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Above: A motorist pulls away from the northbound stop sign at the Johnstone Road-Graveyard Point Road intersection. The Homedale Highway District is seeking comment on the idea to add east-west stop signs, too. **Below:** Homedale public works supervisor Bret Smith removes signage Friday to complete the conversion of a stretch of Johnstone Road to 35 mph all day long.

Changes in store on Johnstone Road

Speed limit lowered; comment sought on proposed stop signs

Motorists now will have to drive 35 mph in front of Homedale Middle School all day, every day.

Homedale Highway District commissioners have agreed to permanently reduce the Johnstone Road speed limit to 35 mph on the stretch between Idaho highway 19 and Egurrola Lane.

Previously, the 35 mph limit was in force only during school hours.

After a resident's request, highway district commissioners have proposed making a four-way stop at the Graveyard Point Road-Johnstone Road intersection. Currently, traffic is stopped on Johnstone Road with stop signs to the north and south.

Director of Highways Stewart Constantine said Steve Linder and a handful of other residents attended last week's meeting to make the request in light of

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New HSD policy settles suit

District also to pay damages for wrongful firing

The Homedale School District will pay hundreds of thousands of dollars and establish new policy to settle a lawsuit brought by a former employee.

Gloria Lejardi, the longtime high school registrar who was fired in June 2014, and the school district came to an agreement on

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Questions remain for GV officials

Mayoral applications still being accepted

The Grand View City Council dealt with mayoral succession and the city clerk's role in the government last week.

Acting mayor John Morrison, the council president, ran last Wednesday's meeting as his council colleagues accepted former Mayor Franklin Hart's resignation and discussed the next step.

Less than two weeks after Hart's resignation, the council had received letters from three citizens who expressed interest in being the city's next chief executive.

The applicants included Opal Ward, a former mayor and city councilperson, and citizens Danny Martinez and Rose Smith.

Only Ward took the opportunity to address the council.

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Homedale grads head for La Raza conference



Three of the five Idaho teenagers attending the La Raza national conference are Homedale graduates, including, from left, Maya Correa, Jason Buenrostro and Beatrice Santiago. Submitted photo

Two served on FHLA state council this year

Homedale will be a strong part of a contingent of Idaho students attending the National Council of La Raza Leadership Conference.

Jason Buenrostro, Maya Correa and Beatrice Santiago, all of whom graduated from Homedale High School in May, will leave for the conference in Orlando, Fla., on Friday. They are the first HHS students to attend the national gathering.

The three students were members of Homedale's Future Hispanic Leaders of America chapter, and Correa served as the state council president during her senior year. Buenrostro was the 2016-17 state secretary.

Correa, who was an HHS honor graduate in the spring, said she and her classmates were selected after a grueling application process and because of their dedicated work with FHLA.

"Because of FHLA and CCI (The Community Council of Idaho), we have been given the opportunity to attend this year's conference," Correa said.

"We have all gotten so much support from many local people, and it's honestly just an awesome achievement."

The CCI pays for five Idaho students to make the trip to the national convention. The Homedale trio will make the trip with Caldwell High senior-to-be Eric Ramirez and Columbia-Nampa graduate Jessica Escobedo.

"We would like to thank the Homedale

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Homedale city irrigation rates to rise

The Homedale City Council has made a move to keep the city's irrigation fund in the black.

Council members instituted an annual three percent rate increase during a meeting last Wednesday evening.

The city maintenance portion of the bill will increase to \$92.39 annually, or an increase of \$2.69 annually or about \$1.34 per bill. Residents pay the bill in two equal increments throughout the year.

Currently residents pay \$89.70 (two semi-annual payments of \$44.85) for the city portion of bill. The city passes on an additional operation and maintenance fee set by the South Board of Control, which isn't controlled by the city.

South Board's fee for Fiscal Year 2016 was \$58.25, bringing a resident's bill to \$147.95. SBOC secretary Connie Chadez said the board will set the operation and maintenance rate for FY 2017 in September.

Councilman Aaron Tines said the time is right to put the annual increase in place.

"I think it's something the city needs to do, to kind of stay where we're at," Tines said.

Mayor Gheen Christoffersen stated that there is a chance that the fee hike could be repealed

sometime in the future.

"If we come to a big surplus, then we look at the resolution," Christoffersen said.

City attorney Paul J. Fitzer said the irrigation fund is required to be self-sustaining.

"It may not be operated at a deficit, and it may not be operated at a profit," Fitzer said. "What you're about to use those funds for, what you're about to charge for, is not only operations and maintenance, but also replacement costs. Right now it's going to be three percent until we get out of the deficit."

Tines also pointed out that maintenance costs are constantly going up.

"Just the materials charges, they're not going down," Tines said.

The council approved the rate increase unanimously.

The idea behind establishing an annual rate hike emerged from city auditor Mike Parker's annual reports showing that the city's irrigation fund has essentially been operating in a deficit for years.

The city council previously voted to move general fund money into the account to shore up the numbers. The second phase of the stabilization plan is the regular rate increase.

— SC

Homedale sprinter reaches national Junior Olympics

Shaffer to run three events in California

With most of the athletic world focused on the Rio Olympics next month, Ahna Shaffer has her sights set on the Jr. Olympic National Track and Field Championships next week.

The 10-year-old daughter of Homedale residents Brecca and Matt Shaffer was runner-up in the 400 meters at last month's Junior Olympic Region 11 meet in Bozeman, Mont.

In addition to her 1 minute, 15.79-second time in the 400, Ahna also had national-qualifying performances in the 100- and 200-meter sprints. She'll compete in the 9- to 10-year-old division in Sacramento, Calif.

Ahna finished third in the 100 in 15.02 seconds, and was fourth in the 200 at 34.53.

Brecca stated that anyone who knows Ahna would say that she's competitive.

"She has her own little competition within her," Brecca said. "She's been talking about Junior Olympics for almost three years. This year it just happened to be on the West Coast and feasible for Mom and Dad to get her there."

She added that Ahna has been "working her tail off" training about seven hours a week in preparation for the national meet.

Ahna has easy access to a weight room because her parents own Owyhee CrossFit on East Idaho Avenue in Homedale.

"She's going to see the hardest competition she's ever seen at nationals," Brecca said. "But she's got that competitive drive. When someone pushes her, she seems to



Ahna Shaffer works out at Owyhee CrossFit, the family business.

find another gear."

Ahna's athleticism isn't limited to track events. Her mom said the soon-to-be Homedale Middle School fifth-grader also plays basketball, volleyball, and softball.

"She just has a real talent for track," Brecca said. "She's always been fast, and always found a way to beat the boys."

Ahna thinks there is something different about track compared to the other sports she plays.

"I can feel my inner self coming out when I'm running," Ahna said. "I've been doing track a lot, more than basketball or anything else."

Her coach, Amy Christoffersen, started working with Ahna about three years ago.

Brecca pointed out that Christoffersen has coached athletes all over the country.

"She used to be a coach at a middle school, and then she had a job at Boise State," Brecca said. "She was on the Boise State track

coaching team. She's just into private coaching at this point."

She went on to say that Christoffersen is not only a good coach for Ahna, but also a fantastic role model.

Ahna said she loves her coach and appreciates everything she does.

"Before I started running with Amy, I was below average," Ahna said. "Now I'm coming to the top in going to the National Junior Olympics."

The national meet begins Monday and runs through Sunday, July 31 at Sacramento State University.

Ahna said she never would have found herself on the road to nationals if not for her mom and dad.

"They're amazing, I probably wouldn't be this far in track if they weren't here supporting me when I get disappointed in my running, it's pretty cool."

— SC

Homedale Ambulance welcomes new EMTs

Four Homedale Ambulance drivers have become Emergency

Medical Technicians.

Carri Cooper, Jason Hoewing, Jolene Herman and Lindsey Love became licensed EMTs after completing an EMT course and passing the National Registry of EMTs written and skills tests.

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West Nile arrives in Owyhee County

West Nile Virus has been found in mosquitoes trapped in the Givens area.

Ed Burnett of the Canyon County Mosquito Abatement District confirmed the findings Monday afternoon.

Burnett said the mosquito was trapped Thursday in a device set out in the Sunrise Skypark on Idaho highway 78. After retrieval Friday morning, the insect was tested Saturday.

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office sent out an AlertSense message to subscribers at 7:17 a.m. Sunday morning.

Burnett said that, contrary to the OCSO alert, only the Givens trap has tested positive.

The CCMAD monitors eight traps in Owyhee County in cooperation with Southwest District Health. Burnett said all the other traps in the county have come back negative for West Nile.

The Canyon County district has monitored Owyhee County traps since June 16. There are two traps located in Homedale, three in Marsing and three sites along the Snake River from Marsing to the Walters Ferry Bridge, Burnett said.

"We're going to keep on monitoring all those sites because

we're getting into the peak West Nile season right now," Burnett said.

West Nile can be transmitted to humans, horses and other animals by infected mosquitoes after the insects have bitten birds, which are the primary hosts for the virus.

Human symptoms of West Nile begin within two weeks of the insect bit and include a low-grade fever, muscle and joint aches, fatigue and headaches.

Most people bitten by infected mosquitoes experience either no symptoms or a brief period of mild flu-like symptoms.

Protection against the virus includes diligent maintenance around your property and clothing to deter mosquito interaction:

- Using repellent
- Draining standing water sources to cut down on breeding areas
- Ensuring door and window screens are in good shape and fit snugly
- Avoid outside activity in the dawn and dusk hours, which are when mosquitoes are most active
- If you have to be outdoors when the insects are present, wear long sleeves and pants

— JPB



No injuries after rollover accident on U.S. 95

Alex Rowlan of Ontario, Ore. was driving this Ford pickup pulling a car hauler when a back tire on the pickup blew, causing the truck to flip at milepost 17 on U.S. Highway 95 shortly after 3 p.m. on Monday. Rowlan was the only occupant of the truck and was not injured. "The seatbelt helped," Rowlan said.

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Bringing hometown flair to Homedale Art in the Park

Teri Nielsen to sell homemade jewelry Saturday

Teri Nielsen gets a rare chance to show off her creations in her hometown Saturday.

The owner of CalamityVille Wild West Traveling Emporium will be on hand for the second annual Homedale Art in the Park, which runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Bette Uda City Park.



Teri Nielsen

“It’s great to not have to travel too far,” Nielsen said. “I don’t like to travel.”

“From a vendor’s point of view, it makes it kind of fun. I have never put this business out here in my home area. I hope people will attend and give it a shot.”

Susan Mansidor and Deborah Sanders are organizing the event this year, taking over from founding organizer Charlotte Breshears. Craft vendors, entertainment, specialty vendors, food vendors, face painting and activities are planned.

Saturday’s event will be one of about a dozen Nielsen attends each year to sell her handmade



Examples of Teri Nielsen's handiwork. Submitted photo

jewelry. She also sells handmade saddle cinches at western-themed shows in places like Jordan Valley and Bruneau. She took part in Pickin’ Boise last spring, and will be on hand for Pickin’ Treasure Valley in the fall.

This is the first year she’ll be at the Homedale sale. An ankle injury ended her plans to take part in the inaugural event last summer.

“I think this has the potential to be something good for Homedale,” she said.

The former Owyhee County Fair manager and secretary makes pendants, earrings and bracelets using parts of vintage spoons. Part of the artwork is repurposing vintage jewelry.

“I love vintage and I love to decorate with old vintage and old

antique, and I had a pretty good collection of vintage jewelry lot of odds and ends with single earrings,” Nielsen said. “I had seen spoon jewelry around, and I liked it, so I said, ‘I think I’m going to make some of these just to get this jewelry used up.’”

That was about four years ago, and now what started as a way to reuse items that may have been taking up space has become another facet of Nielsen’s art-making business.

She has been making saddle cinches for 40 years, including the past two decades as part of an independent, home-based business.

Folks can contact her at (208) 501-4344 for appointments to view her merchandise.

Originally from Northeast Oregon, Nielsen moved to Idaho in 1982 when the saddle company for which she worked relocated.

She has Owyhee County roots — her mother was born and raised on a ranch in the Owyhee Mountains — and eventually settled northwest of Homedale.

“I got acquainted with a saddlemaker, Bob Kelly, and his wife, Lena, and they said, ‘We need to get you on the right side of the river, and they found me a little log house on Gully Road,’” Nielsen said.

She has been in the area ever since.

— JPB



This saddle and bridle will be given away in separate midnight drawings during the July 30 Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association dance in Silver City.

Saddle, bridle raffles to benefit cattlemen

Time is running out to purchase tickets in a pair of drawings to take place at the end of the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association summer dance.

Gary Penny has donated a handmade saddle with proceeds to benefit the ongoing legal expenses for the Owyhee 68 grazing permittees.

Tickets are \$5 each or \$20 for five, and the money goes to the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Heritage Fund.

A bridle is the prize in a second raffle raising money for the OCA. Tickets are \$1 each.

Both drawings will be held at midnight following the July 30 dance in Silver City.

The dance caps the OCA’s annual summer meeting in the Silver City Schoolhouse.

To buy tickets, call the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104 or OCA president Daniel Richards at (208) 495-2455.



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✓ Questions: Former mayor among three to come forward for job so far

"I have come to all the meetings for many years. I know what's going on," Ward said. "In the best interest of the city, I really care about this city."

Ward told the council that it was her opinion that anyone who wanted to be considered for the position should attend the city council meetings.

Former councilperson Linda Araujo said she thought it would be a good idea to hold off on the appointment because many people didn't know the succession process was under way.

Although Morrison expressed hope to appoint one of the three to the mayoral job, the council decided to hold off until its Aug. 10 meeting to fill the vacancy. Councilman Jon Pennington said he had heard from a "couple people" who wanted to throw their hats into the ring.

After Morrison questioned her on the subject, City Clerk Tammy Payne denied that she had executive powers that were supposed to be held by mayor.

The city clerk acknowledged that the council had passed a resolution allowing her to pay bills prior to meetings to ensure that bills were paid on time.

"The body asked me to manage the day-to-day operations," Payne said. "Nobody ever gave executive power to the clerk position."

According to job descriptions listed in the two most recent Grand View city employee policy manuals (2013-14 and the present manual adopted on June 8), the third listed duty for the city clerk is to "supervise the public works employees."

She didn't address that part of the employee manual directly, but Payne did explain the reasoning behind the council passing Resolution 2013-001 on Nov. 13, 2013 — two months before Hart took office and 4½ months after Ward had been appointed to serve as mayor in the wake of Payne stepping down to take the city



With City Clerk Tammy Payne taking notes in the background, the Grand View City Council tends to business last Wednesday. Clockwise from left: Melvin Freckleton, Donald "Bill" Mead, acting Mayor John Morrison and Jon Pennington.

clerk's job.

"That language has to do with me being able to handle what's going on here day-to-day," Payne said. "It's just a work process. The executive power lays at this body and in the mayor's hands."

The council also set a public hearing for Aug. 10 regarding an 18.1 percent increase in the fee commercial customers pay to use "tank water" from the city's municipal system.

Payne explained that tank water refers to bulk water purchased by farmers and, for example, the Idaho Transportation Department for use with nearby projects. The fee doesn't apply to residential customers.

Currently the fee is \$7.11 per 1,000 gallons. The council proposes raising the rate to \$8.40 per 1,000 gallons as part of the

Fiscal Year 2017 budget process.

In an update to the ongoing problem with a high overall nitrate reading in city's drinking water, public works supervisor Bob Servis said the latest tests results won't be available until this week. Well No. 1 remains out of compliance with federal standards, and another round of tests were conducted on July 5.

Servis also told the council that construction on the city water plant backwash project was to start Friday. He said that the ITD crew that is currently working on the Idaho highway 167 bridge broke away to help the local crew pour the cement pad and footing for the generator foundation.

Servis also said that planned asphalt rehabilitation work on Fifth Street has been delayed until later this summer because of a

shortage of pavement for smaller projects. He said Winn Construction won't begin mixing cold patch against under July 28.

Speaking on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, Martinez addressed the council about a possible weekly outdoor movie in Centennial Park. Knight Community Church and the Eastern Owyhee County Library also present movies in this fashion.

Martinez wants to put a movie screen in Centennial Park on a semi-permanent basis, but he said the Chamber is still discussing options.

Movies in the park were presented last year, too, Araujo pointed out.

"We enjoyed it as a family, and it got our family out and other families out to mingle," she said.

— JPB

✓ Suit: Employment record restored, letter of recommendation ordered

her federal wrongful termination lawsuit during mediation in mid-June, according to Lejardi's attorney, Erika Birch.

"This process has been difficult at times," Lejardi said. "Why did I choose to fight this fight for the last two years? Because of the reasons that I believe led to my termination in the first place: Integrity counts in life."

The school board of trustees passed new employment policies last week to carry out part of the settlement.

"I think Gloria was glad to see that it was finally able to get resolved, and I think part of the reason it was able to get resolved was that — even though the district will never admit that they did anything wrong — they tried to fix some of the things that were broke and some of the things that led to the lawsuit," Birch said.

New policy regarding classified employees was adopted at the July 11 meeting, including explicitly declaring that classified (a k a non-certificated) employees occupy not-at-will positions but should have no expectation

of continued employment. New policy also creates hiring and evaluation procedures based in state law.

"I am proud that the settlement agreement was contingent on the Homedale School District Board of Trustees passing a classified employees grievance policy as set forth in Idaho Code 33-517," Lejardi said. "This will mean that other classified employees at Homedale will finally have a policy to look to about their grievance rights."

The policy grew out of U.S. District of Idaho Judge B. Lynn Winmill's early ruling that the school district had violated state law when it denied Lejardi a grievance procedure following her termination. Winmill referenced the state Department of Education's ethics code and the school district's curriculum policy in making his decision.

"I consider Judge Winmill's earlier ruling a huge victory," Lejardi said. "The judge found that the Homedale School District had violated Idaho law when it deprived me of a grievance

procedure, and the ruling also referenced the issues involving the state Department of Education's ethics code and also the Homedale School District's own curriculum policies."

The school district also will pay Lejardi \$225,000, expunge the final negative performance evaluation from her record and provide her with a positive recommendation letter to seek future employment, Birch said.

District superintendent Rob Sauer issued a statement regarding the lawsuit Friday morning:

"The Homedale School District and former employee Gloria Lejardi have reached a mutually agreeable resolution to her lawsuit filed against the District in Federal District Court. The District is looking forward to the 2016-2017 school year, and is pleased that its employees may now focus their talent and energy on teaching our children without the distraction of pending litigation.

"As is the District's policy, given that this matter involves sensitive personnel matters, it declines to make further comment

with regard to Ms. Lejardi's specific claims or their merits."

Sauer said the \$225,000 settlement will have no financial impact on the district because the tort will be paid by an insurance company.

Filed in U.S. District Court in Boise in December 2014, Lejardi's suit originally included the district, the school board, Sauer and then-high school principal Dion Flaming.

Lejardi alleged lack of due process in her firing and breach of contract. She alleged she was terminated after refusing to make changes to a student's grades as directed by Flaming, and that Sauer and the school board never gave her a proper grievance hearing nor informed her of the grievance process.

Sauer and Flaming, who were sued individually, were dropped from the litigation when U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winmill granted the district partial summary judgment and dismissed the breach of contract claim in March, ruling that Lejardi had no expectation of continue employment.

In the same March ruling, Winmill upheld Lejardi's claim that she was deprived due process because of a lack of a grievance hearing.

The two sides entered mediation in the weeks following Winmill's May 18 ruling denying the district's claim that the case was outside the jurisdiction of the federal court system.

Birch, who works in Strindberg & Scholnick's office in Boise, said Lejardi's victory will help future classified employees in Homedale's district.

"The law firm hopes that that message has been received by the district and they certainly think twice before they try to step on somebody's rights again," Birch said.

Lejardi agreed.

"I believe I was terminated for not being able to do what they ask me to do, so it was about me in that sense, but it was also a fight for all classified employees," she said. "Judge Winmill's ruling said step-by-step how the grievance procedure should have been handled." — JPB

Anniversary

Doran and Kay Parkins to mark 50 years

Doran and Kay (Harrold) Parkins of Marsing celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this year.

The couple married Oct. 8, 1966 in Caldwell, and their children are hosting an early open house celebration from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 23, 2016 at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center. Friends and family are invited, but no gifts please.

Doran was born in 1941 to the late Arlie and Nydia Parkins of Marsing and spent all of his childhood in Owyhee County. He was one of seven children to graduate from Marsing High School. Kay spent most of her childhood in Middleton where she graduated high school. The couple met at the Middleton Methodist Church spring of 1966, and were married that October.

They began their early married years in Troy where Doran was principal/teacher and Kay worked in the local bank. After five years away from Owyhee County, they moved back to Marsing to help Doran's father Arlie and take over the family farm.

They have four children that



Kay and Doran Parkins, left, in 1966 and, above, today.

were raised in Marsing and have spent around 45 years of their married life on the farm in Marsing.

Doran worked as a superintendent, teacher, and coach for Marsing schools as well as a few other school districts throughout the years. He also served on the Marsing school board and spent many years as the Owyhee Gems 4-H leader while his children participated in the Owyhee County Fair. He was American Legion Troop 10 Boy Scout Master and

served on the Marsing Fire Department for several years.

Kay worked as the Marsing school board clerk for many years and has also served for 45 years in the South Marsing election precinct where she is currently chief judge.

Their children are Mitzi (Ron) Palma of Cave Creek Ariz., Holly (Mac) Lefebvre of Grangeville, Derek (Jamie) Parkins of Marsing, and Janai (Ben) Roberts of Meridian. They have 12 grandchildren ages 2-12.

Market's children's program highlights uses of yogurt

Boys and girls participating in the Cultivate! program at the Homedale Farmers Market on Thursday will learn a few recipes that utilize yogurt as the main ingredient.

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

The children will learn how to make yogurt-based dips to eat with things like carrot sticks or apple slices.

Greenway said boys and girls are often hesitant about eating fruits and vegetables.

"But maybe they can be talked

into it by learning how easy it is to pick the produce, and put together a simple dip that doesn't require any heat to make," Greenway said. "These fun dips can be used as a snack throughout the day, or as part of a simple dessert."

Greenway is a University of Idaho family and consumer sciences extension educator in Marsing.

She pointed out that cooking is a skill that isn't always taught in the classroom.

"With students out of school for summer, this is the perfect opportunity to work on some of those life skills that are necessary

when they are still in the home, as well as when they are on their own," Greenway said.

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

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 president and manager Denise Dixon at ddixon222@msn.com or (208) 840-0440 for more information.

HHS grad named Governor's Cup scholar

A recent Homedale High School graduate has received one of 40 Governor's Cup scholarships.

Michael Lejardi, who will attend the University of Idaho, was announced as a recipient in a press release last Wednesday.

The son of Steve and Margaret

Lejardi was among 700 applicants, and Gov. C. L. "Butch" Otter's office reported that the 41st annual Governor's Cup fundraising campaign had garnered enough money to fund 40 scholarships to in-state four-year universities and professional technical programs.

Governor's Cup scholarships are \$3,000 per year and are renewable for up to four years for university studies.

The governor and First Lady Lori Otter recognized Lejardi and the other recipients during a June 22 ceremony.

Death notices

JEFFREY R. ACOCK, 55, of Wilder, died Thursday, July 14, 2016 at home of natural causes. Funeral Home: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

PENNY DOTY, 71, of Homedale, died Tuesday, July 12, 2016. A viewing was held Friday, July 15, 2016 at Zeyer Funeral Chapel, Nampa and on Saturday, July 16, 2016 at the Homedale 2nd Ward LDS Chapel prior to funeral services. Burial took place at Canyon Hill Cemetery, Caldwell. Arrangements: Zeyer Funeral Chapel, Nampa. (208) 467-7300

CECIL EUGENE HILL, 61, of Homedale, died Thursday, July 14, 2016 at home of natural causes. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 21, 2016 at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

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

July 20: Hot dog, orange wedge, apple juice

July 21: Pizza stuffwich, raisels, broccoli w/ranch

July 22: Turkey/cheese sandwich, pineapple cup, carrots sticks w/ranch

July 25: Ham/cheese sandwich, peach cup, orange juice

July 26: Chicken nuggets, pear cup, celery stick w/ranch

July 27: Chicken bacon ranch stuffwich, broccoli w/ranch, apple sticks

July 28: Turkey/cheese sandwich, applesauce cup, carrot sticks w/ranch

July 29: PB&J sandwich, yogurt, pineapple chunk cup, cucumbers w/ranch

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Milk served every day

Salad Bar available with each meal (lettuce, tomatoes, boiled eggs, peaches, apricots, salad dressing)

July 20: Tuna salad, lettuce & tomato, beet salad, bread

July 21: Roast pork, mashed potatoes w/gravy, spinach, roll

July 26: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, string beans, bread

July 27: Ham/cheese on roll, pasta salad, carrot salad

July 28: Roast beef, mashed potatoes w/gravy, California blend veggies, bread

Marsing Senior Center

Vegetables served every day

July 20: Beef, potatoes

July 21: Chicken, potatoes

July 25: Beef patty, potatoes

July 26: Pork chops, scalloped potatoes

July 27: Meatloaf, potatoes

Rimrock Senior Center

Juice served every day

July 21: Swiss steak, baked potato, peas & carrots, roll, watermelon, brownies

July 26: BBQ pork ribs, baked beans, fresh veggie tray, yogurt corn bread muffin, seasonal fruit tray

July 28: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, tomato & cucumber salad, garlic bread sticks, pears

Adrian All-Alumni Reunion scheduled

The annual Adrian All-Alumni school cafeteria on High Street. Reunion will be held Saturday, July 30.

Registration begins at 11 a.m. with a potluck picnic starting at 12:30 p.m.

The festivities take place at the

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For information, contact Kathy Price of the Adrian All-Alumni Association at (541) 339-3531.



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So just by being involved in at least two groups throughout the year, retirees increased their livelihood rate by at least six years. Unfortunately, individuals who enter retirement may not be considering their commitment to something right away, as they hope to explore some newfound freedom after exiting their employment role.

If you are wondering, there are many opportunities available to remain socially active. Have you checked out the Owyhee County Extension Office to see what type of opportunities are available



Surine Greenway

University of Idaho Extension

for community volunteers and leaders? Have you considered not only staying socially active, but contributing to the youth and other adults throughout the community? If so, then you may be interested in the 4-H program and finding ways that you can be a key piece to educating and contributing to youth and adult partnerships.

There are also opportunities to become a Master Food Safety Advisor where you are referred to provide research-based information regarding basic principles of food safety and food preservation to the general public, making a huge difference in the safety and quality of the foods people produce in their home.

There is also the Master Gardener program that assists clientele with their plant- and pest-related issues and questions, providing research-based information on how to handle them.

Considering other community groups available? Are you a member of a book club? Lizard Butte Library has a book club that is composed of a nice-sized group that meets to discuss books and

delve into their themes. Have you checked it out, yet? The club meets at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at the library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing.

What about Bunco? There are several active social groups throughout Owyhee County who actively participate in this lively game each month.

How about checking out some of the social events that are held by local organizations throughout the year? While some of these might not be held on a regular basis, they could be a fun time for a night out once or twice a month throughout the year.

There are many ways that you can become socially active in Owyhee County. All you have to do is check around.

— Surine Greenway is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Family and Consumer Sciences educator. For more information, you can reach Greenway at the U of I Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104 or owyhee@uidaho.edu. The office is located at 238 W. 8th Ave. W., in Marsing. This week's source: "Stay Social, Live Longer?" *Consumer Reports*, June 2016

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

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., City Park, Homedale. www.homedalefarmersmarket.weebly.com

Faith Riders horse riding

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

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting

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

Bruneau-Grand View school board meeting

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

AA meetings

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

Friday

Homedale mobile food pantry

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

Homedale library Story Time

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

Saturday

Wagons to Wheels open house and car show

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., car show registration (free) starts at

8 a.m., free lunch, 11 a.m., Homedale LDS Church, 708 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (909) 240-3767

Art in the Park

9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Bette Uda City Park, Homedale. homedaleartinthepark@gmail.com

Free lunches

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

Family movie night

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

Summer movie series

6:30 p.m., Free. Featuring Harry Potter films. Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Marsing Fire Department meeting

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

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 Tuesdays and Thursdays

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, July 28

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

THE OWYHEE AVALANCHE

SEQUICENTENNIAL SAMPLINGS

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FIRE – The citizens of Ruby and Silver can not be too cautious about the condition of their stove pipes and chimneys. The telegraph reports fires from every quarter. Walla Walla, July 4th, was the subject of a loss by fire of nearly \$50,000, aside from reducing many poor people to want and depriving them of the earnings of years of toil and economy. Virginia City, Nevada recently met with a loss of half a million of dollars by fire; Dayton — same State — has twice been the subject of damaging fires this year, and the last one swept almost the entire town; Silver City — same State — was burned the present year and hardly a dollar's worth of property escaped the devouring element. These instances can be numerous cited. Just contemplate for a moment what would be the consequence to either Silver or Ruby — especially the former — should a fire occur on any principal street, with a wind to fan its cracking fury. It is the part of true prudence for every property owner, resident, or businessman, to be vigilant in guarding against an outbreak of fire, and provide a barrel or two of water in a convenient place for an emergency. A small amount of labor this way may be the means of saving a whole town and even life itself — as it is not uncommon for lives to be lost in heavy fires.

FORTY-FIVE PER CENT. FUND – A case involving the particular application of this fund was submitted on an agreed state of facts, to the District Court of Boise County, on the 10th instant. In substance, the facts were that the Methodist Church had been purchased by the county for a Court House, and the Commissioners ordered warrants drawn on the 45% percent fund in payment. The Treasurer refused to pay, on the ground that the Commissioners proposed no authority to draw warrants on that fund for such purposes. Judge McBride delivered the following opinion — which we find in the *World* — in the case. Its correctness will hardly be disputed: "The only question in this case is whether the 45 per cent. fund shall be used for the purchase of a Court House. The statute says the fund shall be for the *current expenses* of Court House &.. which might include repairs but cannot mean the rent or purchase of either Court House, Jail or office.

"If the Board can buy, they can build. They might then swap the whole fund, which is intended to pay *current* and not general expenses. The fund is large, but no harm can come of that as it goes back into the volume of the General Fund, if any surplus remains.

"The statute specially enumerates the purposes for which the land shall be used, to-wit: "Current expenses, lights, fuel, stationery, food and clothing for prisoners," The purpose for which these warrants are drawn is different from any of those enumerated and is therefore excluded.

"I think the order in this case for paying for the purchase of a Court House out of the 45 per cent. fund is without authority, and the Treasurer cannot be compelled to pay it. The mandate is refused — judgment accordingly."

Birthday

Jessie Pearl Marley turns 98



Jessie Pearl Marley

Jessie Pearl Marley celebrated her 98th birthday Monday.

An Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation resident, Marley was born on July 18, 1918 in Smithfield, Utah.

Jessie formerly lived in McCammon and Payette.

Her daughter, Mauvia Moon, resides outside Marsing, and Jessie has four grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and 18 great-great grandchildren.

Ways to submit a calendar item

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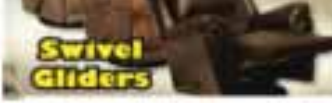
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Marsing subdivision developer, city at odds over requirements

Loucks pulls application

A plan for a large subdivision in Marsing is off the table.

Leslie Loucks backed out of his planned 289-home Meadow Brook Ranch and Meadow Brook Estates subdivision plans after not seeing eye-to-eye with city officials.

Part of the 90-acre property Loucks and his wife Lavada own is within the city limits. The proposal would have required that the northern end of the property to be annexed into the city. The southern part of the property, which is bordered by Thompson Road on the north and Old Bruneau Highway on the west, already is part of the city.

During a July 7 workshop, city attorney Stephanie Bonney opposed annexation of the northern property. The Louckses, their advisors, Mayor James Ferdinand, and the city council attended the workshop.

After disagreeing about the annexation and other aspects of the proposal with Bonney, Leslie Loucks backed out on the project.

"I withdrew my application and picked up my money," Loucks said. "That's the end of it. They don't see the value in it like all the people in Marsing that I've talked to who are on board and supportive."

In an email to The Owyhee Avalanche, Ferdinand confirmed that the proposed development is dead for now.

"The Louckses have picked up the part of the application they

had turned in, and retrieved their check. So, at this time, unless they complete an application, there is no project," Ferdinand said.

The Louckses' home is built upon a section of land in the middle of the proposed subdivision, and Leslie Loucks opposes annexation of the land on which his residence sits.

"The average taxes for Morning Dove (subdivision), which is pretty similar to the majority of my development, is \$800, the assessment is \$40,000," Loucks said. "My house is about a \$1 million deal. If it was assessed at even half that much, it would be an \$8,000 check to the city. So, my wife doesn't really want to write another check."

Loucks wants to use wells and septic tanks on the northern end of the subdivision. Ferdinand stated that the section of the proposed subdivision should utilize city services instead.

"This part of the development is the area the Loucks want the city to make concessions and allow the installation of wells and septic systems," Ferdinand said. "The city has been offering concessions through this whole process, and Council and I agree, wells and septic are not the answer for this area."

He added that such a large development needs to be very well thought out.

"The future residents, and potential issues for them, need to be considered as well," Ferdinand said. "The City of Marsing is not going to rubber stamp a development of this size just because it is

an exciting proposition."

Loucks told The Owyhee Avalanche that if he refiles his application, he wants the city to get another attorney.

"We are not going to accept her opinion because it's all wrong as far as we're concerned," Loucks said.

Ferdinand made it clear that if another application for the development is made, Loucks will have to work with Bonney.

"Mr. Loucks has not stated to me that he won't deal with the city attorney, but I will not substitute attorneys," Ferdinand said. "The one we have has extensive experience and is very knowledgeable and represents the best interest of the City of Marsing."

Ferdinand added that he is interested in the Loucks development, and he knows that the subdivision could be a financial benefit to the city.

"This development could double the size of Marsing, and that is a very big deal," Ferdinand said. "I do not take that lightly, and I won't just recommend a project because of the potential for growth. The school district needs kids, the local businesses need the added population, and we all know these facts. There will be no quick decisions from me or City Council concerning this project."

Loucks isn't sure if he will refile the application.

"I don't know if I will or when I will," Loucks said. "That's just all there is to it. We don't know when we'll go back. We don't know if we'll go back."

— SC

Sandbar restaurant's reopening approaches

The Sandbar Riverhouse restaurant will soon be back in business after an extensive renovation project.

After receiving state and federal funding, Marsing Senior Center officials will pay \$275,000 for the restaurant, which has been closed for more than a year.

Certified grant administrator Jim Birdsall gave Marsing Mayor James Ferdinand and the city council an update on the project last Wednesday night.

Birdsall wrote a \$150,000 Idaho Department of Commerce Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to help acquire the building.

The senior center board of directors also secured a U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Community Facilities Grant of \$60,000.

Birdsall is hoping to close on the transaction around Aug. 15.

"The USDA folks are working on their side of it," Birdsall said. "We're just trying to get everything lined up so that we'll be ready to submit the proper paperwork, and receive funding, and get things closed."

The current senior center, located on Main Street, is now up for sale to help purchase The Sandbar.

The asking price for the old senior center is about \$150,000, but the board still needs to have the building appraised.

The City of Marsing put in \$15,000 to buy The Sandbar, and the Marsing Disaster Auction contributed \$25,000. There will be a remainder of \$40,000 that current owner John Salove will carry.

The City of Marsing used general fund money to help with the purchase.

The \$40,000 that Salove will carry is for furniture, and other items inside the building.

During last Wednesday's meeting, council members approved a CDBG contract between the city and the state, a personal services contract that will allow Birdsall to get paid when the transaction closes, and a document that Ferdinand will also sign after closing that will transfer money from the

state and the federal government into the city's bank account.

Birdsall will receive \$15,000, or 10 percent, for grant administration, which includes writing the application and reporting how the money is used.

In explaining the delay in finalizing the building purchase, Birdsall said several things took longer than expected.

"The USDA is now in the final stages of having dollars available," he said. "We also had to get some information from the building inspector."

Birdsall thinks it will turn out to be a great project for the city, despite the delays.

"I know everybody is champing at the bit to get going," Birdsall said. "There are a few small repairs left, but I don't think that will take too long. We have to redo the entrance ramp, and there are some exit lights to replace."

Community gatherings now held at The Hub in the existing senior center will take place in one of The Sandbar's two dining rooms.

City maintenance supervisor Phillip Gibson gave the mayor and council an update on work being done around town, including:

- New signs showing hours of operation at both city parks.
- Repairing a section of Gem Street and Edwards Street

The council also approved spending \$300 to purchase a microchip reader to find where dogs running loose live. City maintenance workers will have access to the reader.

Currently, when city staff can't locate where a dog lives, the animal's photo is posted at City Hall and the dog is taken to a small kennel near the sewer lagoons at the end of 1st Street North.

The city holds on to dogs for five days, at which time they are turned over to the Meridian Humane Society.

It costs \$5 a day for the city to keep a dog at the kennel. The animal's owner is billed for that expense when the dog is picked up. The city does not recover the small expense if no owner shows up.

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Lions spend meeting looking to Homedale derby safety, future

Children's derby will return for the 2017 event

Safety dominated the Homedale Lions Club's post-event meeting, but the Fourth of July Demolition Derby will continue.

"(The discussion was) very level-headed, and everybody had some time to think about some things that we wanted to change," club president Will Pryor said. "There was a lot of brainstorming on making the arena better."

The initial reaction from some club members may have put the derby's future in jeopardy after a derby car jumped the log barrier and crashed into the drivers' spectator area. Four people were injured, and two were sent to the hospital for treatment.

But derby officials decided the show must go on — with some safety tweaks, including possibly using concrete jersey barriers similar to those seen on the Interstate or in highway construction zones or heavy equipment or mining equipment tires in conjunction with the logs now used.

"We're going to shrink it down a little bit and slow it down a little bit," Pryor said. "We'll have a minimum 6-foot setback from the logs to the grandstands."

Pryor said with more out-of-state drivers attending, the Lions Club decided to examine the safety measures used at other derbies around the region to get some ideas.

Pryor, who has been club president for about four years, said members spent about 45 minutes discussing safety concerns, but there were other topics covered in the meeting.

Pryor said the derby was a sell-out drawing more than 2,000 fans. He said the derby's financial success this year was "a little better than average," and that thousands of dollars will be put back into different service programs.

"We are just very grateful for the community and everybody that came out to support us because we give everything back that we don't use to operate the derby," he said.

The Lions help out with eyeglasses in Homedale and have even helped in Wilder with assistance from the Parma and Caldwell Lions clubs.

Previously, the Homedale Lions have helped with sight outside the local area, helping furnish a seeing-eye dog in Boise and a computer-generated mapping system to help another visually impaired man navigate the streets of Idaho's largest city.

Club membership approved an eyeglass request for a Homedale person during last week's meeting. Pryor said school nurses help inform the Lions of the need after annual screenings.

The club issued five vocational scholarships last year and also donates to Christmas gift drives, after-school programs and youth sports programs.

The demolition derby is the Lions Club's primary fundraiser

each year, and members are always looking for ways to grow the car count and freshen the event.

Pryor said the Power Wheels Derby for children will return in 2017, and the club is working on bringing back a 4-cylinder heat called "Lites."

Smoothing out the arena with loaders will make the smaller cars more feasible than previous attempts, Pryor said.

Rules are still being worked out, but the addition of the cheaper class will help keep the car count up.

"At some point, I'd like to see 50 cars," Pryor said.

But even with the talk of expansion, the focus always comes back to safety.

"We know we got to take care of the people, and that is our concern," Pryor said. "We really want to see it continue, but we know we have to make some changes."

Pryor also said work will continue on bolstering the reinstated parade.

"I can't thank the community enough for the support of that," he said. "It was just phenomenal. You could see from the senior center to the high school, people just lined the streets and it was great to see."

— JPB

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Sage-grouse hunt comments sought

The comment period is open on the proposed 2016 Idaho sage-grouse hunting season.

Idaho Department of Fish and Game will take comments on two options. Comments will be accepted through Thursday, Aug. 4, and the seven-day season is proposed for Sept. 17 through Sept. 23.

In both options, all of Owyhee County would be open.

The Owyhee Local Working Group on sage-grouse conservation has recommended the Fish and Game Commission consider a restrictive season because lek activity hasn't increased enough to warrant a standard season.

The first option is adopting the same rules as last year in which Owyhee County saw a restrictive season of a seven-day season with a daily bag limit of one bird and a possession limit of two.

Last year marked the first time in years that both zones in Owyhee County had been open to hunting. In the past, the hunting area east of the Bruneau River had been closed.

A second 2016 option offered for comment would be to re-open Elmore County east and

south of U.S. Highway 20 and north of Interstate 84. That area has been closed since 2012 because of wildfire impacts and low population numbers, but numbers have improved and new research shows the birds are actually connected to a larger population to the east. Under Option 2, the rest of Elmore County would remain closed as would Washington, Adams, Payette and Gem counties.

Hunters can vote for their preference and comment online when they view the proposals at <https://idfg.idaho.gov/comment>. Hunters may also visit their regional Fish and Game office, including the Southwest office in Nampa.

Fish and Game uses the state's sage-grouse conservation plan as a guideline for the proposals. The plan permits local flexibility to consider issues such as insufficient data, isolated populations or impacts of wildfire and West Nile Virus.

A summary of public comments will be presented at the Idaho Fish and Game Commission's meeting on Monday, Aug. 8 in Boise. At that time, the commissioners will set the season.



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Retail pumps dispensing three types of fuel available for purchase 24 hours a day will be added to the Franklin United Oil bulk plant near Grand View if a conditional use permit before the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission is approved.

County P&Z commission to hear mix of applications

Residential developer Leslie Loucks may have pulled his plan to build within the Marsing city limits, but his proposal for a subdivision in an unincorporated area near Marsing moves forward today.

The Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will consider Loucks' conditional use permit application for a 21-lot development during a 10 a.m. hearing inside the county courthouse annex, 17069 Basey St., in Murphy.

Loucks says the tentatively named Waterview Estates Subdivision No. 2 is a

separate development from those that were planned for an area near the Morning Dove subdivision.

"That is another project on down Old Bruneau on the right hand side, which has riverfront property," Loucks said. "It's an addition to our Waterview Estates No. 1 that we built. It's the second phase of that one with 23 lots. It's a separate issue. It's not in the city impact area. (It's) a whole other project."

At 1 p.m., P&Z commissioners will receive testimony on a plan to an island of retail/commercial fuel pumps to Franklin United

Inc.'s existing bulk fuel plant on Idaho highway 78 1/2 miles southeast of Grand View.

United Oil, which is based in Twin Falls, proposes adding three fuel pumps — one each dispensing gasoline, clear diesel and dyed diesel. The islands will be connected to a 24-hour cardlock.

"Our intent is to provide 24-hour fuel to our existing customers as well as to the general motoring public," project manager Gary Miller wrote in the company's application.

The existing bulk plant is zoned multi-

use.

The final CUP hearing, which will start at 2 p.m., deals with a husband-and-wife plan to establish a private outdoor shooting range and training facility on Oreana Loop Road in Oreana.

The range would be situated on 680 acres encompassing two parcels zoned for agricultural use.

Copies of all three proposed projects can be reviewed in the P&Z office in Murphy. Call (208) 495-2095, ext. 2 for more information.

House appropriations bill would prohibit Canyonlands monument

Senate Dems, Obama oppose legislation

The U.S. House of Representatives has passed an appropriations bill with elements crucial to Owyhee country.

The House version of the Department of Interior Fiscal Year 2017 appropriations bill, which was sent on to the Senate on Thursday, includes language

prohibiting the establishment of a national monument in the Owyhee Canyonlands in Malheur County.

Additionally, the bill would provide \$480 million to fully fund Payment In Lieu of Taxes compensation for Owyhee County and other governments that lose property tax revenue because of vast tracts of tax-exempt public lands managed by the federal government.

Other elements of the appropriations bill of interest

to Owyhee County's ranchers include delaying additional action of the Greater sage-grouse and

U.S. Reps. Raúl Labrador (R-Idaho) and Greg Walden (R-Ore.) voted for the bill

The national monument prohibition amendment, which also addresses similar movements in two other Oregon counties, survived a Democratic-led vote for removal.

Senate Democrats may filibuster the bill, and President Barack Obama has threatened to veto it.

Probation, community service ordered after pot conviction

A California woman has avoided up to five years in prison after her conviction on a felony marijuana possession charge.

Audra Raylene Hunt of Stockton, Calif., was sentenced on felony and misdemeanor drug charges on July 8 in Murphy.

Third District Judge Davis F. VanderVelde suspended a state prison term of up to five years while ordering Hunt to serve 100 days in Owyhee County Jail and perform 100 hours of community service.

She was given credit for one day spent in jail after her Oct. 14

arrest on a marijuana trafficking felony and four misdemeanor counts of drug paraphernalia possession.

Hunt entered guilty pleas to the four paraphernalia charges, and a felony marijuana possession charge in April. Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery amended the trafficking charge to the lesser felony.

Hunt must serve four years of supervised probation and pay fines and court fees totaling more than \$3,500.

She received jail sentences of between 30 days and 90 days for

each of the paraphernalia charges, but VanderVelde said those sentences would run concurrent with her 100-day term.

According to court records, an Idaho State Police trooper arrested Hunt after a traffic stop near milepost 17 on northbound U.S. Highway 95 after 10 p.m. on Oct. 14. Hunt was traveling with two adults and an infant and a juvenile.

After a K-9 search of Hunt's Nissan, authorities found several packages of marijuana, the total weight of which was estimated at less than five pounds.

Car show returns for Homedale LDS pioneers celebration

The Wagons to Wheels car show returns Saturday as part of the Homedale LDS church's pioneer celebration.

Pioneer displays and a church open house will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church, 708 W. Idaho Ave.

The third annual car show will start at 10 a.m. Registration is free, and entries will be taken beginning at 8 a.m. Donations will be accepted with proceeds benefitting community humanitarian efforts.

Organizers said 38 cars showed

up to last year's show, and they're expecting between 50 and 60 this year.

Awards include People's Choice, Best Custom, Best Classic, Best Restored, Best Paint, Best Engine, Best Late Model, Judges' Choice and — new for this year — Best Truck.

A free lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or until the food is gone.

Those planning to enter the car show should RSVP to Craig at (909) 240-3767 to ensure there is enough food for the entrants, too.

Traffic violation leads to DUI charge

A woman's failure to obey a stop sign led to her arrest on suspicion of driving under the influence.

Homedale Police arrested Patsy L. Oakley, 48, of Homedale after 1 a.m. last Wednesday on North 1st Street East.

"The officer detected the strong smell of an intoxicating beverage emanating from within the vehicle," HPD Chief Jeff Eidemiller said. "The driver

admitted to drinking a concoction she made up."

Eidemiller said Oakley's blood-alcohol concentration measured at .168 and .161 in tests administered at the police station.

Oakley will be arraigned on a misdemeanor DUI charge at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 3 inside the magistrate courtroom at Homedale City Hall. She also was cited for a stop sign infraction.

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Homedale teacher becomes Marsing principal Monday

Personnel changes have begun with local school districts, including the transfer of a Homedale teacher to Marsing Middle School's principal's office.

Marsing school trustees hired Nick Ketterling to succeed Jacob Skousen at the middle school just days after the Homedale teacher had moved from the middle school to replace Dan Holtry as a high school social studies teacher.

Marsing district business manager and board clerk Deb Holzhey confirmed that Ketterling signed a contract on May 19. Monday is his first day on the job.

Homedale school trustees accepted Ketterling's resignation as part of a series of recent personnel moves.

Longtime Middleton High School teacher Randy Lyons was hired to replace Ketterling as social studies teacher, and Evan Curry returns to the Homedale district from Boise to take over a fifth-grade teaching position and assume the middle school AD job.

Elizabeth Albor, a Homedale High School graduate who came back home for student teaching during the 2015-16 year, was retained full-time as a new first-grade teacher.

Rana Tahir, a product of the district's participation in the Teach for America program, will replace departing Bethany Updike as a high school English teacher. Updike resigned after two years in the

Other recent HSD personnel moves

- **Renewed contracts** — Principals Terri Vasquez (elementary), Amy Winters (middle school) and Matt Holtry (high school); federal programs and curriculum director Christine Ketterling; HHS dean of students and teacher Dion Flaming; and athletic director Casey Grove (returns to full time)
- **New hires** — Evan Curry, fifth-grade teacher and middle school activities director; Jessie Kerbs, cheer advisor; and Sherri Krzesnik, part-time HES library aide

district. Michelle Worley-Parr has been hired as a sixth-grade teacher.

Reassignments include moving former first-grade teacher Kayla Blackstock into a third-grade classroom at the elementary school. Angela Correa will now work at the elementary school full-time as an English Language Learners and emerging kindergarten instructor; she had been splitting ELL time between the elementary school and the middle school.

Homedale superintendent Rob Sauer

said Curry's employment rounds out the 2016-17 teaching roster. Curry was hired to replace longtime fifth-grade teacher Lesa Folwell, who has moved on to the Kuna district.

The Homedale district enrolled in the Teach for America program two years ago as a way to build up the talent pool when filling positions, Sauer said.

The board hired two HMS staffers through the Teach for America program last year — fifth-grade teacher Rebecca Alamilla and eighth-grade math teacher Andrea Ratkowsi.

Teach for America candidates are subject to "a rigorous application process," Sauer said. Candidates must have a bachelor's degree and must be willing to work on graduate course work at Boise State University through the Teach for America program.

Teachers must commit to stay in a job for two years, but the district only has to make a year-to-year commitment to participate in the program.

Three new teachers poised for the 2015-16 school year will come from the Teach for America program, Sauer said. That gives the district five Teach for America graduates overall.

The district didn't pay a fee in the first year of its participation, Sauer said. Now, though, the district must pay \$1,000 for each new teacher and \$2,000 for each

second-year teacher. Sauer said the fees help pay for the professional development program, and the district pays no fees for any teacher staying beyond his or her second year.

"We agree to interview (Teacher for America program candidates), but we're not obligated to hire anyone," Sauer said. "We'll hire the best possible candidate."

The Teacher for America angle is just another tool to find candidates, Sauer said.

Other new teacher hired for the 2016-17 school year include:

- Sean McCrackin, middle school science
- Elena Dodge, high school science

The district has had 31 teachers resign or retire since the end of the 2013-14 school year. Nine of those departures in 2013-14 and 2014-15 were retirements.

The school board decided to join the Teach for America program after experiencing difficult filling teaching positions in a timely fashion after the 2013-14 school year.

"Each year, teachers come and go and administrators come and go. That's part of the process. That's part of the deal," Sauer said.

"We have noticed we have been filling the positions much more quickly with Teach for America and the move to the four-day week." — JPB

HHS bleachers, elementary drainage among projects

Shanley continues as trustees chair

There could be several noticeable changes in the Homedale School District when school resumes in about a month.

When students return for class on Monday, Aug. 22, the high school gymnasium will be outfitted with new bleachers.

Superintendent Rob Sauer is optimistic that work will be completed by the first day of school on shoring up a drainage problem at the elementary school, too.

Sauer said a contractor will begin installation of the new HHS gymnasium bleachers after the material arrives Thursday, July 28.

"The electrical has been done,"

District office closed next week

The Homedale School District office will be closed next week.

District superintendent Rob Sauer made the announcement during last week's board of trustees meeting.

The office will be open again on Aug. 1.

Sauer said. "We saved quite a bit over what the estimate was going to be with the electrical work."

Homedale is using funding from its 10-year plant facility levy to replace the nearly 45-year-old wood bleachers that were

original to the building with new, molded plastic seating that will be retractable by electric motors.

During their July 10 meeting, trustees continued its discussion of mitigation a drainage problem at the elementary school.

Rain and snow run-off as well as irrigation run-off has permeated the school's foundation, so the district wants to build a drainage system that will move the water away from the buildings and into the playground on the west side of the complex or out to the faculty parking lot on the east side.

Additionally, Sauer said, the district is examining ways to improve staff parking at the elementary school. Teachers and staff currently park in a small lot on the north side of the campus adjacent to West Oregon Avenue.

Sauer doesn't have a price tag for the work yet.

"We're doing some investigation on what the parking lot would look like," Sauer said. "The goal is to get the work done before the school year begins."

The drainage strategy could include putting asphalt around the school and install drains and piping to move the water away from the foundation.

Board leadership remains same

Zone 1 Trustee Kurt Shanley will remain as trustees chair, and Zone 5 Trustee Shane Muir retained the vice-chairmanship after last week's annual reorganization.

Shelley Sherk of Zone 4 will continue in her role as the Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency representative, and Shanley

remains the Idaho School Board Association liaison.

Muir, who recently was appointed to the Homedale City Council, will serve as the district's liaison with City Hall.

Shenk, Stacy Woods (Zone 2) and Dwayne Fisher (Zone 3) began the final year of their terms. The trio is up for re-election next May.

August meeting moved

With district clerk Faith Olsen and her deputy, Debbie Denney, on vacation next week, trustees decided to move the date of the August school board meeting.

The meeting, which usually held on the second Monday of the month, is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 11.

— JPB

South Mtn. Livestock 4-H gets ready for fair

With the Owyhee County Fair two weeks away, the South Mountain Livestock 4-H Club thanked folks who helped finance the club's participation through the purchase of Jordan Valley Big Loop Rodeo programs. Club members, from left, Shailee Rutan, Jace Grenke, Kelsey Gluch and Cassity Gluch sell programs to a couple rodeo spectators. The money pays for the club's entries, animal supplies and more. The fair runs Aug. 8 to Aug. 13 at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds in Homedale. Submitted photo



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Off-duty OCSO personnel to assist at music festival again

Owyhee County Sheriff's Office deputies will assist with law enforcement duties at a concert in Elmore County later this month.

Working on their own time, OCSO lawmen will provide extra security at the Mountain Home County Music Festival. It begins Friday, July 29 and runs through Sunday, July 31.

During its July 5 meeting, the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners (BOCC) approved a law enforcement assistance agreement with Elmore County related to the concert.

The OCSO personnel signed up to help

Elmore County are Tony Aguirre, Atanacio Montes, Moises Montes, Vern Tunnell, Rocky Widner and Greg Bishop. Atanacio Montes is a full-time patrol deputy, and Moises Montes works in the county jail. Bishop is an off-highway vehicle deputy, while Tunnell, Widner and Aguirre are Level 1 reservists.

Elmore County will pay each deputy \$36.03 per hour. The money will come into the Owyhee County treasury, and then be paid to the deputies.

Owyhee County Sheriff Perry Grant stated that, for the most part, things went smoothly for his deputies last year.

"The only issue we ran into was environmental," Grant said. "It was very dusty and windy last year. But, I understand grass was planted last year to help with it this year."

He also pointed out the fact that this will be an extra duty for the officers on their days off.

"Our deputies work very hard with little pay to show for it," Grant said. "I am always looking for extra-paying duties to reward them for their hard work and to show my appreciation."

The Elmore County Sheriff's Office will also be working with the U.S.

Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management to ensure that everything runs smoothly during the festival.

The event will be held on forest road 61, off of Sun Valley Highway (U.S. Highway 20), 31 miles northeast of Mountain Home.

Organizers expect up to 20,000 people from across Idaho, and neighboring states, to attend the festival, which will be held on a 600-acre parcel.

More than 20 country music artists are scheduled to perform at the festival, including headliners Brantley Gilbert, Kenny Chesney and Jason Aldean.

— SC

From page 1

✓ Johnstone: Speed limit near middle school now 35 mph 24 hours a day

motorists running the stop signs on Johnstone Road.

"The commissioners decided that they would have some public comment and figure out what they want to do with it," Constantine said.

Written comment will be taken until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 10. Additional public comment will be taken during the commissioners' meeting at 6 p.m. on Aug. 10. The commissioners meet at the district office, 102 E.

Colorado Ave., in Homedale.

Written comments can be mailed to P.O. Box 713, Homedale, ID 83628.

A decision could be made during the Aug. 10 meeting, according to a legal notice appearing in his week's edition of The Owyhee Avalanche.

There are stop signs at nearby Johnstone Road intersections, including at Market Road (four-way) and Pioneer Road (three-way).

The speed limit change on Johnstone Road near HMS had its roots in a Homedale City Council meeting last month. Council members asked Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller and public works supervisor Bret Smith to talk with highway commissioners about making the Johnstone Road speed limit near the middle school 35 mph 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The district's cooperation is necessary because part of the affected stretch of road

lies outside the city limits.

The speed limit elsewhere on Johnstone Road is 50 mph, and it returned to 50 mph during off-hours in front of HMS before last week's action.

Smith discussed the change with HHD commissioners prior to last Wednesday's city council meeting.

Making the change only required taking down small signs indicating that the speed limit was 35 mph during school hours.

The signs taken down Friday were posted under the speed limit markers just south of Idaho highway 19 and slightly north of Egurrola Lane.

Smith told the council it would be an "easy fix."

"I even offered to do it. There's not going to be any cost outlay," Smith said. "It's just a little bit of teamwork between the two entities, which I volunteered."

— SC

✓ La Raza: Trio is first with Homedale ties to attend national conference

community for their support," Correa said.

Correa traveled the state as FHLA hosted several conferences at high schools and colleges this year. She spent four years with Homedale's FHLA chapter, serving as chapter secretary as a junior.

"Our biggest conference is the Hispanic Healthcare Career Conference that takes place every spring," Correa said.

That conference was a big part of the qualification process for the national event. Each student had to raise \$500 for the conference through raffle ticket sales and obtaining business sponsorships.

In addition to attending each planning meeting and activity, the students were required to write an essay and garner letters of recommendation. Interviews also were undertaken.

"CCI specifically looks for demonstrated leadership qualities, your involvement in service to your school and community and your involvement in state conferences," Correa said.

The La Raza leadership conference, which Correa said is the nation's largest gathering of Latino influencers, runs Saturday through Tuesday at the Orange County Convention Center.

While at the conference, the Homedale teens will have the opportunity to learn about ongoing and emerging issues in the Hispanic community, connect with key community leaders and generate partnerships with Hispanic community-based organizations.

"I'm really looking forward to meeting and making connections with the leaders that make change and empower us young Latinos to make a difference in our community," Santiago, who was chapter secretary last year in her second year with FHLA, said.

"I want to hear their stories

about the work they do and what their mission is. What I hope to take from this conference is more knowledge on what affects our Hispanic community and how I can make more of a difference."

There will be workshops on issues critical to the Latino community and presentations featuring nationally and internationally prominent speakers.

"I'm looking forward to meeting and interacting with other Latinos who seek to see a difference in the issues we face in the Hispanic community," Buenrostro said. "I hope to gain as much information as I can from each workshop I attend."

Buenrostro spent four years with the Homedale FHLA chapter, and served as chapter secretary as a sophomore.

Although the 2016-17

Homedale chapter officers won't be elected until the school year begins, Correa said that incoming junior Julia Santiago will serve as state events coordinator.

The FHLA organization was founded in 1997 with several goals in mind:

- Help reduce the dropout rate in Idaho schools and promote higher education.
- Stimulate Hispanics in becoming more involved in school and community activities.
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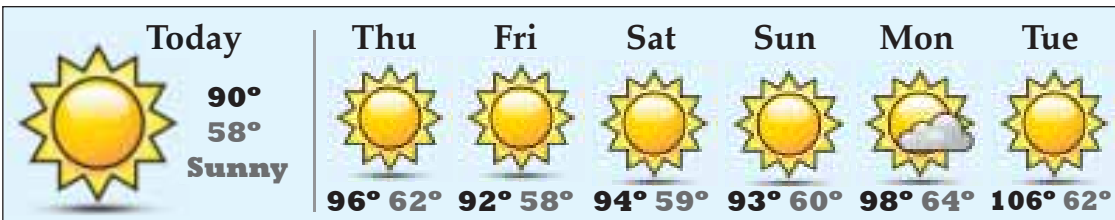
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Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 48 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 165 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 191 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 341,016 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. Last week's weather statistics were unavailable.

Owyhee probationer pleads guilty to federal gun charge

Langford may answer county charges later

A former Murphy resident wanted on a county probation violation warrant faces an October sentencing after pleading guilty to a federal gun charge.

Donovan Clark Langford, 45, of California, appeared in a federal courtroom in Boise earlier this month to answer an indictment stemming from a McCall incident.

Langford was arrested in Valley County on a fugitive warrant on March 9, one day after a federal grand jury indicted him on a charge of a felon possessing a firearm. He had been wanted on an Owyhee County probation violation warrant, too. He was convicted for felony methamphetamine possession after his June 2015 arrest at a Murphy residence.

Langford, who also goes by the surname Bibb, allegedly possessed a 20-gauge shotgun in McCall on

Feb. 1. Langford lost his gun rights because of a 2004 burglary conviction in California.

He faces a maximum penalty of up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine followed by three years' of supervised probation. He remains in federal custody in Ada County Jail awaiting sentencing.

Langford was charged with felony drug possession and three misdemeanors after the Feb. 1 traffic stop that evolved into the federal gun charge. The state charges were eventually dropped.

In August 2015, Langford was arrested in Tulare County, Calif., on suspicion of burglary as well as an Owyhee County probation violation warrant.

He spent at least three months in jail in California, but was never extradited to Owyhee County.

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery filed another arrest warrant, with a \$30,000 bond, after Langford was booked into Valley County Jail earlier this year.

"(The warrant) is still active,

but not previously acted upon due to the fact that he was in federal custody," Emery said. "The federal case took priority over the state prosecution."

Emery said he learned Thursday that Langford's Owyhee County case could proceed in Third District Court in the near future.

While federal charges take precedence, Owyhee County Sheriff Perry Grant said generally that budgetary considerations and the nature of the original crime also play a part in deciding whether the county will follow through on extradition proceedings.

"We don't always extradite our felonies," Grant said. "If it's not a person-to-person crime (such as assault), we'll wait until he gets closer."

Grant said a small extradition budget of about \$4,000 requires him to prioritize which fugitives will be brought back.

"We try to save enough money in case we have to go to, say, Florida to get a violent felon," he said.

— JPB



Piggyback passenger

Bill Bailey of Homedale gives his son Anthony, 2, a ride as the two stroll through the Homedale Farmers Market on Thursday afternoon at Bette Uda City Park.

Eluding suspect places on rider

A Wilder man facing felony charges in Owyhee and Canyon counties has been placed on a rider.

Casey Young, 20, was sentenced to two to five years in state prison for attempting to elude an Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy during an August traffic stop. Third District Judge Davis F. VanderVelde presided over sentencing on July 8 in Murphy.

Presiding over a felony drug possession case in Canyon County in May, Judge Bradly S. Ford allowed Young to be prosecuted and sentenced in Owyhee County.

Young was arrested by Canyon

County Sheriff's deputies on allegations of felony drug possession in October when the defendant was out of jail after entering a guilty plea in the Owyhee County case.

In the August incident, an OCSO deputy cited Young for a misdemeanor driver's license violation, but VanderVelde dismissed that charge during sentencing after Young entered a guilty plea to trying to elude law enforcement in his vehicle.

In addition to his prison term, Young had his driver's license suspended for two years. He was given credit for 116 days already spent behind bars, but must pay a

\$245.50 fine.

Young can avoid the prison sentence, which would be concurrent with the Canyon case, if he is successful in a rider program.

According to the Idaho courts repository, Young was cited for driving while suspended and drug paraphernalia possession — both misdemeanors — by Homedale Police in April.

During a June 15 sentencing before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober, he was ordered to spend 100 days behind bars and pay a \$200 fine for the possession charge. Prosecutor Paul J. Fitzer dropped the driving offense.

Marsing women unhurt in I-84 crash

Two Marsing women were apparently unhurt in a chain-reaction wreck Thursday on Interstate 84 in Nampa.

The Idaho State Police reports that 55-year-old Janet L. Martinez of Marsing was heading eastbound near the Franklin Boulevard exit at about 1:51 p.m. when a Caldwell woman, 77-year-old Rosalie G. Gisler, failed to slow

for traffic.

Gisler's 2006 GMC Sierra pickup struck Martinez's 2008 Toyota Scion and a 2010 Hyundai Genesis driven by 29-year-old Nampa resident Chad W. Smith.

The initial collision started a chain reaction that sent Smith's vehicle into a 2012 Chrysler Tow and Country driven by 28-year-old Marsing resident Tiffany C.

Wright.

Wright's minivan struck a 1996 Chevrolet pickup driven by 64-year-old Gary L. Early of Caldwell, and Early's vehicle collided with a Ford F350 driven by Elvin R. Simpson Jr., 62, of Parma.

All occupants were wearing seatbelts, and only Gisler was transported to the hospital.

Homedale plans water work; meeting slated

Proposed improvements to Homedale's municipal water system are part of a plan now open for public comment.

A public comment period will run today through Wednesday, Aug. 3 on improvements valued at less than \$100,000 and the city's water facility planning study.

Additionally, the city council will play host to a public meeting on the study and the planned improvements at 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 28. The meeting at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., precedes the council's second meeting of July at 6 p.m.

Officials will outline project details and receive verbal comments during the meeting.

Citizens can also submit written comments to the city at P.O. Box 757, Homedale, ID 83628, email them to cityofhomedale@

cableone.net or drop them off at City Hall during business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays).

Water improvement plans include drilling a new well, replacing at 12-inch trunk line coming from the city's water storage tank, replacing water lines smaller than 6 inches in diameter and eliminating dead-end water mains.

Public comments will help city officials determine the scope of improvement project.

Questions about the comment period can be directed to City Hall at 337-4641.

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Avalanche Sports

Conner Landa Memorial

Former Marsing High School athletic standout Austin Williams, center, accepts the Conner Landa Award on Sunday from the Landa family, from left, brother Kyler, mother Virginia, father Chris and brother Reece.

All photos submitted



A Division champions Game Time Sports



D Division male MVP Hayden Krzesnik, Thundercats



D Division champions Thundercats



D Division all-tournament selections Dillon Lowder, left, and Morgan Nash, Thundercats

Tournament results

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Conner Landa Award — Austin Williams

A Division — 1. Game Time Sports; 2. All Around Sports; 3. The Unknown

Men's MVP — Chris Hoshaw, All Around Sports

Women's MVP — Riley Hayes, Game Time Sports

All-Tournament — Steph Johns and Eric Becker, Game Time Sports; Joey Smith and Levi Veatch, All Around Sports; and Kasie Palin, The Unknown

B Division — 1. Bohica; 2. Sticks & Stones; 3. A & D

Men's MVP — Austin Jones, Bohica

Women's MVP — Misa Gonzalez, Sticks & Stones

All-Tournament — Devin and Chardee (last names not available), Bohica; Mike Cudaback, Sticks & Stones; and

C Division — 1. Snackies; 2. Blackout; 3. Bush League

Men's MVP — Larry Ranstrom, Snackies

Women's MVP — Holly Helms, Blackout

All-Tournament — Mike McCollugh and Katie Zillner, Snackies; Dustin Palmer, Blackout; and Big Earl (last name not available), Bush League

D Division — 1. Thundercats; 2. I'd Stick That; 3. Free Ballers

Men's MVP — Hayden Kreznik

Women's MVP — Kathy Schreiber

All-Tournament — Morgan Nash and Dillon Lowder, Thundercats; Lane Lehman, I'd Stick That; and Josh Tolmie, Free Ballers

Grove resigns as Trojans boys' basketball coach

One of two coaches to put Homedale High School in a boys' basketball state championship game has resigned.

School board trustees accepted Casey Grove's resignation last week as part of a slew of coaching moves ahead of the 2016-17 school year.

Superintendent Rob Sauer said Grove's decision was fueled by the return of full-time athletic director responsibilities as well as a desire to coach his own children as they grow.

"It was finding that balance with work and family," Sauer said.

Grove will continue as a business teacher at the high school as well as golf coach.

He spent four seasons as the Trojans' boys' basketball coach, amassing a 56-36 record and leading the 2013-14 team to the 3A state championship game, the second-longest winning streak in school history (16 games) and a 22-3 mark. Homedale lost to Buhl, 59-56, in the program's first state finals appearance since the 1969-70 season under Darryl Kellum.

Kellum coached the Trojans to back-to-back championship game appearances, winning it all at the end of the 1968-69 season.

Sauer said the job openings for a varsity boys' basketball coach and a middle school wrestling coach have been posted.

Jake Levinski, who will succeed Ryan Nash as the HHS wrestling coach, resigned from the middle school job last week.

Matt Holtry football coach staff has been rounded out with the retention of Chris Wright and Hayden Wright as assistant coaches and the addition of Alex Willson and Randy Lyons as assistants. The board also approved Tony Uranga's position as a volunteer assistant.

In other coaching news, Brady Swallow will lead the frosh-soph volleyball team, and Heidi Nash will return as the junior varsity volleyball coach.

Fall sports practice begins Monday, Aug. 8 for football and Friday, Aug. 12 for volleyball and cross country.

— JPB



Casey Grove

JV Junior Rodeo entries close Aug. 1

Entries are open for the 17th annual Jordan Valley Junior Rodeo.

The rodeo is scheduled to start at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 20 at the Jordan Valley Rodeo Arena on U.S. Highway 95.

Entries will be accepted by mail only, and must be postmarked by Monday, Aug. 1. No phone entries will be accepted.

Events include barrel racing, pole bending, goat tying, breakaway roping, cow riding, calf roping, flag race and team roping.

Tres Rios has designed the trophy buckles, and there are championships available in all events in several age divisions. All around winners in each age division also will be crowned.

Money and prizes are available in each event up to fifth place.

Proceeds from the rodeo benefit local graduating high school seniors.

Call (208) 583-2684 for more information or visit the rodeo's Facebook page.

Homedale council approves hiring library architect

Mayor encourages administrator to seek building donation

The Homedale City Council has approved spending no more than \$25,000 to hire an architect for an expansion of the existing public library.

During the same meeting last Wednesday, library administrator Sharla Jensen agreed with Mayor Gheen Christoffersen that seeking out the donation of a building for the expansion effort is a good idea.

Tad Jones of Jones & Jones Design Studio, Inc., will conduct the architectural work for the library.

Jensen told council members that Jones' fee would be about \$20,000, or three percent of the total cost of the project. Jones will be paid with money currently in the library's state investment fund, which has an approximate balance of \$150,000.

City attorney Paul J. Fitzer advised the council to only approve hiring Jones if the motion included wording of "not to exceed \$25,000." State law requires a public bidding process for any expense over \$25,000.

Jones based his architectural fee schedule on a total construction cost of between \$415,000 and \$660,000.

Participating by telephone, Steve Atkins

Library proposal survey

A short survey on the proposed library expansion is available at the library and includes these questions:

- Do you support the library expansion?
- If no, why not?
- If yes, why do you think it is important for the library to expand?
- What additional services would you like to see the library offer with the expansion?
- Any additional comments?

was the only councilman to vote against hiring Jones.

Councilman Aaron Tines voiced concern that there isn't a firm dollar figure on the expansion cost.

Jensen said she can't provide any more of an exact cost at this time.

"Until we have an architect that can go do a site survey, and draw some plans, it is up in the air," Jensen said. "We don't know what it's going to cost for sure."

Jensen confirmed for Councilman Shane Muir that the \$350,000 Idaho Department of Commerce Community Development Block Grant is one of two grants she is seeking. The other is a \$60,000 U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Community Facilities Grant.

But she said the state grant application can't move forward without having an architect on board. Western Alliance for Economic Development executive director Tina Wilson is writing the grants for a fee.

"We have to have actual drawings before we can apply for that grant," Jensen said.

The USDA grant would require a match, which could be in-kind donations, or money from the library's state investment fund, but the library board has drafted a five-year plan. That plan would allow the library board to retain the matching cash to use, for instance, to bridge the one-year funding gap if a taxing district is created.

In another cost-saving discussion, Christoffersen asked if Jensen and the library board have approached Caldwell-based R&M Steel about acquiring a building. During the Harold Wilson mayoral administration six years ago, R&M Steel offered to donate a steel building for a new library planned for a parcel east of City Hall.

Jensen said the board has talked about the idea, but she didn't think that a steel building would "mesh" with the appearance of the existing library.

Saying he thought a steel building would work well, Christoffersen encouraged Jensen to talk with R&M.

"You just have to have the right person,

but that's at least something worth exploring," the mayor said. "They might not even be interested in doing it anymore."

When R&M offered to donate a building to the city 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.

Last Wednesday, Jensen told the mayor and council that she doesn't think the library currently has enough to offer to win the support of voters to create the district.

"Because it's so small, and it's so limited on what it has," Jensen said.

She recently placed surveys about the expansion proposal on the main desk at the library. As of July 12, 14 patrons filled out the surveys, and she said all of them supported the idea. Jensen said folks who don't come into the library can still comment on the expansion proposal on the library's Facebook page.

Jensen stated that the expansion would greatly benefit the community, because the current facility doesn't have enough space to be useful.

"It's pretty awkward anytime we have classes, anytime we have any programming, anytime we have meetings," Jensen said. "It would definitely be a benefit to have a room that people can come into and use it for meetings."

— SC

New library board member awaits city council's blessing

The Homedale Public Library board of directors has selected a new prospective member for the panel.

During a July 12 meeting, chair Dawn Whitney and directors Janet McCornack, Debbie Packer and Carolyn Grooms unanimously nominated Michael Aebischer to fill a vacancy on the board.

The city council could approve Aebischer's appointment on July 28.

Aebischer, 63, succeeds longtime director Lavon "Gypsy" Jackson, who passed away on June 18.

Whitney recently called Aebischer and asked him to join the board, and he quickly said yes.

"I just want to serve this town," Aebischer said. "This is my town. This is where I live. I plan to buy a burial lot in the cemetery here. I'm here for keeps."



Michael Aebischer

He has lived in Homedale for about 1½ years and moved here from Riverside, Calif., where he worked as a heavy equipment operator before retiring. Aebischer first came to Homedale to visit friends who live here. He liked the town so much, he bought a house.

He and his wife of 30 years, Laura, have three children: Sarah, 30, John, 28, and Heather, 26.

Aebischer was considered for Homedale City Council earlier this year after the death of council member Vonnie Harkins in January.

"I love this town. I love Idaho," Aebischer said. "I think one of the reasons I wasn't selected to fill the vacancy on the city council is because they were afraid that I wanted to bring some of that stupid California (stuff) up here. If I wanted that, I would have stayed in California."

He explained that the "California stuff" meant liberal politics, and he appreciates Owyhee Coun-

ty's conservative atmosphere.

Aebischer added that he likes small towns and he grew up in Lake Havasu City, Ariz., which he thinks was about the size of Homedale when he was a boy.

He thinks it will be interesting, and maybe even fun, to serve on the library board.

"I'm the only guy on the board, but that's OK," Aebischer said. "I've had women telling me what to do my whole life, so I don't have a problem with that."

Aebischer also stated that he strongly supports library administrator Sharla Jensen's plan to expand the library.

"The library is way too small," Aebischer said. "When you've

got books stacked to the ceiling and people can't get to them, it doesn't work."

Despite perceived space limitations, Aebischer thinks the library is under-utilized, and he would like to see more programs to attract additional patrons.

Reading frequently is especially important to Aebischer because he had dyslexia as a child.

"They didn't even have the name dyslexia back in those days, but that's what it was," Aebischer said. "By practicing reading, I overcame that. I still have some issues, but I read just fine. I'd rather sit and read a book than watch most movies."

— SC

Library logo contest deadline nears

Artists around Homedale don't have long to submit some design ideas to the Homedale Public Library.

Last month, library administrator Sharla Jensen launched a contest to come up with a logo for the library.

The submission deadline is Saturday, July 30.

During a July 12 meeting, Jensen told the library board that she has only received four entries in the contest.

"I've had lots of people tell me they're working on a design," Jensen said. "Lots of people say they've got an idea, but so far, just four entries."

Jensen 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 book bags,

bookmarks, or prizes given away during special events.

The logo contest winner will receive \$50 cash, 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 submitted designs.

Entries must be submitted by email at homedalelibrary@yahoo.com.

Friday's Story Time celebrates ice cream

During Friday's Story Time at the Homedale Public Library, children will observe national ice cream month. Two books will be read during the 10:15 a.m. program.

Boys and girls will hear a

reading of "Should I Share My Ice Cream?" by Mo Willems. "From Grass to Milk" by Stacy Taus-Bolstad will also be read.

Library youth services coordinator Carol McMichael said children will also make ice cream.

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.

Call (208) 337-4228 for more information about the library and its programs.

Man convicted of DUI could avoid prison

A Homedale man could serve up to five years in state prison for driving under the influence if he doesn't successfully complete a rider program.

Eriberto Garcia was sentenced in Third District Judge Davis F. VanderVelde's courtroom on July 8.

Garcia was charged with felony DUI after an accident on Dec. 21. The charge was boosted to a felony because Garcia had been found guilty of at least two other

DUIs in the past decade.

VanderVelde retained jurisdiction and ordered Garcia to serve 61 days in jail for the misdemeanor charge of leaving the scene of an accident. The judge dismissed a misdemeanor battery charge.

Garcia also must pay nearly \$800 in fines and court costs, and he lost his driver's license for two years.

Garcia entered guilty pleas on May 13.

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense Feast or famine



*In feast or famine, at least examine the game we came to play
'Cause win or lose, it's how we use the card that come our way...*

"Just let'er rain," the rancher said, "We've built up quite a thirst.

I know the low road's plum washed out, the tank dam's bound to burst.

We'll have to plant the wheat again and clean the water gaps

But you won't hear this fool complain if it reaches to my chaps!

The truth is, friends, we've needed this. We've been so dry so long.

I thought I'd have to sell the cows and pay the piper's song.

The winter grass just lay there, stiff, for months it never changed.

I'd walk out through the cracklin' brown that covered all my range

And watch the wind blow dust clouds where the good grass shoulda been.

I'd count the bales in the stack and calculate again.

The days of feedin' I had left before I'd have to face

The ultimate decision, what I'd do to save the place.

The weatherman was helpful, 'cept he always told the truth!

Peddlin' chance of ten percent meant it just rained in Duluth!

That's nice for Minnesota but it don't help me a bit, I gave up chewin' Red Man so I wouldn't have to spit!

But he said last night, 'a chance of rain'. More than just a trace.

I washed the car and left the windows open just in case

And sure enough this mornin' big ol' clouds came rollin' in.

They parked above the driveway and the thunder made a din

That rattled all the winders in the house where I sat still.

And at two it started rainin'. I still ain't got my fill.

It's comin' down in buckets like its payin' back a debt. Me? I'm standin' in the front yard, in my shorts and soakin' wet!

When the sun comes out tomorrow and sparkles all around

Off pools and puddles standin' like big diamonds on the ground

I'll remember feast or famine, but when it comes to rain

Ya take the feast when offered, if ya live out on the plain."

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Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee Doing the right thing



Citizens expect their government officials to act appropriately. Employees expect a fair shake from their employers.

Gloria Lejardi had to go to court to ensure her rights were protected in the wake of her dismissal from a lengthy career with the Homedale School District.

The Grand View City Council members did the right thing last Wednesday when they refrained from appointing a new mayor.

In both cases, the governmental entities — the Homedale School District and the City of Grand View — will be better for the actions.

City council president John Morrison — Grand View's acting mayor in the wake of Franklin Hart's resignation — wanted to get a new person in the position during last week's meeting. In the two weeks since Hart stepped down, the city received three letters regarding the open mayoral position.

Even though Danny Martinez, Rose Smith and Opal Ward expressed interest in the job, the council made the right move by waiting until next month to settle on Hart's successor.

Postponing a decision gives citizens who may not have

heard about the developments at City Hall a chance to get involved in the process. Maybe there are other people in town interested in serving.

If no one else comes forward, the council still has three people — including a former council member and mayor — from which to choose.

Hopefully Grand View's next mayor will have the integrity Lejardi showed two years ago when she refused a school administrator's alleged request to enter grades for a student even though the student apparently hadn't taken the classes for which the grades were to be applied.

According to Lejardi's federal lawsuit, she lost her job because of that stand, and wasn't given a grievance process.

The two sides settled last month, and Homedale school trustees put a grievance policy in place at their meeting last week as part of the agreement.

It's an expensive lesson — the district must pay Lejardi \$225,000 — but perhaps Lejardi's stand will make the administration think twice if a similar situation arises in the future.

Better yet, perhaps the next administrator who wants to fix grades will think twice before making the demand.

Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington Protecting Americans' property against federal forfeiture



I have been alarmed to read outrageous reports of abuse of civil asset forfeiture where Americans' property is being seized without it first being proven that a crime was committed or without even an arrest or warrant. From reports of the use of new devices to scan a motorist's cards and seize money during a traffic stop to a person's life savings and family business being taken because of unproven suspicion, excessive use of civil asset forfeiture requires action.

The nonpartisan Congressional Research Service (CRS) reports that asset forfeiture plays a major role in federal prosecutions and the Attorney General and the Secretary of the Treasury enjoy wide latitude to share confiscated property with participating federal, state and local law enforcement through a policy known as "equitable sharing." The Institute for Justice reports the forfeiture funds of the U.S. Department of Justice and U.S. Treasury Department together took in nearly \$29 billion from 2001 to 2014, and combined annual revenue grew 1,000 percent.

Law enforcement must have effective tools for apprehending terrorists and drug dealers. But, the expansion of civil asset forfeiture and reports of the overly aggressive means of seizing the property of innocent Americans is deeply concerning. It is unjust that property is being seized without first proving criminal use, and property owners have little opportunity to retrieve wrongly seized property. The burden of proof falls on the property owner to prove that it was not used in a crime, instead of the government having to prove that it was. Additionally, often much of the seized assets are retained by those seizing them, which can cause a distorted incentive.

I have been a longtime proponent of addressing problems with civil asset seizure. I co-sponsored S. 3045, the Deterring Undue Enforcement by Protecting Rights of Citizens from Excessive Searches and Seizures (DUE PROCESS) Act of 2016. The DUE PROCESS Act would better protect innocent property owners.

The legislation would:

- Require the government to prove a connection between the property and an offense;
- Broaden the timelines for property owners to respond to and challenge forfeitures;
- Require greater notice to owners of seized property; and other improvements.

This commonsense, bipartisan legislation was introduced by Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) and Ranking Member Patrick J. Leahy (D-Vt.) and followed a number of hearings to review the problems associated with civil asset forfeiture. A companion bill introduced in the House of Representatives was passed by the House Judiciary Committee.

I am also a co-sponsor of S. 255, the Fifth Amendment Integrity Restoration (FAIR) Act. This legislation that was introduced by fellow Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) would better protect property owners from wrongful property seizures and decrease potential monetary incentives for agencies to seize assets. The FAIR Act would put the burden of proof where it should be — on the government, not innocent Americans.

The government would have to prove that the assets were used to facilitate criminal activity. Importantly, to address unjust incentives, the legislation would require proceeds from the disposition of seized property to be deposited in the General Fund of the U.S. Treasury, instead of going to the agencies seizing property.

Requiring Americans to prove that their hard-earned money and property should not have been taken by the government undermines our system of justice and requires immediate attention. We must enact better protections for Americans whose property is seized without any judicial finding of criminal wrongdoing.

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

Commentary

Financial management

Bankruptcy disclosure could lessen impact on job search

Dear Dave,

I'm in the middle of a Chapter 13 bankruptcy. I've worked for years in the automotive industry, but lately I've been thinking about a different line of work. The problem is I'm afraid I will be discriminated against when applying for jobs because of the bankruptcy filing. I think the government has given businesses the permission to look at my financial history. Do you have any suggestions?

— Joe

Dear Joe,

The government doesn't give businesses permission to look at your history. They had that right anyway. And it wouldn't be discrimination, because it's a part of their analysis as to whether or not they want you working for them. That kind of thing is perfectly reasonable. It's not discrimination.

A lot of this, however, depends on the job and how seriously the

employer is considering you. If you'd be doing something where you have to be bonded, then you'll have trouble because the bankruptcy can prevent you from being bonded. If you would be handling large sums of money or be given access to large sums of money, the Chapter 13 bankruptcy would reflect poorly on you and make you a higher risk.

Just be honest and disclose it, Joe. If they ask questions, explain things truthfully and the reasons behind why it happened. Also, don't carry around a chip on your shoulder about the bankruptcy. We all make mistakes, and the smart ones among us learn from them. I wouldn't necessarily have an issue with someone just because they had filed bankruptcy in the past, but it would create problems if they tried to hide it from me.

— Dave

Dear Dave,

We're working the debt



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snowball, and together my husband and I make \$93,000 a year. The amounts of our remaining three debts are so close we wonder if we should take interest rates into account. Two are student loans for \$2,970 and \$6,700, while the other is credit card debt in the amount of \$4,750. I also got a recent bonus

of \$3,600. Should we put that toward our debt snowball?

— Robin

Dear Robin,

In a strictly mathematical sense, my advice of paying off debt smallest to largest may be wrong, but it's still the correct advice. Besides, if people were so good at math they wouldn't have debt in the first place, would they?

If I'm in your shoes, I'd have that lowest student loan paid off in a heartbeat with the bonus you mentioned. I'd throw the remainder, along with your regular snowball payments, at the credit card and keep the debt snowball rolling just like I normally advise.

When you're pushing to get out of debt fast, interest rates don't really matter much when you add up actual dollars on interest spent. If you were going to keep debt around for six or seven years, then we'd have something to talk about. But when you knock out

the little debt and immediately plow through the others with a vengeance, it gives a real sense of accomplishment and confidence. Remember, personal finance is 80 percent behavior and only 20 percent head knowledge.

So, mathematically speaking, the advice I'm giving you might be a few dollars wrong, but you'll benefit in other bigger, long-lasting ways by gaining a sense of closure on your debts, learning how to delay pleasure and staying on a plan!

— 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.

Americans for Limited Government

Stop the nonsense, back Trump for sake of a nation

by Rick Manning

The collective temper tantrum of many in the GOP about Donald Trump's nomination is culminating in various behind-the-scenes fights at the Republican National Convention about who gets to vote and are they required to vote for Trump as their state delegate selection rules require.

If Republicans want to lose to Hillary Clinton, all they have to do is take the nomination from Trump through convention chicanery.

Clinton is irretrievably damaged with the scandals of her life clinging to her like dead weights. The simmering suspicion that the entire Democratic Party presidential primary system as a sham designed to deliver her the nomination was confirmed by FBI Director William Comey's decision that charges should not be filed against her in the classified email scandal, after former President Bill Clinton met with Comey's boss, Attorney General Loretta Lynch.

Yet, the #NeverTrump folks continue to demand that Republican primary voters be ignored and the legitimately chosen candidate be denied a place on the ballot to face Hillary Clinton out of a purported fear that his outspokenness will cause Trump to lose.

This is nonsense. The real fear is that Trump will upset the apple cart in Washington, D.C. and in New York financial circles, by changing the world economic shell game by challenging the erosion of U.S. sovereignty in the world and by challenging the flatter, less individual, nation-centric legal and regulatory regime, allowing for easier selling of goods across increasingly indistinct sovereign borders.

The real fear is that many of those who have used both personal relationships and hired lobbying guns to exert influence on administrations of both political parties don't carry the same weight with Trump. And what is really scary is they don't know anyone who does.

The political elites are worried because Trump resembles Andrew Jackson, who in 1828 represented a rejection of the status quo of Revolutionary War elites or their offspring running the country.

Similar to today, in 1828 the sophisticated notions of

currency policy and the debate over the national bank economic policy assumptions were preeminent issues that drove the populist classes to push Jackson to the White House.

There could be no doubt that if he lived in 1828, former Goldman Sachs CEO and Bush Treasury Secretary Hank Paulsen would have supported John Quincy Adams, just as he supports Hillary Clinton today.

All the blustering nonsense aside, here is why Paulsen, Jeb Bush and the President Bushes are wrong about Trump.

First and most importantly, you cannot have spent the past eight years (the Bushes and Paulsen were eerily silent) freaking out about the massive expansion of the federal government under Obama, and oppose Trump. Hillary Clinton will lock in and put Obama's regulatory assault on the free enterprise system on steroids, accelerating our nation's decline toward Third World status.

Hillary Clinton will push the expanded federalization of our nation's school systems, nationalize police powers, and reform Obamacare to the single-payer system that those of her ilk have long desired.

Should Hillary Clinton win the White House, the left will have control over the federal judiciary for the next generation, and through that instrument of power, what remains of the First Amendment freedom of religious expression will be eviscerated, not to mention the end of the individual right to keep and bear arms.

Donald Trump is a wild card. But remember this important fact. Unlike any other nominee in recent history, Donald Trump had to navigate through massive government regulations to build things. He had to figure out how to get the politicians and regulators to act, just so he could do business. While battling the system that is set up to stop things from getting done, Donald Trump figured out how to beat it.

It is this history that makes Donald Trump the most likely presidential candidate in recent history to actually understand how regulatory roadblocks to progress work in the real world, and as a result, he is the most qualified to identify and deconstruct those that are most harmful to economic growth.

Others will attack Trump for working the system, but an honest appraisal can only lead one to believe that it is this exact experience that will make him the most likely person since FDR's establishment of the massive federal bureaucracy to have the personal experience needed to tear large parts of it out by the roots. While many, including this author, would prefer that Trump take on the regulatory regimes out of a personal limited government philosophy, it is instead his real world experience fighting petty government regulators and their craven political bosses that will make his first instinct to clear the underbrush that gets in the way of economic growth.

And for those making their fortunes in Washington, D.C. representing companies in the arcane bureaucratic administrative law systems, and those big businesses that benefit from using these laws as weapons against their smaller, less resourced competitors, an attack on the regulatory morass is an attack on their livelihoods and competitive advantages.

If America is going to turn this nation around, it doesn't need hollow rhetoric. It needs someone not tied to the interests that profit from a declining America. We need an Andrew Jackson, a person who scares everyone with their fingers in the till. To my #NeverTrump friends, it is time to grow up and honestly choose.

It is Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump. It is locking in the status quo decline regardless of who wins Congress, or it is taking a leap to actually try to stop it.

Trump may or may not succeed in making America great again, but we know that Hillary's election will drive a final nail in the coffin Obama has built for individual liberty. It is a time for choosing, and anyone who chooses Hillary (or her "Libertarian" vote syphon) can no longer claim the mantle of fighting for constitutional governance and individual rights. This is the last stand, and sometimes we don't get the leaders we want, but the ones we need, and the GOP voters have chosen Donald Trump to carry that banner.

So, #NeverTrump, get on board, or get out of the way. We have a nation to save.

— Rick Manning is the President of Americans for Limited Government.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

July 24, 1991

Commissioners consider funding

The Owyhee County Commissioners, at their Monday meeting, agreed to consider approving funding that would create a position for a school resource officer who would spend time in the Homedale, Marsing and Grand View schools each week.

Owyhee County Sheriff Tim Nettleton and Homedale School Principal Nolan Taggart approached the board with the request for the funding and an explanation of the need for such a position.

Nettleton had been working to establish the position for two years. He approached the commissioners last year, but was too late to receive funding, according to the board.

About \$30,000 has been set aside in the sheriff's budget to partially fund the position, subject to approval by the commissioners, Nettleton said.

Homedale, Marsing and Grand View have pledged a combined \$15,500 to help with the position with Homedale pledging \$7,000, Marsing \$4,500 and Grand View \$4,000.

The officer would spend two days each week in Homedale, one in Marsing and one in Grand View, leaving one day free to probably be spent in the Homedale-Marsing area, Nettleton said.

County jail to cost less than expected

The interest rate for the new Owyhee County jail, to be constructed at Murphy, came in lower than estimated. The lower rate will save the county about \$60,000.

Bids for the jail bonds were opened by the commissioners July 17.

The total cost of the bonds will be \$959,190. The county was expecting the cost to be \$1,020,185.

The interest rate came in 6.44 percent, from Seattle Northwest Securities.

Army sergeant ready to return to Idaho life

For at least one local military man who made it through the Gulf War, the conflict was an experience, but one he says he would not want to go through again.

Sgt. Tony Malmberg, who grew up in Marsing, was home for the first time last week since the war. He was visiting his parents, Robert and Judy Malmberg, who met his wife and two children for the first time.

Malmberg has been in the United States Army for 10 years. He met his wife at a rodeo in Hanau, Germany, where he was stationed. His daughter is now three and his son is 14 months.

Malmberg said he arrived in Iraq in December. He said it was hot, flat and surprisingly rainy.

"It was so flat you could see forever," he said.

He also said he was flooded out of the hole he dug into by 12 inches of rain the first four days he was there.

Malmberg said when the war started; he could not believe how chaotic it was.

"When we went into battle, it was so fast we got ahead of our targets," he said. "Once in a while we got ahead of the game."

Malmberg said his first battle took 12 hours to get through. He said he was surprised at how well everything went, despite the confusion.

City restricts access hours near airport

A sympathetic Homedale City Council moved promptly July 15 to order remedial steps in response to pleas from residents living across the Snake River from the Homedale Municipal Airport upset about noisy late-night parties, fights and reckless shooting incidents.

Homedale City Maintenance Supervisor Larry Bauer was directed to post a sign announcing the area is closed between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Additional police patrols of the area were also promised, with both Mayor Paul J. Fink and Councilman Mike Beavers, the council's police commissioner, indicating that the city's existing noise and nuisance ordinance covers the trouble area.

50 years ago

July 21, 1966

Major atomic blast planned in county

AEC explosion largest in rock – To be conducted underground

The first major atomic test in Idaho is scheduled to take place underground in Owyhee County in the not-distant future, according to Atomic Energy Commission plans.

Location of the blast site is 65 miles southwest of Mountain Home; about 110 statute miles from Homedale and 65 miles from McDermitt.

The atomic device will yield 100 kilotons and will be the biggest blast ever set off in hard rock. It is reported to be similar to one exploded at the U.S. Department of Energy reservation near Las Vegas in 1962.

The explosion will be one in the government's continuing series of tests conducted underground, in accordance with the international test-ban treaty. The commission has been conducting tests in the area for the past three years. A preliminary explosion was set off in Owyhee County last September, the AEC reported.

The commission explained that different rock formation from that found in Nevada and New Mexico is needed for this test. The tests have been conducted regularly in New Mexico and the commission assures residents of the county area there is no chance of contamination.

Some fallout is expected, but it will be confined to the immediate area, according to word from the commission.

Seven in running for Owyhee Co. Fair Queen

A list of seven Fair Queen candidates have been turned in to the fair board office. Those running are:

Susie Marie Chadez, 16, Homedale, sponsored by St. Huberts Altar Society Catholic church; Jeanne Curry, 17, Homedale, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary; Becky Duke age 17, Homedale, sponsored by Sage Creek 4-H club; Patti Knarr, Marsing, sponsored by Marsing Community Scholarship Committee; Teri Larsen, 15, Melba, sponsored by Marsing Livestock club; Colleen Paxton, 15, Wilder, sponsored by State Line Grange; and Rhonda Hoagland, 16, Murphy, sponsored by Wilson 4-H club.

A meeting for the Fair Queen candidates will be held at the George Murray home, Monday, July 25, at 8 p.m. At this time the girls will decide what to wear the night of the crowing and the various nights of the rodeo.

The Queens Coronation will be held on the opening night of the rodeo, August 17.

Local delegation asks for report on Homedale bridge project

A delegation of Owyhee County officials and residents attended the Idaho State Board of Highway Commissioners meetings Tuesday to receive a report on a proposed highway and bridge construction project on U.S. Highway 95 just north of Homedale.

Preliminary engineering and field surveys presently are being completed by the highway department, prior to design of the bridge across the Snake River, William W. Sacht, District 3 highway engineer, said.

The delegation including state Sen. Walter Yarbrough, state Rep. Alvin Benson, Mayor Lester Carter of Homedale, Kenneth Downing, Chairman of the Owyhee County Commissioners, and Homer Anderson, President of the Homedale Chamber of Commerce asked the highway commissioners when construction on this project would begin.

Fieldwork on this project is far from being completed, Sacht said. If the department would work on the project steadily for the next two months, he continued, the department would still be a long way from deciding the structure's location.

Sometime late this fall, the fieldwork should be completed, he said. The detailed structural design of the bridge and securing of rights-of-way would be done this winter, commissioners added.

140 years ago

July 22, 1876

LETTER FROM REYNOLDS' CREEK – Reynolds' Creek, July 12, 1876. Editor Idaho Avalanche:

The fatigue and general somnolency incident to dancing for eighteen consecutive hours, has robbed your readers of an account, in last week's issue, of our jollification and celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of our Independence, at the residence and grounds of the hospitable Mrs. Babbington; but, as it is "never too late to mend," I will give a short sketch of our doings, to let those who could not attend know what they missed. Parties on horseback, in wagons, on foot and by every means of conveyance known to Reynolds' Creek began to arrive at the early hour of 9:30 a.m. and continued to pour in during the entire day. About two hours were allowed those guests coming from a distance to recuperate and cool off, after a rather fatiguing ride in the hot sun. This refreshing process was promoted by some of the gentlemen absorbing copious draughts of the sparkling water of Reynolds' Creek, tempered by a chemical preparation of a certain Mr. Sommercamp, the proportion being about forty drops of the former to about a gill of the latter. I tried it myself and know it benefited me greatly.

Visitors were conducted to a perfect jewel of an arbor among the trees, where the patriotism of all good Americans was fired by the reading of our glorious Declaration of Independence. The happiest effect of this reading manifested itself among the boys, who immediately commenced firing their crackers under the gentlemen's coat tails causing a pleasing and diversified excitement. The reading was given by a young gentleman at present officiating as trainer to the youthful ideas of Reynolds' Creek. No sooner was the reading completed than the prevailing spirit of patriotism caused the gentlemen to immediately invite the reader to come out and take a – Turkish bath. All hands were then requested to seat themselves at the table, when a more than plentiful repast, consisting of the choicest productions of this locality, rapidly disappeared down the throats of the appreciative guests.

Professor Charles Johnson appeared on the scene and the cry "take your partners for a quadrille," soon caused all lovers and the Terpsichorean Art, to place themselves in position, and then:

"On with the dance, let joy be unconfined, No sleep till morn, when youth and beauty meet

To chase the glowing hours with flying feet."

The dancing was kept up fast and furious until dark when a rest was taken. During the rest sundry chickens, loaves of bread, rolls of butter and a roast pig mysteriously disappeared. The dancing was then continued in the house. About this time I noticed the remarkable effects which certain scientific experiments exerted on some gentlemen present and who do not live a thousand miles from the toll gate. All through the afternoon, at regular intervals, I could see them testing the native strength of certain extracts. Their experiments must have been remarkably successful, for their labors utterly exhausted them. Unable to overcome their fatigue they quietly sank into a refreshing slumber by the side of the barn, where they reposed for nearly two hours. To show how devoted they were to the cause of science, the first thing they asked for after awakening, was more extract, determined to renew their labors until they had satisfied themselves and published to the world the result of their investigations on the momentous subject.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – Notwithstanding this camp has been partly deserted of late, favorable reports have just come to hand pertaining to the resumption of operations. A movement combining the needed capital has probably been consummated with that view. There is plenty of ore in that camp to be reduced, and in a month or six weeks from the present time it is quite likely that the furnaces will be in operation.

THERE ARE two reasons why some people don't mind their own business: One is that they haven't any business, and the other is that they haven't any mind.

Public notices

REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS FOR WATERWAYS MARINE VESSEL

Owyhee County will accept sealed bids addressed to: Clerk of the Owyhee County Board of County Commissioners, Waterways Marine Vessel, P.O. Box 128, Murphy, ID 83650, no later than close of business at 5 pm (Mountain Standard Time, henceforth "MST") August 1, 2016.

Schedule of events are as follows:

- RFB issue July 18, 2016. Publish dates July 20th & 27th. Full bid details will be available at www.owyheecounty.net.

- Written questions should be submitted no later than close of business JULY 29, 2016 and addressed to the Owyhee County Clerk, PO Box 128, Murphy, 83650, can be faxed to 208-495-1173 or emailed to abarkell@co.owyhee.id.us

- Questions will be answered by close of business August 3, 2016.

- RFB response deadline is close of business, AUGUST 5, 2016.

- Opening of bids will commence at 10:00 am (MDT) AUGUST 8, 2016 at the Owyhee County Courthouse. At the discretion of the Commissioners, bid award may be made immediately following opening or may be deferred to a later time or date.

Complete RFB and specifications may be obtained from the Owyhee County Clerk, Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, ID 83650 or on-line at www.owyheecounty.net Owyhee County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

7/20,27/16

BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

On August 22, 2016 beginning at 11:00 am the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners will hear public comment regarding a proposed ordinance amending the zoning ordinance by adding the definition of a cemetery; adding the definition of an interment site; correcting chapter references; and providing for the health, safety, and welfare of Owyhee County by regulating the interment of human remains on private property and the maintenance thereof within the county.

Copies of the proposed ordinance is available for review in the Planning and Zoning office. For additional information please contact the Planning and Zoning office at 495-2095 ext. 2.

7/20&8/10/16

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Proposed Fee Increase – Solid Waste

NOTICE IS HERE BY GIVEN That the Owyhee County Board of County Commissioners will conduct a public hearing in accordance with Idaho Code 63-1311A, for the purpose of taking public comment on the following proposed fee increase at the date and time listed below:

- Residential solid waste fees shall be increased by \$6.00 to the sum of \$50.00 per residence per annum.
- Commercial solid waste fee shall be increased by \$12.00 to the sum of \$100.00 per annum.
- For claimants approved under the Property Tax Relief Program administered under Title 63, Chapter 7 of the Idaho State Code, which is

commonly referred to as the "Circuit Breaker Program," the residential solid waste fee shall be increased \$3.00 to the sum of \$25.00 per annum.

The fee increases have become necessary because of increases in costs associated with solid waste removal.

The public hearing will be held Monday July 25, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. at the Owyhee County Courthouse, Courtroom 2, Murphy, ID.

At the conclusion of such hearing the Board may, after due consideration, either accept, reject or modify the proposed fee increase.

By order of the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners, dated this 5th day of July, 2016.

Angela Barkell, Clerk of the Board, Owyhee County
7/13,20/16

CITY OF HOMEDALE NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The City Council of the City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho will be accepting comments from the public regarding the City of Homedale Water Facility Planning Study and proposed water system improvements. The water facility planning study and the proposed water system improvements with maps showing the proposed improvements are available for viewing at Homedale City Hall.

The public comment period will be from Wednesday, July 20, 2016 and will end on Wednesday, August 3, 2016. Written comments will be accepted at Homedale City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave, P. O. Box 757, Homedale, Idaho 83628. City hall is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, telephone 208-337-4641 and email cityofhomedale@cablone.net.

A public meeting will be held from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm on July 28, 2016 where details of the project options will be outlined and verbal comments received.

The intent of the proposed water system improvements include:

- Replacement of water lines smaller than 6-inches in diameter
- Elimination of dead end water mains
- Drilling of new water well
- Replacement of the 12-inch trunk line from the water storage tank

After considering and addressing comments received at the public meeting and during the public comment period the City Council will determine the project option(s) they wish to pursue. A detailed environmental evaluation (draft Environment Information Document) will be performed on the selected alternative. The proposed improvement projects less than \$100,000 are intended to be funded through City Capital Improvement Funds. There are no proposed project improvements for the treatment system.

Alice E. Pegram, City Clerk, City of Homedale
7/20,27/16

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT REGARDING PROPOSED FOUR WAY STOP SIGNAGE AT GRAVEYARD POINT ROAD AND JOHNSTONE ROAD

To: All Interested Persons
Legal notice is hereby given that public comment will be taken on Wednesday, AUGUST

10th at the Homedale Highway District office located at 102 East Colorado Avenue in Homedale at 6 p.m.

Any interested person may appear and show cause whether or not to make a four way stop at the intersection of Graveyard Point Road and Johnstone Road.

The Homedale Highway District Board of Commissioners will then make a decision on whether or not to add the four way stop at said intersection.

Written comment will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 10. Mail to P.O. Box 713, Homedale, ID 83628

HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT

DATED: July 14, 2016

Terri Uria, Secretary
7/20,27;8/3/16

LEIN SALE

Unit E-15 belonging to Crystal Norris, 2919 Collage Ave, Caldwell Idaho 83605, containing 2 tvs. TV hutch, tools, furniture.

Unit H-2 belonging to Victoria Sprague, PO Box 374, Homedale Idaho 83628, containing coffee table, couch, changing table, bunk beds, chest of drawers.

All items to be sold by sealed bit at the Hwy 95 Self Storage, 3685 Hwy 95, Homedale, Idaho 83628 on 07-23-2016, between the hours of 9:00 am and 1:00 pm. All sales are fine and cash only.

7/13,20/16

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

T.S. No. 033323-ID Parcel No. : RPB03000030050A NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE On 10/25/2016 at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), at the OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOBBY, 20381 HIGHWAY 78, MURPHY, ID 83650, in the County of Owyhee, SYDNEY K. LEAVITT, ESQ., a member of the State Bar of Idaho, of ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit: LOT 5 OF BLOCK 3 OF HIDDEN HOLLOW SUBDIVISION, IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER, SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, BOISE MERIDIAN, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: 405 LIVE OAK AVENUE, MARSING, ID 83639, is commonly associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, 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 TAFFETA ENRICO, A MARRIED WOMAN, AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, as Grantor(s), to SUSAN J. ROBINSON, IDAHO ATTORNEY, as Trustee, for the benefit and security

CITY OF GRAND VIEW PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing, pursuant to Idaho Code 50-1002, will be held for consideration of the proposed budget for the 2017 fiscal year (FY 2017) from October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017. The public hearing will be held at City Hall, 425 Boise Ave, Grand View, Idaho at 6:00 pm on Wednesday August 10, 2016. All interested persons are invited to appear and show cause, if any, why such budget should or should not be adopted. Copies of the proposed City budget in detail are available for current charge per copy at City Hall at 425 Boise Ave, Grand View, ID, during regular office hours 9:00 am to 3:30 pm - Monday through Thursday. City Hall is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone desiring accommodations for disabilities to the hearing, contact City Hall at 834-2700 at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing. The proposed FY 2017 budget is shown below as the FY 2017 proposed expenditures and revenues.

Fund Name	EXPENDITURES		
	FY 2015 Actual Expenditures	FY 2016 Budgeted Expenditures	FY 2017 Proposed Expenditures
City General Fund			
Administration	\$67,572	\$72,676	\$81,722
Grants	\$69,005	\$0	\$0
General Fund Total	\$136,577	\$72,676	\$81,722
Parks	\$6,600	\$9,285	\$5,600
Sewer	\$219,366	\$185,800	\$186,028
Street	\$41,518	\$38,030	\$48,228
Water	\$330,360	\$284,332	\$302,923
Grand Total All Funds	\$734,423	\$614,816	\$624,501

Fund Name	REVENUES		
	FY 2015 Actual Revenues	FY 2016 Budgeted Revenues	FY 2017 Proposed Revenues
Property Levy-Taxes			
General	\$34,591	\$34,044	\$35,200
Street	\$15,599	\$18,951	\$19,000
Total Tax Revenue	\$50,191	\$52,995	\$54,200
Other Revenues			
City	\$32,980	\$38,632	\$46,522
Grants	\$69,004	\$0	\$0
Parks	\$6,600	\$7,050	\$5,600
Sewer	\$219,366	\$186,513	\$186,028
Street	\$25,918	\$25,141	\$29,228
Water	\$330,360	\$304,485	\$302,923
Other Revenue	\$684,231	\$561,821	\$570,301
Grand Total All Revenues	\$734,423	\$614,816	\$624,501
Tammy M. Payne City Clerk / Treasurer Publish 07/20/2016 Publish 07/27/2016			

BRUNEAU FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 2016/2017 PROPOSED BUDGET

The public hearing on the proposed Budget for the 2016/2017 fiscal year will be held on August 18th at 7pm. Location of the hearing will be the Bruneau Fire Station.

	2016 Budget	Actual	2017 Budget
Utilities	\$1350	\$761.39	\$1000
Training	\$2500	\$1465	\$2500
Building/Property	\$200	\$291.96	\$950
Equipment			
PPE	\$1750	\$1884.22	\$2000
New Equipment	\$1750	\$1686.60	\$1750
Maint./Consumables	\$2750	\$2425.34	\$2350
Insurance	\$1500	\$1500	\$1500
Administrative	\$200	\$138.67	\$200
QRU Rent	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Total Proposed Budget			\$22,250
Emergency Contingency Fund		\$58,328.57	
Property Tax		\$19,406	
Sales Tax		\$2538	
Ag Replacement		\$160	
Other (Grants, Donations, etc.)		\$3439	
Grand Total Income 2015/2016	\$25,543		
Total Anticipated Income 2016/2017			\$80,578.57
7/20,27/16			

of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC., SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR WMC MORTGAGE CORP., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 2/27/2006, recorded 3/1/2006, as Instrument No. 255388, official records of Owyhee County, Idaho. Please note: The above named Grantors are named to comply with Idaho Code Section 45-1506(4)(a); no representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for the obligation. The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to make monthly payments when due from 5/1/2015 and all subsequent monthly payments thereafter, including installments of principal, interest, impounds, advances, plus any charges lawfully due under the note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust, Deed of Trust and as allowed under Idaho Law. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust as of 6/20/2016 is \$54,715.03 including interest, costs, fees,

including trustee and/or attorney fees and costs, and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation thereunder or in this sale and to protect the security associated with the Deed of Trust, as authorized in the Note, Deed of Trust or as allowed under Idaho Law. Because interest, late charges, fees, costs and expenses continue to accrue, the total amount due varies from day to day. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after receipt of funds to satisfy the debt. For further information, write the Trustee at 4375 Jutland Drive, Ste. 200, San Diego, CA 92117, or call (866)931-0036 DATED: 6/20/16 SYDNEY K. LEAVITT, ESQ., a member of the State Bar of Idaho, of ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP
7/6,13,20,27/16

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On November 10, 2016 at the hour of 11:00AM, of said day, on the steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 20381 State Highway 78 Murphy, ID 83650.

Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashiers check, certified check or tellers check, (from a bank which has a branch in the community at the site of the sale), money order, State of Idaho check or local government check, or cash equivalent in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the same time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit:

Lot 10, Block 3, Big Sky Estates No. One, Part of Government Lot 4, Section 4, Township 3 North, Range 5 WBM, City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof on file and of record as of October 26, 1978 as Instrument No. 156593, in the office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho.

THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE, SECTION 60-113, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE STREET ADDRESS OF: 503 White Cloud Place, Homedale, ID 83628, MAY SOMETIMES BE 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 Veletta M. Gilmore and Ty T. Collins, as Grantor to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as Trustee, for the benefit and security of United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture, (formerly Farmers Home Administration or Rural Economic & Community Development) as Beneficiary, recorded September 29, 1999 as Instrument No. 230012, Mortgage 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 default for which this sale is to be made is failure to:

Make principal and interest payments as set forth on said Deed of Trust and Promissory Note. The original loan amount was \$76,000.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of 7.125% per annum, as evidenced in Promissory Note dated September 29, 1999. Payments are in default for the months of October 2015

through and including May 2016 in the amount of \$551.19 per month and continuing each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reinstatement. The balance now due is \$60,887.39 in Principal; Interest is \$2,757.45, subsidy granted is \$54,407.04, and fees currently assessed are \$1,428.06 computed through May 17, 2016 with interest accruing thereafter at the daily rate of \$12.1476. In addition to the above, there is also due any late charges, advances, escrow collection fees, attorney fees, fees or costs associated with this foreclosure.

The balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$115,294.43, excluding interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder or in this sale, as trustee's fees and/or reasonable attorney's fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

Dated: July 7, 2016

Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., By: Melissa Ambriz, Trust Officer 877-947-1553 File No.: 315246 / Customer Ref No. CSC Account No 14987448

This communication is on behalf of a debt collector and is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

7/20,27;8/3,10/16

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Tuesday, the 8th day of November, 2016, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m. of said day in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, Ryan M. Fawcett, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 2 of Block 4 of Hidden Hollow Subdivision, situate in the SWSW, Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho.

The Successor Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 405 Mountain View Dr., Marsing, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by PATRICIA NIELSEN, an Unmarried Woman, Grantor, to Ryan M. Fawcett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security

of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., recorded May 30, 2014, as Instrument No. 283983, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho; and assigned to the IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION by Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded on June 27, 2016, as Instrument No. 290059, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTOR IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506 (4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT SHE IS, OR IS NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, monthly installment payments under the Deed of Trust Note dated May 29, 2014, in the amount of \$435.00 each, for the months of February through June, 2016, inclusive; and for each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reimbursement. All delinquent payments are now due, plus accumulated late charges, plus any costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure. The accrued interest is at the rate of 3.625% per annum from January 1, 2016. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$60,474.69, plus accrued interest at the rate of 3.625% per annum from January 1, 2016.

DATED This 8th day of July, 2016.

RYAN M. FAWCETT, a Member of the Idaho State Bar, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE

7/20,27;8/3,10/16

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO: Timothy Romaine, You have been sued by Charlene Romaine, the plaintiff, in the District Court in and for Owyhee County, Idaho, Case No. CV2016-947-H.

The nature of the claim against you is for Divorce.

Any time after 20 days following the last publication of this Summons, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the case number, and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at: 31 W Wyoming, Homedale, ID 83628 Phone 208-337-4540 and served a copy of your response on the other party, whose mailing address and telephone number are: PO Box 983, Marsing, ID 83639 / 208-509-9744

A copy of the Summons and Complaint/Motion can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the other party. If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.

Date: June 2, 2016

Owyhee County District Court, By: Cindy Chaves, Deputy Clerk

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