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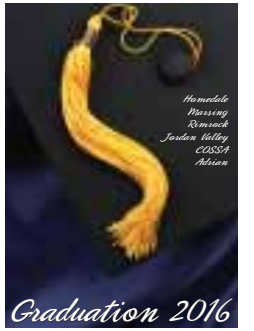
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The future as prologue



Soon-to-be grads make practice runs through schools' halls

Homedale High School's Class of 2016 seniors, decked out in their caps and gowns, visited the elementary school and middle school Monday morning to accept congratulations from students — many of whom could be in the same position years from now. Homedale graduation ceremony takes place at 7 p.m. Monday.

Two Marsing School Board candidates emerge

A Marsing School District board of trustees vacancy could be filled next month.

Michael Lankow resigned in March because he is moving out of Zone 1. He began serving as a trustee in 2013 when he replaced longtime chair of the board Joe Usabel.

Two candidates for the open

position — Jason Sevy and Sharla Jensen -- spoke to the other trustees during the board's May 10 meeting. Trustees are expected

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Less than 60 percent of respondents support proposed

\$13.5M school bond

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Big Loop Rodeo starts its run Friday

Dance, dinner also planned in Jordan Valley

The opening of the Jordan Valley Rodeo Association office Monday marks the stretch drive toward the 57th annual Jordan Valley Big

Loop Rodeo.

Entries close today.

The rodeo takes place Friday through Sunday at the rodeo grounds on U.S. Highway 95.

The Big Loop is contested Friday afternoon along with team roping. Big Loop winners take home saddles donated by the rodeo

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Several yards and a cloud of dust

Nampa's Norm Keesler kicks up some dirt in his Ford tractor during Saturday's tractor pull at the Homedale beet dump. More photos and results, Page 13A



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Grand View drinking water contamination spikes

Follow-up test results not ready; city council to ask sheriff's office to enforce speed limit

Grand View citizens are keeping close watch on their streets and their water taps.

The city council learned during last Wednesday's monthly meeting that folks are concerned about speeding cars and loud music in their neighborhoods, and City Clerk Tammy Payne announced that nitrate levels in one of Grand View's two municipal wells exceeded federal safe drinking water standards.

As of last week's meeting, the city's composite nitrate level was 10.8 parts per million (ppm), and the federal maximum contaminant load is 10.0 ppm. The majority of that contamination reading came from Well No. 1, which tested out at 15.3 ppm, while Well No. 2 measured within federal guidelines at 7.6 ppm.

A follow-up nitrate test was performed Thursday to see if the city would have to formally post warnings for families with young children, but Payne said Monday

that results weren't back from the lab yet.

The nitrate concentration may have spiked after the J.R. Simplot Co., applied nitrogen to agricultural fields in the vicinity of Well No. 1, officials said.

Public works supervisor Robert Servis said the worst-case scenario would be to shut down Well No. 1 for a while and supply the city's system solely from Well No. 2.

The nitrate issue cropped up only recently apparently. During last week's meeting, Payne announced that the city had received its annual consumer confidence report for the water system from state and federal environmental agencies. The report reflected that the municipal system met federal drinking water standards.

"There were no violations," she said. "The water is considered healthful."

The city council will ask the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office

to enforce the city's speed limit (25 mph or 20 mph when children are present) on the private Estate Street after a lengthy discussion initiated by resident Erica Mulberry.

"Grand View has grown some, and it's a nice community," Mulberry said. "But lately it hasn't been so pleasant to live in."

Mulberry spearheaded the conversation about speeding cars throughout town and the danger reckless motorists pose to children walking home from the elementary school.

"On 2nd Street, sometimes they think they're at the Indianapolis 500 by the school there," Mayor Franklin Hart said.

Other audience members backed up Mulberry's complaints and added their own about after-hours noise.

Councilman Bill Mead acknowledged that sheriff's deputies have received several noise complaints, but former council-



The Grand View City Council reviews information during last Wednesday's meeting. Clockwise from left: Mel Freckleton, Bill Mead, Mayor Franklin Hart, John Morrison and Jon Pennington.

person Linda Araujo agreed with Mulberry that it would be easier to enforce disturbing the peace infractions if a city ordinance addressed the matter. There already is a state law covering the issue.

Councilman Jon Pennington said he would address the citizens' concerns with Sheriff Perry Grant.

"We have to do something to keep the riff-raff out of town," resident Danny Martinez said. "We have to make it harder on them to stay."

Citizens pressed for more speed limit signs as well as "children at play" signs, and Servis was going to check the city's standing inventory of such signs.

Former mayor and city councilperson Opal Ward suggested that the council look at lowering the speed limit on Riverside Drive, too, as the city's new riverfront park becomes more popular and temperatures warm.

"There are more walkers on Riverside because of the park," Ward said. "Ten times as many people walk than two years ago."

Servis said the speed limit on Riverside can't be posted lower than 25 mph because it is a main thoroughfare in town and it's

difficult for semi-truck drivers to cruise at a speed lower than 25 mph.

The council also took the first step toward a proposed ordinance regulating camping within city limits.

No public hearing has been set for the proposal, which would restrict camping within 30 feet of the Rio Lindo boat ramp and also put limitations on the duration of overnight camping.

Citing growing liability issues, the council voted to discontinue the practice of allowing the Riverside Cemetery District use of a city-owned backhoe to dig graves.

Payne said the city would once again foot the bill for porta-potties and garbage cans for the upcoming Grand View Days celebration. The annual event will be held June 10-12 this year.

Araujo volunteered to serve as media liaison for The Owyhee Avalanche after the council and the newspaper's managing editor, Jon Brown, discussed ways to improve the flow of information.

Araujo will make a report to the Avalanche after each monthly meeting.

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Jordan Valley Jr. Rodeo scholarships awarded

The Jordan Valley Junior Rodeo has awarded scholarships to graduating seniors.

The 2016 recipients are Sage Raine and Wyatt Stanford, both of whom received their Jordan Valley High School diplomas in a ceremony Saturday afternoon.

Lindsey Smith made the scholarship announcement Sunday night on the Jordan Valley Junior Rodeo Facebook page.

Held the third Saturday of each August, the rodeo takes place on Aug. 20 this year. It's open to boys and girls 18 and younger as of Aug. 1, and proceeds from the rodeo finance the scholarship fund.

Large new subdivision could be proposed for Marsing

Marsing Mayor James Ferdinand and city council members got a glimpse of what a new subdivision might look like if it is proposed and ultimately approved.

A concept blueprint of the Meadow Brook Ranch and Meadow Brook Estates subdivision that would contain 270 to 280 homes on 90 acres was unveiled at the city council meeting last Wednesday.

The development would border Thompson Road to the north and Bruneau Highway to the west. The southern end of the property owned by Leslie and Lavada Loucks is within city limits. Lamou Loucks would direct development of the subdivision. If he asks the city to approve the subdivision, he would also request that the northern end of the property be annexed into the city. The annexation would require a public hearing.

In about the middle of the subdivision, there is a section of land upon which some of the Loucks family homes are built. That portion of the property would not be annexed into the city.

No application has yet been filed, and city attorney Stephanie Bonney described last Wednesday's discussion before the council as a pre-application meeting.

The Owyhee County Planning

and Zoning Commission rejected an earlier proposed version of the subdivision in February.

Former state attorney general David LeRoy, who represented the Loucks family at the council meeting, explained why the county P&Z had rejected the plan.

"In substantial part because we hadn't coordinated sufficiently with the city," LeRoy said.

Bonney advised the council about one thing while contemplating the area that could be annexed into the city.

"Should the council decide that they're OK with having that developed, with having septic tanks and individual wells, then at a minimum I would recommend that there be an agreement that when services are provided to that property, that those property owners are required to hook in (to the city water and sewer system)," Bonney said.

Civil engineer Scott Stanfield of Nampa helped design the concept blueprint for the subdivision.

He explained that the parcels on the northern end of the subdivision would be smaller lots, comparable in size to the nearby Morning Dove development, which the new subdivision would extend next to. The parcels on the southern end of the subdivision would be



Engineers shared a conceptual drawing of the Meadow Brook Ranch and Meadow Brook estates subdivision with the Marsing City Council last Wednesday.

one-acre lots.

"We have two products that are in high demand, and that's the reason we would like to start this entire development now, get it annexed in its entirety, with the exception of the Loucks homes," Stanfield said.

"We want to get this into the city limits, start a preliminary plat, show you the entire design, the water and sewer layouts for the whole project, the curbs and the sidewalks, and start the first phase with the city portion."

Development would proceed to the south, and Stanfield thinks it would take about 20 years to complete the subdivision.

Stanfield clarified that a preliminary plat would not be started until a traffic study of Bruneau Highway is completed.

Ferdinand pointed out that these are very preliminary stages for any development that might happen in the future, but he advised council members to go take a look at the area for themselves.

"See what they're talking about because it's hard to conceive the perception of 90 acres of land," Ferdinand said.

Stanfield and Leroy did not indicate when an application for the subdivision might be filed with the city.

— SC

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Correction



Because of an editor's error, an Angel Walk photo was published sideways in the May 11 edition. Sophia Topmiller (left), daughter of Chris and Brianne Topmiller, and Mateo Black, son of Wade and Amaia Black, appear in the photo by Keri Garrett.

MSD schedules events to wrap up school year

The Marsing School District has planned several year-end events.

- Celebration of Success, 6 p.m., Monday at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N.

District officials will recognize outstanding students and staff during an awards banquet and dinner.

Marsing community members nominated people to receive recognition in four categories, including Certified Employee of the Year, Classified Employee of the Year, Alumni of the Year, and Volunteer of the year.

A committee goes through the nominations and selects a winner for each category.

- Marsing Middle School fourth-

quarter awards assembly, 7:40 a.m. Tuesday in the cafeteria.

- Marsing Middle School eighth-grade recognition, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the district cafeteria.

- Marsing Elementary School Character Trait recognition assembly, 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in the district cafeteria. The character trait for May was pride, and students whom teachers nominated for exceptional demonstration of pride will be recognized.

- Marsing fourth-quarter incentive, a trip to the movies, will take place next Wednesday at the Reel Theater in Nampa.

The incentive program awards students with weekly perfect attendance a chance at a drawing for "Husky Bucks" to earn movie tickets.

BLM seeks comment on fuel break plan

Federal officials are seeking public comment on proposed fuel breaks in the Soda Fire burn.

The Bureau of Land Management already has started some of the work as part of emergency rehabilitation.

But BLM is assessing the environmental effects of the project that would put a network of fuel breaks across 400 miles in the affected area.

Comments will be accepted through Friday, May 27.

"Fuel breaks are critical tools that assist firefighters when we have to fight wind-driven brush fires," Boise District fire management officer Andy Delmas said.

"Without some way to reduce the intensity of brushfires, crews are really limited in what they can safely do to fight fires in the Owyhees.

"The system of fuel breaks we are proposing will give firefighters a whole new set of options for where and when they can safely attack wildfires."

Originally announced earlier this month, the plan would create corridors of reduced fuels alongside selected roads. The Owyhee Field Office will use roads for fuel breaks that provide safe access for wildland fire equipment and personnel, as well as roads that offer the

best potential for protecting Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation (ESR) treatments and wildlife habitat.

Road maintenance will also be part of fuel break development. The BLM is analyzing a variety of methods to create fuel breaks including mechanical and chemical treatments, seedings, and targeted grazing.

The August 2015 Soda Fire burned nearly 280,000 acres of public and private lands in Idaho and Oregon, destroying property and threatening entire communities. Since last summer, the BLM has been working on an unprecedented ESR campaign in the Soda Fire burn to minimize threats to life and property resulting from the fire and to prevent further degradation of land and resources.

For more information — or to submit comments on the plans for the fuel break network — please contact the BLM's Owyhee Field Office at (208) 896-5912.

Comments may be emailed to mryerson@blm.gov or sent through the mail to 20 1st Ave. W., Marsing, ID 83639.

The environmental assessment (including maps of the proposed fuel break system) for this project can be reviewed at the BLM's ePlanning website: <http://1.usa.gov/IWr8EGD>.

Sage-grouse Local Working Group plans Soda Fire aftermath tour

Next Wednesday's Owyhee County Sage-Grouse Local Working Group meeting will examine the Soda Fire aftermath.

The LWG, Jordan Valley Cooperative Weed Management Area and private landowners will co-host a Sage-Grouse Restoration and Habitat Enhancement Tour.

People wanting to take part in the tour must meet at 9 a.m., at the

U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Service office, 250 N. Bruneau Highway, in Marsing.

Attendees are asked to bring lunch, good hiking boots and cameras. Refreshments will be provided. The tour will return to Marsing at 3:30 p.m.

The tour will examine how the August wildfire affected the

landscape and how the resource is recovering.

Discussion topics include rangeland fire protection associations, drill seeding or aerial seeding, natural recovery, cheatgrass and weed control, fuel breaks, sage-grouse habitat near leks, wet meadows and irrigation and range improvements geared toward livestock and wildlife.

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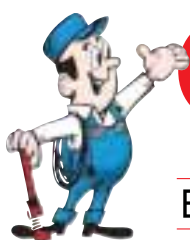
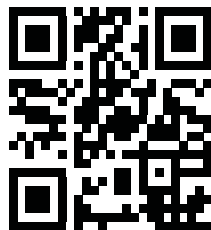
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Marsing trustees could vote on bond resolution in June

54% of survey respondents would support 25-year bond

Fifty-six percent of respondents would support a Marsing School District bond election, according to survey results unveiled during a May 10 trustees meeting.

Former Middleton School District superintendent Dr. Richard Bauscher assisted in conducting a phone survey to 279 Marsing school patrons seeking opinion on the \$13.5 million proposal.

Twenty-eight percent of the patrons (or 79 people) refused to take part in the survey.

The results showed that 56 percent of respondents said they would support adding a new middle school building to the current high school along with a new gymnasium. The plan also involves minor renovations to the high school and paving parking lots around the combined facility.

If the bond is sought, it would have to be approved by a super majority (66 2/3 percent) of voters.

The phone survey focused on a 25-year bond option that would reflect an annual property tax increase of \$21.40 per \$100,000 in taxable value.

Fifty-four percent of the patrons who took part in the survey said they would vote in favor of

a 25-year bond.

"It doesn't look like this will be impossible for you. I would say it's not going to be easy," Bauscher said.

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.

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.

Zone 3 trustee Betty Ackerman, the board chair, said the

Vallivue middle school and high school populations were combined when she attended the Caldwell school.

"It was never a problem. It never was," Ackerman said.

Michael Keith, vice-president of the banking firm Piper Jaffray of Boise, told the trustees that another option would be to reduce the bond to \$12.85 million. That figure would reflect an annual property tax increase of \$15.87 per \$100,000 in taxable value.

"The most critical thing for the board to decide is if you seek the \$13.5 million, is that the amount we need?" Keith said. "The second piece of that being what is the term. In the survey, we focused on 25 years, but if it's going to be something different, that's going

to drive the plan in a different direction."

Trustees vice-chair Michelle Jacobi of Zone 4 said the plan of action should be decided in the next 30 days.

The board has until July 11 to submit a resolution to the county clerk for placement on the Aug. 30 ballot.

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 with 269 of 420 voters in favor of the proposal. — SC

Owyhee Lanes to open for Homedale Chamber spring finale

The Homedale Chamber of Commerce will meet from noon until 1 p.m. Tuesday in Owyhee Lanes Restaurant at 18 W. 1st St., despite the business being closed.

Chamber president Gavin Parker said the building owner invited the group and people from the community to return. Attendees will enter through the front

door of the restaurant as usual.

"Donna Marose has offered to let us into the back room," Parker said. "So, bring your own lunch if you want to eat. Bring a sack lunch, grab something from somewhere else."

The Chamber doesn't meet during June, July and August, so Parker will have some

time to search for a new location for the group's monthly meeting.

He is also working on potential activities for the Fourth of July.

"We still might have a special meeting or two here and there depending on what's going on, or preparing for the parade for the Fourth (of July)," Parker said. "That'll

give me three more months to figure it out."

Anyone with questions about becoming a Chamber member can call Parker at Bowen-Parker-Day CPAs at (208) 337-3271.

— SC

From page 1A

✓ Marsing: Candidate wants some COSSA-like classes started at MHS

to vote on filling the vacancy during their June meeting.

Sevy told the board that he wants to see the best for his community; however, he has concerns about how much time he has available to serve on the board.

"If it came down to it, I have to eat, my family has to eat," Sevy said. "No. I would be my day job, but I would give up other aspects that take a lot of my time to make sure that I did a good job."

Sevy currently is a salesman doing bidding on electrical work.

He asked the trustees exactly how much time would be required of him.

Board chair Betty Ackerman of Zone 3 told Sevy that trustees usually only have to be present at the panel's monthly meeting.

"Plus the preparation time for that meeting," Ackerman said. "Any special meetings that we



The Marsing School Board interview two applicants for the board's vacant Zone 1 position, including Jason Sevy (left) and Sharla Jensen during the trustees' May 10 meeting.



need to have, we can't predict."

Sevy added that he only wants the best candidate available to serve.

"If there's a better candidate, then I want them to sit on the board," he said. Jensen, who works as the Homedale Public Library director, said her interest in serving on the board is simply to give back to the community.

Ackerman asked her if there is anything wrong with how the district's schools are being operated.

"I don't think there's anything wrong. I would say, 'Room to improve,'" Jensen said.

However, she would like to see more career technical (CT) classes in the high school.

"Because not all of them are going to college," Jensen said.

"In the perfect world it would be nice if we could offer some more CT classes for the kids."

The Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency in Wilder currently provides CT classes for Marsing High School students.

On Monday, Jensen further explained for The Owyhee Avalanche that she would like to see some CT classes in Marsing High School so the students don't

have to spend time traveling. She thinks a drafting class would be a good fit for the school.

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

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

— SC

✓ Big Loop: Buckaroo breakfast slated for St. Bernard Catholic Church

board, Columbia Bank, the Walt Morgan Memorial, WT Bruce Photography, MGM Contractors and Superior Livestock Auction.

Open amateur rodeo performances begin at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 13 and younger. Those younger than 6 get in free.

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- Team roping — \$150 added money
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- Calf roping — \$500 added money
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- Stock saddle bronc — \$500 added money
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- Junior barrel racing (open to 14 and younger) — \$20 added plus entry pool
- Cow riding (ages 15-18) — \$30 added plus entry pool
- Junior steer riding (ages 10-14) — \$20 added plus entry pool

All around trophies have been donated by the Tex and Agnes Payne Memorial, while event winners earn championship buckles created by Skyline Silversmiths.

For more information, call the rodeo office at (541) 586-2551 or visit www.biglooprodeo.com.

In addition to the rodeo ac-

tion, there are community events planned during the weekend:

- A tri-tip barbecue following Saturday's rodeo performance
- The Jordan Valley Lions rodeo fundraiser dance on Saturday
- A buckaroo breakfast served from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Sunday at St. Bernard Catholic Church, 208 Yturri Blvd.

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Cycle rodeo, car/bike show to help vets

Another community event is stepping up to help out a family and military veterans Saturday.

Some of the proceeds from The Rumble at Badiola Arena in Homedale will benefit 2016 Angel Walk recipient Jonah Kissel. Money also is being raised for local veterans.

The Rumble is a family-friendly event brought to Homedale by several sponsors, including Voodoo Tattoo.

Registration for the car and bike show and the motorcycle rodeo runs from noon to 2 p.m. The motorcycle rodeo starts at 3 p.m. inside the arena. Registration fee for both events is \$25.

Spectator admission is free.

Trophies and cash will be awarded in the motorcycle rodeo.

There also will be vendors, a pin-up girl contest, a 50/50 raffle and live music beginning at 9 p.m.

On-site camping will be available.

Mail carriers complete successful food pickups

Letter carriers in Owyhee County and throughout the nation collected food for the needy Saturday.

The letter carriers with the Marsing Post Office gathered 900 pounds of food, while Homedale letter carriers gathered enough food to fill two large shipping containers.

The post offices in Grand View and Jordan Valley did not participate in the Stamp Out Hunger food drive.

Information on how much food was gathered by letter carriers in Murphy and Bruneau was not available.

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

Service notice

KENNETH D. EOFF celebration of life will take place at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 21, 2016 at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. A potluck will follow at Mountain View Church of the Nazarene in Wilder. Kenneth Eoff, who attended Homedale schools and moved back to town later, died Feb. 12, 2016 in Yuma, Ariz.

Death notices

BARBARA LEONA COONS, 67, a Nampa resident who once resided in Homedale, died Monday, April 16, 2016 in Caldwell. A celebration of life was held Saturday, May 14, 2016 at the Homedale Senior Center. A potluck lunch and gathering of friends and family followed.

JAMES M. CRIDER, 80, of Marsing, died Sunday, May 15, 2016 at home of natural causes. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252



BEVERLY J. URIA, 81, of Homedale, died Saturday, May 14, 2016 at a Caldwell hospital of natural causes. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 21, 2016 at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. A dinner will follow the services at the Txoko Ona Basque Center, Homedale. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Homedale Ambulance or Txoko Ona Basque Club. Services are under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale.

Former police chief to recount governor's killing for OCHS

The assassination of a former Idaho governor more than a century ago is the topic at Friday's Owyhee County Historical Society membership meeting.

Former Caldwell Police Chief Bob Sobba, a 36-year veteran of Boise Valley law enforcement, will present "The Dynamiters," which is about the assassination of Gov. Frank Steunenberg, who on Dec. 30, 1905 was killed by a bomb placed at the gate of his Caldwell home.

The Idaho Humanities Council-sponsored presentation takes place at 7 p.m. inside McKeeth Hall at the Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., in Murphy.

Steunenberg served as Idaho's fourth governor from 1897 to 1901. During his time in office, he played a role in quelling an 1899 miners' strike, earning him the lasting enmity of radical members of the Western Federation of Miners.

Harry Orchard, a one-time union member, was convicted of the bombing and spent the rest of his life in prison. Orchard tried to implicate WFM leaders, including secretary-treasurer "Big Bill" Haywood.

Haywood once led Silver City miners in organization, too.

With representation from famed Chicago defense lawyer Clarence Darrow, Haywood was acquitted after facing trial on criminal conspiracy charges.

Sobba spent 18 years as Caldwell Police chief and also served four years on the city council.

Vice-president of the Canyon County Historical Society, Sobba has had a lifelong interest in the history of lawmen and outlaws of the Old West and has given numerous presentations on the famous and infamous characters of that era.

Sobba has published several articles on law enforcement and history. He has written a history of the Caldwell Police Department and recently published a book on the history of Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge titled "A Century of Conservation: Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge 1909-2009."

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Veggie & fruit bar, milk served every day except May 12 and May 25
 May 18: Chicken taco, corn
 May 19: Personal pepperoni pizza, tossed salad
 May 23: Mini corn dogs, steamed carrots
 May 24: Chicken nuggets, mixed veggies, cookie
 May 25: Hot dog, potato chips, baby carrots, apple, cookie, milk
 May 26: Pepperoni pizza ripper, tossed salad, fruit rollup

Homedale Middle

Fruit & salad, bar, milk served daily

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
 May 24: Sloppy Joe or rib-b-que, green beans
 May 25: Pork chop or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy
 May 26: Pepperoni pizza ripper or PB&J, tossed salad

Homedale High

Salad bar, fruit choice, milk served daily

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
 May 24: Beef nuggets w/cheese stick & garlic mashed potatoes or pizza hot pocket
 May 25: Crispito or corn dog, steamed carrots
 May 26: Chicken patty or deli sandwich

Marsing

Milk variety and healthy choice fruit & veggie bar offered daily

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
 May 24: Hot dog, baked beans, egg roll & fried rice, mixed vegetable
 May 25: Cook's choice

Bruneau-Grand View

Fruit and milk served daily

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
 May 24: Chicken wrap, romaine & tomato, steamed carrots, pudding, milk
 May 25-27: Cook's choice

COSSA

Fruit and milk served daily

May 18: Chicken pot pie, carrots, sherbet
 May 19: Pizza pocket, salad & ranch, fresh broccoli
 May 23-26: Cook's choice

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

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

Milk served each day

May 18: Hot dog w/bun, pork & beans, carrot salad
 May 19: Hot roast beef sandwich, mashed potatoes w/gravy, roll
 May 24: Baked fish, baked potato, spinach, roll
 May 25: Grilled chicken breast w/bun, baked potato, California blend veggies

Marsing Senior Center

Vegetable served each day

May 18: Beef, rice
 May 19: Chicken, potato
 May 23: Beef, potato
 May 24: Chicken, rice
 May 25: Pork ribs, potato/beans

Rimrock Senior Center

Milk and juice served each day

May 19: Beans & ham hocks, broccoli salad, corn bread, fruit slices, cookie
 May 24: Wiener wraps, sweet potato fries, fruit salad, fresh veggie tray
 May 26: Sweet & sour chicken, noodles, stir fry veggies, almond cookies
 May 31: Potato bar, chili, bacon, broccoli, sour cream, onion, deviled eggs, muffin, melon, cookie

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Farming documentary nets prizes for participating 4-H'ers

We were at the American Legion Post 83 Hall in Bruneau on Monday, May 9 for the first Owyhee County showing of the movie "Farmland, The Evolution of a Tradition." Farmland takes an intimate look at the lives of six young farmers and ranchers as they take responsibility for the operation of their business. The film, from award-winning director James Moll, steps inside the world of farming for a glimpse into the lives of young farmers and ranchers.



Georgia Goodwin

The University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office obtained the movie from the Idaho Beef Council. Another showing was held Friday afternoon in Marsing. The Idaho Beef Council is awarding several prizes including \$250 in cash and \$150 in beef for 4-H

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and FFA clubs hosting the movie showing before May 30.

- Featured in the film are:
- Leighton Cooley, a fourth-generation poultry farmer who operates four farms in Georgia with his father. In addition to chickens, he also has a cow-calf operation and grows hay. Leighton and his wife have two sons.
 - David Loberg, a fifth-generation corn and soybean farmer in Nebraska who runs a family farm with his mother. The farm also custom feeds 500 head of cows for a local dairy operation business. The 25-year-old and his wife have an infant son.
 - Margaret Schlass is a community-supported agriculture vegetable farmer based in Pennsylvania who farms on 18 acres. During her senior year at the University of Delaware, Margaret studied in Peru and harvested corn and yucca in the fields. The experience was her introduction



Snake River and Bruneau Canyon 4-H club members took in the documentary at the American Legion Post 83 Hall in Bruneau. Submitted photo

to farming.

- Brad Bellah is a sixth-generation cattle rancher who runs a beef cattle operations in Texas and Colorado, including a natural beef herd. The 26-year-old husband and father of twins earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural communications from Texas Tech University.
- Sutton Morgan is a fourth-generation farmer from Califor-

nia who grows, packs and sells onions, potatoes, melons, carrots, broccoli, cauliflower, lettuces, chard, kale and alfalfa. Sutton holds a degree in business economics from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

• Ryan Veldhuizen is a fourth-generation farmer taking over the operation of his family's hog farm in Minnesota with his brother and

sister. The farm raises hogs and grows corn and soybeans, which are used for feed.

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

Calendar

Today

Coffee club

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

After-school program

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

Kid's Club

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

Thursday

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

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting

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

Faith Riders horse riding

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

Bruneau-Grand View school board meeting

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

AA meetings

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

Friday

Story Time

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

Jordan Valley Big Loop rodeo

1:30 p.m., Team roping and Big Loop, Jordan Valley Rodeo Grounds, U.S. Hwy. 95, Jordan Valley, Ore. (541) 586-2551

Teens and Tweens program

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

Saturday

Fundraiser breakfast

7 a.m. to 10 a.m., \$6 per plate, all you can eat,

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

Friends of the Homedale library meeting

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

Free lunches

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

Jordan Valley Big Loop rodeo

1:30 p.m., amateur rodeo, Jordan Valley Rodeo Grounds, U.S. Hwy. 95, Jordan Valley, Ore.

Jordan Valley Lions rodeo fundraiser dance

After rodeo, Jordan Valley High School gymnasium, 501 Bassett St., Jordan Valley, Ore.

Jordan Valley Booster Club barbecue

After rodeo, Jordan Valley Rodeo Grounds, U.S. Hwy. 95, Jordan Valley.

Sunday

Jordan Valley Buckaroo Breakfast

8 a.m. to 11 a.m., St. Bernard Catholic Church, 208 Yturri Blvd., Jordan Valley.

Jordan Valley Big Loop rodeo

1:30 p.m., amateur rodeo, Jordan Valley Rodeo Grounds, U.S. Hwy. 95, Jordan Valley, Ore. (541) 586-2551

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Marsing Fire Department meeting

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

High school graduation

7 p.m., Homedale High School, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4613

Tuesday

Blood pressure clinic

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

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

Senior center pinochle

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

AA meetings

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

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SEQUICENTENNIAL SAMPLINGS

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EMMET GUARDS – We are informed that a company under this name has been formed in Owyhee. At the first meeting fifty-eight enrolled themselves as members, and at the next meeting the number will be doubled. The company consists of members of the Fenian Brotherhood, and those who favor the organization and its objects. Capt. Murphy drills the company. At present it is not the intention to uniform. We have made no inquiries as to the object of the company, but observing that the same action is being taken elsewhere and the same name adopted, it seems significant. The name of itself is a power that stirs up the blood of all Irishmen and impels them to action. It is quite likely that these men are intended for the great Fenian army to liberate Ireland or make a powerful effort in that direction. The *World* reports a meeting of the Idaho City Emmet Guards, and speakers made "spirited remarks concerning the coming struggle for Irish Independence, which caused the gentlemen present to have the fullest confidence in Major General S. W. Sweeney, that by his patriotism and military experience, he will lead the downtrodden of old Erin, his native land, to victory and a glorious independence of the Irish Republic to banish the followers of Cromwell and Strongbow from their native land."

ESCAPE – Geo. Scott made his escape from the Owyhee Jail on Wednesday about 8 p.m. Deputy Sheriff Springer says it occurred during his absence, and that the jail keeper, Mr. Larkin, had charge of the prisoner, and permitted him to go out for a drink of water and neglected to return. This is the first escape of a prisoner from our jail, and it should not have occurred. There is no necessity for prisoners to be turned out for water or any other purpose, save for trial or discharge.

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Wilson Butte 4-H cleans historic places

The Wilson Butte 4-H club fanned out recently to clean up three Owyhee County landmarks.

The community service project included pulling and mowing weeds at the Reynolds Cemetery, the Wilson Cemetery, the Wilson schoolhouse and the Givens Pioneer Cemetery.

Workers at Reynolds Cemetery included Jonathan and Jordan Ineck, Colton Brown, Mikayla and Jaci Sotelo, Justin Gramps, Tyler Roberts, Constance Bowers, Hannah Moos, Tommy and David Cossel, Grace and Gabby Noe and Mary Blackstock.

The same group joined forces with Taylor Fisher and Elizabeth Harmon cleaned up around the Wilson schoolhouse and the Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District's Wilson station.

Project leader Kelly Ineck said Lexi Sevy and Justin and Joseph Ineck also worked at the schoolhouse, and she thanked, "all the great parents who jumped in."

At the end of the community service project, club cooking and sewing instructor Lindy Maynard gave a presentation on how to judge cookies that members had made during their project meetings.



With Owyhee Express Carriage Co., owner Mike Beavers at the reins, Homedale schoolchildren enjoy the final yards before a pizza lunch.

Carriage ferries children to lunch

Three Homedale Elementary School students and their friends took a horse-drawn carriage to lunch last Wednesday.

The three students earned a free carriage ride and pizza lunch for collecting the most donations for the May 7 Angel Walk 5-kilometer fun run.

The winners were:

- Kinlee Garrett, 9, a fourth-grader who is the daughter of Kasey and Keri Garrett
- Cylas Purdom, 6, a kindergartener who is the son of Greg and Carina Purdom

- Todd Thatcher, 9, a third-grader who is the son of DeAnn and Mark Thatcher

Each student also got the chance to take a friend to lunch.

- Kinlee chose fellow 9-year-old fourth-grader Ahna Shaffer. Her parents are Matt and Brecca Shaffer.

- Todd brought McCoy Swallow along for the experience. A third-grader, McCoy is the 9-year-old son of Brady and Angie Swallow.

- Cylas took his sister, Bailey, a 10-year-old fifth-grader at the

middle school.

With their schoolmates looking on, the children climbed into Mike Beavers' Owyhee Express Carriage Co., surrey, and — after Beavers yelled to his horses, "Eddie and Doc, step up!" — the group was off for a ride down Idaho Avenue to the Idaho Pizza Co.

Beavers' carriage service is based outside Wilder, and includes five vehicles, including the surrey, a Victorian carriage, a Meadowbrook cart, a doctor's buggy and an express wagon.



One group from the Wilson Butte 4-H club cleaned the Reynolds Cemetery until the supervision of club leader Mary Blackstock, far right. Submitted photo

Book sale set Saturday at Homedale library

The Friends of the Homedale Public Library will hold its semi-annual book sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

In addition to books, DVDs and magazines, a few computer desks and chairs will also be for sale, library director Sharla Jensen said. Proceeds support the library.

In March, the Friends group gave \$200 as matching funds for a Pilcrow Foundation grant. The foundation doubled that

contribution, giving the library \$600 to buy new children's books.

In other library news, the last Teens and Tweens program will be held Friday at 4 p.m.

Boys and girls will be reading about dinosaurs and digging for fossils. Participants will also celebrate the approach of summer with water activities and games.

Teens and Tweens will resume in the next school year.

The Homedale library is located at 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

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Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 64 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 1,202 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 149 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 457,614 acre-feet of water on Monday.

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Trumpeting along at the march-a-thon

Travis Sevy plays the trumpet while leading a pack of marchers during the March 4 Music march-a-thon Thursday at Marsing's Island Park. Travis is the son of Tara and Glen Sevy. Band members gathered sponsors to support four hours of continuous marching and playing while doing laps around the park. The goal is to raise \$6,000 for new uniforms, and donations will be accepted online at www.march4music.org/marsing for approximately the next three weeks.



JVHS' top grad addresses classmates

Class of 2016 valedictorian Sage Raine was one of the speakers during Saturday afternoon's Jordan Valley High School commencement. Photo by Hayley Caywood



Adrian ninth-grader wins art contest

Shayla Griffin, an Adrian High School freshman, displays her original artwork "A Wolf and the Springtime Thaw." The painting won the Malheur County championship in the Congressional Art Competition and now will be entered into the state contest. Photo by Adrian Yearbook



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MRW Fire fleet grows

The Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire motor pool has expanded:

- Glenns Ferry Fire donated a 1978 American LaFrance engine. The structure truck will be stationed in Wilson once it's in service.
- Also destined for Wilson is a Walter airport crash truck converted into a Type 2 Wildland water tender.
- Idaho Power donated a 2001 Chevrolet 4x4 2500HD pickup to replace the truck wrecked during last year's Soda Fire.
- Through the Idaho Department of Lands, the Defense Logistics Agency donated a used 2½-ton M1087 military truck that will become a Type 4 wildland fire truck stationed in Reynolds.

Homedale High School gym bleachers in their last days

District will spend \$110,000

There will be a big change inside Homedale High School's gymnasium once the Class of 2016 vacates the premises.

In the days after Monday's commencement ceremony, the school district maintenance crew will begin electrical work in preparation for the new bleachers.

The district will pay \$110,182 for the Montana School Equipment Co.'s work to install new bleachers, which will include electric motors to retract the seating.

"The bids came in lower than anticipated," Sauer said. "The original numbers were \$190,000 and that included electrical and demolition."

"We will be saving some money by our employees doing more of the teardown."

District superintendent Rob Sauer said the existing 45-year-old bleachers will be dismantled next month and the new seats will be delivered in July. The plan is

HMS sets year-end events

With the school year winding down, there are several events planned at Homedale Middle School in the coming weeks:

- Art show, 6:30 p.m., today
- National Junior Honor Society induction, 6 p.m., Thursday
- Seventh- and eighth-grade awards, 11:51 a.m., Monday
- Fifth- and sixth-grade awards, 12:20 p.m., Monday
- Eighth-grade graduation, 6 p.m., Thursday, May 26

to have all the work done before the 2016-17 school year begins in August.

"We're anticipating it'll be done by the first week of August," Sauer said.

The district also is examining drilling a well to water the DeWard Bell Stadium football field. Sauer said test holes have been punched to check for the availability of water.

The stadium's irrigation system currently draws water directly out of the Snake River, and Sauer said silt has destroyed sprinkler heads on a regular basis.

School trustees signed off on another year for the school resource officer contract with the

City of Homedale.

Homedale Police Officer Karl Kingston and his canine partner Goose have served in the SRO position since January.

"It's working out well," Sauer said. "Having the dog is definitely a nice addition."

The SRO program has improved student behavior, Sauer said, adding that the police presence also has encouraged safer driving habits, especially during drop-off times in front of the elementary school.

Trustees approved a U.S. Department of Agriculture Food Nutrition program-mandated lunch fee hike for 2016-17. Lunches will increase 5 cents throughout

the district, meaning high school and middle school lunches will cost \$1.90, and elementary school lunches will cost \$1.65.

The school board agreed to pay Jared Zwygart \$6,995 for the Fiscal Year 2016 audit. The district will pay nearly three percent more (\$195) for Zwygart's work toward an October report.

District transportation and maintenance director Tom Muir informed trustees that a section of roof over the HHS main office and classrooms may require replacement. Sauer said the district paid about \$24,000 for a previous roofing job of about the same size.

The superintendent said Muir is checking to see how patches will hold up, but any required work could take place in the summer.

Trustees approved several personnel moves during last week's meeting. Longtime employees Debbie Pfeifer, now an instructional coach, and Phyllis Beck, the district's instruction technology specialist, both resigned.

Other resignations included

elementary library aide Carol McMichael, first-year varsity wrestling coach Ryan Nash, third-grade teacher Kasi Rydwell and HHS social studies teacher and co-athletic director Dan Holtry.

McMichael recently was hired as the youth program coordinator at the Homedale Public Library, and Nash has been training to become South Board of Control water master.

Sauer said Holtry will leave the district to become Nampa High School football coach.

Nick Ketterling has been reassigned from a high school science teaching position to take over Holtry's social studies classes, and Casey Grove resumes full-time athletic director duties.

Sherri Krzesnik has been hired as McMichael's successor in the elementary school library.

There were several contract renewals, including all three building principals, and trustees hired new teachers Sean McCrackin (middle school science) and Elena Dodge (high school science).

— JPB



The Marsing fire station will be the site of Saturday's Marsing Ambulance Service potluck. Submitted photo

Marsing Ambulance to host potluck, membership drive

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

A potluck will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday at the Marsing fire station, 303 Main St., to give community members a chance to say thank you to the service's board of directors and emergency medical technicians.

Marsing Ambulance Service board chair Jim Briggs is excited about a local event to mark National EMS Week.

"Bring a side dish, and we'll supply the hamburgers and drinks," Briggs said.

Marsing Ambulance will also launch a membership drive at the potluck.

Yearly memberships will be \$50.

Briggs said the membership

would be for a family, including anyone younger than 18 in the household. The membership period begins June 1.

Memberships will help support the service, but could also save residents within the ambulance service district some cash.

"It's a huge financial savings if you ever have to be transported to a hospital," Briggs said.

During the potluck, there will also be carriage rides offered for purchase by Mike Beavers, owner of the Owyhee Express Carriage Co. All proceeds from the carriage rides will benefit the ambulance service.

For more information about the membership drive, find Marsing Ambulance Service on Facebook or go to www.marsingambulance.com.

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Small turnout for Bruneau wild horse viewing

Folks got a close look at relocated wild horses Friday at Bruneau off-range corrals.

The Bureau of Land Management offered two tours of the corrals located at 28536 Jacks Creek Road. The Owyhee Avalanche was the only media outlet present at the J.R. Simplot Co.-owned facility.

Only 13 people attended the morning tour and just six or seven folks showed up for the afternoon tour.

There are 2,051 wild horses being cared for at the Bruneau corrals. The equines came from 134 herd management areas (HMAs) across eight western states. No burros are currently being housed at the facility.

Over 75 percent of the horses at the Bruneau location are between the ages of six to 10 years old.

Fifty-five stallions that survived the Soda Fire were brought to the Bruneau corrals from the Sands Basin, Hardtrigger and Black Mountain HMAs in Owyhee County. BLM public affairs specialist Heather Tiel-Nelson said 29 horses died in the August wildfire, and another 16 equines had to be euthanized.

The facility, which J.R. Simplot Co. operates under a federal contract, can provide care for up to 3,500 wild horses or burros. The corrals cover 80 acres and contain 39 large holding pens. Each pen measures 70,000 square feet and holds approximately 100 horses.

John Neill is the manager for the BLM's Palomino Valley horse facility near Reno, Nev.

He helped design the Bruneau corrals.

"About a year ago, construction started at this place, and we've moved horses that have been in some of our other facilities," Neill said. "Right now there's an inventory of just over 2,000 animals here. The majority of all these animals are mares."

A BLM press release said the horses receive an abundance of feed tailored to their needs each day, along with a constant supply of fresh water through automatic watering troughs.

The release also stated that animals have access to free choice mineral block supplements in each pen.

Adoption events do not take place at the Bruneau corrals, but horses can be made available for private adoption through the Boise Wild Horse Corrals.

For more information on adopting a wild horse, call the BLM's Boise District office at (208) 384-3356.

The BLM says more than 67,000 wild horses and burros are roaming western public rangelands — a 15 percent increase over the estimated 2015 population.

The updated numbers show more than twice the number of horses on the range than is recommended under BLM land use plans.

Costs for lifetime care in a corral approaches \$50,000 per horse. With 46,000 horses and burros already in off-range corrals, the BLM could spend more than \$1 billion to care for and feed the animals over the remainder of their lives.

— SC



Above: BLM wild horse and burro specialist Kevin Lloyd of Challis opens one of the gates at the Bruneau off-range corrals during a tour Friday afternoon. **Below:** A line of wild horses feed at one of the troughs on J.R. Simplot Co., owned facility.



Homedale FFA member Tanis Lentfer hands a cup of popcorn to second-grader Bertha Grace Flores at the corn station. Bertha is the 8-year-old daughter of Elaine Flores.



Jordan Packer explains parts of a trout's anatomy to elementary students inside the Livestock Barn.



Second-grader Bryanna Flores reacts to a chicken perched on her shoulder. Bryanna, 8, is the daughter of Juan and Delma Flores.

Ag Expo crowns HHS senior's career

Five months of work culminated Thursday as elementary schoolchildren learned about farming and animals at the Homedale Ag Expo.

About 350 Homedale kindergartners through third-graders walked from the school to the Owyhee County Fairgrounds and then visited 17 stations at which Homedale High School FFA chapter members showcased various aspects of farming life.

"This was my senior project," FFA member Jacob Christensen said. "I've been working on it since January.

"My mentor was my Ag teacher, Sue Poland."

Christensen roamed around the fairgrounds to make sure everything was going just right.

Stations included learning experiences about horses, cattle, swine, corn, butter, ice cream, flowers, tomatoes, fish, tractors, chickens, apples, sheep, goats, veterinarian science, potatoes and onions.

Educational stops were set up throughout the fairgrounds, and children were able to make their own butter and also got a nice treat of popcorn. — JPB



Homedale Elementary second-grader Raul Huesca Neri shakes two containers of milk and salt to create butter. Raul is the 8-year-old son of Yolanda Neri.



Homedale resident Gary Regnani made his Treasure Valley Antique Power Association debut Saturday and won a class title with a full pull of 315 feet.



Tractor pull results

The Treasure Valley Antique Power Association opened its 2016 season Saturday at the Amalgamated Sugar Co.'s Homedale beet dump:

3C — 1. Roger Tish, Greenleaf, 1939 Allis Chalmers RC, 18 HP, 121.6 feet

4C — 1. Tish, 1950 Case SC, 124.8 feet

4W — 1. Brent Fillmore, Nampa, 1945 Oliver 70 Ind, 30HP, 136.1 feet

4.5W — Brent Fillmore, Nampa, 1945 Oliver 70 Ind, 146.11 feet

5A — Ray Denig, Payette, 1937, John Deere A, 25 HP, full pull (315 feet)

5C — Gary Enzminger, Star, 1952 John Deere B, 26 HP, 131 feet

5 LM — 1. Norm Keesler, Nampa, 1959 Ford 961, 42 HP, 152.5 feet;

2. Gayle Eaton, Boise, 1953 John Deere 50, 30 HP, 141.8

5W — 1. Denig, 1937 John Deere A, 25 HP, 155.6 feet; Keesler, 1959

Ford 961, 42 HP, 153; 3. Enzminger, 1952 John Deere B, 26 HP, 163.9;

4. Eaton, 1953 John Deere 50, 30 HP, 146.6

3.5M 6 mph — 1. Rod Mack, Meridian, 1949 John Deere M, Chevy

V-6, 158.0 feet; 2. Keesler, 1952 Ford Funk, 6-cyl. Ford, 157.10

3.5M 10 mph — 1. Keesler, 1952 Ford Funk, 6-cyl. Ford, 174.2 feet;

2. Mack, 1949 John Deere M, Chevy V-6, 152.9

6C — Keith Morgan, Midvale, 1950 Oliver 77, 32 HP, 166.4 feet

6 LM — 1. Gary Regnani, Homedale, 1956 Cockshutt 40, 40 HP, full

pull; 2. Dirk Veenstra, Emmett, 1954 Fordson MajorD, 38 HP, 138.0

feet

6W — 1. Veenstra, 1954 Fordson MajorD, 38 HP, 201.3 feet; 2.

Regnani, 1956 Cockshutt 40, 40 HP, 183.0; 3. Morgan, 1950 Oliver 77,

32 HP, 169.11

Note — The Treasure Valley Antique Power Association pulling season returns to Homedale at 11 a.m. on May 28 with a 4-wheel-drive truck pull. Call Rod Mack at (208) 887-1494 for more information.

Right: Two 1950s-era John Deere tractors put on a show at the end of Saturday's competition with a tandem pull. Star's Gary Enzminger, left, on a 1952 John Deere B, and Boise's Gayle Eaton (1953 John Deere 50) teamed up to pull the sled 203 feet.

Homedale Boise Cascade employees rewarded for a safe year

Workers at the Boise Cascade plant in Homedale got a few hours off last Wednesday.

A "Safety Shutdown" was held for two hours on the day and swing shifts.

Plant manager Ron Wagstaff said holding a "Safety Shutdown" rewards workers for having a good safety record. He added that production at the plant was

good over the past 12 months as well.

Booths set up around the "Safety Shutdown" included a station for employees to pick up a new pair of steel-toe boots purchased by the company, a physical therapy station, a booth for workers to get new safety glasses, and lunch cooked by shift supervisor Tony Guzman.



Wearing a safety vest, Heather Martin of Homedale cuts cake during a "Safety Shutdown" to celebrate a good year at Boise Cascade's Homedale plant.



Luis Lopez of Caldwell (left) talks with Denise Giordano with Intermountain Physical Therapy and Hand Rehabilitation at a station with information on spine safety and stretching exercises.



Dallas LaFrance of Ontario, Ore., reads a pamphlet at one of the stations set up during last Wednesday's "Safety Shutdown" at Boise Cascade's Homedale plant.

Homedale baseball
returns to State

Avalanche Sports

Marsing's Heidt back
at 2A state meet

Homedale seeks another softball state title

Trojans tear through district tourney

Homedale High School cruised to the 3A District III softball championship behind dominant Dakota Kelly.

The Trojans seek to extend an 18-game

winning streak at 11 a.m. Thursday when they open defense of their 3A state championship at Ward Park in Pocatello against Bonners Ferry.

Homedale (23-2) captured the district's top seed in the eight-team state tournament field with an 8-0 rout of Emmett on Thursday in Weiser.

Two days after shutting down the host team with 11 strikeouts in a five-inning win that clinched a spot in the state tournament, Kelly struck out a season-high 15 against Emmett.

The three-hit shutout lowered her earned-run average to 1.09. Only one walk helped her drop her walk and hits-to-innings-

pitched ratio to 0.876.

Kelly reeled off six consecutive strikeouts after Emmett opened the game with a leadoff walk.

Senior center fielder Gardenia Machuca ripped doubles in the Trojans' two

— See *Softball*, page 17A

HHS baseball captures academic state title

Homedale High School's baseball team begins its quest for a second 2016 state championship Thursday. The Trojans already have won the academic title.

Varsity players compiled a 3.561 grade-point average to win the spring academic state title for Class 3A baseball teams.

Athletic director Casey Grove received word of the award from the Idaho High School Activities Association on Friday.

During the May 9 Homedale School District board of trustees meeting Grove announced the GPAs for all of the Trojans' spring varsity sports and congratulated students, coaches, teachers, parents and administrators for holding the student-athletes to a high standard.

Other team GPAs include:

- Girls' tennis — 3.745 (Sugar-Salem won the 3A/2A/1A title at 3.943)
- Girls' track and field — 3.65 (Sugar-Salem won at 3.73)
- Boys' tennis — 3.578 (Sugar-Salem won the 3A/2A/1A title at 3.8)
- Softball — 3.537 (Teton won at 3.723)
- Boys' track and field — 3.4 (Marsh Valley won at 3.496)
- Golf — 3.382 (Gooding won at 3.744)



Homedale senior Chase Martell watches his par putt roll toward the cup on No. 2 at River Bend Golf Course in Wilder last Wednesday. Martell saved par after his tee shot missed the green.

Trojans trample district field



Homedale senior Lawsen Matteson watches his shot fly off the first tee last Wednesday.

The only suspense in the 3A District III golf tournament came in the medalist competition.

Chase Martell shot 79 last Wednesday to lead Homedale High School to a runaway victory at River Bend Golf Course in Wilder.

"It was a great day for our boys' golf team," Trojans coach Casey Grove said. "Chase played the best 18 holes of the year for him. Noah (Freelove, who carded an 85) also stepped up and played very well."

Homedale won the district boys' golf championship and qualified for the 3A state tournament with a 65-stroke victory over Weiser.

The Wolverines also played as a team in the state tournament, which was held Monday and

Tuesday at River Birch Golf Course in Star.

Kaden Henry and Scott Matlock notched first-day 89s on Monday as Homedale sat fourth in the team standings.

Martell played in the No. 1 group for the district tournament. Fruitland freshman No. 1 Jake O'Neil won the district title with a 1-over-par 73.

One of the highlights of Martell's district tournament round was a chip from off the green and then a par-saving putt on the par-3 No. 2 hole.

Homedale finished at 350 with Henry at 92 and Matlock at 94 to round out the foursome. Senior Lawsen Matteson shot 100.

In the girls' tourney, Homedale's Emily Kent scored 126.

District champion Adrian sends 15 to State

Adrian High School will send a slew of athletes to the 1A Oregon state meet after sweeping the District 4 track and field team championships.

Senior Kylee Skerjanec was a winner three of the four events she entered Friday at Ontario High School as the Adrian girls' edged Joseph by seven points for the district championship.

Skerjanec's only non-win was a second-place mark of 32 feet, 2¾ inches in the triple jump. She won the high jump (5-2) and pole vault (9-6) and was part of the victorious 4x100-meter relay (54.29 seconds).

The Adrian boys had an easier road to the team championship, beating Crane by nearly 60 points.

Seniors Bryson Shira and Reagan Shira took part in three event championships apiece to highlight the effort.

Coach Aimee Esplin will take a dozen athletes to the state meet, which will be held Thursday and Friday at Hayward Field on the University of Oregon campus in Eugene.

Other district results from state meet qualifiers included:

Bryson Shira — 400 (1st, 51.07), 800 (1st, 2:06.73), long

— See *Adrian*, page 17A

Junior's championship leads Trojans' 22 state track invites

Carlie Sawyer pulled off the best triple jump of her career to lead a huge contingent of Homedale High School track and field state meet qualifiers.

The junior nailed a distance of 34 feet, 2¾ inches to win the 3A District III triple jump championship to best her previous personal best of 32-9 from the Homedale Invitational earlier this month.

Sawyer was the Trojans' highest finisher as coach Heidi Ankeny's girls' and boys' teams notched 22 berths into the Friday-Saturday 3A state meet at Middleton High School.

The coach was waiting to hear about at-large berths Monday at deadline to find out whether the boys' 4x400-meter relay team also made the field.

"We had a great showing at

district," Ankeny said. "In my four years here, I think it is safe to say, I have not seen so much determination in so many of our kids. They wanted to qualify for state and they did what it took to make it happen."

Sawyer has earned the right to compete in four events at the state meet, adding the long jump (fifth, 14-10), the 100 meters (third, 13.26 seconds) and a leg

of the sprint medley relay to her resume.

The top five finishers in individual events received passage into the state meet. The top two teams in each relay also qualified with the two next-fastest teams statewide receiving at-large bids.

Homedale's female athletes pulled off a few silver medals, including sophomores Ashley

Burks (33-9½ in the triple jump), Lainey Johnson (13.24 in the 100) and Eva Symms (discus, 107-6). Senior Elizabeth Vargas was second in the shot put with an effort of 35-1½.

"Our thrower girls put out some great effort and brought in a lot of points for us," Ankeny said.

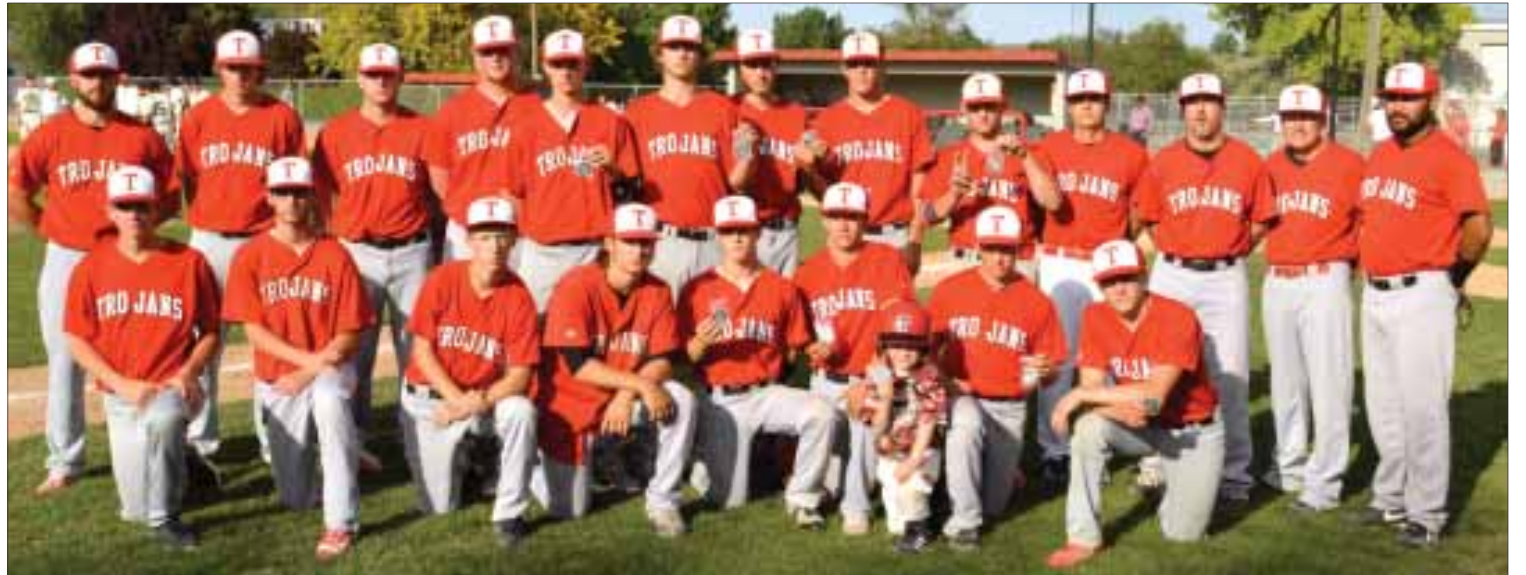
On the boys' side, senior Josh Tolmie will return to the state

— See *Track*, page 17A

Sports

Homedale back in baseball state tournament

Grizzlies hold off Trojans — again — for district title



Some Homedale baseball players show off their silver medals after the 3A District III final at John Jackson Field on Thursday.

As a lifelong fan and student of the sport, Burke Deal appreciates a classic baseball game.

The Homedale High School coach has seen his share of such contests this season, and even after a narrow 3A District III championship loss, Deal could still smile thinking of what lies ahead for the Trojans.

For the third time in as many 2016 clashes, archrivals Fruitland and Homedale played a one-run ballgame, and the Grizzlies prevailed, 2-1, at John Jackson Field on Thursday for the district title.

It was the second time in three years that Fruitland and Homedale played for the district championship, and Deal hopes it's not the last time the teams meet this season.

Homedale's road to a rematch begins at 10 a.m. Thursday at Elks Memorial Field in Ontario, Ore.

The Trojans (16-6) open their second 3A state tournament appearance in three seasons against Snake River (13-6) from Blackfoot. The tournament runs through Saturday at Treasure Valley Community College.

"If there's a game to win in the state tournament with these guys in it, it'll be the championship game," Deal said.

Homedale and Fruitland are on opposite sides of the tournament bracket and sit two victories each

away from a 4 p.m. Saturday showdown for the state championship.

Thursday's district final loss marked the second time since April 29 that Fruitland emerged victorious in a one-run game.

But, unlike their comeback in the 3A Snake River Valley conference game in Fruitland, the Trojans were unable to rally behind right-handed senior Connor Carter at home last week.

The Trojans left the bases loaded in the third inning after back-to-back two-out singles from Carter and John Collett.

Homedale was unable to capitalize in the fourth inning when Michael Lejardi doubled with two outs.

Fruitland pitchers Tracy Wheeler and Walker Whaley combined to throw perfect ball over the final 2 1/3 innings.

Homedale came back late against Fruitland in the two teams' regular-season finale. Last week, the Grizzlies turned the tables on the Trojans, scoring two runs in the bottom of the first inning to erase 1-0 deficit.

Carter and the Fruitland pitching duo engaged in a pitcher's duel the rest of the way.

Carter scattered nine hits, but allowed only four after giving up five consecutive base hits in the Grizzlies' two-run top of the first inning.

Homedale answered quickly against Wheeler when senior catcher Nash Johnson doubled with one out in the bottom of the inning. Inserted as a courtesy runner, Kendall Frelove later scored on John Collett's sacrifice fly.

Homedale used key defensive plays behind Carter to keep the game close. There was a double

play to end the third inning, and Collett threw a laser in from center field to discourage Casey Rodriguez's attempt to score on a sacrifice fly in the fifth inning. Carter then got his fifth strikeout to end the threat.

In the sixth, Carter pitched out of a bases-loaded jam.

May 10: Homedale 6, Emmett 1 — Frelove and Carter were right on top of one another as they crossed the plate on Drew Taylor's line-drive single into center field that sparked a game-breaking, third-inning rally.

The Trojans gave senior right-hander Collett some breathing room with a four-run uprising against Emmett starter Jacob Severance.

Johnson started the inning when he lined a single into center field. Frelove came in as a courtesy runner, and Carter drew the first

of three walks in the inning.

Taylor and Matt Thatcher scored unearned runs when Huskies shortstop Garrad Gregory threw the ball into center field on what would have been an inning-ending force play at second base.

The Homedale starting battery of Johnson behind the plate and Collett on the mound served the Trojans well.

Johnson started rallies throughout the day, going 3-for-4.

Collett wiggled out of early trouble and pitched around seven walks. He scattered two hits over 4 2/3 innings, and Carter picked up the save.

Emmett pushed a run across in the fifth inning. Gregory led off with a single and scored on a bases-loaded walk as Collett struggled with control. After Collett walked Severance to force in the run, Carter shut the door.

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Golf
Chase Martell, sr.
7-over 79 led Trojans to district title



Track and field
Carlie Sawyer, jr.
Triple jump district champ qualified for three state meet events



Softball
Dakota Kelly, so.
Two wins, 26 strikeouts in district title run



Baseball
Nash Johnson, sr.
Went 4-for-7 as Trojans split district games, reached state tourney



Tennis
Sarah Jones, jr.
Mixed doubles team qualified for State



Tennis
Orion Cardenas, sr.
Mixed doubles team qualified for State

Baseball
Varsity
3A state tournament
Elks Memorial Field, TVCC, Ontario, Ore.
Thursday, May 19 vs. Snake River, 10 a.m.
Friday, May 20, championship semifinal at 4 p.m. or consolation semifinal, 10 a.m.
Saturday, May 21, if necessary, 4 p.m., 1 p.m. or 10 a.m.
Junior varsity
3A Snake River Valley conference champion

Track and field
3A state championships
At Middleton H.S.
Friday-Saturday, May 20-21, 9 a.m. each day

Softball
Varsity
3A state tournament
Ward Park, Pocatello
Friday, May 20 vs. Bonners Ferry, 11 a.m.
If win: Friday, May 20, championship semifinal, 3 p.m.
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Sports

Melba's Volkers wins girls' 1,600 crown

Huskies' Heidt eligible for three events at 2A state

Cheylah Volkers made a name for herself in the cross country season. Friday, the Melba High School sophomore with Owyhee County ties backed up her earlier success.

Volkers reached her first 2A track and field state championship meet with a District III title in the 1,600 meters and a bronze medal in the 3,200.

The championship at New Plymouth last week wasn't the first gold medal this school year for Volkers. She won the district cross country championship in October and parlayed that into a 10th-place showing in the state meet.

Now, she'll head to Middleton High School to add on to her State resume.

Volkers ran a winning time of 5 minutes, 42.83 seconds in the 1,600. She shaved nearly 14 seconds off her New Plymouth Invitational time from eight days earlier, and her district championship time was just 1.12

seconds off her personal best.

She also will compete in the state final for the 3,200 after finishing third in the district meet at 12:51.84.

The top four finishers in each individual event at the district meet punched a ticket to the state meet.

Marsing senior Alexandre Heidt is returning to the state meet in three events.

He earned a district silver medal in the boys' long jump, soaring 19 feet, 8½ inches. Heidt finished third in the long jump at last year's state meet.

Heidt will return to the state meet for the sprints, too.

He finished third in the 100 at 11.56, and nabbed the fourth and final District III automatic berth in the 200 with a finish of 24.08.

Seth Cowger of Melba will move on to the state meet in the 800 after a third-place time of 2:06.51.

Marsing sophomore Landry Villa has an outside shot at two state meet berths. He finished fifth in the boys' 3,200 in 11:25.45, and he was sixth in the 1,600 (5:13.75).

According to the Idaho High School Activities Association state meet manual, the next best time statewide and the next best time among District III, District I-II, District V and District VI will make the state meet field.

Marsing junior Sam Galligan finished sixth in the boys' shot put with a throw of 38-5½.

MHS baseball fights until final out

In a fashion that quickly grew into the season's signature, Marsing High School went down swinging in its district baseball finale.

In a game that started slow and finished in a slugfest, the Huskies' last at-bat uprising fell short in a 13-12 loss to host New Plymouth on May 9 in a 2A District III Tournament elimination game.

The Huskies (6-16 overall) scored five runs in the top of the seventh inning as Dakota Hardy drilled a two-run double and Clay King laced a run-scoring single.

Umpires ruled that Brian Purtell was tagged out trying to stretch a single into a double before Jaden Kinney could score the tying run in the seventh.

The Huskies had scored five runs in the inning before the controversial ending. New Plymouth was able to get the first

two outs of the inning by turning Connor Rhodes' tapper back to the mound into a double play. Pilgrims' catcher Connor Buck stepped on the plate to force Dwight Sevy then threw to first to force Rhodes.

First-year Huskies coach Wes Tankersley said his team's tenacity shone through in both their district games.

"I just think that they've done a great job. I think they just learned the fact that they can be in any game and can beat any team," he said. "We played McCall for the first game of the tournament, and it was the same thing. They just kept fighting."

Marsing tied the score, 2-2, when Kinney scored on a passed ball with the bases loaded in the fourth inning.

The Pilgrims reclaimed the lead with four runs in the bottom

of the inning and answered every Marsing rally with a larger uprising the rest of the way.

Kinney finished with four RBI in his final three at-bats.

Hardy was 2-for-5 with two RBI, and King and Rhodes knocked in a pair apiece.

Boone Sevy scored twice as did Tyler Wood.

New Plymouth pulled out all the stops, throwing six pitchers — including three in the seventh inning — to salvage its season.

The way his team closed the season has Tankersley looking ahead to next spring.

The Huskies lose one senior to graduation (Connor Rhodes) and have a strong nucleus — led by incoming seniors Hardy, King and Riley Bryant — and some promising incoming freshmen.

"I think we'll be a team to be reckoned with," Tankersley said.

HHS doubles team reaches State

Homedale High School will have a presence in the 3A tennis state tournament.

Even though they had played together only one other time this season, senior Orion Cardenas and junior Sarah Jones battled to the fifth/sixth position in the 3A District III tournament Saturday in Parma.

The team was seeded fifth for the three-day tournament primarily by virtue of a victory over Fruitland's No. 2 mixed doubles team in the 3A Snake River Valley conference season finale, HHS coach Scott Michaelson said. That was the

first time Cardenas and Jones had stepped on the court as a team, and they beat the same two players Saturday to clinch the state berth.

The top six entries in each flight graduates from the district tournament into the state tournament. Michaelson said no fifth-place matches were played.

The duo's opening-round state tournament match will take place around 9:30 a.m. on Friday at Caldwell High School.

The state tournament will be played at Caldwell and Vallivue high schools Friday and Saturday

with all championship matches set at about 2 p.m. on Saturday at Vallivue.

Michaelson said No. 1 boys' singles player Ben Holloway, a junior, just missed qualifying for State.

The Trojans' No. 2 mixed doubles team (Makayla Kelly and Miller DeMark) came within one victory of earning a state tournament berth, the coach said.

Parma swept the district team championships, while Homedale finished fourth in both the boys' and girls' standings.

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MARSING HUSKIES Athletes of the Week



Baseball
Dakota Hardy, jr.
2-for-5, two RBI in district finale



Softball
Alicia Barkell, sr.
5-for-12, five runs, 10 RBI and a triple in three district games



Track and field
Alexandre Heidt, sr.
Silver in district long jump highlights three state meet berths

Baseball
Season complete, 6-16 record

Softball
Season complete, 4-16 record

Track and field
2A state championships
At Middleton H.S.

Friday, May 20, 100 and 200 preliminaries,
3:30 p.m. session
Saturday, May 21, long jump, 9 a.m.; 100 and
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Sports

NC's big fourth deep-sixes Marsing's softball season

Exchange student finishes strong for Huskies

Marsing High School put up a fight early on before Nampa Christian delivered knockout punch to the Huskies' softball season.

The Trojans took an initial step in what would become a state tournament bid with a 17-4 victory in a 2A District III Tournament loser-out game Friday in McCall.

Marsing (4-16) had the lead twice against Nampa Christian, including a 2-0 advantage after the first-half innings.

Italian exchange student Gaia Cascapera drew a bases-loaded walk, and another run scored when Louisa Metcalf reached on an error. Emma Heitz started the rally with a one-out single.

The Huskies took the lead again, 3-2, in the third inning. Alex Grant led off with a double and scored on Cascapera's base hit.

The Trojans took the lead for good with three runs in the bottom



Emma Heitz makes contact during Marsing's first-round game in New Plymouth against Nampa Christian. Photo by Dan Pease

of the third, and they slammed the door shut with 12 runs in the fourth after Marsing had crept back to within 5-4.

Cascapera completed her strong finish to the season with two RBI.

Alicia Barkell tripled home a run in the fourth inning. Hailee Bennett also had a single.

Thursday: Marsing 25, Cole Valley Christian 22 — Heitz's double brought home Barkell

with the go-ahead run during the Huskies' game-winning rally in the sixth inning.

Grant's triple followed Heitz's hit, and Metcalf's second single of the game capped the four-run uprising that extended the Huskies' season.

Marsing didn't trail in the slugfest until the Chargers scored three times in the fifth inning to forge a slim 22-21 advantage.

The Huskies broke the game open—for the first time—with eight runs in the second inning behind singles from Heitz, Bennett, and Adrianna Salutregui and two base hits off Cascapera's bat. She had three hits in the game.

Barkell highlighted a career-high seven RBI game by wiping the bases clean with a fourth-inning triple.

The Huskies' four-run rally was an immediate counterpoint to the Chargers, who had sent 13 batters to the plate and scored nine times in the bottom of the third inning to tie the score, 17-17.

Heitz went 4-for-6 with four RBI, and Angelina Noblett also had one of the Huskies' 17 hits.

Grant struck out eight while sharing pitching duties with Liz

Stanberry and Salutregui.

May 10: Nampa Christian 12, Marsing 6 — The Huskies climbed back into the district tourney opener with a big fifth inning, but couldn't overcome the Trojans' larger rally in the sixth.

Nampa Christian extended a 6-4 lead with a six-run outburst fueled by four singles, two walks and a hit batter.

Marsing cut into the Trojans' 6-0 lead with a two-out explosion in the fifth inning. Heitz drilled a two-run single, Barkell preceded her with a run-scoring hit, and Bennett ripped an RBI double. Liz Stanberry was hit by a pitch to lead off the inning, Rebecca George drew a two-out walk to keep the rally going.

Grant came through with an RBI double in the seventh inning and she broke away from a rundown and scored from second base on Bennett's grounder to the third baseman.

Noblett was 1-for-3.

Alli Byron led Nampa Christian from the plate and the pitching circle. She was 2-for-2 with a double, triple and four RBI.

She got the win with nine strikeouts.

✓ Adrian: Antelopes sweep District 4 team championships in Ontario

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jump (2nd, 19-7¼) and 4x400 relay (3:36.64)

Reagan Shira — 300 hurdles (1st, 40.8), triple jump (1st, 44-1½), 4x400 relay, and 110 hurdles (2nd, 15.26).

Wes White, jr. — 100 (1st, 11.57), 4x400 relay, 200 (2nd, 23.66), and 400

(2nd, 52.21)

Morgan Bayes, so. — 100 hurdles (1st, 17.88), 300 hurdles (1st, 48.57), 200 (2nd, 28.13), and 4x100 relay

Drake Wilson, jr. — Shot put champion at 39-7

Roby Young, fr. — 400 (2nd, 1:04.36), and 4x400 relay (2nd, 4:35.5)

Lauren Barraza, jr. — 3,000 meters (2nd, 12 minutes, 19.71 seconds)

James Ellsworth, fr. — 1,500 meters (2nd, 4:48.64)

Pau Roget, jr. — 4x400, and 400 meters (3rd, 53.98)

Mike Griffin, jr. — Triple jump (3rd, 41-5), and 300 hurdles (3rd, 44.10)

Shayla Griffin, fr. — 200 (3rd, 28.16), 400 (3rd, 1:06.19), 4x100 relay, and 4x400 relay

Selina Villarreal, jr. — High jump (3rd, 5-0), 4x100 relay, and 4x400 relay

Sadey Speelmon, fr. — 4x400 relay

Eduardo Muñoz, so. — Triple jump (4th, 39-½)

✓ Softball: Trojans take aim at second straight 3A state championship

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run-scoring rallies.

She led off the second with a looping extra-base hit into center field and scored the game's first run on a double steal with Allison Shenk, who singled behind Machuca.

Shenk scored on a two-base error later in the inning.

Machuca doubled again to ignite

the Trojans' six-run fifth inning. Tristan Corta, Rian Beebe and Sydnee Shanley also pounded doubles in the uprising.

Corta knocked in two runs, while Machuca finished 3-for-3. Kelly, Shanley and Sophie Nash were 2-for-4, and Nash had an RBI in the sixth.

May 10: Homedale 10, Weiser 0 (5) — Kelly allowed just one ball

out of the infield as the Trojans beat the tourney hosts for a state berth.

Homedale wasted little time in taking control, scoring four times in the top of the first inning.

Sophie Nash was 3-for-3 and reached base in all four at-bats. She, Kelly, Beebe and Megan Maxwell knocked in two runs each.

The Wolverines got just three balls in the air — a popout to first

baseman Makayla Aberasturi and singles in the fourth and fifth innings.

Katie Davis broke up Kelly's no-hit bid with a leadoff single in the fourth inning. The sophomore right-hander walked a batter and gave up a single with two outs in the fifth inning before recording her 11th strikeout to end the game.

Kelly struck out seven of the

first nine batters she faced and allowed just three baserunners.

Seniors Corta and Aberasturi had the biggest hits of the Trojans' 13-hit attack.

Corta led off the game with a double and scored on Kendall Nash's base hit.

Aberasturi tripled with one out in the fifth inning and scored on one of Weiser's four errors.

✓ Track: Lainey Johnson makes heavy workload pay off with four berths

From Page 14A
meet after a couple of second-place finishes.

He won a silver in the 400 with a time of 53.36, and he ran a leg in the Trojans' 4x200 relay team. Tolmie teamed with Jordan Van Es, Julian Hartmann and Jacob Furlott for a second-place time of 1 minute, 34.64 seconds.

The quartet finished second to qualify for the state meet.

Furlott was scratched from the 200 because he is nursing a leg injury.

"His 100 time suffered because it was right after the 4 x 200 relay, and he was hurting," Ankeny

said.

Senior Richard Symms finished second in the boys' discus with a throw of 141-5, and he'll finish his high school career in the state meet.

The girls' sprint medley team earned a trip to Middleton with a second-place district finish. Lexie Doss and Burks ran 100-meter legs, Sawyer handled 200 duties, and Johnson finished the race with a 400. The team posted a time of 1:55.43.

Johnson ran another 400, this time on her own, and qualified for the state meet with a third-place time of 1:03.47.

"Lainey Johnson also showed some guts in her races," Ankeny said. "Running three prelims and a relay the first day and then three finals the second day is exhausting, but she pulled through and qualified for State in all four of her events."

Burks collected another berth in the girls' state meet with a third-place finish in the district long jump. She posted a distance of 15-8¼.

Richard Symms and Hartmann collected third-place finishes in field events, earning another chance at glory in the state meet. Symms fired the shot put 42-

11 for a district bronze, while Hartmann — an exchange student from Switzerland — added to his American experience with a second state meet berth. He was third in the district long jump at 19-9.

Several HHS girls were able to reach the state tournament with fourth-place finishes in district events.

Eva Symms will compete in two events after finishing fourth in the shot put last week. Her top mark was 33-6½.

Another sophomore girl, Ember Christensen, picked up the first of two state meet berths with a

fourth-place distance of 14-10¼ in the long jump.

Christensen also finished fifth in the 300 hurdles (52.55).

"We were so impressed with Ember Christensen and her drive to first make the finals and then to qualify for State," Ankeny said.

Other athletes finishing fifth in district events (and picking up the last possible state berth in the disciplines) were Johnson in the girls' 200 (27.65), junior Carli Swallow in the throws (shot put, 33-3; discus, 96-0), and sophomore Max Mertz in the boys' triple jump at 38-2.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense First Dance



I danced with another woman tonight
My wife didn't seem to mind.
We took to the floor like a pair of swans
That fate forever entwined.

Leaving our wake through the dancers who flowed
Like notes in search of a song
We tested our two-step, tried out a waltz
and laughed when something went wrong!

I led and she followed, trusting each step,
Spurred by the beat of the band
Like birds taking wing the very first time,
It helps ... to hold someone's hand.

Although I had known this woman before
I'd thought of her as a child
But there on the dance floor, arm 'round her waist,
I found my heart was beguiled.

For her a window had opened. I was there,
I'm eternally glad.
The rest of my life I'll remember
The first night she danced with her dad.

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Letters to the editor

District 23A: Zito grateful for campaigning experience

It has been a privilege and an amazing honor to travel our legislative district this election cycle. Our district is as amazing as it is diverse.

We have beautiful pine tree-covered hills, rugged mountains, and breathtaking canyons. We have flat, fertile farm ground, sage-covered grazing lands, and beautiful waterways.

The people of our district are just as wonderful. We, the people of Idaho, are strong and independent. When I shake hands with you as I travel the district, please know that I listen and take your words and opinions as something very important. You deserve to be represented in a way that shows respect to who you are.

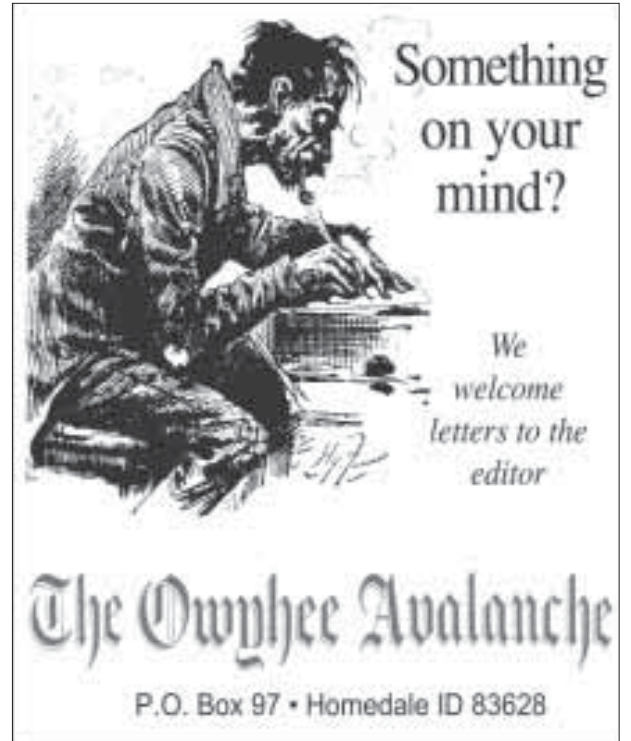
I have listened to your concerns, hopes, dreams and vision for the future that we will create for our children and grandchildren. I see the opportunity of representing you as a sacred trust. If I have earned that trust, I will work tirelessly to represent you.

Thank you again.
Christy Zito
Hammett

Letter-writer: Wills poisoned trust with SB 1389 vote

Rep. Richard Wills, District 23, voted against SB 1389 "Concealed Carry." In a May 4, 2016 letter to editor in The Owyhee Avalanche, he stated, "I believe it an unwise practice to allow anyone to carry a concealed weapon without a background check and training."

The Second Amendment clearly states "the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." Rep. Wills took an oath of office in which he promised to protect the U.S. Constitution and the Second Amendment. Then recently he voted against SB 1389 to infringe upon and limit Idahoans guaranteed Second Amendment rights. As the representative for Idaho, District 23, it is Rep. Wills' job to protect our Constitutional rights as written, not interpret



what he believes to be good for us.

Rich Wills defiled his oath of office and poisoned my trust in his leadership by voting to infringe the Constitutional rights of Idaho citizens. Rich Wills has been in office for 14 years, and he should know that both Democrats and Republicans in Idaho cherish Second Amendment rights. In my heart, I don't believe that most people were against SB 1389 "Concealed Carry" as Mr. Wills stated. I believe he was dishonest about that, and the fact remains that Rep. Wills voted against SB 1389 "permit-less carry," which was a vote for more government control over Idahoans.

Rep. Wills is a career politician whose 14 years in office has apparently made him calloused towards his constituency and it's time he moved on. When politicians first begin a political career, I believe they are motivated to perform good for the people, but over time they become entrapped by the system, cronyism, and they lose track to whom they owe their loyalty.

Charlie Swearingen
Melba

Federal government in West

Cooperation, not collaboration, appropriate for feds in West

by Michael Hanley IV

Open letter to Sally Jewell, Secretary of the Interior:

It was reassuring to have the Secretary of the Interior visit Harney County in a time of healing and opening a new path for management of public lands in the West.

However, you missed the point in your announcement that a new approach to management was being initiated, termed "collaboration," which would improve the process.

In this politically correct era, we've been informed that words matter. They can be "hurtful," "stressful" and



destructive.

I recall that at the end of World War II, citizens of Paris, France, and other European countries dealt harshly with collaborators who aided the Nazis. There had to be more to my understanding of the word. Webster's put me straight. A collaborationist was the European culprit while your application means to work together to come to a literary or scientific conclusion. Being skeptical, I question, "Who decides what is scientific?"

That question has led to many lawsuits and "hurtful" actions that have either directly or indirectly led to the reason you came to Harney County.

I won't dispute the statement that it was going to cost \$6 million to repair damage at the Malheur refuge headquarters. I note that part of the cost was emotional damage done to government employees and their families.

What about stress created with the threat of a 2.5 million-acre monument in neighboring Malheur County that has

potential to destroy the economic and social structure of the county? Upon research, I found the name Malheur was given by French trappers who suffered after consuming beaver tails laced with hemlock. The word, which means "bad or evil hour," is fitting because the refuge and county bearing the name are and have suffered bad hours.

Oh yes, what about the suffering of Harney County's Hammond family, and their men folk languishing in a federal prison because of misunderstanding and "hurtful" application of the law?

In closing, I believe your approach to collaboration, in the politically correct sense, could be "hurtful, stressful and destructive." I hope I'm wrong and believe management would be better served with a different word ... "cooperation."

— Hanley is a rancher, author and historian who lives in Jordan Valley.

Unnecessary Canyonlands monument ignores local voices

by Linda Bentz

My family has lived and worked in Southeast Oregon since the 1800s. We are people of the land and for the land. Our businesses have worked hand-in-hand with the Bureau of Land Management, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and Oregon Department of State Lands to care for this land since the agencies

were created.

With our intimate knowledge of the lands, we assist in reporting, locating and fighting rangeland fires and helping with search-and-rescue missions. Our goal for our own land and the public's land is to maintain a healthy viable sagebrush ecosystem in the high desert of southeast Oregon.

Now, all of this may come to an end. An outdoor clothing corporation and special interest groups have proclaimed 2.5 million acres in Southeast Oregon as "unprotected" in their campaign to pressure President Obama to turn the land into a monument.

— See *Canyonlands*, Page 19A



Commentary

Financial management

Fees double-dip make annuities bad retirement option

Dear Dave,
Are annuities good for long-term retirement?
— Quincy

Dear Quincy,
The short answer is no. There might be a rare exception when I'd use a variable annuity — which is a mutual fund inside of an annuity — but as a rule I don't use annuities. And I certainly don't use fixed annuities for anything, because they're just crap. Basically, they're a CD with a huge set of fees. It's just an insurance agent's product, really.

The place for variable annuities might be when you've got everything else maxed out and your house is paid off. If you've reached that point, you can talk to your advisor about some of the possible benefits of a variable annuity. You can leave a

beneficiary on it, so that it passes outside of probate, and you've got some principle guarantees and return guarantees that are decent. The returns are a little lower, though, because you'll get hit with both the annuity fee and the mutual fund fee.

So, by and large the answer is no for most people, because they don't have their house paid off and aren't maxing out all other retirement options. If you're doing all that, and you want to do something in this area, then I might think about it.

Dear Dave,
I've had a judgment filed against me for an old, unpaid medical bill. The original amount was \$2,500, but now it has increased to \$3,200. Can I negotiate this with the lawyer? I've asked him for a detailed statement of the account



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several times, but all I've gotten is a payment booklet.

Dear Bill,
When it comes to paying off bills or debt, you should always pay what's owed if you have the

money. There's a moral, as well as legal, responsibility involved. That being said, if you don't have \$3,200, offer him whatever you've got — \$2,000 or the original \$2,500 as a settlement. Make sure he understands that you're not offering to pay the amount you have on the debt, but that it's being offered as settlement in full if the debt is cleared.

The reason you haven't gotten what you've asked for so far is you may have been talking to some low-level staffer or paralegal. If you have been talking directly to the lawyer, then he's probably running a small debt collections or debt lawsuit machine. That means you're just one of dozens of widgets coming down the line. To you, this is very personal. But to him, you're just another account. You might have to do something to get his attention and wake him up.

If this is the case, he probably

gets a piece of whatever he collects. So, if he gets a third of \$2,000 or \$2,500 it might make his house payment this month. You could talk to the hospital administrator, too, and let them know you'll bring a couple thousand down there today if they'll accept it as payment in full. At this point, you've just got to do something to get off the conveyor belt!

— 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.

✓ Canyonlands: Oregonians agree there is enough protection already

From Page 18A

To call this public land "unprotected" is like saying the land in downtown Portland has no zoning code.

The Owyhee Canyonlands along the Idaho-Oregon-Nevada border and the water and wildlife that run through it enjoy protections from more than seven layers of local, state and federal government and is actively managed by professional resource managers employed by the three state or federal agencies.

The protections include at least five federal acts (Taylor Grazing Act of 1934, National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, Endangered Species Act of 1973, Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979) and three land-use plans (FLPMA, Southeastern Oregon Resource Management Plan of 2002 and Oregon Greater Sage-Grouse Approved Resource Management Plan of 2015).

When likely Oregon voters were told in a recent poll

about the existing protections and plans in place for these lands, 61 percent said the Owyhee Canyonlands has enough protection.

This monument declaration doesn't offer further protection. It's more an act of exclusion.

Once a monument is declared, public lands become less accessible not more. It would restrict road maintenance, and that would inhibit search-and-rescue and firefighting operations. It would also restrict ranchers' ability to care for the land under their grazing permits, limiting our ability to maintain water sources and reservoirs that benefit all wildlife.

The monument would limit access for people who are not aggressive hikers, especially the elderly, handicapped and veterans. Those who enjoy hunting, fishing, rafting and viewing birds, wildlife and wildflowers in the Canyonlands area will also be greatly restricted.

Special interest groups are urging President Obama to

act alone under the Antiquities Act of 1906 to cut Congress and our community out of this decision. But their agenda runs counter to the voice of Oregonians across the state, from Malheur County to Multnomah County.

At the ballot in March, 90 percent of Malheur County voters opposed the idea.

In the poll of likely Multnomah County voters, 69 percent agreed that Congress should get a voice in the decision.

Polls show the feeling is the same in urban and rural Oregon. This land belongs to everyone — not just members of select interest groups. We all deserve a voice in the future of our land. This is an extreme overreach of presidential power. The people of the Oregon need to stand and be heard from Malheur County to Multnomah County. It is our land and our voice.

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

May 22, 1991

Melban to lead FFA officers next year

On Monday, May 13th, the Boise Valley FFA District held their annual awards ceremony at Nampa High School. On this night, the new 1991-92 officers were installed. They are: Jeff Davis, Melba, President; Renee Burton, Meridian, Vice President; Misty Burrows, Middleton, Secretary; Kelly Simper, Rimrock, Treasurer; Jennifer Smith, Kuna, Reporter; Alayna Malmberg, Marsing, Sentinel; and the Advisor will be Mr. Joe Blackstock from the Kuna chapter.

Lee Van Schoiack from the Melba Chapter received the Agricultural Electrification Proficiency award. Jeff Davis was also the third place winner of the Canyon County Soil Conservation District Essay contest.

School board okays Channel One

The Homedale School Board gave the go-ahead May 13 to Channel One. The action will allow a Tennessee-based broadcasting company to beam news, features and commercials on television equipment it supplies free of charge into high school classrooms here for mandatory viewing by students for 12 minutes a school day for a minimum three years.

HSB Chairman Dick Freund cast the deciding vote in favor of Channel One after a tie vote by other board members. Trustees Frank Haylett and Doug Stowell supported it, with Trustees Ron Geertson and Petra Rose opposing it.

"Thanks a lot, this is wonderful," Freund joked uncomfortably to fellow board members when it became clear his vote as presiding officer would be decisive, Freund expressed a belief that all news is "biased" – one of several factors that had been raised by one trustee, Geertson, during discussion before the vote. But Freund went on to announce he was voting for it because the school district will "have the option of getting rid of the equipment if it doesn't work out."

Rose appeared the most troubled in reaching a decision, saying she wished the (faculty) staff had been consulted. She also said she would like to see more stress on the significant news by individual teachers "rather than try to squeeze this in" for students.

HHS is state baseball champion

Homedale High's snappy baseball players overcame weather, a suddenly switched playing field and sluggish starts in order to win the Idaho State A-3/A-4 Championship for the hometown for the first time ever on Saturday at Adrian.

The multi-talented team ended their season with an undefeated 25-0 record under rookie Head Coach Will Julian following their 15-8 victory over Wilder in the semifinals and 7-3 win over Kendrick for the championship.

Rick Zehr, the junior who came on as relief pitcher in both games and was 4-for-8 at the plate with two RBI for the day, was named the tournament's MVP. But senior Kevin Alambra's grand slam homers in both games also won widespread applause, coming at key junctures.

Against Wilder in a see-saw game into the bottom of the 5th inning, Homedale pulled ahead 7-6 when Frank Hendry was walked home with the bases loaded, bringing Alambra to the plate to whack his first base-sweeper. Josh Hays followed with an over-the-fence four-bagger of his own in the deep Adrian ballpark, and the suddenly boosted 12-6 lead tucked the game away for keeps for the Trojans.

Jump Creek concerns discussed at meeting

Bureau of Land Management personnel met with local leaders last Tuesday, May 14, to discuss concerns at the Jump Creek campgrounds. Marsing Councilman Harvey Grimme, Homedale Mayor Paul Fink, and other Homedale councilmen were in attendance at Marsing City Hall.

Litter, vandalism, and firearms were the big concerns the BLM had and they would like to put ordinances into effect to alleviate the problems. They would like to see the campground closed after 11:00 p.m. with no alcohol or firearms allowed on the premises.

They would like to see Jump Creek become a State park and they will be meeting later to discuss the issue further.

50 years ago

May 19, 1966

Theme of 1966 Fair Parade: 'How the West was Won'

Prize money amounting to \$300 will be offered to float winners in the Owyhee County Fair Parade this year. The downtown parade, which is the climatic event of the four-day Fair will be held Saturday, Aug. 20. Theme will be, "How the West was Won."

Members of the Alpha Omega Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi, will supervise and direct the parade activities with Mrs. Bryce Peterson serving as the general chairman.

Others named to various committees are: Mrs. Max Orr and Mrs. Harold Curt, Fair Queen contest; Mrs. Bill Blackman and Mrs. James Barayasarra, schools; Mrs. Roman Usabel and Leona O'Neal, church division; Mrs. Ellen Dines in charge of the commercial entries in Marsing, Mrs. George Murray for Homedale and Mrs. John Jayo for the Grand View and Bruneau districts also for the commercial division; Mrs. Bryce Peterson, publicity; Mrs. Frank Haylett, Mrs. Bill Ferguson and Mrs. Bob Cook, organizations; Mrs. Leonard Flahiff, judges and special attractions; Mrs. Don Schaeffer and Mrs. Junior Uranga, the Alpha Omega float entry.

Besides the prize money being offered there will also be trophies awarded by the fair board for the grand sweepstakes winner. Also, a trophy will be given by the Alpha Omega chapter for the float that best portrays the parade theme.

Edward F. Mink resigns Owyhee Co. agent post

The resignation of Edward F. Mink as County Agent for Owyhee County was announced this week by Kenneth Downing, Chairman for the Owyhee County Commissioners.

Mr. Mink has been assigned as County Extension Agent in Idaho County, at Grangeville, and will report for duty there June 13.

He has served in Owyhee County since May 27, 1957 as second agent under Ralph Samson, until Samson's departure in 1959, then stepping up as the head.

Jr. High Band participates in Dist. 3 festival

Members of the Junior High band took part in the recent District 3 Music Festival at Emmett with Duane Root directing.

Solo numbers were played by Carey Inouye and Gary Vance, trumpet; Tim Davidson, trombone, and Debra McPherson, Bonnie Takasugi, Rhonda Lineberger, Sharon Fodge and Carey Inouye, piano.

Band members besides the above are: Jeanne Louder, Ellen Van Slyke, Cindy Yost and Theresa Kiemele, flutes; Patti Bell, Linda Morris, Gary Yamamoto, LeAnda Johnstone, Patricia Chadez, Lynda Schaub, Tonjia Hill, Teila Hill, Kristie Kent, Clifford Brummett, Mitch Bicandi and Brent Christoffersen, clarinets; Ralph Matteson, bass clarinet; Leora Zanks, contra bass clarinet; Melani Lootens, Donna Basey and Pam Crain, alto sax; Kristy Eachus, tenor sax; Linda Basey, baritone sax; Robbie Paxton, Ray Eiguren, Dennis Tanikuni, Harry Zanks and Danny Duke, cornets; Sally Cantrall and Sheri Nelson, French horns; Tim Davison and Jerry Jackson, trombones; Craig Curtis and Robert Troxel, baritones; Tom Wilson, tuba; Virginia Phelps, Richard Wharton, Joni Uda, Cynthia Troxel and Chris Miller, percussion.

High school news

Cliff Eidemiller was awarded a plaque honoring him as the Outstanding Junior Student at Homedale High School. The plaque with Cliff's name engraved on it will remain at the school but he will also receive a trophy.

The special award was instituted by the Class of 1966 in memory of Ann Van Slyke. Selection was made by the school faculty and a representative of the Kiwanis club.

Homedale locals

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Taylor spent Mothers Day weekend visiting Mr. Taylor's sister, Mr. and Mrs. William Jenkins in Union Gap, Wash. They also visited a niece, Mrs. Betty Hein of Zillah, Wash.

140 years ago

May 20, 1876

MR. PATTERSON, one of the Territorial Delegates in Congress, recently made a speech, of which the following is an extract:

If there is any measure that will be popular with the people of the Territories, it is that measure which will give to them as their officers their own citizens. They feel that it is bad enough to live under officers in whose appointment they have no voice. More especially do they feel it to be an imposition and outrage to have men sent to the Territories to take charge of and control their interests who have no interest whatever in the welfare of the Territory so far as it will redound to their profit. I know as a fact that in one of the Territories there is now an individual holding the high position of Supreme Judge who, when he received the appointment, was holding the office of a mere Justice of the Peace in the State of Pennsylvania. I have seen the evil effects of sending men from outside States and Territories to control our affairs, more especially in the matter of Judges than anything else. Each Territory has its own judicial system. Very frequently men are sent there to act as Judges with no judicial capacity in the first place and then with no experience whatever in the particular judicial system that is existing in the Territories. The result of that has been that for years the whole judicial system is in a chaos; cases pending in the courts are determined ill advisedly; they are not and cannot be properly considered.

THE MAIL SERVICE from Winnemucca – The Silver State has some sensible comments upon the stupidity and ignorance of Postal Agent Underwood in recommending the cutting down of the mail service between Winnemucca and Owyhee. The Nevada Senators also come in for a share of attention in the following extract:

Our Senators from Nevada made no effort to prevent it. The break in the stock market absorbed Sharon's attention, and Jones' mind also was occupied with his sixty-four column speech on the silver bill, in which he advanced no new ideas, but smothered an old one in his futile attempts to conceal it, that he had no time to attend to a matter of so little consequence to a millionaire as a mail route. Fortunately, the contemplated reduction of the mail service over the routes mentioned affected Idaho and Oregon. Were it not for this circumstance, in all probability the mail service between Winnemucca and Boise City would be reduced to tri-weekly. Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, explained the situation to the Postmaster General, who, at his instance, declined to approve the special agent's recommendation. To a Senator from Oregon we are, therefore, indebted for a continuation of the daily mail to Idaho. Hereafter, let us hope, that when a non-resident has to be elected to the United States Senate from Nevada, he will be chosen from Oregon instead of California.

CHICAGO, NOT TO be outdone by St. Louis, is now luxuriating in the novelty of having two Mayors. Hoyne, the gentleman who was elected to the office by an immense majority and represents the respectable element of the population, is confronted by the usurper Colvin, who, having filled the position for the past two years, claims the right to hold on longer. He is backed up by all the scalawags, dead beats, bummers, thugs, thieves, robbers, pimps and official plunderers to be found in the city, and their name is legion. It is an interesting fight and daily grows more lively. If Hoyne is the man we have always supposed he was, be will, with as little ceremony as possible, constitute himself a committee of one, march to the Mayor's office, take old Colvin by the nape of the neck and coupled by a vigorous use of shoe leather, eject the usurper from the position he has used to further the claims and interests of the rag-tag and bob-tail clement of that misgoverned city.

NEXT SATURDAY being the last day of publication for this month the carrier of the Avalanche will collect from city subscribers the sum of fifty cents each — the amount charged per month for the paper which also includes its delivery at the subscribers' residence or place of business.

Public notices

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** sets forth ---

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

BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

A public meeting will be held on June 15, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the annex building of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 17069 Basey St. in Murphy, Idaho. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear public comments on the proposed color-coded road categorization on the RS2477 right of way quadrangle maps within portions of the following townships and ranges:

S ½ of 02N04W; 01N04W; 01S04W; 02S04W; 03S04W; 01N03W; 01S03W; 02S03W; 03S03W; 04S03W; 05S03W; 06S03W; 07S03W; N ½ N ½ of 08S03W; S ½ S ½ of 03S02W; 04S02W; 05S02W; 06S02W; 07S02W; 08S02W; N ½ of 09S02W; 05S01W; 06S01W; 07S01W; N ½ N ½ of 08S01W; 05S01E; 06S01E; W ½ W ½ of 07S01E; NWNW ¼ of 08S01E; W ½ W ½ of 05S02E; and W ½ W ½ of 06S02E.

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

- 5:00 pm.
5/18;6/8/16

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

INVITATION TO BID NOCWMA of Owyhee Conservation District

NOCWMA invites chemical suppliers to bid for 2016 chemical weed management contract. Interested bidders should call Owyhee Conservation District at 208-896-4544 or Email gina.millard@id.nacdn.net Call for chemical list and bid requirements. Application deadline May 31, 2016

5/18,25/16

LEIN SALE

June 7, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at 9048 Hwy 78, Melba, ID 83641. 2000 Kia Sephia Vin# KNAFB1212Y5862213
5/18,25/16

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

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Tuesday, the 6th day of September, 2016, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m. of said day in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, Ryan M. Fawcett, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

This parcel is a portion of the Northeast Quarter Northwest Quarter of Section 15, Township 3 North, Range 5 West of the Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho and is more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the Northeast corner of said Northeast Quarter Northwest Quarter;

Thence South 00°35'42" East along the East boundary of said Northeast Quarter Northwest Quarter a distance of 968.43 feet;

Thence North 81°12'40" West (of record North 81°12'40" West) a distance of 328.01 feet;

Thence North 00°35'42" West parallel with the East boundary of said Northeast Quarter Northwest Quarter a distance of 284.07 feet;

Thence South 77°59'36" East (of record South 77°59'35" East) a distance of 270.13 feet to a point which lies 60.00 feet West of the East boundary of said Northeast Quarter Northwest Quarter;

Thence North 00°35'42" West parallel with the East boundary of said Northeast Quarter Northwest Quarter a distance of 690.07 feet (formerly shown as 690.70) to a point on the North boundary of said Northeast Quarter Northwest Quarter;

Thence North 89°39'17" East along said North boundary a distance of 60.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING,

RESERVING THEREFROM a 60.00 foot wide ingress-egress and utility easement along the East boundary, a 30.00 foot wide ingress-egress and utility easement along the South boundary.

The Successor Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 3767 Hidden View Ln., Homedale, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without

covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by DARREN OLDENBERG and ROSE OLDENBERG, Husband and Wife, Grantor, to Ryan M. Fawcett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION, recorded April 18, 2007, as Instrument No. 260637, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTOR IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506 (4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.


The default for which this sale is to be made is (1) the failure to pay when due, monthly installment payments under the Deed of Trust Note dated April 16, 2007, in the amount of \$1,075.00 each, for the months of February through April, 2016, inclusive; and for each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reimbursement; and (2) the failure to occupy the premises as required by the Addendum to the Deed of Trust. All delinquent payments are now due, plus accumulated late charges, plus any costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure. The accrued interest is at the rate of 5.95% per annum from January 1, 2016. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by

said Deed of Trust is \$140,769.00, plus accrued interest at the rate of 5.95% per annum from January 1, 2016.

DATED This 6th day of May, 2016.


RYAN M. FAWCETT, a Member of the Idaho State Bar, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE
5/18,25;6/1,8/16

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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.

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Idaho Ave. paint part of ITD planning

Paint markings along Idaho Avenue in Homedale are signs of a long-term planning by the Idaho Transportation Department.

Homedale public works supervisor Bret Smith enlightened the city council on the street markings during last Wednesday's meeting.

"ITD is doing soil samples next week and that's in long-term preparation for a project, like a

five-year thing for reconstruction on (Idaho highway) 19 and in town, but that's all on a very tentative schedule," Smith said.

ITD's other project in Homedale, the Succor Creek bridge replacement contracted to Knife River Construction, has yet to begin. The state agency hasn't made any announcements on when work may start.

Smith said that heavy rainfall on May 6-7 didn't damage city streets.

"We did have some drains that were overwhelmed for a time, but that's just due to the massive amount of water that dropped," he said.

Repair work began Thursday at the city swimming pool, Smith said. The project will take several days to complete, and pool opening is set for the first of June.

Resident Michael Aebischer

told the council he was disappointed that no one showed up to watch the community movie on May 7, the same day as Angel Walk. He clarified that the city paid the license to show "Cars."

Mike Aebischer told the council he was disappointed that nobody showed up to watch the movie.

"I'm going to try to do something different in the future with the city," Aebischer said. "It was just too much of a day for everybody. A lot of the kids were pooped out from the walk."

Councilman Steve Atkins said he would also like to give the idea of showing a community movie another shot.

"I think maybe get some input from the citizens on what they might like to see, and a date and time that might work for them," Atkins said.

Homedale FFA installs new officers

by Tanis Lentfer
Chapter reporter

The Homedale FFA chapter wrapped up its year with the annual banquet.

More than 150 people attended the April 20 event to see scholarships awarded and degrees and pins handed out. Members received special awards to recognize their year's work, too.

The new 2016-17 officer team was installed, including president Riley Haun, vice-president Krista Mayer, secretary Tylee McKay, treasurer Jessie Packer, reporter Tanis Lentfer, co-historians Lindsey McRae and Cobey Christofferson, parliamentarian Lauryn Fisher and sentinel Wyatt Dorsey.

The entire Idaho FFA state officer delegation attended to greet members and guests and commend Homedale FFA on a year of great success.

Awards included:

Discovery Degree — Maggie Johnson, Juliette Larzelier, Gracie Dines, Weston Dorsey, Delaney Dorsey.

Greenhand Degree — Megan Bauer, Alexander Beckman, Gunnar Campbell, Amaya Carter, Paige Carter, Ethan Chase, Nathan Cornwall, Bennett Holt, TJ Hopson, Izaiah Lopez, Quinn Mikelson, Sophia Nash, Robert Nix, Jaegar Rose, Jenna Rupp, Isabella Tamura, Janae Volk, Clayton Wolfe, Kari Wood

Star Greenhand — Isabella Tamura for production, Ben Holt for placement

Chapter Degree — Anthony Beckman, Ashley Burks, Lindsey Burks, Cobey Christofferson, Kaylee Dewitt, Wyatt Dorsey, Lauryn Fisher, Megan Houser, Dakota Kelly, Payton Kerbs, Tanis Lentfer, Krista Mayer, Lyndsey McRae, Tylee McKay, Kendall Nash, Meryssa Oakley, Jesse Packer, Jordan Packer, Lyndsey Salutregui, Allison Shenk, Kayden Turner, Wyatt Wolfe

Star Chapter — Lauryn Fisher for production, Kaden Turner for placement

Doing to Learn Award — Tanis Lentfer

State Star Farmer — Riley Haun

State Degrees — Trace Cline, Wylee Cooper, Ryan Crifffield,

Hanna Estes, Riley Haun

Top Shop Student — Wylee Cooper

Proficiency awards included:
Ag Services — Trace Cline, which follows up a gold emblem for his proficiency award last year.

Sheep Production — Devin Fisher, state level, and Madi Fisher

Ag Communications — Michael Lejardi

Ag Sales — Justine Rose

Beef Proficiency — Wyatt Wolfe

Diversified Ag — Lyndsey McRae

Diversified Livestock — Lauren Fisher

Equine Science — Hanna Estes

Forage — Ryan Crifffield

Poultry — Anthony Beckman

Vet Science — Wylee Cooper

Wildlife — Ethan Chase

Speaking event awards included:

Prepared Speaking — Riley Haun

Extemporaneous — Michael Lejardi

Creed — Sophie Nash

Scholarships went to:
Monsanto Dekalb — Michael Lejardi

National Monsanto — Michael Lejardi and Madi Fisher

Steven Harrison Memorial — Michael Lejardi

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Tamura Memorial — Madi Fisher, Garrett Carter, Justine Rose, Michael Lejardi

Batt — Jenny Bautista

Apex Electric — Madi Fisher and Jenny Bautista

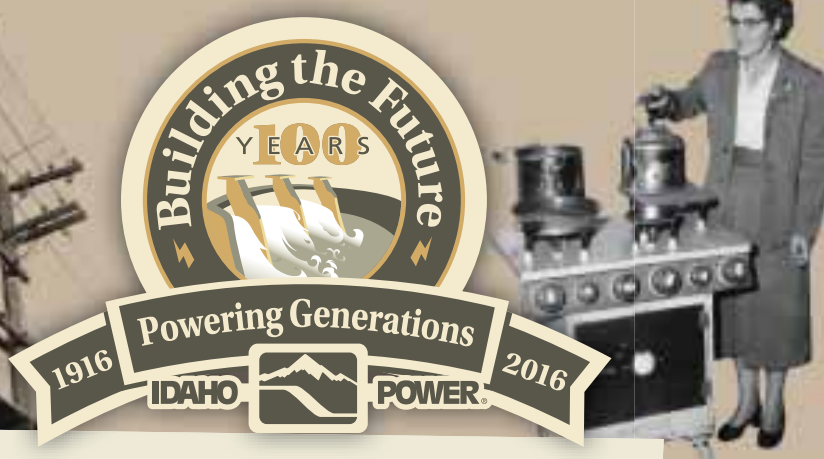
Community member recognition included:

Honorary Degrees — Bobby and Edene Christensen, Rutilio and Luz Bautista, Chad Carter, Denise Carter, Bob and Mary Sonke, Kasey and Keri Garrett, Travis and Jamie Kraupp

Harvest auction top buyer — Dwayne Fisher

Homedale FFA will be participating in several other activities this summer to kick off its new year, including state contests in Moscow this June and an officer retreat in July.

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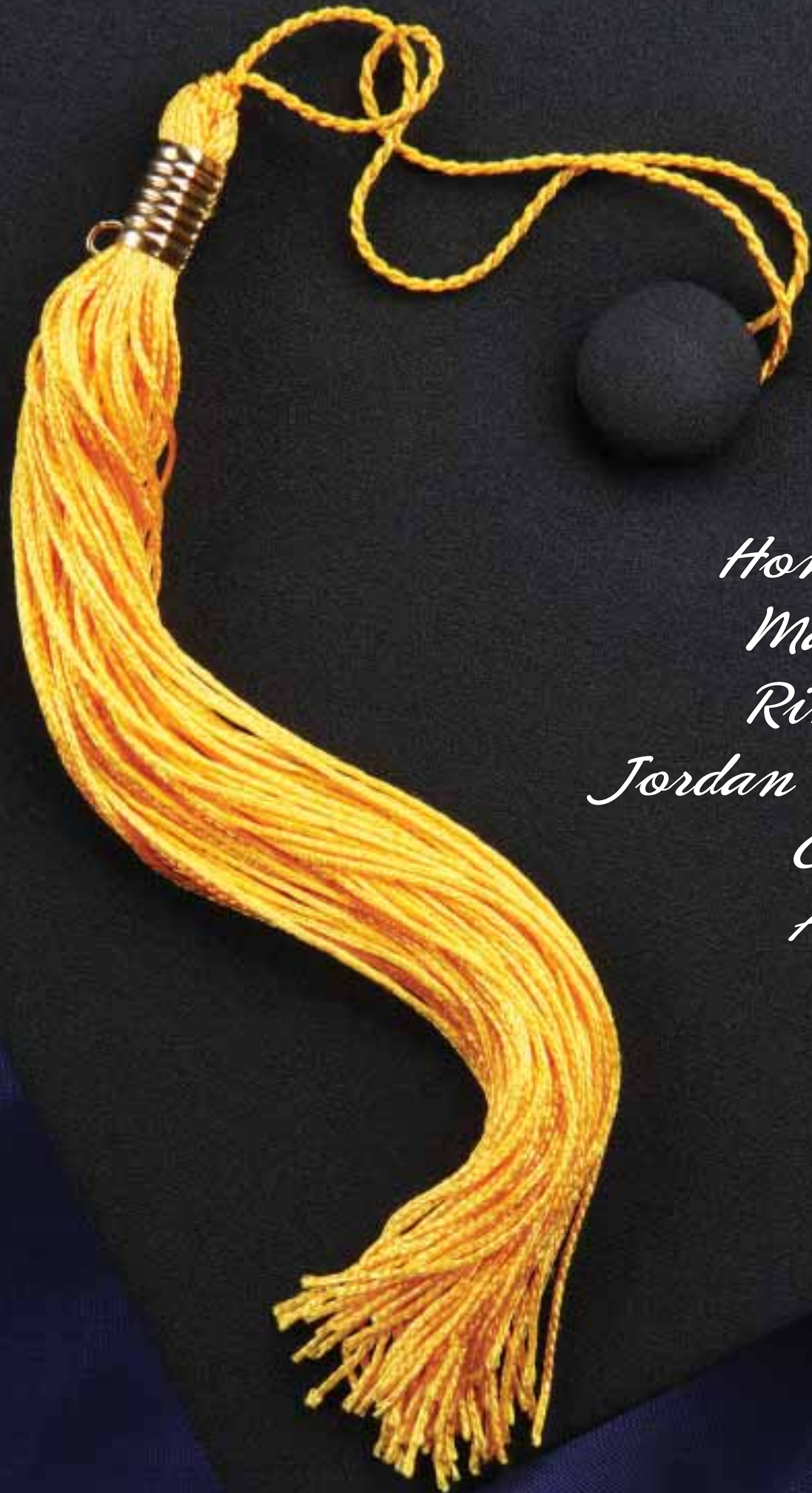
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Homedale High School

Historic graduating class ready for future

Ninety-five seniors set to receive diplomas

The largest contingent of graduating seniors in Homedale High School history walks the line Monday, May 23 when the Class of 2016 receives its diplomas.

The graduation takes place at 7 p.m. inside the HHS main gymnasium on East Idaho Avenue.

Principal Matt Holtry will present a group of 95 seniors for graduation. School district superintendent Rob Sauer will hand out diplomas before board of trustees chair Kurt Shanley accepts the graduates to end the high school careers of another set of students.



HHS teacher Ed Lee will serve as guest speaker Monday.

High school English and History teacher Ed Lee is the guest speaker this year. Lee is a longtime Homedale teacher and also serves as an advisor for the school's Sources of Strength program.

Prior to Lee's address, student support specialist Debbie Flaming will present honor student awards, and Holtry will introduce the student speakers.

Student speakers include every senior who achieved a cumulative 4.0 grade-point average during their four years at HHS.

Those students include:

Jennifer Bautista

A lifelong Homedale resident, the 17-year-old Bautista is the daughter of Rutilio and Luz Bautista. She plans to attend the University of Idaho.

Bautista was a letter-winner for academics and athletics. She has four athletic letters for track and field (three years) and cross country (one year).

Her favorite high school memory was Homecoming Week because of the activities and build-up the Friday night football game.

She has been involved in several organizations, including the Big Brother/Big Sister Mentor Program, FFA, TRiO, Real Future Leaders, National Honor Society, Future Hispanic Leaders of America and Business Professionals of America.

Bautista has helped out with the Idaho Food Bank, Hands of Hope, Soles of Hope and the Homedale Mobile Food Bank.

Recently she was Idaho State FFA secretary. Only one percent of the nearly 630,000 FFA members reach state office.

"It's an honor to be able to wear the blue jacket for one more year and an even bigger honor to be able to represent the great state of Idaho," she said.

Dylan Robert Burks

The West Point-bound Burks has been in positions of leadership throughout his high school career, starting as a team captain for the junior varsity boys' basketball team in 2012 up to his stint as student body president in 2015.



Homedale High School highest honors

First row, from left: Jacob Falls, Lexie Doss, Noe Sanchez, Richard Symms, and Elizabeth Hernandez
Second row, from left: Josh Tolmie, Madison Fisher, Justine Rose, Derek Pfof, and Jennifer Bautista
Third row, from left: Michael Lejardi, Nash Johnson, Maya Correa, Dylan Burks, and Ben Schamber
Fourth row, from left: Madison Conant, Matt Thatcher, Raquel Palacios, and Makayla Steinmetz
Right: Lawsen Matteson



As student body president, Burks will give closing remarks at Monday's commencement.

The All-State and All-3A Snake River Valley conference football player (he was a team captain as a senior) has been a groundbreaker throughout his time at HHS.

He was a founding member of the school's Future Christian Athletes chapter and also started the High School Rotary Club, which is known as "Interact."

He was a Science Bowl captain, and mentored middle school boys as part of the Big Brother program.

A National Honor Society member, he earned three football letters and two varsity letters in basketball.

He also attended American Legion Boys State and won the local and district Voice of Democracy essay competitions.

Madison Lynn Fisher

Fisher, 18, is the daughter of Dwayne and Tracy Fisher. She plans to attend U of I to become a Registered Nurse.

She has excelled in FFA during her high school career, earning three state championships in prepared public speaking and as a member of the Homedale chapter's Floriculture and Livestock Evaluation teams.

Her best memories stem from her time as a cheerleader during football Friday nights. She also competed in volleyball and basketball and is a member of the National Honor Society.

Her community service includes helping with the Food for All Project's weekly donations of fresh produce and eggs to the Homedale Senior Center. She also chaired the high school's blood drive.

Her pastimes include showing and selling livestock nationwide and making trips to Disneyland.

Nash James Johnson

Another lifelong Homedale resident, the 17-year-old is the son of schoolteachers Toby and Shannon Johnson.

A state champion wrestler, Johnson

plans to attend the University of Idaho to student Architecture or Southern Oregon University to wrestle and study Art and Business.

Johnson qualified for the state tournament all four years of his prep wrestling career, and he also competed in cross country and was an all-conference baseball catcher.

He was a founding member of the Homedale FCA chapter and served as co-president of the NHS chapter. Johnson served three years on the student council and was Interact treasurer.

Johnson also was part of the Idaho Human Rights state championship team.

He volunteered as a middle school wrestling coach, a home delivery driver for the food bank and at Hope House.

Michael Josu Lejardi

Lejardi is the 17-year-old son of Steve and Margaret Lejardi. He has lived in Homedale his entire life, and he plans to

— See *Historic*, page 10B

Marsing High School



Marsing High School Class of 2016 valedictorian McKenna Hall, left, stands near the school's entrance with co-salutatorians Alexandre Heidt and Shelby Dines.

Honor grads ready for varying adventures

Hall follows sister as valedictorian

The two top honors for Marsing High School's Class of 2016 are being filled by one senior boy and two senior girls, all age 18.

McKenna Hall is valedictorian, and Shelby Dines and Alexandre Heidt are co-salutatorians.

The three honor graduates will receive their diplomas along with 43 of their classmates at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 27, 2016. The commencement ceremony takes place inside the MHS gymnasium on Main Street.

MHS principal Tim Little will present the diplomas. Outgoing Marsing Middle School principal Dr. Jacob Skousen will serve as guest speaker.

Skousen has served two years as middle school principal after coming to Marsing in 2013.

Hall, who has a 4.5 grade-point average, is the daughter of John and Holly Hall.

Heidt, who carries a 4.2 GPA, is the son of Stephen and Alexandra Heidt.



Departing Marsing Middle School principal Dr. Jacob Skousen, who joined the school district as a teacher in 2013, will be the guest speaker for Marsing High School's graduation ceremony on May 27.

Dines, with a 4.1 GPA, is the daughter of Tim and Kerri Dines.

Hall has lived in the Marsing area for 10 years, while Dines has lived around Marsing her entire life. Heidt has lived in the Marsing area for 15 years.

Hall is Marsing's National Honor Society chapter president and has played basketball for the past three years. Her hobbies in-

clude reading and running.

Hall says her proudest achievement was becoming valedictorian because she wanted to follow in her sister's footsteps. Morgan Hall was valedictorian of Marsing High School's 2014 graduating class.

"I want to thank my parents and teachers for helping me get through high school and for increasing my education," McK-

enna Hall said.

Hall plans to complete her college prerequisites at Brigham Young University-Idaho in Rexburg before transferring to Weber State in Ogden, Utah, to finish school and become a radiology technician.

Dines has been in the Marsing Rodeo Club since 2012 and also played three years of varsity basketball. Her community service includes volunteering for the Marsing Disaster Auction and the Marsing Fire Department's prime rib and crab feed.

Her proudest achievement is receiving a scholarship to college rodeo because that has been a goal of hers for a very long time. She'll compete and study at Odessa College in Texas on a rodeo scholarship.

She plans to receive an agriculture science degree with an equine emphasis at Odessa College before transferring to West Texas A&M to get a bachelor's degree in equine business.

Her favorite quote is: "Obsessed is just a word the lazy use to describe the dedicated."

Dines' best high school memory was Senior Sneak, "because our whole class bonded and came together to have a really great time," she said.

Heidt's athletic endeavors at MHS included cross country, wrestling, track and field, and he was a member of the first-year golf team this spring. He is also a member of the Business Professionals of America, and he organized a clothing drive for the homeless as a community service effort.

Heidt's proudest high school achievement was placing as a junior in the 2A track and field state championship meet.

"It took commitment," he said. "It wasn't just something you can go and do on a whim."

His hobbies include drawing, singing, playing piano, writing music, playing sports and watching movies.

Heidt's favorite quote is: "Time is your only resource, so make the most of it and fulfill your dreams."

He plans to start a business after graduation.

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Rimrock High School

Top graduates in small class heading for ISU

A dozen teenagers wrap up their secondary education next month as the Rimrock High School Class of 2016.

Hailey Sariah Pearson is class valedictorian, and Amanda Lynn Lingle is the salutatorian.

The graduation ceremony, which is the final one among the Owyhee country high schools this spring, takes place at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 4 inside the high school gymnasium in Bruneau.

Bruneau-Grand View School District board of trustees chair Lori Bennett will hand out the diplomas.

A "gift room" will be set up at the school where community members can leave cards and gifts before and after the graduation ceremony.

Graduates will remain at the school at the end of the commencement exercises to receive individual congratulations.

Also during the graduation ceremony, students will be recognized for scholarships they have been awarded.

School officials had to analyze the honor graduates' grade-point averages to one-thousandths to determine who between Pearson and Lingle would serve as top graduate.

Pearson's 3.97 GPA just topped Lingle's 3.9636.

The daughter of Joel and Sariah Pearson, Hailey Pearson plans



Valedictorian Hailey Pearson



Salutatorian Amanda Lingle to study dental hygiene at Idaho State University in Pocatello.

She lists her Presidential scholarship to ISU as her proudest high school achievement.

"I have always tried my hardest at school, and I took the ACT three times, scoring a 30 on my third try."

An ACT score of 30 ranks Pearson in the 95th percentile

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Darcia Rahe Shaver — College of Southern Idaho STEM

of students who have taken the college entrance exam. The highest possible ACT score is 36.

Pearson was Rimrock's Homecoming queen in the fall, and she said Homecoming week was her favorite memory.

"I love the excitement and school spirit that goes on, with everyone repping their green and gold and coming to cheer on the football boys," she said. "It really unites the student body."

Pearson served on the student council and also earned her State Degree in FFA. She competed in volleyball and track and field.

She helped run the National Honor Society chapter's blood drive, and she also was a member of the school's Idaho Drug-Free Youth (IDFY) chapter.

Other community service

included frequent stints as a volunteer at the local food bank and helping with the community cleanup connected to Grand View Days.

Her favorite quote is: "Let your smile change the world, but don't let the world change your smile."

Amanda Lingle is the daughter of Amber and Donald Lingle, and the 17-year-old has lived in the Bruneau-Grand View area since she was 2.

Like Pearson, Lingle will attend ISU where she will major in English.

After a high school career of working hard on her academics, Lingle said she all of end-of-the-year activities are her favorite memory.

"I like that we get to relax and take a break from schoolwork,"

she said.

Her proudest achievement at Rimrock is also tied to her academics: "Being on honor roll all four years because I know my work is paying off," she said.

Lingle was a National Honor Society member and also participated in IDFY. She took part in TRiO and the school's Sources of Strength program.

Her community service included working at the food bank, the community carnival and helping out with Friendship Feasts.

Lingle's optimism and desire to help others probably contributes to her affinity for a quote by Harry Potter character Professor Albus Dumbledore: "Happiness can be found in the darkest of times if only one remembers to turn on the light."

Jordan Valley High School

Seven Jordan Valley seniors receive diplomas

Jordan Valley High School kicked off the 2016 graduation season on Saturday, May 14, 2016, when seven seniors received diplomas.

Valedictorian Sage Elizabeth Raine and salutatorian Jett Vernon Warn were recognized as this year's honor students.

School district superintendent Rusty Bengoa and board of trustees chair Kelli Williams distributed the diplomas, and a reception was held for the new graduates after the ceremony inside the school's old gymnasium.

Sage Raine attained a 4.02 grade-point average during her time at Jordan Valley.

She's most proud of her GPA because, she says, "ever since I was in eighth grade, I wanted to have a 4.0 throughout high school."

Her dedication to study helped her earn membership in the National Honor Society, and she consistently appeared on the schools High Honor Roll.

The 17-year-old daughter of Bill and Lavonda Raine has lived in the area for 12 years.

Raine has her sights set on a Master's degree from Northwest

Nazarene University in Nampa, but will start her undergraduate work at Boise State University. She wants to obtain a Bachelor's in Business Administration with a focus on human resource management.

Setting goals is nothing new for Raine, whose favorite quote is from American author William Arthur Ward: "If you can imagine it, you can achieve it. If you dream it, you can become it."

Raine also participated in FFA. She played varsity volleyball and competed with the school club as part of the Idaho High School Rodeo Association.

She helped beautify her town and the local highway and pulled weeds in front of the high school. Other community service included serving as a 4-H horse jamboree judge and helping paint horse barns at the fairgrounds.

In addition to rodeo, Raine's hobbies include hunting and trap shooting.

Lifelong Jordan Valley resident Jett Warn compiled a 3.62 GPA en route to his honor as class salutatorian.

The 17-year-old son of John and Tricia Warn plans to major



Front row, from left: Wyatt Stanford, class salutatorian Jett Warn and Johnny Baker. Back row, from left: Chantel Brundage, Morgan Caywood, Jaci Larsen, and class valedictorian Sage Raine. Submitted photo

in Agriculture at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande.

Warn has some advice to the high school underclassmen who will follow him:

"Make every second of high school count," he said. "It flies by too fast."

Warn heeded his own advice, compiling an all-league career in football and basketball as well as taking part in FFA, 321 Team and making the High Honor Roll.

Warn was an honorable-mention All-Oregon linebacker as a senior and completed his high school career with a 2015-16 1A High Desert League scholar-athlete nomination.

He also played quarterback and placekicker for the Mustangs, earning all-league honors at all three levels (first team, second team and honorable mention) at varying points in his four-year career.

He also was all-league honor-

able mention in basketball as a junior and senior.

Warn's community service included painting the "JV" on Pharmacy Hill as well as performing yard work for the town's elderly residents and cleaning highways and pulling weeds.

Warn's hobbies include hunting and fishing and ranching (he has served as a ranch hand for Terry Warn in Jordan Valley and Kershner Ranch in Flint Creek).

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Class Colors: Red & White • Class Song: "Dream on" by Aerosmith

Class Flower: Lily

Guest Speaker: Ed Lee, M.A. Education, HHS Teacher

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Graduation: Friday, May 27 - 6:00 p.m.
Marsing High School Gymnasium
Class motto: "Keep on keepin' on"



Caitlyn Line



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Madalynne Stamper



Tilde Vidman

Keynote speaker — Dr. Jacob Skousen, outgoing middle school principal

Valedictorian — Mckenna Hall

Co-Salutatorians — Shelby Dines and Alexandre Heidt

Class flower — Gerber daisy · Class colors — Blue and Gold

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Homedale High School

✓ **Historic:** Honor graduates served their community well

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study Computer Engineering at the University of Idaho.

His favorite quotes reflect determination and pride, including Albert Einstein's "Try not to become a man of success, rather, try to become a man of value," and the unattributed "Your name is everything: Your identity, your legacy, your life. Protect it."

Lejardi served a student body vice-president and the FFA Boise Valley District president. He played baseball and kept statistics for the basketball team.

Lejardi was an Idaho Science and Aerospace scholar and competed in the Science Bowl. He was part of the school's Interact organization and the Business Professionals of America chapter.

He also performed with the Oinkari Basque Dancers of Boise.

Lawsen James Matteson

The 18-year-old son of Mike and Sheila Matteson will study mechanical engineering at the University of Idaho.

Matteson has served as Student Body secretary and also participated with the school's BPA chapter. He also was active in the honor society and the Interact high school Rotary Club.

He was a two-year All-State quarterback and was a three-time All-3A Snake River Valley conference first-teamer.

Matteson says his proudest high school achievement was winning the 2013 conference title and beating Fruitland.

He said playing football was his best high school memory "because of the friendships built with coaches and teammates and the fun times what will never be forgotten."

Matteson also played golf for three and qualified for the state tournament.

His hobbies include fishing, hunting, water sports, bowfishing and roping, which he turned into two appearances in the Idaho State Finals Rodeo.

Derek Eugene Pfost

The 17-year-old son of Darin and Jane Pfost is a member of the National Honor Society and FFA.

He plans to attend the University of Idaho.

Taking his favorite quote ("Life is short, so grip it and rip it.") quite seriously, the lifelong Homedale resident enjoys motorcross racing on the weekends and snowmobiling in the winter.

His motorcycle obsession has carried over into his after-school and weekend job as a parts and accessories salesman at Carl's Cycle Sales.

Richard Symms

Another University of Idaho-bound honor student, the 18-year-old son of Bart and Jodi Symms plans to study Business in Moscow.

As senior class president, Symms will deliver the welcoming remarks during Monday's graduation ceremony.

Symms has been vice-president of the schools' Rotary Club chapter (Interact), and he also has been part of the FCA and National Honor Society.

He has competed in the Science Bowl and was a Science Club member.

Symms also was a three-sport player, taking part in football, basketball and pulling down state meet qualifications in track and field.

His community service includes a mission to Haiti to help orphans.

Matthew Paul Thatcher

Another lifelong Homedale resident, the 18-year-old son of Mark and DeAnn Thatcher will begin an LDS mission in Lubbock, Texas in late August. After his mission, he plans to study Accounting at Brigham Young University.

Thatcher maintained a 4.0 grade-point average throughout his eight years of middle school and high school.

"This took hard work, dedication and many late nights, but it's one of my proudest achievements," Thatcher said.

He has been an officer at many levels in high school, including student body treasurer, National Honor Society chapter vice-president and a class sergeant-at-arms.

His extra-curricular endeavors included the high school Rotary Club (Interact), TRiO and Science Club. He also is a Boy Scout.

He has played football and baseball at the high school level and also has been part of the Owyhee Rivercats American Legion baseball program.

Homedale's other honor graduates

Maya Francesca Correa

Age — 18. GPA — 3.90

Parents — David and Angela Correa

After high school — Major in Biology at University of Utah and follow Pre-Med track

Service — Friday Youth Club, Mobile Food Bank, Nampa Public Library, Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, Homedale Migrant Summer School and Homedale Elementary After-school Program

Noe Sanchez

Age — 18. GPA — 3.88

Parents — Conception and Abdencio Sanchez

After high school — University of Oregon, Biology major and Education minor

Proudest achievement — Gates Millennium scholar

Alexandria Sherrie Doss

Age — 17. GPA — 3.85

Parents — Tracy and Byron Doss

After high school — Major in kinesiology at BSU

Hobbies — Horseback riding, running and working on my truck

Makayla Rose Steinmetz

Age — 18. GPA — 3.84

Parents — Tami Watson, Terry Steinmetz

After high school — Attend College of Southern Idaho, become Elementary teacher

Activities — Drama, National Honor Society, Sources of Strength, Idaho Meth Project, Teen Council

Justine Belle Rose

Age — 18. GPA — 3.84

Parents — Martin and Trish Rose

After high school — Attend U of I

Quote — "Life is either a great adventure or nothing," Helen Keller

Elizabeth M. Hernandez

Age — 17. GPA — 3.83

Parents — Juan and Maria Hernandez

After high school — Double major in Political Science and International Studies

Activities — President, FHILA; Drama Club; Science Club; volunteer at Idaho Food Bank and Friday Youth Club

Raquel Palacios

Age — 18. GPA — 3.80

Parents — Pazcuala and Enrique Palacios

After high school — Take a semester off a travel

Hobbies — Painting

Madison Nicole Conant

Age — 18. GPA — 3.77

Parents — Jason and Lily Conant

After high school — Four years in Navy then U of I for Architecture or Law

Hobbies — Adventuring

Benjamin Cole Schamber

Age — 18. GPA — 3.76

Parents — Nick and Kelly Schamber

After high school — Attend The College of Idaho

Activities — Caldwell YMCA lifeguard; football, basketball, cross country; BPA, FFA, FCA, Interact (Rotary), Science Club and National Honor Society

Josh McLeod Tolmie

Age — 18. GPA — 3.76

Parents — Dirk and Robyn Tolmie

After high school — Chemistry major at U of I

Activities — Football, basketball, track, Science Club, Interact (Rotary), FCA

Jacob Andrew Falls

Age — 18. GPA — 3.75

Parents — Mike and Brandy Falls

After high school — Treasure Valley CC, compete in rodeo

Hobbies — Bull riding

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Adrian High School



Front row, from left: Brooke Meyer, Cecilia Martin del Campo, Kylee Skerjanec, class co-salutatorian Laura Mazac, Miriah Richardson, class co-salutatorian KrissAnn Nelson, Peter Ramos, and Nelson Amaral. **Back row, from left:** Colton Nielsen, Luke Campbell, Hunter Phelps, Thayne Schulthies, Michael Griffin, Bryson Shira, class valedictorian Reagan Shira, and DJ Jamison. Photo by AHS Yearbook

Honor grads plan to continue service after high school

Chances are the majority of students in Adrian High School's Class of 2016 will go their separate ways after graduation, but the honor graduates' futures possess a common thread.

Valedictorian Reagan Boyd Shira and co-salutatorians KrissAnn Marie Nelson and Laura Jean Mazac plan to give back in one way or another once they've completed their post-secondary education.

The graduation ceremony takes place at 6 p.m. on Sunday, May 29, 2016 inside the high school gymnasium.

Class motto — "So the adventure begins"

Class flower — Indian Paint Brush

Class colors — Red, white and blue

Shira, the 18-year-old son of

Nolan and Nickie Shira, plans to compete in track and field while pursuing an Education degree at Corban University in Salem, Ore.

A lifelong Adrian-area resident, Shira has been active in a variety of pursuits in his four years at Adrian, including student leadership, band, drama, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Adrian glean team.

He won three state titles as part of the Antelopes' state championship track and field team last spring, and won the triple jump state title as a junior and sophomore. He led the Antelopes to the state football championship in 2014 and a semifinal appearance last season, during which he was quarterback and team captain.

Shira's community service has included helping with setup and execution of youth football

games, volunteering with the Owyhee Off-Road Challenge foot race, shoveling snow for community members, helping with the Cow Hollow Easter egg hunt and helping in the reconstruction of the Parma home of a young cancer patient.

Shira also has earned several outstanding student awards during his time at Adrian High.

Another lifelong Adrian resident, Laura Mazac is the 18-year-old daughter of Timothy Jr. and Jean Mazac.

She is deciding between veterinary studies at Brown Mackie College in Boise or taking Natural Resource classes at Treasure Valley Community College.

She was High Honors student throughout her years at Adrian, during which time she played four years of softball, participated in

FFA for three years and served in a leadership role as a sophomore and junior.

Mazac coordinated a community petting zoo for her Senior Project, and spent time as a freshman helping with senior projects. Other service included helping out at Owyhee Field Days, with Adrian's glean team and during Easter egg hunts.

"I am the first in my family to have become a salutatorian," Mazac said. "I want to prove to people that I am a good person, and I can accomplish great things."

Mazac most memorable high school moment was Spirit Week during Homecoming of her sophomore year.

KrissAnn Nelson, 18, is the daughter of Troy Nelson and LesAnn Davis. She has lived in the Adrian area her entire life.

After high school, she plans to get a Nursing degree from the College of Western Idaho.

Her community service has included community cleanup, wrapping gifts for foster children and making hats and blankets for cancer patient care packages.

Her proudest achievement, however, is reading to elementary schoolchildren.

"I am proud of this because I am helping them with something important and they obtain more knowledge," she said.

Her best high school memory was a trip to Europe last summer.

Nelson played basketball and volleyball in high school and also participated in drama, band and choir. She also was a part of student leadership and the International Club.

COSSA Academy



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Andres Luna Abigail Miller Enrique Palacios Angelia Perez Isaiah Ponce Andres Saenz Cody Sevy Brock Shippy Ehtan Sickinger

Homedale-Marsing grads not pictured

Brittany Hergesheimer
Breeanna Meek-Lopez
Bryan Ward



Eduardo Padilla-Velasquez

Homedale, Marsing students among those receiving diplomas during C of I ceremony

Two-thirds of the Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency (COSSA) Academy Class of 2016 hails from Homedale and Marsing.

Thirty-three students graduated in

a ceremony held Tuesday inside the Jewett Auditorium on The College of Idaho campus in Caldwell.

Tomas Barajas of Parma and Phoenix Michelle Ballinger from Middleton

— two members of the COSSA Class of 2016 — served as guest speakers.

COSSA board of trustees chair Robert Godina awarded diplomas. Other graduates were from Wilder and Notus.

Senior projects



Homedale High School senior Taylor Kerbs gives her senior project presentation on May 9 inside the school library. As part of her project, Kerbs put a cheerleading camp together for younger local girls (below).



Madison Fisher (second cheerleader from the left) joined other Homedale High School cheerleaders to help fellow senior Taylor Kerbs pull off her the physical element of her Senior Project with a youth cheer camp on Jan. 29. The campers learned routines and a cheer during the day and then performed at halftime of the Homedale-Fruitland 3A Snake River Valley conference boys' basketball game that night.

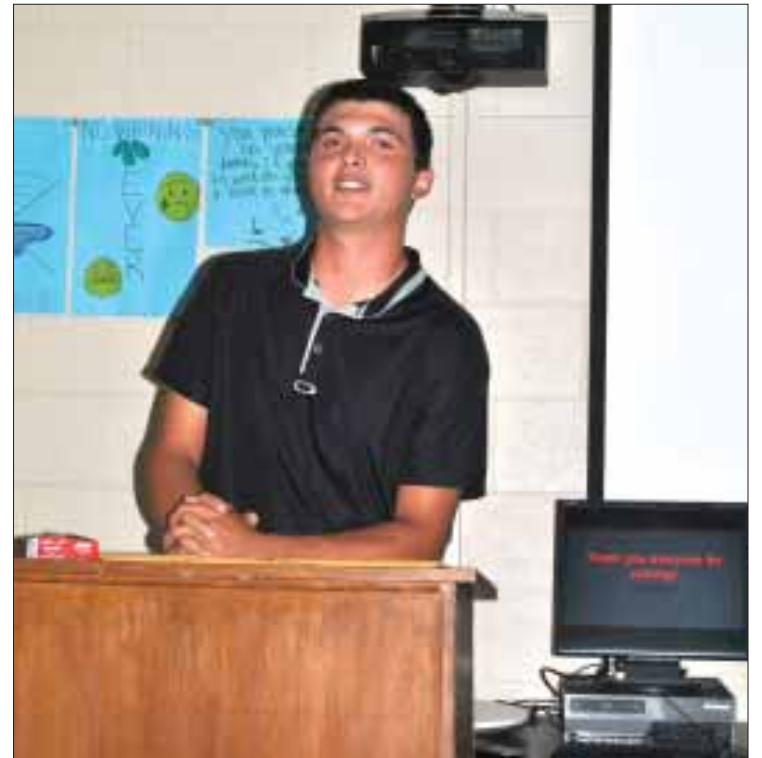
Senior projects



Homedale High School senior Madison Smith outlines why she chose her senior project during a May 9 presentation. Smith's project examined how art can be beneficial to mental health.



Homedale High School senior Hailie Martell presented her senior project, titled "Teachers Change Lives," during the second night of presentations on May 10 inside the school library.



Noah Freelove wraps up his senior project presentation on May 10 at Homedale High School. Noah's project was to get his commercial driver's license and involved job shadowing a driver who delivers cow manure to be used as fertilizer.

Inside A section

Jacob Christensen pulled off his Homedale High School senior project Thursday with the annual FFA Ag Expo for elementary school students at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds.



Homedale High School's Madison Conant focused her senior project on how snowboarding can help relieve stress. She gave her presentation on May 9.

Senior projects



Marsing High School senior Jordan Goins concludes her senior project presentation regarding a career as a human resource manager.

Marsing's Goins gets leadership lesson

Marsing High School senior Jordan Goins didn't tackle the subject matter she wanted to for her senior project, but she ended up getting a perfect score anyway.

Jordan, daughter of Elyssa and Fred Goins, selected human resource manager for her project.

However, that wasn't her first choice.

"I wanted to do physician assistant, but I couldn't get into a

hospital without jumping through millions of loopholes," Jordan said. "That's actually what I want to be."

She thought the project she ended up choosing was similar, because human resource managers deal closely with people, like doctors do, Jordan said.

At the beginning of the school year, MHS seniors took an online Career Information System (CIS)

test to identify what job might be a good fit for each student.

The seniors could either use the findings of the test for their senior project, or make the project subject a career they already knew they were interested in.

Jordan learned a lot about leadership while working on her project.

"All the different aspects of being a leader, and not just being

a demanding authoritarian, actually having people want to follow you instead of just demanding stuff," Jordan said.

There were three phases of the senior projects this year; the CIS, a job shadow, and a personal finance lesson to learn things like how to balance a checkbook, avoid debt, and set a household budget.

Jordan's job shadow was at Plexus in Nampa where she shadowed human resource manager Jamie Chapman.

Plexus is a manufacturing company specializing in electronic components such as integrated circuits and microcontrollers.

Jordan said the environment inside Plexus was hectic.

"There is a lot of people in there, and it was kind of interesting to see that the human resource manager was able to say 'Hi' to everybody, and be friendly with everybody when there's hundreds of people there," Jordan said. "She was able to be social and still get her job done."

Jordan added that the most difficult thing about her project was trying to focus on researching the

topic of human resource manager, because she really wanted to study physician assistant.

She thought the project went smoothly despite the subject matter not being exactly what she had hoped for.

"I don't have anything that I would have changed. I got 20 out of 20 on the whole project," Jordan said.

After graduation, Jordan will turn her attention to becoming a pediatric physician's assistant for which she will study in college.

She explained why she's focusing on becoming an assistant, not a physician.

"If later in life I want to have a family, I don't think I want to commit all my hours to being a doctor," Jordan said. "I know that involves a lot of time and a lot of commitment. I don't think later in life I'm going to be able to juggle a family and being a doctor."

Jordan will attend the University of Idaho in Moscow in the fall after working in the orchards around the Sunnyslope area this summer.

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SATURDAY JUNE 4, 2016 2:00 PM RIMROCK HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

Valedictorian - Hailey Sariah Pearson

Salutatorian - Amanda Lynn Lingle

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Class flower - Carnation

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Class Song: Don't You (Forget About Me)

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