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Commissioners OK Owyhee Initiative

Commission
sign-off opens
door for Crapo

Five years of work is winding down this week as the Owyhee Initiative was approved by the county commissioners Monday. Now it will be up to U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) to work the agreement into legislative language to take it to Washington D.C.

Initiative Chairman Fred Grant said that Friday the Work Group met and agreed on the final draft of a compensation package that will reimburse private property owners for access to wilderness and or

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Monday's meeting
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Initiative chairman

Owyhee Initiative Chairman Fred Grant points out the location of 15 landowners affected by the proposal's wilderness or wild and/or scenic rivers designation during Monday's meeting in Murphy. The Owyhee County commissioners unanimously approved the Initiative, clearing the way for its return to Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho).

Ballots fill up; filing deadline looms Friday

Friday is the last day to declare candidacy for this year's election. The primary will be held on May 23 and the general election will be held on Nov. 7.

As of Monday, Brett Endicott, assessor, Brenda Richards, treasurer, Charlotte Sherburn, county clerk, and Harvey Grimme, coroner, had filed their petitions. Sherburn said petitions normally are received on the final filing date.

Several candidates have announced their intentions to seek local offices for county commissioner in District 3 and in District 1, assessor, treasurer, clerk and coroner.

Dick Reynolds announced his intention to seek another term as District 3 commissioner. Chris Salove said he will not seek another term as the District 1 commissioner, but three hopefuls have thrown their hats into the ring.

Rancher Jerry Hoagland, former clerk Jim Huntley and rancher Chris Collett announced their candidacies during the Republicans' Lincoln Day banquet last month in Marsing. Nick Ihli also said during the luncheon that he will run against Reynolds.

Collett is the first female Republican candidate to run for the office. Deloris Ihli made a bid as a Democrat in the 1980s.

Gene Winchester, a former candidate for state representative and state controller, said he will run against Endicott for county assessor.

As of Monday, no independent or Democratic candidate has announced campaign plans in Owyhee County.

In the state race, longtime District 23 Representative Frances Field said she will retire this

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South Board manager battle drags on

**Investigator hired
to scrutinize
board's conduct**

The battle over hiring a South Board of Control manager came to a head last week with the submission of two resolutions and the appointments of another attorney and an investigator to look into the background of the South Board of Control.

About 20 people filled the small meeting room in the basement of the South Board of Control Office March 7 in Homedale, with most

hoping they could give their view of whether South Board manager Rex Barrie should or should not be hired for another year.

The issue has been ongoing since the end of last year, when some members say the manager's appointment should have been done. But in January, the Ridgeview and Gem districts and the South Board entered into executive session over the matter, and the South Board never terminated its executive session. South Board attorney Bruce Smith said recently that because the matter is a personnel issue, it couldn't be discussed

during public meetings and the South Board would remain in executive session until the issue is resolved. But last week, the issue was openly discussed.

The meeting began with the Ridgeview Irrigation District board presenting a resolution to the South Board to approve Barrie's re-appointment.

"Ridgeview gave this resolution to Gem Irrigation, and now we are giving it to South Board," Ridgeview Chairman Rod Price told the board. "This resolution was made during the Jan. 27 executive session and was given to Gem Irrigation for their

consideration.

"Ridgeview does hereby support a contract of employment for Mr. Barrie as manager of the South Board of Control for the term of three years at his 2005 salary plus 3 percent approved in October 2005 for '06, '07, and 2008 salary an amount to be determined by South Board. Ridgeview further takes this opportunity to express its appreciation to Mr. Barrie for his commitment and dedication to Ridgeview and the South Board

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Water managers struggle with extra flows

Irrigation season could start as early as Monday

Local water managers are keeping an eye on the weather and on reservoir storage in the Owyhee Project as they try to cope with this year's high runoff, which has brought water levels to the banks of most rivers, streams and reservoirs.

Rex Barrie, manager for the South Board of Control, told board members during a irrigation district meeting last week that the Joint Board could approve filling local canals as soon as next Tuesday. But he said he would suggest that the board not approve opening the South Board District until April 1.

Owyhee Reservoir has been spilling water through the dam at maximum amounts for nearly a month through jet valves and the power plant. Although levels have not increased enough to spill over the glory hole, inflows continue to be higher than the discharge of about 2,300 cubic feet per second last week.

Owyhee Irrigation District Manager Jay Chamberlin said the ring gate on the glory hole is at its lowest position and the lake would need to rise several more feet to go over the rim. He said he expects that to happen sometime this week.

Storage in the reservoir had reached more than 600,000 acre-feet, but officials began discharging water to make room for a minimum estimate of 700,000 acre-feet runoff that is expected this spring.

"Today, Tuesday, we show 565,000 acre-feet in the reservoir," Barrie told the board at its March 7 meeting. "We had 200,280 acre-feet at this time last year. We have a watershed that is at 137 percent of average, and the current



Water season begins

Crews from the South Board of Control work on a silt pond near the Idaho-Oregon border in preparation for this year's irrigation season. The Joint Board was to meet Tuesday to decide if water will be turned on Monday or if the season will begin on April 1.

forecasted runoff is expected to be about 700,000 acre-feet of runoff if we do not get any more precipitation between now and the end of July."

Barrie said the Joint Committee is considering putting water into the canals Monday to generate power and to possibly alleviate some problems with potential downstream flooding below the dam. He said the district's concern is what they will be able to do with the water in the canals.

"We would have to have men riding ditch to take care of things. We will see potentially increased weed issues, and any number of things that can happen," Barrie told the board. "We would have to look at taking 200 cfs and spill it. In order to spill it, we would have to spill at Succor Creek and Jump Creek. The next venue would be to take it on around and dump it in the Snake River."

Barrie said the Joint Board was

scheduled to meet Tuesday to hear concerns about taking water early. Results of that meeting were not available at press time.

Barrie said Succor Creek and Jump Creek were designed to drain a canal in the event of a failure, the creeks could handle an increase in flow for a short time. He said Succor Creek would have a flow of about 300 cfs and Jump Creek would have about 125 cfs with the extra water from the reservoir.

"But keep in mind that those systems were not designed for prolonged use," Barrie said. "They weren't designed to run (at) 100 cfs or 150 cfs for 30 days or 25 days, whatever the case may be. The downstream impacts from that won't be noticeable downstream on Succor Creek, I believe. We would have to monitor Jump Creek pretty closely to see how much we could keep down there."

"Joint Board has to have 600 cfs to run the turbines," Rod Price Chairman for the Ridgeview Irrigation District said. "That means we would take 200 (cfs) and they would take 400 cfs. I think we should come up with some kind of agreements to take back to Joint Board as to whether we agree that we will take that water or that we won't."

"We will not be able to irrigate with that water; it is just to relieve the system. To me, 600 acre-feet isn't going to change much. I would suggest that the South Board go back and decline turning the water on that early."

Barrie told the board that the local system is normally ready for water by April 1, so if the Joint Board chose to release water then, the system would be ready for it.

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Woman charged in JV theft

Suspect found dining in stranger's home

As a 29-year-old Washington woman sat eating at the home of a stranger, Malheur County Sheriff's Deputies and Owyhee County back country deputy George Reed were searching for her in connection with the theft of a pickup truck

earlier that day. Deputies arrested Sarah Odle without incident when they found her eating at the kitchen table in Jim Zatica's home.



Sarah Odle

Undersheriff Brian Wolfe said Jordan Valley resident Mike Hanley called the Malheur County Sheriff's Office at about 4 p.m. on March 6 to report that someone had taken an older pickup that he uses to feed his animals. Wolfe said the sheriff's office had been conducting a community forum in the city, so several deputies were available to try to locate the vehicle.

"About the same time, George Reed from Owyhee County had told one of my deputies that he received a report of a suspicious person stopping at some of the local ranches," Wolfe said. "She was driving a small car with Washington plates, and he had seen it pull into Mike Hanley's driveway. The Jordan Valley deputies went to Hanley's to speak to him and a few minutes later they received the report of the vehicle theft."

As deputies were speaking to Hanley, his missing pickup was found in the driveway of Zatica's home. Wolfe said Odle was located inside the residence.

"Jim was in another room," Wolfe said. "She parked Mike's pickup in the driveway, went into the kitchen and just started eating his food. She had been in another home earlier in the day saying she was looking for her mother."

Wolfe said Zatica stated that he had never seen the woman before. Odle was taken into custody, but Wolfe said she was not very cooperative.

"She didn't fight us, but she was very unreasonable," he said.

The vehicle was returned to Hanley, and Wolfe said Odle's vehicle was located not far from Hanley's home. He said Odle is being charged with unauthorized use of a vehicle, a felony, and criminal trespass in the first degree, a misdemeanor. He said Wednesday that Odle was being held on a \$15,000 bond and she was to be arraigned on Friday.

No further information was available Monday.

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Former Homedale resident dies after Caldwell stabbing

A former Homedale man was stabbed to death in east Caldwell early Saturday morning during an altercation that also sent a Caldwell man to the hospital.

Canyon County Sheriff’s deputies responded to the 10000 block of Linden Road on a suspicious circumstances call and found Tyler Gorley, 23, and Stephen Maylin, 26, injured from stab wounds.

Sheriff’s deputies said once on scene, it was discovered that two subjects had been stabbed during an altercation.

Gorley was transported by ambulance to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead at 7:20 a.m. Stephen Maylin, was taken to West Valley Medical Center in Caldwell, where he was listed in stable condition.

Family members said Monday that Gorley was born in Jordan Valley and later moved to Homedale with his family where he attended Homedale High School.

Canyon County Sheriff’s Capt. Dana Maxfield said Monday that Gorley and Maylin apparently had been stabbed in a vehicle near a home on Linden. He said the two men were attempting to go to the home for help.

The circumstances leading up to the assault are still under investigation.

Clayton Adams, 22, of Caldwell, was arrested in connection with the incident and is being held in the Canyon County Detention Center on charges of first-degree murder, aggravated battery and attempted robbery.

Adams was arraigned on Monday, and a preliminary hearing has been set. The date for that hearing was not available at press time.

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√ Initiative

wild and scenic rivers. He said the extent of the package has been concluded, now it is up to the senator.

Grant said that 15 landowners and ranchers are affected by wilderness and or wild and scenic river designation and have made offers to dispose of private in-holdings and or adjacent land, grazing preference rights, investment interests and other private rights and interests to grant conservation or right-of-way easements. He said the Initiative is now ready to be given to Crapo for legislative wording.

Lane Bangeter (?) (check spelling) from Crapo’s office was handed a notebook of the Initiative to take to the senator this week. Bangeter said he could not offer a timeline of what will happen next until the initiative is read in its entirety and the senator is briefed on Monday’s meeting.

“The landowner offers include 560 acres of private in-holdings to be sold outright and 2,059 acres of private in-holdings and/or adjacent land to be exchanged for federal land near base ranch properties,” Grant told the board. “In addition, a conservation-shed easement is offered on 1,540 acres of private land in or adjacent to proposed wilderness. The landowner offers include public rights-of-way across private land to wilderness or wild and scenic rivers at seven important access points. In total, the offered private lands would increase the wilderness acreage by 1,771 acres.”

Grant said in addition the acquisition of private inholdings will assure access at three additional locations. The landowner offers will preserve a total of 4,159 acres of land in or adjacent to wilderness in its natural state in perpetuity.

“Landowners have expressed an interest in acquiring up to 37,000 acres of Federal land depending upon the appraised values applied,” Grant said.

Chris Salove moved to approve the package as it was written. Dick Reynolds seconded the motion and Hal Tolmie agreed.

— CAB

Homedale reduces punishment for first dog license violations

After a glut of citations caused problems with the court system, the Homedale City Council voted last week to amend the city’s ordinance on dog licensing.

Police issued more than 25 citations last month to pet owners who violated the ordinance by not getting their dogs licensed. The first offense carried a misdemeanor charge and possible jail time before Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller urged the council to amend the ordinance during last Wednesday’s council meeting.

“My suggestion to the mayor and council is to amend the ordinance that the first offense be deemed an infraction and a fine is no more than \$100 and no less than \$75 be assessed,” Eidemiller told the council.

Council members approved amendment of the ordinance.

“The police department has issued numerous violations for unlicensed dogs,” Eidemiller told the council. “In turn, it has caused problems within the punitive portion of the ordinance. Any violation of the ordinance is deemed a misdemeanor, which if followed by Idaho sentencing guidelines, could lead to the possibility of jail time, probation for the violation as well as fines.

“I have met with Judge (Thomas) Ryan and Mayor (Paul) Fink, and we all agree that the city is not in favor of incarcerating people or placing them on probation for no dog license for the first offense.”

Fink said that Judge Ryan “is not inclined” to impose more than a \$75 fine for a first offense. The court keeps \$72.50 for court costs, and the city receives \$2.50.

Eidemiller said the process of carrying out the misdemeanor charge ate up whatever revenue the city received.

“By the time the violation is detected, a registered letter is sent, the many follow-up duties and clerical duties are taken care of, the city will have about \$3 into a \$2.50 fine,” he said. “The taxpayers that are following the rules are paying for those who are not.

Eidemiller said the second and third offense should be left as a misdemeanor and punishment left up to the discretion of the judge. The city will receive a minimum of \$33 per violation. Court costs will be slashed because first-time offenders won’t be required to appear in front of a judge.

“Enforcement is the last option,” Eidemiller said. “We hope that everyone will follow the ordinances, and we don’t have to enforce them.”

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Homedale juniors honored as scholars

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Vance and Price are both ranked at the top of their class, having carried 4.0 grade-point averages for the first seven semesters of their high school career.

Vance, who lives in Homedale, and Price, a resident of Wilder, were among 400 students statewide to be singled out by Boise State University. They now are eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship to attend BSU.

Vance and Price and the other recipients will be honored at an April 3 event on the BSU campus in Boise.

Vance is a returning state meet qualifier for the Homedale High School track and field team. Price's extra-curricular activities include volunteering to assist patients with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease.

All Idaho high school juniors who score in the top 10 percent of the ACT, SAT or PSAT and rank in the top 10 percent of their high school class are recognized as Boise State Capital Scholars. The cut-off scores to qualify in

the top 10 percent of the college entrance exams are: 27 or higher on the ACT, 1220 or higher on the critical reading and math sections of the SAT, or 122 or higher on the critical reading and math sections of the PSAT.

"The Capital Scholars program is designed to keep our top students in state for their college education with scholarship assistance," said BSU President Bob Kustra. "Last fall, Boise State welcomed its highest academically qualified freshman class in school history. We are continuing our efforts to attract the best and brightest students in Idaho."

The April 3 event will include campus tours, discussions with academic deans, and demonstrations highlighting research and teaching. Activities culminate with an evening dinner, keynote speaker and awards program where students will receive the \$1,000 scholarship to Boise State. Capital Scholars must attend the April 3 program in Boise to receive the one-time scholarship sponsored by the Boise State Bookstore.

This is the second year for the Capital Scholars program. In 2005, more than 350 students were identified statewide as Capital Scholars.



Bonnie Price



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of Control.”

Price said Thursday that the resolution was not approved as a motion, it was agreed on by the members of the board and given to Gem for consideration. But the “recommendation” didn’t seem to make an impact on at least half of the members of the Gem board.

The tension continued when South Board of Control meeting began immediately after the Gem Irrigation meeting.

As the South Board meeting began, several members of the public addressed board members on the issue of Barrie’s re-appointment.

Irrigator Dave Shenk said he was appalled by the action of the board and could not understand what the hold up was. He suggested that if the board could not continue to work together, some members should step aside and let someone else do it.

When South Board Chairman Steve Nash asked the board for a motion to approve paying the bills for South Board of Control, board member Tim Leavitt answered the request by saying he would move to pay the bills, except for the salary of South Board’s manager.

Dale Chrz seconded the motion, which failed when only Leavitt and Chrz voted for it. Nash and board members Dan Felty, Rod Price and Elmon Thompson were opposed.

Discussion continued on the matter for nearly three hours before the board moved to go into executive session to address legal issues and the personnel issue. Leavitt removed himself from the meeting, telling board members that he wanted no part of the executive session if the personnel issue was going to be discussed.

After the executive session, Price made a motion to hire an investigator to look into the conduct and practices of the South Board of Control. Price said in an interview Thursday that he could not release details of the investigation because of its nature. He did say several will be looked at, but budget or monetary issues are not factors in the investigation.

On Thursday, Nash and Price agreed that Barrie would continue as South Board manager until a final decision was made. Nash said Barrie would continue his role because he has not been terminated.

“As chairman, I think Rex is doing a good job,” Nash said, and Price agreed. “He always comes to the board with issues and keeps us very informed. I

don’t know the exact reason for the disagreement. Things happen differently in executive session than they do in open meeting.”

Price added that although the Ridgeview board only has one vote in the South Board of Control, all the members of the district agree that Barrie should be re-appointed.

Gem Irrigation Board could hire its own attorney

During the Gem Irrigation District meeting on March 7, board member Tim Leavitt moved that the district hire an attorney who would specifically represent Gem. After much discussion, the motion passed.

“I just feel that the district needs some representation separate from the South Board of Control’s representation,” Leavitt told the board. “As a lot of people know, and probably the whole state of Idaho, we have a situation here and have had for a couple of months, that has almost made it impossible to conduct business in an orderly fashion. The manager has never been appointed in almost two months.”

South Board Chairman Steve Nash stated that before he entertained Leavitt’s motion, he wanted to understand exactly what Leavitt was seeking. Nash said his understanding was South Board hires one attorney to represent all of the districts.

“Furthermore, we have never brought (this) to the rest of the board. You did this on your own,” Nash said. “I don’t agree that this is the way it is set up in our contract.”

Nash was concerned about who would pay the attorney’s salary, and Leavitt said — if approved — the Gem Irrigation District would pay the attorney’s salary. But Connie Chadez, the secretary-treasurer for Gem, Ridgeview and South Board, said Wednesday that the Gem District does not have money in its budget for an attorney. She said she did not know where the funds would come from.

Leavitt also stated he didn’t know how much the contract would cost the district.

“I don’t know what it costs, ask this man over here what he charges,” Leavitt said, pointing to South Board attorney Bruce Smith.

Leavitt said he had contacted Bryce Ferris, a Boise attorney, to represent the Gem Irrigation District.

The motion passed 3-2. Nash and Dan Felty voted against the motion, and Leavitt, Elmon Thompson and Dale Chrz voted in favor.

— CAB

✓ Election

year. Twin Falls Democrat Pete Rickards announced publicly last week that he will seek Field’s position in Seat A. Twin Falls Republican Jim Patrick has filed with the Secretary of State’s office his intention to seek Field’s position, too.

Tom Gannon has filed to run for the state Senate seat from District 23, and Bert Brackett filed his intention to seek election to District 23 Representative Seat B. Brackett, a Republican from Rogerson, was appointed to replace Doug Jones, who stepped down last year.

Sherburn said petitions also have been received for positions on the Republican Central Committee. In Owyhee County, 12 committee positions are filled every four years. On Monday, Sherburn said the following people had filed: Steve Schultz, incumbent, south Homedale precinct; Tangie Frisch, incumbent, Murphy; Shawn Dygert, Murphy; Endicott, incumbent, south Marsing; and Joan Mason, incumbent, north Homedale.

Sherburn stressed the importance for people to get to polling places for the May 23 Primary.

“It is very important in Owyhee County for voters to get out and vote during the primaries in May,” County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn said. “Most of the time our elections are basically decided in May, not in November.”

Former Homedale resident Fred Wood will make a run at state House of Representative in a bid to replace retiring Bruce Newcomb in Seat B of District 27. A retired physician in Burley, Wood grew up on a farm in Homedale.

— CAB

Irrigation board spots on ballot, too

Two battling irrigation district members are up for election this year, but in the midst of scandal at least one of them says he doesn’t know if he will seek another term.

Gem Irrigation District Chairman Steve Nash said last week that he is undecided if he will seek another term. Tim Leavitt said “at this time” he does plan to seek another term. Leavitt stated that he felt he has unfinished business in the district.

Nash was elected in 2000 and took office in January 2001. Leavitt has been on the board for three years.

The deadline to file a petition of candidacy with the district is 5 p.m. on Oct. 18 at 5 p.m. Both seats will be decided during the Nov. 7 general election.

Who’s running?

- Candidates who have filed paperwork for political offices with the Secretary of State’s office as of Monday. The primary election is May 23:
- Congress**
First District
Larry Grant (D)
Cecil Kelly III (D)
R. Skipper “Skip” Brandt (R)
Keith Johnson (R)
Bill Sali (R)
Sheila Sorensen (R)
Robert Vasquez (R)
Second District
Mike Simpson (R)
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Ron G. Crane (R)
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Lawrence G. Wasden (R)
Superintendent of Public Instruction
Tom Luna (R)
Supreme Court Justice
Dan Eismann
Appellate Court Judge
Darrel R. Perry
Third District Judge
Gregory M. Culet
James C. Morfitt
Juneal C. Kerrick
Renae J. Hoff
Stephen W. Drescher
State Legislature District 23
State Senator
Tom Gannon (R)
State representative Seat A
Peter Rickards (D)
Jim Patrick (R)
Seat B
Bert Brackett (R)

Primary election calendar

- registration is available.
- May 1**
- Last day to submit initiative petition signatures to County Clerk. This date is dependent upon when 18-month circulation period started.
- May 9**
- Last day for declaration of intent to be filed by write-in candidates.
- May 11**
- First notice of Primary Election to be published.
- May 17**
- 5 p.m. deadline for county clerk to receive applications for mail-in absentee ballot.
- May 18**
- Last day for county clerk to receive written requests for the purpose of authorizing persons to act as watchers and challengers at the polling place.
 - Second notice of Primary Election to be published. (Sec. 34-602, Idaho Code) Facsimile sample ballot should be published at this time.
- May 22**
- 5 p.m. deadline for in-person absentee voting at the absent elector’s polling place.
- May 23**
- 8 p.m. deadline to return absentee ballots
 - **Primary Election** — Polls open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Note — At county clerk’s option, polling places may be opened at 7 a.m. (Sec. 34-1101, Idaho Code)
- County clerk’s office to remain open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Note** — The General Election will be held Nov. 7.
- Friday**
- 5 p.m. deadline to file declarations of candidacy
- Monday**
- Last day for Secretary of State to certify candidates to Legislative District and State Central Committees.
 - Last day for County Clerk to certify candidates to County Central Committees.
- March 24**
- Last day for precinct committeemen to supply list for precinct election personnel.
- March 27**
- Last day for Secretary of State to certify candidates to County Clerk.
- April 1**
- Last day for County Commissioners to designate mail ballot precincts.
- April 3**
- County Clerk to appoint election personnel.
- April 10**
- Last day for political parties to supply the name of its county chairman or alternate to County Clerk in order to have witnesses accompany county clerk or deputy clerk.
 - Last day a candidate may withdraw before the Primary.
- April 13**
- Last day for Secretary of State to provide form of sample Primary Election ballot.
- April 24**
- Last day for County Commissioners to designate polling places prior to Primary Election.
- April 28**
- Last day for elector to pre-register for the Primary Election. Election Day

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Obituary

Robert W. ‘Bob’ Harris

Robert W. “Bob” Harris, 534 Boyer Ave., Walla Walla, Washington passed away March 10, 2006 at the Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla at the age of 91 years. Graveside services will be Monday, March 20, 2006 at 11:00 A.M. at the Riverside Cemetery in Grand View, Idaho with Pastor John Curtis officiating. Friends and family that wish to pay their respects may call at the funeral home Saturday 1-5 P.M. and 7-9 P.M. Memorial contributions may be made to the Owyhee Historical Society, Grand View Senior Center, or the charity of the donor’s choice through the Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home, 902 S. Main, Milton-Freewater, Oregon 97862.

Mr. Harris was born September 17, 1914 in Riverside, Idaho the son of Warner and Edna Harsin Harris. He attended schools in the Grand View Valley and graduated from Grand View High School in 1934. In 1941 he married Lora Jane Dobbin and they purchased a farm in Grand View, Idaho where they lived until Lora’s death in 1972. In 1974 he married Margaret J. Bachman and they resided in Grand View until poor health prompted a move to the



Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla, Washington in December 2000. Margaret passed away in November 2004. Mr. Harris was a “hand.” As a young man he was a working cowhand and was considered an expert horseman and gifted with a rope. His lifelong interest in the western way of life influenced many of his avocations and interests, and as long as he was on the farm, he always had a “little bunch of cows.” He had a touch with animals and small children

and was Uncle Bob or Grandpa Bob to many. He created many an anxious mom by tossing a toddler up on a horse. Mr. Harris enjoyed historical society trips and helping with school groups. He liked taking a drive, his association with his lodge, and “posse’n.” He also took pleasure in fishing, hunting, roping, community events and athletic contests. He was a member of the I.O.O.F Lodge for 58 years, the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Posse, Owyhee County CalfRopers when they sponsored the former Grand View Rodeo, the Owyhee County Cattlemen’s Association, the Owyee County Historical Society and the Grand View Senior Citizens.

He is survived by 2 sons and daughters-in-law Lynn and Carol Harris of Athena, Oregon, Larry and Helena Harris, a daughter and son-in-law Suzanne and Tedd DeLong of Prescott Valley, Arizona, 2 step-sons and their wives Wayne and Joann Bachman of Craigmont, Idaho, Merle and Marge Bachman of Marsing, Idaho, a sister Treva Malmstrom of Orange, California, numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

School menus

March 16-22

Homedale Elementary

- March 16: Spaghetti or hot pocket, French bread, green beans, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- March 17: Half ham/cheese or turkey sandwich, yogurt, veggie, granola, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- March 20: Beef wiener wrap or chicken pot pie, mac & cheese, green beans, rice krispie treat, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- March 21: Beef or chicken taco w/lettuce, cheese, tomatoes, corn, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- March 22: No school.

Homedale Middle

- March 16: Pizza or popcorn chicken, salad, fruit bar, cookie, milk.
- March 17: Nachos or baked potato, fruit & veggie bar, milk, rice krispie treat.
- March 20: Chicken patty or rib-b-que, tots, fruit bar, cookie, milk.
- March 21: Sloppy Joe or wiener wrap, green beans, fruit bar, animal crackers, milk.
- March 22: Beef or chicken taco, corn, fruit bar, fruit roll-up, milk.
- March 23: Chicken tenders or chicken-fried beef steak, potatoes/ gravy, roll, fruit bar, milk.

Homedale High

- March 16: Chicken patty or sandwich & soup, potato wedges, fruit & veggie bar, milk, dessert.
- March 17: Crispito or rib-b-que/bun, corn, taco salad, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- March 20: Pizza, popcorn chicken or chef’s salad, fruit & veggie bar, milk, dessert.
- March 21: County fried beef steak or chicken filet, potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- March 22: Spaghetti or burrito, French bread, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- March 23: Chicken patty or hamburger/bun, potato wedges, fruit & veggie bar, milk, dessert.

Marsing

- March 16: Texas fries, veggie, fruit, milk, chicken fajitas, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.
- March 17: Corn dog, fruited jello, veggie, milk, sub sandwich, salad bar 4th-12th.
- March 20: No school.
- March 21: Nachos w/toppings, refried beans, fruit, milk, pizza, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.
- March 22: Soup & sandwiches, veggie, fruit, milk, burritos, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.
- March 23: Waffles, scrambled eggs & ham, strawberries, milk, hamburger, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.

Bruneau

- March 16: Burritos, rice, veggie, fruit, milk.
- March 17-24: Spring break.

Death notice

TYLER CRAIG GORLEY, 23, ofCaldwell, formerly ofJordan Valley, died Saturday, March 11, 2006, at a Boise hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 16, 2006 at the United Methodist Church, Jordan Valley, Oregon. Interment will follow at the Jordan Valley Cemetery.

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Calendar

Saturday

- Homedale High School Drama Club plays, The Marriage Proposal and What Women Want Most, 7 p.m., Homedale High School Band Room, \$2. (208) 337-4613
- Arena Valley Circle community auction and raffle, 7:30 p.m., Arena Valley Hall on Arena Valley Road, 4 miles west of Wilder. (208) 482-7219

Wednesday

- Foot clinic, 9 a.m., Marsing Senior Center, 218 W. Main St. (208) 896-4634
- Adrian High School Senior Citizen Luncheon, open to all ages, 1 p.m., free. Adrian school cafeteria, 202 High Street, Adrian, Ore. (541) 372-2335

Friday

- Owyhee County Historical Society general meeting, 7 p.m., Owyhee County Historical Museum, Murphy

Sunday

- Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13 scholarship breakfast, 8:30 a.m., \$5 donation, Silver City Masonic Lodge, 19 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4466

Thursday, March 23

- Free dental clinic for low-income seniors, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m, Marsing Senior Center, 218 W. Main St. (208) 896-4634

Wednesday, March 29

- Easter crafts lessons, 12:30 p.m., Marsing Senior Center, 218 W. Main St. (208) 896-4634

Submit information to The Owyhee Avalanche bynoonFridays. Drop off: Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale; Mail: P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628; Fax: (208) 337-4867; E-mail them to jbrowneditor@cablone.net or cherylbeeson@cablone.net. For information, call (208) 337-4861.



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Dear Dave,

Where's a good place to keep the money I'm saving to pay cash for a car? I have about \$4,000 set aside now and was wondering if there's anywhere you can put it that will earn a little more interest than an average savings account?

— Paul via e-mail

Dear Paul,

I'd recommend a money market account with a mutual fund company. It's not going to earn you a whole lot more than a regular savings account, but some savings accounts are paying as little as 2 percent right now. In a money market account with a mutual fund company, you could get maybe 4 percent, and when you're saving money, every penny counts!

Never go directly to a mutual fund, though, unless you plan to leave the money alone for at least five years.

— Dave

Dear Dave,

I'm getting married to a wonderful man, but his 18-year old daughter from a previous marriage is very irresponsible. He is generous to a fault, and she takes advantage of this. She doesn't want to make her own car payments and doesn't want to work. Lots of days, she sleeps until noon and just lies around the house. He agrees that he's been too lenient and that she needs to grow up, but doesn't want to pull the rug out from under her.

— Kelly

Dear Kelly,

There are two problems here. One is financial in nature, and the other is a lack of boundaries. And you're walking face-first into both of them.

Marriage counselors will tell you if you can agree on four things — religion, money, children and in-laws — then you've got a good chance of having a successful marriage. You've got two of these yanking your chain right now — money and children — and they're both wrapped up in one spoiled little girl. If you and Dad really want to show her that you love her, you'll make sure she starts learning some character and discipline. Otherwise, she'll be looking for a sugar daddy the rest of her life.

I'd strongly suggest that you and your fiancé go through pre-marital counseling to make sure you're on the same page on this and other issues. You might want to read the book "Boundaries" by Dr. Henry Cloud. Then, the two of you will have some tools to sit down and create a reasonable timeline for her re-education. Her dad needs to present this to her — you don't want to be the evil stepmother — and explain that he's made some mistakes by not requiring her to grow up and learn self-sufficiency. Then he



can lay out the ground rules and a monthly timetable.

It wouldn't be cruel to require her to get a job during the first month, along with getting out of bed by 8 a.m. every day. During the second month, you could also require her to do some work around the house to help out. During month three, she could be required to pay rent. This way, you're stepping up the expectations gradually to the sixth or seventh month when she's moving out and taking care of her own responsibilities. But right now, this little bird's wings aren't very strong. You've got to strengthen her up a little before you push her out of the nest.

It's all about love, Kelly. But it's also about boundaries and expectations that will prepare children to function in the real world.

— Dave

Dear Dave,

We give our 5-year-old little jobs to do and earn money, but when I ask him how much he wants to put aside and give to the church, he said "None, it's my money!" How strict should I be about my 5-year-old and giving to the church?

— Andrea

Dear Andrea,

Well, we don't want to run Hitler's Boot Camp for Money. At 5 years old, wanting to hang on to everything you have is natural. In someone our age, it's a spiritual disease, so you have to approach each situation differently.

But this is a wonderful teaching moment, and not just from a financial perspective. I'd be tempted to sit down with the little guy and explain to him that while it's his money, it's not really his money. It's God's money. The Bible says "the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof." In other words, the whole thing belongs to God. We're just here to manage it for Him.

There are at least three things God wants us to do with money. He wants us to spend some on ourselves, because God likes to give his kids good gifts. He also wants us to save money. The Bible says wise people save money. And No. 3, He wants us to give. God doesn't NEED our money, but when we give to further His kingdom we're not being so self-centered and it changes us for the better.

— Dave

— Have a question for Dave? Send correspondence to syndication@daveramsey.com or write Dave Says, 1749 Mallory Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027

Senior news

Homedale Senior Center

March 16: Corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, roll, milk.
March 21: Baked ham, yams, green beans, roll, milk
March 22: Country fried steak, potatoes/gravy, broccoli, roll, milk.

Marsing Senior Center

March 16: Corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, green beans, salad, soup, dessert, drink.
March 20: Roasted chicken, potatoes/gravy, squash, bean salad, soup, dessert, drink.
March 21: Spaghetti, salad, beets, garlic bread, soup, dessert, drink.
March 22: Roast beef, potatoes/gravy, California veggies, pea salad, soup, dessert, drink.

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Brand inspector for Owyhee set to retire

Brand Inspector Chuck Hall will retire after serving the citizens of Elmore and Owyhee counties for 24 years. An open house is planned to honor Hall at 1:30 p.m. March 25 at the Bruneau American Legion.

Hall says he is a fourth-generation cowboy from Bruneau, who always has had a passion for the livestock industry.

In 1982, he accepted a position as a deputy brand inspector for the State of Idaho, and after graduating from the Idaho State Peace Officer's Academy, he served the citizens in both Elmore and Owyhee counties.

During his career, he investigated many cases involving livestock theft, which resulted in numerous arrests.

He says the highlight of his career has been serving the greatest people in the world, the



Chuck Hall
cattleman and livestock owners of southwest Idaho.
Hall plans to retire on April 1.

Homedale native returns to give program on mining camp music



Playing the part
Former Homedale resident Rob McIntyre, dressed in period clothing, returns home Saturday to present a program on the music of Idaho's 19th century mining camps. Submitted photo

The Gold Rush attracted more than just miners to Silver City and the Boise Basin. Dozens of musicians found employment in the saloons, dance halls and theaters of Idaho in the 1800s.

Rob McIntyre, a music teacher who grew up in Homedale and formerly taught in Adrian, Ore., will return to the area to present a program called, "Miner Melodies: Pioneer Music of Silver City and the Boise Basin."

The program will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant, 18 W. 1st St. The event is free, and refreshments will be served.

This program is sponsored by the Homedale Public Library, and is made possible by funding from the Idaho Humanities Council, the state-based affiliate of the national Endowment for the Humanities.

RSVP to 337-4228 between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. during the week, so enough chairs and refreshments are available.

McIntyre graduated from Northwest Nazarene College in 1987. He taught choral and instrumental music in public schools in Idaho and Oregon. He received his masters degree in music from the University of Idaho in 1993. For his thesis, he surveyed musical activity in the mining camps of Idaho.

During his research, McIntyre sought out descendants of pioneer musicians to collect information about their musical ancestors, as well as historic photos. His presentation includes a slide show and recordings of the music.

McIntyre currently teaches music in the Athena-Weston School District in Oregon.

Silver City Masons hold benefit breakfast for scholarship fund

The Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13 will hold a breakfast to benefit its scholarship fund from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

The all-you-can-eat meal, which is available for a \$5 donation, take place at the Masonic Lodge at 19

W. Idaho Ave., in Homedale.

Proceeds from the breakfast go to the Masons' fund-raising efforts for schools in Homedale, Marsing, Parma and Wilder.

For more information, call Bill Shaw at (208) 337-4466.

Owyhee FFA teams wage donkey basketball battle

Members from Homedale FFA will square off with their counterparts from the Marsing chapter Monday for the Donkey Basketball championship.

Teams will compete on the backs of burros for the title of best beast player.

The FFA fund-raiser tips off at 7 p.m. inside the Homedale High School gymnasium.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for children 7 to 12 years old and \$3 for children kindergarten through sixth grade.

Concessions will be sold by the Trojans wrestling team.

Teams will include Homedale FFA, Marsing FFA, Homedale High School coaches and staff and a team made up of local business owners.

HHS quarterly reports sent home

Homedale High School principal Mike Williams said last week that the quarterly progress reports will be sent home with students today.

Parents also can pick up the reports at the school between 7:45 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

They can make arrangements to pick up the reports at another time by calling the school at 337-4613.

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Living well gifts

Owyhee County Commissioner Chris Salove received a Living Well gift basket to kick off Living Well Week. Extension offices throughout the United States are dedicating the week of March 12-18 to educating citizens about ways to improve the quality of life for adults, youth, individuals and families. The emphasis is on healthy lifestyles, nutrition and food safety, financial management, relationship and parenting skill and many more aspect of "Living Well." According to a press release announcing Living Well Week, the goal of the campaign is to make citizens aware of the many Extension educational programs and resources that are available to help them achieve a healthy lifestyle.



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Aquamarine: The Gem of Water and Sea

Did you know that the birthstone of March is called "Aquamarine" and that its name originates from the Latin words of "water and sea" which stands to reason why accent sailors used to treasure this stone with the belief that wearing it would keep them safe from seasickness, danger, and even death?

This beautiful birthstone, which comes from Brazil as well as the Middle East, Russia, and Africa, also was believed to endow the wearer with foresight, courage, and happiness. And is was foretold that wearing this beautiful gem provided powers for healing, and was said to be effective as a treatment for anxiety. So maybe that is why Aquamarine is also the preferred gemstone gift for 16th and 19th wedding anniversaries.

At the present Aquamarines are usually faceted, but when cut as a cabochon, they may display a cat's eye effect known as "asterism", pronounced "as-ter-iz-mm" which displays from the gem a luminous star like effect that are more commonly exhibited in gemstones like sapphires, garnets, and rubies. Asterism is caused by the inclusions of tiny, parallel, futile needles and may result in four, six, or even twelve rayed stars.

In days of old "Aquamarine" was cut *Cabochon* style (pronounced "cab-uh-shon) meaning it was cut with a rounded convex surface and a flat base, as opposed to a calibrated cut that has exacting sizes. Thus, a Cabochon cut has no facets and is one of the oldest and simplest of stone cuts. Other precious stones that see the Cabochon cut are ruby, amethyst, citrine, and garnets.

LaDon Reames, owner of LaDon's Fine Jewelry in the WinCo/ShopKo Center has been a Nampa jeweler for thirty-three years. She is a certified diamontologist and gemologist. She can be reached at **208-461-0677**.
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Scout builds benches for HMS

Homedale Middle School is now the proud owner of nine hand-built benches thanks to the effort of Tyler Christoffersen. A senior at Homedale High School, Christoffersen built the benches as part of his Eagle Scout project and donated his handiwork to the school last week.

Christoffersen, who turned 18 last week, is a member of Crew 509 of the Boy Scouts and spent more than 100 hours building the benches. He said he began the project in November.

"We think they are wonderful," sixth-grade teacher Pat Warren said. "(Middle School Principal Keith Field) says he will put them outside this spring, but we are trying to talk him out of that and leaving them in the hall."

"We started the planning for them in November and began building them in January," Christoffersen said. "I asked Mr. Field what he might need built for the school, and he suggested benches. So that is what I chose to make."

Crew leader Nolan Taggart said about \$600 in materials was donated for the project by Franklin Building Supply. Christoffersen did the labor.

Christoffersen said after graduation, he plans to attend college and wrestle. He said he also plans to attend an LDS mission.

"We thank Tyler very much for



New benches

Tyler Christoffersen sits on one of nine benches he built for the Homedale Middle School as part of an Eagle Scout project. Christoffersen said he began planning the project in November and finished it the first of March.

his effort," Field said. "We have kids would jump on them, but had so many compliments on they haven't been." them; they are beautiful. We have three in the front. I was afraid the

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Seniors edge faculty in Homedale hoops



A little help
With referee Kenny Thomas throwing a screen on Homedale High School baseball coach Tim Fulwood, Homedale senior player Hailee Garrett puts up a jump shot during her team's narrow victory last week in the annual benefit basketball game. Nearly 40 seniors and more than 20 faculty members from throughout the school district participated in the game, which raised money for the Class of 2006 all-night, drug-free graduation celebration.



Victorious seniors
In a pose that predicted the outcome of the Seniors vs. Faculty basketball game last week at Homedale High School, many seniors team members hold up the 'No. 1' sign prior to the game. A pair of late free throws by Sam Ensley helped the seniors beat the faculty 71-69 in a game that was a fund-raiser for the Class of 2006 all-night drug- and alcohol-free graduation celebration. Photo by Gregg Garrett

Thousands of dollars raised for Homedale grad night party

Nearly \$3,800 was raised for the Homedale High School Class of 2006 during Wednesday's thrilling Seniors vs. Faculty basketball game.

Sam Ensley sank two foul shots with 7 seconds left to give the seniors a 71-69 victory over the faculty, which was comprised of several first-year participants.

"I was real pleased," Homedale High School Mike Williams said of the turnout of teachers and coaches. "We're not getting any younger at the high school, so it was nice to see so many of the middle school staff and walk-on coaches come to our rescue."

The faculty team, which counted Homedale schools superintendent Tim Rosandick among its 21 participants, were down by as much as 18 points, Williams said.

More than 30 seniors turned out for the game.

"I'm proud of the seniors and how they represented themselves," Williams said.

Corby Garrett and Kenny Thomas volunteered their time as referees for the charity game.

The cake auction at halftime was conducted by volunteer auctioneer Sid Maxwell from the Western Auction Co. Wendy Vaughan reported that more than \$2,800 was raised in the cake auction, including a high bid of \$600 by Randy and Chris Miyasako.


School trustee Kevin Miyasako and his wife Jean bid on a cake then donated it back to the faculty, no doubt in hopes that the chocolate would soothe the teachers' aches and pains the next day.

"We ate it all and shared some with the staff," Williams said. "It was quite tasty."

Other winning bids were turned in by Gheen and Devra Christoffersen, Ric and Teri Uria, Gregg and Randee Garrett, Randy and Chris Miyasako, Chris Tamura, Bill and Jaleene Bruce and Greg and Lisa Sweet.

The silent auction for gift baskets raised \$770. Winning bids came from Tamura, Rhonda Brasher, Debra Andrade, Nicole Shanley, Sondy Cline, Sue VanDerhoff and Teri Uria.

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Cattlemen throw support behind Crapo’s CRESA

Legislation proposes reforms for Endangered Species Act

The Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association and the Idaho Legislature have thrown their support behind the efforts of Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) to reform the Endangered Species Act.

Last week, the Owyhee Cattlemen announced their support for the bill in hopes of ending long-standing listing of endangered species in the county.

Late last month, legislators passed House Joint Memorial 16, giving support to Crapo’s plan to reform the ESA through the Collaboration and Recovery of Endangered Species Act (CRESA), which calls for collaboration, incentives and an emphasis on species recovery and a greater role for the states.

In Owyhee County, seven species of animals are on the endangered species list, including the gray wolf, bald eagle, Snake River physa snail, Bliss Rapids snail, Idaho springsnail, bull trout, and the Bruneau hot spring snail.

Proposed for listing is slickspot

peppergrass, and candidate species include the yellow-billed cuckoo and the Columbia spotted frog.

OCA President Brad Huff said the association does not have any specific policy on Crapo’s bill, but during a meeting last week, the Cattlemen’s board discussed the implications of any reform of the ESA.

“The current ESA is broken,” Huff said in a statement released Monday. “It has not proved beneficial to species recovery. It has put a tremendous hardship, to say the least, on private property owners; to the point of causing the loss of private property and the loss of our rights established by the U.S. Constitution. It has been misused by various entities to control private property.

“The OCA board views Sen. Crapo’s bill as a step in the right direction if it will put an end to the injustices of the current act. The OCA has been and will always be a staunch defender of private property rights. In order for the OCA to support any bill, the language must protect

private property rights first and foremost.”

“I am honored to hear my fellow Idahoans in the Idaho Legislature join in support of a message of collaboration, recovery with priorities, and incentives as a way to improve the ESA,” Crapo said. “We need the input of states and landowners in species recovery, and this bill encourages that input. More and more people are agreeing we need to put our efforts into on-the-ground collaborative work and not into arguments and lawsuits. The result will be better for people and better for species.”

HJM 16, which was sponsored by Senate Resources and Environment Committee Chairman Gary Schroeder, House Resources & Conservation Committee Chairman John A. “Bert” Stevenson, and Rep. Clete Edmundson, underscores the commitment of Idahoans to protect species and favors the landowner incentives put forth in Crapo’s bill.

Crapo’s CRESA bill is awaiting a hearing before the Senate Finance Committee.

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JV junior class plans International Dinner

by *Chelicy Payne, JVHS*

The Junior class of Jordan Valley High School will hold an International Dinner at 6 p.m. Friday.

The cost at the door is \$25 per family, \$10 each for adults, \$7 for children, and \$5 for children of kindergarten age or younger.

Advance tickets can be obtained at a discount (\$20, family; \$7, adults; \$5 children; \$3 kindergarten age or younger). Reserve tickets by ordering from a member of the junior class or calling Tara Echave at (541) 586-2213.

The food varieties at the International Dinner will include: ribs, enchiladas, Spanish rice, fried rice, sweet and sour pork, fried bread, beans, tacos, corned beef, cabbage, mashed potatoes, pizza, spaghetti, abelsceebers, hot dogs, hamburgers, chorizos, solomo, garbanzos, pigs feet, salad bar and Swedish meatballs.

Some activities will be started in the new gymnasium before the dinner, including basketball games. The kindergarten through fourth-grade teams from Arock and Jordan Valley will face off, followed by a game between the fifth- through eighth-grade teams from the two schools. After that, a team of ninth- through 12th-graders will play against an alumni team.

Entertainment in the old gym along with the food will include: “Saga of the Twins” by the Drama Class (and possibly another small skit); a performance by the middle school dance team; a fiddle performance; cowboy poetry and song by Tom Angle; a performance by the Pleasant Valley School; singing by Julie Eaken, Bayley Baptist and Lizzie Eaken; a performance from Mrs. Jaca’s students; and a piano performance from Dale Johnson.

Fish and Game commission delays implementation of ATV restrictions

Restrictions on hunters’ use of motor vehicles will not be expanded in the Southwest Region in 2006 hunting seasons following a decision by Idaho Fish and Game Commissioners earlier this month.

The Commission met in Boise March 1-3, primarily to set 2006 big game hunting rules and seasons.

The commission put off for a year a regional staff proposal to apply existing motor vehicle rules to additional game management units in the Southwest Region. The motor vehicle rules apply only to hunters, not other types of users.

The commissioners, at the suggestion of Southwest Region

Commissioner John Watts, decided to let him try to work out a solution among the Department of Fish and Game, federal land management agencies, and hunters-both hunters who ride all-terrain-vehicles and those who want to restrict their use.

Restrictions already apply to Units 32 and 32A in the Southwest Region. Proposed restrictions would have applied to Units 22, 31, 39 and 40.

Watts and Clearwater Region Commissioner Alex Irby will work on pilot projects in those two regions to resolve conflicts between hunters and ATV users. If successful, the solutions may be applied statewide. But if they cannot resolve the issue within a

year, the Commission will take up the proposal to apply Fish and Game’s motor vehicle rule to additional units in the Southwest Region.

The rule governing all motor vehicle use in hunting, including ATVs, has not changed for several years.

Motor vehicles may be used as an aid in hunting only on established roads capable of travel by and open to full sized vehicles.

The rule is applied in selected units throughout the state. But complaints from hunters led the Southwest Region officials to look at applying the rule to additional game management units.



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JVHS drama class presents two plays

by Hayley Johnson, JVHS

Last week, Jordan Valley High School's Drama Class once again dazzled the town with its performances.

Club members acted out not only one, but two plays on March 7, beginning with a short production entitled, "Saga of the Twins." Breann Hipwell and Tim Eiguren starred (they were the twins) and were assisted by Kelsey Prescott and Quirt Cornett.

After "Saga of the Twins," there was a short intermission during which the FFA served a spaghetti dinner.

After the meal, the class presented a longer play, "B-I-N-

G-O Spells Murder." Actors were: Michelle Elsner, Shantel Gleason, Chelicy Payne, Prescott, Carlen Hipwell, Cornett, Angela Larsen and Ashley Reed.

The play was set at a Catholic orphanage where the Father was working diligently to save his orphanage. One way to do that was to hold a bingo night. However, during the performance, bingo never did get started. Yet, after the play ended the drama class treated audience members to a few rounds of real bingo.

Both plays were received well, and the drama class hopes to put on one more play before school ends.



Jordan Valley High School student Quirt Cornett as Joey Lupinachi.

OCHS plans meeting, festival

Things are getting busy at the Owyhee County Historical Museum as spring rolls around.

The Owyhee County Historical Society will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Friday at the museum in Murphy.

The highlight of the meeting will be a presentation entitled "125 years at Givens' Hot Springs" given by Nadine Givens and OCHS member Liz Cuff, who has written a book about the hot springs.

Givens also will have information about the hot springs and an event marking the landmark's anniversary during Murphy Outpost Days on June 3-4.

The museum also is gearing up for the inaugural Western Heritage Music Festival on April 22-23 in Murphy.

Tickets are \$5 per day, and children 12 years old and younger are admitted free.

The festival will include Western heritage roots musical performances from Bona Fide, The Sunset Four, Blue Dove, Ted Hoffman and others.

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Jordan Valley FFA holds ‘Lock-in’ to raise funds

The Jordan Valley FFA decided to “liven things up a bit” with a Lock-In fund-raiser. The FFA Lock-In is an annual event put on by the FFA students to raise money for a state convention trip that is set to take place during Spring Break.

All students who attended Jordan Valley High School were invited to come and join in on the fun. The doors to the school were “locked,” and students were left inside to take part in all of the fun events. Planned events included a dodge ball tournament, a pickle ball tournament and a showing of the movie, “Walk the Line.” Students also participated in board games, ate plenty of food, and all-in-all had a great time with friends.

The event took place from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. FFA members were asked to bring assorted snacks



All-night fun and games
Dinah Powers, Hayley Johnson, Lauren Cuvelier playing Cranium, one of the many activities during lock-in.

and help organize the evening’s activities. Overall, the lock-in was deemed a success by organizers because nearly every Jordan Valley student participated.

Jordan Valley FFA news

*by Nickie Naegle
Jordan Valley FFA reporter*

On Feb. 22, the Eastern Oregon FFA Sectional Leadership Career Development Event was held, and the Jordan Valley FFA Chapter sent four participants, Megan Mackenzie, Elisa Eiguren, Luisa Lowry and Nickie Naegle.

The event took place at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande, Ore. Out of the four girls who attended, one will continue on to compete at sub-state level in Bend, Ore., on March 23, prior to FFA state convention.

Elisa Eiguren placed second in Sophmore Public Speaking with her speech “I have the Solution,”

which centered on advantages in bio-fuels.

Coordinators said all the participants worked hard on their speeches and will be back to participate next year.

Beth and Wannie Mackenzie offered a place for the group to stay on the night of Feb. 21.

On Feb. 23, the chapter held its annual appreciation breakfast to thank the community for its help and support during the past year.

The members of the chapter served pancakes, ham and eggs. The Jordan Valley High School Ag room was packed with hungry people, and the chapter was pleased with the turnout.

Later that afternoon, the chapter helped serve lunch at the bull sale hosted by the Beckwiths. The auction was held at the Jordan Valley Lions Den.

When the auction started, the members ran papers to the buyers. At the end of the auction, two pillows and a macarti, donated by the Beckwiths, were raffled off, with proceeds going to the chapter.

The chapter thanks the Beckwiths, who offered the job and gives a special thanks to Cindy Beckwith, who sewed the pillows to be auctioned.

The chapter also thanks Genine and Lionel Ickis, Kelly Chamberlain and Mark Mackenzie, winners of the raffle items.

Family night benefits PV museum

by Holly Deen, JVHS

Thursday’s Family Fun Night fund-raiser presented by the Pleasant Valley Museum Committee was a great event for all involved.

It began with a chili feed. Then the Pleasant Valley School students performed for about 30 minutes. Julie Eakin, their music teacher, Penny Larrusea, their teacher, Emil Scown, a guitar teacher, and Don Angle, an active community member assisted. Everyone enjoyed the wonderful acting and singing by the students. The night ended with bingo. Many people took in the festivities and enjoyed the “clean, wholesome fun” provided for our small community.

The museum committee is seeking old school artifacts, furniture, treasures, photos or other memories to put on display at the museum.

Once established, the museum will be open for tours during regular school hours. There is also a plan to develop a schedule for some weekends. Special tours can be

arranged through the school by calling (208) 583-2420.

The museum committee consists of Anita Gluch (committee chair), Bonnie Kershner, Rosmary Warn, Andrée Scown (administrator), Pat Stanford (board chair), and Rosmary Lowry (district clerk).

The committee members want to thank those who made donations and attended the benefit, which raised \$1,100 for basic repairs to display materials, setup, and lighting. The museum committee wants to give a special thanks to Homedale Electric for donating electrical repairs before the fund-raiser, and to Vernon and Bonnie Kershner for their generous donation.

Also thanks to Skeeter Clark, JoAnne Cunningham, The Rockhouse, Mrs. Z’s, Chevron Station, J.V. Café, The Ranchand, Marsing Hardware, WSI, Steve Regan, Farm City, Anita Gluch, Rosemary Warn, Penny Larrusea, Patty Smith, Rosemary and Miren Lowry, Pat and Ada Stanford, Carol Bruce, Pat Wroten, Jeannie Stanford, Adele Payden, Dennis Stanford, Teresa Kershner, Virginia Stanford, Linda Hanley and Karin Larsen.

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Bruneau Canyon 4-H news

The Bruneau Canyon 4-H Club will meet at 9 a.m. March 23 at the Bruneau park for a community service cleanup project. It’s just the latest event in a busy couple of months for the club.

The next office meeting for the club is 7 p.m. March 27 at the Bruneau Valley Library. Guests are welcome.

For more information, call Ariel Turner at (208) 845-2154 or Dave and Celia Tindall at (208) 845-2828.

The club’s recent events included its third meeting of the year on Feb. 27. The club’s new officers were elected, including president Trinity Jolley, vice president Zachary Tindall, secretary Emily Hegerhorst, treasurer River Gennette, reporter Ariel Turner, club callers Jackie Prow and Austin Standlee, scrapbook committee Shoni Gennette, Analeise Mills and Chantell Smith, and sergeant of arms Katlin Erwin. The club’s other members include Justin Denton, Travis Erwin, Kayla Mills, Johanna Mori, Garrett Prow, Randy Ruffing and Bonnie Standlee.

The club’s members looked ahead to the March 1 deadline for enrollment forms and the March 11 steer weigh-in.

Turner also talked about her experience at the Know Your Government event in Boise during the Presidents Day weekend. Turner said she learned about Idaho’s government and took part in a mock vote on a bill. She also went to the beef workshop last weekend and helped there as well as learning a few things, too.

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PUC seeks comment on Idaho Power rate hike

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is seeking public comment and announcing public hearings regarding a proposed settlement between Idaho Power and all the intervening parties in the company's rate case.

The settlement parties, which include the Idaho Irrigation Pumpers Association, have proposed a 3.2 percent increase for Idaho Power. In October, Idaho Power requested a 7.8 percent increase to collect \$44 million in additional annual revenue. The proposed settlement allows an \$18 million increase in the company's annual revenue requirement and a rate of return of 8.1 percent. The average residential bill would increase by about \$2.25 per month if the settlement were approved.

The rate increase will affect customers in the residential, small commercial, general commercial, industrial and irrigation classes, PUC spokesman Gene Fadness told The Owyhee Avalanche on Friday.

Fadness also issued a reminder that there are programs offering either financial or weatherization assistance to low-income customers. Two organizations offering assistance in Owyhee County are El-Ada Community Action Partnership at 15 W. Colorado Ave., or (208) 337-4812, and Owyhee County Welfare in Murphy, which can be reached at (208) 495-2421 or (208) 495-1205 or online at www.owyheecounty.net.

The nearest public hearing to Owyhee County comes at 7 p.m. April 11 at the PUC hearing room, 472 W. Washington St., Boise.

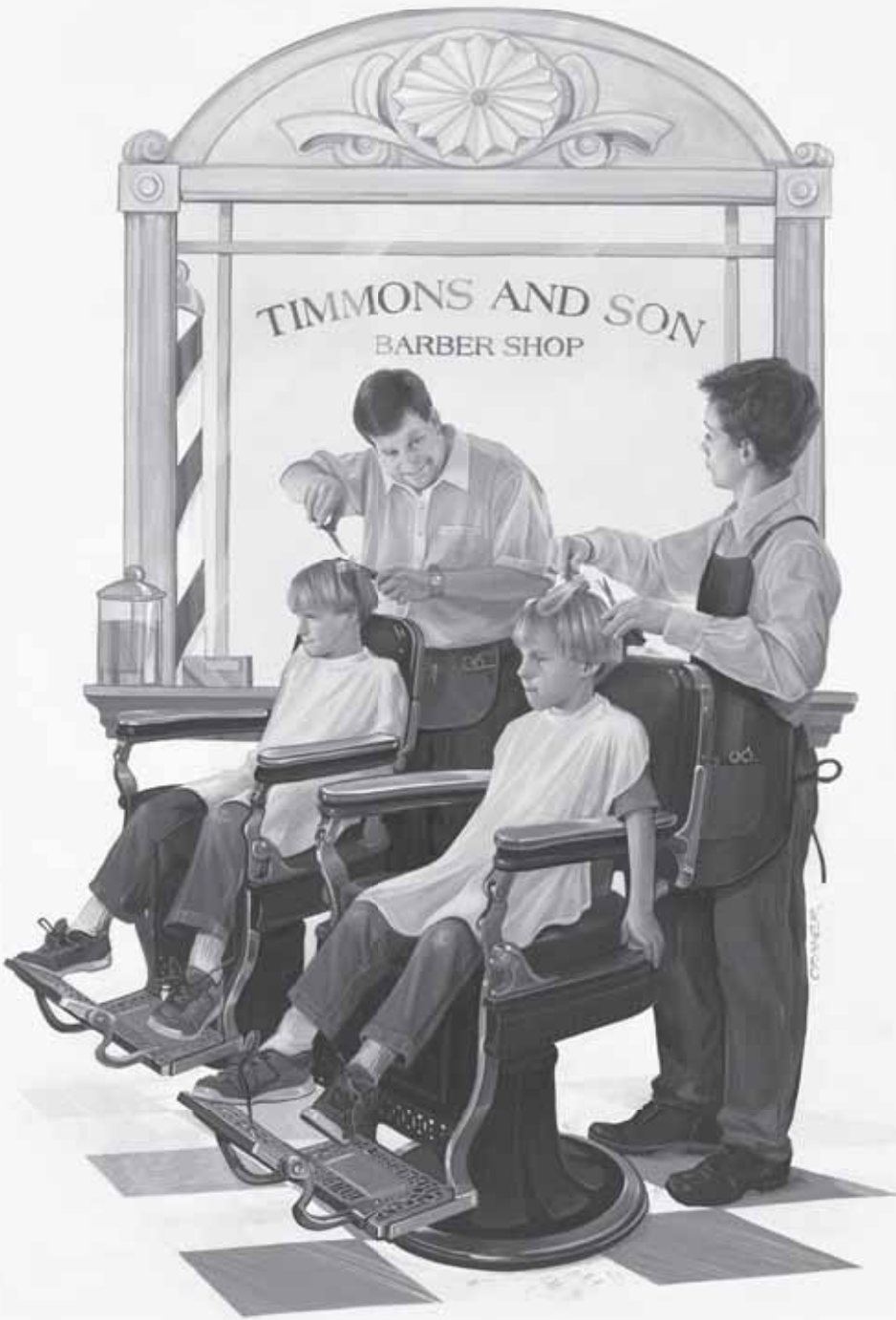
There also are hearings scheduled for April 24 in Twin Falls and April 25 in Pocatello. Both will start at 7 p.m. at the respective city halls.

The deadline to submit written comments is March 30. Comments are accepted via e-mail by accessing the commission's Web site at www.puc.idaho.gov and clicking on "Comments & Questions." Fill in the case number (IPC-E-05-28) and enter your comments. Comments can also be mailed to P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0074 or faxed to (208) 334-3762.

A technical hearing is also scheduled for 9:30 a.m. April 11 at the commission hearing room, 472 Washington St.

Idaho Power maintains that the overall rate of return and return on equity established by the commission during the company's 2003-04 rate case are no longer reasonable given the company's increased operating costs. In that case, the commission granted Idaho Power an approximate 6 percent increase. The company had requested 17.7 percent and later revised its request to 14.5 percent.

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