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FAIRGROUNDS FACELIFT UNDER WAY



Buildings knocked down Monday

Beau Showalter from Marsing-based Showalter Construction takes a whack at the fair office Monday morning during a demolition spree at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds in Homedale. Also leveled were the small animal barn and a pair of metal covers in the main food concession area. For more on the project, see [Page 13](#)

HHS graduate heads to U.S. Naval Academy

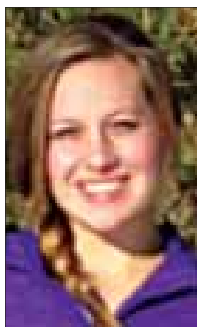
Tori Nash will enter the U.S. Naval Academy later this month.

The 2015 Homedale High School graduate successfully completed requirements at the U.S. Naval Academy Preparatory School (NAPS) and earned a Secretary of the Navy nomination to the academy at Annapolis, Md.

Ryan and Heidi Nash's daughter is one of seven Idahoans taking part in the induction ceremony at the Academy on Thursday, June 30.

Tori Nash

Tori Nash is one of 125 NAPSters (as the prep school grads are called) nominated to the Class of 2020, which includes 1,165 plebes, according to Cmdr. Roy Ledesma (USN ret.), who is the Blue and Gold Officer Area Coordinator for Idaho and a 1987 Naval Academy graduate.



Inside this week:
The 2016 Owyhee County Fair Book can be found as an insert in the *Avalanche*.

New trustee joins Marsing school board

The Marsing School District Board has a new trustee.

Jason Sevy will fill out the term of Zone 1 Trustee Michael Lankow, who resigned in March ahead of his move out of the area. The term officially ends June 30, 2017.

The remaining trustees unanimously appointed Sevy during their June 14 meeting.

The only other person who interviewed to fill out Lankow's term was Homedale Public Library administrator Sharla Jensen.

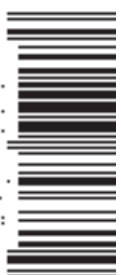


Jason Sevy

Sevy stated that he threw his hat into the ring

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Library expansion plan to go before Homedale council

Board seeks higher dollar figure for grant

Homedale Public Library administrator Sharla Jensen is moving forward with an ambitious plan to expand the current building at 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

During a June 14 meeting inside the cramped original building behind the operational 35-year-old structure, Western Alliance for Economic Development executive director Tina Wilson updated board members on an Idaho Department of Commerce Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application.

The board also examined possible architects to design the expansion. A proposed architectural firm was finalized at a special meeting held Tuesday after deadline and could be presented to the Homedale City Council at 6 p.m. on Thursday during what has been put on the agenda as a grant opportunities discussion.

Wilson confirmed with the state agency that the library board can ask for up to \$500,000 for the expansion project.

"When we visited at the last

meeting, most of the numbers were coming in around \$350,000, and I wasn't sure if we would fall into the category that had a \$250,000 cap," Wilson said. "They do allow you to ask for up to \$500,000, but the average award is around \$350,000."

Wilson is also writing a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Community Facilities Grant application seeking \$60,000 for the project.

No match is required for the CDBG grant, but a match is required for the federal community facilities grant. The match can be cash, or in-kind services.

The CDBG grant would be submitted in November while the USDA grant can be sent at any time. Wilson told the board members that they would probably be notified if the grants were awarded or not in January. Any money that was awarded would be available a few weeks later.

During Thursday's city council meeting, Jensen and Wilson will present some draft numbers on the grants and the proposed construction. The council must sign off on grant applications because both the state and federal programs require the city to be the fiscal agent and applicant.

"If the city's not going to sign the grant application for this construction project, there's no reason for us to do anything else on it," Jensen said.

The council also will learn about how much architectural services will cost, and council members must approve the recommended firm.

"We don't have an accurate feel as to what the construction costs are going to be until the architect renders drawings," Wilson said. "You're probably going to need between \$20,000 and \$25,000 to cover the renderings."

Jensen previously said Tad Jones of Boise is her preference among three architects with whom she has spoken.

"I liked him because he actually came out and listened," Jensen said. "The CTY Studio architects did not. They spent the whole time walking around making notes and changing stuff. The other one (New Design architects) never even came out."

Jensen and Wilson will likely recommend Jones to the council, but the library board met Tuesday after deadline to finalize their decision.

The architectural drawings would be part of the grant appli-

cations, and they'll be part of any request for construction bids the city may make if the grants are awarded.

"It would be really wonderful if every bid came in under what we thought (the cost) for the proposed project would be, but we know that's not really possible," Wilson said.

She also told the board members that landscaping around the new building would constitute about five percent of the construction costs, and paving and striping the parking lot is estimated at \$30,000.

Wilson floated an idea for the city to take care of the paving and striping.

"Traditionally speaking, the city can do it at a far less cost, even if the city went out and bought those supplies," Wilson said. "The city has the ability, generally speaking, to buy those with their bulk purchasing. It would be at a lesser cost than what you would pay a contractor to do it."

Wilson intends to suggest that idea to the council Thursday. If council members agreed to do the paving and striping on the city's dime, it would be considered a match for the grants, and could increase the score of the applica-

tions, Wilson said.

Jensen isn't concerned about the parking lot at this time and just wants to get the expansion built.

"Later worry about the paving, or maybe even get another grant," Jensen said. "Maybe a grant from (U.S. Department of Agriculture) Rural Development to cover the pavement if the city's not interested."

Library officials have pressed pause on forming an expansion steering committee and the creation of a five-year plan until the council signs off on the expansion plan.

Jensen is currently not planning on trying to form a taxing district to fund the expansion.

During the Harold Wilson mayoral administration six years ago, then-Councilman Tim Downing stressed that a taxing district should be in place before a library was built to ensure money for maintenance and operation of the new building.

The 2016 concept drawing for the interior of the new building reflects a 3,500-square foot expansion. The current building, which was built in the 1980s, is 1,375 square foot.

— SC

Homedale library looking for some artistic talent

Logo design contest runs through July 30

Artists around Homedale might want to sharpen their pencils and practice some design ideas.

Homedale Public Library director Sharla Jensen is putting together a contest to come up with a logo for the library.

She started thinking about holding a contest several months ago and said it would be nice to have a logo that is easily recognizable to put on things like book bags, bookmarks, or prizes given away

during special events.

Jensen had been holding off on launching the contest until she could ask the Friends of the Library about donating some cash as a prize for the winning entry.

Her opportunity came June 14 when the three people on the Friends of the Library board, president Marlene Bean, secretary Nancy Belknap, and treasurer Steve Belknap, were present at the library board's monthly meeting.

Jensen said she was contemplating a \$50 prize, and Steve said he was thinking about the same dollar figure. The Friends of the Library agreed to make the donation.

The winner will also receive a \$50 gift certificate to Tolmie's Ace Hardware and Appliance and a Homedale library book bag.

The contest is open to anyone, not just children. The library board will choose the winning logo from the designs submitted.

Entries must be submitted by email at homedalelibrary@yahoo.com. The deadline for entries is July 30.

Story Time salutes summer

Friday's Story Time theme is Blast Off to Summer, and two books will be read during the 10:15 a.m. activity Friday.

One book is "Garfield and the Space Cat" by Leslie MacGuire. A nonfiction book, "Summer," by Aaron Carr will also be read.

Children will make straw rockets during the activity phase of the event.

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

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Marsing school bond vote put off until March

Officials still looking for patrons' input

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

The unanimous decision to delay the ballot measure was made during the board's June 14 meeting.

The new election date of March 14 is aimed at giving the district time to use patrons' input in developing a plan that would include combining the high school and middle school populations into one facility and building a new gymnasium.

Originally scheduled for May, the proposed election was first moved to Aug. 30 before last week's decision to put it on the March ballot.

School superintendent Norm Stewart said patrons' input has been slow in coming.

Stewart said allowing for more time to inform the community about the need for the new facility was only one reason for delaying the bond vote.

"What we're also running into was, even though we were contacting people to participate on the ad-hoc committee, the summer months, especially in an agricultural community, it was difficult to get people out of their obligations for their personal lives to help promote the bond," Stewart said.

"We're hoping that as we transition into the winter months those people will

become much more available."

He added that there are numerous roles to fill on the committee.

"In working with our consultant, (retired superintendent) Richard Bauscher from Middleton, he said that we probably need about 30 people on the ad-hoc committee to help promote this," Stewart said.

The current middle school building would be used for expanded educational opportunities and office space, Stewart said previously.

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

A 25-year bond option would reflect an annual property tax increase of \$21.40 per \$100,000 in taxable value.

A phone survey to 279 Marsing school patrons found that fifty-six percent of respondents would support the bond election. Twenty-eight percent of the patrons (or 79 people) refused to take part in the survey.

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

It took two tries to pass that bond. An election held in February 2002 only received 64 percent approval with 269 of 420 voters in favor of the proposal.

— SC



As Director of Highways Stewart Constantine, right, looks on Homedale Highway District employee Trey Corta test-drives a Bobcat with a broom attachment.

Officials take Bobcat for a spin

Homedale district exploring options, no budget yet

With an eye toward safer and more efficient equipment, the Homedale Highway District is shopping these days.

Subdistrict 2 Commissioner Scott Salutregui was the only board member present for a demonstration of the Bobcat T650 skidsteer last Wednesday at the district yard.

"We're just trying to get more efficient on things that we've been renting now," Salutregui said.

The three-man district crew "kicked the tires" on the Bobcat with H&E Equipment

Services representative Carl Thigpen. Trey Corta used the Bobcat's sweeper attachment, and Dan Herman was looking forward to hooking up the dozer blade.

Director of Highways Stewart Constantine learned about the specifications on the 74 HP machine.

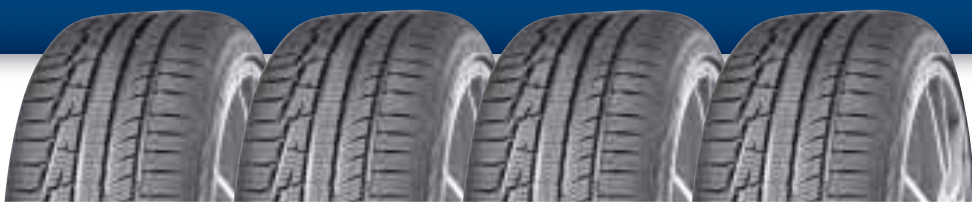
Salutregui said he and fellow commissioners — chair Larry Prow and Subdistrict 3 Commissioner Joel Wilson — aren't ready to pull the trigger on any purchase yet. No money has been budgeted, and the board is just taking its time seeing what's on the market, Salutregui said.

In the meantime, the commissioners will continue examining other makes and models and gathering information.

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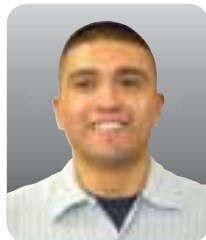
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Last of the Trojans' bleachers come down

Homedale School District maintenance employees — from left maintenance and transportation supervisor Tom Muir, Humberto Cardenas, Ron O'Neal and Dan Parrill — took out the final 45-year-old bleachers Thursday at the high school gymnasium. The wooden retractable seats are being replaced with molded plastic bleachers in school colors. The new bleachers will be in place before the start of the school year in August.

10th Txoko Ona Picnic scheduled for Sunday

What started as a dedication ceremony for a gleaming new community center is celebrating its 10th year.

The Txoko Ona Picnic will be held at the Basque center by the same name in Homedale beginning at 10:30 a.m., on Sunday.

St. John's Cathedral parochial vicar Aita Antton Egiguren Iraola from Boise will officiate a Catholic mass to begin the day at the center, 333 S. Main St.

The event is open to the public.

Lunch will be served at noon. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children younger than 12.

The menu includes solomo with pimientos, which is a Basque pork sandwich, a roll, salad, French fries, beans and rice pudding.

Once the gastronomical journey into the culture ends at 1:30 p.m., other cultural delights will be launched in the open space behind the community center.

Herribatza Dantzariak, the youth dance troupe mentored by Homedale resident Gloria Lejardi, will perform at 1:30 p.m.

The adult Oinkari Basque Dancers from Boise, a group that includes some performers with Owyhee County ties, will

take to the performance area at 2:15 p.m.

The Oinkari appearance will be one of the last locally before the troupe's trip to perform during the Smithsonian Folklife Festival in Washington, DC next month. After that, the dancers will travel to the Basque country for workshops, according to the group's Facebook page.

At 3 p.m., the Txingak (weight carrying) competition begins.

Other contests include the 8-king Mus card tournament at 3:30 p.m. and the junior Mus tournament at 3:45 p.m.

The junior tournament is open to Txoko Ona members ages 13-17. The tournament winners have the chance to advance to the North American Basque Organization (NABO) Junior Mus Tournament in Chino, Calif., on Saturday, July 2.

There will be a horseshoe competition at 4 p.m.

Staff from the Basque Museum and Cultural Center will be on hand selling items from the Boise location's gift shop.

There also will be an exhibition on baking bread in the ground utilizing hot coals from a wood fire.

Correction

The identities of the law enforcement personnel and volunteers among those who teamed up in a Jump Creek rescue were transposed in last week's article. Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy Jaime Wood and Posse member Jason Ineck brought out Natalie Gordillo, and Level 1 Reservist Vern Tunnell accompanied her sister, Jasmine.

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Ham Radio Field Day slated at Marsing's Island Park

Folks are invited to try their hand, and voice, at amateur radio Saturday in Marsing.

A Ham Radio Field Day will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on the north side of Island Park, and at least three stations will be set up by Ham Radio operators.

Event organizer Marlene Moore of Marsing said the idea behind the field day is to get as many people on the air as possible, to introduce them to amateur radio, and "to get them interested in becoming involved with amateur radio, and, in our case, emergency communications."

People will be able to use the radio equipment set up in the park to broadcast, even if they don't have an amateur radio (ham) license.

"If you don't have a license, you can talk under a licensed operator," Moore said. "That's called third-party operation."

Moore is part of a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) effort called Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT).

The FEMA program to train people in life-saving skills was launched after the Northridge, Calif., earthquake in 1994.

"It was started by a fire chief who realized that after the disaster there were volunteers that were just stepping out and saying, 'What can I do?'" Moore said.

"A lot of them were not trained, and they were more part of the problem than solution.

He decided to start a program to train everyday citizens in skills like light search and rescue and fire suppression."

Moore is also a member of Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES), the sponsor of Saturday's event.

ARES has a memorandum of understanding with the City of Marsing to provide communications for emergency support and to help regulate traffic for community events like the 3rd of July fireworks display.

Moore first met some ham radio operators while she was working as a CERT instructor.

"They got me into ham radio, and then I joined ARES, which is under ARRL, Amateur Radio

Relay League, which is national," Moore said.

She also participates with the Canyon County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). Members of the group are constantly fine-tuning how to best respond to a disaster.

"I had belonged to Riverside County LEPC down in California, and so I knew there were supposed to be LEPCs in every county," Moore said.

Owyhee County, however, doesn't have an LEPC.

Moore moved to Marsing in about 2000 after leaving Southern California where she worked for various emergency and disaster response agencies. She is now retired but was also a teacher for

five different school districts and the Canyon-Owyhee School Services Agency.

Moore's daughter, Tiffany, 23, lives in Homedale.

Any ham radio operators who would like to set up a station at the field day can email Moore at disaster911@juno.com.

Moore thinks a lot of people don't realize that ham radio is the final hope for communication after a disaster.

"When land lines and cell-phone towers are overwhelmed by people trying to get through to their Aunt Sally to find out if she's OK, those systems will shut down," Moore said. "When all else fails, there's ham radio."

— SC

College honors Neil Doyle earns degree from University of Arizona

Neil R. Doyle, a 2010 Homedale High School graduate, earned a degree from the University of Arizona in May 2016.

The son of Homedale residents Shalla and Paddy Doyle

graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Technological Entrepreneurship Management.

He lives in Nampa and is now employed at Scentsy.

Homedale student on George Fox Dean's List

The George Fox University spring 2016 Dean's List includes a local student.

Homedale's Melanie Schroeder, a senior studying English at the Newberg, Ore., school, is among the group of students who earned at

least a 3.5 grade-point average on 12 or more hours of graded work.

In addition to its Newberg campus, George Fox has teaching centers in Portland, Salem and Redmond, Ore., and services more than 3,900 students.

DUI multiple offender on rider

A Marsing man arrested for driving under the influence twice in five months can avoid a stint in prison if he completes a rider.

Kerry Don Pearl was ordered into the state Department of Correction retained jurisdiction program during his June 10 sentencing before Third District Judge Davis VanderVelde.

Pearl, 52, entered guilty pleas to felony charges of possession of a controlled substance and third or subsequent DUI. He was arrested on DUI charges on Nov. 11 and April 30.

With successful completion of the rider program, Pearl will avoid a state penitentiary term of two to five years. He remains in custody at the Owyhee County Jail in Murphy as he serves out the balance of a 180-day jail sentence. VanderVelde did give

Pearl credit for 11 days already spent behind bars.

Pearl also was sentenced for misdemeanor charges of DUI and possession of a legend drug without a prescription stemming from his Nov. 11 arrest. VanderVelde dismissed another misdemeanor driver's license violation.

Pearl also must pay more than \$1,300 in fines and court costs.

7-day sentence for DUI

A Homedale man has been sentenced to a week in jail for an excessive driving under the influence conviction.

Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober gave Brett Shanley the option of serving his seven-day sentence on weekends. He also will be on supervised probation for two years.

Shanley entered a guilty plea

to misdemeanor excessive DUI on June 1, and Homedale City Prosecutor Paul J. Fitzer agreed to drop a misdemeanor drug paraphernalia charge.

Shanley spent three days in jail after his April 9 arrest. Grober suspended the balance of a six-month jail sentence.

Shanley, who was also fined \$900, must report to jail by July 15.

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✓ Marsing: Sevy succeeds Lankow

because he wanted to help the youth and the district.

He didn't describe himself as feeling surprised about landing the trustee position.

"I was satisfied either way," Sevy said. "I just wanted to know that somebody really passionate about the district was sitting in that seat."

He added that his family was surprised that he applied for the position, but everyone close to him was supportive about his decision to do so.

Sevy thinks he will be able to find time in his schedule to properly serve the district.

"As long as I get the information quick enough, I can read into the evening, and then it's mostly just one night a month," Sevy said. "That's not a big deal. I can always make my schedule work if I know ahead of time."

The new trustee's day job is as a salesman doing bidding on electrical work, primarily at dairy operations.

Sevy is confident that he will get along well with the other trustees and pointed out that he's known the Zone 2 trustee for a long time.

"I went to school with Chad Showalter, and he works on dairies as well, so we know each other. We've worked together on a limited capacity," Sevy said. "We're just normal people just trying to do the best we can."

There isn't anything he sees as a problem with how the board is serving patrons, but he does have a priority as the newest trustee.

"I want to make sure we get this new school built," Sevy said. "It's pretty important to make sure we have the room for the kids. I want to make sure that this bond gets put together right and gets passed."

Sevy added that he wasn't disappointed at all about the bond election being delayed until March.

"I think that with the amount of changes that got done over the public forums, which I was a part

of as just a community member, and the progression that's been made, now we have a better idea," Sevy said. "It's something that you want to get done right."

He intends to run for election in May 2017 to continue his time on the board.

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

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

Sevy has been married to his wife Stephanie for 15 years. The couple has three children, Jessica, 13, Andrew, 12, and Scarlett, who is a year old.

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Obituaries

Joseph E. Black



Joseph E. Black of Bruneau, Idaho, passed into the arms of the Lord on June 16, 2016, his 88th birthday. Joe was foremost a family man and one who enjoyed spending time with friends of all ages from across the West. He was a cowboy, rodeo roper, horseman and rancher.

A fourth-generation horseman, Joe descended from a family who originally settled in the Bruneau Valley prior to Idaho statehood. As a young man growing up in Bruneau, Joe spent the majority of his summers cowboying in the hills of Owyhee County. Joe graduated with a class of four from Bruneau High School in 1946 and later attended college for two years at the College of Idaho. Joe, along with his extended family, raised horses and cattle, supplying cavalry horses to the U.S. Army Remount Service program.

Joe met Margaret Fenwick, a ranch girl from Jordan Valley, and soon they were married starting what grew to be a family of nine children. Joe supported his

young family by running cattle ranches his father (Albert) had put together and by rodeoing. He worked alongside the crews of many great cowboys needed on these ranches, his kids grew up with these hands and Margaret kept them fed. Joe was a focused and tenacious rodeo competitor traveling and winning throughout southwest Idaho, eastern Oregon, and northern Nevada.

As the family holdings grew, he and his siblings divided the several ranches Albert had accumulated and started operating their own ranches. Starting with the Dickshooter/Camas Creek Ranch, Joe and Margaret soon expanded their own cattle operations by acquiring additional ranches as their children grew and began to develop interests and involvement in the family business.

When their children reached adulthood and began to pursue their own interests, Joe reignited his passion for competitive team roping and riding fine rope horses. With a keen eye for a fine horse

and skillful hand with a rope, Joe taught and encouraged his sons and grandchildren in their own roping endeavors. For the remainder of his life he supported their roping ambitions by traveling and roping with them as well as attending their roping competitions throughout the West.

As the years went on with a generation of grandchildren under way and the cattle ranches in

the hands of his sons, Joe traveled constantly to attend his grandchildren's sporting events. His infectious smile, boisterous laugh and distinct handclap were always a part of those events making many more lifelong friends. Through his continuous support he was able to inspire another generation to be confident in their skills, diligent in their pursuits, and competitive while being friendly and welcoming to all. He was a loyal supporter to friends and extended family. While visiting old friends who were homebound or struggling with health issues, Joe brought his love and good cheer in order to improve their circumstances.

Joe was preceded in death by his daughter, Celia M. Tindall of Bruneau, his grandson Blaise Black, his brothers Asa and Douglas Black, sister, Virginia Miller, his parents, Albert L and Bonnie B Black. He is survived by Margaret, his wife of 67 years, their sons Danial (Suzi), Robert, Jay, Douglas (Darlene), Joseph Christopher, Lowell (Sherry), Timothy, and

Joseph Sean, 26 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, a special aunt Mattie Black, his brother Robert L Black, and son-in-law Dave Tindall.

A viewing will be held, Wednesday evening, June 22, from 5:00 to 6:30 pm, followed by a rosary service, both at the Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel at 500 N 18th East, in Mountain Home. A Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday morning, June 23, at 10:00 am at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 115 N 4th E St, in Mountain Home. Joe will be laid to rest at the Bruneau Cemetery on June 23, 2016 following the Mass. A reception will be held at the Legion Hall in Bruneau following the interment.

The family thanks all the many friends for their calls and visits in the last months of Joe's life. Contributions may be made in Joe's honor to the scholarship fund of the Blaise Black Foundation, Inc., 1818 W Spanish Bay Drive, Eagle, ID 83616.

Beth Schussler Kershner

Beth, a lifelong Grangeville resident, passed away Monday, June 13, 2016, at her home. She was born May 31, 1932, to Hank and Charlotte Kershner, in Ontario, Ore. She married Howard Schussler in 1949 and produced three children. They were later divorced.

Her working career was spent in the logging industry, ending as an ALE — or associated loggers exchange — auditor. She co-owned Groaner's business in Grangeville with Julie Hauger. Beth loved family, friends (new and old) and traveling. Beth never met a stranger; she was known for her independence, quick wit and love of laughter.

Beth is survived by her daughters, Ginger (Tony) Seubert and Renee (Bob) Burlingame; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren (with one on the way); and one great-great-grandchild; sisters Virginia Stanford and Sharon Swisher; brother Vernon



(Bonnie) Kershner; and sister-in-law Marie (Dick) Kershner; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, son Scott Schussler; sisters Beverly Kershner and Bobby Simon; and brother, Dick Kershner.

A memorial service was held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Blackmer Funeral Home. Family suggests memorial donations to Animal Hospice. Send condolence to the family to blackmerfuneralhome.com

Lavon "Gypsy" Carson Jackson

"If the phone rings and they ask for Lavon, it's not important." Much better known as Gypsy, this amazing lady had an unparalleled enthusiasm for life. She soloed an airplane when she was pregnant with her youngest daughter, she traveled to 6 continents and through most of the U.S., she skydived for her 65th birthday, and dirt biked with her grandchildren at 72. She thought that butter was the solution to most of her cooking problems, including that it had the magic power to make burned toast taste good (because "only cowards cook on low.") And she could never remember where she put her purse, keys, or glasses. She was the type of mother and grandmother that if she caught you jumping on the bed, she got up there and jumped with you; and she was the type of friend who believed in you when no one else would. She loved to argue, she loved to read, and she loved to be surrounded by family and friends.

Gypsy was born in Homedale on April 28, 1928. She married Dale B. Jackson in 1947 in Winnemucca, Nevada, and they hitchhiked back to Homedale to save money on bus fare. They



opened their first Texaco station in 1951. It was called "Texaco Super Service", which turned into a wholesale business serving the Ag community in Homedale, Marsing, and Wilder. She thought Dale was a fool for trying to sell diesel, which only cost 5 cents a gallon. ("I was wrong on that one," she later admitted.) This was the beginning of the Jackson Oil Company.

Everyone that knows Gypsy, knows there was a magic about her. When she left her camera on a bus in Ireland, a young guy ran 5 city blocks after her to give it back. When she drove away with her purse on top of her car,

everyone she passed was trying to flag her down. She just waved back, thinking it was great to live in such a friendly little town. She believed that the world and the people in it were good; and so the world and the people were good right back to her.

In typical Gypsy style, she was laughing and drinking coffee in her backyard surrounded by family and friends when she left us on June 18, 2016.

She passed on her inability to ever arrive on time to her children, John and Andrea. She is survived by her children and their families: daughter-in-law Bonnie Jackson; son-in-law Terry Sevy; grandchildren: Cory Jackson and wife Richelle, Jeff Jackson, Piper Jackson-Sevy, Connor Jackson-Sevy; and great-grandchildren: Jace, Dallas, Taylor, and Katelyn.

She was preceded in death by her husband Dale, daughter Cindy, and her siblings Clair, Bus, Afton, Ted, Grant, Jim, and Kit; and lots of very loved nieces and nephews.

Please join us for a celebration of life on Friday, June 24th at 2:07 p.m. (we pushed the time back slightly so Gypsy wouldn't be late for her own funeral) at Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Rd, Wilder, Idaho, 83676, followed by graveside services at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery, and a reception at Gypsy's home. Services are under the care of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. Feel free to wear red in celebration of Gypsy's favorite color and her incredible distaste for funerals. Condolences may given at www.flahifffuneralchapel.com

Death notice

PATRICIA LEE EMBREE, 79, of Boise, formerly of Homedale and Caldwell, passed away, Friday, June 17, 2016. A memorial service will be held Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at 1 p.m., at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-0833. Condolences may be left at www.flahifffuneralchapel.com.



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Supplementing mineral deficiencies

Trace minerals are important to the health and productivity of livestock. In my previous column ("Proper mineral intake



Scott Jensen

boosts animal immunity," June 1, The Owyhee Avalanche), I discussed four trace minerals that play an important role in immune system function in cattle. This week, we will discuss important factors related to trace mineral supplementation.

Pastures (rangeland and irrigated) are typically deficient in one or more trace minerals. To properly supplement trace minerals, producers should have a good estimate of the mineral composition of the forage resource. Mineral composition of forages is affected by soil characteristics, plant species, location, and annual precipitation. Plant samples can be sent to a laboratory for analysis. Water sources should also be tested.

It is important to recognize

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that high concentrations of some minerals have antagonistic effects on others. For example, excessive iron concentrations can tie up copper, zinc, and selenium, which may create a deficiency where one would otherwise not exist.

A study we conducted in pastures in the upper Reynolds Creek area several years ago identified considerable variation by month, location, and year. In general, iron and magnesium were present in excess while copper, zinc, and selenium were deficient.

Once an analysis or estimate is made, it should be compared to the desired dietary concentrations. Mineral mixes should be formulated to provide 50 to 100 percent of the NRC (National Research Council) requirement for trace minerals. This will push the mineral content of the total diet towards balance.

Mixing minerals into a ration is the only way to ensure correct intake; however, this is not practical for most beef operations. The most common way to provide minerals to beef cattle is

through a free-choice mixture. Trace mineral intake is typically greater in a loose mix versus block form. Salt can be added to a mineral mix to help limit or regulate intake to the desired level. It should be recognized that cattle that have not had access to minerals will generally consume considerably more than the recommended level for the first few weeks when given access.

Some grasses and water are high in salt content which may discourage mineral intake. Molasses, ground grain, and cottonseed meal or soybean meal can help encourage mineral intake.

All mineral mixes are not created equal. Be sure to understand the mineral concentrations of your forage and feedstuffs as well as the mineral requirements of your animals as you plan a supplementation program. This will help to ensure that your cattle stay healthy and productive.

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

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SEQUICENTENNIAL SAMPLINGS

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RED MOUNTAIN – Responsive to your request, I write. The Red Mountains are about one hundred and thirty miles south of Silver City, between the North and Middle Forks of the Owyhee River; general direction east and west; presumed to be the Goose Creek Range. Formation – marble, red sand stone, slate, iron and granite. At the base of the mountains there are many thousands of acres of heavy washed boulders of marble and quartz. We found from seven to fifteen colors of ore shot cold to the pan from the surface to fourteen feet below the bed of stream. We, in no instance reached the bedrock. From the heavy wash, we hope there is a large aggregation of gold on the bottom; to find this, we left four of one party. Those who came in with me returned yesterday with supplies – hopeful of finding an extensive, deep and rich placer. There is an abundance of water and timber for the prosecution of their labors. We met a great many Shoshone Indians; they were friendly; acted as guides and herders for us. I think the Government would do well to employ them as scouts. Yours, M. H. Watson

ROADS – Since our last notice of the public highways there has been considerable improvement. The road between Ruby and Silver has been very much improved. Its width is increased nearly all the way and teams can pass easily. Drains have been cut on the upper side and the whole road has become dry. We suggested, last fall, that if the grade, below the Lincoln mill, was not walled or in some way protected it would wash away – and it has nearly half gone. The streets in Ruby and Silver have been materially improved. Messrs. More and Fogus have several men continually on the road to Oro Fino. The grade is being widened, rocks in the road either taken out or the tops knocked off, and turn-outs made at convenient points. The N. Y. & Owyhee and Cosmos companies have done a great deal of road work and have good roads to their mines.

Calendar

Today

Coffee club

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

Owyhee County P&Z public hearings

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

El-Ada commodity distribution

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., corner of Main and 3rd streets, Marsing. (208) 337-4812

Thursday

Fit and fall exercise class

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

Vision Church food distribution

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

Homedale Farmers Market

3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Bette Uda City Park, Homedale. www.homedalefarmersmarket.weebly.com

Homedale City Council meeting

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

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting

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

Faith Riders horse riding

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

AA meetings

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

Friday

Homedale mobile food pantry

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

Story Time

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

Saturday

Free lunches

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

Family movie night

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

Sunday

Txoko Ona Picnic

10:30 a.m., Holy Mass, noon, lunch, 1:30 p.m., entertainment, Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., Homedale.

Monday

County Commissioners meeting

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

Marsing Fire Department meeting

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

Tuesday

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

AA meetings

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

Wednesday

Coffee club

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

Thursday, June 30

Fit and fall exercise class

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

Vision Church food distribution

2 p.m. to 4 p.m., donations welcome, Vision Community Church, 221 W. Main St., Marsing.

Homedale Art in the Park applications now being accepted

Homedale's Art in the Park will return next month with a new organizer but a familiar face.

Former city clerk Susan Mansisidor, who has taken the mantle from Charlotte Breshears, is looking for all types of vendors for the event.

The second annual Art in the Park is planned to run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 23 in Bette Uda City Park.

Organizers will formalize the date with the city council during at 6 p.m. meeting Thursday.

Deborah Sanderson is assisting Mansisidor this year.

Mansisidor is no stranger to organizing community events in Homedale. About a decade ago, she helped put together a

community block party in town.

"My hope is to be able to continue as the coordinator for several years and make this community event bigger and better every year," she said.

A Facebook page has been created, and vendors of all sorts are being sought. Space is limited, and more information can be obtained by emailing homedaleartinthepark@gmail.com. A link to a vendor application as well as more information on the event can be found at www.facebook.com/HomedaleArtinthepark.

Mansisidor plans craft vendors, entertainment, specialty vendors, face painting, activities and food.

You can find a comprehensive listing of local events online at www.theowyheeavalanche.com. Click on the "Calendar of Events" link on the left-hand side of the page.

Submit information on upcoming fundraisers, meetings, reunions or community events to The Owyhee Avalanche by noon Fridays for inclusion in the calendar. Drop off press releases at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale, mail them to P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628, fax them to (208) 337-4867 or e-mail them to jon@owyheeavalanche.com (an e-mail link also is available on our Web site). For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.

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Angling in the afternoon

Bob Gumm of Caldwell reels one in at Marsing's Island Park on Thursday afternoon. Gumm said the fishing was slow, but it was "better than watching TV, or mowing the lawn."

Summer menu

Marsing summer feeding

Free for ages 1-18; on-site meals only
Served Monday through Friday, June 6-Aug. 5

11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. — Marsing Housing Authority
11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. — Marsing City Park
1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. — Homedale city pool

Milk served every day

- June 22: Hot dog, orange wedges, apple juice
- June 23: Pizza stuffwich, raisins, broccoli w/ranch
- June 24: Turkey/cheese sandwich, pineapple cup, carrot sticks w/ranch
- June 27: Ham/cheese sandwich, applesauce cup, orange juice
- June 28: Chicken nuggets, pear cup, celery sticks w/ranch
- June 29: Chicken bacon ranch stuffwich, broccoli w/ranch, apple slices
- June 30: Turkey/cheese sandwich, peach cup, carrot sticks w/ranch
- July 1: PB&J, yogurt, pineapple chunk cup, broccoli w/ranch

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Milk served every day

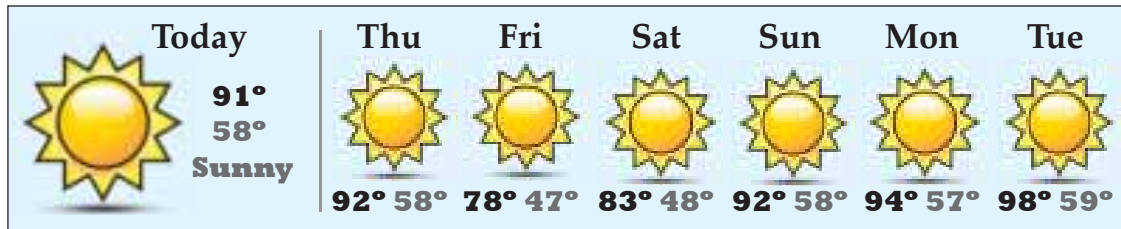
- June 22: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, string beans, bread
- June 23: Salisbury steak w/onions & mushrooms, mashed potatoes w/gravy, peas, roll
- June 28: Taco salad w/salsa, cheese & chips
- June 29: Tuna salad, lettuce & tomato, carrot salad, bread

Marsing Senior Center

- June 22: Pork, potato salad, vegetable
- June 23: Chicken, potato, vegetable
- June 27: Soup & sandwich
- June 28: Beef stew, corn bread
- June 29: Chicken, rice, vegetable

Rimrock Senior Center

- June 23: Macaroni cheese w/ham, tossed green salad, melon bowl, molasses cookies, milk, juice
- June 28: Biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs, fruit cups, O'Brien hashbrowns, milk, juice
- June 30: Roast beef, scallop potatoes, spinach, whole wheat roll, blueberry cobbler, milk, juice



Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 58 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 251 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 192 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 411,839 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. No weather recap was available this week.

Man accused of selling stolen car

A 52-year-old Homedale man faces felony charges after selling a vehicle that allegedly didn't belong to him.

Keith Tompkins was arrested on a \$50,000 felony warrant out of Owyhee County earlier this month in the Phoenix, Ariz., area.

In asking for an arrest warrant against Tompkins in October, prosecuting attorney Douglas D.

Emery charged Tompkins with felony counts of forgery and grand theft.

Tompkins is accused of forging in April 2014 a State of California car title on a 2007 Jeep Rubicon that was actually the property of another man.

No information on Tompkins' court dates was available at press time. — JPB

Property crimes occupy deputies' time

Owyhee County Sheriff's deputies were dealing with stolen property calls last week.

The first was the recovery of a utility trailer stolen from a construction company in Ada County.

Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said the trailer was stolen about a week before a ditch rider found an abandoned trailer on a canal bank last Wednesday.

"Ada County has already recovered some of the items from the trailer," Bowman said, adding it looked like the culprits merely dumped the trailer in Owyhee County.

At 10 a.m. last Wednesday, about an hour after the trailer was

found, an OCSO deputy took a report of batteries that had been stolen out of a semi at a Marsing dairy.

Four batteries were apparently stolen around in the early morning hours a few days earlier, according to the dispatch report, which also reflected that one of the dairy workers saw a sport utility vehicle driving away around the same that the batteries probably were stolen.

Bowman said it's the second report of batteries being stolen at the dairy. The first came on May 27.

"More than likely they're related," Bowman said. — JPB

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County: Gateway West project ignores historic church

Commissioners comment on BLM Draft SEIS

An Oreana structure built around 1883 is a topic of concern for county commissioners as they continue to battle alternatives for segments 8-9 of the Gateway West power line.

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners (BOCC) commented on the Bureau of Land Management's Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for portions of the transmission line in a June 6 letter to Idaho State Director Tim Murphy.

The comment letter written by BOCC staff coordinator Jim Desmond reiterates that Alternative 1 is the only route that makes sense for the 500-kilovolt (kV) transmission line journey across Owyhee County to the Hemingway Butte station in Wilson.

Letters from several Owyhee County private property owners who oppose Alternative 1 also are included in the county's comment package.

A final siting decision is expected by the end of the year.

Segments 8-9 will run through Owyhee County, and the BLM selected co-preferred alternatives that would encroach on private property and take the line close to sensitive Greater Sage-grouse habitat.

Alternative 1, the route through the Morley Nelson Birds of Prey National Conservation Area that would avoid private ground, was included in the Draft SEIS, but was not given preferred status. Project owners Idaho Power and Rocky Mountain Power as well as Owyhee County officials and the Owyhee County Task Force citizens group back Alternative 1.

The Alternative 1 route was recommended by the full BLM Boise District Resource Advisory Committee after a lengthy subcommittee investigation.

The Draft SEIS co-preferred routes — Alternatives 2 and 5 — follow the West-Wide Energy



Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church in Oreana is a landmark that county commissioners hope to use to influence the routing of the Gateway West 500-kilovolt transmission line away from private property.

About Oreana's Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church is a coarse, rubble structure dating from about 1883.

The building stands where a saloon, school, hotel and general store clustered to form the early Owyhee County community of Oreana. The general store — remodeled into the church — is the only remaining building from the early group of structures.

Michael Hyde, the founder of Oreana, arrived in Silver City in 1865. By 1883, Hyde had become one of the largest stock and land owners in Idaho Territory.

In about 1883, Hyde hired John Pierson and Jim Kelly, stonemasons, to build the general store. A schoolhouse and hotel were also built that year.

The area was designated as Oreana on Nov. 12, 1885, with the establishment of a post office in the general store. Hyde was appointed as postmaster.

Hyde died in 1922, and the property changed hands several times in the following years.

In 1961, Albert Black, owner of the then-unoccupied store, donated the property to St. Paul's Catholic Church in Nampa.

A volunteer effort, headed by Fr. Herbert S. Merzbach and involving local residents and people from towns across southwest Idaho, renovated the building.

The renovation added a cross, belfry, buttresses, and a new porch, but the exterior stone appearance was retained.

The work done by volunteers represented a complete interior remodeling in materials typical of the 1960s. Items that were added included a stone floor, paneling, wrought iron roof supports, filigree light fixtures and a copper-toned ceiling.

Kuna-based masonry restoration expert Budd Landon refurbished the exterior during a multi-year project that wrapped up about five years ago.

The church bell — dating from about 1904 — was brought to Oreana from Our Lady of Tears Church in Silver City.

Corridor (WVEC) and cross private property.

Oreana's Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church is within the two-mile corridor for the BLM's co-preferred routes.

The comment letter says the

Draft SEIS fails to address and analyze the impact to the church, which was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980.

District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland stated that the transmission line could possibly run

right over the top of the church if any of those routes are in the final decision.

"Even if it is within close proximity, those lines will certainly destroy any historic significance the building has," Hoagland wrote in an email. "Are there rules for qualifying as a national historic site and power lines? I'm sure there are. My view of current federal directives is they will ignore those rules and laws to protect the precious NCA by placing the line routes over the top of the church."

Hoagland added that he sincerely hopes common sense and local input will prevail.

The commissioners included information about the church and its historic status as one of 13 comments in the letter.

The BLM indicates that current regulations prohibit siting the route in the NCA.

The county's comment letter contends there are several issues to be raised with that concept.

"The rules cited by BLM were not in existence at the time this

process began," the letter states. "Section 368 of the Energy Act of 2005 indicated that the lines would be located on federal lands and that management plans for those lands would, if necessary, be modified to allow the siting. Section 368 did not exempt the NCA or other (National Landscape Conservation System) lands from this requirement."

The letter was discussed during the June 6 BOCC meeting.

"We talked about the economic impact to private lands, (District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland) asked me to put some additional language in there that now reads, 'The draft fails to address and analyze the adverse impacts on private lands from the perspective of social and economic justice,'" Desmond said. "As noted in census data, Owyhee County is a poor, rural county."

The letter also states that because only 20 percent of land in the county is privately owned, the impact to those lands will be significantly greater because of a low-income economy.

Alternative 1 co-locates the 500kV line next to a smaller, existing line along Baja Road in the Birds of Prey NCA, avoiding Owyhee County private property nearly altogether and keeping the power line away from sensitive sage-grouse habitat.

County commissioners have included letters from 76 property owners in both Ada and Owyhee County who would be impacted by the co-preferred alternatives. The landowners stated that they would not sell an easement for the powerline.

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

District 2 Commissioner and board chairman Kelly Aberasturi said he talked with BLM director Neil Kornze about Gateway West during the National Association of Counties Western Interstate Region Conference in late May in Jackson Hole, Wyo.

Aberasturi told Kornze that agency officials in Washington D.C. don't seem to understand that county commissioners will not allow the transmission line to cross private property.

"He goes, 'Well, why don't you want it on private land?' I said because it affects the agriculture part," Aberasturi said. "It affects their ability to farm. You guys make these decisions in Washington D.C., and send them back out here and that's the way it is. That's pure arrogance, that's how we see it."

Aberasturi and Kornze talked specifically about running the powerline through the NCA.

"He said, 'If we do that, what do we get back?'" Aberasturi said. "I just said, 'Well, you get wilderness and wild scenic rivers, what else do you want?' I don't quite understand that bartering."

— SC

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Details emerge for Homedale's Fourth

Organizers will take registration for the Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derby Parade until 30 minutes before the big event.

Parade committee co-chairs Michael and Cat Thompson said Friday that they've decided to accept entries until 9:30 a.m. on Monday, July 4. The parade entrants will be placed in line in the 30 minutes leading up to the 10 a.m. start.

Originally, the registration deadline was set for Monday, and organizers still would like folks who are sure they'll be participating to enter the parade by then.

More details on the parade have emerged after a round of recent meetings.

Lions Club president Will Pryor told demolition derby drivers at last Wednesday's mandatory meeting that they can start arriving to participate in the parade at 8 a.m. The parade will start at Homedale High School.

Pryor urged as many drivers as possible to enter their cars in the parade, which marks the return of a former Fourth of July staple in Homedale.

"It took us a long time to get this parade back, so the more of you who can participate, the better," Pryor told the drivers during a meeting inside the Owyhee County Fairgrounds livestock barn.

Pryor said at least 21 cars are expected for the 35th annual derby. The derby also will feature a Power Wheels Derby for boys and girls ages 4-8. Power Wheels are battery-operated toy vehicles that children ride in.

"We'll have Twisted Plastic and Best-looking trophies," he said.

During the Homedale Chamber of Commerce's final meeting of the summer, group president Gavin Parker stated that Lions Club members decided that derby cars entered in the parade will have to be secured on trailer, and not driven on city streets.

Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller previously suggested that the cars be transported through town on trailers in the interest of safety.

All trailers for derby cars or floats will be subject to minimum safety requirements of appropriate hitch assembly, correct ball size, and safety chains at parade inspection.

Parker explained the parade route.

"It's going to go from the high school down to the senior center, and down (North 3rd Street West) a block and then onto (West Owyhee Avenue) and come back two blocks so that they can come in front of the Owyhee Health and Rehab," Parker said. "And then they'll disburse from there."

Parker previously said that the real challenge is keeping folks entertained until 4 p.m. when gates open for the derby at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds rodeo arena.

Years ago, activities around town were organized under the title of "Firecracker Fiasco."

A similar idea floated at a prior Chamber meeting to keep people busy included a community water balloon fight, a basketball tournament, or a volleyball tournament.

None of the plans to entertain

people after this year's parade ever came together, though.

"We didn't get anyone volunteering to take on any of those projects," Parker said. "The hope is, and the Lions (club members) are really pushing for this, is for them to get the Firecracker Fiasco thing going next year. The theme this year is 'Bring Back the Boom,' and part of that is saying, 'Here's what's coming next year, be ready to stay in town.'"

A meet-and-greet for boys and girls to get autographs from derby drivers will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds.

Parade entry forms can be filled out at the following locations:

- Homedale City Hall — 31 W. Wyoming Ave.
 - Homedale Floral — 2 W. Owyhee Ave.
 - Marsing Hardware and Pump (True Value) — 222 Main St.
 - Moxie Java Bistro — 404 U.S. Highway 95, Homedale.
 - Whitehouse Drive In — 909 Main St., Marsing
- Anyone with questions about the event should contact a parade committee member.
- Committee chair Michael Thompson, (208) 250-9128
 - Committee co-chair Cat Thompson, (208) 249-0756
 - Committee member Larry Wass, (208) 941-1813
 - Committee member Elly May Bassett, (208) 991-7167

Folks can also ask questions by email through homedalederbyparade@yahoo.com.

— SC and JPB

Preparations being made for Marsing 3rd of July festivities

Members of the Marsing Chamber of Commerce and Marsing Lions Club are busy getting ready for the July 3rd Celebration of Our Nation.

Most activities associated with the annual community gathering at Island Park will go on as usual Sunday, July 3.

The Lions Club will host its traditional barbecue starting at 6 p.m. The barbecue will run until the fireworks begin or the food is gone.

The barbecue is one of the Lions Club's major community service projects along with the Easter egg hunt, bingo, scholarships for high school seniors and eyesight testing at the elementary school. The club has been hosting the barbecue for more than 36 years.

Other food items will be available from at least 10 food trucks.

The Lions Club and the Marsing Senior Center are sponsoring a shuttle that will run up and down Main Street from the MHS gymnasium to Island Park.

During the barbecue, 2013 Marsing High School graduate Miguel Leon, known professionally as DJ Flow, will play background music. Leon will be set up close to where the Lions Club barbecue will be.

After the fireworks, Leon

will play a variety of hits for dancing. He also provided music during the past two 3rd of July celebrations.

Children's amusement rides will be available for a fee.

Folks will notice a couple of things missing from 3rd of July celebrations of past years.

Jeannie Marie won't be on hand to sing and play guitar at the park. Chamber president Luke Burbank said the popular Marsing singer had told fellow Lions Club members that last year would be her final time performing at the 3rd of July.

For the third time since 2013, organizers have scratched the Doodlebug Race, which for many years has raised money for fireworks. Burbank wrote in an email that no one volunteered to sell tickets for the race. He cited the same reason for not holding the race last year.

Once consisting of ping-pong balls floating down a creek through City Park, the race was cancelled in 2013, too. At the time, then-Chamber president Jolyn Green said the decision to not hold the race stemmed from dwindling revenue and increased labor for the event. The race was revived in 2014 with the balls being rolled down the Island Park entrance ramp.

— SC

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Keeping “family” in the foster family system

Marsing woman advocates for children in DC

Cindy Floyd has looked out for her community for years.

Over the past decade, her concern for the community has extended to within the walls of her own Marsing home.

And now, the compassion has taken her to Washington D.C.

Floyd spent three days in the nation’s capital with two dozen other advocates to urge congressmen to do all they can to ensure that foster children are able to grow up in loving environments instead of as cogs of a sometimes-overburdened system.

Floyd is part of the Advocates for Families First organization that works to ensure children have a family — relative, foster, or adoptive — when they cannot remain with their birth parents.

She met with Sen. Jim Risch (R-Idaho) and office staffers for Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) and Rep. Raúl Labrador R-Idaho) during a June 4-6 visit to Washington D.C.

“I have a passion to get kids in foster care a family whether it is biological, adoptive or kinship,” Floyd said. “I advocate that every kid deserves this.”

Already a mother to two children (Dylan Cady, now 19; and Daysen Frazier, now 6), the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit nurse began welcoming foster children into her home in 2007. She has had 19 foster children under her roof in the past nine years.

“I started to foster because as a nurse we would see infants in the NICU, and in some cases it is hard to find a placement if they have medical conditions or drug exposure,” the nine-year St. Luke’s NICU nurse said.

Witnessing those hardships has driven Floyd to adopt three of her foster children since 2009.

She adopted Joseph in 2009 after he joined her foster family straight out of the NICU.

“I was his nurse and he was drug addicted, born premature and also had grade 2 bilateral head bleeds,” she said.

Three years later, Floyd adopted Jakel, whose mother suffers severe mental illness and whose father was struggling with drug abuse.

In May, Floyd adopted Elijah, who was also born exposed to drugs.

If at all possible, Floyd wants to see the biological family involved in the child’s life.

“I advocate very hard to reunify with biological parents or family, and in many of the cases I stay in the lives of these children as ‘Auntie Cindy,’ she said.

Foster care facts

- One in five children in foster care will live for some time in an institution, even though, for most of them, there is no therapeutic reason for this.

- One in three teenagers in foster care in a group placement.

- Research shows that children who live in a family while in the child welfare system fare better than those who are raised in institutions.

— Source: *Advocates for Families First* (www.advocatesforfamiliesfirst.org)

In the cases of all three of her adopted children, Floyd began as a foster parent.

“I initially fostered only to help families, and when Joseph’s biological mom could not care for him I decided I would adopt him,” Floyd said.

“I had him 18 months at the time and was the only mom he really knew.”

Jakel stayed in Floyd’s foster care for two years until it became apparent that her parents were unable to reunify with her.

“I remain in contact with her paternal grandma, and we have a great relationship and she shares in all of Jakel’s achievements,” Floyd said.

Although Floyd has adopted Elijah, he still knows his biological family. In fact, they were on hand to celebrate his adoption day last month.

“Elijah’s parents were unable to reunify and (other family members) were unable to take him in, but they are a big part of his life,” Floyd said. “We are in close contact with family on the maternal side and share visitation.”

Floyd’s current foster children include week-old and month-old infants.

Floyd joined Advocates for Families First to help spotlight the limited resources many families have in trying to retain custody of their biological children.

“These families deserve a chance to raise their babies and to make the changes they need to,” Floyd said. “Mental illness and drug addiction are two main reasons for coming into care, and they are underserved with resources in Idaho.”

A key part of the discussion with policy makers was about the importance of support that children and youth need in order to heal from the trauma, loss, and hurt that come with their experiences.

“For my family, without the



Above: Marsing resident Cindy Floyd stands with her family, including three that she has adopted after caring for them as a foster mother. The family includes, clockwise from top left: Dylan Cady, Floyd (holding Elijah), Daysen Frazier, Jakel, and Joseph. **Below:** Floyd plays with Elijah. Submitted photos

support of many different services which include the Infant Toddler program, Educational services through the Idaho school system, Women, Infants and Children nutrition program, I would not have been able to provide the care that my children needed and deserved,” Floyd said.

Floyd said Risch realizes the needs for more programs, but he points out that the biggest hurdle is funding.

“The drug epidemic continues to grow, and so does the number of children coming into care,” Floyd said. “There are approximately 1,350 kids in care in Idaho daily.”

For all the dire problems, though, the foster parenting experience has myriad rewards, Floyd said.

“The biggest joys have come from gaining family with my children’s families, being there for each of my children when they reached an achievement or needed help,” she said.

“Having a previous family succeed is such a great victory for everyone. I love these kids as my own and will forever be here for them.”

— JPB



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Left: The Homedale Armory stands in the background with the small animal barn in the foreground at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds in Homedale. **Right:** A Showalter Construction crew demolished the small animal barn Monday morning.

Fair board breaks through with big changes

Officials pushing to replace Armory by summer 2017

Walls came tumbling down Monday at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds, and fair board officials hope it's only the beginning.

Beau Showalter of Showalter Construction brought down three structures Monday morning, including the half-century-old fair office and small animal barn, dealing the first major blow in an extensive upgrade and remodel campaign.

Fair officials hope the crown jewel of the overhaul is a new exhibit hall on the site of the 60-year-old Armory, but that's going to take grants from several sources. County Clerk Angie Barkell said the Armory will be taken down after this year's Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo, which runs from Aug. 8 to Aug. 13.

"With the issues at the Armory and the old flooding event, it just needs to come down," Barkell said. "We're going to demolish it after fair. We're going to pull out all the stops on this."

An Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation grant funded by recreational vehicle registration and a U.S. Department of Agriculture grant geared toward establishing

community centers are two possibilities, Barkell said, pointing out that Homedale has no "real community center" outside of the senior center and the privately held Txoko Ona Basque Center.

The Armory will stay around for one more year, but there are other more immediate changes.

Fair manager and board secretary Ginger Loucks is already working out of a 150-square-foot office behind the changing Tumbleweed Theatre.

The new office, although temporary until a permanent location is established with the new Armory, allows year-round fair board meeting and there isn't a lack of heat as with the old fair office. Because of the office's climate control problems, board members have met during the colder months inside the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office.

The next fair board meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on July 7 at the fairgrounds office. The fair board meets on the first Thursday of every month.

Loucks anticipates a better idea of what board members have in mind after engineers from Civil Dynamics visits next month's meeting, which comes 32 days before the opening of the 2016 fair.

And when the fair does finally roll around, people are going notice plenty of other alterations.

The plan is to have the main food court area just south of the Livestock Barn rebuilt in time for the fair. Two old free-standing metal-and-wood awnings were torn down Monday, and Loucks said they will be replaced with one long, uniform cover running the length of the existing cement slab.

With the small animal barn now history, the cavies, poultry, rabbits and other small animals will be housed inside the repurposed Commercial Barn as what vendors have been in that building will migrate into the open space next to the Armory where the fair office once stood.

"There wasn't a lot of people wanting to be inside there. They wanted to be outside," Loucks said of the Commercial Barn, which never reaches capacity.

Part of the Commercial Barn will be used for storage, Loucks said.

Removal of the small animal barn, which started life as the Homedale Rod and Gun Club-sponsored shooting gallery, will allow for expansion of the Tumbleweed Theatre areas as well, Loucks said.

"Due to the fact that we're growing, we needed to add on to the stage," the third-year fair manager said. "We'll be adding a concrete area there to accommodate the need for more space.

"We're just simply running out of space because we're growing."

County commissioners gave the fair board \$80,000 to work on Fiscal Year 2016 capital improvements. Another \$80,000 can be expected for FY 17, Barkell said.

"We got really, really lucky and got \$80,000," Loucks said. "Unfortunately we've had a few issues, like our septic system was no good. We had to have it rerouted and redug."

Trenches for sewer line were already in place Monday, but there is more to come as the fair board plans to revamp the pigpens. Water lines have been relocated, and more cement will be poured.

Resources for the pig wash area were donated, including an automatic watering system, which eliminate the need for everyone to bring water.

"I think people will be very happy with that because it has been a concern," Loucks said.

Fair board chair Lath Callaway confirmed Monday that automatic sprinklers will be buried in the midway area in a project to be completed before fair.

Spending a week on the road in the fairgrounds could get easier for some fairgoers as about 30 more electrical hookups will be added before this year's fair.

"We can only accommodate 30 air-conditioning units," Loucks said. "We have a little over 100 families who plan to camp there." — JPB



Top: The Owyhee County Fairgrounds main concession stand as it looked last week before Showalter Construction demolished several structures. **Below:** The aftermath shortly after 8:30 a.m. on Monday.



Honor roll

Homedale Middle School

Eighth grade

4.0 grade-point average

— Dorsey, DeLaynie M.; Gray, Abbie A.; Hernandez, Ricardo; Johnson, Maggie E.; Johnson, Nyelah T.; Purdom, Gage C.; Randall, Matthew L.; and Uranga, Daniel S.

3.99 to 3.5 GPA — Butler, Kaitlyn L., 3.857; Guzman, Christina, 3.857; Larzelier, Juliette C., 3.857; Llamas, Arnulfo, 3.857; Schamber, Elizabeth R., 3.857; Beckman, Amaya L., 3.833; Buckley, Savana R., 3.833; Fisher, Spencer D., 3.833; Franko, Lexus K., 3.833; Gomez, Julia D., 3.833; Moore, Ashley C., 3.833; Tayler, Rachel D., 3.833; Dines, Grace M., 3.714; Dorsey, Weston A., 3.714; Orris, Keyana F., 3.714; Sakata, Zachary R., 3.714; Swallow, Shanlee A., 3.714; Albor, Lisbed, 3.571; Garcia, Omar A., 3.571; James, Wyatt D., 3.571; Rountree, Mason M., 3.571; Waltman, Jayden D., 3.571; Waters, Natalia A., 3.571; Corrales, Karina, 3.5; Freelove, Karsen R., 3.5; Trout, Brady J., 3.5; and Wilkerson, Adison L., 3.5

3.49 to 3.0 GPA — Albor, Yuleydi, 3.429; Chase, Brandon M., 3.429; Collett, Jacob D., 3.429; Fleming, William J., 3.429; Galvan, Lily J., 3.429; Kerbs, Austyn E., 3.429; Cardenas, Taiz C., 3.333; Conner, John A., 3.333; Monreal, Graciela D., 3.333; Simon, Zoie M., 3.333; Albor, Cristina, 3.286; Aviles-Rodriguez, Ahtziri, 3.286; Downum, Brandon M., 3.286; Harmon, Elizabeth M., 3.286; Lomeli, Nelson, 3.286; Teller, James M., 3.286; Zavala, Jazminne A., 3.286; Tuckness, Nickolas L., 3.25; Hernandez, Eleny, 3.167; King, Grace E., 3.167; Galvan Torres, Eulises N., 3.143; O'Dell, Stephen C., 3.143; Ramos, Marysol, 3.143; Sanchez Linares, Joanna, 3.143; Albor, Noe, 3.111; Anderson, Auttm J., 3.0; Babcock, Michael, 3.0; Garcia, Sandra M., 3.0; Koberlein, Brandon L., 3.0; Larzelier, Arianna M., 3.0; Mansisor, Dustin R., 3.0; Milburn, Maicy L., 3.0; Neil, Kaytlynne R., 3.0; Northrup, Gage C., 3.0; Robinson-Hopson, Cheyenne J., 3.0; and Vega, Baldomero, 3.0

Seventh grade

4.0 GPA — Ankeny, Jacob D.; Bauer, Kylee E.; Breshears, John W.; Cline, Mayci E.; King, Gwendolyn L.; Miller, Madison G.; Pfof, Brooklyn M.; Sosa, Yuridia G.; Symms, Thomas K.; and Thornton, Emma R.

3.99 to 3.5 GPA — McKay, Kenna M., 3.833; Muir, Shane T.,

3.833; Parker, Emma P., 3.833; Smith, Isabella R., 3.833; Smith, Ruger D., 3.833; Turner, Savannah R., 3.8; Cardenas-Ritzert, Entencia S., 3.667; Carter, LouAnn M., 3.667; Christoffersen, Brayden A., 3.667; DeWitt, Makenna R., 3.667; Gomez Pacheco, Xiomara B., 3.667; Mertz, Milo J., 3.667; Nelson, Abigale M., 3.667; Pate, Caitlyn D., 3.667; Andrade Lopez, Luis G., 3.5; Cornwall, Bryce D., 3.5; Domme, Markus M., 3.5; Egusquiza, Joseph D., 3.5; Gammel, Dakota R., 3.5; Gardner, Mickaylah M., 3.5; Salazar, Roberto A., 3.5; Taylor, Paige M., 3.5; Turner, Kaydince M., 3.5; and Zavala, Jesus A., 3.5

3.49 to 3.0 GPA — Miller, Mackenzie M., 3.4; Rojas, Miriam J., 3.4; Baez, Fabian M., 3.333; Conant, Emalie R., 3.333; Ford, Charlie E., 3.333; Robinson-Hopson, Alexandra J., 3.333; Hernandez, Erik, 3.286; Garcia, Veronica M., 3.2; Jeppe, Meagan E., 3.2; Jerome, Katelyn S., 3.2; Baxter, Kaelah M., 3.167; Briano Rivas, Joaquin A., 3.167; Campbell, Bowen C., 3.167; Christensen, Keagen B., 3.167; Jimenez, Francisco J., 3.167; Ramirez Lomeli, Cesar A., 3.167; Rogers, Jannessa M., 3.167; Mendoza Gonzalez, Donato, 3.143; Aguilera, Giovanni, 3.0; Atkins, Tye K., 3.0; Bedolla, Julian A., 3.0; Bernabe-Albor, Osue G., 3.0; Chavez, Chase A., 3.0; Cortez, Anahi, 3.0; Jaramillo, Dulce N., 3.0; Laechelt, Richard L., 3.0; Love, Jace P., 3.0; Lowder, Jase M., 3.0; Ruiz, Jaire, 3.0; Sanchez, Esmeralda, 3.0; Suarez, Maria S., 3.0; and Villa Ojeda, Eloisa, 3.0

Sixth grade

4.0 GPA — Aguilera, Christopher; Durrant, Alexa L.; Heck, Eli J.; Henry, Abigail C.; Larzelier, Belisia D.; Lejardi, John M.; and Uranga, Tea A.

3.99 to 3.5 GPA — Diaz Hurtado, Daniela, 3.857; Conger, Summer R., 3.714; Haun, William G., 3.714; O'Dell, Michael C., 3.714; Parker, Zaria R., 3.714; Fink, Breanna N., 3.571; Franko, Austin M., 3.571; Guzman, Cassandra, 3.571; Hergesheimer, Elizabeth R., 3.571; and Johnson, Ryker K., 3.571

3.49 to 3.0 GPA — Martinez, Leonel d., 3.429; Swallow, DeLaney D., 3.429; Tejada Marroquin, Katherine A., 3.429; Vega Ayala, Brian A., 3.429; Vega, Cristal, 3.429; Woodward, Tyler L., 3.429; Aberasturi, Amiya L., 3.286; Ross, Whitney M., 3.286; Ruiz, Jesus, 3.286; Vega, Delia, 3.286; Brown, Joshua D., 3.143;

Criffield, Emma S., 3.143; Garcia, Maria P., 3.143; Gonzalez-Vega, Yasmin, 3.143; Hicks-Daniel, Colton D., 3.143; Martinez Jimenez, Natalia, 3.143; Scott, Bailey M., 3.143; Stafford, Sheali A., 3.143; Bullard, Justin S., 3.0; Elordi, Hallie E., 3.0; Jimenez, Diana, 3.0; Kincheloe, Hayden S., 3.0; Liebschwager, Cody H., 3.0; Nix, Rhyalee L., 3.0; Sanchez, Maria I., 3.0; and Suarez Neri, Enrique, 3.0

Fifth grade

4.0 GPA — Aman, Ryan E.; Binford, Rylan J.; Christoffersen, Katie L.; Decker, Catherine G.; Eells, Slayde T.; Firkins, Yasmine L.; Fisher, Trenton A.; Frank, Maite I.; Garrett, Kambell L.; Grigg, Sophia F.; Jerome, Faye C.; Layne, Jeffrey A.; Love, Rylan J.; Mata Lamas, Marysol; Mercado, Erikka D.; Parker, Jacy C.; Pedraza, Daniella T.; Purdom, Bailey R.; Reyes Silva, Lorena; Rojas, Lucia A.; Rooks, Trenton W.; Shaffer, Gabe D.; Stewart, LaRae G.; Taylor, Amanda R.; Vargas, Steven S.; Vega, Baltazar; and Waters, Andres D.

3.99 to 3.5 GPA — Monreal, Jazmin A., 3.833; Sanchez Linares, Yaneli, 3.833; Cooper, Mason J., 3.821; Raine, Amber N., 3.821; Green, Desiree D., 3.818; Gonzales, Cindy, 3.8; Gonzalez, Oscar I., 3.8; Mendez, Israel L., 3.8; Rios Cardenas, Omar, 3.8; Valenzuela, Angela, 3.8; Agnew, Athena A., 3.778; Egusquiza, Elizabeth M., 3.778; Fleming, Alexa, 3.778; Kent, Jaxson S., 3.778; Laechelt, Jessica M., 3.778; Soto, Jollette D., 3.778; Colyer, Steven R., 3.706; Albor, Jorgeluis, 3.692; Albor Cortez, Yocelyn, 3.636; Machuca, Deandrea H., 3.636; Neal, Helen S., 3.608; Chavez, Angel J., 3.6; Hurtado, Gabriel, 3.6; Ramirez Guerrero, Joanna L., 3.6; Fraire, Adrianna M., 3.556; Packer, D'Orr M., 3.556; Albor, Rodrigo, 3.5; Badiola, Sage M., 3.5; Dyas, Lakota I., 3.5; and Ramirez, Dafne L., 3.5

3.49 to 3.0 GPA — Teller, Danielle N., 3.464; Layne, Wylie B., 3.4; Stebly, Ashley D., 3.4; Chavez, Trinity E., 3.394; Cooper, Chase B., 3.333; Dines, Jaxon W., 3.2; Marquez Murillo, Gumaro M., 3.2; Miller, Olivia B., 3.2; Warneke, Mya V., 3.2; Johnstone, Christopher K., 3.179; Merino, Cristina E., 3.167; Garcia Robledo, Mariana, 3.143; Neil, Jazmine D., 3.118; Satterfield, Madyson R., 3.111; Brenner, Nazarae N., 3.107; Rountree, Mackenzie R., 3.02; Gonzalez, Gabriela, 3.0; and Murray, Nicholas S., 3.0

HSD gets kitchen equipment grant

Even during summer, Vicki Eby is keeping an eye on the future for the Homedale School District Food Service Department.

The district's food service director has learned of the receipt of two grants that will help all three campuses in the 2016-17 school year.

The largest of the awards will purchase an electric countertop kettle for the high school kitchen.

The Idaho State Department of Education Child Nutrition Programs gave a \$5,616.16 grant for the purchase, but some infrastructure investigation is still necessary, Eby said.

"We are currently checking with electricians to see what needs to be done to supply the power for the kettle," she said.

"If all goes well with that, we will be ordering the kettle ASAP and hope to have it up and running before the school year begins."

The 12-gallon kettle tilts, and Eby said it will be used to "cook a large variety of food items" on the high school menu.

The food service department received three bids from restaurant supply companies, and the bid

was awarded to low bidder Bar Store Restaurant Design and Supplies.

Eby wrote the grant, which was one of 15 the state department awarded.

The SDE gave weight to applications from schools that had not received equipment grants in the past, and also focused on schools with a high percentage of students eligible for free or reduced-price lunches.

The selection committee also looked at the age and condition of the school's existing equipment, equipment safety hazards, current fund balances, meal participation expansion, food safety, and energy efficiency.

Eby also announced that the food service department also received a U.S. Department of Agriculture grant to participate in the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program. This is the third consecutive Homedale has received the grant, for which the district must apply annually.

"This grant provides our department with the funds to serve the students kindergarten through sixth grade a fresh fruit or vegetable snack during the school day," Eby said.

Army training near C.J. Strike continues

A training exercise is being conducted this week around C.J. Strike Dam by soldiers from an element of U.S. Army Special Operations Command, stationed at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington.

Part of the training that started Monday and will wrap up by this weekend is also happening at Mountain Home Air Force Base.

Two C.J. Strike Reservoir campgrounds are closed during the exercises.

A press release from the U.S. Army stated that the training is aimed at maintaining a high level of readiness for future missions in support of overseas contingency operations and other missions that the soldiers may be called upon to support.

People living between Grand View and Bruneau may be hearing increased noise levels from the exercises being conducted around 1 a.m.

Equipment being used in the training includes helicopters, tilt-rotor aircraft, and airplanes.

The press release also stated that soldiers would be using training ammunition and other training devices to make the

exercise as realistic as possible.

"Soldiers are being tested on their combat skills in a simulated urban environment similar to those they may find during combat missions," the release read. The exercises include practicing breaching techniques inside the dam.

The release explained that soldiers participating in the training are part of the U.S. Army's premier special operations raid force. Members of the group conduct forcible entry operations and special operations raids across the entire spectrum of combat.

The training was coordinated by officials at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Mountain Home Air Force Base, and Idaho Power administrators of C.J. Strike Dam.

Two campgrounds operated by Idaho Power, Scout Park and Locust Park, are closed until the end of the training. Public access to the dam is restricted as well.

Other nearby campgrounds, including North Park and Cottonwood Park remain open. Boat ramps at those parks are also available for use.

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Avalanche Sports



Marsing's Dines gets spot in national H.S. rodeo

Recent Marsing High School graduate Shelby Dines is still riding for the brand after finishing fourth in the Idaho State High School Finals Rodeo in Pocatello. The daughter of Tim and Kerri Dines won the average at the Bannock County Fairgrounds in Pocatello while securing the final Idaho berth in the event for the National High School Finals Rodeo, which will be held July 17-23 in Gillette, Wyo. No other local results were available at press time. Caldwell Night Rodeo District 2 performance photo by Cherie Rolland

American Legion baseball Owyhee Rivercats Single-A schedule (10-5 through Saturday)

Last week's results
June 14 — Owyhee 17, Rocky Mountain 3
Last Wednesday — Owyhee 11, Eagle 0
Thursday — Owyhee 11, Payette 10
Friday — Owyhee 11, Caldwell Bobcats 0
Saturday — Owyhee 4, Meridian Rangers 3; Owyhee 12, Rangers 1

Remaining games
Today — vs. Middleton Marauders, 5 p.m.
Thursday — at Vallivue Titants, 6 p.m.
Friday-Sunday — at Elkhorn Tournament, Baker City (four games)
Tuesday — vs. Nampa Braves, 6 p.m.
Next Wednesday — vs. Canyon County Cobras, 6 p.m.
Thursday, June 30 — at Kuna, 6 p.m.
Friday, July 1 — vs. Treasure Valley Astros, 6 p.m.
Friday-Sunday, July 8-10 — at Lewiston Tournament (four games)
July 16-23 — District Tournament, Rodeo Park,
July 27-Aug. 1 — State, Twin Falls (if nec.)
Aug. 4-Aug. 7 — Regional, Logan, Utah (if necessary)

Homedale Middle School's athletes of the year tabbed

Gracie Dines was named the Homedale Middle School female athlete of the year. Nick Ketterling, the school's outgoing

activities director, shared the news with the school board in his monthly report on June 13. Dines was honored along with male co-

athletes of the year Michael Babcock and Daniel Uranga near the end of their eighth-grade years.

Homedale grad just misses Hall of Fame cut

Michael Eby won two pro indoor football titles

Even though he has retired from the game, Michael Eby is still on the minds of Indoor Football League fans and officials.

The 2002 Homedale High School graduate and standout Eastern Oregon University linebacker set records and won championships in his six-year professional football career.

Last week, he just missed induction into the IFL Hall of Fame in his first year on the ballot.

"I know that it was a tremendous honor, and now that I am retired, I have already done all that I can, but I feel as though I did nothing special," Eby said.

"I just played the game I have always loved, to the best of my ability, for as long as I could. Maybe someday I will make it into the IFL Hall of Fame, but for now, I am very grateful to even be nominated as a finalist."

Eby was one of 10 nominees for the Class of 2016, half of whom were on the ballot for the first time. After fan voting and polling of teams, coaches and current Hall of Famers, though, the son of Gary and Vicki Eby missed

the top-three cut for induction.

"I was extremely honored that I was even a finalist and was second in fan voting," Michael Eby said.

"The messages, calls, social media support and overall encouragement that I received was tremendous and made me feel very grateful and appreciative."

When other elements of the selection process were factored in, Eby — who now lives in Seattle and works as a territory sales manager for Pacific Coast Building Products — slipped out of the top three.

But, considering Eby played safety for three IFL teams and won two United Bowl championships with the now-defunct Billings Outlaws, his time in the sun may yet still come.

"The voting was very close, but Mark Blackburn, Lionell Singleton and Tom Wigley make up the Hall of Fame Class of 2016," IFL commissioner Mike Allshouse wrote in an email to The Owyhee Avalanche. "Best of luck to Michael Eby for future seasons."

A fan poll was posted to the league's website, www.goifl.com, and Eby finished second in the fan voting.

"We are very proud to have Michael as

one of the finalists for the Hall of Fame," Allshouse told the Avalanche in the midst of the fan voting on June 14.

The 2016 Hall of Fame inductees will be honored on June 22 during the United Bowl championship game.

Eby entered the IFL in 2009 and immediately made an impact. He won the Defensive Rookie of the Year award and was named second-team All-IFL.

He went on to play for the Wyoming Calvary and the Colorado Ice before hanging up his helmet after the 2014 season.

Eby finished with 444 tackles and 32 interceptions in his six-year career.

Wigley is owner of the Colorado Ice, which was renamed the Crush after the 2015 season.

Blackburn played linebacker for the Sioux Falls Storm, which has won every league championship since Eby and the Outlaws went back-to-back in 2009-10.

A Tri-Cities Fever defensive back, Singleton was a contemporary of Eby who has similar numbers. Singleton picked 31 passes and 395 tackles in his career.

— JPB



Michael Eby statistics

- 2014** — 70 tackles, 3 INTs
- 2013** — 73 tackles, 1 INT
- 2012** — 68 tackles, 6 INTs
- 2011** — 80 tackles, 7 INTs
- 2010** — 80 tackles, 10 INTs
- 2009** — 73 tackles, 5 INTs
- Regular season** — 400 tackles, 29 INTs
- Postseason** — 44 tackles, 3 INTs
- Career** — 444 tackles, 32 INTs

Note — One of Eby's regular-season INTs was of a two-point conversion try, leaving him short of the IFL career record.



Amaya Carter spots for her volleyball teammate Lindsey Burks during Thursday's morning workout inside the Homedale High School weight room.

Strong numbers for Homedale High's summer lifting sessions

Coach: Weight training reduced spring injuries

Summertime weightlifting is no longer reserved for football players at Homedale High School.

Any student can drop by the school's weight room nearly any week this summer to participate in the inaugural all-student sessions. The weight room will be closed for a week beginning on the Fourth of July.

The school's strength and conditioning coach, Brady Swallow, initiated the summer program, and coaches will staff the room throughout vacation thanks to stipends financed by community donations.

"We all know our summers are busy, and the coaches are trying to run their summer programs anyway," Swallow said. "It's nice to pay for these coaches' hours."

Jessica Willson, the Trojans' new varsity volleyball coach, was one of the supervisors during the Thursday morning session last week.

Many of Willson's prospective players were hitting the weights,

including Amaya Carter and Ashley Burks.

Swallow said about 40 percent of the participants get up early to train between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m., including a few football players who want to get their lift in because summer practice is held in the afternoon. The afternoon lifting session goes from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Swallow said the program averages 55 students per day, including more than a dozen girls.

"It's a good start, but we'd like to get more girls to buy in," Swallow said.

Students can work at their own level and pace, he said.

The coach and teacher attributes the drop in sports injuries at HHS last year to a more robust lifting program.

"It's more injury prevention in my mind," Swallow said. "Although the kids are getting bigger, faster and stronger, the kids get a stronger core, and that helps prevent injuries."

Swallow noted spring sport injuries were down, especially with the track and field team.

Donations also are helping keep the lights on, and Swallow is also in the process of securing

contributions of used equipment to furnish and cardio room with stationary bikes and other apparatus that will help students get their heart rates up.

Swallow also envisions completing the mirrored wall in the weight room.

For more information on helping out the weight-training program, call Swallow at (208) 420-9880.

As the school's Body Development teacher during the 2015-16 year, Swallow oversaw a popular weight-training program for all students.

The draw has spilled over into summer with about 55 students turning out each day to run through different weight-lifting stations.

Swallow still would like to grow the program, though, and invites folks to come learn about it.

"Anybody can come in," he said. "I even invite parents to come in to see how it's going, especially parents in the community with incoming freshmen so they can see the gym is not a scary place."

— JPB



Nathan Cornwall, left, and Spencer Fisher work out in front of the wall of mirrors that coach Brady Swallow hopes to extend the length of the weight room.

Homedale Farmers Market



Kayla Widner, right, runs her family farm's booth at the market.

Organic vendor brings items to local shoppers

Vegetables, herbs and eggs are just a few of the items available each week at the Widner Family Farms booth at the Homedale Farmers Market.

Kayla Widner and her husband William operate the farm in Marsing with help from their four sons, Isiah, 14, Isaac, 13, Anthony, 10, and Jesse, 6.

The family started the farm in 2013 and added a greenhouse last year.

Kayla Widner stated that having a greenhouse helped cut costs at the farm.

"I don't have to buy all my plants, which are pretty expensive," Widner said. "Now I can just grow them all myself from seed. I start in January, and once it gets warm in March I put all my cold crops out and plant them. I do all the other crops in May."

Running the farm is a full-time job for Widner, while her husband works full-time as a plumber.

Widner's heirloom varieties of plants include tomatoes, peppers, and squash among others.

"Melons, eggplant, broccoli, cabbage, pretty much anything you can grow over here, cauli-

flower and lettuce," Widner said.

She added that the farm is still growing.

"We just added another plot and made a third garden area," Widner said.

She also stated that the booth at the market features several other products from the farm.

"We have chickens we raise that are able to free range all around our 14 acres that produce wonderful eggs," Widner said.

"We also have dairy goats which we use to make soaps, lotions and a variety of goat products. We consider ourselves homesteaders and love to share our bountiful harvest with our local community."

Her family lost all of their possessions during a house fire next to the farm on Dec. 5.

The family is still waiting for their insurance company to process the claims.

"But they did pay for our things finally, and the insurance paid for two loans that need to be paid off, it actually covered both of them," Widner said. "Now the land is paid off and hopefully we can start building a house soon."

— SC

Cultivate! kids group puts berries to use

Boys and girls participating in the Cultivate! program at the Homedale Farmers Market on Thursday will learn a thing or two about making fruit preserves.

Surine Greenway will teach the class to be held from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., in Bette Uda City Park.



Surine Greenway

The children will be shown how to make instant strawberry jam with fresh strawberries be-

ing sold at the market.

Greenway is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Family and Consumer Sciences educator.

The Homedale Farmers Market runs from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., each Thursday in Bette Uda City Park through Aug. 25.

This is the fourth year of the market, but the first year for the children's educational program.

Visit www.homedalefarmers-market.weebly.com for a vendor application, or contact market manager Denise Dixon at ddixon22@msn.com or (208) 840-0440 for more information.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

June 26, 1991

Seven teams to play in "Fiasco"

As The Owyhee Avalanche went to press, seven teams had signaled plans to take part in the fourth annual "Fabulous Firecracker Fiasco" in Homedale during July 2-4, according to Kevin Barlow, Chairman of the event this year. As of late Monday, there was still room for one more team to sign up, he said.

Co-ed teams planning to take part in the event include the Markley Bunch, defending champions for the last two years, the No-Names, the Darren Krzesnik Crew, the Generics, a Cal-Ida family group, as well as teams fielded by SMX Trucking and the Owyhee Lanes & Restaurant.

The six-man, six-women teams will compete in bowling, one-pitch softball, volleyball, horseshoes and closest-to-the-pin golf during the three-day sports event. The bowling action will start at Owyhee Lanes next Tuesday at 8 p.m. Volleyball and horseshoe games will be held at Riverside Park on July 3 and the concluding softball and golf competitions will be at the same location of July 4.

Winners will receive hats and a traveling trophy, Barlow said. The entry fee to participate is \$50 per team. Team representatives have been signing up at Barlow's place of business, Ferdinand's in Homedale.

Cyclists pedal through Marsing

About 60 women bicyclists traveled at high speed through Marsing Friday evening as part of the first stage of the 1991 Ore-Ida Women's Challenge.

The race consists of 10 days of racing and 11 different stages. The trip through Marsing was part of a 78-mile trip from Emmett to Nampa.

The bikers traveled into Marsing on Highway 55 after rounding the corner near Lizard Butte and turned left on Highway 78.

The bicyclists were escorted by the Idaho State Police, Boise Police and numerous other vehicles, including emergency units and vans carrying equipment for repairing bicycles. The Owyhee County Sheriff's Posse assisted in traffic control.

Management changes at Givens Hot Springs

There has been a change in the management of Givens Hot Springs, the swimming resort on Highway 78 between Marsing and Murphy that is the longest-running, continuous business in Owyhee County.

Steve and Nadine Givens of the Star area took over management of the business last month from Virgil and Liz Cuff. Givens is a great-grandson of Mattie Givens, who started a bath house and hotel at the site in 1881. Liz Cuff and Steve Givens are cousins.

Steve Givens, a commercial and residential builder, has leased the business for five years, with an option to buy, according to several family spokesmen. Van and Connie Stahley, also of Star, have moved to Givens to assume daily management of operations.

A variety of structural and other property improvements are being undertaken, although Givens Hot Springs remains open from noon to 10 p.m. seven days a week most days of the year, a family spokeswoman said. Much of the work involves renovation or restoration.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor: I would like to commend your town on the excellent "Horse Daze" event held at your Owyhee County Fairgrounds June 15-16. We were really impressed with the organization and sponsorship...your town really gets together to promote such a great event!

I would personally like to thank the Roes and Bruces and all the others who worked so hard to make this happen. The arena conditions were great and the show went very smoothly. I'd also like to thank all the sponsors who donated money toward the purses. We visited several during our 3-day stay and they were all very friendly. You have a neat little town. Thanks, again. Terri Norwick, Walla Walla, WA

50 years ago

June 23, 1966

S. Mountain Ranch inspected during Grassman tour

More than 150 persons participated Thursday in the annual Grassman of the Year tour, which inspected the South Mountain Ranch of Ray Pershall, holder of the 1965 Owyhee County and state title.

Speaker at the noon program held at the ranch was Dr. Warren Knox, President of The College of Idaho. He was introduced by Hugh Hough of Boise, Vice Chairman of the Idaho Grassman Program.

Knox told the group he had been particularly impressed with the spirit of cooperation in programs of the benefit to the communities. He said it was "refreshing" to education, wildlife and conservation agriculture and farming interests working closely together such as in the Idaho Grassman Program.

Morlan (Morley) Nelson, Boise, was on hand with a pet eagle and falcon to explain his hobby, which has gained him national fame. He said he is now assisting with production of another color film, which is being made in the general area of the ranch. Nelson, who works with the Soil Conservation Service, compared the lack of knowledge about the birds to lack of general knowledge about the work of conservation. He noted the Grassman Program is a step to break down the barrier of misunderstanding between ranchers and city.

Attending from Homedale were Homer Anderson, Ernest Cantrall, George Mendiola, Jim Duncan, Deward Bell and Darrel Reisch.

Owyhee County Historical Society

The OCHS activities for 1966-67 are planned by the following group of officers and committee chairmen. They are, Mrs. Hester Gittens, Wilder, Secretary; Mrs. George Randall, Bruneau, Treasurer, and Mrs. Clark Wylie, Melba, President; Walt Fry, Caldwell, Field Trip Chairman; Paul Evans, Caldwell, Assistant Program Chairman; Vic Ford, Murphy, Director; George Randall, Bruneau, Director; Dr. Sam Swayne, Nampa, Director; Paul Swiney, Marsing, Director; Mrs. Doug Hyslop, Nampa Museum Director; Dr. J. A. Amesbury, Caldwell, Program Chairman; and Doug Hyslop, Nampa Director. Hubert Nettleton, Oreana, also is a Director. The society meets on the third Friday of each month in the courthouse at Murphy.

Capt. Griffin takes part in 'Blind Bat' mission

Capt. William J. "Bud" Griffin of Homedale participated in recent "Blind Bat" missions in Southeast Asia.

Capt. Griffin, son of Mrs. Pearl E. Horn of Homedale, was on temporary duty as a C-130 Hercules pilot flying flare drop missions in support of the U.S. jet fighters near Saigon, South Viet Nam.

The Blind Bat crews fly arduous eight-hour missions in search of Viet Cong activity. After spotting the enemy, the C-130s become flying operations centers — notifying fighters of the targets and fighting in the area. They often come under enemy fire as they drop as many as 200 two-to-three-minute burning magnesium flares by parachute during a mission.

Capt. Griffin, who is assigned at a forward combat base, is a graduate of Homedale High School. He received his commission in 1957 upon completion of the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps program at the University of Idaho where he earned his B.S. degree and is a member of the Phi Kappa Tau.

Homedale girls attend Girls State at Nampa

Sheila Wood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wood, and Pam VanDerhoff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted VanDerhoff attended Girls State at Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa June 12-18. The girls stayed in the dormitories at the college.

Guest speakers were featured throughout the week. One speaker spoke to the girls on parliamentary procedure, and duties of the offices such as Secretary of State. County and State officers were elected, and on Thursday night they were inaugurated.

140 years ago

June 24, 1876

THE FEVER SPREADING – It becomes my painful duty to record the spread of a disease within the limits of our otherwise healthy camp, which bids far soon to become an epidemic, especially as our efficient physician, Dr. Marshall, to whom only we can look for relief, seems to be himself afflicted with the same. I refer to the marriage fever, which during the last week found no less than six victims in our midst and is still grappling with several more. It is a singular fact that this disease attacks young and old alike. Thus in one day, our respected friend John Winklebach and Miss Nicholson, aged respectively 50 and 15, perceived the same symptoms and resolved either to fight it out together or die. Accordingly they mounted their fiery steeds and sped away on a starry night over steep hills and through dark canyons until at last they reached the land of Brigham. Indeed, the man who cannot content himself or be contented in the Promised land of the Latter-Day Saints is not fit to live. They are now back again, and, I am happy to say, fully recovered, although, some what fatigued, but that is to be expected after such a long journey.

OUR PROSPERITY as people will begin when rascality in office, and extravagance and folly in public and private life come to an end. It is because the people have been plundered and the Government robbed that business men suffer, and so much poverty prevails. The first step to secure a real restoration of business is to place honest men in office.

THE INDIANS WARNED AGAIN – I thought it my duty to make mention of the Indians in time to put people on their guard, so as to make immediate arrangements to prevent further aggression; but my report has been rather unfavorably received by some, as having partly scared people of the weak-kneed sort to death. But suppose I remained quiet on the matter and the frightened parties had been unawares attacked. Would it then have been only scaring and they have got off as easy as they did, or might it not have resulted in sad affairs, judging from the history of the past? I am now eight years steady among them, have learned their nature and know nearly every move they make, and really their desire is to prevent further settlement in their domain unless they derive a certain benefit of such settlers, and, as a matter of course, if their wishes are not complied with, they will commence depredations on them, drive them off, or dispose of them according to their manner and style. But be it as it may, sooner or later something unexpected may happen. I think myself they are not quite ready to begin their work, because they need more provisions, arms and ammunition, but a certain grudge for which I was not responsible caused the sudden aggression upon me. Still however, about nine years have elapsed since they have been driven from us and compelled to respect the order of civilization during which time young warriors have grown up who mean to get free possession or pay for their country at some time again; thus a rupture sooner or later may occur. The statement I made on the 1st instant was not intended for individual probation, but for the public in general. For my part I shall not be with Mr. "Injun" much longer or occupy any of their domain. I know all about them I want to know, and have been treated as badly as I want to be, and on several occasions have only got away from them alive by a scratch. Henceforth your correspondent shall remain quiet on the subject. W.

THE AVALANCHE was the first paper in the Territory to give publicity to the doings of the National Republican Convention, at Cincinnati. The paper containing the news of the nomination of Hayes was in circulation on the streets here within one hour after the event occurred at Cincinnati. The papers in many of the towns on the Pacific Coast, including such places as Reno, Merced, etc., didn't publish the news until several days had elapsed. So much for enterprise.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense A favor



Have you ever had a simple gesture of kindness end up unappreciated?

James and Kevin had just chased a steer to the end of the arena in a fruitless attempt to head and heel the crafty critter. James had lost his hat during the run, so Kevin stopped to pick it up for his heeler. He hung his loop and coils over the horn and swang off. Well, not quite off. As his right boot cleared the cantle, it hooked the loop.

As in a lot of near-death experiences, Kevin remembered very distinctly seeing the rope around his ankle as he neared the ground. He kicked, meaning to shed the snare, but instead, he stuck his toe into Buck's flank!

In that split-second he thought to himself, "It's a good thing I'm on ol' Buck. A less seasoned horse would spook." Buck, of course, was thinkin', "Whoa! What was that?!" He spooked and was goin' flat-out in three jumps!

Down the arena they went! Kevin did a couple of half-gainers and managed to put a nice figger eight between his boot and the saddle horn!

He sat like a man on a sled tryin' to pry the loop off his foot as he bounced along on his pockets, feet in the air, hands on the rope, leaving a trail through the arena dirt like someone draggin' a sack of watermelons down a sand dune!

Ten feet behind the flashing hooves, Kevin peered through the flying dirt. They were fast approaching the awestruck ropers at the chute end of the arena!

In desperation Kevin laid flat on his back and kicked the captured boot! The loop came loose, his heels bit into the dirt in full flight! They stuck and he stood straight up like Wiley Coyote runnin' into a canyon wall! With a dramatic flair he tipped his hat.

James rode by the rigid, unrecognizable figure covered with dirt from hair to his spurs. "Nice ride," he commented, "Least you could have done was pick up my hat."

— Visit Baxter's Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features and to purchase Baxter Black merchandise, including books, DVDs and his newest release, "Baxter Black Amongst Friends," which is a two-CD, one-DVD set.

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Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee City must check out library cost



This column was written prior Lavon "Gypsy" Jackson's death and in no way is meant to disrespect the memory or the legacy of the woman who freely gave of her time and energy as a longtime member of the Homedale Public Library and Planning and Zoning commission. We stand with Mayor Gheen Christoffersen, who during a moment of silence at Monday's budget workshop, acknowledged Gypsy's impact. "She did lots of good things in the community," he said in remarks that also praised the Jackson family. "We just appreciate everything they did and do for our community."

— Ed.

In following the Homedale Public Library board barrel toward what directors hope is an expanded building, I can't help but think of an old 10-key adding machine clicking along.

Over and over, the accountant punches in a number then pulls that lever, advancing the tape and pushing the total higher and higher.

The purchase of an adjacent property.

The demolition of a decades-old building.

Settling on an architect to make formal expansion plans (which could cost \$20,000 to \$25,000).

It all adds up, and for a board that theoretically has less than \$170,000 at its disposal, it may add up far too quickly.

This is where the city council must step in and do its job. The councilmen will have their chance Thursday when

library administrator Sharla Jensen gives a project update and asks the city to sign off on an architect.

Yes, as was pointed out six years ago and again in this latest round of expansion talk, the library's state investment fund can be spent any way the directors see fit (including hiring an architect), but it's the money beyond that fund that should worry council members.

When then-Mayor Harold Wilson was pushing for a new library east of City Hall in 2010, R&M Steel of Caldwell pledged the metal shell of the structure. Even with that gift, valued at nearly \$40,000, an architect estimated the building would cost more than \$350,000.

That was in the middle of a recession, and it was for an entire building, not an addition.

Now, with the construction economy picking up, proponents think expansion will carry a similar price tag.

It very well may; however, there is one key component from the 2010 campaign that has been completely overlooked. Well, two, if you count the fact that the current library administrator hasn't approached R&M Steel.

As the 2010 effort to build a library lumbered along, council members began questioning how the library would operate once the building was in place, and the investment fund was gone.

It was feared that the library would require more city

— See *Library*, Page 19

Sens. Mike Crapo and Ron Wyden

From Washington Balanced wildfire policy would empower rural areas



In the past, warm spring weather touched off the start of the worst wildfires. Now, unfortunately one fire season essentially runs into the next.

Summer is just starting, and states already are reporting what the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) calls "large fires." More than a million acres have already burned this year. (<https://www.nifc.gov/fireInfo/nfn.htm>)

It is time to get ahead of the terrible trifecta of high temperatures, drought and massive fuel build-up that sparks bigger, hotter fires that cost more and burn longer. These conditions are worsened by an unsustainable funding structure, which makes it harder to carry out forest health projects that improve forest conditions.

Wide agreement exists that the dangerous cycle of borrowing funds from fire prevention for fire suppression must end. Together, we have been fighting for a bipartisan congressional budget fix that would provide enough funding to clear hazardous fuels and manage our forests instead of continuing to neglect them.

Last year, Congress bandaged the problem a bit by passing a bill that funded firefighting at 100 percent of the 10-year average of firefighting costs. But the Forest Service has said those funds would not have even covered the costs of last year's full fire season. This year is predicted to be worse.

That's why we are doing whatever it takes to get to a solution. We have joined with the leaders of the Senate Energy Committee, Sens. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.), and Jim Risch (R-Idaho), and colleagues in putting forward a new bipartisan compromise to fix the broken wildfire funding system.

This plan would also fund firefighting at 100 percent of the 10-year average of firefighting costs. But in years with fewer fires when not all the fire budget is used, this plan would siphon funding left over from suppression to fire prevention projects.

For the first time, this compromise would allow local communities to self-identify as fire at-risk, giving rural communities a voice in what prevention work gets accomplished quickly.

This proposal is not an end-all solution, but it is a step in the right direction toward bringing everyone to the table and renewing our years-long call for action on wildfire funding.

Congress must start recognizing and treating wildfires like the natural disasters they are, because it is not just wildfire programs that are threatened by the current unstable funding structure. Forest Service programs in Midwestern, Eastern and Southern states that manage timber sales, stream restoration, trail maintenance and recreation get shortchanged when money is diverted to fighting wildfires.

Over the past few years, we visited fire camps throughout Oregon and Idaho and have spoken about wildfires on the Senate floor. We have raised the issue in committee hearings and introduced a funding fix in bills and amendments. We have worked closely with a bipartisan and bicameral group of colleagues on a compromise. Congress needs to act on a long-term solution to this growing problem.

We will not stop fighting until federal wildfire funding policy reflects the reality that "wildfire season" has changed.

— 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. Democrat Ron Wyden is Oregon's senior U.S. senator, having entered the chamber in 1996 after 7½ terms in the House of Representatives. You may access the senators' websites at <http://crapo.senate.gov/> and <http://wyden.senate.gov/>.

Commentary

Financial management

Self-insurance is possible, but keep health coverage

Dear Dave,

My husband and I are retired, we both receive nice pensions, and we owe \$46,000 on our home. This is our only debt. I'm 65, he is 82, and we have more than \$800,000 in variable annuities, along with substantial cash in savings. We also have \$200,000 combined in life insurance coverage. If we cancel these two policies, we can pay down an extra \$10,000 a year on the house. Should we cancel the life insurance policies?

— Anna

Dear Anna,

At 82 and 65, you probably won't be able to get any more insurance at a decent price. If you get rid of it, you're going to be

without it. The good news is that you have enough money through your pensions, investments, and savings to be what is known as "self-insured."

If I'm in your situation, I'd drop the life insurance policies and pay off the house as quickly as possible. Make sure you keep a good health insurance policy in place, because a hospital stay can eat your savings alive. I hope you have long-term care insurance, too.

Good question, Anna. You guys have done a great job with your money!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

In 15 months I'll be able to buy



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in as a shareholder of my firm, about 1.5 percent of the company. I make \$100,000 annually, and

it will cost me three times my income, but it could increase my income by as much as \$40,000 a year. I know that you discourage single-stock investing, but do you think this is a good idea?

— Mark

Dear Mark,

This sounds more akin to a partnership than a stock. Basically, you'd be a minority shareholder in the business. That means zero power. Whatever money you put up could be lost, because the people running this business could decide to close up shop and you'd be powerless to stop it.

To me, this is way too scary. You'd be making a \$300,000 investment that has no liquidity

and that you can't sell on the open market. I'd want to see at least 30 percent return on my capital in a situation like this, so I wouldn't risk my money.

Keep your good job, but politely decline this shareholder offer. That's my advice.

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is America's trusted voice on money and business, and CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven 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. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.

✓ Library: Who will pay operating costs?

From Page 18

support to keep up with operation and maintenance, so some on the council pushed the caveat that a taxing district must be in place before a building is constructed.

Nowadays, there are no plans to seek a taxing district, which means no operation and maintenance funding beyond what the city is willing to kick in and whatever comes in the form of memorials. (Two weeks ago, the council denied a request for an eight percent support increase for Fiscal Year 2017 and settled on three percent).

Jensen does want to secure construction grants, leaving the fund to cover operation costs for a finite time.

Western Alliance for Economic Development executive director Tina Wilson, who is helping with the grant writing, thinks the city public works crew could build a new asphalt parking lot complete with painted lines — at an estimated cost of \$30,000 — as an in-kind grant match.

Regardless of whether grants come through for the construction, it's apparent that the City of Homedale will be asked to take on more financial responsibility for a library board that has clamored for independence in the past.

Council members must take steps to cool the hot pursuit of an expanded library until they are convinced that 1) there is a need for the expansion, and 2) the expanded library won't be more of a burden on the city's general fund.

Letter to the editor

Jewell's Owyhee visit amplifies shift in feds' attitude

If Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell's "low-key" visit to Owyhee County was primarily a public relations matter, the message was received.

The Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management agency is no longer in a cooperation mode, but in one of collaboration. In this age of political correctness, we've been informed over and over again that words matter. Collaboration has potential to give authorized officers authority to make management decisions without local cooperation.

I first heard of the proposal to turn the Owyhees into a park in 1965. Since that time, round after round of decisions curtailing grazing have made management ever more difficult for all parties. The prime example is the increasing threat of wildfires largely due to fuel loads. Other resources have suffered, including the current focus on sage-grouse habitat that continues to go up in smoke.

Even though we have the congressionally passed Owyhee Initiative, giving us a degree of stability, the move to make the Owyhees part of a 6 million-acre Owyhee Canyonlands Monument or park hasn't gone away. The 2.5 million-acre monument threat in neighboring Malheur County is aimed at us.

There was a time when the Department of the Interior was charged with settlement of the West and military

Letters to the editor

All letters to the editor submitted to The Owyhee Avalanche must be no longer than 300 words, signed and include the writer's address and daytime phone number.

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.

posts were established to protect settlers from unhappy natives. Since that time, settlers joined the native ranks and under collaboration should we be surprised if Camps Lyon and Three Forks were re-established to monitor our dissatisfaction?

Michael F. Hanley IV
Jordan Valley

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Public notices

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received by Owyhee County, P.O. Box 128, Murphy, Idaho 83650 until 5:00 p.m., Mountain Daylight Time, on Friday, July 22, 2016 for Project No. DFG 2015-123

The project consists of construction of replacing concrete boat ramp, installing docks with piles, gangways, abutments, concrete sidewalk and pads for parking and outhouse. The project is located on C.J. Strike Reservoir near Black Sands Resort, in Owyhee County, Idaho. A pre-bid tour of the project will be held on the site on **Wednesday, June 29, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.** Email Owyhee County Clerk Angela Barkell (abarkell@co.owyhee.id.us) by **5:00 p.m., Monday, June 27, 2016**, to make arrangements to attend this tour. **Bidders may still bid if they are not able to attend the tour. Bidder written questions due by 5:00 p.m., Thursday, July 7, 2016.**

Proposals will be opened and publicly read on **Monday, July 25, 2016 on or about 10:00 a.m.**

Specifications, proposal forms and other information are on file for examination at the following locations and online at www.owyheecounty.net.

Owyhee County Courthouse, P.O. Box 128, Murphy, ID 83650

Associated General Contractors, 1649 West Shoreline Drive, Suite 100, Boise, ID 83702

Associated General Contractors, 1415 N. Fillmore, Ste 703A, Twin Falls, ID 83301

Twin Falls Plan Room 124, Blue Lakes Blvd, Suite 6, Twin Falls, ID 83301

A bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid is required.

Documents may be obtained for bidding purposes from the County of Owyhee, (P. O. Box 128), Murphy, Idaho, **Attn: Angela Barkell, Phone (208) 495-2421**. No deposit is required. However, documents shall be returned to the above address.

A valid Public Works Contractors License for the State of Idaho is required of the successful bidder at the time of the bid opening. Include names and Public Works License number on Sub-Contractor List as part of bid.

ANGELA BARKELL,
OWYHEE COUNTY CLERK,
OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO
6/15/22/16

CITY OF GRAND VIEW, IDAHO ORDINANCE NO. 2016-001 CITY CODE

BE IT ORDAINED by the mayor and city council of the city of Grand View, Grand View, Idaho, as follows:

Section 1: From and after the date of passage of this ordinance, the city code of the city of Grand View, Idaho, prepared by Sterling Codifiers, containing the compilation of all ordinances of a general nature together with the changes made to said ordinances, under the direction of the governing body of the city, shall be accepted in all courts without question as the official code and law of the city as enacted by the mayor and city council. Section 2: There is hereby adopted, as a method of perpetual codification, the loose-leaf type of binding together with the continuous supplement service, provided by Sterling Codifiers, whereby each newly adopted ordinance of a general

and permanent nature amending, altering, adding or deleting provisions of the official city code is identified by the proper catch line and is inserted in the proper place in each of the official copies, one copy of which shall be maintained in the office of the city clerk, certified as to correctness and available for inspection at any and all times that said office is regularly open. Section 3: All ordinances of a general nature included in this official city code shall be considered as a continuation of said ordinance provision and the fact that some provisions have been deliberately eliminated by the governing body shall not serve to cause any interruption in the continuous effectiveness of ordinances included in said official city code. All ordinances of a special nature, such as tax levy ordinances, bond ordinances, franchises, vacating ordinances and annexation ordinances shall continue in full force and effect unless specifically repealed or amended by a provision of the city code. Such ordinances are not intended to be included in the official city code. Section 4: It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to change or amend by additions or deletions, any part or portion of such code, or to insert or delete pages or portions thereof, or to alter or tamper with such code in any manner whatsoever which will cause the law of the city to be misrepresented thereby. Section 5: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed. Section 6: This ordinance and the code adopted by the same shall be recorded and shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law. PASSED and APPROVED this 8th day of June, 2016.

Franklin D. Hart, Mayor
Tammy M. Payne, City Clerk
6/22/2016

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 2016-002 CITY OF GRAND VIEW, IDAHO

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Grand View, Owyhee County, State of Idaho, adopted at its regular meeting on June 8th, 2016, Ordinance No. 2016-002 entitled;

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRAND VIEW, OWYHEE COUNTY, STATE OF IDAHO, AMENDING CHAPTER 1 OF TITLE 9 OF THE CITY CODE OF GRAND VIEW AND ADOPTING THE 2012 EDITIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE, THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE, THE INTERNATIONAL EXISTING BUILDING CODE AND THE 2004 IDAHO MANUFACTURED HOME INSTALLATION STANDARDS; PROVIDING THAT ADOPTED VERSIONS OF THE CODES SHALL BE DEEMED SUPERSEDED BY SUCCESSIVE VERSIONS AS THEY ARE ADOPTED OR APPROVED BY THE STATE OF IDAHO BUILDING CODE BOARD; PROVIDING FOR EXCEPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE ADOPTED CODES; AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF AGRICULTURAL BUILDING; PROVIDING FOR A TABLE

OF CLIMATIC AND GEOGRAPHIC DESIGN CRITERIA; PROVIDING FOR THE DUTY OF THE CITY'S BUILDING OFFICIAL; PROVIDING THAT PERMIT FEES SHALL BE ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION BY THE GRAND VIEW CITY COUNCIL; PROVIDING THAT A FEE MAY BE IMPOSED FOR AN AGRICULTURAL BUILDING; PROVIDING FOR APPEALS OF DECISIONS OF THE CITY'S BUILDING OFFICIAL AND APPEALS FROM THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION; PROVIDING THAT ANY VIOLATION SHALL BE A MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF IDAHO; PROVIDING THAT ANY BUILDING OR OTHER STRUCTURE WHICH IS ERECTED IN VIOLATION OF THE NEW CHAPTER OR IN VIOLATION OF THE CODES ADOPTED, IN ADDITION TO SUBJECTING ANY OWNER, FIRM, CORPORATION OR AUTHORIZED AGENT TO MISDEMEANOR PENALTIES, SHALL BE SUBJECT TO NUISANCE OR ABATEMENT PROCEDURES; PROVIDING THAT IN THE EVENT THAT ANY ABATEMENT PROCEDURE IS SUCCESSFULLY BROUGHT BY THE CITY THE PERSON BUILDING SAID STRUCTURE OR THE OWNER OF THAT PROPERTY UPON WHICH THE STRUCTURE WAS WRONGFULLY ERECTED SHALL PAY ALL COURT COSTS AND ATTORNEY FEES FOR THE PROSECUTION OF THE ACTION; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING CITY OF GRAND VIEW INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE ORDINANCE NO. 2011-01; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. A summary of the principal provisions of Ordinance No. 2016-002 of the City of Grand View, Idaho, adopted on the 8th day of June, 2016, that amends certain provisions of the Grand View City Code concerning various building regulations is as follows:

Section 1: Provides that the ordinance applies to all areas of the incorporated lands within the City of Grand View.

Section 2. Adopts the 2012 International Building Code, the 2012 International Residential Code with some exceptions, the 2012 International Energy Conservation Code, the 2012 International Existing Building Code and the 2004 Idaho Manufactured Home Installation Standards.

Section 3. Provides that the adopted versions of the codes shall be deemed superseded by successive versions of such codes as they are adopted or approved by the State of Idaho Building Code Board. Such successive versions shall become the law of the City on the effective date set for the successive versions by the State of Idaho building Code Board, unless the Grand View City Council specifically provides otherwise.

Section 4. Provides for certain exemptions to the adopted codes.

Section 5. Provides for certain amendments to the adopted codes.

Section 6. Provides that the City building official shall have the duty of enforcing the City's building code and shall have the further duty of advising the council members of any successive versions of the adopted codes.

Section 7. Provides that the

City Council shall establish permit fees by resolution of the City Council and that the fee schedule shall be reviewed regularly as required by law and that the building official, the building inspector or a designee shall charge permit fees in accordance with the schedule created by a resolution of the City Council.

Section 8. Provides that a decision of the building official may be appealed to the City's Planning and Zoning Board and then to the City Council.

Section 9. Provides that any violation of the newly adopted codes shall be a misdemeanor punishable in accordance with the laws of the State of Idaho; that any building or other structure which is erected in violation of the adopted codes, in addition to subjecting any owner, firm, corporation or authorized agent to misdemeanor penalties, shall be subject to nuisance or abatement procedures, which may be brought by any city official, any member of the zoning commission, the planning and zoning administrator, the building official, or any other person. Also providing that in the event that any abatement procedure is successfully brought, the person building said structure or the owner of that property upon which the structure was wrongfully erected shall pay all court costs and attorney fees for the prosecution of that action.

Section 10. Provides that if any portion of the Ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect, invalidate or nullify the remaining portions of the Ordinance.

Section 11. Provides that City Ordinance Number 2011-01, and any ordinances or resolutions which are in conflict with the new Ordinance are repealed.

Section 12. Provides that the Ordinance may be published in summary form as allowed by Idaho Code § 50-901A.

Section 13. Provides that the Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately after its passage, approval, adoption and publication as required by the laws of the State of Idaho.

A copy of the full text of the Ordinance is available at City Hall, 425 Boise Avenue, Grand View, Idaho. Examination or copies may be requested in writing or in person during regular business hours of the City Clerk, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. pursuant to the Open Records Act, Idaho Code § 74-103.

Dated this 8th day of June, 2016.

Franklin D. Hart, Mayor
Tammy M. Payne, City Clerk
6/22/2016

CITY OF GRAND VIEW ORDINANCE NO. 2016-003

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRAND VIEW, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO PROVIDING FOR NO CAMPING OR SLEEPING ON CITY PROPERTY OR CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY; PROVIDING FOR EXCEPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE. WHEREAS, the city of Grand View City Council has determined it is in the best interest of the citizens to prevent crime and vandalism by limiting the hours of use of city property, parks, and public right-of-ways; therefore; BE IT ORDAINED

BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND VIEW AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Camping hours. No person shall camp or sleep on city property or in the city right-of-way within the city of Grand View, Idaho from ten o'clock (10:00) P.M. to eight o'clock (8:00) A.M., with the following exceptions: a) A 72 hour limit on self-contained camping shall be permitted at the RioLindo Boat Ramp parking area during any 14 day timeframe. Campers and their vehicles must be a minimum of thirty (30) feet from the boat loading ramp. After each 72 hour camping stay, campers and their vehicles are required to leave the RioLindo site for a minimum of 14 days before being able to camp again. b) Camping shall be allowed upon approval by the City of Grand View, and, shall require a special event permit.

Section 2: Penalty. Any person found guilty of a violation of this Ordinance shall be guilty of an infraction and shall be subject to a fine of \$100.00, and may have their vehicle towed, in accordance with state law. Any person found guilty of a second violation of this Ordinance within a one year period shall be guilty of an infraction and shall be subject to a fine of \$100.00, and may have their vehicle towed, in accordance with State law. Any person found guilty of a third violation within a one year period shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined up to \$1000.00 and/or six months in jail.

Section 3: Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately after its passage, approval, adoption and publication in the official newspaper of the City, as required by the laws of the State of Idaho. APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND VIEW, IDAHO, THIS 8th DAY OF JUNE, 2016.

Franklin D. Hart, Mayor
Tammy M. Payne, City Clerk
6/22/2016

HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT FY- 2016 Seal Coat Advertisement For Bids

The Homedale Highway District is calling for bids for the seal coating of approximately 8 miles in the District. The bids must be delivered to the District on or before 5:30 MDT, 6/29/2016, either personally or by mail to: P.O. Box 713, Homedale, Idaho 83628, or hand delivered to 102 E. Colorado Avenue, Homedale ID 83628.

The sealed bids shall be opened at a special meeting at 6:00 p.m. MDT, 6/30/2016, at the Homedale Highway District office located at 102 E. Colorado Avenue, Homedale Idaho 83628.

For bid packets with specifications and bid documents and for more information, call Director of Highways Stewart Constantine at 208 337-3500, or Terri Uria at 208-249-1118.

The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept the bid deemed best or to reject any or all bids and to waive any technicality.

Terri Uria, Secretary
6/15/22/16

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Public notices

LEIN SALE

1969 26-foot camp trailer (blue/white) Vin# 24321C to be sold on June 23, 2016 at 12:00 noon at 114 S Bruneau Hwy, Marsing, ID 83639
6/18,22/16

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 HEARING ON NAME CHANGE CASE NO. CV-2016-0992 IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

IN RE: John Manuel Birmingham, Date of Birth: 10/11/1963

A Petition to change the name of John Manuel Birmingham, now residing in the City of Givens Hot Springs, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Owyhee County, Idaho. The name will change to Jack Manuel Birmingham. The reason for the change in name is: For more than 50 years, every personal and legal document, including every form of identification, used by John Manuel Birmingham has stated his first name as "Jack." The name change is necessary so that he can legally continue to use the name "Jack" although his birth certificate lists his name as "John."

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 10:30 o'clock a.m. on July 11, 2016 at the Owyhee County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

DATE: 6/7/2016
Angela Barkell, Clerk of the District Court

By: Lena Johnson, Deputy Clerk
6/15,22,29;7/6/16

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV 2015-0740 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DENNIS ARTHUR CRANDALL, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the estate of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

Dated: June 15, 2016.
Belen Crandall Fuentes, Personal Representative, c/o STEWART TAYLOR & MORRIS PLLC, 12550 W. Explorer Drive, Suite 100, Boise, ID 83713
6/22,29;7/6/16

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On the 20th day of September, 2016, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. of this day (recognized local time), on the front steps of The Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650, in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, TitleOne Corporation, an Idaho corporation, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash or cashier's check (cash equivalent), in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale in compliance with Section 45-1506(9) Idaho Code, the following described real property, situated in Owyhee County, State of Idaho, and described as follows to wit:

That part of the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 8, Township 3 North, Range 5 West of the Boise Meridian, described as follows, to-wit:

COMMENCING at the Northwest corner of the West One Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 8, Township 3 North, Range 5 West Boise Meridian; thence South along the West line of said Northeast of the Northeast Quarter 460 feet; thence North 43° East a distance of 265 feet; thence North 30° East a distance of 315 feet to a point on the North line of said Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; thence South 88°52'51" West along said North line a distance of 338.29 feet more or less to the POINT

OF BEGINNING.

The 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 Trustee has been informed that according to the County Assessor's office, the address of 2863 State Hwy 19, Homedale, ID 83628, 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 Pete A Cameron and Brenda L Cameron, as Grantor(s), to TitleOne Corporation, an Idaho corporation, as Successor Trustee, and Triple B LLC, as Beneficiary, recorded May 30, 2014, as Instrument No. 283992, in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE 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 beneficiary hereby gives notice that a breach of obligation for which said transfer in security has occurred, the nature of the breach being:

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust Note, as evidenced in paragraph 6 under section B of the Deed of Trust the entire loan balance immediately due and payable in the amount of \$37,689.57, for Principal, together with unpaid accrued interest owing in the amount of \$827.41, as of May 12, 2016. All amounts are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and all are accruing until the date of sale, full satisfaction, or reinstatement of the obligation.

The failure to pay past due real property taxes in Owyhee County for the year 2014 and the first half of 2015, in the amount of \$1,067.94, and failure to bring said real property taxes current.

Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

Dated: 05/23/2016
TITLEONE CORPORATION
Successor Trustee By: Sheri Coleman, Trust Officer
Order No. 16271140 Cameron / 595498
6/15,22,29;7/6/16

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

At 11:00 o'clock A.M. (recognized local time) on

October 13, 2016, at the Lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, located at, 20381 St Hwy 78, Murphy, ID, First American Title Company Inc., 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 Owyhee County, Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 7 of Block 3 of BIG SKY ESTATES NO. ONE, part of Government Lot 4, Section 4, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof filed October 26, 1978 as Instrument No. 156593 in the office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho.

Information concerning the foreclosure action may be obtained from the Trustee, whose telephone number is (208) 785-2515. According to the Trustee's records, the street address of 504 White Cloud Cir, Homedale, Idaho 83628 is sometimes associated with said property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession, or encumbrances to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Real Estate Deed of Trust for Idaho executed by, Rodney K Roberts and Beth C Roberts, husband and wife, as Grantor(s), Stewart Title of Idaho, Inc., as Trustee, for the benefit and security of, The United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, as Beneficiary; said Real Estate Deed of Trust for Idaho was recorded July 28, 1994 as Owyhee County Recorder's Instrument No. 213341.

The default for which this sale is to be made is as follows: Failure to make the monthly payment of \$589.68 due for the 26th day of May, 2015 and a like sum of \$589.68 due for the 26th day of each and every month thereafter;

The above Grantor(s) are 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. As of May 17, 2016 there is due and owing on the loan an unpaid principal balance of \$42,580.16, accrued interest in the amount of \$3,386.00, subsidy granted in the amount of \$7,432.56 and fees currently assessed in the amount of \$1,329.42 for a total amount due of \$54,728.14. Interest continues to accrue on the Note at the rate of 7.5% per annum with a per diem rate of \$8.99 after May 17, 2016. All delinquencies are now due together with any late charges, advances to protect the security, and fees and costs associated with this foreclosure. The Beneficiary elects to sell or

cause said property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

DATED June 8, 2016
FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY, INC., SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE

By: /s/ Kaitlin Ann Gotch, Trust Officer
6/22,29;7/6,13/16

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Parcel RP00820002002AA, Shagaye Dalton, 1003 12 Ave So, Nampa, ID 83651

Property known as Lot 2 Block 2 Shari Hill Estates Phase 1 in section 9 2N 4W, Owyhee County, Idaho, and having a commonly referred to physical address of 6350 Shari Hill Way, Marsing, Idaho.

Tax: \$603.66
 Late Charge: \$12.08
 Interest: \$319.24
 Costs: \$144.38**
TOTAL \$1079.36

Parcel RP0M0120350000A, Katherine E Pike, PO Box 999, Marsing, ID 83639

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Tax: \$1163.06
 Late Charge: \$23.26
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 Costs: \$144.38**

TOTAL \$1945.76
Parcel RP02N04W356602A, Katherine E Pike, PO Box 999, Marsing, ID 83639
 Property known as Tax 5 Less Tax 13 Section 35 2N 4W, Owyhee County, Idaho
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 Late Charge: \$7.68
 Interest: \$203.06
 Costs: \$144.38**
TOTAL \$739.10

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED, that if said delinquent entry is not redeemed on or before July 18, 2016, by payment of said unpaid taxes together with late charge, interest and all unpaid costs and expenses up to the date of said payment at my office as Tax Collector, Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, ID, I shall thereupon, as required by law, make application to the Board of County Commissioners of Owyhee County, State of Idaho, for a hearing to be held on July 25, 2016, or as soon thereafter as said application can be heard at the **Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, Idaho**, for tax deed conveying the above described property to **OWYHEE COUNTY,**

State of Idaho, absolute title, free of all encumbrances, except any lien for taxes which may have attached subsequently to the assessment hereinafter referred to. **YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED**, that the record owner or owners or any party of interest as defined by §63-1005, Idaho Code, may appear in person or by counsel, and if appearing, shall have adequate opportunity to be heard for the purpose of protesting the procedures used in taking this tax deed. **NO OTHER TYPE OF PROTEST WILL BE HEARD. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED** that inquiries and objections concerning this notice of the information contained therein shall be directed to the **OWYHEE COUNTY TREASURER** at 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650; or by calling (208) 495-1158 no later than five (5) working days before the hearing date.

Dated this 17th day of June, 2016

Brenda Richards COUNTY TREASURER and EX-OFFICIO TAX COLLECTOR FOR OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO
 6/22,29;7/6,13/16

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Rimrock Sr. Center keeps improving

Thanks to some donations and reorganization, Rimrock Senior Center patrons have more room these days.

The community center that serves Grand View, Bruneau and Oreana, seems more spacious with a new game and computer area and a new office for coordinator Sandi Burnett.

The new game room at the center, which is located at 525 Main St., in Grand View, features a table for puzzles and games as well as a computer and plenty of books. It's across the carpet from the senior center's Trinkets and Treasures shop, which is open from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

Lunch is served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday.

Folks can pop in for games or puzzles during the two days the senior center is open each week, but on the fourth Saturday of each month, a community game night is also held.

This month's event takes place at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday at the senior center, and it will feature games, movies and a potluck meal.

Burnett also showed off her new office during the senior center's ice cream social and bake sale, which was held on June 10 during Grand View Days.

The office features new flooring,



Tuesday Quilters members Anna Hence, left, and Ellen Jess show off the quilt that Grand View resident Linda Araujo won in a Grand View Days ice cream social and bake sale drawing at the Rimrock Senior Center. Melody Burnett also helped construct the queen size quilt.

a large desk and a computer and monitor. Most importantly, there's a door, so Burnett can work in relative quiet.

The office was made possible through donations of material and time, Burnett said.

Bob's Carpet Service in Moun-

tain Home provided the flooring, while Simplot Land and Livestock and former Gus's Gas owner Linda Gustafson secured the desk for the senior center. Sherwin-Williams paint store and Franklin Building Supply, both in Twin Falls, also provided materials. — JPB

Nominations open for ag boards serving Owyhee, Malheur

Nominations are open for the two producer-based committees that help shape federal agricultural programs.

There are seats up for election in November on both the Canyon-Ada-Owyhee and the Malheur County Committees (COC) for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency.

Three Canyon-Ada-Owyhee committee people will see their three-year terms end on Dec. 31, including Martin Jaca, whose Local Administrative Area (LAA) 7 covers Marsing, Bruneau and Grand View. Jaca was first elected to the COC in 2007 when Owyhee County had its own board before consolidation with the Canyon County office.

Others whose terms are ending include Dennis Evans, who is finishing his first term for LAA 2 (Caldwell, Notus and western Middleton), and Robin Wylie-Lindquist of LAA 3 (Middleton and Nampa).

On the Malheur COC, Adrian's Vikki Price (LAA 3 of Adrian, Nyssa and Owyhee in Oregon) and COC advisor Brian Kameshige are approaching the ends of their terms. Price is in her first term, while Kameshige has been on the board since 2008.

The nomination period opened earlier this month and runs through the close of business on Aug. 1.

Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters beginning Nov. 7, and they must be returned to the county office either via mail or in person by Dec. 5.

"Through the county committees, farmers and ranchers have a voice. Their opinions and ideas get to be heard on federal farm programs," FSA

Administrator Val Dolcini said.

"I encourage all eligible farmers and ranchers across the spectrum of American agriculture, to get involved in this year's elections. We have seen an increase in the number of qualified nominees, especially among women and minorities, and I hope that trend continues."

The new committee terms will begin on Jan. 1.

Other Canyon-Ada-Owyhee COC members include:

- **Kathy Smith** — LAA6: Homedale; joined 2012; second term expires 2017

- **Michael Goodson** — LAA4: Parma, Greenleaf and Wilder; joined 2009; third term expires 2017

- **Dave Reynolds** — LAA4: Melba and Kuna; joined 2013; second term expires 2018

- **Ted Wheeler** — LAA5: Ada County; joined 1999; sixth term expires 2018

Other Malheur COC members include:

- **Fred Eiguren** — LAA1: Arock, Jordan Valley, Juntura and Ironside; joined 2009; third term expires 2017

- **Steven Schaffeld** — LAA2: Ontario, Vale, Willow Creek and Annex; joined 2013; second term expires 2018

To learn more about county committees, contact your local FSA county office.

The Canyon-Ada-Owyhee FSA office is located at 2208 E. Chicago St., Ste. B, in Caldwell and can be reached at (208) 454-8695.

The Malheur County FSA office is located at 2925 SW 6th Ave., in Ontario, Ore., and can be reached at (541) 889-9689.

Man escapes serious injury when arm catches in machinery

A 20-year-old Marsing man suffered a broken arm in a farming accident that authorities say could have been much worse.

Les Loucks III was supposed to be released from the hospital Friday, three days after his forearm was broken after his shirt became caught in a tractor's power take-off (PTO).

Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy said Loucks and another man were hooking up a corn grinder to the PTO on June 14 when a bolt sheered off the

machine.

"As they were waiting for the PTO to power down, Les' shirt got caught in the PTO, and it flipped him a couple times," Bowman said.

After Loucks was injured, his father, Les Jr., drove him in a personal vehicle to rendezvous with Marsing Ambulance near Pershall Road and U.S. Highway 95. The younger Loucks then was transported to West Valley Medical Center in Caldwell.

— JPB

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