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Preferred Gateway routes downplay private property

Idaho Power, county alternative not prioritized in BLM's draft document

The route Idaho Power and an Owyhee County task force prefer for the Gateway West transmission line isn't among the top two singled out by the federal government for upcoming public meetings.

The Bureau of Land Management is

accepting comment on the draft supplemental environmental impact statement (Draft SEIS) for the two segments of the 500-kilovolt (kV) power line that traverse Owyhee County at the end of a 1,500-mile journey from a Wyoming substation to the

Hemingway Butte substation near Wilson.

BLM selected Alternatives 2 and 5 as co-preferred alternatives for the purposes of public review and comment. BLM points out that identification of those alternatives does not represent the agency's final direction.

Overlooked by that focal point, however, is Alternative 1, the revised proposed routes for Segments 8 and 9 that Idaho Power and Rocky Mountain Power presented as its preference. Those routes avoid private property throughout Owyhee County.

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Story Time children learn about water

Right: Mer Bilyeu helps Theodore (left) and Marshall Eells make water droplet collages after a reading of "Get Into Science: Water Play" during Story Time at the Homedale Public Library Friday morning. Theodore, 3, and Marshall, 5, are the sons of Jasmine and Steven Eells. **Above:** Bilyeu's 2-year-old daughter Jolee made a collage then watched what other children were up to.



Jacks Creek Road remains open to public

County commissioner Hoagland out-voted in 2-1 decision

After a public hearing last month, the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners (BOCC) has decided against a request by the Simplot Co. to vacate Jacks Creek Road between Bruneau and Grand View.

Commissioners rejected Sim-

plot's request by a 2-1 vote during their March 14 meeting. Once the decision is in writing, Simplot will have a 28-day appellate window. It's unclear when a written decision will be produced.

District 1 Commissioner Jerry

— See *Road*, page 10

Numerous Easter egg hunts slated in county

Easter egg hunts are planned throughout Owyhee country on Saturday, giving children the opportunity to gather plenty of sweets and even a shot at some extra-special prizes.

Homedale

The usual free-for-all will start

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Cascade pastor makes trip for Lizard Butte Easter Sunrise Service.

at 10 a.m. at Sundance Park for all age groups. Children up to 10 years old are eligible to participate

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Irrigators to get insight on upcoming water season today

Crews complete pond work to mitigate Homedale silt

Farmers in the Homedale-Marsing and Ridgeview, Ore., areas can get an idea of what to expect for irrigation supplies this year by attending a public forum today.

The South Board of Control's

annual water users meeting will begin at 1 p.m., in the Homedale Senior Center at 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

South Board interim manager John Eells expects the irrigation season to begin the first or second

week of April.

Wherever he goes, the most common question from his patrons is when the water will be turned on.

"It's a curiosity more than a need," Eells said. "With the rain

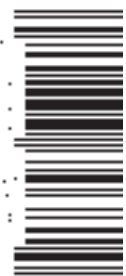
that we've got right now, nobody needs, and it's too cold to plant. You have to have your ground up to temperature for anything to germinate."

Whether or not the Owyhee Reservoir will fill this year is the second-most common question Eells hears from irrigators.

When the water year will start isn't the only point Eells will address with Owyhee Project patrons today.

"I'll give them a rundown on employees and who we have," Eells said. "I guess we've got a couple of speakers from the

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Cascade pastor picked to lead Easter sunrise service

Sunday's Lizard Butte Easter Sunrise Service will include a visitor from Valley County.

Marty Meyer, pastor at the Cascade Youth With a Mission Church, is the guest pastor for the 79th annual Easter Sunday morning service. The event will start at 7:20 a.m., Sunday on Lizard Butte off of Idaho highway 55 on Symms Road just north of Marsing in the Sunnyslope area of Canyon County.

Each year, the Lizard Butte Sunrise Association chooses a different pastor to give the Easter message.

Meyer is a friend of Rod Enos, pastor at Southside Christian Church in Meridian. The sunrise association initially asked Enos to deliver the Easter message, but he had a scheduling conflict and suggested Meyer.

Meyer is still working on exactly what his message will be, but it will be based on the Resurrection.

"I've been thinking, praying about ideas concerning the power of the Resurrection and what is our response to the Resurrection of Christ," Meyer said.



Marty Meyer

He added that he's never been to an Easter sunrise service at Lizard Butte.

"I'm pretty excited. This will be my first time, and I actually get to speak at it," Meyer said.

"I was really honored by that."

The service will also include special music provided by Miss Elaine of Caldwell.

The annual service began in 1938 and with two exceptions,

both the result of extreme weather, has been held continually for 79 years with an average attendance of 1,400 people.

The earliest services at Lizard Butte were supported financially entirely from dues levied at 10 cents per meeting per member. It wasn't until 1942 that the committee decided to ask for a freewill offering from those in attendance.

The first offering received totaled \$9.62.

Several scout troops have assisted with parking and directed the participants in the pledge to the flag at the beginning of each service. Caldwell Scout Troop 276 has assumed those responsibilities for the past 32 years.

The Canyon County Sheriff's Office has helped with traffic control since 1968, and people are encouraged to arrive early to find a good parking spot.

The Sunrise Association encourages attendees to dress warmly and to bring a blanket or lawn chairs to sit on.

— SC

County insurance to cover expenses for wounded Posse member

The county will cover medical bills for a Posse member who accidentally shot himself during a range exercise earlier this month.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Posse member Ron Petit, a Level 1-certified lawman from Marsing, was wounded in his right leg during the March 6 incident.

Sheriff Perry Grant said because Petit, a retired Army pilot, was on duty and training his injuries and rehabilitation are covered by the county's insurance policy.

A .45 caliber bullet passed through Petit's right thigh, traveled down his leg and lodged next to his ankle when his 1911-style semi-automatic handgun discharged as he was reholstering, Grant said.

"The best knowledge that I

have is he was reholstering, and it was a cold day at the range, and he did have on a jacket," Grant said. "And the feeling is when he was reholstering (that) a piece of jacket grabbed the trigger guard."

Grant said first aid medical attention was administered at the range before a Marsing Ambulance crew transported Petit to Saint Alphonsus-Nampa where he underwent surgery.

"He fortunately wasn't seriously injured in this," Grant said.

The sheriff said an internal investigation was completed. He said it appears the safety mechanism on the back of the weapon may have been depressed when Petit was pushing the gun back into his holster.

— JPB

Marsing man arrested on sex abuse allegation

A 63-year-old Marsing man faces a felony sex abuse charge after an alleged incident involving a family member.

Robert Charles Troxel Jr., has been charged with felony sexual abuse of a minor under the age of 16 as well as misdemeanor indecent exposure.

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery refiled the charges last Wednesday, two days after Troxel posted \$300 bond and was released from Owyhee County Jail.

Sheriff Perry Grant said Troxel was taken into custody at his home on March 12 after his

daughter reported an incident that occurred in Troxel's home while her 14-month-old son was present.



Robert Troxel

Grant said Troxel admitted to the act when Det. Jeff Wasson interviewed him later in the day. The sheriff's office probable cause statement also said Troxel told investigators there have been other incidents.

Grant said this case is one of several alleged sex crimes that his office is currently working.

"We've had an up-tick in sex crimes reported in the last two weeks," he said Monday. — JPB

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Rimrock FFA helps mark wilderness

Rimrock FFA, in partnership with the BLM, has created Owyhee Canyonlands Wilderness signage. Since December, fabrication students have been designing the sign with the plasma cam, and they are now welding a stand. The sign will contain canyonlands information. **From left:** Analeise Mills, Taylor Pearson, Bailey Lindquist, and Hailey Pearson. Submitted photo



Birds of Prey NCA topic of next RS-2477 public meeting

The latest in a series of meetings to help Owyhee County determine RS-2477 rights-of-way classifications takes place later this month.

The next public meeting will cover the Morley Nelson Birds of Prey National Conservation Area. It's set for 6 p.m. on Monday, March 28 inside the county courthouse annex in Murphy.

The area of interest stretches along the Idaho highway 78 corridor south of the Snake River from a point northwest of Murphy to an area just west of the Twin Falls County border.

There are four categories for the roads and trails crossing federal land:

- Category A: Ratified as RS-2477 — Rights-of-way established as public roads in accordance with state law prior to Oct. 21, 1976.

- Category B: Rights-of-way used prior to Oct. 21, 1976 to access private land or Idaho Department of Land (state) property.

- Category C: Management and administrative rights-of-way

awarded through licenses, permits or land use authorization, such as those enjoyed by ranchers with BLM grazing permits.

- Category D: Rights-of-way that provide livestock trailing access

- Category E: Rights-of-way not falling specifically into the first four groups.

County commissioners have held three other meetings to get public input on roads and trails in different sections of Owyhee County as part of validating rights-of-way asserted throughout the county.

The process is part of a plan to develop maps to help the Bureau of Land Management develop travel management plans.

Officials have used 161 U.S. Geological Service topographical maps to identify the roads and trails throughout the county.

Once the public comment process on all areas in the county is completed, county commissioners could seek validation of the rights-of-way in federal court.

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Trustee Lankow moves, creating Marsing School Board vacancy

The Marsing School District's Board of Trustees has declared a vacancy in Trustee Zone 1.

District Superintendent Norm Stewart said Michael Lankow is moving out of his zone and had to resign. He did not know where Lankow is moving.

Stewart doesn't think there was any sort of internal strife that led to Lankow's departure.

"He sold his house a year ago, and then he leased it, the lease is up so they're moving," Stewart said.

Zone 1 is outside of Marsing city limits south of Sommercamp Road and generally west of

Buntrock Road.

There are two small sections of Zone 1 east of Buntrock Road and north of Idaho 55 ending at Market Road and Edison Road.

Stewart said the first step in finding a replacement for Lankow is advertising for the position and taking out a legal notice, which appears in this week's edition of The Owyhee Avalanche.

"People who live in Michael's zone can apply for it, and then the board will look at those applications, and interview prospective board members and then appoint somebody from that group," Stewart said.

Trustees accepted Lankow's resignation during the board's March 8 meeting.

Board chair Betty Ackerman is sorry to see Lankow go.

"We really do appreciate his service," Ackerman said. "We are sad to see him leave but understand that he's moving out of the district."

Lankow began serving as a trustee in 2013 when he replaced longtime chair of the board Joe Usabel.

Attempts by The Owyhee Avalanche to reach Lankow were unsuccessful.

— SC

Easter events continue in Homedale community

While the Homedale Ministerial Association continues its Holy Week luncheons today through Good Friday, another Homedale church has announced its Easter plans.

First Presbyterian Church will serve a free Easter brunch at 10 a.m. Sunday. The meal is followed at 11 a.m. by worship with Bruce Swanson and a youth Easter pageant.

The church is located at 320 N. 6th St. W. First Presbyterian continues to serve free lunch at noon each Saturday, too.

The Holy Week luncheons take

place from noon to 1 p.m., daily through Friday inside the Mountain View Church of the Nazarene fellowship hall. The church is located at 26515 Ustick Road in Canyon County.

A devotional or sermon and maybe music will follow lunch.

Meals are free, but donations are accepted.

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

Today — 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 information, call Mountain View Church of the Nazarene at (208) 337-3151.

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Water: Federal Bureau of Reclamation personnel to discuss 2016 water supply

(Bureau of Reclamation). I believe they've got some guys talking about crop insurance, and then we'll probably open it up for general questions." Brian Sauer, Bureau of Reclamation water operations manager for the Little Snake Field Office, confirmed that he will attend the meeting to talk about water supplies. He will be joined by Melissa Jayo, a bureau hydro technician, who will help with his PowerPoint presentation. Eells will also talk about putting down sterilant to kill weeds, and aquatics, which is the South Board's program to reduce moss. Nothing is off the table for water users to inquire about at today's meeting. "Basically I'm just trying to be as open as I possibly can," Eells said. "I probably do as much PR work as I do anything else. Anytime I walk into the bowling alley, the Whitehouse (Drive Inn in Marsing), the pizza place (in Homedale), I am on duty." Today he will also update people on a few of the projects his crews have been working on. One of those projects was a new silt pond for the City of Homedale, which was completed a little over a month ago. The silt pond reduces sediment from old Gem Irrigation District water that comes out of Jump Creek before it goes into the town ditch. The ditch supplies water from an area just behind the South Board's office on S. 1st St. W. to the northeast entrance into town. Eells said construction of the silt pond didn't cost the South Board anything, and only put hours on a backhoe used to dig the pond. Homedale has two more silt ponds to clean up the wastewater that supplies other sections of town. Those ponds are located near Sundance Park and near Sage Creek.

SNOTEL report, Owyhee County sensors

	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature Max	Min	Avg
	(measured in inches)			(measured in Fahrenheit)		
Mud Flat						
03/15	0.0	0	11.1	36	26	31
03/16	0.0	0	11.2	47	28	36
03/17	0.0	0	11.3	46	27	36
03/18	0.0	0	11.3	47	25	35
03/19	0.0	0	11.3	53	32	42
03/20	0.0	0	11.3	59	33	48
03/21	0.0	0	11.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
03/15	0.1	n/a	13.7	32	25	28
03/16	0.3	n/a	14.0	39	29	34
03/17	0.2	n/a	14.1	37	27	31
03/18	0.0	n/a	14.1	41	25	33
03/19	0.0	n/a	14.1	49	29	38
03/20	0.0	n/a	14.1	58	35	46
03/21	0.0	n/a	14.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
03/15	12.6	34	26.9	33	24	28
03/16	12.7	35	27.1	46	27	35
03/17	12.8	33	27.1	44	25	33
03/18	12.9	32	27.1	49	23	36
03/19	12.8	31	27.1	55	34	44
03/20	12.6	29	27.1	54	40	48
03/21	12.2	28	27.2	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 52 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 2,065 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 13 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 370,456 acre-feet of water on Monday. **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. — Information compiled from the National Weather Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Helena Chemical in Homedale

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✓ Gateway: Agency says all proposed alternatives will impact NCA

Comments will be accepted on the Draft SEIS through June 9. A final decision is expected by the end of the year.

A series of public meetings also have been scheduled, including the final meeting set from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 21 inside McKeeth Hall at the Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basye St., in Murphy.

Other public meetings are:

- 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday, April 19 at the Best Western Vista Inn at the Airport, 2645 W Airport Way, Boise

- 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 19 at the Kuna Senior Center, 229 N Ave. A, Kuna

- 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 20 at the BLM Twin Falls District Office, 2878 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls

According to the BLM Draft SEIS, which can be found online at <http://on.doi.gov/1sExPBP>, Alternative 5 sends portions of Segments 8 and 9 over private ground east of Bruneau and in Oreana. The alternative also avoids crossing the Snake River in Owyhee County and, for the most part, keeps the line out of the Morley

How to comment

- Email — blm_id_gateway_west@blm.gov
- Mail — BLM Idaho State Office, Gateway West Transmission Project, 1387 South Vinnell Way, Boise, ID 83709
- Hand delivery — Idaho State Office
- In person — Scheduled public meetings

Note — Copies of the Draft SEIS and Draft RMP Amendments are available in the BLM Idaho State Office Public Room; the BLM Boise District Office, 3948 Development Ave., Boise; the BLM Twin Falls District Office, Twin Falls; and online at <http://on.doi.gov/1sExPBP>

Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area as well as out of Ada County.

Alternative 2 would put Segment 9 on private land south of Bruneau and Grand View and take the line straight through Oreana and Murphy, again avoiding a Snake River crossing in Owyhee County, avoiding Ada County and having minimal encroachment on the NCA.

Under that alternative, Segment 8 would stay north of the Snake River until it crossed into Owyhee County at a point north of Guffey Butte and south of Celebration Park in Canyon County.

Alternative 2 is a pairing of the Revised Proposed route for Seg-

ment 8 and the Final EIS Proposed Route for Segment 9.

Both co-preferred alternatives would require land-use plan amendments, the BLM said.

BLM had approved eight of the 10 segments for the power line in November 2013, but deferred action on the Owyhee County portion.

"In 2013, we deferred a decision on these two segments of the project so we could conduct additional stakeholder outreach and public engagement," BLM Idaho State Director Tim Murphy said. "Reviewing and commenting on the draft supplemental EIS are crucial to that effort,

and we look forward to hearing comments and feedback on the analysis presented."

The BLM developed the range of alternatives in the Draft SEIS and selected co-preferred alternatives after weighing the impacts of the revised proposal against recent Greater sage-grouse land-use planning decisions, mitigation considerations for the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area (NCA) and BLM policy guidance related to NCAs.

Other alternatives in the draft SEIS include:

- Alternative 3, which is the revised proposed route for Segment 8 and Draft SEIS Route 9K.

- Alternative 4, which pairs the Final EIS Proposed route for Segment 9 and route 8G.

- Alternative 6, which consists of the Final EIS Proposed route for Segment 9 and a Draft SEIS route 8H.

- Alternative 7, which is routes 8H and 9K.

According to an agency press release, the BLM developed the range of alternatives in the Draft SEIS and selected co-preferred alternatives after weighing the impacts of the revised proposal against recent Greater Sage-grouse land-use planning decisions, mitigation considerations for the NCA and BLM policy guidance related to NCAs.

✓ Easter: Hunts abound

in the Chamber of Commerce-sponsored event.

Age groups include 1- to 3-year-olds, 4-5, 6-7 and 8-10.

As usual, there will be grand prize eggs in each age group.

Marsing

The annual Lions Club-sponsored Easter egg hunt will kick off Saturday morning at the high school football field behind the elementary school on 8th Avenue West.

A series of hunts will be held in intervals beginning at 10 a.m. The hunts are open to preschoolers through fourth-graders.

Beginning at 9:30 a.m., the Lions Club will sell freshly made breakfast burritos near the football field's concession stand. For \$4, you get a burrito and juice. Coffee and milk will be sold for an additional price.

Lions Club member Jim Briggs said there are five divisions for the Easter egg hunt with portions of the football field cordoned off for each group.

There are two preschool divisions — one for children who need help and one for those who can raid the field on their own.

Kindergarteners have a section of field all to themselves.

First- and second-graders will hunt together, and third- and fourth-graders will participate in the other division.

Bruneau

The Bruneau Canyon 4-H club's annual Easter egg hunt takes place at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

Club members will hide 110 dozen real eggs around the Bruneau Elementary School grounds, and children are encouraged to bring their baskets and scoop them up.

The hunt is open to preschoolers through fifth-graders. Two prize eggs per age group will be hidden, and hunters who find the prize eggs will receive an Easter basket stuffed with goodies.

Grand View

The Grand View Lions Club's Easter egg hunt is open to toddlers through fifth-graders.

The event begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday at City Park on Boise Avenue.

Children will be on the hunt for candy-filled plastic eggs, and the Easter Bunny will make an appearance.

Valley Health Clinic has donated toothbrushes for the children as well.

Murphy

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office sponsors the annual Easter egg hunt in the county seat.

The hunt begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday on the courthouse lawn.

The event is open to boys and girls ages 10 and younger.

OCSO civil clerk Bev White, one of the organizers, voiced her appreciation for the numerous citizens who donate to ensure that every child has a prize.

Jordan Valley

The Jordan Valley FFA chapter will present its Easter egg hunt at 2 p.m. at the high school.

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David J. McBride

David J. McBride, 49 years old, passed on March 11, 2016 of natural causes.

He grew up in Homedale, Idaho and later moved to Electric City, Washington. David, or D. J. as he was most known as, was the son of David and Sue McBride of Homedale. He was the oldest of seven children.

He is also survived by his daughter Natasha McBride of Moses Lake, Wa., two brothers, Rick

(Tracy) McBride and Matt (Melissa) McBride, and four sisters, Suzanna (Johnny) Pearson, Cassandra (Paul) Page, Davina (Jeremy) Jackson, and Kathleen (Kenny) Rose, and several nieces and nephews.

D. J. loved his whole family dearly, but the love of his life was his daughter, Natasha. She was his pride and joy and his fishing buddy. D. J. loved the outdoors and would often take his little dog Puppy and Natasha hiking in

the hills where they would sleep under the stars and fish the next day, then hike back home. He also loved playing his guitar.

He never met a stranger. He could carry on a conversation with anyone. He had a kind and caring spirit and always a smile. We all love and miss you, D. J. ...Dad & Mom & family...

Memorial services will be held at the Homedale Senior Center on March 26th at 4:00 p.m.

Anniversary

Jim and Bonnie Cade celebrating 50 years

Longtime Homedale residents Jim and Bonnie Cade will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Tuesday, March 29, 2016.

The Cades were married in 1966 in Sanger, Calif.

They have lived in the Treasure Valley since 1972.

Jim retired after 22 years working for Dairymen's. For the past eight years he has worked for Owyhee County three days a week at the Opaline tipping station near Givens Hot Springs.



Jim and Bonnie Cade

Bonnie was a librarian at the Wilder Public Library from 1980

until she retired in 1993. She served on the Homedale Public Library board for 11 years and retired after brain surgery in 2009.

The Cades have three children — LaDon, Randy and Teresa — seven grandchildren (two of whom are deceased), 19 great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

No celebration will be held until summer, but cards can be sent to P.O. Box 1043, Homedale, ID 83628.

Birthdays



Son, grandsons help Heidi celebrate

Raymond Heidi's 83rd birthday was marked earlier this month with an event attended by his grandsons and son — all Eagle Scout and Duty to God recipients. Standing behind Raymond, from left, are: Grandsons John and Andre, son Stephen, and grandsons Alexandre (Bucky) and Christian. Submitted photo



Ray Huter

Homedale farmer turns 90

A 90th birthday party is scheduled for Ray Huter, who farmed in Homedale for 47 years.

The celebration will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., on Saturday, April 2 at the Tango Saloon, 404 U.S. Hwy. 95, Homedale.

Friends and family are invited to stop by and visit.

For more information, call (509) 534-5016.

Death notice

NOMA L. WOOD, 104, formerly of Adrian, Ore., died Friday, March 11, 2016 at a Boise care center. The funeral service was held on Friday, March 18, 2016 at Dakan Funeral Home in Parma. A grave dedication followed at the Roswell Cemetery.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Veggie & fruit bar and milk served daily

March 23-24: No school

March 28: Mini corn dogs, steamed carrots

March 29: Chicken nuggets, mixed veggies, cookie

March 30: Crispito, corn

March 31: Pepperoni pizza ripper, tossed salad, fruit rollup

Homedale Middle

Fruit & salad bar and milk served daily

March 23-24: No school

March 28: Toasted cheese sandwich or crispito, taco salad

March 29: Hot dog or chicken patty, french fries

March 30: Chicken nuggets or orange chicken, steamed rice, broccoli

March 31: Mini corn dogs or fish nuggets, steamed carrots, cookie

Homedale High

Salad bar, fruit choice and milk served daily

March 23-24: No school

March 28: Chicken taco or ham/cheese sandwich, corn

March 29: Beef nuggets w/cheese sticks & garlic mashed potatoes or pizza hot pocket

March 30: Crispito or BBQ chicken w/roll, steamed carrots

March 31: Chicken parmesan w/pasta or corn dog, green beans

Marsing

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

March 23-24: No school

March 28: Orange chicken & rice or ham/cheese sandwich w/sun chips, steamed carrots, fruit & veggie bar, milk

March 29: Hot dog w/baked beans or egg roll w/fried rice, mixed veggies, jello w/topping, fruit & veggie bar, milk

March 30: Spaghetti w/breadstick or beef finder steaks, green beans, fruit & veggie bar, milk

March 31: Chicken fried steak or oven roasted chicken, potatoes/gravy, buttered corn, wheat roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk

Bruneau-Grand View

Fruit and milk served daily

March 23: Lasagna, spinach salad, steamed carrots, breadstick

March 24: Soft taco, black beans, salsa, corn

March 25: Hamburger, romaine & tomato, sweet potato fries, apple crisp

March 29-31: No school

COSSA

Fruit served daily

March 23-24: No school

March 28: Soft taco, refried beans

March 29: BBQ chicken wrap, baked beans, coleslaw

March 30: Meatloaf, potatoes/gravy, corn

March 31: Grilled cheese, tomato soup, salad & carrots

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Milk and salad bar served daily

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 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 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

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR EUGENE A. TARR

WILL BE HELD ON
MARCH 26TH, 2016

AT 2:00PM
GOLDEN GATE BAPTIST CHURCH
2ND & B STREET, WILDER IDAHO

Fight germs, wash your hands

This time of year it seems like everywhere you go, someone is sick. With many illnesses being spread easily, you and your family can avoid the doctor's office by practicing hygiene basics — wash your hands. The most basic reason that we need to wash our hands is because feces (from both people and animals) can be present and are a source for germs like Salmonella, *E. coli* O157, and norovirus. These can cause diarrhea, and even spread some respiratory infections.



Surine Greenway

These kinds of germs can get onto hands after people use the toilet or change a diaper, but also in less obvious ways, like after handling raw meats that have invisible amounts on them. A single gram of human feces — about the weight of a paper clip — can contain one trillion germs.

Hand washing with soap re-

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moves germs from hands. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), this helps prevent infections because:

- People frequently touch their eyes, nose, and mouth without even realizing it.

- Germs from unwashed hands can get into foods and drinks while people prepare or consume them. Germs can even multiply in some types of foods or drinks, making people sick.

- Germs from unwashed hands can be transferred to other objects, like handrails, table tops, or toys, and then transferred to another person's hands.

Removing germs through hand washing, therefore, helps prevent diarrhea and respiratory infections and may even help prevent skin and eye infections.

Worldwide, about 1.8 million children under the age of 5 die each year from diarrheal diseases and pneumonia, the top two killers of young children around the world.

Hand washing with soap could protect about 1 out of every 3 young children who get sick with diarrhea and almost 1 out of 5 young children with respiratory infections like pneumonia.

Although people around the world clean their hands with water, few use soap.

Washing hands with soap removes germs much more effectively.

Reduce illness in your home by practicing and encouraging proper hand washing before cooking, after playing with pets, and after using the restroom.

— Surine Greenway is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Family and Consumer Sciences educator. For more information on this week's financial topics, you can reach Greenway at the U of I Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104 or owyhee@uidaho.edu. The office is located at 238 W. 8th Ave. W., in Marsing. The source for this week's column is <http://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/why-handwashing.html>

THE OWYHEE AVALANCHE

SEQUICENTENNIAL SAMPLINGS

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MILLS COMING — We hear it stated authoritatively that several mills of various capacities are to be erected here during the coming summer. This is good news to owners of ledges, if they will only use the advantages. If owners of ledges will get out one hundred tons of rock and give it to a mill to crush, and it proves valuable, their fortunes are made immediately. That much rock — no matter how rich — is a mere nothing from a ledge, and would scarcely be missed. The cost of taking it out is small, while it develops the mine and places a value upon it. We believe the Lincoln mill stands ready to test rock on these or more favorable terms, and guarantee correct returns. We also believe this company are ready to buy and pay liberally for paying ledges. There are at least one hundred leaders in Carson and French districts, any one of which might be sold for its real value by spending a few hundred dollars in the way indicated. We believe, also, that mill companies will advance sufficient funds to defray actual expenses — to take out rock for this purpose.

ROAD — Silas Skinner informs us that the road to Jordan Valley via Boonville will be completed for the passage of wagons in April. Nothing but a protracted storm or storms will delay it beyond that time.. The grading — except blasting rocks — is done by contract, and the work of blasting is followed right along. When this road is completed, it will be a severe winter when teams cannot pass from Jordan Valley. The grades will all be easy and the distance less than by any other road. Silas Skinner, James Jordan and Peter Donoly obtained the passage of an Act by the recent Legislature authorizing the construction of the road.

Calendar

Today

Coffee club

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

Preschool Story Time

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

South Board of Control water users meeting

1 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

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

Thursday

Property tax reduction assistance

10 a.m. to noon, Marsing Senior Center, 219 Main St., Marsing. (208) 495-2817

Fit and fall exercise class

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Vision Church food distribution

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

Homedale City Council meeting

6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting

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

AA meetings

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

Friday

Homedale mobile food pantry

10 a.m. to noon, Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4033

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

Saturday

Owyhee County Historical Society spring bazaar

10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2319

MRW chili cook-off

11:45 a.m., tasting begins, Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2154 or info@mrwfire.org

Owyhee Off-Road Challenge 2016

Noon, half-marathon, 10K, 5K runs, Two Rivers Community Park, 106 Owyhee St., Adrian. www.owyheehoffroadchallenge.com

Free lunches

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

Family movie night

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

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

County RS2477 public meeting

6 p.m., Owyhee County Courthouse Annex, 17069 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2095

Tuesday

Blood pressure clinic

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

Property tax reduction assistance

10 a.m. to noon, Marsing Senior Center, 219 Main St., Marsing. (208) 495-2817

Fit and fall exercise class

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

After-school Story Time

4:15 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. Kindergarteners through third-graders. (208)

896-4690

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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

Homedale LDS youth taco feed fundraiser

6 p.m. to 8 p.m., taco bar, silent auction and sale, Homedale LDS Church, 708 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4112

Thursday, March 31

COSSA College & Career Expo

8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., COSSA Regional Technical Educational Center, 109 Penny Lane, Wilder. (208) 482-6074

Fit and fall exercise class

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

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

Marsing school bond public hearing

6:30 p.m., Marsing schools cafeteria, 211 8th Ave. W. (208) 896-4111

Easter comes to Homedale library

Easter celebrations come to the Homedale Public Library on Friday.

Story Time, the attendance for which may expand with Spring Break, will feature Janet Morgan Stoeke's "Minerva Louise and the Colorful Eggs."

Story Time starts at 10:15 a.m. at the library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., and the children will be decorating Easter eggs.

Boys and girls ages 10-17 who visit Teens and Tweens at 4 p.m. on Friday at the library will take part in an Easter egg scavenger hunt. Attendees will follow clues to find the final prize.

For more information, call the library at 337-4228.

Computer classes set at Marsing library

Folks are invited to brush up on their computer skills with two free classes at the Lizard Butte Library in Marsing next month.

The first class will be held from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., April 2, April 9 and April 16.

Attendees will learn how to create and manipulate text in a document, use toolbars and type by speaking. The class will also cover remote document sharing.

The second class — from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the same days as the other class — will focus on computer coding.

There are only 16 spaces available. The library has eight computers available for people to use, but eight participants will have to bring their own laptops.

Library director Janna Streibel said state leadership dollars distributed to school districts funded the classes.

"Each district was able to decide how they were going to use these funds," Streibel said. "In the Marsing School District any teacher or employee that wanted to use some of these funds were required to submit a proposal to the district."

The classes will be taught by Marsing third-grade teachers John Barenberg and Paul Stephens.

For more information or to register, call the library at (208) 896-4690. People can also register in person by stopping by the library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing.

The library opens at noon Monday through Friday and at 10 a.m., Saturday.



Homedale FFA members Ryan Criffield, left, and Michael Lejardi drove their tractors to school for National Ag Day on March 15.

Homedale FFA marks Ag Day with tractors

by Riley Haun
Chapter reporter

Homedale FFA chapter members kicked off National Ag Day with a bang -- or rather a rumble -- this year, as they made their way through town on tractors.

National Ag Day, celebrated every March 15, was first marked in 1973 by the American Council on Agriculture to recognize the contributions of agriculture to our society. This is the first year that Homedale

FFA has observed this occasion, and the chapter wanted to involve the community in the festivities.

The chapter officers planned and prepared a pancake breakfast, open to the general public on the morning of Ag Day. Many members of the community attended and enjoyed the meal, including high school staff, farmers, and parents.

Perhaps the most visible — or audible — part of the celebration was the tractors driven to

school by three dedicated chapter members, including Michael Lejardi and Ryan Criffield — who attend high school — and Weston Dorsey, who drove his tractor to the middle school. These members hoped to raise awareness of agriculture's role in our community in a fun way, and it certainly garnered lots of attention from students and those still trying to sleep.

Overall, Homedale FFA's inaugural National Ag Day festivities were a success, and the

chapter is already planning for expanded activities next year.

Recently, chapter members worked to improve the high school greenhouse. A hydroponic system and more raised beds were installed to expand the FFA chapter's program to grow food for the community.

For more on the project, read *The Agriculture 2016 special edition* in this week's edition of *The Owyhee Avalanche*.



The Marsing FFA chapter floral team included, from left, Avery Villa, Adrianna Salutregui, Esmeralda Robles and Zoe Kish. Submitted photo



The Marsing FFA chapter sales team, from left, Brooke Labit, Louisa Metcalf, Lena Metcalf and Dana Jo McGee, finished second in the Boise Valley District competition. Submitted photo

Marsing FFA teams complete district meets

Community input helps floral team

by Zoe Kish
Chapter reporter

The Marsing FFA floral team placed fifth in the Boise Valley District Floriculture competition on March 2 at Columbia High School in Nampa.

This is the second year Marsing FFA has had a team compete. This year's team members are senior Adrianna Salutregui and juniors Zoe Kish, Esmeralda Robles and Avery Villa.

"I feel like we did very well, considering that I've only been on the team for two days," Villa said.

Villa stepped up and joined the team after someone dropped from the team just a few days before the competition.

"Avery Villa just joined the team days before the contest," chapter advisor Mike Martin said. "With only verbal instructions from her team members one day before the contest, Av-

ery created the best corsage."

The girls' results have Martin eager to see what's next.

"These girls did really well, and I can't wait to see how they do at State in April," he said.

Martin isn't the only one excited about competing at State.

Salutregui, who has done this competition for five years, said: "I can't wait to go to State. I'm sad that this is the last year I will be competing in Floral, but I can't wait to see how well we do at State."

The floral team received help from the community in preparing for their district competition, Martin said.

"These are great students and will be tomorrow's leaders," Martin said. "The floral team has been studying on their own and have received help from Karen Azevedo at the (Rubble's Ramblin' Rose) on how to make corsages and flower arrangements."

Sales team captures second

Marsing FFA's Sales Team just missed a trip to the state conference during the Boise Valley District competition.

The team of Brooke Labit, Lena Metcalf, Louisa Metcalf and Dana Jo McGee finished a close second to Middleton during the six-team contest held March 3 in Caldwell.

Marsing FFA advisor Mike Martin said the group "was perhaps the most fun team to coach in all the years I have had teams competing in the Sales Contest." Martin's experience with the FFA Sales Contest stretches to 1991.

Labit took first in her flight for sales presentation as she and Lena Metcalf competed for the top spot. The girls both successfully demonstrated the need for the brand Carhartt to the judges.

Louisa Metcalf was third in her sales prospecting flight. Her

assignment was convincing a feed store to start carrying the Purina brand of dog food.

McGee competed in sales customer relations, trying to fix a dilemma with dog food brought up by a customer. She finished second after a tiebreaker for first place.

"Over the years, I have coached numerous Sales Teams, and this is my all-time favorite," Martin said. "They worked hard and were always pleasant and positive."

"Our practices seemed more like fun than contest preparation. All four team members did an excellent job and since there are three sophomores and one freshman on the team, I'm looking forward to next year."

Martin also thanked Marsing FFA Alumni member Alan Davis for guidance and support throughout the months of preparation.

County historical society bazaar returns to Murphy

MRW chili cook-off featured during springtime fundraiser

The Owyhee County Historical Society's annual spring bazaar will be held Saturday in Murphy.

OCHS fundraiser takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Owyhee County Historical Museum complex. There will be about 21 vendors selling items like homemade pies, breads and preserves. Ceramics, art and woodcraft items will also be for sale.

One of the vendors will be Oreana resident Merri Melde who published a book in 2014 about her horse adventures called, "Soul Deep in Horses," which was 20 years in the making. The book is a memoir about some of her memorable horse experiences, and some of the challenges she has faced.

Raffle tickets will also be on

sale for a homemade quilt and a rifle.

Owyhee County Historical Museum director Amy Johnson said Mike Anderson donated the gun, and Ann E. Evett made the quilt.

Johnson added that Anderson lives in Montana, and has donated a gun for the historical society for at least four years.

Evett lives near Burns, Ore., and frequently visits the museum to do research, Johnson said.

Tickets are \$1 each or six for

\$5, and the drawing will be held June 5 during Outpost Days in Murphy.

All proceeds benefit the museum, which will be open during the bazaar.

The fifth annual Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire and Rescue firehouse chili cook-off will be held in conjunction with the bazaar. The entry fee for aspiring chefs is \$15 for their first entry and \$10 for each additional entry from the same team.

Chili tasting will be open to the

public starting at 11:45 a.m. with a donation of \$5.

Awards will be handed out for first place in six categories along with a people's choice award.

Organizers plan to include all entrants' recipes in an upcoming MRW Fire and Rescue cookbook.

The cook-off is a fundraiser for MRW's fire, rescue and emergency medical services departments.

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

Letters from the distant past



Owyhee County Historical Museum director Amy Johnson sorts through Civil War-era documents that belonged to a family who helped bring longhorn cattle to the county in 1869.



Left: The address for Ellen Cook in Silver City, Idaho Territory.

Below: A small, leather-bound book found in the collection of documents belonging to Ellen Cook. Owyhee County Historical Museum director Amy Johnson estimates that the book contains five or six generations of hair that could have come from members of the Cook family.



Museum seeks way to display Civil War-era documents

Lewis Cook helped Con Shea drive cattle here from Texas

The Owyhee County Historical Museum in Murphy was recently given a file folder full of paperwork that sheds some light on a family that lived in the area nearly 150 years ago.

Most of the documents are letters written back and forth between Ellen McIntyre Cook and her husband Lewis Franklin Cook. The couple moved to Murphy in 1869 and would live in Silver City, Homedale, and finally Caldwell.

But the general public won't be able to see the collection yet. Director Amy Johnson said the museum doesn't have any cases in which to display the items.

Lewis Franklin Cook was born in Greene County, Ill., but grew up in Texas. He was one of the first to volunteer for Civil War service with the Confederate Army in 1862, and gained the rank of Field Captain. At the close of the war,

Cook returned to Dallas where he married Ellen McIntyre in 1866.

In 1869, Lewis Cook was hired by Con Shea to drive 1,000 head of cattle from Texas to Catherine Creek in Owyhee County. The cattle drive brought the first longhorn cattle ever into the county.

Johnson said friends of Glen and Lynn Fluke of California dropped off the items were at the museum. Johnson said the Flukes were somehow related to Ellen Cook, who wrote most of the letters.

Johnson did not know what town the Flukes live in, and the couple who dropped the items off did not give their names.

The documents include a poem written by Cook, genealogy notes written by an undetermined family member, general correspondence letters, cards, a love letter, and a copy of a legal form originally written in 1775 that Cook copied in 1869. A note with the legal form said the original was deteriorating.

Johnson said most of the documents were written between 1864 and 1875, and she is thrilled to have them in the museum.

"They are in great shape, and the people that brought them to us said 'Oh yes, they've been stored in a shed forever, and they were going to go in the burn barrel,'" Johnson said.

The poem written by Ellen Cook in 1864 is titled "The Dying Soldier," which shares the same title as a famous Civil War-era poem written by Isaac Rosenberg.

Lewis Cook died in 1919, and Ellen Cook died in 1938. Both died in Caldwell and are buried in the town's Canyon Hill Cemetery. One of their 10 children, Ettie Estella Cook, was the first person buried in the cemetery in 1885.

Johnson also showed The Owyhee Avalanche something she described as, "So cool, but so gross at the same time."

The file folder also contained a small, leather-bound book with several locks of hair attached to each page.

"So after somebody would die, you would clip a lock of their hair and put it in the family book," Johnson said. "There are generations and generations of hair in that little book."

She estimates there are about five or

six generations of hair in the book labeled "Texas, Oregon and California." The book did not include information on who the hair belonged to.

The collection of documents also includes a book of poems written by Esther Brubacher, who was born in 1891 and lived in Owyhee County and attended Castle Creek School.

While Johnson is happy to have the items in the museum, displaying the collection is a problem.

"As of right now, we don't have any cases that would keep it protected," she said.

When the documents will be available for the public to see has yet to be determined.

"Unless we get some generous donors that want to buy us a \$2,500 case," Johnson said.

However, she added that the museum does have a copier capable of making high-quality reproductions that could be put on display as proxies for the originals.



Husky PRIDE award

Jordan Goins, senior

Parents: Fred and Elyssa Goins

Science teacher John Lindley's nomination: "Jordan is a proactive student. She is responsible in all aspects of school — including attendance, turning in assignments, completing projects and always taking pride in her work. She assumes a leadership role among the students and makes time to give the extra effort needed to succeed."



The Husky PRIDE award is selected by Marsing High School staff or students and submitted to The Owyhee Avalanche each week. PRIDE stands for "Positive, Responsible, Integrity, Determination, Everyone/Everywhere."

COSSA plans career, college fair next week

Homedale and Marsing students are scheduled to attend the Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency (COSSA) College and Career Expo.

The Expo takes place Thursday, March 31 at the COSSA Regional Technology and Education Center, 109 Penny Lane in Wilder. Booths will be manned from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from noon to 2:30 p.m.


Homedale eighth-graders and sophomores and Marsing middle and high school students will be among more than 700 schoolchildren from the COSSA consortium schools (Notus, Parma and Wilder are also involved) who will meet with representatives

from post-secondary, military and employment opportunities.

Students also will get a hands-on experience with the professional-technical programs COSSA offers.

Several Treasure Valley employers and Idaho colleges as well as medical and emergency services organizations will be on hand.

COSSA student groups such as Sources of Strength, Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) and Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) also will be holding fundraisers throughout the day.



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Cemetery takes delivery on new mower

Marsing-Homedale Cemetery sexton Bruce Benson tries out his new lawnmower at the cemetery. The \$15,759 machine arrived the day before and was ordered by the cemetery maintenance district's board of directors on Jan. 6. The new lawnmower cost a little more than expected. The original quote on the machine last summer was \$15,228. The mower was purchased with funds from a two-year temporary levy passed in May.

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✓ Road: Merrick calls Simplot counsel's testimony about P&Z "less than credible"

Hogland favored Simplot's request.

The southern end of the 1.8-mile stretch of road that was considered for vacation begins at the intersection of Jacks Creek Road and Davis Road.

It extends northeast where the section of the road would end before it crosses into Bureau of Land Management land and intersects Idaho highway 78.

A public hearing to abandon the road was part of the BOCC's Feb. 22 meeting.

Hearing officer Jim Desmond left the record on that hearing open to allow time to receive a letter of support from Eric Davis to close the road.

At the hearing, James Alderman, legal counsel for Simplot, said the county's Planning and Zoning commissioners suggest-

ed the road be closed when they approved the company's plans to create a confined animal feeding operation on the old Bruneau Cattle Co. feedlot near Jacks Creek.

District 3 Commissioner Joe Merrick listened to the complete audio recording of the Planning and Zoning meeting and said P&Z commissioners never recommended abandonment of the road.

"Mister Alderman made a false statement, and his testimony is less than credible," Merrick said.

Merrick also didn't like the fact that two Simplot employees living on the road would be locked in between two gates.

"I can foresee problems with getting keys to appropriate law enforcement, and medical per-

sonnel and fire department personnel at the right place and the right time in case of emergencies," Merrick said.

He added that his review of the evidence showed that Simplot had failed to prove that abandoning Jacks Creek Road is in the public's best interest.

Hoagland saw things differently and wanted to close the roadway.

"I believe there is a high vandal(ism) potential with the public's unrealistic obsession of the wild horses," Hoagland said. "That potential will require more law enforcement vigilance away from their normal patrol."

He also thinks the county could save some money by not having to maintain the road.

District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi said the savings would not justify the closure.

"I don't see a benefit to the general public by taking a road away," Aberasturi said. "I don't believe that Simplot met that criteria of the public benefiting from the closure of this road."

After deliberations, Merrick made a motion to not abandon the road. Hoagland responded by reaffirming his stance that the road should be closed before Aberasturi sided with Merrick.

"The staff will put together a written decision document on the basis of your deliberations," Desmond said. "They will bring that to you, and you'll review that decision document in an open session, make sure it contains the deliberation points that you raised." — SC



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Commissioners discuss ways to limit OHV damage in Soda Fire burn area

BOCC attempts to fix ZIP code woes

Despite code, riders are still causing problems

During the March 14 meeting of the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners, the panel received a report from the Owyhee County Natural Resources Committee (NRC).

County NRC director Jim Desmond delivered the report to the commissioners.

He said at the NRC's March 1 meeting, one of the points that was raised had to do with how the sheriff's office is handling reports of off highway vehicle users damaging land burned by the Soda Fire.

Desmond told commissioners the NRC essentially had two thoughts on the matter.

"One was potentially seeking additional funding, another was whether the sheriff was using the quote

'infraction' ordinances that the county had passed some time ago," Desmond said.

He clarified to the commissioners that Sheriff Perry Grant has been using the infractions to cite people who are tearing up the scorched land with four-wheelers or other off-road vehicles. Each infraction carries a fine of \$100.

"Those infractions were essentially put in place when we were working on the Reynolds Creek

Road," Desmond said. "We were concerned about people parking where they shouldn't park, damaging vegetation either by parking or by OHV activity."

He added that Grant is working with prosecuting attorney Douglas D. Emery to revise and strengthen the infraction ordinance.

The infraction ordinance allows any certified county law enforcement officer to write tickets, Desmond said.

Desmond said he is looking to see if there is any money available in the Owyhee Initiative to help Grant increase OHV patrols. The sheriff's office already receives money from the Bureau of Land Management to help keep folks off the recovering Soda Fire ground.

"The sheriff indicated to me if there was additional funding, he could find the additional officers," Desmond said.

District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland said he's witnessed people on OHVs damaging lands burned by the Soda Fire.

"Whenever somebody goes off road, there's tracks," Hoagland said. "I've seen them stop, back up, and try a new trail. I wouldn't have believed it if I hadn't seen it. For no reason at all, and there's usually a group of them. So now you've got a new trail where there was nothing before."

Hoagland suggested posting signs about the infraction ordi-

nance at some of the areas where people are causing harm to natural resources with OHVs.

Desmond responded by saying that was a good idea.

"I remember (then-Sheriff) Gary Aman saying he had written three tickets to one guy in an hour and each one of them was a \$100 ticket," Desmond said. "That gets your attention."

He also told County Clerk Angie Barkell that it might be a good idea to post the ordinance on the county's Facebook page.

District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi said damage from the Soda Fire is actually attracting more OHV users into the area.

"After the fire, there are trails and roads that weren't visible, that are visible," Aberasturi said. "Because of that there has been more traffic out there on those roads that are really not roads, because they've been closed forever."

Desmond pointed out that he doesn't think locals are doing the bulk of the damage. He puts most of the blame on OHV users from Canyon County and Ada County.

"The growth in the valley is what has created the problem here," Desmond said. "We may still have the same 10 or 20 percent of people who don't operate correctly, but that number is ever increasing as the population increases."

— SC

County officials have taken the first step in trying make life a little easier for South Mountain postal customers

The Board of County Commissioners has sent letters concerning the lack of a local ZIP code in the Owyhee County border area. One letter was sent to the Postmaster General, and a second letter was sent to the Idaho Transportation Department.

"We're trying to approach the problem from two angles," county staffer Jim Desmond said. "We'll see if we can get a solution from one or both."

During their March 14 meeting, commissioners also sent copies to U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), U.S. Rep. Raúl Labrador (R-Idaho) and Dist. 23 state Sen. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson).

The letters outline the plight of nearly 50 postal customers in the area that is alternately known as South Mountain and Pleasant Valley and whose nearest post office is actually in Jordan Valley — in a different state and under a ZIP code that increasingly has become less appropriate in the eyes of automated systems handling anything from credit card bills to grazing permit business to vital records requests to driver's license business.

"Some years ago, the driver's licenses for Pleasant Valley residents listed South Mountain,

Idaho, as their town," the commissioners wrote in their letter to Deborah Hall, ITD's driver's license program supervisor.

"Now, however, the 'town' name has been changed to Owyhee County, Idaho. It is unclear why these residents now have Owyhee County listed as their town rather than the town that they live in.

"As you can imagine, this causes a wide range of problems for these citizens as well as for the county. Among others, this has created problems with our elections, and occupancy documents for new development."

The commissioners hope the letters will be the first step in relief for the residents.

"We asked the Postmaster General to fix the ZIP code problem," Desmond said. "We're asking ITD to fix where they're putting the home addresses on driver's licenses.

"Instead of calling it Owyhee County, Idaho, with a Jordan Valley ZIP code, it ought to be Pleasant Valley, Idaho."

Earlier this year, the U.S. Postal Service's Western Division rejected the residents' petition for relief. The commissioners got involved after The Owyhee Avalanche published an article alluding to the Gresham (Ore.) City Council's formal request to create a new ZIP code in that municipality.

— JPB

Fire's heat melts Murphy phone lines

Owyhee County Sheriff Perry Grant said that no 911 calls were missed when phone service to Murphy was interrupted for nearly six hours Friday.

Grant said residential and emergency phone lines passing through a culvert melted when a

controlled burn heated the metal Friday morning.

Non-emergency dispatch and 911 calls were rerouted to the Canyon County Sheriff's Office in Caldwell.

"(Phone company) CenturyLink knew (about the outage) before we

did and called Canyon and asked them to switch it," Grant said.

The outage occurred before 10:45 a.m. on Friday, and Grant said service was restored to Murphy residents and the sheriff's office by 5 p.m.

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HMS earns federal nutrition award

Group asks about renaming elementary school

Homedale Middle School has earned a \$1,000 award for its nutrition program.

School trustees learned of the Silver Healthier US School Challenge (HUSSC) award during their March 14 meeting.

Middle school principal Amy Winters, teacher Brenda Reay and food services supervisor Vicki Eby completed the application process with help from the state Department of Education's Child Nutrition Program.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's HUSSC program is a voluntary certification initiative that recognizes schools enrolled in Team Nutrition that have created healthier school environments through nutrition and physical activity.

According to the USDA award letter, the program criteria includes improving the quality of the foods served; providing more nutritious and healthy choices in students' food choices; and enhancing the school's physical activity program.

HMS will receive a plaque and a banner to display.

"It is an award that lets the public know the schools in our district are providing all of the above for

the children in our community," Eby said.

School officials haven't determined how they will specifically use the award, but Eby said it would be used to benefit the students.

Eby said that the school district would have been eligible for up to \$2,000 had all three schools been included in an application and the USDA had awarded a Gold Award of Distinction.

"This does not mean the other two schools in our district are not also providing ... for their students and staff," Eby said. "I hope to certify the other schools in our districts in the future."

Board explores school naming process

Trustees have asked

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superintendent Rob Sauer to examine how to go about possibly renaming a school in honor of an individual.

Sauer said a group has approached the school board about renaming Homedale Elementary School for a former teacher. Out of deference to the process, Sauer didn't release the name of the individual the group has in mind.

"The board was approached by elementary school staff about the possibility of renaming the elementary school or doing something to recognize people who have contributed greatly to the elementary school," Sauer said.

The dedication process could include the entire campus or parts of a school, such as hallways or other facilities.

Landscaping in front of the elementary school at 420 W. Washington Ave., was installed and dedicated in honor of longtime principal Herb Fritzley years ago. The high school football stadium is named in honor of former superintendent and football coach Deward Bell. No other district facilities are dedicated to former administrators or teachers, although the football and baseball scoreboards do acknowledge community members who made an impact on the high school athletic program over the years.

New assessment test considered

Trustees could make a decision at their next meeting on whether to contract with the Northwest Evaluation Association to administer a student assessment test independent of Idaho Standards Achievement Tests (ISAT).

In his report to the board, Sauer said the district is considering testing second- through 12th-graders on math, reading and language usage. The Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing would take place three times a year, and the results would be available faster than ISAT results are, Sauer said.

"The reason why we are considering this test is that we cannot rely on the ISAT to give us the kind of data that we need," Sauer wrote in his report. "The data from the MAP test is available within 24 hours."

— JPB

Colleagues recognize HHS music teacher's turnaround efforts

Zieske earns district's monthly employee award

First-year music teacher John Zieske was lauded last week at the Homedale School District board of trustees meeting.

Zieske received the monthly Award of Excellence on March 14.

"I am very happy that Mr. Zieske is being honored tonight," high school migrant case worker Becki Emery said. "He has been such a wonderful addition to our music program. It is very apparent that he is passionate about the music program. He spends countless hours working with our students. In addition to all he does in school he puts in many nights going to competitions, games, and concerts.

"We have seen our music program at the high school increase in size and excitement. I have had the privilege of working with him both as a staff member and a mother of a choir and band student."

Zieske led the spring concert the night after the school board meeting.

The high school staff members who submitted comments about Zieske were united in their thoughts that he has resurrected the district's music program. Zieske is the eighth person to serve as the district's music director in the past 12 years and the fourth since 2011.

"Mr. Zieske is doing a great job with band and choir. Both the band and choir are performing quite well due to his commitment and leadership," Ken Olsen said. "Earlier this year at



John Zieske, right, directs the Homedale High School pep band during a district tournament basketball game last month.

a basketball game, the choir sang the national anthem. It nearly brought tears to my eyes to hear the improvement and excellence in those voices."

Zieske accompanied the pep band to district tournament basketball games last month and culminated the pep season with a trip to the 3A Real Dairy Shootout girls' basketball state tournament in Middleton.

"John's love of music and teaching can be seen by many and is shared now by his students," Alex Willson said. "These students deserve the much-needed recognition for their hard work, and John has done a great job of showcasing that year-round.

"As someone who played the trumpet in band for five years, I am very thrilled and pleased the direction our music program is heading and that John is at the helm to push them to achieve great things."

Casey Grove acknowledged that the constant in leadership has affected the music program, but

he's optimistic that Zieske zeal will change the culture.

"John has done an amazing job with our band and choir kids. With as much turnover we have had in the band room over the last several years, it has been hard for the band and choir kids to really get to know and trust their teacher," Grove said.

"John has completely turned our band and choir programs around. For me as a coach, I really notice the job he has done at athletic events. The band has improved drastically since the first home football game."

Grove, who is the varsity boys' basketball coach, singled out his team's home game against Fruitland — and the choir's Star-Spangled Banner rendition — just as Olsen had.

"It was the best national anthem performance I have seen at Homedale in seven years. It shows that John deeply cares for his students and gets a complete buy-in from all of students in his program."

Bids sought to replace Homedale gymnasium's decades-old seats

The Homedale School District is soliciting bids to replace the high school gymnasium bleachers.

All bids must be sent to the office of Design West Architects, 216 SW 5th Ave., Ste. 100, Meridian, ID. The submission deadline is 2 p.m., next Wednesday.

Homedale schools superintendent Rob Sauer said Thursday that Design West officials have estimated that replacing both sides of the bleachers would cost about \$175,000 or approximately half of what the architects had initially thought. Plant facility levy money will be used to make the upgrades, he said.

Sauer said about three bids are expected. Those bids will be open during a special trustees meeting set for 8 a.m. on Friday, April 1.

Sauer said the goal is to have both sides completed by the time school starts in mid-August, but it could be a two-phase project. If



District transportation and maintenance supervisor Tom Muir uses a manual handjack to move a section of bleachers into place.

the school district pulls the trigger on the project, the work would start after graduation in May.

The school board held a special meeting on Feb. 25 to get the ball rolling on the process.

"No decision was made on if the project would be done if its entirety or just one side for

now," Sauer said. "That decision will be made when the bids come back in."

The HHS gymnasium bleachers are nearly 45 years old. They were installed on both sides of the basketball floor when the gym was built in 1972.

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DUI guilty plea nixes jury trial

A Mountain Home man faces a May sentencing hearing after pleading guilty to excessive driving under the influence.

In exchange for Richard Frank Roa Jr.'s guilty plea to misdemeanor excessive DUI, Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery agreed to drop a string of other misdemeanor charges, including possessing an open container in a vehicle, driving without privileges and resisting arrest.

Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober presided over the plea hearing on March 14, and he'll impose sentencing at 1:30 p.m. on May 16 in Murphy. A jury trial was scheduled last Friday before Roa's guilty plea.

Roa was arrested on Oct. 16 after a sheriff's deputy spotted him driving erratically on Idaho highway 78 near Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School.

Boise man posts bail after DUI arrest

A 24-year-old Boise man pulled over for a missing license plate was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence.

Kyle Edwin Nick was released from Owyhee County Jail on Thursday, three days after his arrest at Idaho highway 55 and Van Road. He posted a \$1,000 bond.

A Breathalyzer test revealed Nick's blood alcohol content was .183, Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said.

Bowman said Nick was driving eastbound on Idaho 55 in a 2004 Dodge Intrepid when he was stopped. Bowman said it was later discovered that the man did have a temporary tag for the vehicle.

However, Deputy Cody Hammond detected the strong odor of an alcoholic beverage in the driver's compartment of the vehicle, Bowman said.

Homedale Police Cpl. Andrew Arnold was dispatched to perform field sobriety tests, and Bowman said Nick failed each test. Arnold performed the tests because Hammond is awaiting the next Idaho Peace Officer Standards and Training academy to receive certification.

Nick is scheduled for a 1:30 p.m. pretrial conference on April 14 in Murphy before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober.

— JPB



Thousands of fish are released into C.J. Strike Reservoir from an Idaho Power fish transport tanker last Wednesday. Submitted photo

Rainbows released into C.J. Strike

Idaho Power planted about 50,000 rainbow trout in C.J. Strike Reservoir last week.

The pan-sized fish were part of a stocking at C.J. Strike's Cottonwood and Jacks Creek accesses.

The reservoir covers roughly 7,500 acres in Elmore and Owyhee counties. It is a popular fishing and camping spot. Idaho Power owns and maintains four campgrounds and a day-use park at the reservoir.

"These fish will provide a lot of opportunities for anglers this spring and summer," Idaho Power biologist Ben Reingold said in a press release. "Our trout stocking program is one

way Idaho Power balances its operations with environmental stewardship."

Idaho Power's federal licenses to operate its hydroelectric facilities on the Snake River require the company to preserve and enhance recreational opportunities. As part of that effort, the company stocks various locations along the Middle Snake each year.

The fish released last week were raised at a hatchery in the Hagerman Valley, and are about 10 inches long. Those that aren't caught right away can grow several inches per year.

Some of the fish are fitted with metal jaw tags that are

used by Idaho Power researchers to evaluate the success of the stocking program. Tagged fish have been released into the river since 2007.

Anglers are asked to report any tagged fish they catch by recording the tag number, date and the approximate location where the fish was caught. They can call (800) 388-6011 and provide information that includes their name, mailing address, telephone number and whether the fish was kept or released.

Anglers who report tagged fish through the toll-free number are entered into a drawing for \$1,000 that is held twice a year.

HHS student completes senior project for El-Ada

A donation drive to collect personal hygiene items for the El-Ada Community Action Partnership Owyhee County office has wrapped up.

The collection effort was part of Stephanie Moreno's Senior Project at Homedale High School. Total donations added up to \$490.96.

The 17-year old set up donation boxes at Homedale Drug, Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation Center and the town's three public schools.

Another drop box was set up at the Parma Assisted Living Center in Canyon County.

Over a three-week period,



Stephanie Moreno

folks donated items including toothbrushes, towels, feminine products, razors, shampoo, deodorant, soap, toothpaste, body

wash, shaving cream, perfume, lotion, lip balms and dental floss.

The items filled five boxes. Moreno originally planned on doing a toy drive.

"All of the places that I went to put a donation box said they had already done that for another program," Moreno said. "Then my sister told me about this program (El-Ada). I looked at their website, and it said they are always in need of personal hygiene items."

El-Ada administrative assistant Nohemi Peña said the items Moreno collected will be distributed through food boxes from the commodity stockpile at 15 W.

Colorado Ave., in Homedale.

Peña doesn't expect the hygiene products to stay on shelves at the office for long.

"I think it'll go pretty quick," Peña said. "It depends on what the customers need, so I think it'll last about a month."

Daughter of Maria Rodriguez and Rodolfo Moreno, Stephanie is volunteering at the El-Ada office as part of her social service Senior Project. She plans to attend the pharmacy technician program at College of Western Idaho and start working in a local pharmacy after obtaining her certification.

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HHS team nabs sixth at Science Bowl meet

A Homedale High School Science Bowl team finished sixth in the recent western regionals in Boise.

Advisor Mark Thatcher took two teams to the March 7 competition at Boise State University, and the results were reported during last week's school board meeting.

Homedale's Team 2 made the championship round and finished tied for sixth in the 28-team tournament.

Comprised of Dylan Burks, Maya Correa, Niklas Hoegy, Benny Schamber and Richard Symms, the team won five of nine matches and earned a No. 3 seed in the championship round.

Team 1 of Michael Lejardi, Dylan Phariss, Matt Thatcher and Nash Johnson won four of nine matches and played in the consolation bracket after pool play.

One lane of traffic for GV bridge project

Motorists traveling Idaho highway 167 in Grand View will have to deal with construction delays beginning next month.

JC Constructors is the general contractor for the Idaho Transportation Department's \$1.3 million rehabilitation of the Snake River bridge between Owyhee County and Elmore County.

ITD announced Monday morning that the project will begin in mid-April and should be finished in the fall. Construction will include bridge-deck repairs and other structural improvements.

During construction, one lane of the bridge will remain open with temporary signals placed on either end of the structure to guide drivers across the one-lane bridge. Work will occur Monday through Friday during daytime hours.

Drivers are encouraged to slow down and pay attention in the work zone.

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Adrian Leadership presents care packages to cancer patients

Adrian High School Leadership students, along with advisors Stephanie Allison and Geary Johnson, delivered 46 care packages to Boise's St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute for distribution to children, teens and adults fighting cancer. The group followed the day with a fun-filled activity at Wahooz Family Fun Center. **From left:** Michael Judkins, Kris Ulrich, Cecilia Martin del Campo, Bryson Shira, Mike Griffin, Kylee Skerjanec, KrissAnn Nelson, Shayla Griffin, Brooke Meyer, and Marce Beltran. Submitted photo

MES principal focuses on forging relationships

Mary Lou Lopez, who is nearing the end of her first full year as Marsing Elementary School's principal, has a simple message for her students' parents.

"Come in and see me. My door is open, and I would love to get to know all my parents," Lopez said.

The Marsing School District board of trustees hired Lopez for her first school principal job late in the 2014-15 school year. She succeeded Tyson Beggs.

Before coming to Marsing, she spent seven years at the Idaho State Department of Education as the Migrant Education Program Coordinator.

Lopez explained that the experience she gained from working for the state helped her land the Marsing job.

"I wanted to move from teaching into a principalship, but as I was applying, it was found that I didn't have the experience that most districts were looking for," Lopez said.

Before working for the state, she taught for 10 years in the Vallivue School District in English as a Second Language, first grade and kindergarten.

Lopez considered applying for the Marsing Elementary principal position two years ago, but decided she wasn't ready.

She said the time was right this spring for her to move into a leadership position.

"You have a greater impact on the education process as a whole," Lopez said. "I'm able to impact the education of more students by working with the teachers, and serving as an instructional leader."

Lopez received her bachelor of arts in elementary education degree from Idaho State University, a master of arts in curriculum and education from Boise State University, and a master of education in educational leadership from Northwest Nazarene



First-year Marsing Elementary School principal Mary Lou Lopez invites parents and patrons to contact her with concerns or questions.

University.

She added that there was a huge learning curve in coming back to a school system after working for the state, but she has enjoyed meeting all of her students.

"I have a lot of names still left to learn," Lopez said. "I told them my goal was to know all the names by December. So every time they see me, I've told them 'You need to introduce yourself, and sometimes it might take longer.'"

She may still be learning names and getting to know all the teachers, but she's no stranger to the area.

"When we grew up here on Chicken Dinner Road we lived up in the orchards, and so I came to Marsing as a kid," Lopez said. "We went to Terry Reilly Health Center."

Her father, Emilio Lopez,

worked with Tamura Farms and Williamson Orchards. Her mother, Jennie, was a stay-at-home mom, and would later work with Head Start and Vallivue schools.

Mary Lou Lopez lives in Nampa, and has two daughters. Gabriella Wells, 6, attends Marsing Elementary. Alexia Wells, 4, attends Teaching World preschool in Nampa.

Lopez has a specific philosophy for her role as principal.

"I do believe that I am the instructional leader, and so it's my responsibility to make sure that our teachers have the professional development they need, the supports that they need in order to work with individual student needs," Lopez said.

Lopez was hired to succeed Beggs, whom Marsing superintendent Norm Stewart said left after two years to teach math at

Ontario High School.

She calls herself a "long-term" employee, and thinks she will stay on as principal for years to come. She is already learning to not make assumptions about her new job.

"I've really communicated to the staff to inform me, so if there are traditional things that we do, tell me, Lopez said. "Don't feel like you're stepping on my toes."

The principal also said she has a clear vision of what she wants to accomplish before the end of the school year.

"My hope is that in building the relationships with students, teachers, parents, and the community, is that after this year we can go on a shared journey to better the education that our students have," Lopez said.

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Above: Tamara Patrick, center, reacts as Dannielle Cohagan, left, serves up a rib for Scott Dickey of Homedale during Saturday's rib and chicken fundraiser at the George D. VanDerhoff American Legion Post 32 in Homedale. Right: Post Cmdr. Bob Warner, right, presents Michelle Fleck with a check to help her pay medical bills incurred during her fight against cancer.



Small crowd enjoys big thank you

Marsing American Legion Post 128 member Rick Sherrow, left, ladles a steaming helping of stew for Homedale's Mary Burman during the annual free stew feed Friday night at the Phipps-Watson community center. The event was presented as thanks for the community's support of Legion events, including the gun show, which takes place April 2-3.



HES book fair find

Second-grader Ava Wilson, 8, fills out a form to obtain "World's Cutest Pets in 3-D" during the Homedale Elementary School book fair on March 15. Joel and Kim Wilson's daughter is in Laura Eubanks' class.

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Marsing's Dines signs to rodeo at Texas college

Shelby Dines is probably used to wearing Wranglers. Now the Marsing High School rodeo club member will compete for the brand. Or, more accurately, the Odessa College Wranglers in Texas.

The daughter of Tim and Kelli Dines and MHS senior signed a letter of intent with Odessa College earlier this month.

The news was announced on the Odessa College rodeo team's Facebook page on

March 4.

Dines, who skipped basketball after an All-2A Western Idaho Conference performance as a junior, competes in barrel racing, breakaway roping and goat tying for

the Huskies' rodeo team.

After the fall rodeos of the 2015-16 season, Dines is fourth in barrel racing in

— See *Dines*, page 2B



Homedale High School's Connor Carter, right, dives into second base for a steal during a rainy game against Vale, Ore., on March 15.

Trojans make most of chances vs. Oregon squads

Baseball team starts 4-0

Strong pitching performances helped Homedale High School keep its perfect start to the baseball season intact.

The Trojans (4-0 overall) hit the road Saturday for a non-conference doubleheader against New Plymouth before starting the 3A Snake River Valley conference campaign Tuesday in Emmett.

Thursday: Homedale 4, Baker, Ore., 1 — Right-hander Connor Carter moved his earned-run average to 0.75 and his strikeout total to 18 while picking up his second victory in as many starts.

The senior backed up his complete-game effort on the mound with a 2-for-4 showing

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Homedale steams into ISG softball tourney

Spring Break competition set for Nampa

The location has changed, but Homedale High School's softball team has accepted the Idaho Sporting Goods Tournament challenge again.

The Trojans will play in the tournament on Friday and Saturday at West Park in Nampa.

Coach Larry Corta's squad will get a chance to scout

some of its 3A Snake River Valley conference competition, including Emmett, which the Trojans will face next week in the conference opener.

Homedale opens the tournament at 11 a.m. Friday against Kuna with the winner taking on either Nampa or Hillcrest-Idaho Falls at 3 p.m.

The championship game takes place at 3 p.m. on Saturday, which is the same time the third-place game will be played.

Fruitland also is scheduled to

— See *Softball*, page 3B



Dakota Kelly fires a pitch toward the plate during last week's rout of Vale, Ore., at Sundance Park.

Huskies find timely hits hard to come by in Taylor's tourney

Barkell, Grant named MVPs

Six high school softball teams descended on the Marsing High School field Friday and Saturday for the second annual Taylor Sauer Memorial Tournament.

The Huskies (0-6 overall) played four games during the weekend against Gooding, Weiser and Parma. Cole Valley Christian and Rocky Mountain's junior varsity from Meridian also competed in the tournament, which raised money for Put It Down seminars and school assemblies that Sauer's family produces throughout Idaho to discourage texting and driving.

Taylor's parents, former Marsing residents Shauna and Clay, honored two players from each team with

— See *Taylor's*, back page



Marsing's Alex Grant lofts a pitch toward the plate against Gooding. Submitted photo

Adrian track benefit race slated Saturday

Rain or shine, the Owyhee Off-Road Challenge 2016 takes place Saturday at Two Rivers Community Park in Adrian.

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.

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

The school district's dirt oval is not suitable for effective training, according to the race's website, www.owyheeoroadchallenge.com. The plan is to install rubberized straightaways to help the athletes practice starts, relay hand-offs and hurdles. Organizers plan to build a new runway and pit for jumping events, too.

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

Sports

Huskies start with tough 3A SRV softball squads

Marsing High School's softball team opened a busy week with games against foes from the 3A Snake River Valley conference.

Thursday: Payette 20, Marsing 10 — The host Pirates scored six runs in the bottom of the third inning to put an end to a seesaw non-conference battle.

Marsing held the lead on three different occasions in the first three innings, but fell victim to more than 20 errors and a Payette squad pounded 20 hits.

Payette took an 11-8 lead with

its six-run third inning, and held Marsing to just a two-run fifth inning the rest of the way.

Emma Heitz gave Marsing a 1-0 lead when she scored an unearned run in the first inning.

The Huskies took a 4-2 lead in their second at-bat as Alicia Barkell laced the first of three singles, Adrianna Salutregui drew a bases-loaded walk and Alex Grant put an RBI single into right-center field. Angelina Noblett scored on an error, too.

After Payette forged a 5-4

lead in the bottom of the second, Marsing struck back with four runs in its next at-bat.

Kortnie Miller, Heitz and Barkell all singled in the uprising, while Heitz and Noblett scored on errors. The big hit of the inning was Salutregui's two-out RBI double to bring Barkell home from first.

Noblett and Rebecca George drew consecutive walks to start the sixth inning, and they scored on Barkell's two-run single to cap Marsing's offense.

March 15: Parma 15, Marsing 1 (5) — Alicia Barkell broke up a no-hitter and then a shutout on the road against the Panthers in a non-conference game halted by the 10-run rule.

Barkell led off the fourth inning with a single against Parma's Cherokee Leppert. She moved to second when Alex Grant walked and eventually scored the Huskies' only run after a wild pitch and a passed ball.

Grant was hit by a pitch to start the second inning as Marsing

managed just three baserunners against Leppert.

Leppert fanned nine and gave up only the unearned run in the fourth with Parma in control, 9-0.

The Panthers scored 12 runs over the third and fourth innings to set up the mercy rule.

Grant took the loss, striking out seven while surrendering four walks and Leppert's three-run home run in the fourth.

Morgan Root was 3-for-3 with two doubles, and Ashley Campos had a pair of doubles for Parma.

✓ Dines: H.S. rodeo starts April 16-17

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District 2. She finished fourth on Sept. 20 and opened the season with a seventh-place showing on Sept. 19.

Dines is tied for fourth in breakaway roping after winning the Sept. 20 competition with a 3.35-second run.

She's 10th in goat tying after a seventh-place finish on Sept. 20.

A 21-point performance on Sept. 20 catapulted Dines into the top 10 in the District 2 girls' all around standings, too.

The senior is also a top student and is on pace to be the Class of 2016 salutatorian.

The District 2 rodeo season continues April 16-17 for Marsing and other Owyhee country high school clubs.

The District 2 spring schedule includes:

April 16-17 — Badiola Arena, Homedale

April 30-May 1 — Payette County Fairgrounds, New Plymouth

May 14-15 — Owyhee County Fairgrounds, Homedale

May 29-30 — Caldwell Night Rodeo grounds

Marsing mauls Parma for first win

Hardy, Wood come up with key doubles

Dwight Sevy and Clay King scattered three hits as Marsing High School blasted Parma in non-conference baseball.

The Huskies were in command before scoring seven times in the top of the seventh inning to solidify a 15-1 victory over the host Panthers on March 15.

Sevy struck out six batters in four innings to get the win. King induced a double play and struck out three in relief. Sevy also ended the game when, as catcher, he tagged out Brayton Jensen as he tried to score from third base.

Sevy and Dakota Hardy had three hits each, and King was 2-for-4 with two RBI.

Hardy led off the game with the first of his two doubles, and King singled to spark a three-run rally.

Tyler Wood and Hardy smacked back-to-back doubles to start the sixth inning, during which Sevy laced an RBI single.



Marsing first baseman Tyler Wood makes the play against Parma on March 15. Photo by Dan Pease

Hardy picked up an RBI in the seventh with a bases-loaded walk, while Sevy ripped a two-run single during the uprising. King also had a bases-loaded walk to force in a run.

Thursday: Payette 15, Marsing 5 (6) — The Huskies couldn't hold on to the lead twice in a non-conference on the road.

Marsing jumped out to an early lead, taking advantage of a shaky start by the Pirates' Austin Stricker in the top of the

first inning. Four walks produced two runs as Clay King and Brian Purtell scored.

The Huskies managed three singles against Stricker, who went on to fan 11 batters.

After Payette tied the score, 2-2, Marsing surged ahead again with three runs in the top of the fourth inning.

Boone Sevy and Cole Rhodes led off with walks, and Purtell drew a base on balls with two outs to load the bases.

After Dwight Sevy's run-scoring infield single, Jaden Kenney and Cody LaPlante drew walks to force in two more scores and put Marsing out front, 5-2.

The lead was short-lived, however, as Payette exploded for four runs in the bottom of the fourth against Riley Bryant.

LaPlante wound up with two RBI for the Huskies.

Kupen Burke was 3-for-4 with two RBI for Payette, while teammate Payton Albright was 2-for-4 with two RBI and two runs scored.

MARSING HUSKIES Athletes of the Week



Baseball
Dwight Sevy, freshman

Splitting time between catcher and pitcher, he started on the mound and struck out six, collected three hits at the plate and then recorded the final out with a tag in Marsing's 15-1 win over Parma. Sevy batted .545 (6-for-11) in three games.



Softball
Alicia Barkell, senior

Went 4-for-6 with two RBI in Huskies' first two games last week



Track and field
Alexandre Heidt, senior

Heidt finished second in the boys' 100 meters and was third in the long jump to highlight the Huskies' season opener in Melba.

Baseball
Monday, March 28, home vs. Wilder, 5 p.m.
Wednesday, March 30, home vs. Nyssa, Ore., 5 p.m.

Softball
Wednesday, March 30, home vs. Nyssa, Ore., 5 p.m.

Track and field
Thursday, March 31 at Parma Invitational, 3:45 p.m.

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Sports

Youthful Homedale hammers Nyssa tennis

Trojans start season with many fresh faces

Rebounding from a soggy start to its season, Homedale High School routed Nyssa, 10-2, in tennis Thursday in Oregon.

The young Trojans, led by returning coach Scott Michaelson, lost just two matches between the boys' and girls' ladders.

"The players have positive attitudes and work hard to improve," Michaelson said. "There will be good competition for nearly all sports on the team."

"I am hoping the attitudes offset lack of experience by the end of the season as Fruitland Parma have greater numbers and our opponents have middle school tennis programs."

The Trojans' attitudes were tested what turned out to be a surprise home opener March 15 against Ontario, Ore.

The dual meet began in dismal, drizzly conditions, and the players even endured a brief hailstorm before the event was called without the completion of a single match. Michaelson said a makeup date hasn't been set.

That meant, as was originally expected, many a new HHS tennis player made his or her debut on the road Thursday. Michaelson said none of the newcomers, who help round

out a large roster of 31 players, have previous tennis experience.

"One of our goals will be to continually improve throughout the year to qualify as many entrants into the state tournament at districts as we can and try to rack up as many points as we can in the state tournament," Michaelson said.

Last year, the HHS boys finished one point out of fifth place at the 3A state tournament, while the girls were eighth.

"We are losing a lot of leadership, experience and talent as the top four boys and top three girls graduated," Michaelson said.

Even Michaelson was heading for the exits. He had announced his retirement after the season, but he's back for his fifth year as Trojans coach. He has been a sports coach in some capacity at Homedale for 22 years.

Among the Trojans' losses from a year ago are three-time state singles qualifiers Hattie Mertz and Kincade Kincheloe as well as two-time state doubles qualifiers Delaney Phariss, Alec Egurrola and Andrew Randall.

Mertz was a top-eight finisher as a senior and earned the IdahoSports.com 3A girls' athlete of the year award. Kincheloe finished fourth in the boys' singles state tournament last spring.

Junior Ben Holloway has moved into the No. 1 boys' singles slot this season.



Homedale's Makayla Kelly sends a ball back during a rainy mixed doubles match at the Bette Uda City Park courts.

He started the season with a 6-1, 6-0 victory over Nyssa's Zach Ashby. It was the Trojans' only boys' singles victory although first-year player Warren DeMark pushed Ryan Benjamin to three sets and two tiebreakers at No. 2.

Orion Cardenas, who qualified for the state tournament last season with Andrew Randall, teamed with Randall's brother Ryan to beat Ryan Vinyard and Andy Esplin, 6-2, 6-2, at No. 1 boys' doubles.

Miller DeMark and Jose Uriarte routed Jacob Ashby and Eli Esplin, 6-2, 6-0, in No. 2 boys' doubles.

Tanis Lentfer moved into the top girls' singles position and beat Nyssa's Anita Benjamin, 6-1, 6-1. Kirsten Egurrola won the No. 2 singles match, 6-1, 6-0, over the Bulldogs' Hailey Long, while the Trojans' Vera Venhuizen rolled at No. 3 singles, 6-2, 6-0, against April Ponce.

Continuing Homedale's sweep of the girls' matches, Makayla Smith and Jessica Evans out-dueled Nyssa's No. 1 team of Alyssa Esplin and Emma Hiatt. Gabby Martell and Isabel Hernandez were 6-4, 6-1 winners over Allie Mitchel and Jordan Mitchel in the No. 2 match.

Dylan Phariss, who just missed a state tournament appearance last season, opened the 2016 campaign by pairing with Sarah Jones to give Homedale a victory at No. 1 mixed doubles. The Trojans beat Zach Ashby and Hailey Long, 6-3, 6-2.

At No. 2 doubles, Jason Buenrostro and Makayla Kelly blanked Nyssa's Jarod Espinosa and Ellie Christiansen, 6-0, 6-0.

Area schools get green light at St. Patty's track meet

Homedale wins five Melba events

Three championships lifted Homedale High School to second-place in the St. Patty's girls' track and field meet Thursday.

The Trojans trailed host and champion Melba by 19 points.

Sprinter Carlie Sawyer just missed a sweep. The junior ran a 28.41-second race to win the 200, but fell short against Melba freshman Emma Clark in the 100.

On the boys' side, Homedale won the 4x200 relay in 1 minute, 39.43 seconds as Manny Baltierrez, Josh Tolmie, Julian Hartmann and Jacob Furlott teamed up. Sophomore Max Mertz won triple jump gold with a 37-foot, 8½-inch effort.

Homedale girls split the throws titles. Senior Elizabeth Vargas heaved the shot put 33-5 to win that championship, while sophomore Eva Symms took the discus title at 95-5.

The Trojans had a strong showing in the throws overall. Homedale took the top three spots in the girls' discus with junior

Rimrock's Pearson gets fourth thrice

Rimrock High School's Hailey Pearson pulled down three fourth-place finishes Thursday at the St. Patty's track and field meet.

The senior was consistent in the sprints, running 13.81 seconds in the girls' 100 and 29.66 in the 200. She also finished fourth in the triple jump with an effort of 29 feet, 11½ inches.

The only other Raiders athlete to place in the girls' meet was freshman Donna Wilson, who ran a 10th-place time of 1 minute, 17.1 seconds in the 400.

Freshman Ray Draper competed for the boys.

Carli Swallow finished runner-up at 89-2, and Vargas snagging third at 83-7. Symms was third in the shot (30-1), while Swallow

(fourth, 28-10½) and senior Maddie Conant (fifth, 28-5) scoring points.

Sawyer's second runner-up finish came in the triple jump where she went 31-3 to edge teammate Ashley Burks. The sophomore was third in 31-1½ to go along with a bronze medal in the long jump (13-7¼).

Senior Maya Correa pulled off a third-place time of 15:21.92 in the girls' 3,200.

Rounding out the top boys' performances for coach Heidi Ankeny's team were:

- Jacob Furlott, junior — Second in the 200 (24.0) and fifth in the 100 (11.68) and the long jump (17-11)
- Tolmie — Third in the 400 in 55.52
- 4x400 relay team — Mertz and Tolmie ganged up with Braden Miller and Jordan Van Es to finished third in 3:49.
- Hartmann — The Swiss exchange student was fourth in the long jump at 18-0

Homedale's boys finished fifth in the 10-team meet, five points ahead of fellow 3A Snake River Valley member Payette.

Sprinter Heidt leads Huskies' four top-five finishes

Senior Alexandre Heidt's two top-three performances pushed Marsing High School to a seventh-place finish in the St. Patty's Day meet Thursday.

Heidt was runner-up in the boys' 100 meters, running an 11.5-second race and finishing .10 of a second behind Tri Valley's Tyler McFarland during the sprinting final at Melba's Dave Mangum Track.

"We had a few good individual performances," first-year MHS coach Steven Morton said. "It was the first meet of the year and what I call a 'discovery' meet wherein athletes and coaches get their first chance to monitor progression in events and discover what events athletes may or may not be suited to compete in."

There were 10 boys' teams in action.

Heidt was third in the long jump, soaring 18 feet, ½ inch.

Junior Sam Galligan was a top competitor in the throws, finishing fifth in the shot put (36-1) and

sixth in the discus with a throw of 97 feet.

Freshman Taj Jacobi notched a 10th-place in the shot put at 33-11½. He was sixth in the 300 hurdles, clocking a time of 52.81.

"With so many athletes new to track and field at Marsing, we had a lot of first-time competitors," Morton said. "This meet will provide a baseline for further improvement."

Junior Karl Isert was fifth in the 110 hurdles at 22.21.

Sophomores Landry Villa and Dalton Withers pulled down a pair of top-10 finishes in the distance races.

Villa was eighth in 12 minutes, 28.23 seconds, and Withers ninth (12:28.41) in the 3,200 meters. In the 1,600, Villa finished ninth in 5:39.84, and Withers was 10th at 5:45.

Senior Holly Hobbs ran a 14.28-second 100 meters to finish seventh for the Marsing girls, and she was 10th in the girls' 200.

✓ Softball: Trojans' trio net three RBI each

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compete in the 16-team tournament, which features primarily Class 5A and 4A schools, including two Eagle teams and squads from Caldwell, Pocatello, Timberline of Boise, Columbia and Skyview of Nampa, Meridian, Lake City of Coeur d'Alene and Ontario, Ore. (a 3A school).

The Idaho Sporting Goods Tournament previously had been held in Boise.

March 15: Homedale 17, Vale, Ore., 3 (5) — The Trojans perfected scoring early and often in innings in an easy non-conference victory at Sundance Park.

Sophomore Dakota Kelly struck out 13 and held the Vikings in

check until Hannah Mizuta's three-run home run with not outs in the fifth inning.

Homedale took advantage of the Vikings' shaky pitching and received a boost on Kendall Nash's two-out solo home run in the third inning.

The Trojans built a 17-0 lead with an eight-run fourth inning

before Vale tried to stave off an early exit with three runs in the fifth inning.

Gardenia Machuca, Megan Maxwell and Faith Jacobson drove in three runs each for Homedale.

Vale picked up five of its seven hits against Kelly in the fifth inning, but she got out of the jam and wound up striking out the side.

Homedale batted around twice. In the first inning, the Trojans scored four runs as Vale starting pitcher K Hawley issued six of her nine walks.

Maxwell knocked in Sophie Nash with a double in the Trojans' four-run third.

Rian Beebe and Tristan Corta both doubled in the fourth inning as Homedale sent 12 batters to the plate and scored eight times.

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25 years ago

March 27, 1991

Dock improvements underway

Some 50 giant metal pilings were driven into the riverbank in a U-shape adjoining the Homedale boat ramp late last week to form a wall for improved mooring facilities that are expected to be completed sometime this summer.

Alphonso Salutregui of Homedale, Chairman of Owyhee County Waterways Commission, said the placement of the pilings represents the first of five phases that should lead to completion of the project. Still to be accomplished are excavation in the mooring area, phase two; graveling work, phase three; placement of additional docks, phase four; and beautification work, phase five.

Salutregui stressed that money for the improvement is coming from a state of Idaho grant and from revenues from Owyhee County's "vessel account." The vessel account is funded by fees paid by boat owners who register their boats in Owyhee County.

Proposed land swap kept quiet

Trouble appears to be brewing over a quiet land exchange being considered by the Boise District BLM office, which would give EnviroSAFE Services of Idaho over 462 acres for expansion of its toxic waste handling facilities near Grand View.

Harold and Dorothy Jean Steiner of rural Murphy are among a limited number of persons or groups notified about the land swap because they hold a grazing allotment on certain BLM land that could be given to ESI in exchange for Gold Island near Grand View.

Jean Steiner said Thursday, "We're of the opinion that they plan to expand their facilities. They said when they got done there they were going to close it up. I feel if we're going to stop it, we'd better do it now. I would like to alert Owyhee County as to what is going on..."

Steiner maintained almost nobody seems to know about the proposal, save for Harold and Rose King of the Oreana area, who also hold a grazing permit in the affected area. Rose King said later, "I'm very upset about it." She indicated that she plans to contact Idaho Congressional leaders in addition to the BLM. "They have no concept how quickly that waste can be absorbed into the aquifer," she maintained.

Steiner said a letter received from BLM Boise District Manager J. David Brunner gives the Steiners until April 15th to comment on ESI's proposal to exchange 118-plus acres of Gold Island for 462-plus acres of public land adjacent to ESI's present disposal site.

John Sullivan, a realty specialist for the BLM's Bruneau Resources Area in Boise, was asked why there had been no public meeting scheduled on the proposed land exchange. Sullivan replied that the BLM "is asking for initial comment to determine what public interest there is..."

Former local Marine thanks townspeople

A recent letter from Jim Nettleton, a field medic for a Marine Tank Battalion stationed in the Persian Gulf War zone since August, expressed warm appreciation for Homedale and its townspeople.

The sentiments were contained in a letter that Nettleton sent Feb. 22 from a Saudi Arabian point five miles from the Kuwaiti border to his brother, A. J. Peone, a junior at HHS, and his great aunt, Gerry Roesbery of Caldwell.

Nettleton wrote: "... I did get a letter from West One Bank in Homedale. It had a couple of pages of messages from quite a few people and if you happen to run into any of these people, let them know I really appreciate their support - Donna Cole, June Briggs, Nolan Taggart Annie Davis, the Mashburns, Sheila Leavitt, Vee and Mary Davenport, Linda Perkins, Opal Nash and Darren Krzesnik. It was really thoughtful of them to take time to write a message.

"I'm sending a thank you letter to the bank, so hopefully everybody will get a chance to learn how grateful and lucky I am to come from a town with so many outstanding and wonderful folks.

"So if you happen to run into anybody from the bank, be sure to thank them for me ..."

50 years ago

March 24, 1966

Littering parks, shooting BB guns in city draws many complaints

Mayor Lester Carter reminds everyone that shooting BB guns in the city limits is against the law.

Chief of Police Gene McAbee reports that several complaints have been made of children shooting BB guns within the city limits. A picture window in the Virgil Kindred home was broken by a BB.

Dumping of tree limbs or trash in Riverside Park is also prohibited. The place to dispose of trash is at the city dump west of town.

Another complaint is the excess littering in the local park. High school students and those using the park are reminded to put their litter in the barrels and make the park a much nicer place.

Dog licenses are past due. Chief McAbee reported that a door-to-door check will be made to see that dogs are properly licensed.

Sen. Collett is speaker at Farm Bureau meeting

The Owyhee County Farm Bureau held its annual meeting Monday night at the American Legion hall in Marsing. The tables were most attractively decorated with St. Patrick's Day ornaments, and a potluck dinner was enjoyed.

Senator Harold Collett (D., Elmore) of the Grand View area gave an excellent and informative talk on the repeal of the inventory tax, its method and its ramifications.

He injected one sour note during the evening specifically concerning the local school districts: The Legislature has passed a bill withholding state funds from school districts which lie within 10 miles of each other, and do not qualify with a specified average daily attendance. He said the bill was aimed directly at Homedale-Marsing and several small school districts in Eastern Idaho.

The membership voted on the delegation to the annual state meeting, referring the decision to the county board. - Judy Phelps

Drive-in theatre plans showing of 'Thunderball'

The Homedale drive-in theatre will be open five nights weekly, beginning Wednesday, during the spring and summer, according to Mrs. Danny Fry.

The James Bond movie, "Thunderball," will be the first show of the season, and will run for 7 nights. Gates will be open at 7:30 p.m.

Two changes of shows are being scheduled for each week. Most of these will be double features.

Admission prices will remain the same and in-car heaters will be available until warmer weather. The snack bar will be open during showings and car-hop service will be provided.

Lake Owyhee irrigation water turned on Mon.

Lake Owyhee contained a total of 627,590 acre-feet of water, as of Wednesday, according to Mrs. Beverly Fisher, Secretarial Assistant of South Board of Control.

Irrigation water from the dam was turned on Monday, and pumps at the pumping plant will start next Monday.

Ditch riders this year are Charles Carpenter, Pete N. Echevarria, Willis Liddell, Charles Musgrove, Harry Parker, Paul Vanderhoff, Ferris Young and Bob Mount.

Succor Crik Sam Sez

"Them new tax forms is simple. All they ask is 'How much do you earn? How much do you have left? an' how come?'"

Homedale locals

Mrs. Sylvia Stewart attended bridge club Tuesday evening in the Home of Mrs. Emma Earnest.

Mrs. Owen Stewart and daughter, Mrs. Jim Winslow, were Sunday afternoon callers on Mrs. Pat Lootens and infant daughter.

140 years ago

March 25, 1876

EDITOR, IDAHO AVALANCHE - I noticed in your issue of March 4th a letter from Bruneau. So far as your correspondent goes he is all right, but as there is a portion of the valley, which he did not visit, or at least made no mention of it, I thought a more complete description might be interesting to some of your readers.

Bruneau Valley has never been regarded by the settlers as a paying farming locality, simply because it is too far from market, but, as a winter range for stock, it has proved itself the best in this portion of Idaho, and I think I would be safe in saying, the best in the Territory. It has been settled now about seven years, and during that time the amount of stock that has died here for the want of feed or shelter would not aggregate one-tenth of one per cent of what was in the country. Provided there should come a hard winter, there is plenty of hay to feed a large number of cattle, being the kind of stock most numerous here.

Miller & Walter are the largest stock owners in the valley, and are gentlemen in the fullest sense of the word. They have between 4,000 and 5,000 head of cattle, and own about three miles of Bruneau Valley. They keep but one hired man and their stock is no trouble to take care of.

George W. Hill an old pioneer of Owyhee, is located here and has a good ranch well-improved. He has a fine herd of cattle, and appears to be doing well. He carries on a dairy during the summer months, and has plenty of butter which he disposes of in Silver City.

The Robertsons have the king of all the ranches in Owyhee or any other county. They have at this time vegetables growing out in the open ground almost large enough to eat. They have set out an abundance of fruit trees of various kinds, and, in a few years, will have plenty of fruit for home use and to sell. On their land they have numerous hot springs in the immediate vicinity of and it never freezes, the vegetables being always green. They have a nice band of cattle besides quite a lot of horses, and are considered the leading farmers in the valley.

Thomas Ricketts, an old and favorably known resident of Boise City and vicinity, has taken unto himself a ranch here and intends planting a vineyard. He has recent plans for his vines and cuttings, and a bid for a lot of sweet potato roots - so you see he intends to feed you Silverites on the fat of the land, provided you pay him for his trouble, Mr. Ricketts' place is on what is known as Hot Creek, and is well adapted to the purpose for which he intends it. It is small, but good, and he goes on the principle that a small farm well tended is far more remunerative than a large one. He can run warm water at the roots of all his trees and plants. He also intends to get one fruit tree of nearly every variety.

Dairying is one of the leading industries of the valley, there being quite a number of dairies here, and a good market for Silver City.

The climate of Bruneau Valley is excellent.

Your correspondent, to whom I made allusion at the beginning of this communication, said "he would be glad to stress awhile among the snow-drifts of Silver City." but I told it just the reverse - I am always glad to get on in the valley where I can enjoy a snooze on the sunny side of a horse without incurring the danger of freezing to death.

All the cowboys are out on the rustle - poison is coming up and the cattle must be brought out to bunch grass.

Mr. Berry, the sheep man, has started his sheep up the Snake River, intending to take them to somewhere east of here. He has about 100 head of sheep, which will and become excellent mutton after he gets them on good feed.

Our mails arrive regularly from Silver City, and the people here find it a great accommodation. It affords them an opportunity to get the Avalanche, and thus learn what is going on in the outside world.

This will suffice for this time; I will write again and give the balance of the people a benefit. Bruneau.

Sports

HHS baseball field donor wall taking shape

Workers put the finishing touches on the Homedale High School baseball field donor wall at the Wizards Renovations workshop. From left: Michael McGarvin, Matt Larzelier, Matt Swisher and Paul Harris. The wall, which is part of the new entryway, will be unveiled during a field dedication ceremony at noon on Saturday, April 2. Photo by Kathy Deal



Trojans JV drops Marsing

Homedale High School's junior varsity team scored twice in the bottom of second inning Friday and pulled away from Marsing's varsity for a non-conference baseball victory.

The Trojans took control with five runs in the third inning and cruised to a 13-3 victory in five innings on their home field. It was Homedale's second win over Marsing in a seven-day span.

Dakota Hardy took the loss, but struck out eight in five innings.

Jaylon Hilton was 3-for-4 for Homedale. He tripled and scored

the tying run in the bottom of the first inning.

Hardy started the game with a single and eventually scored to give the Huskies a 1-0 lead.

Trailing 8-1, Marsing scored its other runs with a two-out rally in the fourth. Brian Purtell and Riley Bryant laced back-to-back singles. Hardy and Cody LaPlante came through with two-out singles to get the runs home.

Jaren Mease ripped a pair of triples for the Trojans.

Dwight Sevy was 2-for-3 for the Huskies.

Baseball: Dorsey delivers against Baker

From Page 1B
Carter scattered four hits and pitched 6 2/3 innings of shutout ball. Baker scored its only run on Trevor Custer's sacrifice fly for the second out of the seventh.

Custer led off the third with a double, but was stranded. Seth Dixon was 2-for-3 for the Bulldogs.

The Trojans broke through in the second inning. Drew Taylor

ripped a two-out single and scored on Kendall Freelove's single into left field.

After scoring an unearned run in the third inning, Homedale tacked on two scores in the fourth, which began with Thatcher's double and included a run-scoring single from Wyatt Dorsey.

March 15: Homedale 4, Vale, Ore. 2—The Trojans beat the rain and the Vikings by manufacturing runs in a home game.

Homedale capitalized on two Vale miscues to erase a one-run deficit in the second

inning. Freelove stole two bases after reaching on an error when Vikings' right fielder Tanner Hamilton misplayed a slicing fly ball. Freelove tied the game on Jake Deal's groundout. Thatcher, who had walked, put the Trojans ahead when he scored on Gage Fortin's two-out error.

Nash Johnson and Thatcher held Vale in check on four hits over the remainder of the game.

Deal was 2-for-3 with Homedale's only two hits against Vale pitchers Dawson Eddy and Josh Buchholz.

Homedale Trojans Athletes of the Week

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Baseball
Jake Deal, junior
Went 2-for-3 with two RBI for Trojans' only hits in a 4-2 win over Vale, Ore.



Track and field
Carlie Sawyer, junior
Won 200, second in 100 and triple jump in Melba



Tennis
Ben Holloway, junior
Debuted at No. 1 boys' singles with 6-1, 6-0 win vs. Nyssa, Ore.'s Zach Ashby



Softball
Dakota Kelly, sophomore
Struck out 13, went 1-for-4 in 17-3 wallopp of Vale, Ore.

Baseball
Varsity
Sat., March 26 at New Plymouth (2), 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.
Tuesday, March 29 at Emmett, 5 p.m.
Junior varsity
Sat., March 26, home vs. New Plymouth (2), 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.
Tuesday, March 29, home vs. Emmett, 5 p.m.

Track and field
Thursday, March 31 at Parma Invitational, 3:45 p.m.

Tennis
Tuesday, April 5, home vs. Emmett, 4 p.m.

Golf
Tuesday, March 29 at Cole Valley Invitational (18 holes), Riverbirch GC, Eagle, 11 a.m.
Wednesday, March 30 at 3A Snake River Valley nine-hole meet, Rolling Hills GC, Weiser, 3 p.m.

Softball
Varsity
Idaho Sporting Goods Tournament
West Park, Nampa
Friday, March 25 vs. Kuna, 11 a.m.
Other games scheduled Friday, March 25 and Saturday, March 26
3A Snake River Valley conference
Tuesday, March 29 at Emmett, 5 p.m.
Non-conference
Wednesday, March 30 at Vale, Ore., 5 p.m.

Junior varsity
Tuesday, March 29, home vs. Emmett, 5 p.m.
Wednesday, March 30, home vs. Vale, Ore., 5 p.m.

Go Trojans!

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense The Designated American

I wonder if I will see in my lifetime the end of “Designated Americans?” I was filling out a form and was asked to check if I was African American, Hawaiian American, Latin American, Native American, Asian American, Anglo American or Other American. I declined. I guess it would make a difference if I were applying for a basketball scholarship, as a cook in a Mexican restaurant, for a judgeship on the Supreme Court, or as a Karate teacher. But should it?

It is obvious Justice is not blind. Watch how opposing lawyers select their members of the jury. Or watch how news reporters walk on eggshells around the Designated American d'jour. Or watch people vote (or not vote) for someone solely on their Designated American category. It seems every Designated American group has its day in the sun to be recognized as the “easiest to be offended.” Sports team mascots, scholarships for only the selected, private clubs, exclusive music, Army promotions by gender, racially leaning magazines, the “too rich” and Hollywood each take their turn to sit in the corner and be patted or chastised.

But let's say by 2076 that the African Americans, Latin Americans, Native Americans, Asian Americans, Hawaiian Americans and Anglo Americans have all assimilated into calling themselves “Americans,” just like the Germans, Jews, Polish, Lebanese, Italians, Irish and Swedes have done. They would have no need to plead “Political Correctness” or “Insensitivity.” There would be no headlines blasting pro football for only having 32 percent Anglo American players OR blasting pro baseball for only having 8 percent African American players! OR pro basketball for only having 3.2 percent Latin Americans!

Most of the world has gotten over the taboo that genetics have nothing to do with human characteristics — of course it does! But the Politically Correct Industry still clings tightly to their credo, “... hear no one credible, see nothing obvious and speak no truth, lest our bias be shown.”

Eventually prejudice — on both sides — will disappear as people tire of restrictions on belief, freedom of speech and color of skin. In 2076, black man, red man, white man, yellow man or brown man will be merely an adjective when describing someone.

Unfortunately it's going to take awhile. Today, when applying for unearned government benefits, you have a greater chance if you are an officially selected Designated American. But there is a trade-off; it comes with a classification, a stereotype. You have to prove your race to get on Native American tribal rolls or get a scholarship at certain colleges. If you get welfare or food stamps, you must prove that you come from a lower income family. If you want to get government insurance, you must prove that you can't afford it.

When you step into the world of governmental Designation ... the table is no longer level. In an effort to make Americans equal, we've reverted to segregation! They have divided us against ourselves! In 1776, 36 Americans signed the Declaration of Independence which states, “... all men are created equal ...” By 1866, 620,000 soldiers had died in the war to end slavery. In 1965, President Lyndon Johnson's Voting Rights Act was signed by 410 members of Congress. In 1968, Martin Luther King Jr. gave his life for the cause ... 2½ centuries of defending the declaration in our Constitution that all men were created equal.

Today our feeble leaders are trying to convince us that men are not created equal ... that they can't help themselves and some must be treated, mistreated, segregated and/or Designated, in order to become equal. We've turned Washington D.C. back into the swamp from whence it came.

— Visit Baxter's Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features and to purchase Baxter Black merchandise, including his newest release, “Cave Wall Graffiti from a Neanderthal Cowboy,” other books and DVDs.

Owyhee Canyonlands Proposal will restrict access, economy

by Keith Baltzor

Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA), Keen Footwear, and others are proposing a National Conservation Area (Monument) consisting of 2,579,032 acres of land entirely within Malheur County. Within this area, 2,012,350 acres will be designated as Wilderness, and 50 miles of Wild and Scenic River. It involves the majority of land from McDermitt, Nev., in the south to nearly Adrian, Ore., on the northern boundary, from locations on the Malheur/Harney county line in the west to locations on the Oregon/Idaho state line to the east. The area constitutes 47 percent of all Federal land in Malheur County and is 1,279,032 acres larger than all privately owned land in the county. The area proposed is, in a word, massive.

ONDA plows forward its selfish agenda with no regard for the thousands of people, local economies, or ecosystems that will be adversely affected by designation. ONDA has failed to acknowledge collaborative efforts between agencies and local stakeholders. The Bureau of Land Management and ranchers have effectively managed this area for more than 70 years. ONDA has never hidden its agenda of wishing to see very large tracts of roadless, fenceless lands closed to all motorized vehicles.

With the issue of access in mind, I contacted Corie Harlan, ONDA's Owyhee coordinator in an effort to secure a road inventory of the project area. Thinking a detailed map of all roads listing retained access would help me attain a better idea as to potential access. Ms. Harlan informed me that no such map exists. She stated one was being worked on, but did not know when it would be finished. I was further informed that she foresees roads that would be “closed to the public,” but retain “administrative access.” When pressed further, she was unable, or unwilling, to name specific roads. I can only presume those decisions will be made by BLM in the new Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Wilderness Management Plan (WMP) that BLM will be required to complete, if designated. By then, it will be too late to have much say on what access will be retained.

By closing even a few roads, public access, other than by foot or possibly horseback, will be denied to hundreds of thousands of acres. These areas are used to graze cattle, hunt, fish, sightsee, camp, ATV,

etc. ONDA's webpage (www.wildowyhee.org) states, “The proposal will ensure areas people care about such as Leslie Gulch, Birch Creek, Three Forks, Owyhee Overlook and Anderson Crossing remain accessible to the public.” Five destinations in an area of over 2.5 million acres is not, in my opinion, even close to acceptable access. It is nothing more than a bone thrown to the public in an effort to help secure designation. I am offended an organization like ONDA and its partners presume to know what areas people care about. The organization's unwillingness to address motor vehicle access leaves most stakeholders somewhere between concerned and outright terrified.

ONDA touts historical uses, such as grazing, will be protected. I think not. Road closures will greatly diminish ranchers' ability to visit places they need to tend cattle, monitor grazing, check water, etc. In tracts of land that will involve dozens of ranches, economic viability will cease to exist. Ranchers will be forced to reduce cattle numbers or sell out altogether. People who are now able to make a living -- in many instances, a modest living -- for their families will be in financial ruin. The people they employ and support businesses will all suffer. A chain reaction economic downturn will plague the county, all this by denied access.

According to Oregon State University's Economic Information Office, Malheur County ranks first in beef production value in Oregon. Negatively affecting that segment of the county's economy will be disastrous to the county tax base, all of its businesses, schools, and protective services. The communities, the county, or the state can ill afford the losses in revenue that will occur because of ONDA's overreaching proposal.

Road closures will harm, not help, non-agricultural activities and the businesses they patronize. Deer, elk, antelope, bighorn sheep, upland bird and varmint hunters, along with anglers, will be denied access, leaving them, in some instances 40 or 50 or more miles from the places they and their families have hunted and fished for generations. Most will likely relocate to other areas to hunt and fish or go out of state. Again, the consequence of access denied. Campers denied. Sightseers denied. Very young, old and disabled individuals will be denied the opportunity to enjoy many special places. No realistic economic growth will occur.

— See *Proposal*, Page 7B

Letters to the editor

Deputy clerk thanks Marsing P&Z volunteers

I want to thank all the past and present Planning and Zoning Commissioners who have volunteered their time and efforts for the City of Marsing.

Since I came to work for the City of Marsing in 2012, we have had some very worthy and dependable P&Z commissioners.

We have all been in a “learning process” with P&Z and wanted formal training, which was not easy to find.

For the years 2013, 2014, and 2015, we have had our legal number of meetings per year, with quorums plus additional workshops, unofficial meetings plus many public hearings, all with minutes and agendas

as required, posted in a timely manner and the minutes readily available for anyone to read when requested.

City engineer Amy Woodruff has been our consultant and go-to person for advice and guidance during the time I have served as secretary/administrator for P&Z.

We accomplished a lot under her watchful eye and with her supervision. We thank her for her time and help.

Again, a big thanks and much appreciation for the P&Z commissioners that I have worked with for a job well done.

Annie Campbell

Marsing deputy city clerk

District 23 candidate introduces herself

My name is Megan Blanksma and I am a Republican Candidate for State Representative, District 23B (Elmore, Owyhee and Twin Falls) I wanted to introduce myself to those who want to learn more about the campaign. I grew up in Nampa, graduated from University of Idaho where I met my husband, and moved to Hammett, where we have lived and farmed for nearly 20 years. As a conservative Republican, I have been involved with the party since I was a teenager and

am currently the Elmore County GOP Chairman.

I've been working hard to get around to meet and more importantly listen to as many fellow Republicans as I can. If you would like to learn more, please join us for refreshments Saturday, April 2nd at the Homedale Senior Center from 4 to 6 pm. You can also learn more at www.meganblanksma.com.

Megan Blanksma

Hammett

Commentary

Financial management

Fall in love with work not paycheck for job satisfaction

Dear Dave,

I've always wanted to work from home. How can I separate the scams online and on television from the real jobs where I can make money?

— Randy

Dear Randy,

The vast majority of things you see in late-night infomercials and online — except of course for legitimate job hunter sites — are scams. I'm talking about the business-in-a-box kind of stuff and everything else. And I know you've seen the postings online that go something like, "My sister-in-law makes \$50 an hour from home, and you can, too!" These scammers are the worst of the worst. Don't waste a second of your time on that garbage.

My biggest worry is that you're looking at your career the wrong way. Just making money shouldn't be the measuring stick of success in your professional life. Whether

you're going to start a home business or work in an office for someone else, your work should engage you in doing something you know about and love.

You spend too many hours of your life at work to be miserable in what you do. Shuffling day after day through a job you don't like — even one with a big paycheck attached — is also a bad idea. Sooner or later the fact that you don't like your work is going to catch up with you on the job and at home.

Think of something you love to do, then get creative and find a way to make money at it. It may mean turning a hobby into a part-time gig nights and weekends for starters. Who knows, with a lot of hard work and a little creativity, you could be your own boss in no time!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

My dad and I have been having



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arguments over real estate and money. My wife and I are 33, and we have a rental property. We were trying to decide whether or not to sell the rental in order to pay down on our home. My dad has been very vocal about what he thinks we should do, and it's starting to cause problems in our relationship. The two

homes are our only debt, and we make \$110,000 a year. We owe \$132,000 on our residence and \$80,000 on the rental. We could sell the rental for around \$160,000. What do you think we should do?

— Ricky

Dear Ricky,

I wouldn't sell the rental today, but it's definitely a strong consideration in the future. You wouldn't realize enough from its sale to pay off it and your home at this point, so work aggressively toward paying down the mortgage on your home. Then, when you get far enough down that the sale of the rental would pay it off, go for it if that's what you both want. You're doing really well financially for a couple your age in San Diego.

Now, let's talk about something else for a moment. I would love for you to listen to your dad for advice, but I would not be arguing

with him about what you are going to do with your money. You're a man. I don't know if you just used the incorrect word there for how the discussion went down, but if not, I wanted to correct that as a boundary issue in your family.

Keep up the good work, Ricky!

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is America's trusted voice on money and business as well as the 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.

Americans for Limited Government GOP could be better off listening to primary voters

by Robert Romano

All the buzz in Washington, D.C., is about the possibility of a contested convention in Cleveland for the Republican nomination in July, presumably to stop GOP frontrunner Donald Trump from securing the nod.

Erick Erickson's "Conservatives Against Trump" on Thursday released its plan to stop Trump — not by backing his top rival Texas Sen. Ted Cruz in the remaining primaries — but by taking the nomination at the convention.

Said Erickson in the group's statement, "We call for a unity ticket that unites the Republican Party." But, if such a ticket cannot secure 1,237 delegates prior to the convention, "we encourage all candidates to hold their delegates on the first ballot."

Of course, blocking Trump at the convention would require the complicity of Cruz, who by July could be several millions of votes behind in the popular vote and hundreds of delegates short of securing the nomination himself — and who himself might not even be selected at such a convention.

But, before party leaders dust off their convention rulebooks and start conspiring in smoke-filled rooms, they may want to take a look at the history of Republican nominations the past century to see how these types of schemes have actually worked out for Republicans.

As it is, the modern political primary process began in 1912 when the first primaries were held. Prior to then, party

leaders selected presidential candidates at conventions.

But the voters' choice at the polls was not always the nominee at first. In fact, for Republicans the primary process got off to a rather rocky start in 1912, when Theodore Roosevelt clearly won the popular vote against sitting President William Taft, but then the party nominated Taft, who controlled the convention. Roosevelt, feeling cheated, ran third party, handing the election to Democrat Woodrow Wilson.

They might have been better off just giving the nomination to Roosevelt, if they had known he would run third party. Stealing the convention clearly cost Republicans the election.

And it wouldn't be the last time. In seven out of 10 instances when Republican voters selected one candidate at the primary polls by popular vote, and the party selected somebody else at the convention, the GOP lost the general election.

Repeat, they lost 70 percent of those elections, in 1912, 1916, 1932, 1936, 1940, 1944, and 1948.

The exceptions came in 1920, with Warren Harding, in 1952, with Dwight D. Eisenhower, and in 1968, with Richard Nixon. Although to be fair, in 1968, Nixon, who had won nine states, was in a virtual tie for the popular vote with Ronald Reagan, who had just won his home state of California.

Still, the success rate is rather low.

It could be a political catastrophe for Republicans.

Comparatively, Republicans have won 53 percent of elections when they selected the candidate who won the primary popular vote, in 1924, 1928, 1956, 1972, 1980, 1984, 1988, 2000, and 2004.

Turns out, voters are much better at picking winners than party bosses and convention delegates.

Sure, occasionally you wind up with a Harding, an Eisenhower, or a Nixon, but more than likely, you'll get a William Taft, a Charles E. Hughes, a Herbert Hoover, an Alf Landon, a Wendell Wilkie, or a Thomas Dewey — twice.

Now, selecting the candidate who got the most votes is by no means a perfect strategy. Just ask Richard Nixon, who lost in 1960, or Barry Goldwater, who lost in 1964, or Gerald Ford, who lost in 1976, or George H. W. Bush, who lost in 1992, or Bob Dole, who lost in 1996, or John McCain, who lost in 2008, and Mitt Romney, who lost in 2012.

But the popular vote winner still probably represents the GOP's best shot to win. From a Republican perspective, a 53 percent chance of victory is far better than a 70 percent chance of defeat, even if the nominee is Donald Trump, particularly if the alternative is a President Hillary Clinton. Something for Republican leaders and voters to keep in mind as the process moves forward.

— Robert Romano is the senior editor of Americans for Limited Government.

✓ Proposal: Change in management not needed to maintain natural beauty

From Page 6B

ONDA's claims of positive economic growth because of the designation are simply false. A comprehensive study designed to honestly analyze the economic impact of wilderness designations on local economies in nearly every case found that "wilderness designation is associated with lower per capita income, lower total payroll, and lower total tax receipts." ("Boom or Bust: Wilderness Designation and Local Economies" by Ryan M. Yonk, PhD, Brian C. Steed, PhD, and Randy T. Simmons, PhD).

Unfortunately, the bad news doesn't stop here. I recently asked Michael Campbell of Oregon/Washington BLM an

estimated cost of producing the new RMP and WMP. He said it would be difficult to put an exact cost on that now, but it would easily be "several million dollars." These monies come directly out of BLM's operating budget, taking funds away from sage-grouse habitat enhancement, water development, weed control, fuels reduction and improving range health.

Any designation without collaboration of local stakeholders and BLM as to access, economic, ecological, and social ramifications is not only wrong, it borders on immoral.

Using Corie Harlan's (ONDA) own words, "All we want

to do is keep the Owyhee as it is." I agree the Owyhee, as currently managed, is a spectacular place. Let's keep it that way by opposing ONDA's proposal for designation. We can assist our neighbors in Malheur County by contacting Sens. Wyden and Merkley, Reps. Walden, Bonamichi, Blumenauer, DeFazio, and Schrader, Gov. Kate Brown and President Obama to voice our opposition to the proposal. Please also sign the online petition by going to "Oppose the Misguided Owyhee Canyonlands Proposal."

— Jordan Valley native Keith Baltzor now lives in Harney County. He continues to recreate in the Owyhee Canyonlands.

Public notices

ORDINANCE A-190

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARSING, IDAHO, ADOPTING A ZONING MAP DESIGNATING THE LAND USE ZONES FOR PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Marsing desires to update its land use zoning map; and

WHEREAS, the requisite noticing and public hearings have been held as required by law; and

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

Section 1: The attached map, heretofore attached and labeled as Exhibit A to this Ordinance is hereby adopted.

Section 2: All previous land use zoning maps which conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 3: This Ordinance shall be published once in the official newspaper of the City, and shall take effect immediately upon its passage, approval and publication.

ADOPTED this 13th day of January, 2016.

CITY OF MARSING, Owyhee County, Idaho

By: Mayor James Ferdinand
Attest: Janice Bicandi, City Clerk
3/23/16

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. A-191

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARSING REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. A 82 A OF THE MARSING MUNICIPAL CODE REPEALING AND DISBANDING THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AND THE PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A Summary of Ordinance No. A-191, adopted by the Mayor and Council of the City of Marsing on March 9, 2016, is as follows:

Section 1: Provides for the repeal of Ordinance No. A82A of the Marsing Municipal Code.

Section 2: Establishes an effective date.

The full text of Ordinance No. A-191 is available for public inspection during normal office hours at the office of the City Clerk.

CITY OF MARSING, Owyhee County, Idaho

By: Mayor James Ferdinand
Attest: Janice Bicandi, City Clerk
3/23/16

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. A-192

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARSING, OWYHEE COUNTY IDAHO, ESTABLISHING TITLE 1 ADMINISTRATION, TITLE 2 BUSINESS AND LICENSE REGULATION, TITLE 3 HEALTH SANITATION AND ENVIRONMENT, TITLE 4 PUBLIC SAFETY, TITLE 5 PUBLIC WAYS AND PROPERTY, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A summary of the principal provisions of Ordinance No.

A-192 of the City of Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho, adopted on March 9, 2016 is as follows:

Section 1: Marsing City Code Title 1 through Title 5, is hereby established.

Section 2: If any provision in this Ordinance shall be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to law, then such provision shall be null and void and shall be deemed severable from the remaining provisions in this Ordinance and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this Ordinance or Marsing City Code.

Section 3: All prior ordinances or parts thereof, to the extent inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed and shall, to the extent of such inconsistency, have no further force or effect.

Section 4: This Ordinance, or a summary thereof in compliance with Section 50-901A, Idaho Code, shall be published once in the official newspaper of the City, and shall take effect immediately upon its passage, approval, and publication.

The full text of this Ordinance is available at the City Clerk's Office and will be provided to any citizen upon personal request during normal office hours.

CITY OF MARSING, Owyhee County, Idaho

By: Mayor James Ferdinand
Attest: Janice Bicandi, City Clerk
3/23/16

NOTICE

The Marsing Joint School District #363 Board of Trustees declared a vacancy in Trustee Zone 1 (one) due to a resignation. The Board will be accepting letters of interest in this vacancy until Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. Please contact Deb Holzhey, Board Clerk, at 896-4111 ext. 197 or by email: dholzhey@marsingschools.org for a description of Zone 1(one) residency and information regarding this vacancy. Due to the closure of the district office for spring break of March 21st - 25th, please call beginning March 28th.

3/23,30/16

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

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).	

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

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/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

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the members of the MARSING COMMUNITY DISASTER FUND, an association will be held at eight (8:00) o'clock p.m., Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at the MARSING COMMUNITY CENTER for the purpose of electing (5) directors for a term of

three years. One (1) each from the communities of Riverside Area, Knowlton Heights Area, Sunnyslope Area, Opaline Area and (1) for Director at Large from within the Association boundaries, for the election of officers for the Association and any other business relative to the Annual Meeting.
3/23,30/16

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**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 TO CREDITORS
CASE NO. CV-2016-0870
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: RONALD MICHAEL DELANEY, DECEASED PERSON.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MICHAEL ALLEN DELANEY has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of the Notice to Creditors, or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented both to the Personal Representative, MICHAEL ALLEN DELANEY, 7541 Solarset Cir., Anchorage, AK 99507 ph (907) 632-7537 (or to his attorney of record, Ty A. Ketlinski 3597 E. Monarch Ln., Suite F240, Meridian, Idaho 83642 ph 208-288-4444), and filed with the Clerk of the Court.
3/23,30,4/6/16

**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 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 H ALLEN, and LUCILE M ALLEN, 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

**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

**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

NOTICE

Bybee Air will be conducting aerial applications in and around the areas of Bruneau, Grand View, Mtn. Home, Homedale and Marsing during the months beginning March 1, 2016 through November 30, 2016.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding operations in the vicinity or over your property, please contact your neighboring farmer or Bybee Air Service 541-372-5232 or 208-590-9792.

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Owyhee County Church Directory

<p>Calvary Fellowship Homedale Pastor Rich Wright 20 West Idaho Ave Church time is 10:00 am on Sunday & Wednesday at 7:00 pm (208) 880-4033</p>	<p>Golden Gate Baptist Church Wilder Pastor Robert Potter, Jr., CLP Corner of Second and "B" Streets Church time is 11:00 am on Sunday Call (208) 880-4308 for information</p>	<p>Our Lady of Tears Church Silver City For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031</p>
<p>Iglesia Misionera Biblica Homedale Pastor Silverio Cardenas Jr. 132 W Owyhee • 337-5975 Servicios: Vier - 7pm - Oracion Mier - 7pm Predicacion Dom - 10am Esc. Dom y 6:30pm "Una Iglesia Diferente."</p>	<p>Knight Community Church Grand View Pastor Ivan Shetler 630 Idaho Street 208-834-2639 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am</p>	<p>Crossroads Assembly of God Wilder Pastors Ron & Martha Hwy 19 & 95, 890-9132 Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Worship 6pm Wed. Bible Study 7pm</p>
<p>Assembly of God Church Homedale 15 West Montana, 337-4458 Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Service 6:00pm Wed. Bible Study 7:00pm Wed. Children & Youth Ministries 7:00pm</p>	<p>Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale 17434 Hwy 95, 337-3464 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Services: 10:45 am Sundays Wednesday CLC: 4:00 pm www.homedalefriends.org</p>	<p>Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church Caldwell 1122 W. Linden St. 459-3653 Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:30 am Spanish Mass: Saturday 7:00 pm Spanish Mass: Sunday Noon</p>
<p>Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Homedale 337-4248 Sunday Services 10am Pastor Sean Rippey Adult and Children Sunday School 9-9:45am Visitors Always Welcome! Call Church for Prayer requests</p>	<p>Chapel of Hope Hope House, Marsing Look for the Blue Church South Bruneau Hwy at the Hope House Welcoming Families, especially those with special needs children. Keith Croft, Pastor 880-2767 Jake & Alisha Henriouille, Youth Pastors 761-6747 Sunday Services at 10 am</p>	<p>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale 708 West Idaho Ave 337-4112 Bishop Mark Thatcher Bishop Robert T. Christensen Sunday 1st Ward 1pm Sunday 2nd Ward 9am</p>
<p>Homedale Baptist Church Homedale 212 S. 1st W. 739-5952 Sunday School 10am-11am Sunday Worship 11am-Noon Wednesday Evening 7pm</p>	<p>Wilder Church of God Wilder 205 A St. E. 649-7698 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Service 11am Sunday Eve. 6:00pm Wed. Eve. 7:00pm</p>	<p>Mountain View Church of the Nazarene Wilder-Homedale 26515 Ustick Road 337-3151 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm Children's Caravan Program</p>
<p>MARSING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY Asamblea Apostolica de Marsing 107 W. Main • Marsing, Idaho Pastor Jose Gutierrez 208-461-9016 or 880-6172 Sunday School 10:00 am Sunday Service 1 pm • Wednesday Service 7 pm Bilingual Services/Español</p>	<p>Iglesia Evangelica Wilder 317 3rd st., Pastor Ramiro Reyes 10 am Sunday School 11 am Service 482-7484 Bilingual</p>	<p>St. David's Episcopal Church 1800 Arlington Ave. Caldwell, ID 83605 208-459-9261 stdavids@stdavidscaldwell.org www.stdavid.episcopalidaho.org</p>
<p>Christian Church Homedale 110 W. Montana, 337-3626 Pastor Maurice Jones Sunday Morning Worship 11am Church school 9:45</p>	<p>Bible Missionary Church Homedale West Idaho, 337-3425 Pastor Ron Franklin Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7:30</p>	<p>Assembly of God Church Marsing 139 Kerry, 965-1650 Pastor Rick Sherrow Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am & 6 pm</p>
<p>Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing Pastor David London 116 4th Ave. W., 859-2059 Sunday worship: Morning: 11am-Noon • Evening: 6-7pm Sunday school 10 am-10:55am Wednesday evening 6pm-7pm</p>	<p>Nazarene Church Marsing Pastor Bill O'Connor 649-5256 12 2nd Avenue West Worship Services - Sunday 11am and 6pm Sunday School - 9:45am Mid Week TLC Groups</p>	<p>Trinity Holiness Church Homedale 119 N. Main Pastor Samuel Page 337-5021 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Thursday Evening 7:30pm</p>
<p>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Marsing 215 3rd Ave. West, 896-4151 Sunday 1st Ward, 1:00 p.m. Bishop Rowley Sunday 2nd Ward, 9:00 a.m. Bishop McIntyre</p>	<p>Vision Community Church Marsing 221 West Main Marsing, Idaho 208-779-7926 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Adult, Kids & Youth Meetings Wed. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>United Methodist Church Wilder <i>Exploring the Bible: Public Invited</i> 2nd & 4th Tuesday: 4-5pm Corner of 4th St. & B Ave. Pastor Dave Raines 208-880-8751 Sunday Service 9:30am</p>
<p>First Presbyterian Church Homedale 320 N. 6th W. Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am 208-473-9331</p>	<p>Calvary Holiness Church - Wilder Corner of 3rd St. & B Ave. • 208-989-0196 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. • Sunday Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday: 6:00 p.m. • Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. Food Pantry hours • 208-989-0226 2nd & 3rd Friday of month 2pm-4pm 4th Friday of month 12-1pm</p>	<p>Garnet Seventh-Day Adventist Church 16613 Garnet Rd., Wilder 208-649-5280 Email: garnetSDA@icloud.com Worship 9:30am Sabbath School 10:45am Wednesday Bible Study 7:00-8 pm</p>
<p>Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale 711 W. Idaho, 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am</p>	<p>Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church - Oreana 2016 Mass Schedule - the following Saturdays at 10:00am Jan. 23 - Feb. 27 - Mar. 19 - Apr. 23 - May 28 June 25 - July 16 BBQ - Aug. 27 - Sept. 24 - Oct. 22 - Nov. 26 - Dec. 17 All are welcome! For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031</p>	<p>Amistad Cristiana de Wilder UMC Esquina de 4 y calle B Domingos Servicio: 12:00 pm El Ropero (Banco de ropa) Miercoles 12- 2pm Martes y Jueves: 6:30 pm Ingles Sabados: 12:00 pm Arte Infantil Todo en Espanol, Inf. 989 7508</p>

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Taylor Sauer Memorial Softball Tournament



Marsing MVPs Alicia Barkell, second from left, and Alex Grant with Shauna and Clay Sauer.



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Parma MVPs Emma Takatori and Cherokee Leppert



Weiser MVPs Emily Gluch and Katie Davis



Cole Valley Christian MVPs Makenna Dillon and Emily Holtrop. MVP photos submitted



Rocky Mountain MVPs Emma Shiflet and Arianne Muñoz stand near the Taylor Sauer Memorial Softball Tournament banner.

✓ Taylor's: Freshman Grant fires one-hitter against Gooding on Day 1

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most valuable player medals, too. The winners included:

Marsing — Alicia Barkell and Alex Grant

Gooding — Julie Legarreta and Clarissa Reed

Parma — Emma Takatori and Cherokee Leppert

Weiser — Emily Gluch and Katie Davis

Rocky Mountain JV — Emma Shiflet and Arianne Muñoz

Cole Valley — Makenna Dillon and Emily Holtrop

Games not featuring Marsing included (scores not available):

Friday — Cole Valley lost to Weiser and Parma, and Gooding beat Parma.

Saturday — Rocky Mountain JV beat Gooding and Weiser.

Saturday: Parma 19, Marsing 3 (5) — Takatori and Morgan Root had two hits apiece as the Panthers beat the Huskies for the second time in five days.

Parma sent 17 batters to the plate in the first inning and scored 12 runs. The Panthers took advantage of 12 walks, a hit batter, an error and Root's base hit.

Emma Heitz led off the first



Senior Adrianna Salutregui pitches during Marsing's tournament game against Weiser on Friday. Submitted photo

inning with a single for the Huskies, who didn't score until the fourth inning.

During the fourth inning, Adrianna Salutregui reached on an error and Alex Grant and Kortnie Miller picked up base hits with no outs. Liz Stanberry got an RBI in the inning.

Saturday: Gooding 14, Marsing 4 (6) — Salutregui had an RBI single in the first inning as the Huskies forged an early 3-1 lead. Heitz and Alicia Barkell also scored in the inning.

The Senators regained the lead with three runs in the top of the

second as Clarissa Reed hit the first of her two triples.

Julie Legarreta doubled and scored a run in the fifth inning for Gooding.

Only three of Gooding's runs were earned as the Huskies committed 10 errors. Grant struck out eight and took the loss.

Friday: Weiser 18, Marsing 1 (4) — The Wolverines scored 10 runs in a third inning during which 15 batters visited the plate.

Katie Davis pitched a two-hitter and struck out seven for the Wolverines. She reached base in all four of her plate appearances,

scoring three runs from the leadoff spot for the Wolverines. Emily Gluch drew three walks and scored two runs.

Hailee Bennett had both of the Huskies' hits, including a single to bring in Grant with one out in the fourth inning.

Friday: Gooding 5, Marsing 2 — Marsing's seventh-inning comeback fell short against the Senators, who got the win despite Grant's complete-game one-hitter.

Grant struck out 10, but was hurt by four Marsing errors that led to four unearned runs.

Davis, who was hit by a pitch

to lead off the second, scored on a two-out single that was Gooding's only hit of the game.

Marsing put the first two batters on in the fourth (singles from Heitz and Barkell) and fifth (Rebecca George hit by pitch and Louisa Metcalf walk) but couldn't score.

Bennett (walk) and George (hit by pitch) reached base to start the seventh inning with Bennett scoring the Huskies' first run on Metcalf's grounder to second base. Heitz's two-out single plated George with Marsing's other run.