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Classic ride fit for an Angel

Mike Beavers was at the reins of his Owyhee Express Carriage Co., horse-drawn vehicle to give Angel Walk honoree Jonah Kissell and his mother, Mandy, over the 5-kilometer route Saturday morning. Photo by Keri Garrett. For more photos and results, see Page 9A

Change afoot this election?

Owyhee County voters head to the polls Tuesday in what could be a watershed primary election.

In what amounts to a rarity during primary season, three Republican incumbents face challengers — and one faces two challengers — in the primary.

The polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. in precincts throughout the county.

— See *Election*, page 5A

Lawmen cleared in fatal shooting

A deputy and reservist who shot and killed a Homedale man were justified in their actions, according to the Canyon County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

The Critical Incident Task Force investigation determined that 38-year-old Gilbert Heredia pointed a weapon at responders during a Dec. 26 civil standby at his residence in the 300 block of West Montana Avenue.

In declining to file charges, Canyon's chief criminal deputy prosecutor, Christopher Topmiller, wrote: "Heredia posed a credible threat of death or serious physical injury to both officers."

Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy Terry McGrew and Homedale Police reservist Chris Steed were standing in a carport

— See *Lawmen*, page 5A

Jordan Valley graduation set for Saturday

Jordan Valley High School's seven-member Class of 2016 will be the first to graduate among area seniors.

Valedictorian Sage Elizabeth Raine and salutatorian Jett Vernon Warn will lead the graduates during at 3 p.m. Saturday ceremony inside the school gymnasium.

Superintendent Rusty Bengoa and school board chair Kelli Williams will present diplomas.

A reception will follow inside the school's old gymnasium.

Other graduates include Johnny Baker, Chantel Brundage, Morgan Caywood, Jaci Larsen, and Wyatt Stanford.

— Look for the *Avalanche's* graduation special edition on May 18.

Adding some color



Residents can enjoy new patio view

The Owyhee Gardeners provided flowers and vegetables and labor during Thursday's planting at Owyhee Health and Rehab. Also working were, from left, resident Carolyn Martin, CEO Chase Gunderson, resident Nancy Ash and CNA Shandy Crossley. Gardeners member Wanda Ferguson said sprucing up the patio was Ash's idea.



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Left: Marsing school board chair Betty Ackerman (Zone 3) fits Alex Christiansen with a new bicycle helmet during Saturday's "Bike Rodeo" next to Marsing Elementary School. The St. Luke's Health Foundation donated 50 helmets to give to children who needed one. Helmets that were left over after the event were taken to Hope House. **Right:** Dianna Branin of Marsing replaces an inner tube.

Tractor pull season opens in Homedale

Antique tractor owners from around the region will pull into and through Homedale's sugar beet dump Saturday.

The Treasure Valley Antique Power Association will kick off its 2016 tractor pull season when members begin setting up dozens of antique tractors at 10 a.m. at the Amalgamated Sugar Co.'s beet dump at the corner of East Idaho Avenue and Industrial Road/South 3rd Street East.

Adrian, Ore., resident Guy Stauffer, who is one of the locals that usually brings a tractor to the events, said the pulling competitions will begin at noon with the National Anthem and last until about 3 p.m.

"The beauty of Homedale is the beet dump. We usually have a tough time finding places to park our trucks and trailers for our tractors (at other venues)," Stauffer said.

"(In Homedale), there's all kinds of room for spectators to line up in their cars."

Stauffer said the vast area allows folks to stay in their vehicles to watch the pulls if there is inclement weather.

The compacted surface at the beet dump is also a favorite for competitors who try to pull a sled 200 feet as the weight distribution becomes heavier and heavier.

"The track is phenomenal," Stauffer said.

Stauffer, who is sidelined with an injury, said there will be about 50 pulls during the day as tractor owners compete in about 15 different classes.

Admission is free, and entrance to the beet dump is available on Industrial Road directly across from East Wyoming Avenue. There will be food and drink available for purchase.

It costs \$10 for tractor enthusiasts to enter their machines in the competition.

Several different manufacturers are represented in tractors ranging from stock models with 17 horsepower to 100 HP to modified tractors that have V-8 engines.

Manufacturers represented include John Deere, Allis-Chalmers, Ford, Oliver, Case and — before his broken leg — Stauffer entered a Farmall.

But there is one rule. "Everything is antique," Stauffer said.

There are between three and five tractors in each class, and drivers compete against each other to see who can pull the sled the furthest.

Stauffer said a "full pull" of 200 feet isn't uncommon, but officials often add more water to the sled to increase the weight if there isn't enough challenge.

"A lot of time when we go up to the next class then a couple tractors will take a full pull then put more water in to try to slow them down," Stauffer said.

The weighted, rolling rack starts out empty for the smaller tractors, and officials add water through the day as larger tractors hook up.

Homedale resident Clyde Fillmore will handle the reset duties, pulling the sled back into place with his John Deere 70, Stauffer said.

Fillmore is well-known for his antique tractor collection, and he routinely enters the machines in parades, such as the Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo procession through downtown Homedale each August.

Other competitors will haul tractors to town from Boise, Nampa, Caldwell and Weiser.

— JPB

Ambulance sets potluck,

Marsing Ambulance Service will hold a special event Saturday, May 21 to celebrate National Emergency Medical Services Week.

National EMS week runs Sunday through May 21.

A potluck and membership drive will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., on May 21 at the Marsing fire station, 303 Main St.

Hamburgers and drinks will be provided, and people are asked to bring a side dish.

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Homedale council faces light agenda tonight

Board president Steve Atkins will preside over tonight's Homedale City Council meeting.

Atkins will run the show in Mayor Gheen Christoffersen's absence. Christoffersen is out of town on business.

The meeting begins at 6 p.m. inside City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

Town resident Michael Aebischer is scheduled to discuss the community movie event he planned Saturday.

On Saturday, Aebischer told The Owyhee Avalanche that no one made the trip across East Idaho Avenue from the Angel

Walk fun run closing ceremonies to watch "Cars."

Aebischer bought the one-time showing rights to the animated movie and scheduled a noontime screening inside the Homedale High School gymnasium. Announcements were made at the Angel Walk 5-kilometer fun run start site at Bette Uda City Park as well as during the Angel Walk car show on the west side of town.

Aebischer also posted signs at various locations along Idaho Avenue.

After Aebischer's report, councilmembers will hear departmental updates.

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Idaho Farm Bureau backs county's Gateway West stance

Yet another organization says that Alternative 1 is the only route that makes sense for the Gateway West power line.

Leadership of the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation is getting ready to submit comments on the Bureau of Land Management's draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for segments 8-9 of the 500-kilovolt (kV) transmission line.

Segments 8-9 will run through Owyhee County, and the federal agency announced co-preferred alternatives that would encroach on private property and skirt sensitive Greater Sage-grouse habitat. Alternative 1, the route through the Morley Nelson Birds of Prey National Conservation Area that would avoid private ground, was included in the draft SEIS, but was not given preferred status. Project owners Idaho Power and Rocky Mountain Power as well Owyhee County officials and a citizens' group back Alternative 1.

That route was recommended by the full BLM Boise District Resource Advisory Committee after a lengthy subcommittee investigation.

Comments on the alternatives presented in the document will be accepted via email or postal mail or on the BLM website until June 9. A final siting decision is expected by the end of the year.

On May 2, Idaho Farm Bureau Federation representatives met with the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners to get advice on how to phrase the group's comments.

Owyhee County Farm Bureau president John Richard, who lives outside Marsing, introduced Russ Hendricks, director of

How to comment

- Website — <http://on.doi.gov/1sExPBP>
- Email — blm_id_gateway_west@blm.gov
- Mail — Bureau of Land Management Idaho State Office, Gateway West Transmission Project, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise, ID 83709
- Hand deliver — Idaho State Office during business hours

Note — Copies of the Draft SEIS and Draft RMP Amendments are available online at <http://on.doi.gov/1sExPBP>

governmental affairs for the organization, and two other representatives to the board.

Braden Jensen, an energy and natural resource specialist, and Brody Miller, a regional manager, also attended the meeting.

"What we want to do is be on the same wavelength with you guys before they submit their comments," Richard said.

Hendricks told the commissioners the federation agrees with them that Alternative 1 is the most logical route for the transmission line.

"We just wanted to have the opportunity to visit with you and see if there's anything specifically that's happening in Owyhee County that we should incorporate into our comments," Hendricks said.

Alternatives 2 and 5 follow the West-Wide Energy Corridor (WWEC) and cross private property.

District 2 Commissioner Kelly

Aberasturi, the BOCC chair, said the county won't allow any route that would take the line across private farm ground.

"That's an absolute never going to happen, as far as the county is concerned," Aberasturi said.

He also pointed out that Alternatives 2 and 5 would run the line through Oreana.

"That's an area I love," Aberasturi said. "I don't live there, I live over in Homedale, but if I could move today, and move anywhere, it would be Oreana. I love that place, and right in the middle of it they're going to run these power lines."

He added that BLM opposes Alternative 1 because the NCA is not part of the WWEC.

"Originally it was supposed to be part of the West-Wide corridor, and then at the last minute the BLM pulled it out," Aberasturi said.

Hendricks said he heard that Nelson once said that power lines have no ill effect on birds of prey.

"And that Governor (Cecil) Andrus even said, 'To put this in place we're going to have this corridor,'" Hendricks said. "I thought that's what you were saying, that the BLM arbitrarily took it out later."

Aberasturi affirmed that was indeed what happened.

The commissioner also told the IFBF representatives that the BLM approved the route through the NCA twice, and said everyone except BLM leadership in Washington D.C. agrees that the NCA is the most logical place to put the line.

Alternative 1 co-locates the 500kV line next to a smaller, existing line along Baja Road in the NCA, avoiding Owyhee County private property nearly altogether

and keeping the power line away from sensitive sage-grouse habitat.

"It should go back to Congress. The Congress should say what happens here, but the BLM's bigger than Congress," Aberasturi said. "Pretty much we can tell that by the rule-writing that they're bigger than Congress because they can subvert the law and get away with it."

Commissioners reminded the representatives that Farm Bureau has some political clout when it comes to working with congressmen in Washington D.C.

Aberasturi thinks the organization's leadership could encourage lawmakers to talk BLM into dropping the "co-preferred" alternatives.

"At least find out who is pushing against us so we can have some ammunition," Aberasturi said. "It's a great thing that you guys are willing to support us on this."

There are eight alternatives in all, and the BLM said each of the first seven (No. 8 is, as always, a no-action option) will have some impact on the NCA.

District 3 Commissioner Joe Merrick pointed out that the "co-preferred" routes already cross the NCA on the western end.

"That is in their proposals, so the precedent there has already been set by going in the NCA," Merrick said.

After taking copious amounts of notes, Hendricks thanked the commissioners for their time.

"You've given us a lot to work with. We appreciate it," Hendricks said. "We intend to be fully engaged in it, but we appreciate this additional information. We'll be in touch with you as we move forward."

— SC

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	(measured in inches)	(measured in inches)		Max	Min	Avg
Mud Flat						
05/03	0.0	0	13.2	67	39	55
05/04	0.0	0	13.2	68	47	58
05/05	0.0	0	13.3	68	45	55
05/06	0.0	0	13.2	60	45	51
05/07	0.1	0	13.1	61	46	52
05/08	0.0	0	13.3	65	44	55
05/09	0.0	0	13.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
05/03	0.1	n/a	16.3	67	46	58
05/04	0.1	n/a	16.3	69	53	61
05/05	0.1	n/a	16.3	64	47	54
05/06	0.1	n/a	16.4	62	47	53
05/07	0.1	n/a	17.2	62	47	53
05/08	0.1	n/a	17.4	66	47	56
05/09	0.0	n/a	17.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
05/03	n/a	0	30.8	65	46	55
05/04	n/a	0	30.8	62	47	56
05/05	n/a	0	30.8	64	43	50
05/06	0.0	0	30.8	56	43	49
05/07	0.0	0	30.8	61	44	50
05/08	n/a	0	31.1	60	44	52
05/09	n/a	0	31.0	n/a	n/a	n/a

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 63 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 1,646 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 131 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 452,331 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.
<i>— Information compiled from the National Weather Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Helena Chemical in Homedale</i>

Marsing council to discuss proposed housing subdivisions

The Marsing City Council might plan on having a short meeting at 7 tonight inside City Hall, 425 Main St.

Only one item of new business is listed on the agenda: A discussion on two new proposed subdivisions.

City clerk Janice Bicandi said no paperwork has been filed with the city regarding the developments, but she expects more information about the proposals to be revealed at tonight's meeting.

During the mayor's report portion of the meeting, the council will hear a request by the Marsing Music Boosters to use Island Park for a March 4 Music march-

a-thon that is scheduled to be held Thursday.

Mayor James Ferdinand will also discuss a citywide cleanup by Marsing school students and staff members set for next Wednesday.

The council will also consider allowing Marsing Ambulance to use Marsing's city attorney. The ambulance service is requesting that the city pay for the attorney's time to examine the proposed memorandum of understanding with Owyhee County that would create a taxing district governing board. The attorney could also look at the mutual aid agreement with Canyon County. — SC

OCHS to hear about Steunenbergs murder

A retired Caldwell Police chief will discuss his town's most famous murder during the next Owyhee County Historical Society membership meeting.

Bob Sobba is the featured speaker for OCHS' next meeting at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 20.

In an Idaho Humanities Council-sponsored presentation,

Sobba will discuss the Dec. 30, 1905 assassination of former Idaho Gov. Frank Steunenberg, the acquittal of former Silver City mining union secretary William "Big Bill" Haywood, and the conviction of Harry Orchard, a one-time union member who spent the rest of his life in prison for the governor's bombing death.

USPS food drive Saturday

Letter carriers in Owyhee country and throughout the nation will collect food for the needy Saturday.

Food pantries in the communities the local postal workers serve will receive the proceeds soon after the annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive ends.

Postal customers are asked to leave a bag of non-perishable food

items by their mailbox Saturday, and letter carriers will pick up the food.

Vision Community Church in Marsing and El-Ada Community Action Partnership in Homedale will benefit from local collections.

Food also will be collected in Murphy, Bruneau, Grand View, Jordan Valley and Adrian.

Correction

Marsing High School assistant track and field coach Robin Simpson points out that Landry Villa's 1,600 meters time from the April 15 Middleton Invitational was incorrectly reported because of inaccurate statistics on athletic.net. Villa actually ran a 5-minute, 30-second race.



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From page 1A

✓ Election: Prosecutor is only county office up for grabs this time around

Two-term Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery and former two-term county PA Ed Yarbrough put an end to a bitter campaign with Tuesday's election. As a Homedale resident, Emery will cast a ballot, but Yarbrough lives in Nampa and is ineligible to vote here.

Either man has a clear path to the office come January because

there is no Democratic nominee. If he wins Tuesday, according to the Idaho Secretary of State website, Yarbrough will have to become a registered voter in Owyhee County 30 days before the general election to be eligible for the Nov. 8 ballot.

Three other county officers — Sheriff Perry Grant, District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi

and District 3 Commissioner Joe Merrick — are running unopposed in the Republican primary, and no Democratic opponents have emerged. Aberasturi and Grant are running for four-year terms, while Merrick is seeking re-election for two years.

The Republican primary also features two District 23 House of Representative elections. Seat A

incumbent Rich Wills of Glens Ferry is facing Hammett's Christy Zito.

The GOP nominee will take on Homedale Democrat Mary Ann Richards in November.

The Seat B ballot is a tad more crowded with Pete Nielsen of Mountain Home seeking the nomination against challengers Megan Blanksma of Hammett and

Marsing's Justin Freeman.

Whoever wins the Republican nomination will have another three-way race in November against Homedale Libertarian Chris Jenkins and Buhl independent Bill Chisholm.

— For polling places and more information on all the elections candidates, read our special primary primer, **B section**.

✓ Lawmen: Both veterans placed on administrative leave after incident

talking to Heredia after 3 p.m., on Dec. 26. During a 2½-minute encounter, Heredia warned the men he was armed, wouldn't comply with requests to remove his hands from his pockets and grew agitated, Canyon County Sheriff Kieran Donahue said during a May 3 press conference in Caldwell.

Children ranging in age from 5 to 9 years old and Heredia's brother were in the house at the time.

After pointing his handgun at McGrew, Heredia was asked repeatedly to lower the weapon. Heredia fired one shot. McGrew discharged five shots and Steed four.

Heredia was wounded six times. He died almost a week later.

Donahue said that Heredia's gun jammed after the first shot



Owyhee County Sheriff Perry Grant, at podium, and Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller, left, spoke May 3. Canyon County Sheriff Kieran Donahue and Chief Deputy Marv Dashiell look on.

when the shell casing lodged in the ejection port. The slug from the Ruger 9mm was never found.

Another .25-caliber handgun fell out of Heredia's clothing during the trip to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, according to the CITF report.

"Hailing from this same

community in which this incident happened, I can tell you it definitely hit hard with our community," Owyhee County Sheriff Perry Grant told reporters.

"It's something that's going to take time for our community to grow past, but I do hope that with this report that peace is found with

the families and God blesses the families and the officers involved in this incident."

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said:

"Hopefully this will bring some closure to the family. Our sincerest condolences to them. The loss of a family member is never easy. I just hope this gives them some of the answers they're looking for."

McGrew and Steed were placed on administrative leave immediately and offered counseling. Because of HIPA laws, authorities declined to confirm if counseling was sought.

Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said McGrew spent 20 days off. Eidemiller said Steed's time off was longer because he doesn't work steady for HPD.

A veteran deputy, McGrew has been with OCSO four years, Grant said. Eidemiller said Steed has served 11 years with HPD.

According to the CITF report, Heredia's girlfriend requested a civil standby so she could pick up four children at the house. Both the girlfriend and Heredia's father were concerned because of statements Gilbert Heredia had made the previous evening about harming himself, Donahue said.

Donahue said investigators found marijuana, methamphetamine, an assault rifle and ammunition clips — 90 rounds in all — and a loaded shotgun in Heredia's residence after the shooting.

Donahue pointed out that, as a felon, Heredia was prohibited from owning firearms.

— JPB



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Homedale Elementary

Veggie & fruit bar, milk served every day except May 12 and May 25

- May 11: Chicken burrito, corn
- May 12: PB&J, baby carrots, potato chips, apple, cookie, milk
- May 16: Hamburger, tater tots
- May 17: Spaghetti, green beans
- May 18: Chicken taco, corn
- May 19: Personal pepperoni pizza, tossed salad
- May 23: Mini corn dogs, steamed carrots

Homedale Middle

Fruit & salad, bar, milk served daily

- May 11: Chicken nuggets or orange chicken, steamed rice, broccoli
- May 12: Mini corn dogs or fish nuggets, steamed carrots, cinnamon roll
- May 16: Beef or chicken taco, corn
- May 17: Spaghetti or corn dog, mixed veggies
- May 18: Spicy chicken sandwich or hamburger, tater tots
- May 19: Cheesy lasagna or mini corn dogs, steamed carrots, cookie
- May 23: Popcorn chicken or hamburger, baked beans

Homedale High

Salad bar, fruit choice, milk served daily

- May 11: Chicken nuggets or fish sticks, macaroni & cheese
- May 12: Chicken patty or cheeseburger, french fries
- May 16: Pepperoni pizza ripper or turkey sandwich
- May 17: Hot dog w/baked beans or pork chop w/potatoes/gravy & buttered bread
- May 18: Cheesy lasagna or BBQ pulled pork sandwich, corn
- May 19: Nachos or PB&J w/cheese stick, churro
- May 23: Chicken taco or ham/cheese sandwich, corn

Marsing

Milk variety and healthy choice fruit & veggie bar offered daily

- May 11: Teriyaki chicken bowl, wheat roll, corn dog, buttered corn
- May 12: Lasagna, Italian breadstick, turkey sandwich, potato salad, green beans
- May 16: Orange chicken & rice, ham/cheese sandwich, sun chips, green beans
- May 17: Chicken squealer, fish taco, buttered corn, pudding variety
- May 18: Cheeseburger, sun chips, carrot sticks, ice cream bar
- May 19: PB&J, sun chips, pepperoni ripper, tossed salad
- May 23: Pulled pork sandwich, fish sticks, french fries

Bruneau-Grand View

Fruit and milk served daily

- May 11: Cook's choice
- May 12: Haystacks, chips, salsa, refried beans
- May 13: Ham/cheese on bun, baby carrots, apple, cookie, milk
- May 17: Cook's choice
- May 18: Chicken patty/bun, black beans, steamed broccoli
- May 19: Cook's choice
- May 20: Pig in a blanket, sweet potato fries, baby carrots

COSSA

Fruit and milk served daily

- May 11: Spaghetti, corn, salad
- May 12: Grilled cheese, tomato soup, salad & carrots
- May 16: Popcorn chicken, potatoes & gravy, corn
- May 17: Cheeseburger, potato wedges, salad
- May 18: Chicken pot pie, carrots, sherbet
- May 19: Pizza pocket, salad & ranch, fresh broccoli
- May 23-26: Cook's choice



Marsing FFA elects new officers

The 2016-17 Marsing FFA officers were announced during the chapter's awards banquet April 28. **Front row, from left:** Lena Metcalf, historian; Zoe Kish, president; Rosalba Jacobo, alumni relations; and Cecilia Aguilar, vice-president; **Back row, from left:** Spencer Fisher, sentinel; Esmeralda Robles, secretary; Logan Stansell, treasurer; and Dana Jo McGee, reporter. Submitted photo

Homedale FFA alumni to challenge students in softball

Homedale FFA Alumni Association members and current students will tangle in the second annual softball game Saturday at Sundance Park.

The alumni team is still looking for players, and Shelley Sherk will coach the squad.

The event begins at 6 p.m. under the park pavilion with a barbecue. The game starts at 7 p.m., and the public is encouraged to attend.

Anyone who wants to help out with food for the barbecue, call Sue Williams at 337-4226.

Marsing FFA gives awards

Awards distributed during the Marsing FFA chapter's year-end banquet April 28 included:

Inspirational officer — Dana Jo McGee

Workhorse Award — Joseph Ineck, Seth Ramirez and Brian Purtell

Star Chapter Farmer — Brooke Labit and Lena Metcalf

Star Greenhand — Logan Stansell, Spencer Fisher, Hayden Kish and Louisa Metcalf

Little Red Wagon Award — Wendy Stansell

Friend of the FFA Award — Kirk McGee and Marsing School District kitchen staff

Honorary FFA degree — Ryan Kish and Courtney Barber

Top Point Greenhand — Logan Stansell, Hayden Kish and Louisa Metcalf

High Point Participation Award — Dana Jo McGee and Zoe Kish

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Salad Bar available with each meal: lettuce, tomatoes, boiled eggs, peaches, apricots, dressing

Milk served each day

- May 11: Sausage & biscuits, mashed potatoes w/country gravy, carrots
- May 12: Baked ham, sweet potatoes, string beans, roll
- May 17: Closed. Be sure to vote!
- May 18: Hot dog w/bun, pork & beans, carrot salad

Marsing Senior Center

Vegetable served each day except May 26

- May 11: Beef, rice
- May 12: Soup & sandwich, ham/bean soup
- May 16: Chicken, rice
- May 17: Roast pork, potato
- May 18: Beef, rice

Rimrock Senior Center

Milk and juice served each day

- May 12: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas & carrots, fruit, wheat roll
- May 17: Meat loaf, baked potato w/sour cream, tossed salad, pineapple tidbits, cake
- May 19: Beans & ham hocks, broccoli salad, corn bread, fruit slices, cookie

Death notice

CECIL CLYDE ENGLE, 87, of Homedale, died Thursday, May 5, 2016. Cremation is under the care of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252.

Find out
What's happening
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Kid's Club

Every Wednesday 4:00-5:00
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Pasture depends on management style

One of the most frequently asked questions in regard to pasture is what plant species are best for any given area. The reality is that it “depends.”

While certain plant species will perform better in specific circumstances, over time pasture plant species composition and performance will mainly be determined by the management of the grazing animals. Oftentimes productive species are planted in a pasture and then over-grazed. Over time, these species give way to other less productive plant species such as Kentucky Bluegrass and White Clover, which can better tolerate that type of management. In a very real sense, plant whatever you want but over time you will get exactly what you manage for.



Scott Jensen

University of Idaho Extension

when establishing a pasture is whether to plant one single plant species (monoculture) or a mixture of plant species (diverse). A monoculture will most likely be simpler to manage as all of the plants in the pasture will grow and mature at approximately the same rate. This might be an advantage if the pasture will be cut for hay. A diverse pasture increases the likelihood that there will be something green and growing more days of the year. Diverse pastures are generally more productive on a total-pounds-of-forage-produced basis as diverse plants tend to “fill in” in and around each other. Diverse pastures also generally provide a more nutritionally balanced diet for livestock.

Common grass and legume species for irrigated pastures in our area are Orchardgrass, Tall Fescue (endophyte-free), Meadow Brome, Perennial Ryegrass, Annual Ryegrass, Alfalfa, Red

Clover, and Ladino Clover. Timothy is often part of horse pasture mixes; however, it requires cooler temperatures than many of the lower elevation valleys have during the summer, and it is much better adapted physiologically to haying rather than grazing. I do not recommend purchasing a seed mix for use in the Treasure Valley that contains much Timothy.

If you are considering replanting a pasture this spring, the time is quickly fading. Hot, dry weather make establishing a pasture more difficult as you will need to keep the top few inches of soil moist for the young seedlings for the first several weeks. Typically, early spring and early fall are the best times of year to plant new pasture.

— For more information, contact Scott Jensen at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension at scottj@uidaho.edu. Jensen is the U of I county extension educator, and he welcomes questions on livestock care.

THE OWYHEE AVALANCHE

SEQUICENTENNIAL SAMPLINGS

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SCHOOL HOUSE – It is next to decided by the new Board of Trustees that renting a school-room is bad policy – therefore one must be built. At present, there are not children enough to make two interesting schools, nor funds to pay two teachers – though the latter might be revisited. We understand the Board to favor building a house west of Jordan Creek and north of Bloom & Herd’s office. This location would best accommodate all and remove the school a little out (now) of town, which is good policy. We would respectfully suggest that in building a house, the modern style of furnishing be adopted. The cost will be no more and the room much better. It should be finished with a view to accommodate the various ages of pupils – not grown persons; also, have the building and furniture adapted to school purposes, require the temporary occupants to accommodate themselves to the furniture – and not have children punished from day to day and month to month on any account. Bear in mind that a school house is for children’s benefit – not for elections, town meetings, &c. If used for the latter, a short inconvenience is nothing compared to the pupils’ ease and comfort.

Calendar

Today

Pre-K and Kindergarten Roundup

8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., Bruneau Elementary registration and screening, 25841 Benham Ave., Bruneau. (208) 845-2492

Coffee club

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

Idaho Foodbank drop-off

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

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

Homedale Highway District meeting

6 p.m., Homedale Highway District office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., Homedale

Homedale City Council meeting

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

Grand View City Council meeting

6 p.m., Grand View City Hall, 425 Boise Ave., Grand View, (208) 834-2700, Monday through Thursday

Marsing City Council meeting

7 p.m., Marsing City Hall, 425 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4122

Marsing Fire Commissioners meeting

7:30 p.m., Marsing Fire Hall, 303 Main St., Marsing.

Thursday

Pre-K and Kindergarten Roundup

8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., Grand View Elementary registration and screening, 205 1st St., Grand View. (208) 834-2775

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

March 4 Music fundraiser

4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Island Park, Marsing.

Faith Riders horse riding

6:30 p.m., spring and summer session, Lucky 3 Arena, Idaho highway 55, Marsing. (208) 249-1595

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting

6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W.,

Homedale. (208) 337-3867

Veterans of Foreign Wars meeting

7 p.m., Samuel Phillips III Post 11065, 208 3rd St., Wilder. (208) 260-2778 or (208) 250-7780

AA meetings

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

Friday

Story Time

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

Grand View Lions Club meeting

11:30 a.m., Grand Owyhee Restaurant, 230 Main St., Grand View.

Owyhee Watershed Council meeting

3 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (541) 372-5782

Teens and Tweens program

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

Saturday

Rimrock Community Food Pantry distribution

9 a.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2419, (208) 834-5170 or (208) 834-3199

Free lunches

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

High school graduation

3 p.m., Jordan Valley High School, 501 Bassett St., Jordan Valley. (541) 586-2213

Game night

7 p.m., card games and dominos, 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

Tuesday

Foot clinic

8:30 a.m., \$12, appointment necessary, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Foot clinic

9 a.m., call for appointment, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 968-5430 Tuesdays and Thursdays

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

Blood pressure clinic

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

Marsing Lions Club meeting

7 p.m., Marsing Senior Center, 218 Main St., Marsing. (208) 318-3982

Friends of the Eastern Owyhee Library meeting

7 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library meeting room, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2324, (208) 832-1949 or (208) 834-2785

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Bruneau-Grand View School District board meeting

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

Marsing FFA presents Ag Expo



Above: Fabian Martinez (left) and Kevin Espejel handle a couple ducklings. Fabian, 6, is the son of Yolanda Flores and Alberto Martinez. Kevin, 6, is the son of Rosa Jacobo and Crystian Espejel. **Right:** Riley Greer, 9, with a young heifer. Riley is the daughter of Karen and Jon Greer.



Ayleen Gonzales, 7, pets a goat in its pen. She is the daughter of Anel Gonzales.



Marsing Elementary student Jessie James tries her hand at swinging a hammer at the Marsing FFA Ag Expo in the high school ag shop. Jessie, 8, is the daughter of Rebecca James and Lucas Francke.

Fine fishin' time



Above: Luke Moore of Marsing with his daughter, 3-year-old Nadia, at Saturday's "Dad and Child Fishing Day" at Marsing's Island Park. The Western Idaho Community Action Partnership and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game sponsored the event. **Below:** IDFG Sr. Conservation Officer Craig Mickelson, right, poses with Andrew Bastida and his fish. Submitted photo



Soda Fire rehab protects resource

Fire breaks, fences going up; patrols continue

Improving firefighter access and creating a stable environment for vegetation regrowth are two of the objectives of the Bureau of Land Management's work these days in the Soda Fire burn area.

Agency crews began installing emergency fuel breaks last week along roads to reduce the threat of wildfire. The project is part of the emergency rehabilitation program instituted after the 280,000-acre fire burned in August.

The 400-square-mile fire scorched federal, state and private lands in the sagebrush-steppe landscape of Owyhee country.

"A mature stand of sagebrush takes decades to reestablish, and these fuel breaks will help to reduce the size and frequency of fire in the burned area and improve access for firefighters," BLM Owyhee Field Office manager Michelle Ryerson said.

"Putting these fuel breaks in now, ahead of this fire season and while we work on longer-term fuel break treatment plans, will improve the odds that this area won't burn again and can make a full recovery."

Ryerson and other BLM of-

ficials also reiterated the need for recreationists to use caution in the area as rehabilitation continues. Cross country travel is prohibited throughout Owyhee County, and sheriff's deputies, BLM rangers and Shoshone-Paiute Tribal officers continue to patrol and monitor for natural resource damage from off-highway vehicles.

BLM officials said in a recent press release that inappropriate use may result in area closures.

"Wilson Creek, Hemmingway Butte and the whole Owyhee Front are very popular recreational areas, and we want them to continue to be available for the public's use," BLM Owyhee Field Office recreation planner Ryan Homan said.

"If you're using the trails, know the rules of the area you are traveling, read the signs, avoid riding on muddy roads and trails, and always stay on the trail. We ask users for help. Let other riders know where to ride and where not to ride and let us know if you see misconduct."

The emergency fuels break project is designed to remove unburned vegetation on public lands near homes and structures.

Fuel breaks will be established primarily through maintenance and improvement of up to 25 miles of existing roads. The BLM will implement about 1.5 miles of targeted

grazing and shrub mowing treatments along the road north of the Hemingway Butte Recreation Area to protect nearby private property and upslope treatment investments. The BLM is conducting these treatments while it completes a thorough analysis of the larger proposed fuel break project through an Environmental Assessment, which will be released for public comment later this month.

Almost all of the Soda Fire burn area was Greater Sage-grouse habitat, with more than 50,000 acres designated by BLM as Priority Habitat Management Area for the species.

The fire also had a devastating impact to ranchers who lost livestock and other property on both public and private land. More than 40 natural resource specialists have carried out several treatments since the fall, including aerial and drill seeding, herbicide treatments, hazardous materials clean-up, fence construction and other measures.

About 2.5 miles of fence has been built in the Hemingway Butte Recreation Area. The BLM advises recreationists to be alert for places where fences will cross the trails and sand washes and leave gates as they are found. These new fences will be temporary and will be removed when targeted grazing is complete.



Homedale High School distance runner Maya Correa, right, and a competitor make their way up West Idaho Avenue amidst some of the 90 classic cars that turned out for Saturday's Angel Walk show and shine.



Caldwell's Tony Tolsma, left, accepts the Angel's Choice car show trophy from Jonah Kissell. Tolsma's 1940 Ford coupe also won Mayor's Choice as selected by Gheen Christoffersen.



Homedale High School senior Matt Thatcher broke away from other runners early and was the first person to finish the 5-kilometer foot race Saturday.



Homedale High School students Carli Swallow, left, and Carlie Sawyer make the turn onto West Idaho Avenue from North Main Street during the western leg of the 5-kilometer race.



Valve cover racing finalists Larry Livesay of Marsing, left, and Rylan Binford of Homedale watch their creations roll down the track after Paul Livesay, center, started the race. Larry won the race and a valve cover trophy customized and autographed by famous car painter Charley Hutton, whose father, Clyde, used to serve as South Board of Control water manager.



Left: Homedale Senior Center volunteers served a buckaroo-style breakfast prior to the Angel Walk fun run and car show. Right: Children were content with burgers at Bette Uda City Park. Photo by Keri Garrett

Angel Walk results

Fun run

- First overall** — Matt Thatcher
- First infant** — Boy: Liam Badiola; Girl: Shelby Gurney
- First boy** — Shawn Stanly
- First Tween girl** — Belisia Larzelier
- First bicycle** — Girl: Aliah Hibbs; Tween boy: Tye Kooper
- First dad** — Burke Deal
- First mom** — Michelle Burks
- First family** — Hancock family

- Largest family** — Zayden
- First couple** — Raymond and Julie West
- Silver Sneaker** — Woman: Rande Garrett; Man: Toby Schroeder
- First stroller** — Rebecca Frazier
- First H.S. student** — Max Standley
- First Spirit** — Selena Badiola
- First team** — HHS baseball

Car show

- Angel's Choice** — Tony Tolsma,

- Caldwell, 1940 Ford
- Mayor's Choice** — Tolsma
- Best Paint** — Mike Parker, Homedale, 1952 Chevrolet pickup
- Best Motor** — Steve Broder, Boise, 1930 Ford roadster
- Best 1930s or older** — Rodger and Donna Bender, Kuna, 1935 Ford sedan
- Best 1940s** — Dave Lester, Boise, 1948 Packard
- Best 1950s** — Rick and Peanut Henson,

- Nampa, 1955 Pontiac Chieftain
- Best 1960s** — Tom Dager, Payette, 1967 Pontiac GTO
- Best 1970s** — Mark and Patty Briscoe, Nampa, 1970 Dodge Dart
- Best Truck** — Randy Barrett, Boise, 1953 Ford F-100
- Best Interior** — Richard Smith, Caldwell, 1954 Jeep
- Best Import** — Mike Strothman, Marsing, Porsche

Marsing students plan city cleanup project

Marsing schoolchildren will be available to the community for a city-wide cleanup from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. next Wednesday.

School district staff members will join students in the effort aimed at beautifying public areas, parks and homes around town.

Students from all grade levels will be available to do basic yard work for seniors or disabled individuals needing the help.

District superintendent Norm Stewart said the goal is to give back to the community.

“The elementary will work around the district itself, and then middle school and the high school will be going out into the community at houses and cleaning up streets within the community,” Stewart said.

This is the third year of the cleanup effort.

Folks are encouraged to call the school this week and provide names and addresses of those needing the work done. For more information, call the district office at (208) 896-4111, ext. 1. — SC



From left: Marsing Mayor James Ferdinand, Marsing Ambulance Service board chair Jim Briggs and Jim's wife Muriel review concept drawings at an open house held Thursday night.

MSD seeks bond promotion panel

Final open house reveals changes to proposal

Now that Marsing School District has held its final workshop on a proposed bond, officials are looking for community members to promote the election.

Superintendent Norm Stewart said the district is looking for 30 patrons to serve on an ad hoc committee “to answer questions and to help the community understand the rationale and the concepts behind the buildings.”

About 20 patrons who attended Thursday's third and final open house learned the conceptual drawings have changed.

The current middle school would be converted to house two Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency classrooms, a preschool, and the district office. The current district office would be demolished to make room for the new secondary school building.

Trustees received feedback about the proposal at the school board's monthly meeting Tuesday night after deadline.

The revised secondary school concept puts the office in a central location, but would require the building to have just two locker

rooms, rather than the four locker rooms that were included in the initial plan.

Stewart told patrons at the open house that the new concept also includes a second serving line in the cafeteria “to try to make timing more efficient as we come through,” Stewart said.

“Those fine details as to where they would be located would still have to be determined, but that is all in the concepts of making things more efficient,” he said.

Marsing Mayor James Ferdinand said the bond proposal process still needs some fine-tuning.

“The conceptual drawings are still pretty vague as to what's really going to happen,” Ferdinand said. “I'd certainly like to see some monies going into the elementary school, the oldest building on the campus.”

While reviewing the drawings, patron Jason Ineck stated that he is in favor of the bond proposal.

“I'm kind of liking it. I think it's a good thing,” Ineck said. “I'm kind of looking at the details to see how they're going to do the security.”

School board vice-chair Michelle Jacobi said she appreciates the community involvement.

“We've made a lot of improvements because of our community's feedback, and I've really watching it progress,” the Zone 4 trustee said.

If the \$13.5 million bond is sought and ultimately approved by a super majority (66 2/3 percent) of voters, money could be used to combine the high school and middle school populations and build a new gymnasium.

Proposed terms of the bond are 20, 25 or 30 years. However, at a previous open house, a patron suggested that the district pursue a 15-year bond.

A phone survey involving 200 patrons focused on a 25-year bond that would reflect an annual property tax increase of \$15.87 per \$100,000 in taxable value.

A 15-year bond would impact property owners with an increase of \$137.54 per year per \$100,000 in taxable value. A 20-year bond would be a hike of \$58.94 per year per \$100,000, and a 30-year bond would be an increase of \$11.32 per year.

District debt from a bond approved in September 2002 will be paid off in August 2017. The nearly \$2 million bond financed the addition of five new classrooms and a new kitchen facility and lunchroom.

It took two tries to pass that bond. An election held in February 2002 only received 64 percent approval as 269 of 420 voters approved the proposal. As with any proposed bond election this time around, a super majority was needed for approval. — SC

Watching Through a Son's Eye

With all the political opinions and statements this time of year and all of the endorsements I thought I would give an endorsement of my Father M. Peter Nielsen through a sons eye.

My earliest memories of being with my dad are on the farm and this is were I started to learn about the important lessons in life.

My dad and I were hoeing sugar beets, there was a big crew of Hispanic workers and my dad and I hoeing away and I remember asking my dad “with all these other workers do we need to be here doing this.” Surely this size of crew wouldn't miss two additional workers was my thought but dad commented “Son it needs to be done and we are no better then the other workers so keep going.” And that's how it was in my house, if something needed to be done no matter the task dad would be doing it with others and would never be caught asking someone to do that he wouldn't do himself.

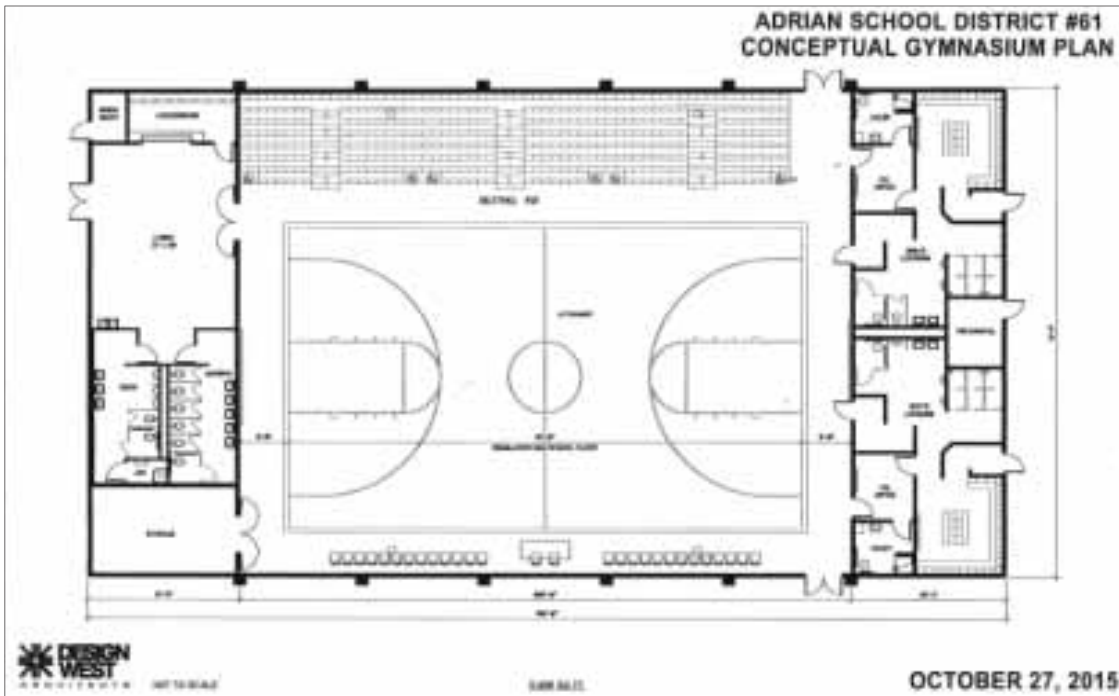
Watching his political career has taught me many lessons as well. From the early days of being on the sugar beet board, to Idaho Farm Organization and so many more and now being a State Representative receiving endorsements by Institutes such as NRA and Idaho Farm Bureau, he has always set the example to secure and defend the rights of the people and never sell out no matter what the payout. Stay the course and it will work out. Seek what is best for the people not yourself has been some of the lessons that I have learned from watching through a sons eye.

I wouldn't do this letter any favors if I didn't mention my dads heroes as today's world is full of Marvel and DC Comics making so many block buster movies. I remember how mad he was when Superman gave up his powers to try and be human. “Superman represents the USA and we should never be weak or even give the appearance of being weak” is the explanation I was told. And that is how he feels about Old Glory and anything that symbolizes the USA it should stand as a beacon of hope full of strength and courage for the world to see, not to fear us but respect us. Superman is not his hero and probably wouldn't make the top ten list of heroes for Pete. Who are his heroes you ask? His heroes writings will almost always without exception found in his shirt pocket. What is it you ask? The Constitution of the United States! My dads heroes are the Founding Fathers. He has studied them and the trials they went through, the courage that they showed and how they were and are men of God looking after there fellow man and not themselves. Dad loves them dearly. The inspired documents of the Founding Fathers should always be protected at all cost is the belief of Pete.

However with all this being said my dad has two heroes that rate higher then them, his dear sweet wife Connie of fifty six years and his Savior Jesus Christ in whom he tries to emulate daily.

And this is how I see M. Peter Nielsen. I give him my full endorsement for the job at hand, continuing to serve you as your State Representative.

And this how I see it through a son's eye.
Clint P Nielsen



Adrian School District voters have until Tuesday to cast their vote in a bond election.

Bond proposed to build Adrian gym

Adrian School District patrons have been asked to approve a facilities bond.

Mail ballots have been sent to patrons, and they are due back at the district office by Tuesday.

If voters approve the request for \$945,000, the district plans to add a new gymnasium, which would include a concession area. Other projects are also possible if funds are left over, superintendent Gene Mills said.

If a simple majority of patrons (50 percent plus one) vote in favor of the bond, the district will receive a matching amount (\$945,000) from the Oregon School Capital Improvement Matching Program.

The program is an initiative designed to assist Oregon school districts in acquiring the necessary funds for addressing facility needs.

“We are anticipating that the total cost to build and equip a new gymnasium is \$1,890,000,” district Mills wrote in an information sheet about the bond proposal.

The bond proposed is for 20 years and would increase the annual tax rate by roughly \$67 per \$100,000 of a property’s assessed value.

Patrons currently pay \$219 each year per \$100,000 of a property’s assessed value for the K-8 school, which was paid for through a bond passed in 2006. The \$3.785 million bond will be

paid off in June 2046.

Mills said while the new gym is the priority, renovating the high school locker rooms is second on his to-do list, if funds allow. He stated that the locker rooms have seen a lot of wear and tear and are in need of a facelift.

Two classrooms might also be remodeled if money is left over.

Renovating a storage area and office rooms are also low priorities.

“If we have some money, we can do that. We don’t have a major need for those right now,” Mills said.

The original plan was to build the gym on the site of the old elementary school, which was demolished in 2010. However, trustees subsequently decided to locate the gym southeast of the high school.

Mills stated that high school coaches are stretched to find adequate gym time for the district’s athletes and physical education students, so the second gym will come in handy.

Mills also wrote that there is an urgent need for the new gym because of new state requirements.

“The State of Oregon is mandating significant increases in the number of hours that physical education must be taught in grades K-8,” Mills stated. “The new, and greatly increased, hours are to be in place no later than the 2017-18 school year. This will

mean at least three more class periods dedicated to physical education. And, yes, more gym space than we have.”

The law passed in 2007 by the Oregon Legislature requires students in kindergarten through fifth grade to participate in P.E. for at least 150 minutes during each school week. Students in sixth through eighth grades must participate in P.E. for at least 225 minutes each school week.

Mills also wrote that the district’s enrollment is going up steadily and expected to reach 300 in K-12 shortly. The district currently has a student population of 285.

Mills stated that this isn’t the first time patrons have seen a proposal to fund construction of a new gym.

“Two levies aimed at a second gym for the school district were narrowly defeated in levy elections held in 1998 and 2006,” Mills wrote. “A need was recognized but the cost was too high and/or the district had higher priority needs.”

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Birth

William Blake Vosburgh

Michelle and Blake Vosburgh of Boise announce the birth of a son, William Blake, born on Sunday, April 17, 2016 at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise. He weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces, and measured 20 inches long at birth.

Maternal grandparents are Ric and Terri Uria of Homedale. Paternal grandparents are Robert and Cindy Vosburgh of Springtown, Texas.

Maternal great-grandparents are Roxie and Gary Deshazer of Wilder, and the late William B. Atkins. Paternal great-



grandparents are Jim and Janice Paschall of Paradise, Texas. Paternal great-grandmother Robin Vosburgh of Naples, Fla.



Husky PRIDE award

Elijah Brown, sophomore

Parents: Aaron and Keren Brown

MHS principal Tim Little’s nomination: “I have witnessed Elijah make huge strides this semester academically and socially. He has focused on continuous improvement regarding organizational skills and completing coursework while involving himself in other groups, clubs and track this spring. He is extremely respectful and positive to staff and other students and has a work ethic that helps him stay caught up with his grades, even when he may struggle.”



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MHS march-a-thon planned Thursday

Band uniforms continue as focus

The Marsing High School band will hold a March 4 Music march-a-thon Thursday in an ongoing effort to purchase new uniforms.

Youth Education in the Arts and the Marsing Music Boosters are sponsoring the event, which will run from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Island Park.

Band members have been gathering sponsors to support their four hours of continuous marching and playing while doing laps around Island Park.

YEA's Jon Swengler is hosting the event, which aims to raise public awareness of the importance of music education.

In addition to the band's efforts, there will be food trucks, music from DJ Aaron Mark Brown and a silent auction.

"We're hoping to have lots of folks turn out to support our kids,"

Silent auction items include riding lessons from Marsing-area resident Beth Miller, who is the Boise State Bronco Girl at football games; a diamond necklace; a

jewelry set; a sewing machine; a professional photo session from Lenore Freeman Photography; a Nampa Farmers Market gift card; \$50 in produce from Lucky Four Farms; a Bernina quilting machine; free pizza at The Spot Pizza; a fishing rod and tackle box; home décor and more.

Marsing Hardware in another donor for the auction.

Proceeds from last year's event allowed the music boosters to buy new choir dresses and tuxedos.

"This year we are hoping to purchase new marching band uniforms," event chair Julia Withers said. "Our kids have been wearing hand-me-downs for years, and – despite that – have gone on to win the prestigious Cadets Award of Excellence at District III last year."

The marching band currently wears 20-year-old uniforms from Shenango High School in New Castle, Pa. The booster club bought the uniforms through www.marchinglinks.com, an online band uniform exchange site.

The name of the old high school is still stitched on the shoulders of the uniforms.



South Board of Control personnel work to clear an eroded shoulder on Gully Road on Saturday. Photo by Larry Prow

Deluge washes out roads

Homedale Highway District's maintenance crew worked through the weekend to minimize damage from Friday night's thunderstorm.

Board chair Larry Prow said director of highways Stewart Constantine assessed road washouts Saturday morning. There were two on Gully Road and another on Hill Road. District workers spent Monday repairing a fourth washout on River Road.

Prow said a South Board of Control crew filled one of the Gully Road washouts because a raging irrigation ditch caused road erosion.

There were reports of the intersection of Main Street and Idaho Avenue in Homedale being flooded by the heavy downpour that started after 8:30 p.m. Friday.

MMS students get dose of adult life

Last Wednesday, Marsing Middle School eighth-graders got a glimpse of what lies ahead for them in the future.

The students gathered in the gymnasium to play an educational game called "Reality Town." The game is aimed at giving participants realistic financial experience at various stations set up around the gym.

The stations were staffed by a variety of volunteers including high school students and members of the community.

Before entering "Reality Town," students received a handbook and personalized pay stub containing information about their family in the game, their imaginary spouse, or lack thereof, and ages and gender of their mock children.

Students chose a job and got a



Marsing eighth-grader Dominic Laugharn (left) fills out paperwork with "Reality Town" volunteer, 11th-grader Bailey Reyes, at the Life and Dental Insurance station last Wednesday. Dominic is the son of Misty Wageman and Freddy Sanchez. Bailey is the daughter of Carmen and Jason Reyes.

chance to see if they could support a family on the salary they earned.

As part of the preparation for

the "Reality Town" simulation, students also learned about personal and business loans, and tax withholding.

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Emu-Z-um curator to visit Bruneau library

The Bruneau Valley Library will feature native Jack Lawson next week for its speaker series.

He and his wife Belva retired from farming some years ago and organized their lifelong assortment of collectibles to create Lawson's Emu-Z-um in Grand View.

As curator of antiques and curiosities, Lawson has many stories to tell during the noontime program next Wednesday at the library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau.

The program and lunch are free, but RVSPs are requested by Monday to ensure enough food is prepared and there is enough space to accommodate attendees.

Call (208) 845-2282.

This spring's speaker programs are made possible by a grant from the Troxell Small Community Library Fund through the Idaho Community Foundation.

COSSA gets more help from the Coeur d'Alene Tribe

The Coeur d'Alene Tribe committed more support to the Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency on Thursday.

Tribal chairman Chief James Allan visited the consortium in Wilder to present a \$2,500 check during a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the re-opening of the COSA Academy library. The money will pay for a part-time librarian over the next year.

While Allan was at COSSA, he also made a verbal commitment to donate \$1,000 to send welding teacher Mark Bauer and three of his students to the SkillsUSA national competition, which takes place in June in Louisville, Ky.

Homedale High School seniors Zachary Bates, Chad Hungate and Jared Sams won the SkillsUSA state championship for welding fabrication last month.

New librarian Amy Armstrong has been spending recent weekends at the library getting rid of books that were just taking up space.

COSSA chief executive officer Dr. Harold Nevill said Armstrong has given the library a complete makeover since arriving.

"It's his money, the tribe's money, that helped us bring Amy in to do the work on the weekends to get this set up," Nevill said.

He also stated that the alternative school never received funding for a library, or a librarian.

"We have been gathering together the elements of a quality library — books, bookshelves, etc. — with donations and grants since opening our Wilder facility in 2010," Nevill said. "This donation allowed us to take the final step — bring in a professional librarian on a part-time basis to set up the book collection, enter the books into the cataloging software, etc. With this effort, our library is finally student-friendly."

The school has been paying Armstrong for the work she start-



From left: COSSA librarian Amy Armstrong, 10th-grader Kayla Earl, 11th-grader Ondrea Hoskins, Coeur d'Alene tribal chairman Chief James Allan, and COSSA chief executive officer Dr. Harold Nevill participate in a ribbon cutting ceremony for the re-opening of the school's library.

ed in March and the tribal grant reimburses the salary COSSA has already paid.

Nevill submitted the grant request on Sept. 21 and received notification of approval on April 15.

Allan told the students attending the re-opening that the tribe was happy to help.

"I grew up in a really poor family, grew up on a reservation's small-town underdog," Allan said. "In my tenure as chairman of the tribe for the last 13 years, that's been one of my priorities — always trying to help the underdog."

Allan pointed out that some students need an alternative to a traditional high school so they can find success in their high school years.

"COSSA has filled that gap for thousands of students in southern Idaho and helped them to find their path through professional-technical education programs, and we applaud their efforts," Allan said.

He also stated that he hated reading when he was young, but now he understands the importance of reading, and said his two children love to read.

The chief added that his tribe puts a high value on education.

When Armstrong began working in the library, she said she

found shelves packed with books that were no longer relevant. Books she got rid of included outdated textbooks and Harlequin romance novels, among other old titles.

"There was one with a man wearing slacks jumping on a trampoline, and it was called 'Rebound Exercise.' How many of you want to read about that?" Armstrong asked the assembled students.

All of the books she repopulated the library with were donated from a wide variety of sources.

"I put a plea out on Facebook to all of my friends and family," Armstrong said. "I had friends who bought sets of books for the library and said, 'My kids love this series. I want them to read it.'"

"Book it Forward Idaho" — a joint initiative of Idaho Voices for Children and The Cabin Literacy Center dedicated to increasing access to books — donated more

than 300 new and gently-used books.

Other donations included:

- College of Western Idaho, which donated 1,000 books
- Read to Me Team at the Idaho Commission For Libraries donated another 1,000 plus another 145 books for the school's summer reading program
- The United Way of Idaho, 300 books
- About 23 private donors, 150 books
- Sawtooth and Heritage middle schools in Meridian, 125 books

As part of their 1992 gaming compact with the State of Idaho, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe returns five percent of its net gaming revenues to education. The tribe has donated more than \$24 million in the past quarter-century.

COSSA received Coeur d'Alene tribe grants three other times over the past several years.

• 2012 — \$10,000 to purchase a replacement welding shear for the Welding program.

• 2014 — \$2,500 to help construct a storage area to protect tools and equipment for the Building Construction program.

• 2015 — \$6,000 for an outside basketball court, which the school hopes to complete in two or three years.

This year's request was for \$10,000 specifically for a part-time librarian.

COSSA is a cooperative for Homedale, Marsing, Notus, Parma, and Wilder School Districts. The Regional Technology and Education Center (RTEC) serves nearly 1,100 students each year in its professional-technical education, special education, alternative education, and gifted and talented programs.

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Marsing students show talent

Natalie Van Hout (left) sings "Once Upon a December," from Disney's Anastasia, while Lauren Jensen plays clarinet during the Marsing Middle School talent show Thursday. Natalie is the daughter of Candace and Eddie Van Hout. Lauren is the daughter of Sharla and Scott Jensen. Both are eighth-graders.

Farmers Market meetings slated

Homedale Farmers Market's manager has scheduled mandatory meetings for people who will be involved with this year's markets.

The first market will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Thursday, June 2 in Bette Uda City Park.

The meetings to get everyone ready for opening day will be held on Thursday in Bette Uda City Park, and each aspect of the market will have a separate meeting time:

- Volunteers — 5 p.m.
- Facilitators — 5:30 p.m.
- Vendors — 6 p.m.

Manager Denise Dixon said the facilitators meeting is for people who will be teaching the Cultivate! children's nutrition program. She said the meeting will cover what the market has available for instructors who will lead each class,

and it also will give her an idea of what materials must be purchased to help the education process.

In the volunteers' meeting, Dixon said she will cover where people should park, when volunteers should arrive for the markets and what their duties will be.

An email from Dixon also states that attending the meetings Thursday is mandatory.

"We want everyone to be prepared for the new and exciting changes in the market this season," Dixon wrote.

The summer farmers markets will run through Aug. 25.

Fall and holiday markets are also scheduled:

- Fall market — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sept. 10 and 17 in City Park
- Fall market — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Oct. 8 and Oct. 15, location yet to be determined

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The summer farmers markets will run through Aug. 25. Fall and holiday markets are also scheduled:

- Holiday market — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Nov. 12, Nov. 19, Dec. 10 and Dec. 17, location to be determined
- Vendor fees remain the same as last season:
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Caroline Chaney (left) of Caldwell checks out some of the handmade items Anna Minor of Marsing had for sale during Wine and Art in the Park at Marsing's Island Park Saturday.




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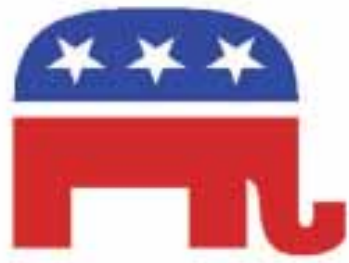
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North Homedale — Senior citizens center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

South Homedale — City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

North Marsing — Community center, 126 2nd St. N.

South Marsing — UI Extension Office, 238 W. 8th Ave.

Wilson — School house, 10427 Johnston Lane

Murphy — Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78

Oreana — Community Hall, 18092 Oreana Loop Rd.

Grand View — Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave.

Bruneau — American Legion Post 83 Hall, 32536 Belle Ave.

Mail ballot precincts — Pleasant Valley, Riddle and Three Creek

OWYHEE COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Douglas D. Emery, incumbent

The 57-year-old, two-term incumbent county prosecutor has been married 35 years to his wife Becki. They have three children (David, Beth and Alyssa) and three grandchildren (Kaylee, Daniel and Jacob). ... Emery has lived in the Homedale area for eight years. ... He earned his juris doctorate from the University of Idaho College of Law (1987) and achieved a Bachelor of Justice Administration (1984). He's a 1977 Capital High School graduate.



Ed Yarbrough, challenger

Born and raised in Owyhee County, the 52-year-old Yarbrough attended grade school in Grand View until his family moved to Boise. ... A Nampa resident who has operated Yarbrough Law for 11 years, he is married to Maureen, and the family includes children Zoe and Keanan and grandchildren Dean and Naomi. ... Yarbrough was elected Owyhee County prosecutor in 1996 and served two terms. ... "I am a senior trial attorney with at 22-year proven history of consistently fighting and winning for my clients as both a prosecutor and defense attorney."



Why are you running for office?

Emery: I was approached by several residents of this county, including law enforcement, and requested to seek re-election. Owyhee County needs my background, services and extensive prosecutorial experience.

Yarbrough: The office must be earned. I won the last contested election for prosecutor in 1996. I'm here to give voters a choice again.

Compare your philosophy to that of your opponent's

Yarbrough: I believe the prosecutor's office deserves my full attention. My opponent doesn't believe this and tried to get more money from outside work.

Emery: I have 20 years prosecutorial experience, have been twice elected by fellow prosecutors to the board of directors of the Idaho Prosecuting Attorneys Association and was recently selected Prosecuting Attorney of the Year (with all 44 counties in Idaho considered) by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game law enforcement officers. I have earned the confidence and respect of law enforcement, crimes and county residents.

What are the biggest differences between you and your opponent?

Emery: I am an Idaho native and a resident of Owyhee County. I have been a licensed Idaho attorney for 27 years and am a dedicated prosecutor with 20 years' experience. My wife, family and the Owyhee County lifestyle are of great importance to me. My opponent moved to Canyon County some 14 years ago where his residence has remained. Since leaving Owyhee County, he has worked primarily defending criminals and as a conflict public defender.

Yarbrough: My opponent tried to double-dip Marsing taxpayers to get paid twice for doing his job once. I never requested a salary increase as prosecutor.

What are the primary duties of a county prosecuting attorney?

Yarbrough: I must effectively and legally prosecute all crimes in the county and properly advise the county elected officials of the law.

Emery: A prosecuting attorney prosecutes felony offenses, juvenile offenses, initiates child protection action (Idaho Dept. of Health and Welfare) cases, and prosecutes misdemeanor and infraction cases arising outside the limits of incorporated cities. A prosecutor serves as legal counsel to the Board of County Commissioners, other elected officials and departmental supervisors.

Is the prosecutor's chief obligation to the county government or the citizens?

Emery: The chief obligation of the prosecutor is to represent the interests of the people of his county, in performing his office duties. He serves the public and represents the people of his county. A prosecutor advocates for the interests of crime victims, law enforcement and law-abiding members of the public.

Yarbrough: No obligation outweighs another. I must enforce the law without favoritism.

How would you balance those obligations?

Yarbrough: Solid legal opinions are sturdy and balanced. I will work to find legal and equitable solutions through the law.

Emery: The duties of a prosecuting attorney are multi-faceted. The role requires that county resources be managed. Pressing matters, in-custody defendants, mental health detainers, children protection actions, the court docket, items on the calendar for that day and pressing telephone calls must be given appropriate priority.

What are the biggest challenges facing the prosecutor's office?

Emery: The biggest challenge facing the office of prosecuting attorney is to perform the civil and criminal duties of the offices within the allocated budget.

Yarbrough: Criminals and their best defense attorneys will present very little challenge to me. The cloud of federal control and foreign refugee placement looms.

How would you cope with the budgetary challenges of the office?

Yarbrough: I will do the work myself and never blow my budget. I never went over budget or had any extra expense when I was the prosecutor.

Emery: County government has limited resources. To improve upon relations with the county officials and the budgetary needs of the other county officers, I have pledged to voluntary cap or freeze of my prosecuting attorney salary. During my third term in office, I will continue to fulfill the duties of my office within the budget allotted.

— See *Prosecuting attorney*, page 4B

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Rich Wills

GOP incumbent

The 70-year-old lives in Glens Ferry with his wife of 50 years, Connie. They have four children — Kip, Ked, Kyle and Kimra — and three serve in law enforcement while one is a schoolteacher. The retired Idaho State Police trooper is a 44-year resident of Glens Ferry. He has served 14 years in the state House of Representatives and also has served on numerous boards as well as two terms as Chamber of Commerce president.



Christy Zito

GOP challenger

An Elmore County Republican Central Committee precinct representative, Christy Zito lives in Hammett. ... Glens Ferry school board member, 2007-10 (vice-chair, 2009) ... Mother of five and grandmother of 11 ... former owner of Zito's Produce (1987-2005) and My Heart to Yours Gift Shop (1999-2003) ... Chair, Elmore County Friends of NRA (2011-12) ... Bear River H.S. graduate, attended Utah State and Boise State

Why are you running for office?

Wills: I am running for office because I believe strongly in serving the people of Idaho.

Zito: I am running for office to represent the voice of the people in District 23. I have no political ties to, and owe no favors to, anyone in government positions in Boise.

Compare your political philosophy to that of your opponent's

Zito: The Idaho Freedom Foundation gave the District 23A representative an F- for the past legislative session. My vote will represent the voice of the people of the district. Every vote will be a vote for liberty.

Wills: My philosophy is different than my opponent because I make promises sparingly and keep them faithfully. I will not tell you how great a job I will do because I do make mistakes.

What improvements are needed in the Idaho Legislature?

How would you go about accomplishing them?

Wills: We need to do a better job with the monies we have and need to continue to reduce the burden on people. I do not have a solution on how to accomplish that at this time.

Zito: I will support legislation to end lobbyists from buying gifts for legislators and end enhanced pensions.

Why is there so much interest in the District 23 legislative seats this election cycle?

Zito: The citizens are ready for a change. They want their voice represented. No more being told what is best for them by establishment politicians.

Wills: I believe there is an organization that is pushing their personal agendas on the people running. It is happening all over the state.

What are the most critical issues facing District 23?

Wills: Water, water, water and BLM issues.

Zito: Land, water, state sovereignty, repeal and replace ObamaCare, lower taxes.

What are your plans to address those challenges?

Zito: I will sponsor good legislation to address the challenges facing Idaho.

Wills: The (Gateway West 500-kilovolt) power line situation is of critical importance for the entire state not just Owyhee County because that's going to be there forever. With all three components -- the power line, water and the BLM property -- I think we need to find a middle ground with the federal government in resolving those issues because it's not going to be a "my way or the highway" situation. It has to come through grass roots work, and everybody has to be at the table.

What are the biggest challenges in representing such a large legislative district?

Wills: He has to be very diversified because they represent everything from rural Idaho to metropolitan areas. You have to deal with all interests at one time or another.

Zito: The biggest challenges are the size and diversity of the district. I love learning the concerns of each and every person from one end of the district to the other.

How will you ensure the Legislature takes up Lowry stock water rights codification?

Zito: I will work tirelessly with legislators who have or will propose legislation codifying the Lowry stock water right ruling. This is an important stand for the State of Idaho regarding the rights of the citizens and the sovereignty of the state.

Wills: That's a definite issue that we need to resolve as soon as possible. I am not sure at this time other than to see us become completely successful in the courts and then get it codified.

How can we ensure schools won't need supplemental levies or modified schedules to survive?

Wills: We need to constantly recognize the importance of further education and some kind of degrees. That means the state has to do all it can to lighten the burden on the local school districts to avoid supplemental levies.

Zito: Monies provided to schools belong in the classroom. Administrative costs have to be reduced. Funding from local control of public lands will provide necessary funding to provide quality education of the state's children.

What can legislators do to protect public lands access against federal policies?

Zito: Legislators and county commissioners must work together by whatever means are expedient to gain control of public lands. Those closest to the land are in the best position to manage the land.

Wills: We passed a resolution this year to notify Congress we want a say in how to run federal land. We have to continue to be heard in Washington D.C.

Where do you stand on the issue of the state taking management of BLM land?

Wills: We have been told by three of our Congressmen this year it likely won't happen for years. I'm not sure I accept that.

Zito: Public lands belong to the public. The question is who manages the land. I believe that our elected county and state officers are perfectly capable of managing public lands.

Other comments

Zito: I believe in bottom-up government. Government close to the people is always best. I believe in the sovereignty of our state. The Constitution of the State of Idaho, and the United States, uphold the right of the citizens to life, liberty and the pursuit of their happiness. I believe that legislators have a duty to keep it simple, to vote for individual liberty as defined by the Constitution.

Wills: Sen. Patti Anne Lodge and I passed a bill three years ago to save the state \$259 million in Justice Re-investment. We are well on the way to accomplishing that task, and I need two more years to complete that task. I greatly appreciate you allowing me to be your servant these past 14 years.

Other races

There are a handful of uncontested primary elections on the ballot Tuesday, including:

Owyhee County Commissioner, District 2 — Homedale Republican Kelly

Aberasturi is seeking re-election unopposed, and there is no Democratic candidate.

Owyhee County Commissioner, District 3 — Grand View Republican Joe Merrick is seeking re-election unopposed, and there is no

Democratic candidate.

Owyhee County Sheriff — Homedale Republican Perry Grant is seeking re-election unopposed, and there is no Democratic candidate.

District 23 state Senator — Rogerson Republican Bert

Brackett is seeking re-election unopposed, and there is no Democratic candidate.

District 23A representative — Homedale Democrat Mary Ann Richards is seeking her party's nomination unopposed Tuesday and will face either Rich

Wills or Christy Zito in the Nov. 8 general election.

District 23B representative — Buhl independent Bill Chisholm and Homedale Libertarian Chris Jenkins will face the Republican nominee in November.

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Dist. 23B



Pete Nielsen

GOP incumbent

The 78-year-old Mountain Home resident has served 14 years in the state House of Representatives. ... He is a life and disability insurance salesman and also farms. ... He has been married 56 years, has lived in Elmore County since February 1968 and his children include Robin Jo, Arlow, April, Heather, Celeste, Clint, Ivan and Desarae. ... He has served as GOP county and district chair as well as chair of the county NFO, sugar beet growers.



Megan Blanksma

GOP challenger

Currently Elmore County Republican Central Committee chair, the 41-year-old farmer has lived in Hammett for nearly 20 years. ... Married to Jeff with children Adrie, 15, and Tucker, 13 ... Previous GOP involvement includes a county precinct committeewoman and state committeewoman ... Central District Health and St. Luke's Community board member ... 4-H volunteer



Justin Freeman

GOP challenger

The Marsing School District facilities manager has lived in Marsing for five years with his wife Kimberly and children Caden, Ethan, Vanessa and Alliya.

Why are you running for office?

Nielsen: A desire to serve the people, and I have the time to help make a difference in how we approach life, liberty and pursuit of happiness.

Blanksma: In the past few years, I have become increasingly concerned about the lack of energy and commitment of the current District 23B representative in serving the communities of our district.

Freeman: I am running for office to represent the people and our unique way of life in rural Idaho.

Compare your political philosophy to that of your opponent's

Blanksma: I believe that the best government is that which is the most local and I would work hard to support county and city officials and constituents on the state level.

Freeman: I believe a representative needs to understand the needs of our county and be able to work with the other representatives' statewide to recognize the importance of issues facing this legislative district.

Nielsen: I will let my opponents speak for themselves.

What improvements are needed in the Idaho Legislature?

How would you go about accomplishing them?

Freeman: We need to focus on the important bills at the first of the legislative session and not leave the details to be worked out later. I believe we need to have equal representation in the Senate and have a senator from each county for equality.

Nielsen: One big improvement would be for every county to have a senator and only one senator. As Idaho becomes more urban, this would protect rural counties. This would take time and careful planning, so there could be a peaceful transition to a state where the House is represented by population and the Senate by all the counties with one senator.

Blanksma: For too long supporting Republican philosophy has simply meant voting no. With hard work and concentrated efforts, we can find good, Republican solutions to the hard problems.

Why is there so much interest in the District 23 legislative seats this election cycle?

Nielsen: This is good that the people are interested in their government and what happens. This brings the issues forward, and new ideas can be generated.

Blanksma: In Seat 23B, the incumbent is facing four challengers, the issues here are his lack of knowledge and interest in issues and lack of commitment to District 23 communities.

Freeman: I believe the district we have currently has such a diverse population and a diverse need for resources. All of the residents need to have their voice heard not just the ones whom are the loudest.

What are the most critical issues facing District 23?

Blanksma: We need strong representation to fight for our rural livelihoods and lifestyles in the face of the continued urbanization of Idaho.

Freeman: We need to secure our personal and property rights. Economic development and the educational commitment to our rural schools are a must for a vibrant life in rural counties.

Nielsen: Federal control and regulations. Grazing is an example.

What are your plans to address those challenges?

Freeman: I will oppose legislation that would infringe on those rights and support laws that secure those rights from government. I would work with educators to pass meaningful legislation for education reform.

Nielsen: Work with the people and use the Constitution to limit the federal government in their proper role as stated in Article 1, Sec. 8, and using the 10th Amendment as we should and remembering that we are a sovereign state and act like it.

Blanksma: I plan to be accessible in our communities and plan to fight to keep more urban areas from seeking a competitive advantage over rural business.

What are the biggest challenges in representing such a large legislative district?

Nielsen: Management of time and travel to be there to hear the people and discuss with them the problems and solutions that are important for our district.

Blanksma: Accessibility. You need to find the time and make the effort to be involved in our communities rather than just relying on a phone, email or a few local contacts.

Freeman: The biggest challenge is to meet all the different challenges this geographical area has and set a list of priorities. I would set those on a scale from critical to manageable and proceed on a clearly marked path for success.

How will you ensure the Legislature takes up Lowry stock water rights codification?

Blanksma: Any effort to codify the Lowry ruling, as well as other rulings limiting Federal government intrusions, should be actively supported.

Freeman: As with any legislation, and in particular the Lowry stock water rights, it is imperative to have the support from representatives statewide. I would work to get the support and necessary backing from party leadership to bring this to the body of the Legislature and produce law to safeguard water and grazing rights.

Nielsen: Work with leadership to effect what needs to be done to ensure first in time, first in right and make the court ruling for the Lowrys part of the water law of Idaho.

How can we ensure schools won't need supplemental levies or modified schedules to survive?

Freeman: State funding for education is a complex issue with the federal mandates and so much red tape. More of the money allocated to education needs to reach the students and their educational needs. We saw firsthand how local control over broadband Internet was efficient and cost-effective.

Nielsen: Less federal government intrusion so we can harvest our natural resources to create more wealth for the economy and thus create a stronger tax base thereby helping the school districts and the state to have more revenue to solve the problem.

Blanksma: The state funding formula must change to eliminate the urban schools advantage and keep rural schools viable and competitive.

What can legislators do to protect public lands access against federal policies?

Nielsen: Remember we are sovereign and join with other states to protect our rights as vouched safe in our U.S. Constitution.

Blanksma: Support of the incremental management plan proposed by U.S. Rep. Raúl Labrador, as well as supporting all county efforts for public lands access protections is essential.

Freeman: I believe in states' rights and the original intent of the U.S. Constitution and those values established at the foundation of our government. I believe federal and state governments have grown and personal rights have been given up. I will vote for personal liberty and responsible citizenship when I represent this district.

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OWYHEE COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

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What would the structure of the office look like under your leadership?

Emery: I will join with other Owyhee County officials, department administrators, employees and county volunteers to work as a team and to best serve the people of Owyhee County.

Yarbrough: Attorney Scott Fouser will be my civil deputy. Shauna Cheney will remain as my office manager backed up by Lynda Freund or Trina Aman.

What are most pressing civil matters facing the county?

Yarbrough: Always federal incursion. I won't let that happen. I stood up to the BLM with Sheriff Aman and we won by standing strong together.

Emery: The most important civil issues in the county include:

- RS2477, the rights of access through lands overseen by BLM
- The protection of the rights of Owyhee County ranchers and farmers to continue to operate and to make their business profitable
- *Otter v. Jewell*, litigation relating to sage-grouse protection which could devastate Owyhee County farming, ranching and mining economies
- Balancing orderly growth with private property rights
- Upholding the protections contained in the Owyhee County Personnel Handbook
- The assessment of potential civil suits against the county

What are the biggest criminal trends in the county, and how do you plan to curtail them?

Emery: The incidents of trafficking and drug-related offenses are on the increase with significant quantities of methamphetamine and high THC marijuana being brought in from out of state. The serious, high-profile cases which I have handled include *State v. Herrera* (death of a child and burning of child's corpse in a garbage barrel); *State v. Corson and Versailles, et al* (burglary and grand theft of approximately \$100,000 currency, gold and jewelry taken by a federal fugitive from an East Coast crime syndicate), and *State v. Bibby* (homicide). Appropriate county resources must be used on serious criminal offenses.

Yarbrough: Drug trafficking from Mexico and legalized marijuana states are growing. We will catch them with traffic stops and drug-sniffing dogs around our border.

Editor's notes — Emery dismissed felony conspiracy, burglary and grand theft charges against Kelly Verceles in State v. Corson and Verceles, et al after the defendant Verceles was found dead from a gunshot wound inside the Enrico Ponzo (a.k.a. Jay Shaw) residence while out of on bail and awaiting a change of plea hearing in February 2012. ... Originally charged with first-degree murder in the death of his wife, Rodney W. Bibbey Jr., agreed to plead guilty to second-degree murder and was sentenced to 10 to 50 years in prison on Jan. 17, 2014. ... Veronica Thea Herrera was sentenced to 15 to 30 years in prison in September 2013.

Describe the Owyhee County Prosecutor's Office workload and how you'd cope with it

Yarbrough: I will greatly increase the office workload as I did before as prosecutor. I will charge and win many felony cases that my opponent won't.

Emery: The prosecution of serious crime is costly and very time-consuming. In multiple-defendant cases, each defendant who can't afford an attorney is appointed a public defender or a conflict public defender and county expense. There have been numerous cases in which I have been called upon to proceed alone against multiple defense attorneys.

There have been many times in which I have worked after hours and on weekends, drafting search warrants, completing legal research projects, writing legal briefs and preparing for jury trial.

What factors do you analyze when deciding between a jury trial or offering a plea bargain?

Emery: The handling of criminal cases depends largely upon the seriousness and strength of the case. A defendant's criminal history has bearing on any settlement offer which may be extended.

My options are limited. If a defendant refuses to plead guilty to any serious offense, I typically end up in trial in such cases.

Yarbrough: The defendant must plead guilty to what I decide is justice or I will convict him at trial. I will not plea bargain first-degree murder.

How has crime changed in Owyhee County over the past decade?

Yarbrough: Crime hasn't changed much, but its prosecution has. My opponent doesn't properly handle many felony cases. I will use my full power to fix this.

Emery: As is the national trend, crime is on the rise.

The serious crimes which I have prosecuted in Owyhee County include: homicide; manslaughter; rape; aggravated assault; aggravated battery; firearm violations; manufacturing controlled substances, drug trafficking; child sexual abuse; habitual offender violations; domestic violence; excessive DUI offenses; Fish and Game, etc.

How do you plan to protect the county's sovereignty?

Emery: People live in Owyhee County because they want to be here. I am a strong advocate of the sovereignty of Owyhee County.

The "Right to Farm" in the Idaho Code guarantees the right to farm and ranch in customary ways, without inhibiting claims of public nuisance or legal injunctions to stop lawful farming/ranching methods.

Yarbrough: I will push back hard. The federal government is a big, nasty bully. When they encroach, I will hit them until they fall back.

DISTRICT 23B HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Where do you stand on the issue of the state taking management of BLM land?

Blanksma: An incremental state take over of BLM land management should be initiated, with the starting point being Rep. Labrador's proposal.

Freeman: I support responsible take back of the BLM lands.

Nielsen: I'm for the state and counties to have active management control remembering that these are public lands and should be managed for the public to have access and continue our western heritage to the advantage of all and increase county and state wealth.

Other comments

Freeman:

Nielsen: I will vote to protect your life, liberty, property rights and pursuit of happiness.

Blanksma: Other answers to questions on my policy stances can be found on meganblanksma.com

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Avalanche Sports

Trojans not content with conference golf title

State berths on line in district tourney today at River Bend

They picked up their hardware, but Homedale High School's golfers don't

intend to finish with a conference plaque. The Trojans closed out the 3A Snake River Valley conference season last Wednesday with a six-stroke victory at River Bend Golf Course.

Chase Martell was one shot off the medalist score, and Noah Freelove fired a 42 as the Trojans closed at home. Both

players are seniors.

"The kids played well, especially Chase and Noah," HHS coach Casey Grove said.

"This trophy doesn't mean anything if we don't play well on Wednesday at the district tournament."

The 3A District III Tournament, an 18-

hole contest, starts at 10 a.m. today back at the par-72 River Bend course outside Wilder.

"I think we will play well," Grove said. "The kids are spending a lot of time practicing and playing our course."

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A Marsing baserunner lunges for second base as a McCall-Donnelly infielder misses the baseball during the Huskies' final 2A Western Idaho Conference home game May 2. See story, **Page 6B**

Photos by Dan Pease

Hard-hitting Huskies falter in district opener

NC, Melba play for baseball title today in Marsing

Five days after edging McCall-Donnelly High School at home, Marsing's baseball team couldn't repeat the feat on the road.

The Huskies dropped their 2A District III Tournament opener, 10-7, in McCall on Friday. The loss sent Marsing (5-15

overall) into an elimination game against New Plymouth on the Huskies' field after deadline Monday.

Marsing is playing host to the district tournament, which ends at 6 p.m. today when Melba and Nampa Christian play for the championship. Both teams already have qualified for the 2A state tournament by virtue of the semifinal victories last week.

If Marsing beat New Plymouth on Monday, first-year coach

Wes Tankersley's club would play for third place at 3 p.m. today against either McCall or Cole Valley Christian. The No. 3 district team advances to a Saturday state play-in game.

Friday: McCall-Donnelly 10, Marsing 7 — The Huskies continued their late-season offensive surge, but they couldn't overcome their continuing defensive woes. Marsing committed seven errors in the district opener.

— See *District*, page 6B

Lack of timely hits dooms MHS



Alicia Barkell sprints out of the box after laying down a bunt against Nampa Christian.

Marsing High School got plenty of hits but couldn't push enough runs across in its 2A Western Idaho Conference softball finale.

Nampa Christian scored three runs in the bottom of the fourth inning to break the game open in a 9-2 home victory May 3.

The Huskies out-hit the Trojans, 12-9, but were unable to find key hits.

Alicia Barkell finished her 3-for-4 afternoon in the top of the seventh inning with a leadoff triple. She scored Marsing's final run on Emma Heitz's infield single.

Marsing trailed, 3-1, when freshman Alex Grant led off the fourth inning with a single and scored on Hailee Bennett's base hit.

The Huskies loaded the bases in the inning, but Nampa Christian got out of the situation with force outs at third base and home plate. Liz Stanberry, Louisa Metcalf and Angelina Noblett also had

— See *MHS*, page 7B

HHS' returning state qualifiers ratchet things up

Richard Symms, Hartmann win Strong boys' titles

Homedale High School's returning state meet qualifiers sent strong messages against larger schools Friday.

Richard Symms, who finished second in the 3A discus state standings as a junior, led the lobbying at the Moke Strong Canyon County Classic at Caldwell High School.

The senior honor graduate put up the highest mark among a slew of Class 5A and 4A throwers, flinging a championship toss of 134 feet, 3 inches Friday.

Swiss exchange student Julian Hartmann put together his best day in the long jump, winning the Moke Strong championship with a 20-8½ effort.

Symms was fourth in the boys' shot put at 43-6.

— See *HHS*, page 7B

Senior Elizabeth Vargas, who was seventh in last year's 3A state shot put results, had one of two runner-up showings in girls' field events Friday.



Elizabeth Vargas

Vargas was one of three Trojans in the top six for the shot put, finishing second at 33-10. Junior Carli Swallow (33-2) was fourth, and sophomore Eva Symms (32-11½) brought home sixth.

Symms, who was seventh at State in the discus as a freshman, grabbed fourth at the Moke Strong with a throw of 109-0.

Sophomore Ashley Burks was runner-up in the long jump at 14-10½. She finished 11th at State a

Huskies snag top-10s at N.P. Invitational

MHS returns to New Plymouth for district Friday

Marsing High School's young track and field team flashed more potential ahead of the 2A District III championship meet.

Sophomore Matthew Lee played a part in both of the MHS boys' top-10 finishes Friday in the New Plymouth Invitational.

He ran the closing 800-meter leg in the spring medley relay as Marsing finished eighth in 4 minutes, 29.92 seconds.

Lee also placed ninth to lead a pack of teammates across the line in the 3,200-meter run.

Lee finished in 11:32.99 followed by fellow sophomores Landry Villa (10th, 11:46.32), Dalton

Withers (12th, 12:12.49) and Elijah Brown (16th, 12:54.03).

In the sprint medley, freshman Taj Jacobi and senior Alexandre Heidt (200 legs) and junior Tre Ponce (400 leg) ran ahead of Lee.

A three-event state meet qualifier last spring as a junior, Heidt continued posting top marks in what has turned out to be his best event in 2016. He was fifth in the long jump Friday with a distance of 18 feet, 9 inches.

Throwers Chloe Ramirez and

— See *Huskies*, page 6B



Alexandre Heidt

Sports

✓ District: Comeback try falls short in Valley County

From Page 5B

The Huskies snagged a 3-1 lead after their first two at-bats.

Dwight Sevy singled home Clay King and later scored himself in the top of the first inning. King opened the game with a walk, and Jaden Kinney also had a base hit in the opening frame.

King singled with two outs in the second inning and came around on Dakota Hardy's double as Marsing opened a 3-1 advantage.

The Vandals rallied to take a 5-3 lead with four runs in a second-inning rally highlighted by Tanner Borgeson's two-run

home run. McCall's leadoff hitter went 2-for-4 with three RBI and two runs scored.

McCall added another four runs in the third inning. Half of the Vandals' 10 runs against King were unearned.

The Huskies put together a seventh-inning comeback attempt, scoring three times.

Tyler Wood singled and scored on Kinney's double, while Sevy came home on Connor Rhode's grounder to shortstop and Brian Purtell's two-out single tallied Wood.

Wood, Kinney and Sevy had two hits apiece.

✓ Huskies: Athletes take shots at state meet Friday

From Page 5B

Lizeth Aguirre had the top finishes for the MHS girls Friday in New Plymouth.

Ninth-grader Ramirez was 20th in the shot put (22-11) and 26th in the discus (56-9), while sophomore Aguirre went 22-3 for 22nd in the shot and 64-0 for 23rd in the discus.

The Huskies return to the New Plymouth track Friday for the

district championship meet.

The top four finishes in each individual event qualify for the May 20-21 state meet at Middleton High School.

The district champion relay teams will reach the state meet, and the next best individual mark among District I-II, District III, District V and District VI athletes earns passage into the individual field as well.

Huskies end 2A WIC with clutch play

Purtell breaks up no-hitter, gets winning hit

Marsing High School pulled out the baseball drama in its final regular-season home game.

Sophomore center fielder Brian Purtell's bunt single in the bottom of the sixth inning scored Jaden Kinney with the go-ahead run in the Huskies' 4-3 2A Western Idaho Conference win over McCall-Donnelly.

A batter earlier, Connor Rhodes tied the game with an RBI groundout that brought home Dwight Sevy. Sevy had started the inning with a double.

Riley Bryant smacked a two-out, two-run single in the fourth inning to kick off the Huskies' game-long comeback from a 3-0 deficit. Kinney and Purtell had base hits ahead of Bryant's clutch at-bat.

Kinney was 3-for-3 with two runs scored to back up his complete-game, eight-strikeout pitching performance.

The sophomore scattered

six hits and pitched around trouble all day. The Vandals put runners on second and third in their first at-bat,

but Kinney got a pop-up and called third strike to end the threat. He fanned two consecutive batters to leave the leadoff runner on third in the fifth inning, and got another key strikeout with a runner at third base in the top of the sixth.

Clay King was 2-for-3 as Marsing rapped 10 hits.

May 3: Nampa Christian 9, Marsing 1 — Nick Tuttle's two-run double with two outs in the first inning highlighted the host Trojans' fast start in the Huskies' 2A Western Idaho Conference season finale.

Nampa Christian scored all of its runs in the first two innings, including six in the bottom of the opening frame on the strength of five hits and six consecutive base runners. Bo Symanski's



Clay King

triple triggered the rally.

King settled down to pitch a complete game for Marsing, but not before giving up three runs in the second inning.

Ryan Houchins ripped an RBI triple and scored on the second of Brandon Mullin's three singles on the day. Mullin came home when Jack Castledine doubled.

The turning point for King was his pickoff move to get Castledine at second base for the inning's second out.

King allowed only two singles and a walk over the final four innings.

Nampa Christian's Steve Tiersma finished with nine strikeouts while throwing a three-hitter.

He kept the Huskies in check until Dakota Hardy scored an unearned run on a passed ball in the sixth inning.

King and Hardy had back-to-back two-out hits, and Tyler Wood walked in the inning. Hardy stole second and third before the passed ball with Dwight Sevy at the plate.

Purtell singled with two outs in the fifth inning to break up Tiersma's no-hit bid.

Legion baseball tryouts slated May 25-26

The Owyhee Rivercats American Legion baseball teams will hold 2016 tryouts later this month.

The seasons for the Junior Legion team and the Single-A squad run from June through July.

The May 25-26 tryout at John Jackson Field in Homedale is free.

Prospective players must bring their own equipment, including gloves and shoes. The tryouts will begin at 6 p.m. each day.

Only those athletes who are chosen for the teams will have to pay registration fees.

American Legion baseball is open to ages 13-19, and the

Owyhee program draws players from Homedale, Marsing, Adrian, Wilder and Parma.

The Owyhee Rivercats' Single-A team finished fourth in last year's state tournament in Orofino. It was the program's first appearance in the state tournament.

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Athletes of the Week



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Baseball
Brian Purtell, so.
4-for-9. Broke up no-hitter vs. Nampa Christian; tallied two late RBI vs. M-D



Softball
Adrianna Salutregui, sr.
3-for-5 with a double and RBI in two games



Track and field
Matthew Lee, so.
Pair of top-10 finishes at N.P. Invite in the 3,200 and the sprint medley relay

Baseball
2A District III Tournament
If won **Monday:** Wednesday, May 11, home for third-place game, 3 p.m.

Track and field
2A District III championships
Friday, May 13 at New Plymouth, 1:30 p.m.

Softball
2A District III Tournament
Games played Thursday and Friday in McCall

Go Huskies!

Sports

HHS tennis doubles down before district

Teamwork helps Trojans earn finale split

Homedale High School captured five out of six doubles matches Thursday to close out the 3A Snake River Valley conference season.

The Trojans swept boys' doubles and mixed doubles to earn a 6-6 split with Payette at Bette Uda City Park.

Ryan Randall and Dylan Phariss sparked Homedale's 4-2 victory in the boys' ladder with a 6-2, 6-3 win over Pirates' No. 1 Kyle Sandquist and Dillon Ovitt.

The best doubles match of the day was at No. 2 girls' doubles. Homedale's Eva Symms and Isabel Hernandez needed three sets and an extra game to beat Mekenna Soelberg and Olivia Thomas, 6-3, 4-6, 7-5. The victory accounted for half of the points the HHS girls scored in a 4-2 loss.

The Trojans swept the mixed doubles matches. At No. 1, Jessica Evans and Orion Cardenas dispatched Nate Cisler and Theresa Nordgerling, 6-3, 6-0. Cardenas has spent most of the season at No. 1 boys' doubles.

Second-seeded Miller DeMark and Makayla Kelly beat Sage Galls and Kailai George, 6-3, 6-2.

No. 2 Jose Uriarte was the only Homedale boys' singles player to win Thursday, crushing Matthew

Morelock in the first and third sets of a 6-0, 3-6, 6-1 triumph.

Next up for coach Scott Michaelson's squad is the 3A District III Tournament, which will be played Thursday and Friday in Parma (singles) and Fruitland (girls' doubles) and Payette (boys' and mixed doubles) before shifting to Parma for all flights on Saturday. Thursday's action starts at 4 p.m., and matches begin at 9 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Conference coaches seeded the brackets Tuesday after deadline.

May 3: Fruitland 11, Homedale 1 — Freshman Mikayla Smith rallied from a sound second-set loss to beat the Grizzlies' Claire Farmer at No. 3 girls' singles at Bette Uda City Park.

Smith's 6-4, 1-6, 6-4 triumph was the Trojans' only victory during the second-to-last 3A SRV dual meet of the year.

Fruitland players dominated nearly every other match, giving up just 10 games in 10 sets in the boys' ladder.

Kirsten Egurrola battled in the No. 2 girls' singles slot against Kelsey Fitzsimonds before falling, 6-1, 6-4.

In another roster departure, Cardenas teamed with Sarah Jones at the No. 1 mixed doubles position, and the Trojans duo gave Fruitland's Carleigh LaCrone and Parker Lloyd all they could handle. LaCrone and Lloyd rallied from a tight first set for a 7-5, 6-4 victory.

✓ Golf: State tourney set for Star next week

From Page 5B

The Trojans get to play on their home track in search of the program's fourth consecutive team berth in the 3A state tournament, which takes place Monday and Tuesday at River Birch Golf Course in Star.

The state tournament is a two-day competition with qualifiers

playing 18 holes each day.

Homedale's players solidified their position as presumptive favorites to snag one of the two team state berths, compiling a 176 during last week's conference season finale.

Martell was one stroke behind Fruitland freshman Jake O'Neil, who carried the Grizzlies again

with a medalist score of 3-over-par 39. Fruitland finished third at 189, seven shots behind second-place Weiser.

Homedale's four scoring golfers broke 50 with Kaden Henry carding a 45 and Scott Matlock turning in a 49.

Senior Lawsen Matteson scored 50.

✓ HHS: Trojans get many top-five finishes

From Page 5B year ago.

Junior Carlie Sawyer was fourth in Friday's triple jump, hopping and skipping to a 32-5 effort. Sophomore Ember Christensen, who like Sawyer was a state meet qualifier last season, was eighth at 30-3¾.

Sophomore Lainey Johnson took fourth in the 400 meters Friday at 1:04.45. She was seventh at State at s freshman.

Sawyer, Burks, Christensen and Johnson teamed for a third-place 52.98 in the Moke Strong 4x100 relay, while Lexie Doss (100 leg) joined forces with Burks (100), Sawyer (200) and Johnson (400) for a fifth-place sprint medley relay time of 2:10.88.

Sophomore Max Mertz rounded out the boys' top performances Friday with a fifth-place distance of 39-2 in the triple jump.

Homedale athletes will try to

punch their ticket to the May 20-21 3A state meet in Middleton during the 3A District III championship meet today and Thursday in Emmett.

The top five finishers in each individual event will compete next week, while the top two relay teams earn the right to run in the season's final competition. The next two best marks statewide also get at-large berths in the relays.

✓ MHS: Vandals' big early rally sets tone

From Page 5B

two-out singles in the frame.

Barkell led off the game with a bunt single, but was stranded at third when Trojans pitcher Alli Byron picked up the first two of her 11 strikeouts.

Byron's third-inning leadoff home run helped Nampa Christian build a 3-0 lead. She started the sixth with a triple and scored on Kelsey Castledine's ground ball.

Grant fanned nine batters, including striking out the side after the Trojans' pivotal three-run uprising in the fifth inning.

Adrianna Salutregui doubled with one out in the sixth for Marsing. She and Grant had two hits apiece.

May 2: McCall-Donnelly 18, Marsing 7 (5) — The Vandals struck early, bolting to a 12-1 advantage after 2½ innings.

McCall scored eight unearned runs off Marsing's 10 errors.

Bennett and Alicia Barkell each went 2-for-2. Barkell had two bunt singles and scored all three times she reached base from the leadoff spot.

Kortnie Miller, Salutregui

and Bennett knocked in runs with infield singles (Miller and Salutregui bunted to get aboard) during Marsing's biggest uprising of the game, a three-run third inning.

Noblett scored on an error, and Emma Heitz had a run-scoring tapper back to the pitching circle in the two-run fourth.

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Homedale Trojans

Athletes of the Week



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Track and field
Julian Hartmann, jr.
Swiss exchange student won
Moke Strong long jump at 20 feet, 8½ inches



Golf
Trojans varsity
3A SRV champs won home meet

Baseball
Varsity
3A District III Tournament
John Jackson Field, Homedale
If won Tuesday: Thursday, May 12, championship game, 4:30 p.m.
If lost Tuesday: Wednesday, May 11, elimination game, 2 p.m.
If lost Tuesday, win Wednesday: Thursday, May 12, third-place game, 2 p.m.
Junior varsity
Season complete

Softball
Varsity
3A District III Tournament
Weiser High School
If won Tuesday: Thursday, May 12, championship game, 5 p.m.
If lost Tuesday: Wednesday, May 11, elimination game, 3 p.m.
If lost Tuesday, win Wednesday: Thursday, May 12, third-place game, 3 p.m.
Junior varsity
Season complete

Track and field
3A District III championships
Emmett High School
Wednesday-Thursday, May 11-12, times TBA

Tennis
3A District III Tournament
Thursday, May 12, 4 p.m.
Friday, May 13, 9 a.m.
Singles at Parma H.S.; girls' doubles at Fruitland H.S.; boys' and mixed doubles at Payette H.S.
Saturday, May 14, 9 a.m.
All finals at Parma H.S.

Golf
3A state tournament
Monday-Tuesday, May 16-17
River Birch Golf Course, Star, 18 holes each day

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense

The story of Little Chip



Most of us, rural or urban, can get attached to an animal. Our barn cat, Jay Jay, has a special place in my mind. Somebody dumped a litter of kittens on the church grounds. I took three of the little tomcats. We got them situated, and when the time came I castrated them in the tack room.

Within six months, only one was left. The others had been victims of coyotes or other predators that fly, crawl, slither or pounce. Jay Jay staked his claim and learned to move around the corrals and outbuildings “up high.” He travels from the shop to the tack room on the rock walls, pole fence, shed roofs, cross beams, feeders and haystacks. During his reign, our leather tack has remained free of pack rat damage.

As a lad I had many dogs, cats and horses that still remain in my mind. Our neighbors weren’t farmers but they, too, had a string of pets, real and unreal. Young Ty expanded on his herd by adding turtles, gerbils, canaries, fish, reptiles and an invisible pet named Chip. The family didn’t have any photos of Chip, but he became a real part of the family. And it was fun for all of them to pretend.

“How’s Chip this morning?” they would ask Ty, 5 years old at the time. “Did he eat his breakfast?”

Ty would solemnly recite how Chip was feeling, i.e., ... he slept OK, but the dogs’ barking woke him up. And he doesn’t want Grape Nuts ’cause they stick in his teeth. He wants to go for a walk and see the crawdads in the ditch ...”

It was humorous and touching how Ty took care of Chip, and the family played along. But his invisible pet began to complicate things. When they drove to town, Chip had to have his own baby seat, complete with seat belts. Taking Chip into the restaurant required a high chair.

The family began to worry that Ty’s little invisible friend would eventually divert his embryonic cerebrum to the point where the human instincts meld into virtual reality. Is he dreaming when he’s awake or dreaming when he’s asleep?

There came a point when they began to take it seriously. It happened when Dad walked across the wood floor, slipped and fell on his elbow! Ty started scolding Chip while simultaneously rubbing the floor with a paper towel. “Sawy Dad,” he said, “I’m twaining him, but he dint make it to da poddy. Sawy.”

On that fateful day they had taken the family to the carnival at the county fair. Chip went with them, of course. He played the games, ate the cotton candy and looked at the exhibits, with Ty explaining to Chip as they walked along. Finally Dad said it was time to go. Well, Chip threw a fit! He didn’t want to go ... No, No, No! Mother tried coaxing Chip. He finally agreed to go if he just could take one more ride on the Big Tea Cup. OK. Afterward they loaded in the car and headed home. As they hit the tarmac, Ty suddenly cried, “We left Chip on the ride!” Dad glanced out the window and said, “There he is!” With that he swerved sharply. All the passengers were slammed to the driver’s side! “Got him,” Dad said.

The car straightened out and continued down the road. Nobody said a word.

It was the last time Ty ever mentioned Chip. That evening Mom commented to Dad that the lesson was maybe a little too harsh. Then she asked him what he would have done if Ty had raised a ruckus? “Oh,” answered Dad, ever the wise and practical man, “I would have said, ‘I missed him!’ and gone back to retrieve the invisible Chip.

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Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee Homedale’s time runs short



Donnie Harkins is fed up. The devoted son of late Homedale City Councilperson Vonnie Harkins told city officials as much last week when he made a series of phone calls and jumped into the ever-shrinking pool of candidates to fill the vacancy left by his mother’s death in January.

“I called (Councilman) Steve Atkins, (clerk and treasurer) Alice Pegram and (Mayor) Gheen Christoffersen and said, ‘I want my name in the hat for that.’” Donnie Harkins said.

His reasoning is not without precedent. At other levels of government, family members have been appointed to complete terms of officials who have died in office.

And Donnie Harkins’ move is not without logic.

Although the self-proclaimed “conservative and outspoken” longtime Homedale resident readily admits he’s not a big fan of government, Harkins figures he can bring the same outlook to the post as his late mother.

He says the lengthy and seemingly futile appointment effort and the rigidity of the officials involved would have disappointed his mom. Early in the process, Christoffersen said waiting was out of respect for Vonnie Harkins and her friendship with board members. Now, Donnie Harkins says, the delay takes that sentiment 180 degrees and seems disrespectful to his mother’s memory and her love for the town.

Nearly four months after Vonnie Harkins lost her battle with cancer, the Homedale City Council is no closer to a full complement of voting members. Both the mayor and the men who have voted down his two appointments — first Michael Aebischer then Samuel Page — have culpability in how the city fathers have arrived at this

dysfunctional juncture.

And with fiscal decisions looming, things could grow even more dismal as a three-man council with an obvious philosophical split tries to hammer out the next budget.

Rather than simply voting against Christoffersen’s appointment recommendation, either or both Steve Atkins and Aaron Tines should have taken the opportunity for an open discussion on the appointees and the process during either of the votes. Christoffersen said as much in an interview days after the last council meeting.

It is more constructive to have a face-to-face conversation during a meeting than to indirectly voice concerns after the fact.

Similarly, Christoffersen has missed two opportunities to open the process to the public — the ultimate act of transparency.

Early on, Christoffersen said he was following the law, which simply — perhaps too simply — states that the mayor shall make an appointment with the consent of the city council.

Of course, consent has been hard to come by and the city is teetering on the possibility of a special election that apparently will cost county taxpayers — not just Homedale property owners — because the Owyhee County elections office would handle the process.

It may not be too late for Homedale, though, if the squabbling officials would be willing to look past the letter of the law and take a hint from the City of Caldwell or, horror of horrors, the far more dysfunctional West Ada school board.

— See *Homedale*, Page 9B

Letters to the editor

District 23: Blanksma, Wills give Owyhee strong reps

The strongest representation that Owyhee County can have in the state Legislature is Rich Wills in House Seat A, and Megan Blanksma in House Seat B. Rich Wills has the experience and background to continue to represent the citizens of this county. We are impressed with the time and effort that he has spent coming to Owyhee County to listen to our issues and views. He understands that a good idea written as bad legislation needs to be worked on and refined until it solves problems instead of creating new ones. We need Rich Wills in Seat A of District 23.

Megan Blanksma is the challenger for Seat B. She will bring an energy and enthusiasm to representation for Owyhee County. She is well versed in the issues facing the county, and has strong conservative values. She will go into the Legislature with the skills necessary to build relationships and will study the legislation and make good conservative judgments that will be in the best interest of Owyhee County and all of Idaho.

We are supporting Rich Wills and Megan Blanksma in this election. Please join us in sending our strongest leaders to the state capital.

Shawn and Annette Dygert
Guffey

District 23A: Wills has knowledge to continue

Dear friends and former constituents,

Thank you for allowing me to serve you in the State Legislature, House Seat A, District 23, for 22 years.

Before my retirement, I had the opportunity to serve with Rep. “Rich” Wills for several years. Rep. Wills is one of

the brightest, most honest, capable, hardest-working and considerate members of the House. His word is as good as his bond.

Rep. Wills chairs the House Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee, one of the very important and difficult committees. There, he is instrumental in keeping Idaho citizens safe and protected. Under his leadership, the criminal and court systems are updating and are logging a lower percentage of repeat offenders.

As ranking member of the House Education Committee, Rep. Wills is actively engaged in student success and a strengthened educational system. As senior member on Transportation and Defense, he knows firsthand the importance of the Mountain Home Air Force Base. He also has assisted in getting funds for our deteriorating roads and bridges, which will allow agriculture, business and industry to move confidently forward.

Rep. Wills is interested in each one of you and is willing to listen to your concern. Please give Rep. Wills your “yes” vote on May 17.

Frances Field
Grand View

Zito, Strong best candidates for Owyhee interests

It is my hope that the people of District 23 will vote for Christy Zito for representative.

The incumbent representative has an F- rating with the Idaho Freedom Foundation (<http://idahofreedom.org/>)

The Idaho Legislature is full of RINOs (Republicans In Name Only). They talk a good line, but when it comes to voting they line up with the liberals.

I think Christy will do better than that.

Christy lives just across the river from Owyhee County, and I believe she will vote as a conservative Republican.

— See *Letters*, Page 9B

Commentary

Financial management

Responsible family member can be executor of will

Dear Dave,

I've always heard that you shouldn't ask a family member to be the executor of your will. What are your feelings about this?

— Joyce

Dear Joyce,

I don't necessarily agree with this line of thinking. In my mind, a family member who is competent and has integrity can definitely be the executor. "Executor" just means they execute, thus the name. They're going to execute the wishes of the will. If the family member has the business acumen and trustworthiness to execute the wishes and directives in a will, then that's perfectly fine.

Just remember to use some common sense, too, when choosing an executor. If you have an extremely complicated estate, say 80 pieces of real estate with investments and everything, you

probably don't want your 22-year-old niece, nephew or grandchild who just graduated college in charge of things. I would advise choosing someone with a little more life experience, and maybe some success in the real world.

The people who say family shouldn't do this are the same ones who say you shouldn't have family in your business. You can have family in both. You just have to have good boundaries, clear roles, and honest, mature people. Make sure you give clear instructions and explanations for your decisions, too. Sit down with your family, explain who the executor's going to be, and why, along with what the will says. It's also not a bad idea to have an initial reading of the will while you're still alive. This communicates your wishes personally and takes some of the pressure off of the executor.

— Dave



DAVE Says
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Dear Dave,

I'm getting married this summer, and I'm on Baby Step 4 of your plan while starting to invest for the first time. My fiancé is getting onboard with your advice, and he's currently in the process of paying down his student loan.

Should I put my emergency fund money, minus \$1,000, toward his student loan debt?

— Elizabeth

Dear Elizabeth,

Congratulations on your upcoming wedding! I'm really proud of you guys, too, for your mature behavior where money is concerned.

First, don't pay anything of his until after the wedding and you two are home from your honeymoon. At that point, "mine" and "his" becomes "ours," and you can realign your money situation to reflect your total money make-over as a couple. Make sure that "we" have an emergency fund of at least \$1,000 in the bank at that point. Then, if you like, you can throw the rest of what you previously had in your emergency fund at the debt.

You can both also pile up cash

between now and the big day, so that after you two are official you'll have even more cash on hand.

Who knows, you might be able to knock out that student loan completely and begin your life together debt-free. That would be awesome!

— Dave

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

Letters to the editor

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We need to throw the RINOs out and replace them with people who represent our feelings in the Legislature

As for the state Supreme Court, please vote for Clive Strong for Supreme Court judge. He understands water, our most important resource!

P. T. Rathbone
Marsing

District 23A: Zito believes in constituency contact

I am Christy Zito. I am running for House of Representatives in our District 23 for Seat A. I live in Idaho by choice. I moved here 13 years ago with my

family. We could have chosen anywhere to live, but we chose Idaho. I grew up helping on my great-grandmother's ranch in Stone, Idaho, and living on a small family farm in Northern Utah. I raised my children on a farm and taught them to be productive members of society with a sense of accountability and strong work ethics.

I currently serve as Precinct Committeewoman, County State Committeewoman and have served on the State Resolutions Committee at the State Republican Convention. Serving in the precinct has given me a new respect for bottom-up governance.

I respect the intellect of the citizens of Idaho. I firmly believe that they know best how to govern themselves. I believe they deserve representation that will listen to them, representation that will be their voice in Boise. I would be honored to be that choice. I absolutely love

the diversity of our district. It has been my pleasure to travel from one end to the other to meet you and to learn what is important to you. Let us make sure the dialogue continues. It will be my plan to hold monthly meetings in each county in the district. It is my No. 1 priority to stay in contact with you who I may have the honor of representing.

I currently live with my daughter on a small farm in Hammett. I feel blessed beyond measure to be able to own and work that small piece of dirt. I believe in liberty, in state sovereignty and in service to others. I would love to meet with you.

My email is christy@christyzito.com. Web site <http://christyzito.com> and Facebook for Christy Zito for Idaho.

Christy Zito
Hammett

✓ Homedale: Community panel may be strategy to end council stalemate

From Page 8B

Both government entities accepted applications for board vacancies — from the outset, not after being called out on the opacity of the process.

Although Caldwell's search to replace Chris Allgood seemed more a quest of convenience and a mere formality (Allgood was eventually appointed), the city formed a citizens' panel to vet the four applicants for the position. According to the Idaho Press-Tribune, that committee interviewed each prospect then recommended Allgood to Mayor Garret Nancolas for appointment. The council voted on the matter early last week.

It's not too late for such a process in Homedale, although — it can be stated only somewhat sarcastically — officials may be hard-pressed to find enough folks interested in taking part in the panel given that at least six civic-minded people who already have expressed interest in the job have been either rejected, passed over or backed out on their own accord.

To be sure, a panel of (hopefully) impartial citizens would be more productive than convening a closed-door meeting of two of the three remaining hopefuls — as Christoffersen did with Tim Downing and Dave Downum — to explain the decision.

Whatever happens, it's likely the council will start the budget process with an unbalanced makeup of three members. Christoffersen is out of town and will miss tonight's meeting, leaving only one other regular meeting (May 26) before the first in a series of budget workshops is held on June 6.

Time is of the essence, and Donnie Harkins hopes his phone calls may serve as a collective wakeup call.

"They're all friends of mine, but the bottom line is — even with my children — if I think they're screwing up I think I owe it to them to say, 'Hey I think you need to get this straight,'" he said.

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

May 15, 1991

Bruneau-Grand View school news

Grand View Elementary student, Tony McDaniel, treated his family to a unique Mother's Day weekend in Springfield, Mass., where he competed in the Elks National Hoop Shoot competition. Tony brought home 9th place in the nation as well as many special memories of his visit to the Basketball Hall of Fame. Also attending the national competition were Tony's immediate fan club, parents Gary and Dixie McDaniel, sisters Melisa and Amanda, and Grandma McDaniel. Congratulations, Tony!

Filler elected to institute board

Bud Filler of the Filler King Company of Homedale was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the American Institute of Timber Construction.

The trade association, located in Vancouver, Washington, represents manufacturers of glue-laminated timbers. It is responsible for developing national manufacturing standards, establishing and overseeing industry quality control, and market promotion.

The Filler King Company, jointly owned by Filler and Wayne King of Boise and established here in 1988 at the corner of Pioneer and Jump Creek roads, specializes in the manufacture of glue-laminated beams. The company ships to both domestic and international markets, and appears to be going after business aggressively.

Mayor foresees police budget problems

The spectre that the work week of Homedale police officers could be shortened to overcome a budgetary shortfall was raised by Mayor Paul J. Fink during the Homedale City Council's regular May meeting last Wednesday.

"Sometime between now and October, we'll probably be deferring police officers one day a week to get (their) budget back in line ... It's out of control," Fink claimed. He made the comment in explaining to council members why he had not authorized \$90 uniform allowance for the newest member of the HPD, Officer Joe Whilden, until the end of his first six months on the payroll — the standard new employee probationary period.

Fink said he did not want Whilden to think he was not doing a good job, but he wanted "everybody to know we've got financial problems in the police department." Council members present, Frank Haylett, Cindy Clayton, Dan Murphy and Mike Beavers, offered no immediate public reaction involving the possible deferral. Both Haylett and Murphy indicated they saw nothing wrong with withholding clothing allotment money from all new uniformed employees until the expiration of the standard probationary period, and the council subsequently adopted that as policy without dissent.

Bond passes by 3 votes

A mere three-vote margin is all that decided the fate of the proposed \$1.7 million jail facility last night, according to the tally of the precinct judges and the county clerk's office.

The vote passed 651 yes to 321 no votes, for a scant percentage over the required 66 2/3 percent of votes cast.

There were five spoiled ballots, which could not be counted, clerk Barbara Jayo said.

Jayo cautioned, however, that the count is unofficial. County Commissioners will meet May 28th to canvass the votes.

The bond is for \$1.6 million, with the additional \$100,000 coming out of the building fund budget the county already has accumulated.

County Commissioner George Hyer, after results were available, said, "I'm very happy that a majority of the citizens of the county supported the jail bond issue, even though it passed by only a slight margin. This will make it possible for the county to function and provide the services the citizens of the county deserve."

50 years ago

May 12, 1966

Women bowlers hold awards banquet Tuesday

The Homedale Women's Bowling Association held their annual award banquet Tuesday evening in the Washington grade school multipurpose room. The dinner was cooked by Mary Conn and served by the Men's Bowling Association members.

President Iris Parker presided as mistress of ceremonies and welcomed the members and sponsors. Ray Tolsma, proprietor of the Owyhee Lanes, and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Colley were special guests.

Recognition was given to Sandra Percifield as it was her birthday.

City Tournament awards were given by President Parker.

Early Bird League President Trix Wolff, Pin-splitter League President Mary Slatter, Wednesday afternoon, Vice President Helen Breshears and Hi-Lo President Felisa Isaguirre gave the awards for their respective leagues.

President Iris Parker presented Opal Leslie with the Bowler of the Year Trophy, which she won on Monday evening, May 9 when the Bowler of the Months competed for the Bowler of the Year. This contest is sponsored by Ray and Virginia Tolsma of the Owyhee Lanes.

Sgt. Wm. Thomas is promoted by Air Force

William F. Thomas, son of Mrs. Rose E. Thomas of Homedale, has been promoted to Chief Master Sergeant, highest enlisted grade in the U. S. Air Force.

Sergeant Thomas, an auditing superintendent, is assigned to the Inspector General activity at Norton AFB, San Bernardino, Calif.

The sergeant, who attended Wilder High School, received a B. A. degree from Florida State University.

His wife, Louise, is the daughter of Mrs. Maggie Hancock, 5013 Beaver St., Panama City, Fla.

Sproul participates in naval exercise

Seaman Leslie F. Sproul, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie R. Sproul of Homedale, participated in exercise "Gray Ghost" April 12-22, off the coast of Southern California, aboard the USS St. Paul.

Exercise "Gray Ghost" was the first major First Fleet exercise conducted this year, and it involved 48 ships, air units and support forces practicing the many aspects of naval warfare.

During the exercise the units conducted live bomb and rocket attacks, live shore bombardment, simulated amphibious raids and simulated rescue operations.

Live surface attacks against remote-controlled drone target boats were practiced to simulate anti-PT boat operations.

12-7 win gives Trojans 7-2 league mark

Homedale knocked out 14 hits to take a 12-7 Snake River Valley B League baseball win over Wilder at Wilder Friday.

The win gives the Trojans a 7-2 league mark while Wilder is now 3-7.

Ken Kushlan led the Trojan attack with a pair of home runs. Kushlan hit a two-run shot in the second and then came back with a one-run homer in the seventh. Jim Jackson went all the way on the mound for Homedale and upped his record to 4-1.

Homedale Locals

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Fessner returned Tuesday from a trip to Donnelly to see how this area wintered.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pierce and daughter Millie went to Boise Sunday to Julia Davis Park for a picnic. They also visited with Mrs. Emma Kindelberger of Boise.

Mrs. Grace Colley was a dinner guest on Mothers Day of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Colley. She left Monday for Corvallis, Ore., to visit her son Kenneth and family.

Bob Bright of Leighton, Utah called Mothers Day to wish his mother, Mrs. Leo Bright and his grandmother, Mrs. Goldie Nash, a Happy Mothers Day.

140 years ago

May 13, 1876

CONTEMPORANEOUS NOTICES - AN IRREPARABLE LOSS - Mr. W. J. Hill announced last week that he had purchased the Index newspaper established at Salinas, Monterey County, California, and having sold the Avalanche to his associate, Major Hay, would remove with his household goods and take up a permanent residence in his new home after settling up his affairs in Owyhee County. Mr. Hill has spent ten or twelve of the best years of his life in assisting to build up and heroically battling for the best interests of Idaho Territory — first as frontiersman and next in following the more congenial and noble profession of journalism. His name is a household word throughout the land. His life, his deeds, his every action, are so well known that to attempt to recount them at this time is unnecessary. In truth, so deeply do we feel the loss of a man like him that we have the heart to say but little about it. We regard it as a public calamity, and in saying this we only echo the expressed sentiment of the people of the whole Territory. He leaves an impression upon the country that will never be erased. Brave as a lion, he fought the battle nobly and nobly won; and having finished his labors among us and closed the books perhaps forever, he can look back upon his work in and proudly and truthfully say:

"I did well what I thought to be my duty. There is nothing herein contained that I would blot out had I the power to do so."

The words of comfort and good cheer, the funny sayings and bright witticisms, and above all, the wisdom embodied in the manly and able editorials that have ever characterized and given individuality to the Avalanche since his connection with it, will be greatly and sadly missed in the family circle of many a fireside.

Again we say that the loss of Mr. Hill to this Territory is a matter of deep regret, and a circumstance we very much dislike to chronicle. Men of character are few and far between. We cannot see by whom his place is to be filled. Good-bye, "Old Hill!" May Heaven's choicest blessings shower your pathway through life and California's brightest flowers bloom for you and yours in your new home. Sure of making friends at every turn you and your good wife and sweet babe will be happy down there. Once more — for your host of friends this time — we say good-bye, but hope it may not be forever.

The Avalanche will hereafter be issued as a weekly under the editorial control of Major Hay. This gentleman pulls on the harness in a graceful salutatory foreshadowing his future course. An able writer, and backed by an experience of twenty years in the journalistic field, Major Hay's success is certain. He has already made his mark as one of the editors of the Avalanche, and need not fear the future. — *Idaho World*.

NO REDUCTION OF MAIL SERVICE - Some few weeks since, Postal Agent Underwood recommended a reduction of the daily mail service between Winnemucca and Boise City. His reasons for this course were said to be, that he had to decide against either the Winnemucca or Kelton route to Boise City and he preferred to slaughter the former believing that the people could best do without it, a decision in which we do not concur. If his recommendation had been acted upon it would not only have been a severe blow to the entire population of Idaho, but Eastern Oregon, Washington Territory and a large section of Nevada would have suffered by such discontinuance of the mail service as Mr. Underwood seems to have stupidly suggested. Our late advices from Washington represent that the Post Office Department did not see fit to concur in Mr. Underwood's economical views on this subject, which if they had been carried out would in addition to the deprivation mentioned above been an act of great injustice to the Northwestern Stage Company who have been at heavy expense recently in making preparations for the summer campaign on both these routes. There will be no change in the daily mail service from either Winnemucca or Kelton. This is good news. No further action will now be had concerning the petitions which were in circulation in this vicinity and elsewhere, protesting against curtailment and which would have been signed by many thousand people.

Public notices

PUBLIC NOTICE OF 2016 PRIMARY ELECTION IN OWYHEE COUNTY

The Owyhee County Primary Election will be held May 17th, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following precinct polling places:

Precinct 01 North Homedale – Senior Citizen Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale

Precinct 02 South Homedale – Homedale City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale

Precinct 03 North Marsing – Marsing Community Center, 126 2nd St. N., Marsing

Precinct 04 South Marsing – Extension Office, 238 W. 8th Ave., Marsing

Precinct 05 Pleasant Valley – Mail Ballot

Precinct 06 Wilson – Wilson School House, 10427 Johnston Lane, Wilson

Precinct 07 Murphy – Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy

Precinct 08 Oreana – Oreana Community Hall, 18092 Oreana Loop Rd., Oreana

Precinct 09 Grand View – Eastern Owyhee Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View

Precinct 10 Bruneau – American Legion Building, 32536 Belle Ave., Bruneau

Precinct 11 Riddle – Mail Ballot

Precinct 12 Three Creek – Mail Ballot

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO OWYHEE COUNTY ORDINANCE, Section 5-3-1; regarding the permissible hours for access and use of the Jump Creek Recreation site

NOTICE IS HEREBY PROVIDED that on Monday, May 23, 2016 at the hour of 10:00 am, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at the Owyhee County Courthouse, Courtroom No. 2, Murphy, ID, the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners will call for public comment the proposed amendment of Owyhee County Ordinance, Section 5-3-1 and sub-sections. The proposed amendments, in pertinent part, specifies the permissible hours for public access and use of the Jump Creek Recreation site, Owyhee County; rather than the prohibited usage of the site between sunset and sunrise, as presently provided.

The proposed amendment to the Owyhee County Ordinance, in pertinent part, set forth below in **bold type** provides ---

5-3-1 JUMP CREEK RECREATIONAL SITE

A. Hours Restricted: It shall be unlawful for any person to be within the area known as Jump Creek recreation site, otherwise described as T2N, R5W section 27, SE ¼ SW ¼ NW ¼, S ½ SE ¼ NW ¼, E ½ NW ¼ SW ¼, W ½ NE ¼ SW ¼, NE ¼ NE ¼ SW ¼ in Owyhee County, Idaho, ~~between sunset and sunrise on any day of the year before and/or after the specified hours on the months referenced herein below, to-wit:~~

Spring, Summer and Fall hours: April 1st through October 1st of each year, 6:00am through 9:00pm.

Winter hours: October 2nd through March 30th of each year; 8:00am through 6:00pm
4/27;5/4,11,18/16

NOTICE OF TAX SALE

Pursuant to Idaho Code §31-808, and pursuant to the Order of Sale recorded with the Owyhee County Recorder on September 18, 2014, Owyhee County will offer for sale on Monday, June 6, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. in Courtroom 2 of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho, the following property:

Property known as Lot 4 in Block 95 of the City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho, and having a commonly referred to physical address of 314 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale, Idaho. Said property was taken by tax deed, July 13, 2015, from Local Motion Transportation c/o Holder, Ed

or Floyd, Kristy, parcel number RPA00100950040A.

Owyhee County offers the above property for sale without warranty or representations of any kind and is sold "as is", "where is" without warranty or representations as to marketability, fitness for a particular purpose or representations concerning compliance with any Federal or State regulations. Owyhee County offers above property for sale subject to any rights limitations, claims, easements, or rights of way that may exist. It is the responsibility of prospective bidders to inspect the sale property and to make themselves aware of any issues or potential issues concerning the sale of the property.

The sale is an auction open to the public and will be sold to the highest bidder, payable at the time of the sale in lawful currency of the US. Treasury Department in cash or certified funds such as a cashier's check. A minimum bid of \$3,160.50 is required which will include delinquent taxes; late fees; interest and costs, plus current year's taxes and all other accruing costs.

The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids or offers.

Dated this 25th day of April, 2016.

Kelly Aberasturi, Chairman, Owyhee County Commissioners
Angela Barkell, Clerk, Board of County Commissioners
5/4,11,18,25/16

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ADOPTION OF BUILDING CODE ORDINANCE 2016-002

THE CITY OF GRAND VIEW HEREBY GIVES NOTICE, a public hearing will be held at 6 p.m. on May 11th, 2016 at City Hall, 425 Boise Ave, Grand View, Idaho, to accept public comments on the proposed Building Code Ordinance 2016-002. The City has the authority to establish and enforce a building code within the City, pursuant to Idaho Codes §§ 50-701, 39-4109, 39-4116, and 54-5001.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED BUILDING CODE ORDINANCE 2016-002:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRAND VIEW, OWYHEE COUNTY, STATE OF IDAHO, AMENDING CHAPTER 1 OF TITLE 9 OF THE CITY CODE OF GRAND VIEW AND ADOPTING THE 2012 EDITIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING

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REPUBLICAN PARTY

CANDIDATES FOR UNITED STATES OFFICES		CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY OFFICES	
FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR (Vote for One)		FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER Second District 4 Year Term (Vote for One)	
Mike Crapo.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kelly Aberasturi.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
(Write-In)	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Write-In)	<input type="checkbox"/>
FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS First District (Vote for One)		FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER Third District 2 Year Term (Vote for One)	
Gordon Council	<input type="checkbox"/>	Joe Merrick.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Isaac M. Haugen	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Write-In)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Raul R. Labrador	<input type="checkbox"/>	FOR COUNTY SHERIFF (Vote for One)	
(Write-In)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Perry Grant	<input type="checkbox"/>
CANDIDATES FOR LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OFFICES		(Write-In)	<input type="checkbox"/>
FOR LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT No. 23 FOR STATE SENATOR (Vote for One)		FOR COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY (Vote for One)	
Bert Brackett	<input type="checkbox"/>	Douglas D. Emery	<input type="checkbox"/>
(Write-In)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ed Yarbrough	<input type="checkbox"/>
FOR LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT No. 23 FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE Position A (Vote for One)		(Write-In)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rich Wills	<input type="checkbox"/>	CANDIDATES FOR PRECINCT OFFICES	
Christy Zito	<input type="checkbox"/>	FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEMAN AND VOTERS' DELEGATE TO THE PARTY'S COUNTY AND DISTRICT CONVENTIONS (Vote for One)	
(Write-In)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
FOR LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT No. 23 FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE Position B (Vote for One)		(Write-In)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Megan C. Blanksma	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Justin M Freeman	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Pete Nielsen	<input type="checkbox"/>		
(Write-In)	<input type="checkbox"/>		

CODE, THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE, THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE, THE INTERNATIONAL EXISTING BUILDING CODE AND THE 2004 IDAHO MANUFACTURED HOME INSTALLATION STANDARDS; PROVIDING THAT ADOPTED VERSIONS OF THE CODES SHALL BE DEEMED SUPERSEDED BY SUCCESSIVE VERSIONS AS THEY ARE ADOPTED OR APPROVED BY THE STATE OF IDAHO BUILDING CODE BOARD; PROVIDING FOR EXCEPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE ADOPTED CODES; AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF AGRICULTURAL BUILDING; PROVIDING FOR A TABLE OF CLIMATIC AND GEOGRAPHIC DESIGN CRITERIA; PROVIDING FOR THE DUTY OF THE CITY'S BUILDING OFFICIAL; PROVIDING THAT PERMIT FEES SHALL BE ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION BY THE GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL; PROVIDING THAT A FEE

MAY BE IMPOSED FOR AN AGRICULTURAL BUILDING; PROVIDING FOR APPEALS OF DECISIONS OF THE CITY'S BUILDING OFFICIAL AND APPEALS FROM THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION; PROVIDING THAT ANY VIOLATION SHALL BE A MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF IDAHO; PROVIDING THAT ANY BUILDING OR OTHER STRUCTURE WHICH IS ERRECTED IN VIOLATION OF THE NEW CHAPTER OR IN VIOLATION OF THE CODES ADOPTED, IN ADDITION TO SUBJECTING ANY OWNER, FIRM, CORPORATION OR AUTHORIZED AGENT TO MISDEMEANOR PENALTIES, SHALL BE SUBJECT TO NUISANCE OR ABATEMENT PROCEDURES; PROVIDING THAT IN THE EVENT THAT ANY ABATEMENT PROCEDURE IS SUCCESSFULLY BROUGHT BY THE CITY THE PERSON BUILDING SAID STRUCTURE OR THE OWNER OF THAT PROPERTY UPON WHICH THE STRUCTURE WAS

WRONGFULLY ERRECTED SHALL PAY ALL COURT COSTS AND ATTORNEY FEES FOR THE PROSECUTION OF THE ACTION; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING CITY OF GRAND VIEW INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE ORDINANCE NO. 2011-01; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A copy of the full text of the Ordinance is available at City Hall, 425 Boise Avenue, PO Box 69, Grand View, Idaho 83624. Examination or copies may be requested in writing or in person during regular business hours of the City Clerk, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday, pursuant to Idaho Code §§ 74-103. A copy is also accessible at www.grandview.id.gov. Individuals who require special accommodations to participate in the above noticed meeting should contact City Hall or call (208)834-2700.

Mayor Franklin D. Hart
Tammy M. Payne, Clerk
5/4,11/16

Public notices

TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

Reference is made to that certain trust deed made by Earline Holmes, and Clifford A Holmes, Wife and Husband as grantor, to First American Title Insurance Comp as trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Decision One Mortgage Company, LLC, its successors and assigns as beneficiary, dated April 7, 2005, recorded April 14, 2005, in the mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho, as Document No. 251552, and assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Residential Asset Securities Corporation, Home Equity Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-KS6 by assignment recorded on November 30, 2015 in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho, as Document No. 288317, covering the following described real property situated in said county and state, to wit:

A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, BOISE MERIDIAN IN OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, AS THE SAME IS NUMBERED AND DESIGNATED ON THE OFFICIAL RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, OF RECORD AND ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: BEGINNING AT AN IRON STAKE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF EXTENSION OF REICH STREET, EXTENDED IN THE VILLAGE OF MARSING, THENCE NORTH 41° 51' WEST 159.3 FEET; THENCE NORTH 55° 11' WEST 15.5 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 49° 15' WEST 147.50 FEET (FORMERLY OF RECORD AS 154.5 FEET); THENCE SOUTH 40° 45' EAST 25 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 42° 54' EAST 130.35 FEET; THENCE NORTH 16° 17' EAST 42 FEET; THENCE NORTH 83° 18' 40" EAST 115.02 FEET (FORMERLY OF RECORD AS NORTH 77° 59' EAST 116.7 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0° 36' WEST 29.50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM A PORTION OF THE ABOVE TRACT OF LAND LYING WITHIN THE RIGHTS OF WAY OF REICH STREET, CHRISTENSEN STREET AND KENT STREET ALL IN THE CITY OF MARSING, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, AS SHOWN ON THE REVISED PLAT OF THE CITY LIMITS OF MARSING.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 500 Kent Street, Marsing, ID 83639

There is a default by the grantor or other person owing an obligation or by their successor in interest, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, or by their successor in interest, with respect to provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of default of such provision. The default for which foreclosure is made is grantors' failure to pay when due the following sums: monthly payments beginning February 1, 2015 through April 22, 2016 in the principal amount of \$1,617.07; plus interest due of \$4,600.43; plus escrow payment of \$1,432.94; together with title expense, costs, trustee's fees and attorney's fees incurred herein by reason of said default; any

further sums advanced by the beneficiary for the protection of the above described real property and its interest therein; and prepayment penalties/premiums, if applicable.

By reason of said default, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said trust deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to wit: \$54,549.30 with interest thereon at the rate of 6.84000 percent per annum beginning January 1, 2015 in the amount of \$4,808.17; plus escrow advances of \$1,169.92; plus late charges of \$103.65; plus other fees and costs in the amount of \$2,862.03; together with title expense, costs, trustee's fees and attorney's fees incurred herein by reason of said default; any further sums advanced by the beneficiary for the protection of the above described property and its interest therein; and prepayment penalties/premiums, if applicable.

WHEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the undersigned trustee will on September 2, 2016, at the hour of 11:00 AM, at Owyhee County Courthouse Lobby, 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650, in the City of Murphy, County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the real property described above, which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by grantor of the trust deed together with any interest which the grantor or grantor's successors in interest acquired after the execution of the trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of the sale, including reasonable charges by the trustee.

In construing this notice, the singular includes the plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the trust deed, and the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any.

Robinson Tait, P.S., 710 Second Ave, Suite 710, Seattle, WA 98104
5/4,11,18,25/16

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV-2016-0919 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF William Burton Wright, Decedent.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Guy Heath Kennedy has been appointed personal representative of the estate of the above-named decedent. 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 either be presented to the Personal Representative of the estate, at SHERER & WYNKOOP, LLP, P.O. Box 31, Meridian, Idaho 83680, or filed with the Clerk of the Court showing service upon the Personal Representative.

DATED this 15th day of April, 2016.

SHERER & WYNKOOP, LLP

Stephen T. Sherer, of the firm
4/27;5/4,11/16

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DEMOCRATIC PARTY

CANDIDATES FOR UNITED STATES OFFICES		CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY OFFICES	
FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR (Vote for One)		FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER Second District 4 Year Term (Vote for One)	
Jerry Sturgill	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Write-In)	<input type="checkbox"/>
(Write-In)	<input type="checkbox"/>		
FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS First District (Vote for One)		FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER Third District 2 Year Term (Vote for One)	
Shizandra Fox	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Write-In)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staniela Nikolova.....	<input type="checkbox"/>		
James Piotrowski.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	FOR COUNTY SHERIFF (Vote for One)	
(Write-In)	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Write-In)	<input type="checkbox"/>
CANDIDATES FOR LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OFFICES		FOR COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY (Vote for One)	
FOR LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT No. 23 FOR STATE SENATOR (Vote for One)		(Write-In)	<input type="checkbox"/>
(Write-In)	<input type="checkbox"/>		
FOR LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT No. 23 FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE Position A (Vote for One)		CANDIDATES FOR PRECINCT OFFICES	
Mary Ann Richards	<input type="checkbox"/>	FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEMAN (Vote for One)	
(Write-In)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
FOR LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT No. 23 FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE Position B (Vote for One)		(Write-In)	<input type="checkbox"/>
(Write-In)	<input type="checkbox"/>		

OFFICIAL

JUDICIAL NOMINATING ELECTION BALLOT

OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO

MAY 17, 2016

Instructions: To vote for the candidate of your choice, place an X in the square at the right of the name of the candidate.

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT		JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS	
TO SUCCEED JUSTICE Roger S. Burdick (Vote for One)		TO SUCCEED JUDGE Molly J. Huskey (Vote for One)	
Roger S. Burdick.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Molly J. Huskey	<input type="checkbox"/>
TO SUCCEED JUSTICE Jim Jones (Vote for One)			
Robyn Brody	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Sergio A. Gutierrez	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Curt McKenzie	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Wm. Breck Seiniger, Jr.	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Clive J. Strong	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Christ Troupis	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Public notices

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE CASE NO. CV2016-929-H IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

IN RE: Sophiyah Efany Ruiz
A Petition to change the name of Sophiyah Efany Ruiz, a minor, now residing in the City of Homedale, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Owyhee County, Idaho. The name will change to Sophiyah Efany Saucedo Reyes

The reason for the change in name is: I would love for my daughter Sophiyah to have the same last name as me and her siblings.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on June 1, 2016 at the Homedale/ Owyhee County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

DATE: April 18, 2016
Clerk of the District Court
By: Cindy Chaves, Deputy Clerk
5/11,18,25;6/1/16

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN FILED TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF IDAHO:

57-11874, CAL LOW, SUSIE LOW, 21101 OREANA LOOP RD, MURPHY, ID 83650

(2)Points of Diversion L1(NENE) S3 T05S R01E OWYHEE County Source GROUND WATER

Points of Diversion NESE SESE S34 T04S R01E OWYHEE County Source GROUND

WATER

Points of Diversion SWNW NWSW S35 T04S R01E OWYHEE County Source GROUND WATER

Use: IRRIGATION 03/01 to 11/15 2.68 CFS

Total Diversion: 2.68 CFS
Date Filed: 2/10/2016

Place of Use: IRRIGATION T04S R01E S34 SENE NESE SESE

T04S R01E S35 SWNW NWSW SWSW
Total Acres: 135

57-11875, KELSIE JONES, 10339 PHEASANT LN, MELBA, ID 83641

Point of Diversion SENE S20 T01N R03W OWYHEE County Source GROUND WATER

Use: IRRIGATION 03/01 to 11/15 0.11 CFS

Total Diversion: 0.11 CFS
Date Filed: 2/25/2016

Place of Use: IRRIGATION T01N R03W S20 SENE
Total Acres: 3.5

Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. For additional information concerning the property location, contact Western Region office at (208) 334-2190; or for a full description of the right(s), please see www.idwr.idaho.gov/WaterManagement/WaterRights. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-203A. Any protest against the approval of the application(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 5/23/2016. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

GARY SPACKMAN, Director
5/4,11/16

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CONSTITUTION PARTY

CANDIDATES FOR UNITED STATES OFFICES		CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY OFFICES	
FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR (Vote for One)	<input type="checkbox"/>	FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER Second District 4 Year Term (Vote for One)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pro-Life (A person, formerly known Marvin Richardson)	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Write-In)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ray J. Writz	<input type="checkbox"/>	FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER Third District 2 Year Term (Vote for One)	<input type="checkbox"/>
(Write-In)	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Write-In)	<input type="checkbox"/>
FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS First District (Vote for One)	<input type="checkbox"/>	FOR COUNTY SHERIFF (Vote for One)	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	FY 2017 Proposed Budget	FY 2016 Budget	FY 2015 Budget
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 6,802,150	\$ 6,430,641	\$ 5,463,847
Other expenses	<u>1,876,842</u>	<u>1,791,170</u>	<u>1,653,430</u>
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<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 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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