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Homedale bridge project could start Monday

Minor work is preparation for yearlong replacement

Ongoing fiber-optic work is the precursor to the imminent project to replace the Succor Creek bridge west of Homedale. Portable message boards will be in

place shortly to instruct motorists that construction activities will commence Monday, according to Idaho Transportation Department spokesperson Jennifer

Gonzalez. Knife River, the general contractor for the \$2.9 million project, submitted a notice of intent with the federal Environmental

Protection Agency on May 27. Gonzalez said there is a mandatory two-week waiting period after that filing, after which the contractor can begin work — including

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Warm weather arrives just in time



Outpost Days, Breshears fishing gets us closer to summer

Above: Boys and girls with the 4-H Working Ranch Horse Project moved cows during the first cattle drive to be held in three years at Outpost Days on Saturday in Murphy. *More Outpost Days and county museum expansion news, Page 12*

Right: Idaho Fish and Game conservation officer Brian Jack (left) shows Eric Williams how to nock an arrow during the 17th annual Leroy Breshears Memorial Kids Fishing Day at Marsing's Island Park on Saturday. Eric, 7, is the son of Lana and Jon Williams. *More Breshears photos, Page 13*



Grand View Days returns this weekend

Car show, coed basketball tourney, midway and booths planned

Grand View Days is back in action this weekend to celebrate Owyhee County's smallest municipality.

The Chamber of Commerce-sponsored event runs Friday through Sunday at various locations in town. The Lions

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Standing, from left: Homedale Highway District road crew member Trey Corta, secretary Terri Uria, Subdistrict 2 Commissioner Joel Wilson, chair, and Subdistrict 1 Commissioner Larry Prow. *Kneeling, from left:* Director of highways Stewart Constantine, Subdistrict 3 Commissioner Scott Salutregui, and road crew member Dan Herman.

Highway district hits 100

The Homedale Highway District turned 100 years old Thursday.

The board of directors will mark the centennial prior to its monthly meeting tonight.

A flagpole and flag dedication ceremony will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the district's office at 102 E. Colorado Ave. The meeting

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Bruneau Quick Response Unit, Inc., president Mary Tindall, right, accepts a grant check from Casi Porter, Northwest Farm Credit Service relationship manager. Submitted photo

Bruneau QRU receives grant to help to power headquarters

A grant will allow a local volunteer emergency services agency to have full-time and reliable access to electricity. Bruneau Quick Response Unit, Inc., recently received a \$1,000 Northwest Farm Credit Service Rural Community Grant. The grant will be used for the QRU's project to place an auxiliary generator at the Bruneau Emergency Center, construction

of which was completed last year. QRU and Bruneau volunteer fire department vehicles are housed in the building. "It is critical for this building to have an uninterrupted supply of electricity to operate the furnace, lights and especially the charging units for the response vehicles," QRU president Mary Tindall said in her remarks as she thanks Northwest FCS for the grant.

"The installation of an auxiliary generator will ensure that the equipment needed for an emergency medical response and/or fire call will always be readily available." In addition to housing the response vehicles, the new emergency center also has a classroom for training, a sanitation room for cleaning our equipment, and a room for storing supplies.

BLM, Grand View firefighters tackle season's first wildfire

New fire sparks Monday near Reynolds Creek

Above-normal temperatures have escalated dry conditions in a brush and grasses in recent days, creating a higher fire danger. Grand View volunteer firefighters assisted Boise District Bureau of Land Management crews on a fire about 15 miles southeast of Murphy. BLM responded to the Weese Fire at 12:49 p.m. on Sunday. The fire grew to 180 acres, but was expected to be controlled Monday after deadline. BLM resources included four engines, two dozers, one water tender and a single-engine attack tanker (SEAT). Grand View Fire Department assisted with two brush trucks and a water tender. Another fire broke out Monday afternoon near Reynolds Creek. The Kane Fire burned 20 acres and was expected to be contained Monday after deadline. Vale District BLM crews responded to two fires Monday. The larger blaze, the Owyhee

Canyon Fire, grew to 23,000 acres approximately 38 miles southwest of Jordan Valley. At deadline Monday, there was no estimated time of containment for the fire. The smaller of the two, the Palomino Hills Fire, burned about 50 acres roughly 43 miles east of Jordan Valley, but was expected to be controlled Monday after deadline. Vale District BLM public information officer Larry Moore explained why their firefighters would respond to an incident so close to Owyhee County. He stated that his district spans from the Nevada border to Washington State. "Our district encompasses about a fifth of Oregon," Moore said. "Not all of that land is BLM land but that is the district of about 5.1 Million acres. It's a very large district." With dry conditions increasing, individuals are urged to exercise caution when venturing onto public lands. For more information on wildfire prevention, fire restrictions and general fire information, visit <http://idahofireinfo.blogspot.com>.

Marsing council mulls \$2K for Third of July

A Marsing resident wants to present another amateur radio event at Island Park later this month. The city council will hear that request and also contemplate \$2,300 in spending for the community Third of July celebration during at 7 p.m. meeting today inside City Hall, 425 Main St. Marlene Moore wants to present a Ham Radio Field Day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Saturday, June 25 at Island Park. She produced a similar event last year. During Mayor James Ferdinand's report, council members will hear from Idaho Department of Commerce grant administrator Jim Bird about two grants

that were recently approved to allow the Marsing Senior Center to purchase The Sandbar Restaurant. The council is slated to approve a \$2,000 donation to the Marsing Chamber of Commerce Third of July fireworks display at Island Park. Council members could also consider motions to spend \$5,850 for Millington Zwygart CPAs to perform the city's next fiscal year audit, and \$300 for Miguel Leon, aka DJ Flow, to play music during the Third of July events. Maintenance supervisor Philip Gibson will also give an update on work being done around town such as trimming trees and filling potholes.

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New traffic control in Homedale

Homedale city public works supervisor Bret Smith (right) and Curtis Stansell installed two new stop signs at the North 2nd Street West-West Montana Avenue intersection Thursday afternoon. The city council approved the new signs last month to regulate north-south traffic at the congested intersection.

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Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 62 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 370 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 183 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 445,654 acre-feet of water on Monday.

— Information compiled from the National Weather Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Helena Chemical in Homedale

NEW!! Honey Beaulieu - Man Hunter
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From Chanticleer Reviews: In this hilarious first installment of the "Honey Beaulieu - Man Hunter" series author Jacquie Rogers introduces a lively and engaging main character whose heart of gold shines brightly through her tough-as-nails façade. Saddled with a strong conscience and her own set of rules, Honey sets the good old boy franchise on its ear, proving that they're no match for a resourceful and enterprising sharp-shooting woman.

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Corrections

An article in the June 1 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche on the opening of the Homedale swimming pool misidentified Deb Marston's position at City Hall. She is a part-time office assistant.

Additionally, all pool employees are certified lifeguards. Riley Portwood is in the process of getting certified as a swimming instructor after assisting with lessons last summer.

Homedale Ambulance seeks new fees, public hearing scheduled

Fire department inspection fees could rise, too

Several new ambulance fees are among the topics of a public hearing Tuesday before the Homedale Rural Fire Protection District board of commissioners.

The public hearing takes place at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday inside the Moxie Java banquet room, 404 US Highway 95, in Homedale.

Patron comment also will be taken on proposed increases to existing fire department fees.

The proposed ambulance fees include:

- \$25 for an intravenous (IV) lock
- \$40 for an IV infusion

- \$250 for an intraosseous (IO) infusion, which provides faster access to circulation system for necessary medications and fluids.
- \$115 for application of a laryngeal mask (LM) airway, which is a form of artificial ventilation.
- The ambulance service also wants to charge \$7.50 to measure glucose levels in the patient's blood — a procedure called a glucometry.

Existing fees that could increase are:

- A 100 percent hike for emergency vehicle access

inspection and fireworks stand inspections, both of which cost \$25 each now, but could rise to \$50 a piece.

- A \$5 increase (to \$25) for daycare facility inspections

- A \$2-per-mile increase in ambulance transport mileage from \$8.79 to \$10.97

The entire fee policy can be viewed at Bowen Parker Day CPAs, 19 E. Wyoming Ave., during regular business hours, which are 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to noon on Friday. Mike Parker is fire district secretary.

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South Board reschedules meeting for Thursday

This month's meeting of irrigation directors for the South Board of Control has been rescheduled to Thursday.

South Board secretary Connie Chadez sent an email to The Owyhee Avalanche explaining that she found out there was a scheduling problem for the meetings that were to be held Tuesday, June 14. Directors usually meet on the second Tuesday of the month.

The next series of meetings

will instead begin at 7 p.m. Thursday downstairs at the SBOC office at 118 S. 1st St. W. in Homedale. The Ridgeview Irrigation District directors start the meetings and are followed by the Gem directors at 7:15 p.m. and the SBOC at 7:30 p.m.

The directors also usually discuss an updated water report.

By press time Monday, the Owyhee Reservoir was 62 percent full with 445,654 acre-feet of water.

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Good Sam Club event recap focuses on Armory upgrades

RV group tells commissioners of grants available

Improvements to the Armory at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds in Homedale could be made possible through grant money provided by owners of recreational vehicles.

That was one of the ideas floated during a recent Board of Owyhee County Commissioners meeting.

Two members of the Good Sam Club talked to the board about the group's April visit to the fairgrounds for the Spring Fling.

Fourth-year Good Sam state director Joyce Barcus, and Area 5 assistant director Cathy Mickelson, both of Boise, wanted to thank the commissioners.

"We appreciated everything you guys did for us," Barcus said. "The fairgrounds were absolutely wonderful. We had 81 RVs registered in there."

Mickelson had similar praise for the facilities.

"We thoroughly enjoyed Homedale. The

fairgrounds are wonderful," Mickelson said. "The people that were parked there by the river got so excited because deer came in the evening, and for a while there were geese and foxes."

The RVers last came to Homedale in 2001 for the group's Fall Roundup.

Barcus told commissioners the organization would love to return sometime soon.

"The location is fantastic. (The event) brings money into the community. We spent a lot of time at the (Family Dollar Store) store and at Albertsons, so I know it does help the community," Barcus said.

Her only complaint was about the acoustics in the Armory. The group's Elvis impersonator had to perform inside the building because it was raining.

Barcus stated that nobody could understand the lyrics of the songs because of the echo in the Armory.

"Maybe hang some plywood or something wrapped in carpet from the ceiling every so often — that would deaden that sound, the echo," Barcus said.

It cost the organization \$500 to reserve use of the Armory Exhibit Hall, which is operated by Owyhee County as part of the

fairgrounds complex.

District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi, the BOCC chair, said the board is aware that the Armory has some issues that need to be addressed.

"It's been on our radar to do work down there," Aberasturi said. "We've been in the past setting aside a certain amount of money to work on it. We were looking at doing exactly what you're talking about."

Electrical upgrades are his first priority for the building, but new floors and bathrooms are also needed Aberasturi said.

Barcus told the board about some grant money that could be used to finance improvements to the Armory, or other county facilities.

In addition to registration fees, RV owners in Idaho also pay into a special fund that is administered by the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation.

"That's about a \$3 million pot of money every year, and that is paid out in a grant process," Barcus said. "So we're here to tell you that you need to jump on some of that money. We left about \$1.5 million on the table last year."

The money is available to any entity,

governmental or non-governmental, that builds or improves facilities that benefit RVers.

"So, that money is there, you just need to go through the grant process through Idaho Parks and Recreation," Barcus said.

She told the commissioners that it is beneficial if they get a letter of recommendation to go with the grant application. Barcus added that she would be happy to write a letter for the board.

Mickelson said during the Spring Fling, some of the Good Sam members tried to organize an ATV ride from Homedale through some private ranches. The plan didn't work out because some ranchers didn't want the ATVs crossing over their property.

Aberasturi told her to give the commissioners some advance notice the next time the RVers stay in Homedale.

"We know most of the ranchers. If you need us, we can at least talk to them. We can't guarantee that they'll do that, but at least we can talk to them," Aberasturi said. "We'll make sure that you have availability for a tour somewhere."

— SC

From page 1

✓ Grand View: Barbecue and fireworks start festivities on Friday night

Schedule

Friday

5 p.m. — Power pole judging

6 p.m.— Firemen's pit barbecue, Lions Park

6 p.m. — 3-on-3 coed basketball tournament, Grand View Elementary School gym

Around 10 p.m. — Fireworks

Saturday

10 a.m. — Parade, downtown

11 a.m. — Car show, near US Bank

11 a.m. — Midway, games, food booths, vendors and greased pole contest, City Park

11 a.m. — Half-priced book fair, Eastern Owyhee County Library

11 a.m. — Ice cream social and bake sale, Rimrock Sr. Center

Sunday

8 a.m. — Lions Breakfast, Lions Park

10 a.m. — Public church service, City Park

Club and the City of Grand View also provide assistance.

Saturday's main day of the festival includes vendors, food booths, a midway and games in City Park. The second annual car show will be held, too.

Vendor space is available for \$20 for a 12-foot-by-12-foot spot. Food vendor registration costs \$75.

Midway tickets are available before the event for \$16. On Saturday, the ticket price goes up to \$20.

The car show is planned for 11 a.m. on Saturday near US Bank. Registration is \$20 per car, and those who pay \$25 will get a T-shirt.

Organizers are still looking for teams for the 3-on-3 basketball coed tournament scheduled for the Grand View Elementary School gymnasium

at 6 p.m. on Friday. The entry fee is \$10 per person.

For more information on any aspect of Grand View Days, call Lions Club vice-president Cyndi Fullmer at (208) 834-2636.

All proceeds from Grand View Days go back into the community.

Other Friday events include the annual power pole judging contest, the Firemen's Pit Barbecue Dinner at Lions Park and fireworks. The barbecue dinner costs \$10 per person.

Saturday festivities start at 10 a.m. with a parade.

Everything else gets rolling after the parade at 11 a.m., including the car show, midway, games, a greased pole-climbing contest, a half-priced book fair at the Eastern Owyhee County Library and an ice cream

social and bake sale at the Rimrock Senior Center.

The greased pole is about 20 feet tall and will be located in City Park. Entrants will have until 4 p.m. to take a shot at scurrying up the pole and capturing the flag. The winner takes home \$100.

The Grand View Lions Club will serve its annual breakfast at 8 a.m. on Sunday at Lions Park. Donations will be accepted.

A church service will be held at 10 a.m. on Sunday at City Park.

The Lions Club meets at 5:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month at the Grand View Fire Station. Bill Mead is president, and other officers include vice-president Fullmer, secretary Vicki Theodozio and treasurer Bob Swenson.

✓ 100: Flag, pole to honor departed men

starts at 6 p.m.

The flagpole and flags will be dedicated in memory of longtime commissioners Elmer Prow and Fred Demshar.

Prow served as commissioner from 1961 to 1991, the longest tenure in district history.

Demshar joined the board in 1985 and served until 2011.

The district was formed on June 2, 1916 when Gov. Moses Alexander appointed J.P. Wood, L.B. Cowan and C.M. Sutton as board members.

✓ Bridge: Bike, pedestrian lanes planned on highway span

demolition of the 49-year-old bridge.

"Generally, work commences when that time frame is met," Gonzalez said. "At that time, the contractor should be ready to go, but we might not know until literally the day before."

Gonzalez said Knife River plans to demolish the north side of the Idaho highway 19 bridge first, which would make the current eastbound lane the only lane of travel for the first phase of the project.

During both phases, there will be 12-foot width restrictions on commercial loads, but Gonzalez said the actual lane width will be 16 feet to accommodate the occasional traveling of farm equipment.

During construction, the bridge will be reduced to one lane, with traffic signals placed on either end of the structure to help guide motorists across. Drivers should anticipate minor delays. Work will occur during daytime hours.

According to an ITD press

release, more than 2,000 trips are made each day over the bridge, which is 160 feet long over three spans. Usage is expected to increase steadily over the years.

The new bridge, which is set for completion in the middle of next year, will be 162 feet long and a single-span structure using steel girders.

The original bridge width was 37 feet, 8 inches. The new bridge will be 43 feet, 11 inches wide with 12-foot lanes in each direction and 8-foot shoulders.

The new bridge also will include pedestrian and bike lanes.

The project is part of ITD's Strategic Initiatives Program (SIP), which is list of road and bridge projects identified in December as maintenance and repair work targets.

The Succor Creek bridge project is being funded by money allocated by the Idaho Legislature, and that appropriation represents the first transportation-revenue increase in nearly two decades.

— JPB

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Obituaries

Jose "Joe" Luis Churruga

Jose "Joe" Luis Churruga, 95, of Marsing, passed away of natural causes on May 31, 2016, in Nampa, Idaho.

Born March 22, 1921 in Boise, Idaho, Joe was the 2nd son of 1st generation Basque immigrants,

Carmen and Frank Churruga. His early childhood was spent in the Boise Valley area. In 1930, his family moved to Marsing, Idaho. He played high school football and graduated from Marsing High School in 1940.

In 1943, he married Elizabeth Ann "Bette" Willin. Together, they were blessed with 4 children. Joe was a lifelong Marsing resident, farmer and Black Angus cattle rancher. He was instrumental in helping establish the Marsing-Homedale Alfalfa Seed Co-op. Joe received awards from the National Cattlemen's Association and won Owyhee County Grassman of the Year. Joe served on the Labor Camp Corp., FHA



home. He had wonderful neighbors and friends who watched over him. Especially the senior center, water aerobics friends and card-playing buddies.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Bette; 2 infant children, Jack and Joyce; two brothers and his parents.

He is survived by his children: JoAnn Morrow, Judy Welty, Jennifer (Jim) Barrett and Phillip (Julie) Aranzamendi; 9 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

A viewing for Joe was held on Tuesday, June 7, 2016 from 5:00-8:00 PM with Rosary Recital at 7:00 PM at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. Funeral Mass will be held Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at 10:30 AM at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, Caldwell and a dinner will follow at the church. Interment will be at 2:00 PM at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery, Marsing, ID. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Marsing Ambulance Service, P.O. Box 132, Marsing, ID 83639 or call (208) 896-5563. Condolences may be given at www.FlahiffFuneralChapel.com.

Committee, and was an active supporter of 4H youth. He loved his family, hunting & fishing. He was a supporter of the Marsing Disaster Auction and Marsing Senior Center.

Mom died in 2002, but Dad continued to live on the farm. They say it takes a village to raise a child, but it also takes a village to help an old person live out his last years as independently as possible. With the help of the village called Marsing, Dad was fortunate to be able to live alone in his own

Betty Jean Ishibashi

Betty Jean Ishibashi, 89, of Homedale, passed away on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at home.

Betty was born March 4, 1927 to Willard and Iva Sitts in Iantha, Missouri. Her family moved from Missouri to Wilder, ID in the 1930s.

Betty married Dale Dickson of Homedale in June 1947 in Winnemucca, NV. They had two boys, Dale Ray and Tony. Dale passed away in July 1972. Mom worked at the Owyhee Lanes in Homedale and then for Crookham Co. for many years until she retired.

Betty married Bob Ishibashi in January 1980 in Winnemucca, NV. She and Bob enjoyed many trips to Winnemucca. Bob passed away January 2005.

Mom liked watching sports, whether it was on T.V. or at her



Betty was preceded in death by her parents, her husbands, Dale and Bob, her brothers, Willard (Jr.), Calvin and Carol (Bucky) Sitts.

Betty is survived by her children, Dale (Paula) Dickson, Tony (Deb) Dickson, her grandchildren, Jennifer and Steven, and a great-grandchild, Stanlee. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and two special little girls, Hailey and Mallory Stewart.

Rest in peace, mom. We will miss you a lot.

The family would like to thank Dawn Whitney for all the times that she took mom to watch the girls bowl.

A graveside service will be held at 10:00 AM on Thursday, June 9, 2016 at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery, Marsing.

Condolences may be sent to www.flahiffFuneralChapel.com.

boys' sporting events for she was very proud of them. She was an avid BSU fan. Go Broncos! She liked going fishing and especially bowling. She enjoyed spending time at the Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant having her morning coffee.

County schedules another RS2477 validation meeting

Another public meeting in the county's quest to validate roads on public lands takes place next Wednesday.

The next step in the Board of County Commissioners project to ensure proper categorization of roads under RS2477 takes place at 6 p.m. next Wednesday inside the Owyhee County Courthouse annex, 17069 Basey St., in Murphy.

Sections of the 161 U.S. Geological Survey topographical maps the county is using to chart the roads will be examined, including the so-called Owyhee Front and the remainder of the Grand View area.

Part of the Grand View quadrangle was covered in a

previous public meeting regarding the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area.

Individuals are asked to attend the meeting to help color code the rights-of-way in accordance to criteria set forth in Owyhee County Resolution 2011-21.

Maps are available for viewing at the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Office, 17069 Basey St., between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The RS2477 validation is part of the process to establish the uses of trails and roads that cross Bureau of Land Management public land in an effort for those uses to be included in future federal land use plans.

Death notices

HYLA M. CLAPIER, 83, of Meridian, formally of Caldwell, died Sunday, June 5, 2016 at a Meridian care center of natural causes. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-0833

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June 10: Ham/cheese sandwich, applesauce cup, orange juice

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June 14: Mini corn dogs, celery sticks w/ranch, apple slices

June 15: Turkey/cheese sandwich, peach cup, carrot sticks w/ ranch

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Homedale Senior Center

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June 8: Sausage & biscuits, mashed potatoes w/country gravy, carrots

June 9: Liver & onions, baked potato, peas, roll

June 14: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, California blend vegetables, roll

June 15: Pizza w/assorted toppings, lettuce, tomato

Marsing Senior Center

June 8: Roast pork, potato, vegetable

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Today

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

Homedale Hwy. District centennial
5:30 p.m., flagpole and flag dedication, Homedale Highway District office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., Homedale

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

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

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

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

Thursday

OCD summer tour
8:45 a.m. meet, 9 a.m. departure, U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center, 250 N. Bruneau Hwy., Marsing. (208) 896-4544

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

El-Ada commodity distribution
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View (208) 337-4812

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)
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

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

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

Friday

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

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

Grand View Days
5 p.m., power pole judging contest; 6 p.m., firemen's pit BBQ dinner, Lions park, \$10; 6 p.m., 3-on-3 coed basketball tournament, Grand View Elementary School gymnasium, \$10; fireworks at

dark, Grand View. (208) 834-2636

Saturday

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

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

Grand View Days
10 a.m., parade; 11 a.m., car show; events throughout the day, Grand View. (208) 834-2636.

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

Game night
7 p.m., card games and dominos, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 350-7359 Tuesdays and Thursdays

Sunday

Grand View Days
8 a.m., Breakfast, Lions Park; 10 a.m., church service in City Park, Grand View. (208) 834-2636

Monday

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

Vacation Bible School

9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho St., Grand View. (208) 834-2639

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

Tuesday

Vacation Bible School
9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho St., Grand View.

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

Homedale Sr. Center board meeting
1:30 p.m., open to public, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Library board meeting
5 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

Friends of Homedale library meeting
7 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 Monday through Saturday afternoons

Jordan Valley City Council meeting
7 p.m., City Hall, 306 Blackaby St., Jordan Valley, Ore. (541) 586-2460

Who's at risk for foodborne illness

If you feel like you have heard about several foodborne illness outbreaks recently, the truth is that you are correct. Between cross-contaminations occurring at restaurant chains, recurring cruise ship outbreaks and even commercially packaged vegetables, there have been several incidents of people becoming sickened or even dying from these seemingly safe situations.



Surine Greenway

A foodborne illness is defined as: any illness that comes from a food you ate. Foodborne infection is an illness that results from eating food contaminated by a pathogen, which results in an infection in the person who ate the food.

The unfortunate thing about foodborne illnesses is that they can trick you. When you become

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sick and are up half the night with symptoms such as headache, nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea, you most likely assume that it is just the "stomach flu," which is actually a respiratory illness, and infects people's airways. If you do link the issues as a food-related illness, usually you will blame the last food that you ate. In reality, it can take from 24 to 36 hours or even up to several days before you get sick from some of the disease-causing microorganisms that you consumed and caused your foodborne illness.

In the United States, there are an estimated 48 million cases of microbe-related foodborne illnesses reported annually. This means the odds of any one person suffering from a foodborne illness during the year is about 1 in 6. Of these, 128,000 are estimated to be serious enough to require hospitalization, and 3,000 cases (single person

incidents) result in death.

Because of the risks that are involved, there are highly susceptible populations, and extra precautions must be taken when food is prepared for and served to vulnerable populations at highest risk of foodborne illness: the very young, the very old, pregnant women, and those ill from other causes. Roughly 20 percent of the U.S. population falls into this at-risk group.

— Surine Greenway is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Family and Consumer Sciences educator. For more information, you can reach Greenway at the U of I Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104 or owyhee@uidaho.edu. The office is located at 238 W. 8th Ave. W., in Marsing. The source for week's column is *You Can Prevent Foodborne Illness, PNW 250 and Fundamentals of Consumer Food Safety and Preservation: Master Handbook, EC002*

Dog day for Homedale Story Time

Boys and girls attending Friday's Story Time at the Homedale Public Library will learn a lot about man's best friend.

Youth services coordinator Carol McMichael said the subject of the 10:15 a.m. program will be

all about dogs.

The featured book for Story Time will be "Bark, George" by author Jules Feiffer. McMichael will also read "Messy Jessie" by author Paula Bowles.

McMichael said an activity is

also planned.

For more information on the library's programs, call 337-4228 in the afternoons Monday through Friday. The library is now open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturday.

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SEQUICENTENNIAL SAMPLINGS

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LETTER FROM JORDAN VALLEY – May 31, 1866 – Avalanche: We still hear from our friend Lo. The news has reached our ears this evening that the soldiers got cleaned out. The Company under Major Marshall and Lieutenant Pepoon followed the Indians to the Forks of the Owyhee and had a fight with them, got whipped, lost four men and their artillery. They were in such a hurry that their tents and provisions were left behind. The cursed devils still hang round Dr. Inskip's. A few nights ago three pilgrims stopped there and had their horses stolen or strayed away – at least, they could not be found. They offered one for capturing the others. Mr. Lewis (a settler here) was at the Dock's, and started in search of them, and finding their track, followed it – but soon found that Lo was on the same track of the Indians – and pushing them close, made them take to the river and leave their booty behind. Mr. Lewis landed those horses safe at Inskip's. All things considered, this is the most successful campaign yet reported from that quarter. There are more deeds done, but you have doubtless heard of them ere this. The settlers here feel an uneasiness, fearing that Government will not clean out their enemies, and have another season to live in danger for the safety of their lives and property.

There is not much going on here in the way of farming. Some are putting in a small garden, others none. We have some that looks well and grows as well here as any place I've tried to grow vegetables. Our oats are up and looks well. The hay crop bids fair to be a good one this season. The late and heavy rains will help it out. We have had some of the finest rains here in the last ten days. The grass will do the cut in about three weeks. I think there will be some three or four hundred tons of hay cut. Yours, M. S. W. Strong

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Students head for Girls State

Homedale pair wants to strengthen leadership skills

They may have completed their junior years only a few weeks ago, but Samantha Bedolla and Ambyr Van Winkle are taking a break from summer fun and heading back to class.

The Homedale High School students will represent George D. VanDerhoff Unit 32 of the American Legion Auxiliary at Girls State beginning Sunday at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa.

"We're really excited about these two delegates and real pleased we had a good turnout for applications," Unit 32 vice-president and Girls State chair Tamara Patrick said.

The interest in Girls State spiked after Jordan Stuart put on an assembly promoting the opportunity for her senior project.

"I had no idea it even existed," Bedolla said. "The assembly kind of introduced the idea."

Patrick and Unit 32 president Vonnie Trogdon broke the selection news to Bedolla and Van Winkle.

"I'm kind of going in blind, but I'm hoping for the best," Bedolla said.

The civics summer camp runs through June 17 and will give the girls and others like them from around the state an idea of how the American form of government works.

"I saw this as like an opportu-



Ambyr Van Winkle, left, and Samantha Bedolla will attend Girls' State beginning Sunday.

nity to experience something in a job sense and maybe apply it next year," Van Winkle said.

The 17-year-old daughter of Homedale Middle School principal Amy Winters and Joe Van Winkle also sees the weeklong series of elections, mock lawmaking and courtroom happenings as a springboard to her plans come August back at HHS.

"Hopefully, I can get senior class president or ASB (student body) president and apply those leadership qualities to my school," she said.

When Homedale Unit 32 organizers picked Bedolla as a Girls State participant, it was just the beginning of a run of college-transcript-padding achievements the 17-year-old daughter of Ruben and Margarita Bedolla.

In late April, Bedolla also was accepted into the school's National Honor Society chapter.

"I want to hold a leadership position in the National Honor

Society," she said. "I want to help with organizing the community service projects they're going to do."

Both girls are honor students at HHS.

Van Winkle volunteers at her church with outreach programs for children. She is considering attending Idaho State University to study Nursing.

"I just help people as much as possible," she said, adding, "Especially with my mom, I'm getting told to do a lot of stuff at the middle school."

Van Winkle is a member of the HHS Science Club and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Bedolla, who is leaning toward social service or some type of community outreach as a field of college study, volunteers at the food pantry inside the Owyhee County El-Ada Community Action Partnership office in Homedale.

— JPB

Outpost Days attendees treated to cattle drive

The Outpost Days cattle drive, first orchestrated 11 years ago, returned at noon Saturday.

The 4-H Working Horse Project event emulates men such as Con Shea, who brought longhorn cattle into Owyhee County from Texas in the 19th century.

Tass Heim, 4-H working ranch horse committee chair, said the cattle belong to Chad McDaniel of Caldwell, who rents his animals out for roping and other events.

The Owyhee County Historical Society paid \$400, and the 4-H group chipped in \$300. The cattle were not longhorns, but a breed of horned steers called Corrientes.

Boys and girls with the 4-H project — 21 in all — herded the cattle through Murphy.

"That's what they've practiced for all year," Heim said.

The working ranch horse project was started in 2004, and Heim said the first cattle drive at Outpost Days was held in 2005. A Murphy-area rancher loaned longhorns, which were used until about 2009.

A Parma rancher loaned longhorns for several drives until 2012. Organizers scratched the 2011 event because of Equine Herpesvirus (EHV-1). Longhorns were no longer available in 2013,

the last year the drive was held, and roping steers were used.

No local ranchers volunteered to loan cattle this year, Heim said.

"I get it. They're trying to grow them, and put meat on them," Heim said. "They don't want us messing with them. But, yes, that's why we quit several years ago because I said, 'We can't afford to pay \$700 a year when there's cattle all around us.'"

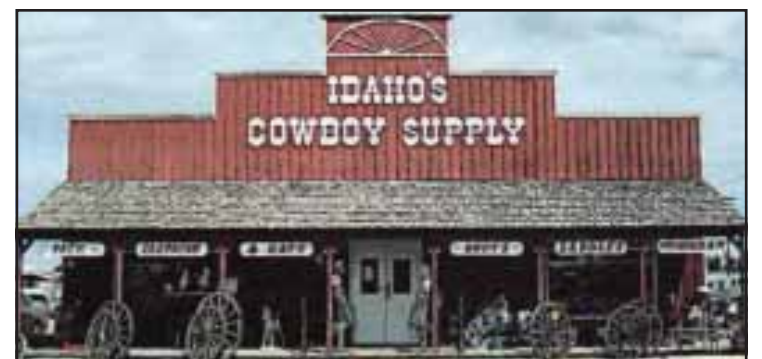
Museum director Amy Johnson defended the expenditure:

"You have to spend money to make money. The cattle bring in people, the people spend money, therefore the museum makes money. The same goes for gift shop merchandise we have to buy before we can sell it."

She added Outpost Days made about \$17,000 at the 2015 Outpost Days. Revenue is still being counted, Johnson hopes to see that same dollar figure this year.

Johnson called Heim when she couldn't find a rancher to volunteer cattle this year.

"I think Amy has worked diligently on this whole thing," Heim said. "She did a remarkable job, she was very tenacious, and obviously wanted it to happen. I appreciated her effort." — SC



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Holiday traffic stops lead to a series of drug charges

Owyhee County Sheriff's deputies made one felony arrest and issued four misdemeanor charges for possession of a controlled substance hours apart on Memorial Day.

The first misdemeanor citation came shortly after 2:30 p.m. when Deputy Chris Even conducted a stop near milepost 3 on U.S. 95.

OCSO Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said 26-year-old Jeffery Ball was pulled over for speeding at 82 mph in a 65 mph zone.

"Deputy Even could smell the odor of marijuana when he was talking with the driver," Bowman said.

Even called in Bureau of Land Management officer Keith Whitworth to assist in the traffic stop. Whitworth's K9 unit then alerted to the presence of drugs in the vehicle.

A search of the vehicle found 5.8 grams of marijuana, and Ball was cited for misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance and released.

The report written by Even did not indicate where Ball lives and Bowman wasn't certain if Ball was given a speeding ticket.

Just after 7 p.m., on May 30,

Reserve Deputy Vern Tunnell made a traffic stop close to the boat check station at the U.S. 95-Idaho highway 55 junction near Marsing.

"He had some kind of a boat or a raft and failed to stop," Bowman said. "So he was stopped and brought back to the boat check."

Tunnell said he could smell the odor of marijuana inside the truck belonging to Richard Nichols, 42, of Truckee, Calif.

Tunnell then called in Deputy Jaime Wood to assist with the county's K9 unit.

Wood's dog alerted on the vehicle, and Nichols told the deputies that he did have marijuana in his truck.

"We found seven marijuana cigarettes in the driver's door and later found inside a duffel bag two vacuum-sealed bags with marijuana in them," Bowman said.

Nichols was also given a misdemeanor citation and released. However, Bowman said the case is still under investigation and more charges could be filed.

Bowman did not know what the total weight was of the marijuana that was found in the truck.

The third Memorial Day traffic

stop that led to drug charges happened at 8:45 p.m., when Even stopped a white van pulling a trailer at milepost 7 on U.S. 95 near the Oregon border.

Even also called in Wood and the K9 unit, which alerted on the van.

The driver of the vehicle, Markos Photinos, 34, of Ashland, Ore., was given misdemeanor citations for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. He also received a citation for impeding traffic.

"He was on radar traveling between 45 and 55 in a 65, not maintaining a constant speed," Bowman said. "Approximately 15 vehicles were being impeded behind him. In Idaho, if three or more vehicles are behind you, you need to pull over."

Two passengers in the van also were charged.

Keith Jr. Townsend, 27, of Grants Pass, Ore., was cited for the same offenses as Photinos.

Katherine Wyman, 35, of Chico, Calif., was taken to Owyhee County jail for felony possession of methamphetamine. Bowman said Wyman bonded out.

— SC



Marilyn E. Aggeler stands beneath some of her paintings after hanging her artwork in the Lizard Butte Library earlier this month. Submitted photo

Native shows art at Marsing library

A woman who grew up in Marsing has installed her artwork in the Lizard Butte Library in her hometown.

Marilyn E. (Raymer) Aggeler is the Friends of the Lizard Butte Library featured artist through August.

"It is an honor to exhibit my artwork in my hometown," she said.

Aggeler says her love of art began when she was 5.

"In the early 1970s, I became seriously interested in oil painting," Aggeler said. "I progressed to various instructors from Oregon, Washington, and Idaho."

Aggeler has been a member of art guilds in Walla Walla, Wash., and Twin Falls. Her paintings

have been exhibited and sold in Idaho, Oregon, Washington, California and Colorado.

She said she has become interested in watercolor and pencil media.

"My hobby of photography is often used for subject reference," Aggeler said. "Living many past years in various country and mountainous areas, wildlife and nature paintings have become some of my favorites."

Aggeler's artwork will be on display at the library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., in Marsing.

The library is open from noon to 6 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from noon to 7 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Homedale grad back in county for book signing

Silver City event set next week

Author Jacquie Rogers returns to Owyhee County next week for a book signing.

The 1969 Homedale High School graduate is hosting an event June 17-19 in Silver City titled "Much Ado About Silver City."

The name of the event echoes her Hearts of Owyhees series of novels, "Much Ado About Mustangs," Rogers' fourth novel in the series, "Much Ado About Marshals," "Much Ado About Madams" and "Much Ado About Mavericks."

"Much Ado About Silver City" will be held in the historic Idaho Hotel.

The hotel is completely booked

for the weekend, but there are a limited number of free camping spots available in the area.

Registration to attend the events is \$50 for the person who registers, and \$10 for each additional family member. The fee for only attending on Saturday is \$25 for the registrant, and \$5 for each additional family member.

Rogers' latest book is "Hot Work in Fry Pan Gulch" (Honey Beaulieu — Man Hunter #1). She also has recently released "Mercy: Bride of Idaho."

Rogers now lives in Seattle.

Events planned for the weekend include meet-and-greets and photo opportunities, meals, an auction, and historic tours.

For more information on "Much Ado About Silver City," email Rogers at jacquierogersreaders@yahoo.com.

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Post 83 honors Bruneau's military dead

American Legion Post 83 in Bruneau led the town's annual Memorial Day observance at the cemetery on May 30. **Above:** Spent shells fly through the air as honor guardsmen, front to back, Tony Hall, Tom Hall, Jr., Joe King, Bill Denton, Bill McBride, David Tindall, Chet Sellman and honor guard leader Wayne Sellman perform a gun salute. **Below:** George Turner reads the roll call of deceased veterans associated with Bruneau.



Memorial in place

Donnie Harkins' dream of honoring his parents and giving folks a place to enjoy the Snake River has come together.

Above: A new powder-coated bench with cup holders and a colorful memorial to Wade and Vonnie Harkins stands near the Homedale boat dock in Riverside Park.

Left: The bass honors avid fisherman Wade, and Harkins' mother loved lighthouses. Nampa-based Allegiant Powder Coating furnished the sign design, and the Harkins family purchased the bench. Owyhee Sand and Gravel provided the cement foundation, and the city crew installed the bench.

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OUTPOST DAYS: HERITAGE ON DISPLAY



Matt Livengood of Nampa talks to folks about how people can adopt wild mustangs during a demonstration in Murphy on Saturday.



Carole Santistevan of Nampa dances with Ken Comontofski of Marsing as the Junior Jammers fiddle group plays.



Cameron Coordes, left, shows Troy Skovgard how to feed a calf in the petting zoo. Troy, 3, is the son of Anne and Simon Skovgard of Nampa.



Henry Bailey of Boise gets some new arm art from Denise Lacy, president of Highway 78 Community Disaster Relief, during Outpost Days on Saturday. Henry, 7, is the son of Helena and Ransom Bailey.

County museum expansion building to arrive this week



Before: The old military barracks (a.k.a. "The Pie Shop") lay in splinters.



After: With the land cleared, a foundation has been started for the museum expansion.

The Owyhee County Historical Society's (OCHS) board of directors is inching forward with an ambitious expansion plan for the museum in Murphy.

R&M Steel of Caldwell has donated a 6,000-square-foot (60x100) steel building, which museum director Amy Johnson said will be delivered Friday.

The building will be located behind the current museum complex to the northwest. Half of a World War II era army barracks was torn down to make room for the expansion.

The barracks structure was purchased by The Ladies' Club of Murphy from Mountain Home Air Force Base decades ago and once served as a pie shop.

"So it was barracks at Mountain Home, then it was moved here," Johnson said. "Then it became the Ladies' Club of Murphy. Then when they disbanded it was deeded to the museum, and they used it as the pie shop."

Johnson said the pie shop opened in an expansion of the museum building around 2001, mak-

ing the old barracks obsolete.

The old building had several names over the years.

"I've heard it called 'the club house,' 'the bunk house,' 'the barracks,' 'the pie shop,'" Johnson said. "I've just started calling it 'the out building.'"

She added that so far, about \$19,500 has been raised to erect the new building, and proceeds from the weekend's Outpost Days also will be used. The OCHS board of directors will need to gather another \$56,000 to complete the expansion effort.

"The whole thing will probably be finished in 10 years," Johnson said. "This is just getting it up. That's no electric, no plumbing, no drywall, nothing."

Stone tiles are now on sale inside the museum to raise funds for the project.

"Those are limited-time only, through Christmas," Johnson said. "The whole point is to put them in the new building. They'll be in it on a wall."

Prices are \$100 for a 6-by-6-inch tile and \$1,000 for an 18-

by-18-inch tile. The tiles can be personalized.

"You can put your name, your brand, your logo, whatever you want," Johnson said.

Former OCHS board member John Larsen came up with the idea to use a steel building to expand the museum 11 years ago.

Johnson said after 11 years, the time was right to start the expansion effort.

"We were at a point that we had lots of large donors who were ready to donate, and so it was like we have to do this now or we don't do it at all," Johnson said.

The concrete foundation for the expansion is now complete. Low's Ready Mix of Caldwell, which is owned by Oreana resident Cal Low, donated half of concrete needed for the effort.

Johnson said her predecessor, Joe Demshar, raised \$6,500 during his tenure. Johnson raised \$2,500 from the silent auction at last year's Christmas bazaar. Idaho Power donated \$500, and the Rodney Hawes Foundation donated \$10,000. — SC

Breshears fishing attracts scores of children to pond

Marsing boy catches first trout, first limit

Nearly 80 children attended the 17th annual Leroy Breshears Kids Fishing Day on Saturday.

Several Breshears family members attended the event at the Marsing Island Park pond, including Arvella Breshears, the wife of the late Idaho Fish and Game hunting education instructor at Owyhee County Sheriff's Posse member.

Sixty adults accompanied 77 boys and girls as they cast their line for a chance to catch several dozen golden trout that had been planted the day before.

A Marsing boy, 12-year-old Seth Gaertner, was the first to catch a fish at 9:04 a.m. He also became the first boy to catch his limit for the day. Seth won a new fishing rod, but elected to give it to a young girl, according to Idaho Department of Fish and Game Sr. Conservation Officer Craig Mickelson.

- Award-winning anglers were:
- **Biggest fish, girl** — Nikiya Crossley, 11, Caldwell, 2.75 pounds
 - **Biggest fish, boy** — Teagan Bennion, 12, Marsing, 1.68 pounds at 9:18 a.m.
 - **First limit, girl** — Morgyn Babcock, 11, Homedale. She caught six fish, but released her final trout because it was small.
 - **First fish, girl** — Taylor Horton, 8, Boise
- Nikiya and Teagan each received a fishing rod in an award named in honor of Michael Sterkenberg.

The 15-year-old Marsing High School student died in a car crash in December 2013.

The sheriff's Posse purchased trout that were placed in the pond, and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game also planted fish. The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office was another sponsor of the event. Personnel from all three agencies helped children fish and provided loaner rods and reels and bait and tackle.

Fish and Game conservation officers attended the event, including Brian Jack, who joined Marsing resident Chuck Kiester to teach children and adults archery skills.

Other IDFG officers helping out Saturday included Mickelson and Brian Perkes. Along with Jack, they each patrol part of Owyhee County for the state agency.

Other sponsors included the the Breshears family, Marsing Gem Stop, Howard's Tackle Shoppe in Nampa, the Lions Clubs of Marsing and Homedale, American Legion Post 128 in Marsing, Homedale Chiropractic, Perfection Repair of Homedale, Owyhee Dental of Homedale, Mattesons in Homedale and Pruett Tire Factory in Homedale and Marsing.

Several businesses provided items for the children's free lunch, including Logan's Market and Jeff Percifield (hot dogs), Meadow Gold (ice cream), Albertsons (buns) and the White House Drive-Inn (chips).

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Plenty of trout were planted in the Island Park pond Friday. Photo by Phillip Gibson / City of Marsing



Homedale's Morgyn Babcock was the first girl to catch a limit Saturday. She actually caught six fish, but threw one back because it was small. Photo by Craig Mickelson / IDFG



Above: Caldwell 11-year-old Nikiya Crossley claimed the largest fish caught by a girl. **Right:** Taylor Horton of Boise was the first girl to catch a trout. Photos by Craig Mickelson / IDFG



Marsing 12-year-old Teagan Bennion claimed the largest trout caught by a boy, landing a 1.68-pounder at 9:18 a.m. Photo by Craig Mickelson / IDFG

Seth Gaertner (left) and Jaci Sotelo of Marsing caught six fish in just 30 minutes Saturday at Marsing's Island Park.

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Homedale Lions Club could drop pickup heat

Entries sought; drivers must meet next week

Fans of the Homedale Lions Club's Fourth of July Demolition Derby might miss one event this year.

Lions Club member Jeremy Townsend, who works at NAPA Owyhee Auto Supply in Homedale, is in charge of entering cars into this year's showdown at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds rodeo arena.

Townsend said interest seemingly has cooled for an unusual heat started two years ago.

"The pickup derby is null and void," Townsend said.

But Lions president Will Pryor wants folks to know that the idea of a pickup derby may

not be completely down and out. He explained that a lack of participation is to blame for dropping the pickup derby. Only two drivers entered the competition last year.

"It doesn't mean that we are not open to bringing it back if we can get more than four truck drivers to commit to driving," Pryor stated in an email. "We are open to suggestions from the drivers as to what they would like to drive in the derby at the drivers' meeting. We will bring it up again this year."

The mandatory derby drivers' meeting is set for 7 p.m., next Wednesday in the Tumbleweed Theater at the fairgrounds.

To enter a car, call Townsend at 337-4668.

Car build questions should be directed to Chester Conklin at 989-2014.

— SC

Summer reading programs under way at libraries around county

A third county public library will start a summer reading program Thursday.

Two of the county's public libraries launched summer reading programs last week.

The Bruneau Valley Library does not have a summer program.

• **Lizard Butte Library** — The program will be held at 10:30 a.m. every Wednesday this month at Marsing City Park. The program is open to children in preschool through third grade.

This year's theme is "On your mark, get ready, set, READ." Library director Janna Streibel is organizing several games for boys and girls to get some exercise during the reading sessions.

For more information, contact the library at (208) 896-4690.

The library at 111 3rd Ave. W. is open afternoons Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

• **Homedale Public Library** — The program will be held at 1 p.m. in the library each Friday this month. The program is open to children ages 4-12.

Library youth services coordinator Carol McMichael said free lunches will be available.

The program features "library bucks." For each reading hour a child records, they'll receive a library buck, which can be spent on prizes at the conclusion of the monthlong program.

Children will have more chances to win prizes — including passes to the Homedale pool and the Nampa Recreation Center — in a drawing for attending each week.

Weekly themes for reading and activities are:

Friday — Out of the Ordinary
June 17 — Fueling your Engines

June 24 — The Science of

Sports

For more information, contact McMichael at (208) 337-4228.

The library at 125 W. Owyhee Ave. is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday.

• **Eastern Owyhee County Library** — The program will be held at 4 p.m. in the library in Grand View each Thursday starting this week. The program is open to children in kindergarten through fifth grade.

Library director Tammy Gray said the program will run for about six to eight weeks.

For more information, contact the library at (208) 834-2785.

The library at 520 Boise Ave. is open Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Marsing still pulling for Ronald McDonald House

Town's third-graders' pull tab program completes seventh year

For years, Marsing third-graders have collected pop can pull tabs to help an organization help who the children always assumed were strangers.

This year's crop of third-graders found out that their efforts actually impact the lives of their classmates and neighbors who have utilized Ronald McDonald House of Idaho (RMHI) in Boise.

Before the school year ended, the students of Paul Stephens and John Barenberg piled into a Marsing Elementary classroom to meet RMHI pull tab committee chair Mary Hansen and present her with 31 pounds of the aluminum widgets that had been removed from soda cans.

Hansen told The Owyhee Avalanche that the metal and the 5-gallon water bottles in which they were stored brought \$575 to help operate the house in downtown Boise.

Barenberg said Idaho Spring Water donated the water jugs into which the children stuffed about a thousand pull tabs.

"The kids and our community have worked really well this year," Barenberg said during the presentation.

Marsing has been bringing in pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House since 2009 when former teacher Brendalynn Love started the community service project.

"It's caught on in this community," Barenberg said. "It's not just a product of the kids. We have bus drivers, fourth-graders, fifth-graders and parents calling us up and asking if we're doing the pull tabs."

"It's an effort the Marsing community to get that many pull tabs."

Marsing pull tab collections have brought in 256 pounds of aluminum since 2009. RMHI also collects old computers and other e-waste to recycle to bring in more money for operation of the facility.

Hansen pointed out that the money raised locally is matched by the McDonald's corporation. Southwest Airlines and the Coca-Cola Co., also provide assistance, she said.

The Idaho house has 18 rooms and houses about 600 families each year, Hansen said. It costs nearly \$1,700 each day to run the operation based on 2014 costs of \$617,697.

Two Marsing families who have utilized RMHI's lodging also educated the students on how the organization helped them get through difficult times as their children spent time at nearby St. Luke's Regional Medical Center.

Paula Rhodes said the laundry services were the biggest help for her whenever she was in town for her son Connor's leukemia treatments. He was diagnosed with cancer two years ago.

Connor graduated from Marsing High School last month, but he still heads to Boise for treatment occasionally.

"It really is a blessing for our family," Paula said, reflecting on the lodging, meals and cleaning facilities that were provided.

Jenna Clair attended the ceremony with two of her children — 9-year-old Julianna and 4-year-old Jeremy, who was in the St. Luke's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit for six weeks after being born prematurely. Jenna and her husband James also utilized



Above: Third-grade student of the year Braydon Bedran Badzic, 9, and other Paul Stephens third-graders hold up their dog tags, including 9-year-old (center) hold up their Husky dog tags for service. **Below:** Ronald McDonald House Idaho pull tab chair Mary Hansen couldn't believe the weight of the donation.

RMHI in 2003 when their son, Jonathan, spent 10 days in NICU. Jonathan was a third-grader in Barenberg's class when Jeremy was born, Jenna said.

"For NICU families, a lot of times the parents don't leave their child's side," Hansen said. "We make sure that those families can take advantage of our services on a daily basis."

"We make sure they have good, healthy, nutritious food. We put the food in boxes and deliver them to the families."

Hansen presented certificates of appreciation to the third-graders for their pull tab efforts, and to Barenberg for his long-standing ambassadorship for the RMHI cause.

The third-graders also earned their service dog tag, which is part of the Husky program at MES that promotes responsibility, respect, service, compassion, human dignity, perseverance, excellence, honesty and pride.

— JPB



Grand View church launches roof repair campaign

Internet site set up for donations

After decades of serving Grand View faithful, Knight Community Church is in need of some work.

Pastor Ivan Shetler said the congregation has been fighting a leaky roof for years, and an effort is underway to get the problem solved once and for all.

Shetler says the project could cost between \$35,000 and \$40,000, but the plan is to start work later this month or in early July. United Exterior Designs of Caldwell is the roofing contractors, and a Go Fund Me account has been set up for donations at gofundme.com/mnuenyhw

Shetler thinks work will begin on the new roof before the end of the month.

"The contractor hasn't gotten back to me with exactly when he can get in there," Shetler said.

In the meantime, the church's youth pastor, Jerry Shetler, is preparing for Vacation Bible School. The roof work is scheduled to begin at the conclusion of the VBS, according to the Go Fund Me page.

The VBS will run from June 13 to June 17 at the church, 630 Idaho St., in Grand View. For more information, call the church at (208) 834-2639.

Jerry Shetler said the VBS will include music, drama, Bible study, games and snacks. It will be held from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each day.

It's open to boys and girls who

are 4 years old through those attending sixth grade.

The youngsters at the white stucco church add to the heritage of the congregation, which can boast third-, fourth- and fifth-generation members from families such as Osborn, Shaw, Palmer, Carothers, Collett and Bates.

The church is used not only for services, but there is a Spanish language service on Thursdays, a weekly after-school program on Tuesdays and men's fellowship on Wednesdays.

The monthly food pantry takes place at Knight Community Church, and Faith Christian School also uses the building for activities and its year-end ceremonies.

Church member Mrs. Jerry Cunningham recently provided a brief history of the church to The Owyhee Avalanche.

What became Knight Community Church was organized as First Congregational Church of Grand View on Nov. 22, 1908 by Rev. W. C. Veazie of Salt Lake City. There were 11 charter members.

The modern church building was dedicated on May 13, 1928 as the Knight Community Church in honor of Lloyd G. Knight.

It took 10 years to raise the funds to build the church, which stood as the only one in the valley for many years.

Cunningham explains, "Life was a struggle in this newly



Knight Community Church's congregation has met in this building for nearly 90 years. Submitted photo

formed community in 1908. If there was enough water to irrigate the hay through the whole season, then there might be enough money to set a little aside to build the church. But alas, the once or twice attempts did not materialize."

Faced with struggles to raise money, the pastor's wife suggested prayer was the answer.

"A small child, believing and hearing this need, approached the pastor as he visited her parent's home and offered a penny as the first donation for the church," Cunningham wrote.

The pastor, who was known as a carpenter and architect, wrote a receipt for the donation and returned home to draw up plans

and construct a scale model of the church complete with pews, pulpit and piano.

The tiny donation and the pastor's vision spurred the community to work through difficulties through the winter and spring of 1928.

"Men who never attended church gave their time and money," Cunningham wrote. "Friends and even those not considered friends, worked together, always spurred on by the great-hearted pastor."

Volunteers were from diverse backgrounds. An immigrant family camping on the Snake River gave their time without pay.

On the eve of the dedication,

home-crafted pews were set in place, and a party of men rushed to the Mountain Home rail station to fetch the bell and install it.

"The bell rang throughout the valley, welcoming the farmers, cattlemen, sheep men, merchants and their wives and children to the service conducted by the state conference," Cunningham wrote.

She also gave an account of the first service:

"The moderator of the national council delivered a resounding sermon based on the geranium flowers placed by the pulpit," Cunningham wrote.

"He made the whole audience feel like they were all a part of God's family."

Knight church to host Vacation Bible School next week

Vacation Bible School classes begin Monday at Grand View's Knight Community Church.

The program will be held daily from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. through Friday, June 17. Pastor Ivan Shetler said the VBS is open to boys and girls who are 4 years old through those attending

sixth grade.

No registration is required for the free classes. Parents can simply drop their children off at the church at 9 a.m. any day next week. Children do not have to attend each day of the VBS to participate.

"It's real common for the first

day to be short," Shetler said. "Kids start drifting in. They're welcome to come anytime."

The official title of the VBS is "SonSpark Labs: Discovering God's Plan 4 U = Jesus!"

"They're going to be teaching Bible stories through various kinds of crafts, and as I

understand it, there will be some light-duty science experiments," Shetler said. "It's built around a laboratory."

The church's youth pastor, Jerry Shetler, will lead the VBS.

The VBS will also include music, drama, Bible study, games and snacks. Shetler has enough

room for about 55 children to participate in the program.

The church is located at 630 Idaho St. For more information about the VBS, call the church at (208) 834-2639.

— SC

Santa Fe developers plan several homes

There could be as many as 12 new homes built in Homedale's Santa Fe subdivision this year.

"There will be a minimum of four and the maximum could be 12," developer Ron Mayhew said. "It just depends on how the market dictates. It's depending on demand."

The real estate market and its dictates is the reason building ceased at the 40-lot subdivision along which Railroad Avenue runs to its intersection with West Idaho Avenue.

It has been nearly nine years since the subdivision was first platted. Home building ended after the first four homes were constructed and the recession set in.

A handout Mayhew emailed to

The Owyhee Avalanche claims that new construction, a glut of foreclosures on the market and tight lending guidelines hampered the ability to sell homes.

But with low-interest rural development loans, demand has begun to tick upward.

The two houses Kouba Homes built in February — both around 1,100 to 1,200 square feet — were under contract to be sold before the drywall was completed on interior walls, Mayhew said.

"It is Homedale they want to be in," Mayhew said of the prospective homebuyers. "It's not just the schools, but that's part of it. It's the community in general. It's more than just the schools. It's the city itself."

Homes will be priced for

between \$140,000 and \$160,000 with varying additional cost for custom additions. Most of the demand is for single-story homes, but Mayhew said the subdivision does have two-story options.

"When we first decided to start building a couple months ago, we were going to build two and see how it goes. Then we decided to build two more immediately," Mayhew said.

Construction on the next two homes will begin as soon as permits are secured and subcontractors lined up, Mayhew said.

There are 34 lots still available, and Mayhew said plans are to put the large commercial lot across from the Alforex Seed Co., on the market this summer.

— JPB

Hammett resident arrested on Ada County warrant

Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy Jeff Wasson arrested a man last Wednesday on a warrant for felony lewd conduct with a minor.

Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said 51-year-old David Feusi of Hammett was taken into custody without incident just before 9 a.m. along Idaho highway 78 near the Elmore County line.

"Ada County was working a case on this guy who lives in Owyhee County," Bowman said.

"They had an arrest warrant, so because we have different judicial districts, when that arrest is made in Owyhee County that person has to come to our jail."

Ada County deputies took Feusi back to Boise on Thursday morning. He is scheduled for arraignment on two felony counts of lewd conduct with a child under 16 at 1:30 p.m. on Monday before Fourth District Judge Deborah Bail in Boise.

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Avalanche Sports



HMS roper heading for nationals

A Homedale eighth-grader will compete for Team Idaho in the National Junior High School Finals Rodeo later this month.

Michael Babcock, the son of Michelle Burgess, earned his spot on the Idaho State High School Rodeo Association team with his second-place finish in the state high school rodeo finals tie down roping last week in Pocatello.

Babcock had the fastest time of the meet, roping his calf in 14.82 seconds.

He will be among roughly 1,000 competitors from 43 states, Canada and Australia on hand June 19-25

for the NJHRF in Lebanon, Tenn. Babcock will compete for part of a \$100,000 scholarship pool and a chance to compete in the June 25 championship performance, which will be televised nationally on RFD-TV as part of the Cinch High School Rodeo Tour. The NJHSFR performances also will be broadcast live online at NHSRATV.com.

Babcock's trip to nationals caps a successful season for the Homedale Middle School athlete. He won his second consecutive 3A Snake River Valley conference wrestling championship in the winter and

won four championships in the 3A SRV track and field meet.

He has qualified for the Junior Olympics in track, and shared the MHS male athlete of the year award with fellow eighth-grader Daniel Uranga.

Information on other locals who may have qualified for the NJHSFR wasn't available at press time.

Other events at the rodeo include barrel racing, pole bending, goat tying, breakaway roping, chute dogging, team roping, ribbon roping, junior bull riding, bareback steer riding and saddle bronc steer riding.

H.S. state finals rodeo starts Saturday

Cowboys and cowgirls from rodeo clubs at Owyhee high schools will take part in the Idaho State High School Finals Rodeo beginning Saturday at Bannock County Fairgrounds in Pocatello.

The top four finishers in each event at the state rodeo qualify for the National High School Finals Rodeo, which takes place between July 15 and July 23 at the CAM-PLEX Event Facility in Gillette, Wyo.

Those athletes finishing between fifth and 15th in the state events earn a shot to ride in the Silver State International Rodeo, which will be held from June 27 to July 3 in Winnemucca, Nev.

Local competitors who finished sixth or better in the District 2 season to qualify for State

include:

- **Ria Kent, Marsing** — Third place in barrel racing, fourth in pole bending and fourth in girls' cow cutting

- **Jacob Falls, Homedale** — Second in bull riding

- **Anthony Herrera, Rimrock** — Tied for third in bull riding

- **Lawson Matteson, Homedale** — Fourth in tie down roping, and fourth in team roping with Trevor Engle

- **Shelby Dines, Marsing** — Sixth in breakaway roping

Kent finished fourth in the District 2 girls' all around standings, while Matteson was eighth in the boys' all around standings.

Michael Babcock has earned a spot in the National Junior High School Finals Rodeo, which starts June 19 in Tennessee. Submitted photo

State champion Trojans take top honors in All-3A SRV softball

Kelly earns player of the year;
Kendall Nash shares rookie award

Homedale High School's softball team capped a record-setting year with players grabbing at least a piece of the 3A Snake River Valley conference's top postseason awards.

Sophomore right-handed pitcher Dakota Kelly was named the conference's player of the year, and freshman Sophie Nash shared rookie of the year honors with Payette's Phoebe McGrath.



Kendall Nash

The Trojans won their second consecutive 3A state championship last month, giving the program three titles apiece in Class 3A and Class A-3 in the past two decades.

Senior center fielder Gardenia Machuca was placed on the all-conference first team after a season in which she set six HHS career softball records, including

three that had stood since 1998 when Jenny Overton played for coach Jim Macmillan in the midst of the first Trojans dynasty.

Machuca, who is bound for Treasure Valley Community College, finished her career with a .487 batting average (Overton hit .431 in a career that ended 18 years ago), 47 doubles and 161 runs scored (both eight more than Overton's previous marks), an .850 slugging percentage (shattering the .717 Elise Shenk finished with in 2015), 207 RBI (61 more than Tori Nash's previous career mark set last year) and 29 home runs (surpassing Destiny Long's career total of 22 set two years ago).

Machuca's home run production fell to seven in 2016 — off from her single-season record pace of 12 as a junior — but she had the highest single-season batting average of her career at .532 and knocked in 55 runs.

Other HHS first-teamers included senior first baseman Makayla Aberasturi, sophomore

second baseman Kendall Nash, and senior shortstop Tristan Corta.

Senior Sydnee Shanley was a second-team outfielder, and junior Megan Maxwell earned an honorable mention selection at catcher.

The senior core of Machuca, Aberasturi, Corta and Shanley helped coach Larry Corta amass a 101-17 record in the past four seasons, including a pair of two-loss seasons during the 2015-16 state title era. In the past four years, the Trojans outscored their opponents by a ratio of more than 3-to-1 (1,361 runs scored and 415 runs allowed).

Homedale will begin the 2017 season with an active 21-game winning streak.

Kelly's season included a 19-2 mark with three saves. Her earned-run average over 132 2/3 innings was 1.21.

Sophie Nash's season included a .423 batting average and a .996 OPS. She also piled up a .517 on-base percentage and a .479 slugging percentage.

She had four doubles and scored 28 runs while stealing 12 bases and posting 16 RBI.



Conference player of the year Dakota Kelly winds up for a pitch during a game against Vale, Ore., in March.



Christine Ketterling, right, received the Homedale School District Award of Excellence from board chair Kurt Shanley earlier this year. Submitted photo

Ketterling keeps federal funds straight for Homedale district

Financial focus shifting with new legislation

School may be out, but work is just starting for Homedale School District administrators.

With the 2016-17 budget hearing looming later this month, Christine Ketterling is one of the busy ones at the district office.

As a first-year federal programs director, Ketterling oversees budgeting and programming for the district's myriad federally funded aspects, including Title I, Title II, Title III, migrant, and English Language Development.

She has worked in the district for seven years. She was a second-grade teacher and the 21st Century Learning Centers After-school Program director before the district's grant ran out.

Ketterling says the most challenging part of her latest assignment is the dance she has to do with fluctuating federal funding levels that pass to the district through the state Department of Education.

She recently told school trustees that preliminary 2016-17 federal program allocations for Title 1A will rise for the first time in four years; however, migrant funding will dwindle over the next few years.

"These funds provide our migrant case workers, family liaison and summer school," she wrote in her report to the board.

Trustees have heard about the funding changes during recent budget workshops. The budget hearing takes place at 7 p.m. Monday inside the district office's boardroom at 116 E. Owyhee Ave.

Ketterling says the district should have a Title I appropriation of about \$250,000. Among other things, the Title I funding helps pay for the district's intervention program, for which teachers Terri Uria and Margo Phariss are tutors. The funding is used to buy the teachers' prep periods so they can spend them helping students with

math and reading deficiencies.

"We don't do that very often," Ketterling said. "It depends on the year and the need itself."

"If people need help to pass a class, the funding might be put into that extra intervention."

Title I money also helps finance reading nights and math nights for parents and students.

Ketterling said the Title funds have been dwindling steadily over the past six years, but that trend is expected to change when the Every Student Succeeds Act becomes law and replaces the federal No Child Left Behind funding structure.

"I think it's going to provide a little bit more local control over the funds, more so than what it was under No Child Left Behind," Ketterling said.

There is about \$50,000 expected for the district's Title II program.

"I help oversee professional development in the district because Title II (funding) is the professional development/teacher quality piece," Ketterling said.

The district also recently received a nearly \$20,000 school improvement grant to be utilized at the middle school. Ketterling told trustees that the funds will provide Friday School opportunities and extra support for certified and classified support. More immediately, money is available to let the sixth-grade teachers team to attend an AVID Summer Institute training in Denver.

Ketterling currently is working on consolidated plan that outlines how the district utilized its various types of federal fund. That plan is due June 30, and government officials could approve it by mid-August.

Ketterling was honored in April with the district's Award of Excellence. Her husband, Nick, teaches in the district. The Caldwell-area residents have been married nearly six years and they have a 2½-year-old daughter named Matea.

— JPB



HHS Class of 2016 scholarship winners

Several Homedale High School Class of 2016 graduates have earned local scholarships (parents names are listed parenthetically). **Front row, from left:** Makayla Steinmetz (Terry Steinmetz and Tami Watson), Madison Fisher (Dwayne and Tracy Fisher), Marrisona Cole (William and Rhonda Cole), Jordan Stuart (Bob and Brenda Stuart), Maya Correa (David and Angela Correa), and Nash Johnson (Toby and Shannon Johnson). **Back row, from left:** Jennifer Bautista (Rutilio and Luz Bautista), Jason Buenrostro (Luis and Silvia Buenrostro,) Gardenia Machuca (Ramiro and Sonia Machuca), Michael Lejardi (Steve and Margaret Lejardi), Tristan Corta (Larry and Margery Corta), Lawsen Matteson (Mike and Sheila Matteson), Josh Tolmie (Dirk and Robyn Tolmie), and Connor Carter (Chad and Denise Carter).

Scholarships

Homedale High School

- Gates Millennium** — Noe Sanchez
- Silver City No. 13 Masonic Lodge** — Madison Fisher
- Conner Landa FFA Agriculture** — Fisher
- D.L. Evans Bank** — Jennifer Bautista
- George Murray/Homedale American Legion Post 32** — Bautista and Michael Lejardi
- Frank Matteson Memorial** — Gardenia Machuca
- Homedale Lions Club** — Marrisona Cole, Zachary Bates, Makayla Steinmetz and Nash Johnson
- Bryan Tolmie Memorial** — Connor Carter and Josh Tolmie
- Dr. George and Lenora Wolff Memorial** — Jason Buenrostro
- Carol Lopez Memorial** — Maya Correa
- Deward Bell Memorial** — Steinmetz
- Conner Landa Athletic** — Tristan Corta and Lawsen Matteson
- MaryJo Pottenger Memorial** — Matteson
- Evelyn Hood Memorial** — Jordan Stuart
- COSSA Educators Association** — Bates
- McGregor Co.** — Fisher
- Idaho-Oregon Fruit and Vegetable Assoc. and Tom Moore Memorial** — Fisher

Marsing High School

- Cody Barrett** — Idaho Opportunity
- Cynthia Bartrop** — Marsing Disaster Auction award, Caldwell Board of Realtors
- Brady Bowers** — University of Idaho Gold Scholarship
- Shelby Dines** — Odessa College (Texas) rodeo, Taylor Sauer Memorial, Marsing Disaster Auction,

Owyhee County Rodeo Board

- Samantha Floyd** — Oliver Finley Academy of Cosmetology
- Lisa Hall** — Boise State True Blue Promise
- McKenna Hall** — BYU-Idaho student, National Honor Society scholarship
- Holly Hobbs** — Boise State True Blue Promise, Camp Rainbow Gold Survivor, Buckle up for Bobby, Idaho Opportunity, Roaring Springs, Marsing Student Council, D.L. Evans Bank
- Jordan Goins** — University of Idaho Platinum
- Rianna Kent** — BSU Deans, University of Idaho Platinum, The College of Idaho, Idaho State University Deans, Owyhee County Rodeo Board
- Jessica Merida** — Canyon-Owyhee School Services Agency Association, Silver City No. 13 Masonic Lodge
- Adrianna Salutregui** — University of Idaho Silver
- Katy Smit** — William Judson Boone, Kathryn Albertson Day Award

Jordan Valley High School

- JVHS** — Jaci Larsen and Sage Raine
- Clayton Wilson Memorial** — Raine and Wyatt Stanford
- Jim Anderson Memorial** — Jett Warn
- Jordan Valley Jr. Rodeo** — Raine and Stanford
- J.V. Booster Club** — Raine
- Karen Echave Memorial/National Honor Society** — Raine
- Pat Wroten Memorial/Excellence** — Warn
- Pat Wroten Memorial/Baseline** — John Baker; Chantel Brundage; Larsen; Raine; Stanford; and Warn
- Drama Club** — Larsen

Homedale High School recognizes perfect attendance

Students who didn't miss a day of school in the 2015-16 school received certificates (parents listed parenthetically). **Front row, from left:** Dazsha Zamora, freshman (Heidi Apel), Courtney Downum, freshman (Johnathan and Jennifer Downum), and Veronica Flores, sophomore (Elaine Flores). **Back row, from left:** Drew Taylor, junior (David and Charmaine Taylor) and John Gomez, junior (Bret and Janette Gomez).



Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense Public signs

Public signs and announcements are often unclear. Hidden meanings lurk beneath even the simplest directive. I'd like to propose that some government agency be assigned the task of rewriting them. For instance:

An announcement heard frequently in major airports SHOULD say: "Your attention please. The solicitation of funds by religious groups, Moonies, animal rights fanatics, perverts, sickies and other weirdos is not sponsored by the management of this airport or the airlines."

See ... say what you mean.

"This parking space is reserved for handicapped persons. If you are parked here and can walk away from your car without the aid of a cane ... it may be the last time."

"CAUTION: The surgeon general has determined that smoking will cause your lungs to look like Alpo, make your clothes and hair stink, take 10 years off your life and make kissing you as pleasant as licking an ashtray."

"Beware of Dog. We are sick and tired of uninvited guests and couldn't find a sign that said 'Beware of Armed Sniper in the Lilac Bush.'"

"Parking for customers only: Violators will be crushed and melted."

"EPA est. 25-mpg city, 30-mpg hwy. These are estimates and your mileage may vary because the EPA, like most government agencies, is incapable of making a decision and since THEY ran the test they're probably not reliable anyway."

"Not Responsible for Hats and Coats: there's no accounting for the bad taste some of our customers have in clothes."

"No Shoes, No Shirt, No Money, No Service."

"For Sale: Good cow dog: \$1,000. Will consider trade for two \$500 cats or a high school graduate with no intention of going to vet school."

"HOME COOKING: Today's Special: leftovers microwaved to perfection just like you get at home."

"No Hunting or Trespassing: Violators will be shot, ground into chorizo and fed to the feral hogs."

"EASY-MONEY PAWN SHOP! We lend cash on anything of value! All we require is proper identification and a member of your family as collateral."

And finally, I've eaten at some restaurants where the sign on the door should have said, "Sorry, We're open!"

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Letters to the editor

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The deadline for submitting letters is noon on Friday. Letters can be submitted in these ways:

- E-mailed to jon@owyheeavalanche.com
 - Faxed to (208) 337-4867
 - Mailed to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628
 - Dropped off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale
- For more information, call (208) 337-4681.

Wayne Hoffman, Idaho Freedom Foundation executive director



Statehouse watch Citizens don't like lawmakers' political pension payoff perk

When a government board member compares a special perk for state lawmakers to an "insider trading" scheme, something sketchy is going on. The pejorative assessment came during the biennial meeting of the citizens committee charged with determining legislators' salaries and benefits.

Of the insider-trading-like perk, committee member and Pocatello attorney Reed Larsen said, lawmakers "know those benefits are there. They know how to take advantage of them." This time, the benefit in question is the cause of geometric increases in a legislator's pension payout should he or she quit his or her roughly \$16,000 annual elective-office position to take a six-figure state government job. Under state law, a legislator's monthly pension can skyrocket overnight from a few hundred dollars a month to thousands of dollars per month.

Examples of the perk in practice are endless. Last summer, Sen. John Tippets quit the Statehouse for a job as director of the state Department of Environmental Quality. His pension is projected to go from less than \$500 a month to more than \$3,600. Likewise, Sen. Dean Cameron, appointed to lead the Department of Insurance, will see his projected monthly pension leap from about \$700 to \$4,500.

In all, about a dozen former state legislators are benefiting from this perk, designed by and for the benefit of legislators, many of them recent Gov. C. L. "Butch" Otter appointees. Unless this benefit is changed, undoubtedly more legislators will hit the pension-lottery payout. And, you'll pay for it.

Former Sen. John Goedde, a member of the citizen

compensation panel, noted, technically speaking, nothing stops a non-legislator state employee from seeing similar dramatic increases in his or her retirement pay. However, Goedde is a little disingenuous regarding the potential beneficiaries. A similar nosebleed hike in pension wouldn't come by appointing a longtime, middle manager to lead an agency. Rather, a comparable pension boost could only happen if the governor appointed a lifelong minimum-wage employee to the top of the government bureaucracy.

That's implausible.

Legislators are likely to know of and seek open, top-level management positions. And, they're also likely to have the political connections to get appointed to said positions, something that agency underlings won't have. Hence the "insider trading" comparison.

"It just smells to me," Larsen said. Ultimately, the citizens committee, unsure of whether it had authority to unilaterally nix the politician-pension benefit, urged lawmakers to examine the issue come 2017. If lawmakers do take up the issue, it won't be the first time. In 2015, the House wisely passed a bill to get rid of the pension payoff — but the measure died in the Senate without a hearing.

Though the pension benefit has almost no impact on the solvency of the state pension system, it does raise a number of other important concerns. State lawmakers should not be able to design and receive a special benefit just because they're state lawmakers. The retirement benefit is lucrative only for them, not general state employees, part-time mayors or city councilors or other officials.

— See *Payoff*, Page 19

Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington School's out, but teachers' impact on children lingers



Most of us can remember a teacher who made a difference in our lives. For me, that teacher was also my mother. As an English teacher, she recognized the importance of good grammar and punctuation for clear communication. The lessons she taught me have stuck with me throughout my life.

And, teachers do so much more than impart lessons. They are entrusted with our most precious gifts — our children. Teachers inspire. They identify and grow their students' talents. They patch up skinned knees, comfort hurt feelings and keep our children safe. Teachers often work long before and after the school bell rings grading papers, coaching sports teams, tutoring struggling students, working with parents, leading extracurricular projects and much more.

Teachers are a central part of our communities, and they affect the lives of millions of Americans every day. The Idaho Department of Education reported that there are more than 18,000 certified to teach in Idaho. The U.S. Census Bureau reported that there are more than 7 million teachers and more than 78 million students from nursery school to college enrolled in school throughout the country.

The Senate unanimously passed a resolution thanking teachers by honoring their roles and contributions in building and enhancing the civic, cultural and economic well-being of the U.S. and encouraging students, parents, school administrators and public officials to participate

in teacher appreciation events during National Teacher Appreciation Week, celebrated in May. The resolution also included the following recognitions:

- Education and knowledge form the foundation of the current and future strength of the United States; and
- Teachers and other education staff have earned and deserve the respect of their students and communities for the selfless dedication of the teachers and staff to community service and the futures of the children of the United States.

Teachers leave a legacy that lasts long after their careers. They impart knowledge that we carry with us throughout our lives. Teachers help set the course for the future of Idaho students and our country. We are blessed that many talented individuals choose to teach and prepare Americans for their career paths. These lessons are not only beneficial for our occupations, but also are applicable throughout many areas of our lives. With the close of another school year, I am hopeful teachers have the opportunity to recharge over the summer months. Thank you, to the exemplary women and men who choose to be teachers in Idaho for the lasting lessons you provide and the central role you have in readying Americans for the challenges ahead.

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

Commentary

Financial management

Student should pause 401(k) to cash flow college

Dear Dave,

I'm 19 years old, and I'm putting myself through college debt-free. I usually work part-time during the semesters, but right now I'm working full-time. I have about \$2,000 in mutual funds, and I was wondering if I should add my full-time work income to that or save it all to help pay for school.

— Chandler

Dear Chandler,

Wow! Great job, man! I appreciate that you're looking toward the future with your investment, but right now I want you to invest in you. I want you to make sure, first and foremost, that you graduate college debt-free. So, if I'm in your shoes, I'm piling up the cash to pay for school.

You're in a season of your life where things are more hectic than you probably ever dreamed they could be. My advice is to

keep that money liquid. Keep it available and on hand, and don't tie it up in mutual funds at the moment. You'll have plenty of time to continue investing once you graduate.

It's best for you to concentrate on finishing school, then landing a job and finding a place to live after college. Even if you end up living in the same place for a while, starting life in the real world takes money, so let's make sure you can make that happen. In other words, Chandler, as long as you do something with your education and that education is in an area that's useable, you are a better investment than mutual funds right now!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

My son is going off to college soon, but he's never had a job. His uncle has offered him a really nice, low-mileage used car for \$3,000. My husband doesn't



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want us to give him money for the car, but I think this deal is just too good to pass up. What do you think?

— Tonya

Dear Tonya,

Unless there's some sort of disability that's prevented your son from working part-time over

the past few years, I've got to agree with your husband on this. Your son needs a car, but he also needs to get off his butt and work for it. If you get this car for him, you're just teaching him that mommy and uncle will take care of everything. That's not a good lesson for any child to learn, and it's an especially bad thing for a teenager.

When you and your husband first started out in life, I'm guessing you didn't start out rich. Am I right? It's not really the car deal that's the problem here; it's the lesson that will be learned. At his age, it's silly for him not to want to work for a car, and you and your husband need to be up in his face about that. Then, if he chooses not to work for a car, he can walk. He shouldn't be rewarded for showing no desire to go earn things and make stuff happen.

When my son was around that age and wanting a car, he was

working his tail off around my office packing boxes and painting stairwells. That's how you learn about the benefits of hard work. If you don't teach your son how to work now, he'll be living with you when he's 30 years old and doing exactly what he's doing now — which is nothing.

This automobile deal is a bad deal, because it doesn't teach your son to work for it.

— 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.

Americans for Limited Government

Minimum wage hike will eliminate many entry jobs

by Don Todd

Fast Food Forward, an advocacy organization, makes an eloquent, emotional plea for the wellbeing of restaurant workers: "In America, people who work hard should be able to afford basic necessities like groceries, rent, childcare and transportation." Who can argue with that?

Similarly, the Fight for Fifteen organization comes up with this argument, "We Work, We Sweat, Put \$15 on Our Check!" How do you argue with that?

As with most emotional arguments they are light on thought. One of the problems with artificially pricing labor by government fiat rather than market forces is that consequences are not as visible to the naked eye as the alleged benefits.

Not that long ago, we had service stations in America rather than gas stations. When you pulled in, a young person would come to you window and ask, "Fill 'er up?"

As your tank filled, the attendant would wash your windows, check the oil and water and tire pressure. Where have those jobs gone? Why have those jobs disappeared?

They have gone to the same place the grocery store carry-out boys have gone, which is out of existence.

These jobs are generally phased out slowly as labor costs are arbitrarily increased, so the impact is not as noticeable as if they disappeared overnight.

According to the National Restaurant Association nearly one-third of all Americans got their first job in a

restaurant.

Who are minimum-wage workers?

- Nearly half were under age 25; this age group accounted for about 20 percent of all hourly paid workers.

- 15 percent of employed teenagers earned minimum wage or less, as compared to about 3 percent of workers over age 25.

- 63 percent were women and 37 percent were men; 5 percent of women earned minimum wage or less, as compared to 3 percent of men.

- 65 percent were part-time workers, and 35 percent were full-time workers.

- 11 percent were in the West; 16 percent were in the Northeast; 26 percent were in the Midwest; 47 percent were in the South.

- 65 percent were in service occupations, with 50 percent in food preparation and service-related occupations.

- Eighty-one percent of minimum wage workers do not live in poverty.

As increases in the minimum wage led to self-serve gas stations and carry your own groceries, new increases will inevitably lead to self-serve restaurants. In fact, it is already happening.

"Wendy's said that self-service ordering kiosks will be made available across its 6,000-plus restaurants in the second half of the year as minimum wage hikes and a tight labor market push up wages.

It will be up to franchisees whether to deploy the

labor-saving technology, but Wendy's president Todd Penegor did note that some franchise locations have been raising prices to offset wage hikes."

These are stepping-stone jobs, and they are disappearing. They are valuable in that they are normally first-time jobs and they teach young adults how to function in the work place and the rules of the road, which are much different than the rules in high school or college.

Is it any wonder that the percentage of young adults still living with their parents up to age 35 is the highest since records were first kept in 1880?

Many of America's young adults appear to be in no hurry to move out of their old bedrooms.

For the first time on record, living with parents is now the most common arrangement for people ages 18 to 34, an analysis of census data by the Pew Research Center has found.

And the proportion of older millennials — those ages 25 to 34 — who are living at home has reached its highest point (19 percent) on record, Pew analysts said.

Nearly one-third of all millennials live with their parents, slightly more than the proportion who live with a spouse or partner.

This is a direct result of the types of initiatives like those pushed by Fight for Fifteen and the Fast Food Forward campaign.

— Don Todd is director of research at Americans for Limited Government.

✓ Payoff: Compensation panel asks Legislature to look at pension practice

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Of further concern, a governor should not have the ability to dangle a prospective state job in front of lawmakers as a carrot to help make them do his bidding. How likely is a legislator to challenge the governor when retirement pay could be jeopardized? How likely is that legislator to go to bat for a constituent against a wayward agency, knowing that he or she might get the golden ticket to one day lead that same agency? The potential of a cushy ride-into-the-sunset state government job dissolves

the separation between branches of government. This politician perk makes it more challenging for legislators to operate independently and on behalf of the people who elected them.

At the end of their meeting, the compensation committee boldly agreed — unanimously — that the Legislature needs to address the problem. Interestingly, the Legislature put the issue in the committee's hands to resolve it. Boldly.

That aside, the compensation committee's punt back to the Legislature faces a steep political hurdle. Just as it

is nearly impossible to convince elected officials to limit their own terms or reduce their own power, it is a tall order indeed to get legislators to vote to limit their compensation and position perks, especially one so lucrative as the pension payoff. If it were easy, it would have happened this week.

— Wayne Hoffman of Nampa is president of the Idaho Freedom Foundation, which on the IFF website is described as a non-partisan educational research institute and government watchdog.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

June 12, 1991

Commissioners reduce bond maturation to 15 yrs.

In an effort to save the county about one half million dollars over the life of the jail bond, the Owyhee County Commissioners reduced the pay-off on the bonds from 20 to 15 years, at their Monday meeting.

"If you can save a half a million dollars, it seems to me you ought to save it." Commissioner Richard Bass said.

Based on estimated interest rates, a 15-year bond would save the county \$431,752.

The commissioners said they were concerned that citizens might feel they were misled, since all information provided on tax increases prior to and during the bond election were figured on a 20-year bond.

However, the official election ballot read "Shall the Board of Commissioners...be allowed to issue and sell general obligation jail bonds...to mature over a period which may be less than but which shall not exceed twenty (20) years..."

Bass said if citizens were misled, it was unintentional on the part of the commissioners.

Former area teacher writes novel

Lowell Thomas Clay, a former teacher in Marsing, Grand View, Jordan Valley and Wilder now living near the Vallivue High School, has authored a newly published western, *Valley of the Red Hand*, that seems likely to prove a best seller in Owyhee and Malheur Counties.

Succor Creek, the old Marsing ferry, Jordan Valley and Silver City are among many nearby settings for the tale of a freighter and his feisty old sidekick trying to serve Owyhee mining camps in the 1880s in the face of murderous roadblocks by a scheming cattle baron.

In Homedale last week to drop off copies of his privately-published shoot'em-up at two local stores, Clay said excitedly, "I can't believe what's happening with this book. It's the biggest ego trip of my life!"

Why did he choose the Owyhees as the book's locale? "There is a certain rugged, primitive majesty about the Owyhees that you don't find anywhere else...One of the biggest juniper forests in the United States is right in Owyhee County." There are also "massive Douglas fir and Ponderosa pine" that lots of folks don't even know about, he continued, adding:

"There are massive canyons that are practically unexplored. It's loaded with all kinds of history that I have only begun researching."

Track kids win

Seven members of the newly organized Randy Shanley Track Club in Homedale took first places at the All-Comers Meet at Borah High School in Boise on June 5, according to Amy Christoffersen, volunteer coach for the club.

In the 17-18 age category, Kory Bean placed first in the 400-meter run against a field that included college-age runners, Christoffersen pointed out. Bean also took second in the 200-meter dash.

Among local girls, Jessica Zatica scooted to 1st in the 50-meter dash and second in the 400-meter dash in the 9-10 age group. Stephanie Woodburn placed 1st in shot put and 3rd in the 200 dash among competitors in that same age group, while Dietra Haylett placed first in the 200, 2nd in the 100 and 3rd in the 50-meter dash.

Basketball coach Young bids farewell to Homedale

Striving to remain upbeat even as he appeared saddened, Coach Bobby Young made his farewell to Homedale last week, vowing to complete his education so that he can continue what he obviously loves to do, coach basketball and teach young athletes.

"I feel bad for the kids. I feel I cheated the kids because I don't have my degree," Young said as he concluded the summer hoop camp he had been conducting here. Young was not rehired to coach varsity basketball at Homedale this fall at least partly because of his lack of formal teaching credentials. He had been hired for only one season.

50 years ago

June 9, 1966

Traffic sign suggestions made at City Council meeting

The Homedale Improvement Club represented by Mrs. Grace Colley, Treasurer, and Mrs. Frank Orr, Secretary, presented deeds to the City Library property to the City Council at its regular Monday night meeting for updating by the city attorney.

In other council business it was suggested that a "no parking" sign be placed in the alley between the post office and the Owyhee Telephone Co. to keep patrons from parking in the alley and blocking traffic while getting their mail at the post office.

Mayor Lester Carter stated that several complaints had been made that a stop sign was needed on Railroad Avenue at the intersection with First Street because of the obstructions at the intersection.

A discussion was brought up on the restroom facilities at the city park and a suggestion was made by Mayor Carter to see if it was feasible to have the restrooms hooked up to the city sewer system.

City Clerk Kenneth Downing reported that Chet Moulton, Idaho State Aeronautical Director, had set a tentative meeting in Homedale Wednesday to discuss the adopting of rules and regulations for the city's airport.

There was no further business to attend to and the council recessed until Monday, June 20 at 8 p.m. for another council meeting when members could take action on further business.

May was a slow month for new buildings and residences in Homedale, reported City Clerk Kenneth Downing to the Council Monday, with no permits issued for the entire month.

Basque dancers perform at Kiwanis meeting

A special performance of Basque dancing by four local students was given at the Wednesday luncheon meeting of the Homedale Kiwanis club in the Masonic Building basement.

Vic Uria, program chairman, introduced the dancers: Monte Duncan, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Duncan; Allan Echeverria, son of Mrs. Frances Echeverria; Theresa Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Johnson; and Cindy Uria, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Uria.

The students have been taking Basque dancing lessons in Boise given by two of the Basque dancers from the Boise area that gave a special performance at the past two World's Fairs. The basic dance is the LaJota.

Nina Evans is named 'Jobie of the Year'

Nina Marie Evans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Evans, Rt. 1, Homedale, has been designated "Jobie of the Year" for 1966, of Job's Daughters Bethel No. 31, Homedale.

This is the highest honor a regular member may be awarded and is given to the Job's Daughter who has performed the most faithful and valuable service for her Bethel for the ensuing year. Nina was awarded a plaque and an identification bracelet, signifying this honor. She has also served this past year as Grand Bethel Representative to Washington, D.C., from the State of Idaho.

Miss Evans is a member of the senior class of Adrian High School and is president of the Adrian Chapter of the Future Teachers of America, Oregon Girls State alternate delegate, a member of the Future Homemakers of America and the Pep Club. She plans to attend Oregon State University upon graduation, and will major in Home Economics.

Homedale girl to spend summer in Guatemala

Shirley Mewhinney, a Homedale High School graduate of 1961, will leave the week of June 13 for California and ultimately for Guatemala, Central America, where she will spend the summer as a counselor in a mission school. Miss Mewhinney, who will be a senior at George Fox College, has been named a Youth Ambassador by California Yearly Meeting of Friends Church. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mewhinney of Homedale.

140 years ago

June 10, 1876

HOME RULE – Congressmen are dependent for their election on popular favor; Senators are dependent upon Legislatures; the latter govern to a great extent the general appointments including those to the Territories. Hence, with them, their influence in securing Territorial appointments cuts a considerable figure in the barter and sales by which State lobbyists and Legislatures are controlled, favorites repaid, foes conciliated, etc., and they loathe the idea of relinquishing that element of power. The reform contemplated is just and to withhold its establishment is perpetuating a tyranny that no precedent can justify and no observance render respectable. The "appointment of officers from abroad to rule over us" was a strong count in the indictment of tyrannies against Great Britain one hundred years ago and this Centennial year would be a fitting time to pluck out the last root of the Upas free of Foreign Government. It was revolt against it that established the Netherland Republic and broke the Sceptre of Spain as it did that of Rome. Against it all freedom-aspiring people have ever revolted. If there were to-day as many Territories as there are States the system would be instantly wiped out or there would be war. The continuance of it, therefore, is in violation of America's great Declaration of Liberty, in violation of the principles of Freedom, and is a gross oppression maintained and continued simply through brute force. – *New North-West*.

FRANCONI ITEMS – *Editor Idaho Avalanche*: A young, ambitious graduate, of a Western Agricultural College, who would like to engage in the dairy business, tried his hand at milking here recently. With pail in hand he marched to the largest bovine in the corral and was preparing to extract the lacteal fluid when bovine faced about and gently bowed the head. The young South Mountainite was in the act of returning the bow when bovine's horns caught him by the waistband and landed him on the outside of the corral. Now when he hobbles up to the corral, morning and evening on his crutches, he declares he will milk that cow yet, if it breaks his leg.

Captain Curtis Johnson has taken a lease for a term of eight years, with the privilege of buying within two years from date, from Dow Vincent, his ranch on Jordan Creek.

A SENSATION AT ROCKY BAR – The unusually quiet town of Rocky Bar, in this Territory, has been stirred up recently by an affair of a somewhat romantic character, in which love, elopement, a stern parent's resolution and other incidents are mixed up. A well known business gentleman of the Bar, whom we shall call Mr. W., pretty well along in years, but not blind to the influence of Cupid's darts and such like, fell desperately in love with a young lady who visited the place during the winter. The tender passion was reciprocated by the young lady, who, however, was disqualified from becoming a wife by reason of her tender age being under sixteen, and worse still her "parent" who came from Missouri last fall and has religion on the brain, was bitterly opposed to the match on account of the disparity in the ages of the parties interested, and was down upon W. because he is a saloon keeper. He took the girl away from the place, to a house some distance down the country and left her there. She refused to go any further than Stanton's and "Pap" or "Howdy," as the old man is called, returned to Rocky Bar. W. took advantage of the situation and departed in hot haste for Stanton's and found the young lady quite willing to elope with him. They walked two miles, crossed the raging torrent in a boat, procured horses in Pine Grove, rode all night to Rattlesnake and departed at that point by stage to Kenton, where by this time they are, probably, firmly hitched in the bonds of wedlock. The name of the young lady was Miss Eunice Ann Nicholson. If they are spliced, the stern parent has got a clever and accommodating gentleman for a son-in-law, who magnanimously and honorably offered to send the young lady to school for two years if the old man would consent to a union after that. He was obdurate, however, and his stubbornness has given the people of Alturas quite a lively subject to talk about.

Public notices

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:

S½ of 02N04W; 01N04W; 01S04W; 02S04W; 03S04W; 01N03W; 01S03W; 02S03W; 03S03W; 04S03W; 05S03W; 06S03W; 07S03W; N½N½ of 08S03W; S½S½ of 03S02W; 04S02W; 05S02W; 06S02W; 07S02W; 08S02W; N½ of 09S02W; 05S01W; 06S01W; 07S01W; N½N½ of 08S01W; 05S01E; 06S01E; W½W½ of 07S01E; NWNW¼ of 08S01E; W½W½ of 05S02E; and W½W½ 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

Abandoned John Deere Tractor, serial number 10000, will be sold at 31 E Idaho, Homedale, Idaho on June 20th, 2016 at 10am. Bob's Owyhee Repair.
6/8,15/16

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE CASE NO. CV 2016-976-H IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
IN RE: Kevin Earl Abels Jr.

A Petition to change the name of Kevin Earl Abels Jr., 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 Kevin Earl Vaughan. The reason for the change in name is: I want to share the same last name as the man who raised me, my step dad, Roba Vaughan.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 10:30am on July 20, 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 May 23, 2016
Clerk of the District Court
By: Cindy Chaves, Deputy

Clerk
6/1,8,15,22/16

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 to satisfy the obligation secured 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,

SUMMARY STATEMENT AMENDED FY16 & PROPOSED FY17 SCHOOL BUDGET MARSING JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #363

ALL FUNDS				
	Prior Yr	Current	Amended	Proposed
	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget
REVENUES	14.15	15.16	15.16	16.17
BEG. BAL.	2,291,980	1,926,581	1,978,916	1,843,516
LOCAL REVENUES	925,242	1,290,081	1,237,421	1,231,541
STATE REVENUES	4,428,797	4,020,076	4,478,992	4,260,714
FEDERAL REVENUES	1,330,181	1,351,761	1,395,278	1,335,634
OTHER REVENUES	0	0	0	0
TRANSFERS	533,643	413,371	483,394	499,283
TOTAL BEG. BAL/REVENUES	9,509,843	9,001,870	9,574,001	9,170,688
EXPENDITURES				
SALARIES	3,317,113	3,345,829	3,382,770	3,517,294
BENEFITS	947,383	1,086,515	1,106,158	1,175,592
PURCHASE SERVICES	1,224,805	1,341,004	1,370,373	1,378,303
MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	540,018	747,382	796,590	685,260
CAPITAL OUTLAY	128,019	401,633	410,675	279,370
INSURANCE	37,734	41,141	41,141	41,141
DEBT SERVICE	2,184,571	1,385,556	1,252,643	1,295,556
TRANSFERS OUT	533,643	413,371	483,394	499,233
CONTINGENCY RESERVE	251,983	223,295	223,295	223,295
ENDING BALANCES	344,574	16,144	506,962	75,644
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	9,509,843	9,001,870	9,574,001	9,170,688

A copy of the School District Budget is available for public inspection in the District Office.

NOTICE OF FEE INCREASE

The Marsing Joint School District No.363, Owyhee and Canyon Counties, Idaho, has proposed to increase the fees listed below effective with the 2016-2017 school year. The proposed fee increases are outlined in the following schedule:

	Current Price	Proposed Price	Percent Increase
<u>Child Nutrition Services</u>			
Elementary Students	\$ 1.65	\$ 1.75	6%
Middle School Students	\$ 1.95	\$ 2.00	3%
High School Students	\$ 1.95	\$ 2.25	9%
Adults	\$ 3.50	\$ 4.00	14.5%

NOTICE OF AMENDED FY16 BUDGET, FY17 PROPOSED BUDGET AND FY17 FEE INCREASE HEARING MARSING JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #363 OWYHEE AND CANYON COUNTIES, IDAHO

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Marsing Joint School District No.363, Owyhee and Canyon Counties, Idaho, will be held on June 14, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the District Office, at which meeting there shall be a public hearing on the amended FY16 maintenance and operation budget, the FY17 maintenance and operation budget and the proposed fee increases for the forthcoming school year. A copy of the amended FY16 budget, proposed FY17 budget and proposed fee increases for FY17, as determined by the Board of Trustees, is available for public inspection at the School District Office at Highway 78, Marsing, Idaho, between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm(Monday through Thursday) from the date of this notice until the date of the hearing. This budget hearing is called pursuant to Section 33-801, Idaho Code as amended. Deborah Holzhey, Clerk, Marsing Joint School District No.363, Owyhee and Canyon Counties, Idaho

Posted: June 2, 2016
Published: June 8, 2016

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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Public notices

HOMEDALE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF FEE INCREASE
[I.C. §63-1311A]

LEGAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That on **June 14, 2016 at 12:30 p.m.** in the banquet room of Moxie Java, 404 US Highway, Homedale, ID 83628, the Board of Commissioners of the Homedale Rural Fire Protection District will receive comments regarding the Board of Commissioners' intent to make a decision to establish the following proposed fee.

In summary, the Board of Commissioners intends to establish the following proposed fee:

FEE CATEGORY	EXISTING FEE	PROPOSED FEE
Emergency Vehicle Access Inspection	\$25.00	\$50.00
Day Care Inspections	\$20.00	\$25.00
Fireworks Stand Inspections	\$25.00	\$50.00
Transport Mileage	\$8.79	\$10.97
IV Lock	None	\$25.00
IV Infusion	None	\$40.00
IO Infusion	None	\$250.00
LM Supraglottic Airway	None	\$115.00
Glucometry	None	\$7.50

Basis of Authority:

1. The State of Idaho, under authority of Idaho Code §63-1311, provides that the governing board of any taxing district may impose and cause to be collected fees for services provided which would otherwise be funded by property tax revenues.
2. The above referenced Fire and Ambulance fees have been preliminarily determined by the Board of Commissioners to be reasonable in relationship to the cost of administering by the Fire District and does not exceed the actual cost incurred by the Fire District to render said services and to protect its ability to collect such fees.

All persons are invited to attend the public hearing and to provide comment on the proposed fee to be established. Copies of the full text of the proposed Fee Policy may be viewed at Bowen Parker Day, 19 E Wyoming Avenue, Homedale, Idaho, during regular office hours [8 a.m. to Noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8 am to Noon on Friday].

DATED this 24th day of May, 2016.


Mike Parker, Secretary

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED BUDGET HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Idaho Code 33-801 that a regular meeting and hearing will be held by the Trustees of Pleasant Valley School District No. 364 on June 21, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at the Pleasant Valley School. A copy of the budget is available for inspection in the School District Office by the public during office hours and shall remain available until the hearing. A summary of the 2016-2017 proposed budget is attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein as if set forth in full herein and being posted and published with the NOTICE OF PROPOSED BUDGET HEARING. The meeting and hearing are open to the public. The public is welcome and invited to attend and submit testimony. Time limit for testimony may be set forth by the Board of Trustees at the time of the meeting.

SUMMARY STATEMENT 2016 - 2017 SCHOOL BUDGET
ALL FUNDS
Pleasant Valley School District #364

REVENUES	GENERAL M & O FUND				ALL OTHER FUNDS			
	Prior Year Actual 2013-2014	Prior Year Actual 2014-2015	Prior Year Actual/Budget 2015-2016	Proposed Budget 2016-2017	Prior Year Actual 2013-2014	Prior Year Actual 2014-2015	Prior Year Actual/Budget 2015-2016	Proposed Budget 2016-2017
Beginning Balances	195581	194087	190799	108502	24521	25251	32253	33542
Local Tax Revenue	13045	9814	10145	10145	13		3600	3600
Other Local		321				4444		
County Revenue								
State Revenue	196701	200012	175426	260505	5678		5000	858
Federal Revenue					17719	23045	13275	13275
Other Sources	190	292			2835	14165	19736	
Totals	\$407,277.00	\$404,326.00	\$376,370.00	\$385,312.00	\$50,736.00	\$67,705.00	\$73,964.00	\$51,073.00
EXPENDITURES	Prior Year Actual 2013-2014	Prior Year Actual 2014-2015	Prior Year Actual/Budget 2015-2016	Proposed Budget 2016-2017	Prior Year Actual 2013-2014	Prior Year Actual 2014-2015	Prior Year Actual/Budget 2015-2016	Proposed Budget 2016-2017
Salaries	67266	70631	74143	80443	11276	11276	11614	11614
Benefits	32806	19543	23730	33197	10897	11968	11968	11968
Purchased Services	77265	67260	111027	112210	2721	5188	10254	5000
Supplies & Materials	4285	2768	11550	11550	483	2545	3750	3000
Capital Outlay	2485	2983	8250	8500	108	3779	2918	500
Debt Retirement								
Insurance & Judgments	6758	5267	6600	6600				
Transfers (net)	3005	14185	18736					
Contingency Reserve			12702					
Unappropriated Balances	194,087.00	190,799.00	108,582.00	119,812.00	25,251.00	32,253.00	33,542.00	18,871.00
Totals	\$407,277.00	\$404,326.00	\$376,370.00	\$385,312.00	\$50,736.00	\$67,705.00	\$73,964.00	\$51,073.00

A copy of the School District Budget is available for public inspection at the District's Administrative or Clerk's Office.

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