even in Spain when (Gen. Francisco) Franco took over, it was basically illegal to speak, read, or write in Basque. There was a great effort to get rid of that culture."

Jungen will also touch on Basques in Owyhee County during his presentation, but said he hasn't yet started the research for that portion of the talk.

"If you look at Owyhee County, it's actually the size of the Basque country in terms of area," Jungen said.

People attending Friday's presentation can expect to be there until around 8 p.m.

"I'll probably go about 45 minutes and then make time for questions after that, so about an hour or a little over an hour," Jungen said.

Jungen is not Basque himself, but has German heritage. He recently joined the museum and cultural center in Boise as an educator and special instructor.

He previously taught for 20 years at the elementary level in the Boise School District.

"First through sixth grade, all grades," Jungen said. "Then this opportunity here came up, so I moved over here and took over the educational program at the museum."

He conducts an educational program at the museum in Boise the second Thursday of each month, and last week's topic was Basque cooking, specifically on the types of spices used in traditional Basque recipes.

Jungen's work at the museum is also aimed at documenting and recording the history of Basques not only in Idaho, but in Nevada and eastern Oregon, too.

He also gave a presentation on Basques at last month's Bruneau and Beyond lecture series at the Bruneau Valley Library.

"I think someone at the Owyhee County museum heard about that, so they contacted me and asked if I would be willing to come out and do a similar presentation for them," Jungen said.

— SC

Parolee house check turns up wanted man

A compliance check on a parolee turned up another wanted subject last week in Marsing.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said 21-year-old Dallas Johnson was arrested on outstanding misdemeanor warrants on March 7.

Johnson was picked up after sheriff's deputies assisted Third District Probation and Parole personnel in the first block of 1st Street in Marsing.

While the parolee wasn't arrested, Johnson was taken into custody on warrants out of Canyon and Payette counties. He is currently lodged in the Canyon County Jail in Caldwell after being transferred from holding in Murphy.

According to the Idaho courts repository, Johnson faces five misdemeanors in Canyon County. He's scheduled for a pretrial conference on April 19 in Caldwell on charges of drug paraphernalia possession, marijuana possession, theft and two counts of providing

false information to law enforcement personnel.

The Canyon County warrants stem from a May 2015 incident. Johnson also faces a drug paraphernalia possession misdemeanor from an October 2015 arrest in Canyon County.

The Payette warrant is based on a November 2015 arrest for providing false information.

Former Murphy man arrested

A 44-year-old former Murphy resident wanted on a felony probation violation in Owyhee County has been arrested in Valley County.

Donovan Clark Langford was taken into custody around 1:30 p.m. last Wednesday and booked into Valley County Jail on a string of felony and misdemeanor charges. Valley County authorities arrested him on three felony counts of reporting false information to a law enforcement officer and misdemeanor counts of marijuana possession and driving with a suspended license.

Langford will be arraigned on April 4 in district court on the Valley County charges.

— JPB

Lost book adds to Homedale library's exchange program cost

Church demo nears; Internet service bolstered

While expansion plans wait for demolition of a nearby building, business at the Homedale Public Library goes on.

The library board held its monthly meeting March 8 and learned that reason for some recent large expenditures.

Library director Sharla Jensen was forced to spend \$103 to replace a book that had been obtained for a patron through the interlibrary loan program. Jensen said the book was never returned and had to be chalked up as lost.

The library spends about \$700 per year to subscribe to the interlibrary exchange service through which participating libraries loan their material if patrons from other libraries make a request. The Homedale library also has to pay postage to ship or receive material with network libraries, but most of those expenses come at a loss because not all patrons follow through on the request for postage donations that are included with each transaction. Jensen said the library spends between \$100 and \$200 each year on the postage.

Jensen also recently spent \$297.47 for a cart to which a new television would be attached; however, she told board

members last week that the TV cart's bracket is in a place that makes it impossible to use the TV's HDMI and audio visual ports. She is working on a plan to modify the cart.

Jensen also told board members that she recently spent \$88 to buy a guide to help with fundraising for libraries.

The TV cart and another \$609.26 for an e-book subscription service were funded through at WalMart grant.

Jensen also presented board members with a proposal to expand the library's Internet access. The library now spends \$109 monthly for phone and Internet service through CableOne.

She said that for another \$43 the library could double its Internet speed, and that she would apply for an FCC E-Rate grant that would cover 80 percent of the library's Internet cost. The board, however, would have to approve the new CableOne contract before Jensen could complete the grant application.

The library would pay about \$60 for telephone service, the E-rate grant would help cover about \$72, so — Jensen said — the library would actually pay less for faster Internet than it is now.

The three board members in attendance — acting chair Carolyn Grooms, Janet McCornack and Debbie Packer — unanimously voted to enter a new contract with

CableOne at the new rate.

Also during her director's report, Jensen talked about her outreach with Homedale schools to promote Teens and Tweens and the summer reading program. She said that Homedale High School principal Matt Holtry suggested that students could tutor elementary school students at the library during the 2016-17 school year as part of Senior Projects related to education.

Jensen also visited the elementary school's literacy night to promote the library through brochures and library card applications.

The library will begin looking for a new youth coordinator to handle the preschool Story Time, Teens and Tweens and summer reading programs. Jensen said interim coordinator Kailey Woodruff will return to college soon, and that Megan Lowder has resigned to concentrate on her husband's leukemia fight.

Woodruff's last day will be April 15.

Jensen told the board that she is waiting for Marsing's Showalter Construction to demolish the old LDS church next door before she starts hunting for an architect or engineer to formalize plans for the library expansion.

She said Bryon Showalter might start the \$2,770 demolition and cleanup project this week.

— JPB

Youth to dive into water, Wii games

Homedale Public Library's youth programs will delve into science and fun Friday.

Story Time, which is open to younger children, begins at 10:15 a.m. The featured book is "Get Into Science: Water Play" in observance of World Water Day,

which is March 22.

"Along with this book, we will be learning about the different uses of water and performing some water experiments of our own," interim youth coordinator Kailey Woodruff said.

At 4 p.m. on Friday, the Teens

and Tweens will conduct a Wii tournament. Games include Wii Sports, Just Dance and Mario Kart.

Teens and Tweens is open to boys and girls ages 10-17.

For more information on the youth programs or other library offerings, call (208) 337-4228.

Holy Week luncheons begin Monday in Homedale

The Homedale Ministerial Association-sponsored Holy Week luncheons will be held at Mountain View Nazarene Church this year.

The church is located at 26515 Ustick Road in Canyon County, and the luncheons will be held from noon to 1 p.m. from Monday to Friday, March 25 in the fellowship hall.

Meals are free and donations are accepted.

Homedale Friends Community Church pastor Luke Ankeny said the basic program is to sit down for lunch. A short devotional or sermon and maybe some music will follow.

A different church, or churches, host each day, and select the menu and the theme:

Monday — First Presbyterian Church of Homedale, Homedale Christian Church and Trinity Holiness Church

Tuesday — Homedale Friends Community Church

Wednesday — Mountain View Church of the Nazarene

Thursday — Homedale Assembly of God and Wilder United Methodist Church

Friday — Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church

For more information on the luncheons, call Mountain View Nazarene Church at (208) 337-3151.

Nampa man thrown from ATV

A Nampa man was transported to an area hospital Friday night after dumping his ATV in the Hemingway Butte area.

Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Quick Response Unit provided first-responder assistance to 23-year-old Thomas Cummings after he was thrown from his ATV before 7 p.m. on Friday.

"He gave the ATV throttle when he was turning, and it threw him off," Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said.

Bowman said Marsing Ambulance transported Cummings to Saint Alphonsus-Nampa for treatment for a possible collarbone injury.

— JPB

Find out
What's happening
Read Calendar each week
in the Avalanche

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Milk and salad bar served daily

- March 16: Hot wings, baked potato, California blend veggies, roll
- March 17: Corned beef, potato cabbage, carrots, roll
- March 22: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes w/gravy, spinach, roll
- March 23: Tuna salad, lettuce/tomato, carrot salad, bread
- March 24: Turkey, sweet potato, peas, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll
- March 29: Baked ham, sweet potato, string beans, roll
- March 30: Pizza w/assorted toppings, garden salad w/tomatoes
- March 31: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, California blend veggies, roll

Marsing Senior Center

Vegetable served every day but March 28

- March 16: Round steak, couscous
- March 17: Baked chicken, rice
- March 21: Roast beef, potato
- March 22: Lasagna, pasta
- March 23: Kraut chop, potato
- March 24: Chicken, potato
- March 28: Enchilada casserole, beans
- March 29: Cabbage rolls, rice
- March 30: Baked ham, rice
- March 31: Chicken breast, potato

Rimrock Senior Center

Milk and juice served every day

- March 17: Corn beef & cabbage, carrots, Irish soda bread, green beans, shamrock cookie
- March 22: Sweet & sour chicken, rice, stir fry veggies, mandarin oranges, fortune cookie
- March 24: Lasagna, green salad, garlic bread, banana pudding
- March 29: Ham roast, au gratin potatoes, peas, tropical fruit, wheat roll
- March 31: Chicken salad sandwich, macaroni salad, veggie tray, fruit cocktail jello

NOCWMA spray day scheduled

All Owyhee County residents are being encouraged to spray for puncture vine this year.

The Northwest Owyhee Cooperative Weed Management Area (NOCWMA) will hold its spray day on Saturday, April 9. The free distribution runs from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center, 250 N. Bruneau Hwy., in Marsing. Spray will also be available from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Owyhee

County Fairgrounds, 420 W. Nevada Ave., in Homedale.

NOCWMA is distributing Telar XP, a pre-emergent for puncture vine that stops the sprouting process.

Spray containers sized one gallon to 25 gallons will be filled with a liquid form of the chemical.

NOCWMA wants to make it clear that only spray containers approved to hold herbicide will be filled. That means no plastic

jugs or plastic bottles.

Owyhee Conservation District administrative assistant Gina Millard said this year NOCWMA was only able to get 16 ounce bottles of the dry form of the chemical.

In past years residents could get two, four and eight ounce bottles of dry Telar XP.

For more information, call the Owyhee Conservation District at 896-4544, ext. 101.

Mussel check stations open again

Anyone towing boats through Owyhee County will have to pull over for an inspection.

The zebra and quagga mussel check stations in Marsing and Bruneau opened Friday, March 4 and will remain in service through Sept. 5.

Additional stations around Idaho will open as the weather warms, according to the Idaho State Department of Agriculture.

The Owyhee County stations are located near the intersection of Idaho highways 51 and 78 near Bruneau and at the junction of Idaho 55 and U.S. Highway 95 west of Marsing. They are open seven days a week during daylight hours.

Stopping at the check stations is mandatory for anyone hauling any type of boat, and the stations will be open for most of the spring and summer.

Those not stopping at the stations can receive traffic citations.

Boats will be inspected for any attached mussels and/or standing water. Owners also will be asked where they have boated in the previous 30 days.

If any biological material is found on the boat or equipment, the inspectors conduct a roadside "hotwash" of the watercraft.

The program has been in place



Owyhee County Sheriff's special deputy Trevin Henske staffing the boat check station at the intersection of U.S. Highway 95 and Idaho 55 last Wednesday. The stations outside of Marsing and Bruneau opened Friday, March 4 and will be in service until Sept. 3.

since 2009 in an effort to stem the spread of invasive species from out-of-state waterways.

The Bruneau River Soil Conservation District (BRSCD) is in charge of staffing on the inspector's side, and Owyhee County Sheriff Perry Grant said he will staff a law enforcement deputy along with them. The deputies chase down motorists who have pulled boats past the check stations without stopping for the mandatory inspections.

The stations could be staffed by any of a pool of 10 deputies, depending on when their days off are and when they can do it, according to Grant's previous statements.

The BSCD is paying deputies \$15 an hour, and the district gets its funding from the Idaho State Department of Agriculture.

The district also uses fuel cards to pay for the gas for patrol vehicles while they are in use.

Since 2009, over 300,000 inspections have been conducted in Idaho, which found 145 mussel-fouled boats. Last year, 65,000 inspections were made around the state revealing 25 infected vessels.

Chanel Tewalt, a special assistant for the ISDA chief of staff, said none of those 25 boats were found in Owyhee County.

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	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature (measured in Fahrenheit)		
	(measured in inches)			Max	Min	Avg
Mud Flat						
03/08	2.7	4	10.2	44	27	34
03/09	2.7	3	10.4	43	30	37
03/10	2.5	4	10.5	52	39	45
03/11	2.0	3	10.6	53	36	43
03/12	1.1	1	10.7	46	33	39
03/13	0.0	0	10.7	44	34	38
03/14	0.0	0	10.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
03/08	0.0	n/a	12.7	42	29	33
03/09	0.0	n/a	12.8	45	31	36
03/10	0.0	n/a	12.8	51	38	46
03/11	0.0	n/a	12.9	45	38	40
03/12	0.0	n/a	12.9	44	34	38
03/13	0.0	n/a	13.1	43	30	36
03/14	0.0	n/a	13.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
03/08	11.3	28	24.1	41	24	31
03/09	11.5	29	24.3	40	28	34
03/10	11.7	28	24.4	46	36	42
03/11	11.6	26	24.8	47	34	39
03/12	11.0	25	25.0	41	30	35
03/13	11.2	28	25.4	39	31	35
03/14	12.4	34	26.6	n/a	n/a	n/a

<p>The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 45 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 4,460 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 16 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 323,583 acre-feet of water on Monday.</p> <p>Note — SNOTEL statistics were gathered from the Natural Resources Conservation Service website at 3 p.m. Monday (Year-to-date precipitation is measured from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.) Snow depth sensors at Reynolds Creek are inoperable.</p> <p>— Information compiled from the National Weather Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Helena Chemical in Homedale</p>
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School menus

Homedale Elementary

Veggie & fruit bar and milk served daily

- March 16: Chicken burrito, corn
- March 17: No school
- March 21-24: No school
- March 28: Mini corn dogs, steamed carrots

Homedale Middle

Fruit & salad bar and milk served daily

- March 16: Chicken nuggets or corn dog, broccoli, cheese cracker
- March 17: Crispito or hot dog, potato chips
- March 21-24: No school
- March 28: Toasted cheese sandwich or crispito, taco salad

Homedale High

Salad bar, fruit choice and milk served daily

- March 16: Chicken nuggets or fish sticks, macaroni & cheese
- March 17: Chicken patty or cheeseburger, tater tots
- March 21-24: No school
- March 28: Chicken taco or ham/cheese sandwich, corn

Marsing

Salad bar is available to Mid High or High School students daily

- March 16: Malibu chicken or fish taco, steamed carrots, pudding, fruit & veggie bar, milk
- March 17: PB&J w/sun chips or pepperoni ripper, tossed, salad, fruit & veggie bar, milk
- March 21-24: No school
- March 28: Orange chicken & rice or ham/cheese sandwich w/sun chips, steamed carrots, fruit & veggie bar, milk

Bruneau-Grand View

Fruit and milk served daily

- March 16: Teriyaki chicken bowl, stir fry veggies, oriental rice
- March 17: Beef & bean burrito, romaine & tomato, corn
- March 18: Corn dog, fresh broccoli, sweet potato fries
- March 22: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, fresh broccoli, wheat roll
- March 23: Lasagna, spinach salad, steamed carrots, breadstick
- March 24: Soft taco, black beans, salsa, corn

COSSA

Fruit served daily

- March 16: Chicken fried steak, mashes potatoes/gravy, corn
- March 17: Chicken sandwich, tater tots, green beans
- March 21-24: No school
- March 28: Soft taco, refried beans

Conservation district rents no-till drill to county farmers

Spring is coming, and many farmers around Owyhee country are planting.

The Owyhee Conservation District (OCD) has a no-till drill, which is again available this year to rent to county farmers to encourage soil health measures. The no-till drill can be rented for \$13 per acre.

No-till farming is a way of growing crops or pasture from year to year without disturbing the soil through tillage.

The technique is aimed at increasing the amount of water that infiltrates into the soil, increasing organic matter retention and cy-

cling nutrients in the soil.

Brad McIntyre of McIntyre Farms uses no-till drills to grow cover crops, which ensure that his land is never devoid of plant life. This keeps wind from blowing the soil away, therefore reducing erosion.

No-till farming can also help reduce labor, fuel, irrigation and machinery costs.

The OCD board of directors purchased the 13-foot Crust-buster no-till drill last year.

No grant money was available to pay for the drill, so the board had to buy it with reserve funds.

That money will be recovered over the next few years by renting it out, the supervisors said.

The drill was purchased from Mountain View Equipment in Homedale for \$48,982.

For information about renting the no-till drill, call OCD administrative assistant Gina Millard at (208) 896-4544 ext. 102.

For information about no-till farming, contact Natural Resource Conservation Service district conservationist Tate Walker at the U.S. Department of Agriculture service center in Marsing at (208) 896-4544, ext. 106.



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MRW chili cook-off entries accepted

Time is running out to register for the Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire and Rescue fifth annual Firehouse Chili Cook-off.

The contest takes place on Saturday, March 26, during the Owyhee County Historical Society's spring bazaar at the historical museum complex in Murphy.

Cook-off entries will be accepted on the day of the event, but organizers warn that all good spots may be taken.

The categories have expanded for this year's chili contest, and organizers plan to include all entrants' recipes in a forthcoming MRW Fire and Rescue cookbook. Categories for this year's cook-off include:

- Chili (no bean)
- Texas red chili
- Chili Verde (green)
- Chili Blanco (white)
- Vegetarian chili
- Anything Goes Chili

There will be a People's Choice Award again this year, too.

The entry fee is \$15 for the first recipe and \$10 for each additional entry from the same team. The public can taste the chili entries beginning at 11:45 a.m. the day of the cook-off. A \$5 donation will be asked for the tasting.

For entry forms, rules and more information, contact info@mrwfire.org or (208) 495-2154.

Anyone who wants to be a cook-off judge or is interested in volunteering for the event can contact organizers through the email or phone number, too.

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Marsing updates ordinances, fees

The Marsing City Council has signed off on the first batch of updates for legal ordinances.

No public hearing on Titles 1 through 7 was needed when the council approved them last Wednesday. However, a public hearing on the other four titles will be needed because they involve land use considerations.

The council also held a public hearing to approve Resolution No. R-133 establishing a unified schedule for administrative fees. Previously Marsing's fees were set in ordinances and are now in one document.

Because the schedule includes two new sections, approval of the resolution required a public hearing.

The city has set up a tiered structure for fines levied for infractions. A first offense will result in a \$50 fine, a second offense means a \$100 fine, a third carries a fine of \$200 and the fourth and all subsequent offenses will be fines of \$300.

The other new fee updates city code to be in line with the state's Sunshine Laws regarding public records requests.

"You have to allow someone 100 free pages of printing and up two hours of labor for every public records request at no charge," city attorney Cherese McLain said.

For any public records request exceeding 100 pages, state law allows the city to charge \$18 per hour, which is the pay rate of the

city's lowest-paid clerical worker.

There were no other changes to existing city fees.

"Ninety percent of these fees were already in your ordinances," McLain said. "This is now just one clean list."

McLain previously met in a closed session with the council to review the revised ordinances pertaining to Titles 1 through 7. During last Wednesday's meeting, she clarified a few changes that had been made.

One change regards sexually oriented businesses. Marsing City Code previously banned such businesses from being within 2,500 feet of a school or church. The new restriction is 500 feet.

A revision in Title 3 updates an ordinance passed in 2014 banning roosters. The statute now says residents can have a maximum of 12 backyard chickens, but upholds the rooster prohibition.

A section of Title 4 covering vicious dogs has upgraded violations from an infraction to a misdemeanor for a dog's owner if the animal causes damage from aggressive behavior.

McLain said the change allows for a prosecutor to seek damages for a victim rather than requiring the victim to go through the small claims court process.

Another section on fireworks previously read "pyrotechnics," but was changed to read fireworks to mirror Idaho Code. According

to city code, Marsing residents can only use fireworks on July 3, July 4 and Dec. 31.

"If it ain't broke don't fix it. We didn't touch this one all that much besides updating a 1959 definition of pyrotechnic," McLain said.

A change in Title 5 now states that the city cannot lower a speed limit without an engineer traffic study. This brings the city into compliance with state law that was passed a few years ago after another Idaho city lowered speed limits to bring in revenue from speeding tickets.

"You have to show that there's an actual need before you can change the speed limit," McLain said.

Title 4 covers miscellaneous offenses and now includes disturbing the peace.

"You don't have to prove maliciousness or willfulness in order to issue a disturbing the peace (violation) within city limits," McLain said.

Approval of the changes means that Marsing now has a new city code for Titles 1 through 7.

"Our next step will be going through 8 through 11, which are land use issues," McLain said.

"We had a lot of cleanup of codes that were just either outdated or things that have been overturned by federal law, state law or case law. We're constantly chasing the new laws."

— SC

Marsing Legion sets stew feed, auction

American Legion Post 128 in Marsing holds its annual free stew feed Friday.

The event kicks off at 6 p.m. with a social hour, and stew will be served at 6:30 p.m., at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N.

"We do not ask for donations,"

Post 128 adjutant Kathy Barton said. "This is our saying thank you to the community for support of the Post events and our gun show."

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 128 holds dessert and white elephant auction fundraiser, too. Auxiliary and Post members make the cakes, pies, cookies and specialty breads. Proceeds from

the auction benefit the Auxiliary's Girls State scholarships as well as service projects for the State Veterans Home and other forms of veterans and family aid.

Five varieties of beef stew will be available. Some have cabbage, while others won't. There will be a vegetarian stew, and one will be made without garlic and onions.

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Owyhee Canyonlands take center stage

Malheur voters reject concept; Adrian students tackle issue

Malheur County voters overwhelmingly rejected the push to protect the Owyhee Canyonlands through executive order.

Ninety percent of voters (11,614 of nearly 18,000 ballots cast) said they didn't support designation during a March 8 vote. A day later, Adrian High School students presented a skit regarding the Canyonlands issue at the Owyhee Watershed Council's monthly meeting.

The advisory vote set up by county commissioners showed overwhelming disapproval of the Keen Footwear-backed plan that would designate 2.5 million acres in Malheur County either as wilderness or—through executive order under the Antiquities Act—a national monument. Late last week, Interior Secretary Sally Jewell said the Obama administration has no plans to create a national monument in the Owyhee Canyonlands.

There was a 54.25 percent turnout for the vote, including a county-high of 87.37 percent in Jordan Valley. Nearly 85 percent of voters in rural Jordan Valley cast ballots, and Arock turnout was just shy of 80 percent.

Adrian turnout was less than 65 percent in town and 66.4 percent in the rural area.

All 24 precincts throughout Malheur County showed a majority of votes opposing designation.

"Our timing on this issue has turned out to be pivotal," Adrian FFA advisor and ag teacher Anna-Marie Chamberlain said. "This is a massively pressing issue, and our timing is great."

"Although it is an issue that Malheur County is facing, the truth is this could happen anywhere and the use of the Antiquities Act will continue with the election of each new president."

The Adrian FFA Agricultural Issues team will present their skit during the Career Development Event at the state convention Friday. If the team makes the top six, they'll compete in front of a large audience on Sunday with the winning team qualifying for

the national convention.

"Our seven students have been researching the topic loosely since last October, but got serious about it the month of February," Adrian FFA advisor Anna-Marie Chamberlain said.

The team made a presentation last Wednesday to get feedback from the watershed council. The skit features three people—an FFA member, a rancher and a Bureau of Land Management ranger -- driving to a public meeting about the Owyhee Canyonlands in McDermitt, Nev.

Along the way the three encounter people who have varying perspectives on how the issue will affect different aspects of life in and out of Malheur County.

The rancher points out how designation would negatively affect her livelihood through natural resource restrictions.

Another actor portrays a Malheur County Sheriff's deputy and discusses the impacts designation would have on enforcement and how an influx of people not familiar with the area would strain search and rescue operations and budgets.

The BLM ranger discusses the history of the Steens Mountain wilderness, including the working group that tried to lessen the impact and how things have unfolded since designation.

One team member portrayed Keen Footwear rep, who described how wilderness would help boost the company's profits with the increased sale of hiking boots.

Chamberlain said the presentation grew out of a class assignment. The Ag Business and Leadership class was divided into two groups, and instructed to present all sides of the topic.

"They could have up to seven characters, and one had to be an FFA student," Chamberlain said. "They developed a setting, script, props and costumes as well as wrote a summary and completed a bibliography of sources."

"They then presented to the class."

Chamberlain and her student teacher judged the presentations



Adrian High School students took on roles as an outdoor enthusiast, an FFA member, a rancher and a BLM ranger — among others — to demonstrate to the Owyhee Watershed Council the controversy brewing over the fight to designate the Owyhee Canyonlands as wilderness or a national monument.

Adrian's ag issues team

The students who will present their "The Owyhee Canyonlands National Monument Proposal: A Monumental Decision" skit at this week's state convention:

Rancher — Brooke Meyer, senior

BLM ranger — Luke Campbell, senior

Sheriff's deputy — Peter Ramos, senior

Government official — Mike Griffin, senior

Oregon Natural Desert Association member — Mariah McLay, junior

FFA member — Lauren Barraza, junior

Keen Footwear rep — Laynee Walker, sophomore

Note — Campbell replaces Carl Hartman, who portrayed the BLM ranger at last week's presentation. Hartman is unable to attend the state convention.

"I hope that our President will take heed in what the people who live, work and recreate in Malheur County want. The voting residents have spoken a resounding 'No' with 90 percent of the vote. Malheur County stands to lose so much. But, who knows, with the looming election of a new president the gross misuse of the Antiquities Act may continue. And your home, community and county may be the next National Monument designation."

— FFA member's (Lauren Barraza) final line of presentation

and selected the "Road Trip to Town Hall" theme.

"Our presentation incorporates bits and pieces of both class presentations," Chamberlain said.

OWC members enjoyed the presentation, but also offered criticism on things that worked and things that should be added.

Eric Morrison of the Jordan Valley Cooperative Weed Management Area was pleased that the group highlighted the lack of a cellphone signal for a stranded motorist who would up putting her Toyota Prius in a ditch and needed a ride. He added that the detail reinforced the difficulty the sheriff's office would have with added search and rescue calls.

Morrison also said the team might consider the idea that

rangeland fire protection might falter because ranchers involved in the associations might be less inclined to protect the resource when they're livestock operations are removed from the land.

Morrison also asked the team to consider adding a comment on the added strain emergency services would feel with an influx of people.

Each OWC member provided feedback through a form that team members circulated before their presentation.

— JPB

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Black Sands Marina employee cited for liquor violation

An employee at a Grand View-area bar has been fined for serving liquor on Christmas.

Jody B. Olsen was fined \$200 and ordered to pay \$157.50 in court costs after Magistrate Dan C. Grober imposed sentencing last month.

Olsen received a misdemeanor citation for failing to secure unsealed liquor during a holiday. She was caught serving friends on Christmas Day, which Idaho State Police spokesperson Teresa Baker said is the only day of the year that alcohol cannot be served.

According to the probable cause statement included on the disposition form, Black Sands Marina was closed when the ISP trooper found Olsen serving alcohol to her friends. She was also

unable to produce a liquor license, according to the statement.

The ISP trooper also reported that there were no signs posted on the outside entrance to restrict underage persons from entering the establishment.

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery dropped two other misdemeanors, including selling liquor without a license and failing to post signs restricting entry of persons younger than 21.

Baker also said it's likely that Black Sands Marina will receive an administrative violation in the wake of the incident. The incident could make it difficult for Olsen to obtain her own liquor license in the future, Baker said.

— JPB



COSSA students Madison Conant (left) and Raquel Palacios practice their EMT skills.



COSSA students Chad Hungate (left) and Zachary Bates in Mark Bauer's welding shop.

COSSA inducts eight students into pro-technical honor society

Half of the students cited are from Homedale

The Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency (COSSA) has inducted eight Professional Technical Education students into the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS).

The induction ceremony was held last month at COSSA's Regional Technology and Education Center.

The eight students inducted into the NTHS are:

- Zachary Bates of Homedale — welding
- Madison Conant of Homedale — Emergency Medical Technician
- Chad Hungate of Homedale — welding
- Raquel Palacios of Homedale — EMT
- Isabella Cook-Garza of Parma — EMT
- Hayden Fuller of Parma — welding
- Cyrus Latscha of Parma — automotive
- Raul Muniz of Parma — welding

COSSA short-term training coordinator Kristy Dorsey said the NTHS recognizes good, honest, respectable student citizens who have made a personal commitment to excellence and who agree to uphold the NTHS standards of conduct.

NTHS candidates must have a minimum overall grade-point average of 3.0.

Conant, 18, enrolled in the

EMT class out of curiosity and also thought it would be useful in the U.S. Navy. The daughter of Lily and Jason Conant said she's going into the military because she wants to travel and have her college tuition paid for.

Conant explained how the process of getting into the honor society works.

"We applied. We sent in an application. We had to get a letter of referral," Conant said. "There were certain things we had to have to get into it."

Candidates must also be actively involved in student government, civic or service organizations, and comply with school attendance policies.

NTHS members pledge to maintain the highest standard of personal and professional conduct at all times, strive for excellence in all aspects of their education, invest their talents, skills, and knowledge in a career of their own choosing and always endeavor to uphold obligations as a citizen of their community and country.

Palacios, 17, enrolled in the EMT class with Conant and said having a friend made the course work easier.

"Because usually when you're an EMT you work with partners, so it just made it seem more real," Palacios said. "It's a lot easier. You have someone to rely on."

Palacios, daughter of Pascuala and Enrique Palacios, hopes to make a career out of what she learned at COSSA.

"But first I have to pass my test on my skills and make sure I'm actually good as an EMT,"

Palacios said. "At the end of this course, we have to take our national registry test and then also do our skills test."

She expects to take the tests in May or June.

Bates, 17, has been interested in welding for as long as he can remember.

It isn't hard for the son of Lisa and Gordon Bates to grade his welding skills.

"I'm good at it," Bates said.

He intends to apply his welding skills to become an aircraft mechanic.

"I'm going to use it for welding-up older aircraft frames that are steel, and also if there's a leaky fuel tank or something like that, welding that," Bates said.

After graduating from COSSA next year, he hopes to get a two-year degree in aircraft maintenance from Idaho State University.

Hungate, 17, said welding comes in very handy on his family's farm when anything breaks.

"Last year, my dad tore the hay rake in half. We had to bring that into the shop to put it together and weld it back up, and make sure that we could take it back out in the field without it breaking again," Hungate said.

The son of Teri and Wayne Hungate intends to stay with the family farm as a career path and hopes to further hone his welding skills.

"You learn different types of welding, but I think you get it down to an art," Hungate said. "I think there is a point you perfect it."

— SC

Homedale man avoids lengthy prison term for drug conviction

Former co-defendant's federal trial starts Tuesday in Boise

Another of the three people arrested during a raid on a Homedale residence last spring has been sentenced.

Quinton James Cornia, 33, was placed on three years' felony probation and ordered to perform 100 hours of community service when Third District Judge Thomas J. Ryan sentenced him on Feb. 26 in Murphy.

Cornia was arrested on May 21, 2015, and charged with felonies for methamphetamine possession and a felon in possession of a weapon. He also faced a misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession count.

Ryan dismissed the gun charge in accordance with a plea agreement reached between Cornia and Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery in December.

Cornia received a state penitentiary sentence of two to seven years, but Ryan suspended the term.

The defendant received credit for 23 days spent in jail for the paraphernalia possession charge.

He also must pay more than \$1,000 in court costs and fines.

Another man arrested in the raid, Danny Mercado, was slapped

with a federal indictment in July. His federal trial is scheduled to start at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday in Boise.

A third defendant, 32-year-old Amber Marie Seal, received a withheld judgment in January and was placed on probation.

Felon back in court for probation violation

An Oregon City, Ore., resident is set for an evidentiary hearing next month after he allegedly violated his probation from a 2014 drug conviction.

Michael Shane Robinson, 45, is due back in court at 9 a.m. on April 22 before Third District Judge Thomas J. Ryan. He's out of Owyhee County Jail after posting \$10,000 bond on Feb. 29.

Details of the nature of Robinson's probation violation weren't available.

Robinson was sentenced to probation and court fees and fines in May 2014 for felony marijuana possession and misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession. He also received a withheld judgment on felony controlled substance possession.

At the time of his sentencing, Third District Judge Molly J. Huskey ordered Robinson to pay more than \$1,450 in fines and court fees. She suspended two six-month jail sentences, too.

Robinson was arrested on Feb. 21 after a no-bond bench warrant was issued.

— JPB

Breakfast served Saturday at Homedale Sr. Center

The Homedale Senior Center will mark St. Patrick's Day on Thursday with a special luncheon.

The meal will be served at noon at the center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

The senior center also will hold its monthly fundraiser bracket from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday. The made-to-order breakfast costs \$6 per plate. Orange juice is available for an additional fee.

The senior center will host its second free blood pressure clinic of the month on Tuesday, March 29, beginning at 10 a.m.

The senior center is open from

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The thrift store is open during the same hours.

Also on tap weekly is the Ladies Coffee Group, which meets at 9 a.m. on Wednesday.

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Reigning 3A champions are off and running

Machuca nears HR record in HHS rout

Senior slugger Gardenia Machuca tied the school record of career home runs when Homedale High School plastered Filer on Saturday.

The center fielder hit her 23rd career homer in style, hitting a grand slam during the Trojans' 11-run first inning in Game 1 of a



Gardenia Machuca non-conference doubleheader sweep.

Sydnee Shanley also homered in Homedale's 16-5 victory, which was halted after five innings because of the 10-run rule.

The Trojans (2-0 at week's end) poured it on even more in the second game on the Wildcats' field.

Senior Tristan Corta pitched a one-hitter in Homedale's 17-0

— See *HHS*, page 3B



The Homedale High School softball team tore into its 2016 season in hopes of winning a third state championship since 2013 and the program's first back-to-back crowns in nearly 20 years.

Vets, newcomers pursue another title

Four-year starters anchor reigning champs' lineup

When a team loses half its starters from a state championship team, most would see the following season as a rebuilding year.

For the Homedale High School softball team, it just means that another batch of talented youngsters will get the chance to put their name on a banner.

And get thrown squarely into the middle of a challenge.

"We know going into this year we are going to have to work twice as hard as last year," 14th-year coach Larry Corta said. "We know we will have a big target on our

backs.

"The girls are putting in extra effort to try to make another run at the state title."

Corta led the Trojans to a school-record 30-2 mark last season, which ended with the program's fifth state crown. Homedale has reached the 3A state final each of the past five seasons, and the Trojans have faced a fellow 3A Snake River Valley conference team in four of those championship games.

Four all-conference players on this year's squad haven't known a season that didn't end in a state championship game, including



Tristan Corta

shortstop Tristan Corta, first baseman Makayla Aberasturi, center fielder Gardenia Machuca, and right fielder Sydnee Shanley. All-3A SRV first-teamers Aberasturi, Corta and Machuca have signed to play college ball at Treasure Valley Community College, and they anchor a group of five returning starters.

"Tristan brings a great glove and a great bat back to the lineup," Larry Corta said. "Tristan has played every position except catcher in her four-year career."



Sydnee Shanley

— See *Title*, page 3B

11 strikeouts, 11 runs give Trojans a sweep

Homedale High School's baseball team was both efficient and explosive in sweeping its season-opening doubleheader Saturday.

Game 1: Homedale 3, Filer 1 — Senior right-hander Connor Carter used his entire repertoire of pitches to strike out 11 Wildcats and team with reliever Matt Thatcher on a two-hitter.

Thatcher allowed an unearned run in two innings.

Wyatt Dorsey was 2-for-3, driving in courtesy runner Jesse Packer with a double into the left-center field gap in the third inning.

John Collett drew a two-out walk to start the rally. He scored from first when Filer's second baseman dropped Nash Johnson's fly ball into shallow right field.

Homedale (2-0 at week's end) got on the board in the second inning when Johnson led off with a walk and scored on Kendall

Freelove's two-out base hit.

Game 2: Homedale 11, Filer 7 — The Trojans scored six runs in the bottom of the first inning to erase the Wildcats' 1-0 lead then added five more runs over their next two at-bats.

Johnson was 3-for-4 with a double, triple and two RBI. He also scored two runs.

Jake Deal went 2-for-4, and Collett and Drew Taylor had two singles apiece.

The Trojans loaded the bases with no outs in the second inning, and Collett and Johnson picked up RBI singles. Drew Deal and Johnson scored on a two-out error to capped the inning.

Johnson smacked a two-out triple in the second and scored on Dorsey's infield single. Taylor later laced a two-run single.

The first of four Trojans pitchers, Collett got the win. He struck out six in five innings.



Homedale senior Connor Carter uncorks a pitch early in his 11-strikeout performance in Game 1 against Filer on Saturday.

Golfers take third

Kaden Henry and Scott Matlock notched 87s as Homedale High School finished one stroke out of second place in its Ice Breaker Tournament.

The Trojans carded a 355 on Thursday at River Bend Golf Course outside Wilder, falling just behind runner-up Cole Valley Christian, which scored 354.

Another 2A Western Idaho Conference squad, Nampa Christian, ran away with the team championship. Led by Landon Powell's 79, Nampa Christian tallied 337.

Fruitland's Jake O'Neil was medalist with a 1-over-par 73. The Grizzlies finished one stroke behind fourth-place Vallivue, which scored 379.

Senior Lawsen Matteson scored 90 for Homedale, while teammates Chase Martell and Noah Freelove chimed in with a pair of 91s.

Sports

New sprinters put HHS in fast company

Coach optimistic for more state meet qualifiers than 2015

There are some new faces on the Homedale High School track and field team this season, but they are no strangers to Deward Bell Stadium — or success.

“It is fun and exciting to have some of the football boys out with us this year,” third-year varsity coach Heidi Ankeny said. “Their speed will help our sprints out quite a bit.”

“We look forward to taking even more to State than we did last year and bringing home more medals.”

The Trojans lost three 3A state meet qualifiers to graduation,

including record-setting distance runner Riley Portwood, sprinter Jennifer Hernandez and shot put-ter Kerigan Morris.

“We graduated a couple of top seniors last year, and they might be hard to replace in the relays,” Ankeny said. “But we’ve got some great new kids out this year with a lot of potential.”

Football players in the fold this season include returning sprinter Josh Tolmie, returning throw-

er Richard Symms — both seniors — and newcomers Caleb Meligan, Jacob Furlott, who are juniors, and senior Swiss exchange student

Julian Hartmann. Freshman Jesse Martinat will compete in the throws.

“With the addition of a handful of quick boys, our boys’ sprints and relays are looking better than we have had in the past few years,” Ankeny said.

Tolmie returns as a relay runner and a top athlete in the 400. Other top returners include sophomore Lainey Johnson in the girls’ relays and the 400 as well as several jumpers and distance runners.

“Our throwers and jumpers look solid and strong this year,” Ankeny said.



Richard Symms

Symms finished 12 inches shy of a discus championship in last year’s state meet.

Johnson is concentrating full-time on track this season after splitting time between softball and track during a freshman year in which she finished seventh in the 400 at the state meet.

Carlie Sawyer (junior) and Ember Christensen (sophomore) are expected to lead the Trojans in the triple jump, and sophomore long jumper Ashley Burks returns after a successful first high school season.

All three qualified for the state meet last year as did Jeffrey Carillo, a senior, who competed in the boys’ triple jump at Middleton High School last May. The girls made up three legs of the Trojans’ sixth-place 4x100 relay team at State.

Senior Elizabeth Vargas is expected to make a splash in the shot put, and Ankeny looks for another good season from sophomore discus thrower Eva Symms. Junior Carli Swallow is a transfer student from Buhl who will compete in the shot put.

Seniors Maya Correa (1,600- and 3,200-meter runs) and Lexie Doss (sprints) round out the girls’ roster.

“Our numbers are small on the girls’ team this year, so we might feel a little weak in the girls’ sprints and girls’ distance teams,” Ankeny said, adding that Doss will be an athlete with which to contend if she her knee injury rehabilitation is successful.

Sophomore Tony Baltierrez will lead the HHS boys’ distance effort in the 3,200.

— JPB

Marsing falls to HHS JV in baseball opener

Dakota Hardy’s fifth-inning double drove in Marsing High School’s only runs in a baseball season-opening loss Friday.

Homedale’s junior varsity team took advantage of shaky

defense in the second inning, scoring four runs to set up a 12-2 non-conference victory on the Huskies’ field.

Hardy’s two-run double came with two outs in the fifth inning and followed Brian Purtell’s sacrifice bunt to move Boone Sevy into scoring position. Cole Rhodes also had a stolen base in the inning.

Kendall Freelove started and got the win on the mound for the Trojans.



Marsing baserunner Dwight Sevy slides into second base during a ground-ball play early in Friday’s game against Homedale’s junior varsity.

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Homedale Trojans

Athletes of the Week



Connor Carter, sr., baseball

The Play — Carter helped the Trojans kick off the season with a 3-1 win over Filer on Saturday. He struck out 11 batters and pitched shutout ball while he was on the mound to ignite Homedale’s doubleheader sweep.



Makayla Aberasturi, sr., softball

The Play — The first baseman went 3-for-3 in the season opener, a 16-5 road win over Filer, then homered in the Trojans’ 17-0 whitewash of the Wildcats in Game 2.

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Sports

Huskies track squad has plenty of new talent

Roster size doubles for first-year coach

There are a lot of new faces at Marsing High School track and field practices these days, including the head coach.

Steven Morton is the third new head coach for the Huskies in as many seasons. He came to Marsing from Blackfoot High School and works at MHS as a history teacher.

“We had a very small team last year,” Morton said. “This year,

our numbers are back up, so we will be able to compete as a team.

“We have some veteran track athletes, but also a lot of new talent. This will be a year of trying athletes out in different events and seeing where they fit best.”

This is Morton’s first head coaching job as a varsity track coach. He said challenges have



Steven Morton

included increasing athletes’ turnout and learning the nuances of a new school and program.

While working at Class 3A Blackfoot, he

led the cross country program for two seasons and served as a track assistant (four years) and cross country assistant (two years). He competed in cross country and track during his high school years



Alexandre Heidt

in Oregon.

There are 24 boys out for the Huskies’ squad this season, and five girls are working out with the team.

Senior Alexandre Heidt leads the boys’ team. He finished third in the 100 meters at last year’s 2A state meet and also competed at Middleton High School in the long jump and triple jump.



Sam Galligan

Other returners with state meet experience are junior Sam Galligan (shot put and discus) and sophomore Landry Villa, who competed in the 2A cross country state meet in the fall. Galligan finished 15th in the shot put at last year’s state meet.

Newcomers include four foreign exchange students who are new to the sport — seniors Yuki Oihara from Japan, Alessandro Arangio, and Tilde Vidman from Sweden, and junior Giorgia Comin. Arangio and Comin are Italian.

—JPB

Off-road foot races to benefit Adrian track improvement

The Owyhee Off-Road Challenge 2016 will begin and end at Two Rivers Community Park in Adrian on Saturday, March 26.

Proceeds from entry fees will help fund Adrian High School track facility improvements.

The event, which includes a half-marathon, a 10-kilometer race and a 5-kilometer race, pushes off at noon from the park at 106 Owyhee St.

Packet pickup begins at 10:15 a.m. at the park on the day of the race.

Registration costs are \$50 for the half-marathon, \$40 for the 10K, and \$30 for the 5K.

The races will be held rain or shine.

The school district’s oval is dirt and not suitable for effective training, according to the road race’s website, www.owyheeffroadchallenge.com. The plan is to install rubberized straightaways to help the athletes practice starts, relay hand-offs and hurdles. A new triple jump/long jump runway and pit are also planned.

Sponsorships also are being sought.

For more information, email race director Nickie Shira at adrianboosters@gmail.com.



Talkin’ baseball

Marsing High School coach Wes Tankersley chats with starting pitcher Tyler Wood (foreground) and catcher Dwight Sevy as Homedale junior varsity coach Mitch Quintana instructs his baserunner early in Friday’s non-conference game at the Huskies’ field.

✓ HHS: Pitching, hitting arrive simultaneously for Trojans in doubleheader

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four-inning triumph.

Game 1: Homedale 16, Filer 5 (5) — Machuca, Corta, Shanley and Makayla Aberasturi collected three hits each as the reigning Class 3A state champions opened the season with an easy victory.

The Trojans led, 15-0, before the Wildcats broke through for a pair of runs in the fourth inning.

Corta batted leadoff, doubled twice and scored four runs.

Machuca finished with six RBI, and Aberasturi knocked in three runs and scored three more.

Shanley’s leadoff homer in the fifth inning gave Homedale its final run of the game. She also doubled.

Sophomore Dakota Kelly picked up the victory. Filer scored five unearned runs, and Kelly

struck out four.

Kelly and Kendall Nash had two hits apiece.

Game 2: Homedale 17, Filer 0 (4) — Aberasturi’s solo shot got the Trojans rolling with two outs in the bottom of the first inning.

Homedale ended the game with an eight-run rally with two outs in the fourth inning. Aberasturi, Faith Jacobson, Nash, Riann Beebe and Megan Maxwell all had run-scoring singles in the uprising, which also included two Filer errors that led to three runs.

Jacobson went 2-for-3 with four RBI. She drove in three runs with a bases-clearing triple in the third inning.

Maxwell was 3-for-4 with two RBI, and Sophie Nash doubled, scored three runs and posted an RBI.

✓ Title: Power hitters play great defense, too

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Junior Megan Maxwell and freshman Sophie Nash are working to fill big shoes at catcher after the graduation of four-year starter Tori Nash.

Maxwell is an anomaly of sorts. This will be her first full-time varsity season at Homedale.

Sophie Nash, whom Corta said will also battle for time at third base against another newcomer, junior Rian Beebe, is the latest cousin from a standout softball family to slip on a Trojans uniform.

Sophomore Kendall Nash is another of the cousins. She was a utility player as a freshman, but will bring range and good glove work to second base in 2016.

“Kendall also brings a great bat to the lineup,” Corta said. “Kendall hits line shots and finds a way to get on.”

The remainder of Homedale’s four-year starters — Aberasturi and Machuca — are home run

hitters who will anchor the Trojans’ explosive offense, but Corta points out they’re just as effective in the field.

“Gardenia gets a great read on balls and gets to balls that are hit in the gap with ease,” Corta said. “Gardenia has a great glove and a super arm.”

Corta calls Aberasturi “a wall” at first base.

“She scoops everything and gets to balls that you think there is no way,” the coach said.

Shanley, an All-3A SRV honorable mention last year, returns to play alongside Machuca in right field.

“Sydnee has worked hard in the off-season hitting,” Corta said. “She will bring a much improved



Larry Corta

bat to the lineup.”

Just as appearing in state championship games has become old hat for the Trojans, so has cranking out 3A SRV rookies of the year.

Pitcher Dakota Kelly is the latest HHS player to earn that distinction after she helped the team to the state title.

“We have high hopes on her, and we will lean on her this year,” Corta said. “Dakota also brings a great stick to the lineup. Dakota is a great contact hitter with the ability to hit the long ball.”

Kimmy Galvan, a senior transfer from Vallivue, and sophomore Faith Jacobson will play for time in left field, Corta said.

“Allison is a player that is going to get thrown everywhere,” Corta said.

“All of these girls battling for positions will all help our team this year.”

—JPB

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More signs of spring



Homedale High School junior varsity starting pitcher Kendall Freelove throws toward the plate during his winning turn in Friday's 12-2 non-conference triumph over host Marsing. Photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography.



Homedale varsity player Jake Deal takes a cut as Connor Carter warms up in the on-deck circle and catcher Nash Johnson looks on from the dugout during Saturday's 3-1 victory in Game 1 of a doubleheader against Filer.



Trojans' second baseman Matt Thatcher stays down on a grounder during Saturday's first game of a doubleheader.

Sports



Taylor Sauer's Marsing High School jersey and photo award medals adorn a table during last year's inaugural memorial softball tournament in Marsing.

MHS hosts second Sauer softball tourney

Marsing High School kicks off its home softball schedule Friday, but chances are the focus will be far away from the sport.

The Taylor Sauer Memorial Tournament, slated for Friday and Saturday, marks the beginning of the Huskies' 2016 home schedule. First-year varsity team Cole Valley Christian, Weiser, Parma, Gooding and the Rocky Mountain junior varsity will be on hand.

The tournament begins at 10 a.m. each day at the MHS softball field.

The tournament is played in memory of Taylor Sauer, a 2011 Marsing High School graduate who was killed in a texting and driving accident in January 2012. Her parents are Shauna and Clay Sauer. They recently moved to Middleton.

Proceeds from tickets sales, concessions and T-shirt sales help fund the Sauer family's ongoing anti-distracted driving outreach program as well as three scholarships the family has set up in Taylor's memory.

One of those scholarships will

be awarded to a participant in this weekend's tournament.

A media area will be set up during the tournament so patrons can view the videos that are used during the family's numerous "Put It Down" presentations.

"I was amazed last year at the time some of these girls spent over watching the TV," Shauna Sauer, Taylor's mother, said.

Shauna Sauer says the event emphasizes education and softball experience. Two girls from each team will receive MVP awards.

Every player also receives a welcome gift bag that includes "Put It Down" window stickers, bracelets and cards.

Each player also receives a large bag of Sour Patch watermelon candies with a tag explaining the tradition behind the gift. Taylor began bringing the candy to practice during the Huskies' 2011 state championship season.

"The girls loved it last year, and know her tourney as the 'sour watermelon' tourney," Sauer said.

— JPB

Marsing softball's youth has coach excited about future

Strong freshman corps could make quick impact

The rebuilding project continues, but when he peers into his crystal softball, Barry Kendall likes what he sees.

The second-year Marsing High School coach has a few players returning from last year's squad and a couple veterans who have returned after a hiatus.

But what he sees as a contemporary liability may become the Huskies' biggest asset in short order.

"Inexperience will probably be our biggest weakness this year, but I do believe this group of players will move forward quickly due to the competitive nature of the team," Kendall said.

The optimism stems from the presence of a group of players who have competed together in high-level youth softball for a number of years.

Kendall is excited that there is now a foundation to rebuild the MHS softball program from the youngest ranks on up.

Freshmen Alex Grant, Ashley Loucks, Emma Heitz and Hailee

Bennett are expected to make their presence felt quickly this season.

There are other ninth-graders, too, including Louisa Metcalf, Rebecca George and Shelby Archer.

Seniors Adrianna Salutregui and Alicia Barkell have returned to the team after sitting out the 2015 season.

Returning players include seniors Kortnie Miller and Angelina Noblett and junior Liz Stanberry. Kendall said the three players didn't see a lot of playing time last season.

Team speed will be a strength for the Huskies, Kendall said.

"We have some quick players that will help on the offensive and defensive side of the game," he said.

Other new players include Italian exchange student Gaia Cascapera, a senior, and junior Makenna Renteria.

The team lost three key players to graduation, including coach's kid Audra Kendall, Carey Dines



Hailee Bennett

and Destiny Reynolds.

Barry Kendall envisions a tough season in the 2A Western Idaho Conference as the Huskies battle reigning state champion New Plymouth and Melba, Marsing assistant coach Cara Duckworth's alma mater which has won numerous state crowns.

"Until someone takes their play, they have to be the favorites," Kendall said.

There is a new 2A WIC entry this season, too. The Huskies will get their first look at Cole Valley Christian's inaugural squad in this weekend's second annual Taylor Sauer Memorial Tournament in Marsing.

— JPB



Alex Grant



Emma Heitz

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MARSING HUSKIES

Athletes of the Week



Brian Purtell, so., baseball

The Play — Purtell's clutch sacrifice bunt moved a runner into scoring position Friday afternoon, and Hardy's two-out, two-run double gave Marsing its only runs in a 12-2 loss to the Homedale junior varsity.



Dakota Hardy, jr., baseball

Baseball
Thursday, March 17 at Payette, 5 p.m.
Friday, March 18 at Homedale JV, 5 p.m.

Track and field
Thursday, March 17 at St. Patty's Meet, Melba, 4 p.m.

Softball
Thursday, March 17 at Payette, 5 p.m.

Taylor Sauer Memorial Tournament
Friday, March 18, home vs. Cole Valley Christian/Weiser winner, 11:45 a.m.
Friday, March 18, home vs. Parma/Gooding winner, 5 p.m.
Saturday, March 19, home vs. Rocky Mtn JV/Gooding winner, 11:45 a.m.
Saturday, March 19, home Parma/Weiser winner, 5 p.m.

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense The flu



He had a little fever but he said he'd be okay,
"Too much to do to lay around and stay inside all day."

"Harry, you were up all night. You've been through a case of Halls!"

"I can't stay in the house all day! Gosh, what if someone calls!"

"You wouldn't have to answer. I'd tell 'em you're outside."

"But what if Ester just dropped by. I'd have no place to hide."

"Don't fret yourself 'bout Ester, 'cause I'm meetin' her in town."

"I planned to fence the stackyard 'fore I move the cows on down."

"It's drizzlin' rain and freezin', you best lay there in your chair."

If someone comes just claim that you're workin' on the fair."

"But they'll see me in my slippers! And what if I doze off?"

"All I know's your sick and sufferin'. Just listen to that cough."

"Well, you go on with Ester and I'll try and close my eyes."

When she hit the yard that evening, she saw his compromise,

He was sittin' in the pickup, asleep there in the seat.

It was idlin' in the driveway. The dog made it complete,

Like he'd just drove up, or maybe was fixin' to pull out.

Either way he had it covered in case someone might doubt

His constant perseverance, but his sweetheart only said,

"You can come on in now, darlin', it's safe to go to bed."

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Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee Shining a light

While presidential politics are consuming citizens' attention spans these days, there are plenty of issues in Owyhee County's three municipalities that warrant a look-see.

If only we could get the blindfold off.

The most prominent situation is the vacant chair at Homedale City Council's twice-monthly meetings.

Several people apparently expressed interest in succeeding the late Vonnie Harkins and rounding out the board at four members. Last Wednesday, three of those men — Michael Aebischer, Tim Downing and Dave Downum — were in attendance when Mayor Gheen Christoffersen made his appointment request to the council.

Christoffersen sought to appoint Aebischer, and Councilman Jerry Anderson — a Christoffersen appointee — went along with the concept.

However, Steve Atkins and Aaron Tines — both holdovers from previous administrations — nixed the idea.

The short and not-so-sweet process that led off last week's council meeting shone a glaring spotlight on a fundamental flaw in the succession process Idaho Code lays out for cities and towns.

And it dredges up speculation on whether or not the interpersonal relationships between Homedale's elected

officials are flawed as well.

For starters, state law empowers Christoffersen with the opportunity to bring his appointment to the council, which is allowed by the same code to vote up or down on the suggestion.

By law, there is no requirement to include the council in the vetting of said appointee nor does the mayor even have to seek applications from folks who might be interested in the position.

The lack of an open and inclusive process encourages cronyism and discourages dialogue. Neither of those enhances the betterment of a town.

The lack of a vetting process involving the entire council lends itself to compartmentalization and could drive a wedge between the elected officials (or widen a chasm of non-communication that may already exist).

This is not to say that such an atmosphere exists at Homedale City Hall. The black letter of the law merely facilitates such an atmosphere in any city government in Idaho.

But the letter of the law — and perhaps a lack of parliamentary procedure on the part of the city council — did create an awkward situation last Wednesday.

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Sens. Mike Crapo and Jim Risch

From Washington Nuclear power advances key to energy portfolio



Nuclear energy and nuclear research have been underutilized as a reliable, safe, clean and efficient part of our national energy portfolio. Bipartisan legislation we introduced and we are working to advance in Congress would help drive needed innovation in this important sector by helping remove barriers to advancements within the private sector and strengthening collaboration with national labs to maintain American preeminence in nuclear energy.

The nuclear industry in the U.S. faces many challenges, as the current fleet of commercial nuclear reactors ages, and economic pressures require some reactors to shut down. Efforts are under way to develop the next generation of nuclear reactors, which are more efficient, simpler and safer. The United States can, and must, lead this effort. Nuclear energy is a key component of the long-term, diversified energy plan — focused on reducing environmental risk and reliance on foreign resources — our country needs.

S. 2461, the Nuclear Energy Innovation Capabilities Act (NEICA), would allow National Labs, such as Idaho National Laboratory (INL), to partner with private nuclear innovators to test the scientific concepts behind the next generation of reactor designs. Fellow Sens. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.), Cory Booker (D-N.J.), Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) and Mark Kirk (R-Ill.) joined us in our effort to propel nuclear energy innovation. NEICA includes the following federal statute changes:

- Recognizes the value of nuclear energy and the need for the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to focus on efforts to foster collaboration and innovation between the private sector, national labs and academia;
- Directs the DOE to partner with private innovators to test and demonstrate the advanced reactor concepts;
- Requires the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to report to Congress on its ability to license advanced reactors.

INL's legacy as the nation's lead nuclear lab leaves it well-positioned to lead this next advancement. Idaho

State University's vice-president for research, Cornelis J. Van der Schyf, wrote in support of NEICA, saying that the measure is "set to not only advance the USA's energy security, but also its leadership in nuclear energy." Mark Rudin, Boise State University's vice-president for research and economic development, wrote, "The programs supported by the bill are critical to continued research and development of next-generation reactors to secure the future of clean, affordable and reliable energy. Fostering collaboration and innovation between academia, the private sector, and the National Labs will enhance U.S. efforts to once again lead the world in development of new nuclear energy technologies." The University of Idaho's vice-president of research and economic development, Jack McIver, wrote, "By increasing the connections between the national laboratories, academia, and the private sector, the programs established by NEICA will result in science and technology advances that will accelerate the worldwide commercial deployment of next-generation, carbon-free, reliable nuclear energy."

The U.S. Senate recently overwhelmingly approved this legislation as an amendment to a larger energy policy reform bill. All the co-sponsors of the standalone measure, with the addition of Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.), co-sponsored the amendment version of NEICA. The Senate version of NEICA is the companion to legislation introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives by Reps. Randy Weber (R-Texas), Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-Texas) and Lamar Smith (R-Texas) that the House passed unanimously on Feb. 29.

— Republicans Mike Crapo and Jim Risch represent Idaho in the U.S. Senate. Crapo is the state's senior member in the chamber, and is in the final year of his third six-year term, having served since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman. A former governor, lieutenant governor and state senator, Risch is in his second term in the Senate.

Commentary

Financial management

Amount of risk determines level of emergency fund

Dear Dave,

Do I set aside six months' worth of paychecks or the amount of my bills for six months when it's time to save up my fully funded emergency fund?

— Steve

Dear Steve,

In my plan, Baby Step 3 is when I advise people to save up three to six months of *expenses* in a fully loaded emergency fund. This is set aside and not touched for any reason other than a true emergency. It's not a Bahamas fund or a new living room furniture fund. It's an *emergency* fund. It's not an investment or fun money; it's insurance. Think of your emergency fund as a protective barrier that keeps you from going into debt or cashing out investments when life throws bad things your way.

How do you decide where to

land in the three- to six-month range of expenses? That depends on how much risk your household has. If there's only one income in the equation, you have more risk, so you should skew things toward six months. Being self-employed or a commissioned salesperson is also a situation where this would be true. If there are two incomes, and both come from steady, dependable sources, you could fall into the middle of that range or even more toward the three-month side.

Make sure your emergency fund is easily accessible, too. A simple money market account with check-writing privileges works fine. You want to make sure you can get your money quickly when the need arises!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

Should I ever consider a 5/1



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adjustable loan if I'm buying a house and plan to pay it off in five years?

— Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

No! The reason is you can never be assured that you're going to

pay it off in five years. If you go into it with that mindset, then you're basically saying you can predict the future will be exactly how you want it to be. That's pretty naïve. Your future will never be what you think it will be. It's either going to be better or worse, but your future will never turn out exactly the way you plan for it to be.

If you can't buy a home with cash, you need the stability of a 15-year, fixed-rate mortgage in your life. We're living in the lowest mortgage interest rate environment in about 50 years. I saw a 3.02 percent 15-year fixed-rate mortgage just the other day.

For those of you who have not refinanced, if you're staying in your home or you're sitting on an adjustable rate, this is a great time to change that. Still, people are sitting around yawning like these kinds of rates are going to

be around forever. It's gone on for a while now, but don't let that fool you into thinking those kinds of rates are normal. They're not going to last forever.

No, I would never under any circumstances take an adjustable rate mortgage. Was that unclear? I hope not!

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is America's trusted voice on money and business, and CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored five New York Times best-selling books. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 11 million listeners each week on more than 550 radio stations and digital outlets. Dave's latest project, EveryDollar, provides a free online budget tool. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.

✓ Light: Communication a crucial component to keeping citizens informed

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Christoffersen called for a motion on Michael Aebischer's appointment, and a voice vote was held.

There was no call for discussion once the motion was seconded, and with that the council missed a golden opportunity.

A discussion could have brought forth — and even allayed — Tines' and Atkins' concerns about Aebischer. Likewise, it could have uncovered Christoffersen's reasoning for selecting the man. It also could have triggered a conversation about the other men who had shown interest in the job.

In short, it would have enhanced the public process — even if it only would have been for the benefit of the few people in the room.

Instead, there was a quick vote, and when Aebischer was rejected, the meeting abruptly pivoted to other business with no mention of what the next move would be.

Meanwhile on the same night in Marsing, that city council pulled the plug on the Planning and Zoning Commission for some valid reasons. Mayor James Ferdinand was forced to break a split vote when Council members Chris Even and Marie Herman wanted to keep the commission and Councilmen Aron Streibel and Cory Percifield voted to disband it.

The end result streamlines Marsing's zoning process and

probably will save the city some money by eliminating an extra monthly meeting night at City Hall and the dual publication of legal notices.

It also means one less layer of communication that apparently had been broken. When The Owyhee Avalanche attempted to track down P&Z chair Hayzen Corder for his take on the possible abolishment of the commission, neither City Hall nor his P&Z counterparts had his current phone number. Apparently, Corder changed jobs — and cellphones — and never gave a new contact number to city officials.

Communication is something that Marsing officials might want to work on overall.

The city advertised a public hearing for a fee schedule, but had no such schedule available for public inspection until moments before last Wednesday's hearing.

When the Avalanche inquired about a fee schedule for use in its coverage prior to the hearing, City Clerk Janice Bicandi said she had yet to receive the new schedule from the city attorney.

The entire point of a public hearing is to get input on a subject from an informed citizenry. When the informational material for said hearing is available only moments before the proceedings begin, public comment is effectively squelched because residents have no time to digest the information or formulate an opinion.

Helping governments and other entities keep the public

informed is, of course, a primary function of a newspaper. But when the newspaper can't get details, the job of disseminating information is next to impossible.

For years, the Avalanche has relied on the Grand View city clerk to stay abreast on developments at city council meetings. Reporters sent emails or made phone calls to City Hall once the agenda was made available and also on the day after meetings.

However, information on several issues facing Grand View — from its geothermal feasibility study to water and sewer infrastructure problems — has been hard to come by in recent months.

Emails have gone unanswered, and last week a reporter's phone call was greeted with pleas that City Clerk Tammy Payne didn't have time to answer questions.

Perhaps it's time for the City of Grand View to consider finding someone who has time to — once a month — answer questions from its newspaper of record. It doesn't have to be the city clerk. It can be Mayor Franklin Hart or a city council member.

At any rate, a press liaison would behoove the small town and help keep its citizens informed.

Such a person and better exposure of the city government's inner-workings could bring Grand View out of the shadows and into the full light as an important aspect of Owyhee County life.

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Term expires 2016

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

March 20, 1991

Boys' State delegates chosen

Jeremy R. Elliott and P.J. Mansisidor have been selected by American Legion Post #32 to represent Homedale at Idaho Boys State this summer.

Barry Malmberg was named 1st alternate and David Uberuaga was named 2nd alternate for the statewide gathering at Boise State University this coming June 5-8. All four are members of the junior class.

Verdis Wilson, chairman of the Legion's selection committee, said the boys were picked from among 14 applicants based on their accomplishments scholastically as well as in the field of extra-curricular activities.

Elliott, 16, is the son of Vicki DeGeus of Caldwell. He is president of the junior class at HHS, where he also takes part in varsity track and football programs and is affiliated with PAYADA (Parents and Youth Against Drug Abuse.)

Mansisidor, 17, is the son of Ray and Mary Louise Mansisidor of rural Homedale. He participates on football, basketball and track teams at HHS, is a member of the Academic Decathlon team and is active in Science Club, Band/Jazz Band and Student Business Organizations.

Mansisidor is an Eagle Scout who is active in a church youth group as well as in the Oinkari Basque Dancers.

Last county bond election was in '53 – Passed 1,212-26

It was 38 years ago when Owyhee County Commissioners called for the last countywide bond levy election. The issue was a half-million-dollar levy to build 130 miles of paved highway from Marsing to Indian Cove.

The election passed by a whopping margin of 1,212 to 26. The project was "the largest single-unit secondary highway project in the United States, and the largest secondary highway project ever undertaken entirely within one county," according to the July 30, 1953 issue of the Owyhee Chronicle.

Six Trojans to hit state mats

Homedale is sending six wrestlers to the Idaho State Wrestling Championships in Pocatello's Holt Arena tomorrow through Saturday, including two new district champions, Rick Zehr in the 130 lb. division and Heith Allen in the 171 lb. division.

Others who emerged from the district mat struggles last weekend in Parma with go signs for Poky are: Sam Freitag at 103, Kory Bean at 145, Chris Ford at 140, and Aaron Breshears at 152. Freitag and Bean placed 2nd at district, while Ford and Breshears took 3rd places in winning their matches in the consolation bracket.

Area students named as scholar-athletes

Western Idaho Conference scholar-athletes during basketball season have been posted at area schools, including eleven at Homedale, according to Dan Pagoaga, principal of Payette High School and WIC Vice President. The designation is accorded to athletes maintaining high grade point averages while participating in sports.

At Homedale, boys' varsity basketball players receiving the honor were Kevin Alambra, 4.00; Carl Busse, 4.00; Tony Uranga, 4.00; P.J. Mansisidor, 3.63; Josh Hays, 3.50 and Brad Dines, 3.33. Girls' varsity hoopsters earning the distinction were Julee Salmeier, 4.00; Angie Garrett, 4.00 and Marne Boian, 3.67. Local cheerleaders making the list were Melanie Anderson, 3.60 and Janet Brown, 3.50.

At Marsing, varsity players earning a 3.25 or above GPA included: Scott Brown, Jay Campbell and Shane Cossel, boys; Debbie Webb, Amy Percifield, Beth Kiester and Holly Medina, girls. Marsing JV players on the list were Jesus Loera, Craig Brown, Steven Ineck and Jared Berends, boys; Melissa Jones, Holly Parkins, Alayna Malmberg, Debbie Kiester and Christy Hall, girls.

At Rimrock, scholar-athletes in the Grand View-Bruneau region were: Melisa McDaniel, 3.69; Brandi Frisch, 3.67; Shannon Jayo, 3.50; Anna Rahn, 3.50; Mindy Rice, 3.59; and Alisa Astle, 3.33, girls varsity; Chris Collett, 3.86; Reed Beus, 3.83; Ed Dean, 3.77; Dan Dean, 3.50; Brian Mathews, 3.33; and Bill Roberts, 3.29, boys varsity.

50 years ago

March 17, 1966

School board adopts budget for 1966-67; schedules public hearing

The regular monthly meeting of the Homedale school board was held Monday evening at the Washington grade school building with all members present, according to Jim Duncan, clerk.

The budget for the 1966-67 school year was adopted by the board, and a public hearing is scheduled for the next regular board meeting April 11.

The board also discussed the emergency closing of the Homedale schools on March 9, 10, and 11, due to the influenza epidemic.

The 1966-67 school calendar was adopted and opening day of school next fall set for August 29.

Bids were called for a new school bus. Bids will be opened at the next regular board meeting.

Teaching contracts were offered to Mrs. Mary Jo Pottenger and Mrs. Pauline Hibbs.

Bills amounting to \$3,292.06 were approved and paid.

The board approved the project application for supplementary library materials under Public Law 89-10. The project application in the amount of \$1,680.20, for the purchase of science tables and chairs for the junior high school under Title 3 NDEA, was also approved by the board.

Railway express service resumed at Homedale

Railway express shipments are again being handled between Homedale and the main line passenger trains in Boise, according to Ralph Brady, Union Pacific agent at Homedale.

The service is tri-weekly, Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays, and was effective March 10, with Boise Delivery and Transfer handling the trucking.

Express shipments can again be sent or received at Homedale Union Pacific depot after having been suspended for some time.

Succor Crik Sam Sez:

"This is the day for wearin' o' the green if you kin git out of the red."

Chroniclings

Herman Koenig had no trouble conversing with Mike Leavitt, who returned from Germany Saturday. Mike learned to "Sprechen sie Deutsch" while on a mission at Wilhelmshaven, near Herman's hometown of Dornum.

Basque dance proceeds total \$1,527.95

The Marsing-Homedale Basque Charity dance Saturday night was a great success, General Chairman Ray Mansisidor of Homedale states. A total gross amount of 1,527.95 was received, Roman Usabel, Secretary-Treasurer reports.

Feature of the evening was the auctioning of the fat lamb donated by Colin McLeod, Jr., Caldwell, Manager of the Spring Valley Livestock Co.

The lamb was first purchased by Bestway Building Center of Marsing, Jim Walker, Manager, for \$195, who turned the lamb back for resale and was then purchased by Justo's Service of Marsing and Paul's Buy Low of Homedale for \$155.

It was turned back to be sold again and was purchased for the third time by Dobbin Implement of Marsing for \$95 who also turned it back and was bought for the 4th time by Ralph Bowman Produce of Marsing for \$65, who turned it back to be sold again and was purchased by Ken Bittick, Manager of Idaho First National Bank of Marsing, for \$52.50, who also turned it back.

It was bought on the sixth go around by Al McCluskey's Commissary of Caldwell for \$52.50

One-half of the net proceeds will go to the Marsing High School for the purchasing of new band uniforms and the other half will go to a charity cause in Homedale.

Several door prizes were given throughout the evening donated by Andy's Oasis, Marsing; John and Edna's, Marsing, and Wanita Churruca, Marsing, J&D Pack, Homedale.

140 years ago

March 18, 1876

THERE ARE five States in the Union in which the death penalty has been abolished viz – Maine, Connecticut, Wisconsin, Iowa, Michigan. In two of these States, Wisconsin and Michigan, the abolition seems to have worked satisfactorily; in Maine there have been several atrocious murders in the past five years, and life imprisonment does not seem to have the desired effect there. A hanging law still prevails in Vermont but murders are of very rare occurrence there.

THE PROPRIETOR of the New York Times went to Washington recently for the purpose of consulting with the President concerning the future course of that paper. It looks as though Grant had enough to do just now without having anything to do with running newspapers.

BON LOUTHAN, now on his way to San Francisco to purchase goods for his extensive mercantile establishments in Boise City, was an old pioneer of Owyhee, where, in early days, he used to delve for the "root of all evil" on the "stormy banks of Jordan." It is related of Bob that in the summer of '66 he wore out three picks and peeled all the skin off his palms in his search for bonanzas among the quartz lodes of Flint District. Had the redskins not interfered with his operations he might have been there yet. Those were the times that tried men's souls, and Bob was glad to get away with his scalp.

EVERY DOLLAR spent in developing mines and producing bullion adds too much to the material wealth of the country. Our mines that are not requiring aid will, in the course of time, be self-sustaining, and will, in time, yield a much larger sum than is required to keep them in successful operation. This remark applies to productive mines. Mining is an undoubted source of wealth. The risks are greater than in other pursuits, and so are the profits, when they assume that form. Taken as a whole, there is a margin in favor of continuing the business.

ST. PATRICK BALL – Dow Vincent is making grand preparations for the ball to come off at his place next Thursday night and anticipates that large delegations of votaries at the shrine of Terpsichore will be present from Silver City, Boonville, Franconia, Wagontown, South Mountain and Jordan Valley. In addition to those already announced, Thomas Hart Esq., of Franconia will officiate as one of the floor managers. Mr. Vincent says that there will be ample conveyance on hand for the accommodation of all Silver City folks who wish to attend.

A BILL is now before Congress, which proposes to restrain the issue or sale of any more obligations of the Central Pacific Railroad Company secured by mortgage upon the line of road granted by the United States to aid in its construction. The bill cites that the company has improperly increased its capital stock, in interest-bearing securities and liabilities, for and on account of branch roads, steamship lines, and other properties, without authority of Congress, and without a corresponding increase in value of its real and personal property.

WISHING TO appear smart, a Washington correspondent recently described one of our newly-arrived Congressmen from the "Far West" as looking as though he had "come all the way across the continent on the hurricane deck of a mule."

SOCIABILITY AND cheerfulness are the most desirable traits in a person's disposition. With this happy temperament a person has pleasant recognition and cheerful words for everyone he meets. He scatters sunbeams wherever he goes. He paves the path of others and smiles. He makes society genial, and the work delightful to those who would else find them cold, selfish and forlorn. Be social wherever you go.

Public notices

**CITY OF MARSING
OWYHEE COUNTY
GEM HIGHWAY**

**ANNUAL ROAD & STREET FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015**

Beginning balance as of October 1 pervious year	14,079
LOCAL FUNDING SOURCES	
Property tax levy (for roads, streets & bridges)	28,972
Interest income	179
Total Local Funding	29,151
STATE FUNDING SOURCES	
Highway user revenue	44,531
Sales tax/Inventory replacement tax	5,310
Sales tax/Revenue sharing	10,698
Total State Funding	60,539
Total Receipts	89,690
RECONSTRUCTION	
Bridges, culverts & storm drainage	1,897
Other (signs, signals, traffice control)	4,737
Total Reconstruction	6,634
ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	
Patching	5,153
Winter Maintenance	6,985
Grading/blading	15,562
Other (Hwy 78/55 blinking light)	3,017
Total Routine Maintenance	30,717
EQUIPMENT	
Equipment lease – purchase	695
Equipment maintenance	5,552
Other- Stop signs, pedxing yield signs, city street signs	2,040
Total Equipment	8,287
ADMINISTRATION	
Administrative salaries and expenses	5,192
OTHER	
Street lighting	16,035
Professional services – engineering	9,609
All other local expenditures-Insurance	1,926
Total Other	27,570
Total Disbursements	78,570
Receipts Over Disbursement	11,290
Closing balance	25,369
ENDING BALANCE	-0-

James Ferdinand, Mayor
Attest: Janice C. Bicandi
3/16/16

**BEFORE THE OWYHEE
COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS**

A public meeting will be held on March 28, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the annex building of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 17069 Basey St. in Murphy, Idaho. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear public comments on the proposed color-coded road categorization on the RS2477 right of way quadrangle maps within portions of the following townships and ranges:

01S02W; 02S02W; 03S02W; S½S½ of 01S01W; 02S01W; 03S01W; 04S01W; N½ of 05S01W; W½W½ of 02S01E; 03S01E; 04S01E; N½ of 05S01E; SWSW¼ of 03S02E; 04S02E; 05S02E; 06S02E; SWSW ¼ of 04S03E; 05S03E; 06S03E; 05S04E; 06S04E; 05S05E; 06S05E; 07S05E; N½N½ of 08S05E; S½S½ of 05S06E; 06S06E; 07S06E; N½N½ of 08S06E; S½S½ of 05S07E; 06S07E; 07S07E; N½N½ of 08S07E; SWSW¼ of 05S08E; W½ of 06S08E; 07S08E; and the N½N½ of 08S08E.

The color-coding categorizes the right of ways located on federal lands in accordance with Owyhee County Resolution 2011-21, which established the final groups and criteria for such groups. **No groups and related criteria intend to cover the various rights of way located on private lands.** The proposed maps are available for viewing in the planning and zoning office located in the annex building of the Owyhee County Courthouse at 17069 Basey St. in Murphy during regular business hours Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm, and 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm.
3/2&3/16/16

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Sealed bids will be received by the Homedale School District

#370 for the construction of new bleachers at Homedale High School. Work will be awarded under one (1) General Contract. All bids must be a lump sum basis; segregated bids will not be accepted.

Sealed bids will be received in the office of Design West Architects, 216 SW 5th Avenue #100, Meridian, ID 83642 until 2:00 pm, prevailing local time, on Wednesday March 30, 2016. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud at the time and place stated for receipt of bids. Bids received after the time fixed for opening will not be considered.

Project Documents will be available electronically (PDF format) at no cost upon request from Design West Architects, P.A., designwest@designwestid.com. Contractors may obtain additional sets by paying the cost of reproduction, which will not be refunded.

Bid security in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid must accompany each bid, in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders, made payable to the Homedale School District. Performance Bond and Labor and Materials Payment Bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount will be required within five (5) days after receipt of properly prepared Agreement between Owner and Contractor.

The Owner reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject any or all bids. No bidder may withdraw his bid after the hour set for opening thereof, or before award of Contract, unless award is delayed for a period exceeding thirty (30) days.

This Public Works project is not financed in whole or in part by federal-aid funds. Bid proposals will be accepted from those contractors only (prime contractors, subcontractors, and/

RESOLUTION R-132

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF MARSING, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, ESTABLISHING FEES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Idaho Code §63-1311(1) authorizes a municipality to impose and cause to be collected reasonable fees for services;

WHEREAS, Idaho Code §63-1311A requires a municipality to hold a public hearing to establish new fees;

WHEREAS, Idaho Code §50-319 authorizes a municipality to collect fees pertaining to licensing of animals;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Marsing believe that it is within the City's best interest to establish reasonable fees to offset certain administrative costs performed by the City of Marsing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARSING, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, as follows:

Section 1: That said schedule of fees of the City of Marsing are hereby approved:

Code Section	Title	Amount
1-4-1(A)	General Penalty: (A) Infraction: 1st Offense: \$50.00 2nd Offense: \$100.00 3rd Offense: \$200.00 4th and All Following Offenses: \$300.00	\$50.00 \$100.00 \$200.00 \$300.00
1-5-5	Miscellaneous Administrative Provisions: Insufficient Check Fee, Dishonored Check Fee	\$25.00
1-7A-2(D)	City Officers and Personnel: Copies of City Records	\$.10
1-7A-2(E)	City Officers and Personnel: Issue Licenses	\$10.00
2-1	General Business License - Resident	\$50.00
	Special Business License – Resident	\$100.00
	Home Occupation License - Resident	\$30.00
	Late Fee (For Renewals Only) – Resident	\$5.00
	General Business License – Non-Resident	\$100.00
	Special Business License – Non-Resident	\$200.00
2-2-6	Alcoholic Beverages: License Fees Beer Retail Beer on Premises Retail Wine Wine Consumption on Premises Amusement fee	\$225.00 \$50.00 \$50.00 \$100.00 \$100.00 \$20.00
2-4-4(B)	Peddlers-Solicitors-Transient Merchants: Application for License; Investigation Fee	none
2-4-6	Peddlers-Solicitors-Transient Merchants – License Fee	\$200.00/Year \$50.00/Quarter
4-2-2(B)	Dogs: License Requirements: Spayed or neutered Dogs: License Requirements: Not Spayed or neutered	\$5.00 \$20.00
4-2-2(C)	Dogs: License Requirements: Kennel	\$25.00
4-2-6(D)(1)	Dogs: License Requirements: Impound(1st offense) Dogs: License Requirements: Impound(2nd offense) Dogs: License Requirements: Impound(3rd offense) Catcher Fee	\$10.00 \$25.00 \$50.00 \$10.00
4-5-1(A)(3)	Fireworks-not sold in city	
Resolution No. _____ Effective 04/15/2006	Public Records Fee Copying of Record Faxing a Record Notary Services Labor & Administrative Costs as defined in Idaho Code § 74-102(9)(a) Such Costs shall be assessed when: Request is for more than 100 pages; or Request includes records from which nonpublic information must be deleted; or	\$.10/page \$1.00/page none

	The actual labor associated in responding to requests for public records in compliance with the provisions exceeds two (2) person hours. Advanced payment for a computer tape, disc, microfilm, or other similar analogous record system containing public information as defined in Idaho Code § 74-102(9)(d).	
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Section 2: That the Mayor and City Council are hereby authorized to execute said fee schedules for and on behalf of the City of Marsing.

Section 3: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

DATED this 9th day of February, 2016.
CITY OF MARSING, Owyhee County, Idaho
By James Ferdinand, Mayor
ATTEST: Janice C. Bicandi, City Clerk
3/16,23/16

or specialty contractors) who, prior to the bid opening, hold current licenses as public works contractors in the State of Idaho.

All work shall be performed under Title 54, Chapter 19, of the Idaho code governing Public Works Contracts. Each bidder shall identify his Public Works Contractors State License Number in space provided on the Bid Proposal Form.
3/16,23/16

**LEGAL NOTICE OF
TERMINATION TRIAL
CASE NO. CV2015-792-H
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT OF
THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN
AND FOR THE COUNTY OF
OWYHEE**

In the Consolidated Matter of the Termination of Parental Rights of: TAMARA L. REYES and LAMONT L. BECK.

In the Matter of the Adoption of: L.D.B., Minor Child.

To: LAMONT BECK, the natural father of said L.D.B.

YOU AND EACH OF YOU, will hereby take notice:

That a Petition under the Termination Act was filed in the above entitle matter on the 17th day of December, 2015.

That a Termination Trial on the Petition has been set for May 18, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magistrate Court, Owyhee County Courthouse, Homedale, Idaho. Unless you file a responsive pleading within twenty (20) days, a default judgment may be entered against you.

That you have the right to be represented by Counsel of your choosing or upon good cause shown, providing you are financially needy, the Court may appoint Counsel to act in your behalf.

That you are required to register your claim of paternity with the Vital Statistics Unit of the Department of Health and Welfare prior to the date of any termination proceeding wherein the child is placed with an agency licensed to provide adoption services, pursuant to Idaho Code 16-1513(5).

DATED this 1st day of March, 2016

Clerk of the District Court
By Cindy Chaves, Deputy Clerk
3/9,16,23,30/16

Public notices

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Tuesday, the 28th day of June, 2016, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m. of said day in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, Ryan M. Fawcett, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

In Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho Section 35

Beginning at the Southwest corner of the West Half of the East Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter; thence running

North 435.60 feet; thence running

East 100 feet; thence running

South 435.60 feet; thence running

West 100 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

The Successor Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 7042 Opaline Rd., Melba, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by BLAINE HALLEN, and LUCILE MALLEN, Husband and Wife, Grantor, to Ryan M. Fawcett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION, recorded April 8, 2009, as Instrument No. 267882, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTOR IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, monthly installment payments under the Deed of Trust Note dated April 2, 2009, in the amount of \$1,007.00 each, for the months of July, 2015 through February, 2016, inclusive; and for each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reimbursement. All delinquent payments are now due, plus accumulated late charges, plus any costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure. The accrued interest is at the rate of 5.00% per annum from June 1, 2015. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$149,373.94, plus accrued interest at the rate of

5.00% per annum from June 1, 2015.

DATED This 25th day of February, 2016.

RYAN M. FAWCETT, a Member of the Idaho State Bar, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE
3/16,23,30;4/6/16

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

T.S. No. 036088-ID Parcel No.: RPA0010052011AA NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE On 6/14/2016 at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), in the LOBBY OF THE OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at 20381 HIGHWAY 78, MURPHY, ID 83650, in the County of Owyhee, SYDNEY K. LEAVITT, ESQ., a member of the State Bar of Idaho, of ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit: LOTS 11 AND 12 IN BLOCK 52 OF THE AMENDED PLAT OF THE TOWNSITE OF HOMEDALE, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: 122 W MONTANA AVE, HOMEDALE, ID 83628, is commonly associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by JULIE A SCOTT, MARRIED, SOLE AND SEPARATE, as Grantor(s), to PIONEER TITLE CO., as Trustee, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR FIRST MORTGAGE COMPANY OF IDAHO LLC, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 7/15/2009, recorded 7/17/2009, as Instrument No. 268715, official records of Owyhee County, Idaho. Please note: The above named Grantors are named to comply with Idaho Code Section 45-1506(4)(a); no representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for the obligation. The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to make monthly payments when due from 7/1/2015 and all subsequent monthly payments thereafter, including installments of principal, interest, impounds, advances, plus any charges lawfully due under the note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust, Deed of Trust and as allowed under Idaho Law. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust

as of 2/1/2016 is \$42,547.35 including interest, costs, fees, including trustee and/or attorney fees and costs, and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation thereunder or in this sale and to protect the security associated with the Deed of Trust, as authorized in the Note, Deed of Trust or as allowed under Idaho Law. Because interest, late charges, fees, costs and expenses continue to accrue, the total amount due varies from day to day. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after receipt of funds to satisfy the debt. For further information, write the Trustee at 4375 Jutland Drive, Ste. 200, San Diego, CA 92117, or call (866)931-0036 DATED: 2/1/2016 SYDNEY K. LEAVITT, ESQ., a member of the State Bar of Idaho, of ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP
2/24,3/2,9,16/16

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV-2016-0849 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE MAGISTRATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of ROBERT GLEN BRIGGS and JUNE ROSE BRIGGS, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned were appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the above-named estates. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must both be presented to the undersigned at address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

Dated: 2-29-2016

Jim Briggs, Barbara Hecker, Co-Personal Representatives c/o Wm. F. Nichols, ISB #3496, White Peterson Law Office, Attorneys for Personal Representative, 5700 E Franklin Road, Suite 200, Nampa, Idaho 83687. Phone 208-466-9272 Fax 208-466-4405
3/9,16,23/16

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE CASE NO. CV-2016-866-H IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE IN RE: Edna Marisela Vazquez.

A Petition to change the name of Edna Marisela Vazquez, now residing in the City of Homedale, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Owyhee County, Idaho. The name will change to Edna Marisela Flores. The reason for the change in name is: to have the same last name as my husband.

A hearing on the petition is

scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on April 20, 2016 at the Owyhee County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

Date: February 25, 2016
Clerk of the District Court
By: Cindy Chaves, Deputy Clerk
3/2,9,16,23/16

NOTICE OF HEARING CASE NO. CV-2015-868-H IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

In Re: DENNIS LEE WHITMORE

A Verified Petition to change the name of DENNIS LEE WHITMORE, now residing in Homedale, Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Owyhee County, Idaho. The name will be changed to DENNIS LEE RYDELL. The reason for the change is because that is the name by which Petitioner has been known all of his life; it is the name that is contained on most of Petitioner's legal documents; it is the last name used by petitioner's wife and biological child; and it is the name by which Petitioner desires to be known.

A hearing on the Petition is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on the 20th day of April, 2016, at the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 31 W. Wyoming, Homedale, Idaho 83628. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

Dated this 2 day of March, 2016.

Clerk of the Court
By: Cindy Chaves, Deputy Clerk
3/16,23,30;4/6/16

NOTICE OF PENDING ACTION

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is proposing to establish a strategic system of fuel breaks inside and outside the Soda Fire perimeter in the Owyhee (Idaho) and Malheur (Oregon) Field Offices in Western Idaho and Eastern Oregon. BLM is proposing to construct approximately 400 miles of mechanical fuel breaks along existing roads. BLM would also develop a targeted grazing fuel break along the Owyhee Front. Within the targeted grazing fuel break area, BLM would also analyze an approximate 70 mile forage kochia fuel break along existing roads.

The BLM has posted an information package to inform interested and affected parties of the proposal and to solicit public comments. To view the information package go the BLM's ePlanning page: <http://1.usa.gov/24OCYxu>. Analysis of the proposal is ongoing and will be documented in an Environmental Assessment (EA) with an

estimated completion date of May 30, 2016. Comments received in response to this solicitation will be used to identify potential environmental issues related to the proposed action and to identify alternatives to the proposed action that meet the purpose of and need for the project. The EA will be made available to the public for review and comment prior to BLM making a decision on how to proceed with the alternatives analyzed.

Comments will be most helpful if they are received by April 5, 2016. Please address your comments to Michelle Ryerson, Owyhee Field Office Manager, 20 First Avenue West, Marsing ID, 83639. If hand-delivering comments, business hours are 8:00-4:30 Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Email comments can be submitted to: BLM_ID_OwyheeOffice@blm.gov; please include the title of this project in the subject line.

For any additional information, please contact Jeremy Bisson, Soda Fire ESR Project Lead (Interim) at (208) 677-6600.

3/16/16

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION HAS BEEN FILED TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF IDAHO: NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT, TRANSFER NO. 80453

J R SIMPLOT CO, PO BOX 27, BOISE, ID 83707; has filed Application No. 80453 for changes to the following water rights within OWYHEE County(s): Right No(s). 2-7103, 2-7104; to see a full description of these rights and the proposed transfer, please see www.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/wr/QueryNewTransfers/QueryNewTransfers.aspx. The transfer proposes to move a total of 1.81 cfs, 454 af and 90.8 acres from water rights 2-7103 and 2-7104 used on Simplot's Aslett Farm to Simplot's Battle Creek Ranch. Simplot Battle Creek Ranch is located seven miles east of Simplot's Aslett Farm, directly south of CJ Strike Reservoir.

For additional information concerning the property location, contact Western Region office at (208) 334-2190; or for a full description of the right(s) or proposed transfer(s), please see www.idwr.idaho.gov/WaterManagement/WaterRights. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-222. Any protest against the proposed change(s) must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 Airport Way, Boise, ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 4/4/2016. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

GARY SPACKMAN, Director
3/16,23/16



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Our family wishes to express our great gratitude and complement the fire department for their timely and effective response to our house fire on March 7th. As I sat and watched I was amazed as they worked together as a team in complete cooperation. There was no wasted time or effort. The survival donations and gifts were greatly appreciated by all. We always knew our Homedale boys are good 'ol boys! Betty Eoff



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