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County workers must claim fringe benefits

County employees have had the luxury of using a county vehicle free of charge to drive to and from work in the past. But beginning in April, they will have to claim the fringe benefit on year-end federal tax returns.

The Owyhee County Commission passed a fringe benefit policy earlier this month to bring the county into compliance with Internal Revenue Service codes that require governments to charge employees who take a

county vehicle home from work.

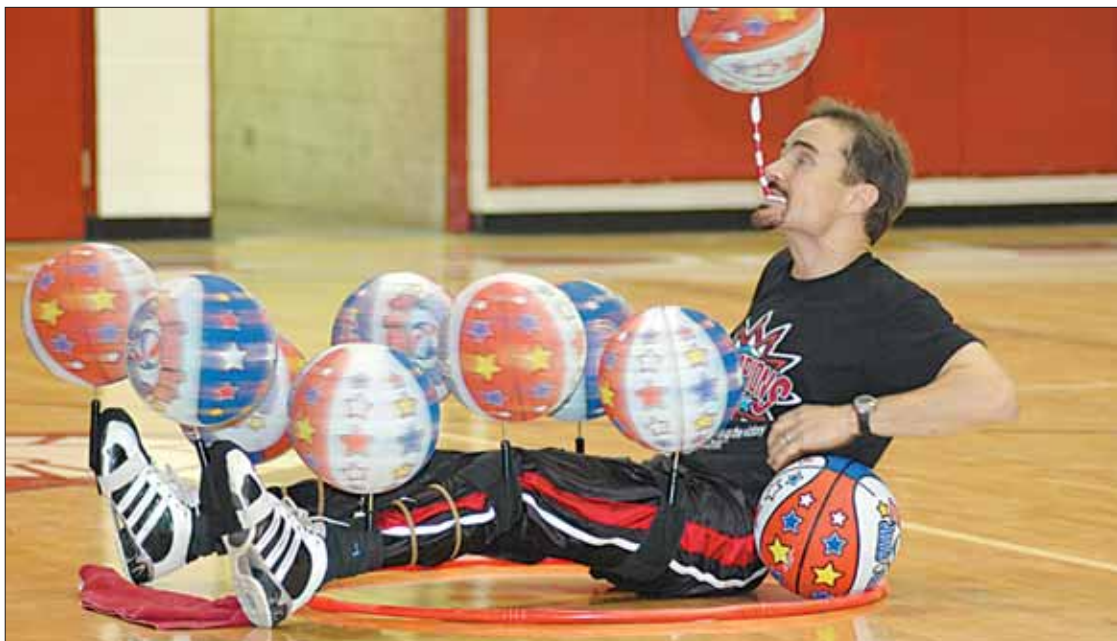
County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn said last week that other counties recently have been audited by the IRS and have received penalties because they were not enforcing a policy for

officials who drive to and from work in a county vehicle.

"It has recently come to our attention, the IRS has subjected surrounding counties to an IRS Compliance Review, and we have become aware of an issue

we must address," stated a letter sent to county department heads by the commissioners. "The IRS considers the use of county-owned vehicles to travel from home to

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Splendid spinner

Bruce Crevier prepares to spin 10 basketballs on various parts of his body as the grand finale of his show at Homedale High School last week. Crevier performed for students and staff at an afternoon assembly. See story, Page 12A

Owyhee's primary shouldn't be a run of the mill election

The filing deadline for the May 23 primary election came and went Friday, leaving a couple surprises in its wake.

Six positions are up for grabs this year, including the District 1 and District 3 Owyhee County Commission seats, county clerk, county treasurer, county assessor and county coroner. Unlike years past, candidates for only two of those offices will run unopposed at this point.

Candidates can still file as write-in candidates for the election. That deadline is May 9.

During the Republican Lincoln's Day Banquet in February, several candidates announced intentions to run for local offices.

But Friday, three unexpected announcements were filed. Each person filed as a Republican.

Friday's filings came from:

- Owyhee County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Dick Freund, who will oppose incumbent Dick Reynolds and three others for the District 3 county commissioner seat.

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County copes with tight rescue budget

Sheriff defends policy to bill for New Year's flood evacuations

Like many other counties in the nation, Owyhee County is struggling with minimal budgets that hinder the ability to conduct search-and-rescue missions when people get stranded or lost in the rugged Owyhee Mountains.

Many states have debated how to handle the increase in outdoor recreation, which often leads to increased search-and-rescues on limited budgets.

The Owyhee County Sheriff's

Office has an annual budget of \$10,000 for search and rescue operations. Sheriff Gary Aman said if it was not for volunteers, that budget would be depleted quickly.

Because of volunteers, the fiscal impact on the county for the rescue of 14 people earlier this year was limited to about \$2,000. The rescue was triggered when heavy rain and snow runoff on Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 sent creeks over their banks, washing out

parts of the Silver City Road.

"Most of the equipment used to help these particular individuals was donated," Aman said Thursday. "If it was not for the donated time and equipment, that rescue alone would have taken well over half of the budget."

Aman said that particular rescue came after his office received a phone call asking for permission to drive the Silver City Road to pick up the stranded people.

"The person who called me wanted to know if they could drive up the Silver City Road and get them. I told them 'no,' that the culvert was out at Sinker Creek," he said.

"I was in the middle of trying to avert another disaster on another creek at that time. I then called the party back and told them we could get a group together along with the road equipment and bring them back across Sinker Creek. So that is what we did."

To replenish the budget, Aman has had to resort to billing the people rescued for the county's effort — a practice other counties have implemented.

Idaho law allows counties to charge individuals who enter into an area that has been closed to the

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Owyhee County irrigators prepare for early season

Members of the Joint Board of Control met at Owyhee Reservoir on March 21 and agreed that irrigation water, tentatively, would begin flowing in the local districts two weeks earlier than it has in years past.

South Board of Control Manager Rex Barrie said that the Joint Board is planning to release water to the South Board on April 3, but if cooler temperatures and runoff slows, it may be held off about a week.

Irrigators will be able to use water about five days after the initial release begins.

Most areas in Idaho have suffered from drought conditions for about five years. Barrie said this year Owyhee County would have plenty of water.

During a meeting earlier this month, Barrie told irrigation directors that if no more precipitation was to fall in the area, the expected runoff this spring was predicted at greater than 700,000 acre-feet, significantly more water than Owyhee Reservoir can hold.

“In a light snow year, we hope for a quick runoff,” Barrie said Thursday. “In a heavy snow year, such as this, we hope for a slow runoff. We have basically had that up to this point with above freezing days and below freezing temperatures at night. But we don’t know what the spring will be. If the snow remains up there and runs off slow, we won’t have to concern ourselves with flood control. But we are not taking any chances.”

On Thursday, water was entering the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of more than 1,300 cubic feet

per second. The reservoir holds 715,000 acre-feet at full capacity, and Thursday the levels reached 79 percent of full at 565,010 acre-feet, bringing it to 104 percent of average. Water was being released at the dam at a rate of 1,904 cfs.

“We are watching the runoff and the snow packs very closely,” Barrie said. “We have been working hard to prepare so we can get this started early. The latest that runoff has ended here was June 30, which put us into the following year with very good carryover. I expect this year to be close to the same. We anticipate that we will fill this year.”

Barrie said more than 100,000 acre-feet of water already has been dumped into the Owyhee River with early runoffs.

“Right now, we are spilling what we can spill through the dam,” Barrie said. “That is what the jet flow gates and the dam hydro plant can handle. Water is right at the lip of the ring gate at the glory hole, and it is fully down. The joint committee decided to stay with their target of releasing up to 6,000 cfs down the river based on inflows upriver.”

Barrie said about 250 cfs of what is released from the dam is taken by the Owyhee Ditch Co. The balance is sent downstream. South Board of Control receives its water from the reservoir.

Barrie said weather will dictate when water will be turned on from the Snake River pumping stations. He said a determination of when the Gem pumps will be turned on should happen at the April 4 board meeting.

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Marsing Chamber sets June date for Old Fashion Festival

Marsing Chamber of Commerce is hosting the annual Old Fashion Festival and plans are in the works. The festival will be held on June 9 and 10 and the chamber is seeking entertainers and craft vendors for the event.

Friday events will open with craft and food vendors and will end with a family dance. Saturday’s events will include a

community breakfast, craft and food vendors, entertainment and activities for children.

“This is a wonderful time to bring your family and friends for a weekend of fun and enjoyment,” coordinators said.

For more information or to reserve a booth, contact Cathy Streibel at (208) 899-5776 or (208) 896-7001.

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Showing off the new truck

Above: Members of the Marsing Rural Fire District gather around their newest piece of equipment. Front row: Bob Malmberg, commissioner, John Deosio, Rob Howarth, Jerry Mayer, Russ Lindemann, assistant chief, Jeff Percifield, assistant chief, Mike Love, Roman Usabel, fire marshall, Tony Malmberg, Larry Howard, Bob Carter and Pete Smit. Back row: Jim Bowers, commissioner, Jim Wilder, Joe Usabel, Greg Mayer, Chad Showalter, Beau Showalter, Robert Renteria, and Jerrod Howarth. On truck top to bottom: Chris Even, Tim Dines, Casey Percifield, Lynn Bowman, training officer, and Dusty Clover. Not pictured: Chief Brion Showalter, Jerry Floyd, commissioner, Judy Malmberg, secretary and Wes Archer. **Below:** The new truck will carry the department’s extrication equipment for response to vehicle accidents.

Marsing Fire receives new pumper truck

Marsing Fire Department added a new pumper fire truck to its fleet late last month thanks to a two-year levy Marsing Rural Fire District voters passed in 2005.

The levy, which was passed in February 2005 by a 165-11 vote, increased the district’s 2004-05 fiscal budget by \$90,000 per year. The truck, which carries a 300 Mercedes engine, was built in South Dakota and can carry 1,000 gallons of water.

The 2006 Fleetwood arrived at the station in late February and is now equipped and ready for work. Fire Department Chairman Jerry Mayer said last week that the truck gives the department the opportunity to respond to fires as



well as major vehicle accidents. It will carry all of the department’s extrication equipment.

“Everything is now on one vehicle, which will let us use this truck for accidents and (other trucks) for fire response,” volunteer Larry Howard said.

Howard said the department has used several grants from the Department of Homeland Security to purchase much needed extrication and life-saving equipment.

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Business owner arrested for assault on deputy

The owner of a Marsing business was arrested last weekend and charged with assaulting a law enforcement officer after he allegedly threw a cell phone at an Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy.

Jim Sutherland, 58, owner of Pepe's Pizza was stopped by a county deputy for driving 72 mph in a 55 mph speed zone. County records state that Sutherland told the Sheriff's Deputy Perry Grant that he had an altercation with Dennis Blackwater, 49, also of Marsing and could not dial 911 on his cell phone, so he was traveling to Homedale to find a police officer. Sutherland claims Blackwater was harassing the workers at his restaurant.

County records state that Sutherland and Blackwater had been involved in an altercation in February, at which time both men were cited. After that incident, Sutherland had been charged with battery and Blackwater had been cited for trespassing.

Grant documented that he traveled to the restaurant with Sutherland to speak to employees and assess the situation. County



Jim Sutherland

records manager Sherry Olson said the deputy's report states that Grant requested Sutherland turn over his cell phone to be able to verify his story. The report states that when Grant was entering the business, Sutherland yelled a profanity and threw the cell phone at the deputy's head.

Sutherland was charged with misdemeanor assault on a law enforcement officer and bonded from jail the same day.

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Correction

Because of a copy-editing mistake in the March 15 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche, Layne

Bangerter's name remained misspelled in a story about the Owyhee Initiative.



Owyhee gardeners

The 2006-07 Owyhee Garden Club officers, from left to right: President Sharon McIlveen, First Vice President, LaNeva Barba, Second Vice President Julia Burham, Secretary, Judith McShane, and Treasurer Pam Forestier. Submitted photo.

Owyhee Garden Club installs 2006-07 officers

The Owyhee Garden Club met March 9 at the Owyhee County Extension Office in Marsing to install the 2006-07 officers.

Dotty Hurd, president of the Idaho Garden Club officiated the installation ceremony.

This year's officers are Sharon McIlveen, president; LaNeva Barba, first vice president; Julia Burham, second vice president; Judith McShane, secretary; and Pam Forestier, treasurer.

"We were very thankful to have a special tour of the Bonnie Farms by Teresa Schwisow of Givens Hot Springs area," the club said in a release.

The club's future plans include learning how to start seeds by

Wanda Ferguson and how and when to prune roses by Hurd. The club will work with the Nampa Garden Club on the new butterfly garden to be located at the Marsing Community Garden site next to the Marsing Schools FFA Greenhouse.

Other scheduled field trips include: Living Wreaths at Canyon Lakes Gardens, Native Plants by Diane Jones and The Lavender Farm in Nampa.

The club meets on the second Thursday at 1 p.m. at the Owyhee County Extension Office.

New members are always welcome.

For further information, call McIlven (208) 896-5474 or McShane (208) 896-4104.

Assessor offers help with property tax reduction

Staff of the Owyhee County Assessor's office will be traveling to the three county cities to help applicants apply for the Idaho Property Tax Reduction Program, also known as Circuit Breaker.

Representatives from the office will be at the Homedale, Marsing and Grand View senior citizen's centers to help fill out the applications, which are due by April 15.

The team will be in Homedale from 9:30 a.m. to noon on Monday and also April 10.

Representatives will offer assistance in Grand View on from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesday and in Marsing on April 3 from 10 a.m. until noon.

If you are a qualified Idaho homeowner, you may be eligible for the 2006 Property Tax Reduction program, which can reduce property taxes on a home and up to one acre of land by as much as \$1,200. The amount of the reduction is based on income from the previous calendar year.

The Idaho State Tax Commission administers the Property Tax Reduction program but application is made through the county assessors office. Guidelines and filing procedures are outlined in the 2006 Idaho Property Tax Reduction Program brochure.

Requirements for the tax reduction include:

Applicant has owned and lived in a home or mobile home in Idaho that was their primary residence before April 15. You may qualify if you lived in a care facility or nursing home.

Your income for 2005 was \$22,630 or less. The legislators of Idaho are trying to pass a bill that will raise the amount of income that can be earned and still qualify for the reduction.

You were in one or more of the following categories as of January 1, 2006: age 65 or older, widow (er), blind, fatherless or motherless child under 18 years of age, former prisoner of war/hostage, veteran with a 10 percent or more service-connected disability or receiving a VA pension for a nonservice connected disability, disabled as recognized by the Social Security Administration, Railroad Retirement Board or Federal Civil Service.

Contact the Owyhee County Assessor for application materials at (208) 495-2817. Staff at the office can assist interested parties in filing their application from home for those who are not able to travel.

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Benefits

work and work to home, to be a fringe benefit and is therefore subject to taxes.”

The use of law enforcement and first-responder vehicles is exempt under the new policy. But it will affect everyone else who travels to and from their residence in a county-owned vehicle.

According to the letter from the commissioners, beginning April 1 employees who choose to drive a county vehicle to and from home will be taxed on the value of the vehicle on an annual basis.

“There are several rules that can be used in determining the value of this fringe benefit, and we have chosen to apply the ‘Cents-Per-Mile Rule,’ ” the commissioners’ letter said.

Under the “Cents-Per-Mile” rule, the value of the vehicle provided to an employee for commuting use is determined by multiplying the standard mileage rate by the total miles the employee drives the vehicle for personal purposes. The amount must be

included in the employee’s wage or reimbursed by the employee.

The standard rate is 44.5 cents per mile.

“The county considers personal use to be travel from home to work and from work to home,” the commissioners said in their letter. “Any other personal use of the vehicle is prohibited.”

An exception to the rule is if the employee leaves their home and does not go directly to the designated worksite. If they go to an off-site meeting, job or other employment-related meeting place, they are not charged.

The new policy will require employees to complete a monthly tracking sheet, itemizing each trip and their personal use of the vehicle. They will be required to determine the amount of miles, one way, from their home to their designated worksite and to sign an acknowledgement form.

Sherburn said the county has four vehicles used in the assessor’s office, six in road District 1 and three in the Homedale-based weed department.

— CAB

Rescue

public by competent authority for any reason. The Silver City Road had been closed to motorized vehicles for some time due to snow. When a closure is posted by a sign, barricade or other device, the trespassers are liable for the expenses of an emergency response required to search or rescue the people. They may also be charged for the removal of their vehicle.

“We close that road and several others every year and have done so for some time,” Aman said. “By law, the sheriff is responsible and liable for search and rescues within the County. I had a duty and obligation to make a rescue. They were all sure happy and thankful for it that day.”

Aman said charging the rescued parties is not something he enjoys doing, but it is a reality. He said sometimes the people are from Owyhee County, but most times, they are from elsewhere in Idaho or even from other states.

But Aman’s policy has received criticism, including a letter to the editor from Cecily Monson of Melba published in the March 15 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche.

County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn said about \$1,000 of the rescue has been paid back and returned to the search and rescue budget. But Aman said the rescue season hasn’t even begun.

“We usually find that more people get stuck or lost in the spring and

early summer months,” Aman said. “In this last rescue, I put together numerous ATVs, volunteers and the county road equipment. Much effort and time went into getting the ATVs across Sinker Creek, which was running 3 to 4 feet deep and had taken out a 7-foot culvert.”

Rescuers traveled about 2 miles before locating the stranded party, which included several small children. They were taken back down to Sinker Creek where they were loaded into the bucket of a county loader and taken across.

“Many thanks were given by the party,” Aman said. “The caller and his wife even talked to me about the costs associated with the rescue. Everyone got out safely at a minimum cost of time and no cost of life.”

The sheriff stands by how the county has handled the situation.

“Without ropes and a tremendous amount of experience, lives would have probably been lost,” Aman said of the New Years rescue. “I would hate to have it on my conscience that I did not make a safe attempt to rescue a small child. My conscience is clear. I did the right and ethical thing.”

County records show that in 2005, 11 search or rescues were made. Sheriff Gary Aman said Friday that search and rescues cost about \$15,000 last year. In the New Year’s flood, three people were billed a total of \$938.69. Officials said every person billed for the rescues has paid the fees.

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Primary

- County records manager Sherry Olson, who will oppose incumbent County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn. Olson is the former dispatch supervisor for the Sheriff’s Office.
- Former county employee Linda Charters, who will run against Brenda Richards for county treasurer.

Richards replaced Barbara Wright as treasurer in September. She was appointed by the county commission, which ignored the Republican Central Committee, which had recommended Charters for the job.

Jerry L. Hoagland, a rancher in the Murphy area filed as the only candidate for first district commissioner. Incumbent Chris Salove has said he will not seek another term.

Hoagland runs opposed after former clerk Jim Huntley failed to file by the deadline after announcing his intentions to run at the Lincoln Day Banquet. He could not be reached for comment Monday morning.

The big race will be for commissioner in the third district, which had four candidates file.

Reynolds filed as did announced candidates Christine Collett and Nick Ihli. Freund has also thrown his hat in the ring by filing Friday.

For county assessor, Brett Endicott filed for a second term and will campaign against former state Rep. Gene Winchester. Winchester also made a bid for Idaho State Controller in 2002. He won the county by a 451-368 margin, but lost the statewide election to Keith Johnson.

County Coroner Harvey Grimme has filed as the only candidate for the position he has held for several terms.

Murphy residents Shawn Dygert and Tangie Frisch have filed for precinct committeemen. Endicott filed for the south Marsing seat, and Lavada Loucks filed for north Marsing. Kenneth Tindall will seek another term in Riddle. In Homedale, Steve Schultz filed for south Homedale and Joan Mason has filed for north Homedale precinct.

In the State Legislative District 23 elections, state Sen. Tom Gannon will seek another term against Bill Chisholm. Both are from Buhl.

After longtime District 23 Rep. Frances Field announced her retirement from Seat A, three candidates have filed in a bid to succeed her, including Twin Falls Democrat Peter Rickards and

State election list
(as of Monday)

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Keith Johnson (Rep)
Bill Sali (Rep)
Norman M. “Norm” Semanko (Rep)
Sheila Sorensen (Rep)
Robert Vasquez (Rep)

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Walt Bayes (Rep)
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District 23 State Representative, Seat B

Bert Brackett (Rep)

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Juneal C. Kerrick to Succeed: Juneal C. Kerrick
Renae J. Hoff to Succeed: Renae J. Hoff
Stephen W. Drescher to Succeed: Stephen W. Drescher

Republicans Jim Conder of Filer and Jim Patrick of Twin Falls.

Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson) has filed his intent to seek a term as the District 23 Seat B state representative.

He was appointed last year to replace Doug Jones.

The deadline to request a mail-in absentee ballot is 5 p.m. May 17. The deadline for in-person absentee voting is 5 p.m. May 22. Absentee ballots must be returned by 8 p.m. on May 23, which is the day of the primary elections.

— CAB



Obituaries

Robert J. ‘Bob’ Gluch

Robert J. “Bob” Gluch, 92, of Jordan Valley, OR, passed away Saturday, March 11, 2006, at a Karcher Estates in Nampa. Graveside services were at 2:00 PM Friday, March 17, 2006 at the Jordan Valley Cemetery. Friends called from 4:00 to 8:00 PM Thursday at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell.

Bob was born November 20, 1913 at Cattle creek, Pleasant Valley, Idaho. He was the fourth child born to Joseph and Margaret Clegg Gluch. He was raised and educated in Jordan Valley and Pleasant Valley area. Bob completed his education through the 8th grade. Then he went to work helping his parents on the family ranch. He spent his early years on the Gluch ranch on Jordan Creek and at Frank Maher Flat. Dad always said the one thing he remembered was that he spent most of the winters feeding cows and grubbing brush. His father told him at an early age that hard work and respect for your neighbors is what you need to succeed in life.

On August 25, 1936 Bob married Ulea (Peach) Whitby at Caldwell, Idaho. They lived at Frank Maher Flat until the fall of 1943. They purchased the Chris Driscoll ranch at Pleasant Valley. Later they acquired the Flary Lawrence and Bruno Gluch ranches. In 1975 they sold the



ranch to Tom and Anita Gluch. Bob and Peach bought a house in Jordan Valley and moved to town in 1979.

In their retirement years Bob and Peach enjoyed fishing with Johnny and Annabel Mallea. They also, enjoyed traveling with Buster and Josephine Carson. In the summer months Bob was busy taking care of his lawn.

There are a lot of hard working men in the Jordan Valley area and Bob was right at the top of that list. He took great pride in his tight fences and his livestock.

Bob was a committeeman on the Soldier Creek Grazing District. In 1961 he was Idaho Grassman of the year. In 1983 he became an honorary lifetime member of the Owyhee Cattlemen’s association. He was a charter member of the Jordan Valley Rodeo Board.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife, Peach of 68 years on January 26, 2005. Also his parents, his brothers, Harold, Dick, Ray and Ralph; his sisters, Helen and Josephine.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Anita Gluch, a daughter and son-in-law Bonnie and Vernon Kershner all of Jordan Valley; a sister Annabel Mallea, also of Jordan Valley; five grandchildren, Tyra Gluch of Nampa; Don Gluch of Weiser; Kenny Kershner, Todd Gluch and Jim Kershner of Jordan Valley; nine great grandchildren, Bailey, Bryce, Lacey, Catie, Nicholas, Emily, Trae, Cassity and Kelsey; numerous nieces and nephews.

Bob will be greatly missed by his many friends and his family. The family expresses a special thanks to the staff and the care givers at Karcher Estates for the special care they gave Bob.

The family would like to thank everybody for the cards, prayers and visits while Bob was at Karcher Estates.

Memorials may be made to your favorite charity.

Tyler Craig Gorley

Early morning March 11, 2006 the Spirit and Soul of Tyler Gorley 23, was taken home to be with Jesus.

Born April 10, 1982, his life came with purpose to be of importance to each person who knew him. He will live on in each of our hearts and memories. We will miss him dearly.

Though only a young man, Tyler’s life was won through many struggles. Born with a rare medical condition the Dr’s at Primary Children’s Hospital claimed him to be a miracle. Despite all the obstacles, he overcame and endured with courage and good attitude towards life, with a smile always on his face.

Ty loved to mechanic and drive his noisy pickup with a heavy foot, he loved NASCAR (8) Dale Earnhardt Jr. Ty was always the first to make you laugh. Ty enjoyed watching Survivor and eating steaks at Mindy’s and Billy’s house. Tyler was not afraid of hard work and enjoyed tractors and farming in the country. Dreaming of becoming a professional duck hunter, duck hunting was his passion.

He took great pride in his work and accomplishments. Being named “2004 Employee of the Year” at Larry Miller. He enjoyed his co-workers as they did him.

Tyler is survived by his father, Dave Gorley Jr., mother, Stacy Fretwell, sisters, Mindy Opfermann, and Michelle Gorley, niece Shailee Ruth, grandparents, Dave Sr. and Nelly Gorley, Forest and Nancy Fretwell, and great



grandmothers, Doris Gorley and Evelyn Smith, best friend, Billy Opfermann and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Though tragically taken before his time the family wishes Tyler’s life to be remembered in celebration and with happiness, rather than with sadness.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 16, 2006 at the United Methodist church in Jordan Valley, Oregon. A Memorial potluck followed at the Parish Hall to celebrate Tyler’s Life and Time with us.

Contributions can be made to any U.S. Bank in Memory of Tyler Gorley. All donations will be gifted to the primary Children’s Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah. Ty would want to help another child, as so many people helped him as a child.

Calendar

Today

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

Thursday

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

“What’s Hot at the Library” lunchtime speaker series, noon, Bruneau Valley Library, 2 Ruth Street, Bruneau. (208) 845-2345 or (208) 845-2131

Easter crafts lessons, 12:30 p.m., Marsing Senior Center, 218

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Barbara Howell of Wilder will celebrate her 70th birthday with an open house from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday (March 25, 2006) at the Homedale Senior Citizens Center.

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No gifts please.



Barbara Howell

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Your finances

Check with spouse before chopping up family’s credit cards

Dear Dave,

My wife and I are \$60,000 in debt, and all of our credit cards are maxed out. I make \$30,000 a year, and we’ve got virtually no savings or emergency fund. The other day, I took all the cards and cut them up and closed the accounts. She’s a little angry about this, because she wants them in case of emergencies. What can I do?

— Leon

Dear Leon,

First of all, you’ve never heard me tell anyone to take credit cards away from another person — especially a spouse — and just start chopping. Even if they have your name on them, this kind of thing requires careful discussion and agreement between two people. I can understand why she’s angry right now, boss. I’m guessing you may have spent a night or two on the couch over this one.

Communication is an essential part of any good marriage. Now, I agree with your logic. You guys are \$60,000 in debt, so it’s about time the cards were cut up. But I don’t agree with your method. The bottom line, Leon, is that emergencies are a valid concern even though her answer to them is wrong. If she’s angry, it’s going to make it even tougher to get her on board with the idea of establishing an emergency fund and getting out of debt.

If I were you, I’d apologize. You just took over, wrenched control of the situation away from her, and that’s one of the reasons she’s angry. Then, I’d sit down with her and find out how much it would take in an emergency fund to make her feel comfortable. I recommend three to six months of expenses. So, if your total household expenditures for the month are \$2,000, then you’d need anywhere from \$6,000 to \$12,000.

After this, the two of you can decide together how you want to build this emergency fund. Try to agree on how much to pump into it each month, and you might even want to sell a few things and use the money to help build it even faster. It’s a lot easier to pull a rope than to push it, Leon, and you can’t convert someone with a baseball bat. You can beat them into submission or fear, but you don’t convert them that way and you don’t win someone’s heart by using force. Cooperation, not coercion, is the key.

— Dave

Dear Dave,

I have about \$5,000 in individual stock, and \$6,000 in debt. Should I sell the stock and pay off the debt?

— Leann via email



Dear Leann,

Let’s look at it this way. Pretend you only had \$1,000 in debt, and you had a credit card with a \$5,000 open line of credit. Would you go borrow \$5,000 on it to buy that stock? Of course not. It’s the same kind of thing in reverse.

If I woke up in your shoes tomorrow morning, I’d have only \$1,000 in debt before the coffee started brewing. Sell the stock, and pay off the \$5,000. Then, I’d formulate a plan, get on a budget and fix that thing in my life called overspending so that I could knock out the remaining debt in no time and start building wealth!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

I was listening to your show recently, and you seemed to have a bad opinion of bank trust departments. Why is this? For someone who doesn’t have the knowledge to be their own trustee or executor, the service they provide can be worth every penny spent.

— Janelle

Dear Janelle,

I think you misunderstood. I don’t dislike bank trustees, but my experience with them has led me to believe that there are many other people who can do a better job in this area. They tend to be ultra-conservative, moving money to CDs within the bank itself, or they get just plain silly and act like they’re a stockbroker doing day trading.

Instead, I’ve found that just general people in the population — friends or relatives that have some business acumen — make much better trustees. For that matter, most attorneys make much better trustees because they don’t end up having conflicts of interest.

Now, there are a percentage of bank trustees who are truly excellent. There are always exceptions to the rule. But the truth is there are very few really good ones out there, and there’s no chance in the world you’ll find a bank trust department managing my estate when I pass away.

— Dave

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Honor rolls

Homedale Middle School

Third quarter

Fifth grade, 4.0-Elizabeth Albor, Melissa Borja, Samantha Christoffersen, Colter Conger, Debra Esparza, Elizabeth Farrell, Emilee Hann, Nicole Keller, Ramon Kelly, Reed Maggard, Mikel Mavey, Shelby McRae, Jacob Murray, Gabrielle Nash, Veronica Sanchez, Erin Shenk, Stephanie Villarreal, Karissa Webb, and Mariza Fernandez.

Fifth grade 3.5-3.9-Hayden Krzesnik, Cayetano Montes, Heather Romriell, Corbin Schamber, Antonio Sturgeon, Graviela Albor, Perla Albor, Tiler Childress, Jacqueline Martinez, Roberto Martinez, Ariana Rice, Austin Rose (Cornelison), Brenda Uriarte, Malina Geertson, Mackenzie McMichael, Kevin Reed, Whitney Uria, and Rebecca Coffman.

Fifth grade 3.0-3.49-Hailee Aberasturi, Megan Davison, Dayara Gaeta, Gustavo Neri, Nicholas Ryska, Alejandro Albor, Abdiel Camargo, Shelbie Crifield (Reyes), and Taylor Vandeventer.

Sixth grade, 4.0-Deena Emry, Kylie Farwell, Lane Matteson, Laurien Mavey, Raven Kelly,

Sixth grade 3.5-3.9-Aubrey

Nash, Katie Price, Kyle Purdom, Angel Jr Salazar, Dominic Christiansen, Martha Velazquez, Phaedra Stevenson, Ashley Leslie, and Justine Calzacorta.

Sixth grade 3.0-3.49-Kylie Kushlan, Nahum Bermudez, Cristina Gonzalez, Bodie Hyer, Cody Lynde, Wendy Prado, Brett Ryska, Kate Eaton, Carissa Gardner, Amanda Cook, Brenda Vega, Casey Christoffersen, Destinie (DD) Gardner, Rachel Gonzalez, and Darren Pattison.

Seventh grade, 4.0-Megan Barraza, Amber Brinkerhoff (Romriell), Matthew Farrell, Caitlyn Johnson, Sarah Maggard, Alexandra McRae, Summer Phelps, Elizabeth Silva, Jonathan Stacey, Kirsy Thatcher, Taylor Thomas, Jessica Westergard, and Jarod Armenta.

Seventh grade 3.5-3.99-Sydney Cornwall, Maria Escutia, Colin Lootens, Alicia Aguilera, Nিকে Mainarick, Gil Lootens, Elizabeth Albor, Tanner Lair, Kiley Potter, Marissa Ensley, and Jessica Ann Henry

Seventh grade 3.0-3.49-Brittney Wentzell, Brook Fry, Jonathan Gonzalez, Jordan Meligan, Ada Demshar, Kenneth Esparza, Taylor Watkins, Norma

Bautista, Aiesha Rodriguez (Zenor), Crystal Ruiz, Shawnee Davis, Jeffery Kesler, Tyler Theile, Llesenia Calderon, Sagan Condon, Jessica Craft, Angel Cruz, James Followill, Trevor Gibson, and Nathan Perry.

Eighth grade, 4.0-Kindra Galloway, Michael Kennedy, Summer Megargee, Gonzalo Casillas

Eighth grade 3.5-3.99-Thomas Palmer, Ashlynn Uria, Jessica Eubanks, Drew Farwell, Megan Quintana, Corina Sanchez, Carmen Zatica, Eddie Garcia, Vanessa Sanchez, Rowdy Vandeventer, Elizabeth Baltierrez, Zachery Hayes, Aaron Proferes, Kortney Stansell, Jake Tolmie, Guadalupe Ozuna-Garcia, Albert Villa, and Karly Bertagnolli.

Eighth grade 3.0-3.49-Neil Doyle, Cynthia Rodriguez, Kyle Abels Vaughan, Liliana Alvarez, Amalia Cardenas, Stefan Phippen, Ariana Cardenas, Jacy Grimm, Megan Harper, Cody Johnson, Priscilla Sanchez, CiJae Christensen, Alyssha Conant, Jennifer Dixon, Aaron Wheeler, Trenton Acree, Katrina Butler, Xitlali Eneida Contreras, Jeffery Gay, Jose Gonzalez, Dylan Kushlan, and Samantha Stutheit.

Jordan Valley High and Middle School

High honors

12th grade — Michelle Baltzor, Frank Beckwith, Lauren Cuvelier, Hayley Johnson and Emil Scown

11th grade — Breann Hipwell, Bailey Kershner, Luisa Lowry and Jerry Wroten

10th grade — Athena Beckwith, Elisa Eiguren, Tim Eiguren, Annie Mackenzie, Daniel Rothgeb and Jessie White

Ninth grade — Kayla Cuvelier, Emma Johnson, Catie Kershner and Nickie Naegle

Eighth grade — Elias Cline, Katrina Moran and Michelle Telleria

Seventh grade — Garrett Williams

Honors

11th grade — Michelle Elsner, Shantel Gleason, Lacey Kershner, Angela Larsen, Megan Mackenzie, Chelicy Payne and Tina Stanford

10th grade — Kelsey Prescott
Ninth grade — Tessa Matteri and Cole Scown

Eighth grade — Dusty Easterday

Seventh grade — Kaine Baptist, Tyler Elsner and Shelly Payne

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The salon, operated by Gehren Taggart, is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments can be made by calling (208) 880-4008.

Senior
news

Homedale Senior
Center

March 23: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, roll, milk.

March 28: Hot turkey sandwich, potatoes/gravy, salad, milk.

March 29: Beef stew, rolls, milk.

March 30: Chicken cacciatore, spaghetti, salad, roll, milk.

Marsing Senior
Center

March 23: Pork chops, peas, baked potatoes/gravy, salad, soup, desert, drink.

March 27: Roast beef, potatoes/gravy, peas/carrots, vegetable jello salad, soup, dessert, drink.

March 28: Hot dog w/cheese, sauerkraut, scalloped potatoes, salad, soup, dessert, drink.

March 29: Pork roast, sweet potatoes, corn/green beans, carrot salad, soup, dessert, drink.

March 30: Fried chicken, potatoes, beets, salad, soup, dessert, drink.

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What’s happening
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Owyhee area schools take Spring Break

Schools in Owyhee County and in Jordan Valley will be let out of school for a week’s vacation for Spring Break beginning Monday.

The Marsing, Homedale, Jordan Valley, Adrian and Bruneau-Grand View school districts will

release its students on a normal schedule Thursday, and students will not be required to return to school until April 3.

Parent-teacher conferences will be held at most of the local schools through Thursday.

In Homedale, kindergarten

through fourth-grade students will not have to attend school today or Thursday because of parent-teacher conferences. Middle and high school students will have a normal schedule those two days.

In Marsing, parent-teacher conferences are being held

through Thursday with students not required to attend class on Friday. The schedule will be the same for Bruneau-Grand View and for Jordan Valley.

Adrian schools will have normal schedules leading up to Spring Break.

Adrian FFA news

by Kaylee Merritt,
chapter news editor

The Adrian FFA Chapter has had a busy winter, and we’re here to bring you up to date on a few of the things that we’ve been doing in our chapter. This news is also seasonally published in the “Adrian FFA Chapter News,” our chapter newsletter.

On Jan. 19, we had a great time playing dodge ball. It was a little dangerous at times, but no one bled their own blood! The winners of the dodge ball tournament were the “Treasure Valley Steam Cleaners” team with Logan Branstiter, Amanda Simpson, Brett Buchholz, Paige Branstiter and Aaron Langley. After they were declared the winners, we had an all-out dodge ball war and everyone in our chapter tried to beat them, but they stood strong and still won.

The Adrian FFA Chapter participated in three different events at the District Leadership contests held Feb. 8 in Vale, Ore. Participants included: Creed Speaking — George Ellsworth and Naomi Wilson; Beginning Parliamentary Procedure — Kyle Osborn, Levi Jones, Kyle Dondero, Naomi Wilson, Blake Ishida, George Ellsworth and Robyn Acock; Advanced Parliamentary Procedure — Paige Branstiter,

Aaron Langley, Ruthie Gordon, Tyrel Phelps, Jasmine Brown and Alix Paul.

Adrian’s FFA Chapter also had three candidates running for district office, with Jasmine Brown being named Sentinel and Lawrence Shenk named Alternate.

For FFA Week, Feb. 19-25, we did activities throughout the week and got the elementary school involved by having a color contest for grades 1-5. FFA members visited the grade school classes to talk about the FFA and agriculture. The chapter officers also were hosts for a barbecue for the eighth-graders during they played games and got to know the officers and learned about the benefits of FFA.

At our March Meeting, we elected new officers to lead our chapter in the coming year. This year’s new chapter officers are: Sarah McPeak, president; Ryann Bowns, vice president; Jasmine Brown, secretary; Joseph Witty, treasurer; Kaylee Merritt, reporter; Lawrence Shenk, sentinel; Paige Branstiter, historian; Naomi Wilson, chaplain; and Tyrel Phelps and Levi Trotter, at-large.

The next major event for our chapter is the State FFA Convention in Bend, Ore.

We also will be selling hanging baskets of petunias and million bells from our greenhouse. The



Chapter delegates

The Adrian FFA Chapter delegates who attended the Snake River District Leadership Convention in Vale, Ore., last month. Submitted photo

baskets will be ready just in time for Mothers Day and are available in many attractive colors. Place orders with any Adrian FFA member.

On behalf of the officer team and all the members, thank you to all the community members who help with all our activities.

We are grateful to those who serve as judges, dodge ball referees, and general FFA supporters throughout the year.

As a special thank you, the chapter will present our annual appreciation banquet April 25 in the Adrian High School gymnasium.

If you have any questions about the articles or if you would like an issue of the Adrian FFA Chapter Newsletter, call Newsletter Editor Kaylee Merritt at (541) 372-2335, ext. 3711 or e-mail the Adrian officer team at adrianffa@malesd.k12.or.us.

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Legislative dining

Members of the Marsing FFA Chapter, from left to right, Ellie Collett, Jennifer Pfeifer, Andrea Evans, Amy Beagley, Kelsey Granden, CC Zanardi, Samantha Jensen and Daniel Ineck get ready for breakfast and presentations from the Idaho FFA and associates. Submitted photo

Marsing FFA news

by Jason Nettleton, advisor

Ten Marsing FFA members attended the Legislative breakfast at the Grove Hotel in Boise on Feb. 21. After breakfast with the legislators, FFA members had the opportunity to attend one of five tours put on by the Idaho Cooperative Council. “A Day in the Life of a Legislator,” presented by Sen. John McGee (R-Caldwell) and Rep. Jana Kemp (R-Boise); “Republicans/Democrats — What’s the Difference?” presented by Rep. Lawrence Denney (R-Midvale) and Rep. Wendy Jaquet (D-Ketchum); “Become Involved in Political Campaigns,” by Katie Hammon and Jonathan Parker; “Scholarships, Internships and Pages,” presented by Kendra and

Kyra Waitley; or “What Co-ops are Looking For in Employees,” presented by Ken Blakeman and Steve Sanders. The members of the varsity Parliamentary Procedure team — Amy Beagley, Jessica Elsberry, Sean Finley, Kallie Roeser, Marcus Miller and Jennifer Pfeifer — met early each morning to prepare for the Career Development Event (CDE) that was held March 14 at Vallivue High School in Caldwell. The freshman Parliamentary Procedure team of Bethany Sevy, Kaya Stahle, Sean Finley, Dixie Kent, Kenneth Redmond and Kelsey Granden also put in early-morning hours of practice for the CDE also on March 14. “These teams have worked hard to prepare themselves for these events and should be highly commended for their outstanding accomplishments,” Marsing FFA Advisor Jason Nettleton said. Daniel Ineck, Jessica Elsberry and Kallie Roeser have all applied for a seat on the Boise Valley District (BVD) Officer Team. The BVD Officer Sifting CDE took place on March 14. The chapter recently spent a great deal of time planning for all of the upcoming events, as they get ready for a busy springtime schedule, which kicked off Monday with the Homedale FFA donkey basketball game.

Upcoming Events
March 30 — Nettleton Branding
April 6-8 — Idaho FFA State Leadership Conference
April 14 — Chapter Officer Sifting



Silver Spurs administration

Owyhee Silver Spurs elected its administration during a general meeting last month. Those elected include: Left to right, back row: Kyla Loucks, vice president and Shad Jensen, president. Middle row: Deirdre Briggs, treasurer, Shelby Hess, secretary, and Garrett Briggs, phone chairperson. Front row: Les Loucks, Sergeant at Arms. Submitted photo

Owyhee Silver Spurs 4-H news

The Owyhee Silver Spurs held a general meeting on Feb. 22 at the University of Idaho Extension office in Marsing. Election of officers was held with Shad Jensen elected as president; Kyla Loucks, vice president; Deirdre Briggs, treasurer; Shelby Hess, secretary; Garrett Briggs, phone chairman; and Les Loucks, sergeant at arms. The club is planning an open horse play-day as a fund-raiser for its general fund. After a final date is set at the next meeting, notices will be sent to The Owyhee Avalanche and other 4-H groups.

Rockhound to speak in Bruneau

The Bruneau Valley Library’s monthly “What’s Hot at the Library” speaker program will feature a presentation on rock collecting at noon next Wednesday. The speaker for this month’s program will be local resident and rockhound Beckie Janousek. Rocks from the collection of Janousek and her husband, Clarence, are on display at the library. Lunch will be provided free of charge, but anyone planning on attending must RSVP to the library by Monday. For more information, call Clara Morris at (208) 845-2345 or (208) 845-2131.


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Electronic ID tags: What fashionable 4-H beef are wearing this season

This spring, as Idaho 4-Hers weigh-in market beef animals they'll be bringing to this summer's county fairs, many of the youngsters will be wowed by a new technology in animal-disease management.

In 30 of Idaho's 44 counties — including Owyhee — University of Idaho Extension staff and volunteers will be attaching two identification tags to the animals' ears: the standard plastic "dangle" tag with large, visible numerals and an electronic, computer-chip-bearing tag about the size of a quarter.

The electronic tags are coded with a 15-digit-number that's the livestock equivalent of a Social Security number. When an electronic reader that looks enticingly like a Star Wars device is passed across the ear tag, the animal's number pops up on a nearby 4-H laptop computer.

"Everybody was really excited to see it," said Stephanie Etter, a UI Extension educator in Canyon County, who helped weigh-in that county's 4-H cattle in mid-February. "As soon as we wanded the animals' ears, the kids wanted to look at the screen and see what it said."

University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Educator Scott Jensen said 4-Hers in Owyhee County was introduced to the tagging during a beef weigh-in on March 11. He said 4-H members were excited about the new program.

"Members seemed enthused about the program," Jensen said



Catching the new wave of cattle ID

Left: Kate Blackstock of Marsing shows off her livestock during the recent beef weigh-in. **Right:** Jodi Usabel, left, and her daughter, MJ, watch as University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office educator Scott Jensen demonstrates how to apply an ear tag. Submitted photos

Friday. "It is a matter of educating kids and parents about what is coming down the line in the industry. Sooner or later it will become mandatory and the more people we can educate about the issue, the better off we will be."

Jensen said he feels industry is the driving force behind ID tags. He said fast-food chain McDonalds is the major purchaser of U.S. beef.

"A couple of things their executives have stated is that in the future they will not purchase beef if it is not able to be source-verified," Jensen said.

The joint project of UI Extension and the Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) is intended to demonstrate the new technology to 4-Hers and their families, said Jason Ahola, UI Extension beef

specialist in Caldwell. Electronic identification is an integral part of the USDA's emerging National Animal Identification System (NAIS), which experts in animal health and bioterrorism hope will enable the livestock industry to trace the origin of animal disease outbreaks within 48 hours.

Slated for rollout in 2009, the NAIS will require documentation of animal movement to and from the premises on which they're being raised. That means both the animals and the premises will need identification numbers.

Although 2009 is several years away, Ahola wants Idaho 4-Hers and their families to start familiarizing themselves with the system now.

"We're priming the pump so people become aware," he said.

"We want them to understand the importance of the program, how it works and how they can participate in it. This is the direction of the animal-production industry — towards better control of disease and more identification of individual animals, not only for disease management and prevention but for performance measurement."

Extension staff and volunteers will record both the 4-H cattle's initial and sale weights on computer spreadsheets, and an adjoining column will be programmed with a formula that automatically calculates each animal's average daily gain. The 4-Hers "thought that was cool," said Lemhi Extension educator Shannon Williams, who first introduced electronic

IDs to the youth in her county last year. "They thought it was interesting."

This year's electronic identification equipment — 1,500 tags and accompanying readers — were paid for by an ISDA pilot animal identification project. It's part of a \$1.16 million USDA grant to Idaho's NAIS Coalition.

Like Ahola, ISDA animal identification coordinator Cara Bieroth wants 4-H families to get a heads-up so they can get a leg up on disease prevention. Their animals — even if they have just one — can pick up a disease as easily at the fairgrounds as a whole herd of cattle moving between sites, Bieroth said.

Although 4-H families aren't yet required to register their premises with the NAIS, Ahola said they eventually will need to do so, and now is as good a time as any to start. He believes the electronic identification project will encourage some 4-H families to take that initial, voluntary step.

"Kids tend to be really intrigued with technology, whereas their parents might not be," Ahola said.

"It's that good old 4-H tradition," Williams said. "If you want to teach the adults, first teach their kids."

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JVMS to present science fair

by Hayley Johnson, JVHS

Jordan Valley Middle School will host a science fair at the grade school gym Thursday.

The fair will be open to public from 9 a.m. to noon. Judging and interviews of the budding Einsteins will be held from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., followed by a potluck with an awards ceremony.

Entrants will consist of students from the surrounding schools, including Arock, Pleasant Valley, Rockville, and Jordan Valley from students in grades fifth through eighth.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Homedale High students place at state BPA conference

Eight Homedale High School students placed in the Business Professionals of America (BPA) State Leadership Conference held in Boise from March 9 to March 11.

Homedale Chapter BPA members Andrew Davey, Jared Haskett, Levi Jones, Lyon Matson, Josh Myers, Bonnie Price, Elizabeth Steinmentz and Mark Vance attended the conference at Boise State University.

Davey placed fourth in spreadsheet application, qualifying for the National Conference competition. He also placed in the top 10 for digital media.

Haskett placed in the top 10 in graphic design promotion. Jones placed fifth in JAVA programming. Lyon placed in fundamentals of HTML, and Myers placed in database application.

Price qualified for the National Conference with a championship in the advanced office system division and a third-place showing in the advanced word processing skills competition.

Vance qualified for the National Conference with a fourth-place finish in basic office systems.

Steinmentz placed in the top 10 in medical office procedures and database application.

The National Conference will be held May 10-14 in Orlando, Fla.

BPA is an extra-curricular activity that is part of an education program designed to develop leadership abilities, competency in business occupations and interest in the American business system. It's a national career and technical student organization consisting of 23 state associations and more than 43,000 members.

The organization serves students who are currently, or were previously enrolled, in a business education program at a secondary or post-secondary institution. Chapters are located in high schools, career/technical centers, post-secondary technical institutions, junior and community colleges, and colleges and universities.



Academic Olympians
Homedale High School's Science Olympiad team, from left to right: Bonnie Price, Chanda Cox, Andrew Bingham, Mark Vance, Scott Thatcher, Jennifer George and Josh Myers. Submitted photo

Homedale High science Olympians earn medals

Four Homedale High School students came back from the March 4 Idaho Science Olympiad in Nampa as state champions.

Mark Vance and Josh Myers were winners in Earth Science, while Bonnie Price and Chanda Cox brought home gold in the "Write It, Do It" technical writing competition.

Homedale sent six juniors and two seniors to the state competition held at Northwest Nazarene University. All eight won medals.

Jennifer George and Jessica Mooney placed third in Health Science and Andrew Bingham and Scott Thatcher finished third in the Rocks and Minerals competition.

"I was very proud of our kids," Homedale principal Mike Williams said. "The only other small school at the competition was Nampa Christian."

"We won more medals than many of the big schools."

The only seniors on this year's team were George and Mooney, so more big things are expected next year, Williams said.

Basketball, skits and plenty of food highlight JV's International Dinner

by Hayley Johnson, JVHS

On St. Patrick's Day, the junior class of Jordan Valley High School took advantage of the holiday to play host to an International Dinner fund-raiser. Along with multi-national cuisine, the students also presented various forms of entertainment.

The Friday event started at 6 and included the dinner and entertainment and a basketball tournament.

Italian, Basque, Southern, Swedish, Danish, American, Spanish, Chinese, Cowboys and Indians, and Irish cultures were represented by the different entrees served.

Entertainment included short plays performed by the Drama Class, singing, Cowboy poetry, and various types of music.

The basketball tournaments took place in the new gym, and began with kindergarten through fourth-graders playing each other. Next was fifth through eighth, after which the alumni took on the high school. The alumni inched by for the win, but an overall fun time was had by both those who played and those who were spectators.



Dinner theater
Chelicy Payne performs with Tina Stanford, not pictured, during "Miss Fortune," a small skit presented as part of the Jordan Valley High School Drama Club performance during the International Dinner on Friday.

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Training hunters

A group of young hunters practice shooting at the Homedale Rod and Gun Club on Saturday as part of the final hunter education test. New classes are forming for next month. Submitted photo

Register now for hunter education course

A hunter education course series will be offered to youth hunters ages 10 and older beginning April 3.

The course will be held in Homedale on April 3, 6, 11, 13, from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Other classes in the course will be held on April 8 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. and on April 15 from 9 a.m. until course completion.

The final class will be held at the Homedale Rod and Gun Club Range on Highway 95.

According to Idaho Law, hunters born on or after Jan. 1, 1975, are required to complete a hunter education course. The course costs \$8 and will be offered in a series of classes at the Nazarene Church of Homedale at 26615 Ustick Road.

Parents are encouraged to attend the hunter education classes with their children.

For more information, call Walt Rost at (208) 337-3535 or (208) 989-3152.

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This light and delicious Easter feast stars a roast ham with a citrus-rosemary glaze, featuring Heinz White Vinegar. Heinz Red Wine Vinegar lends an extra layer of flavor to asparagus with a shallot-tomato vinaigrette, while Heinz Apple Cider Vinegar dresses up a wild rice salad with dried apricots, cherries and almonds.

Brighten up your Easter with light and simple recipes that showcase the versatility of vinegar.

FAMILY FEATURES

As the days lengthen and the promise of warmer weather beckons, our palates begin to favor lighter, simpler fare. Imagine tender asparagus, dressed with a mouth-watering, shallot-tomato vinaigrette; a melt-in-your-mouth roasted ham with an orange-rosemary glaze; and a wild rice salad jazzed up with dried fruit and the crunch of toasted almonds.

Whether you're a cooking veteran or novice, anyone can be a natural in the kitchen this Easter with an easy, yet sophisticated, holiday menu that uses all-natural ingredients. If you're wondering about the secret to the dishes featured here, look no farther than your own pantry.

Vinegar. That's right, the old Easter standby for egg dying deserves its own spot, front and center, in your holiday lineup. In fact, since its discovery 10,000 years ago, vinegar has been valued as a key ingredient for cooking, canning, cleaning, dressing and dyeing delicious foods.

While the recipes here use three different kinds of vinegar — white, apple cider and red wine — you've no

doubt heard of more: balsamic, rice, white wine and malt vinegar just to name a few. Most recipes will specify which vinegar to use, but occasionally it's left to you to decide. If you prefer a subtle fruit flavor, you may substitute apple cider vinegar. Just remember, it can darken light fruits and vegetables. As for the flavored vinegars, they are good for adding subtlety, variety, aroma and intrigue — without adding calories. No matter which vinegar you choose, be sure you select a brand that is all-natural, such as Heinz. This will also allow you to score points for both health and taste.

In the Easter menu showcased here, vinegar plays an important role by adding complexity to dressings and sauces, as well as brightening and balancing the flavors in each recipe.

By allowing vinegar to play a starring role in your holiday feast, you're well on your way to an easy and delicious meal. With a traditional ham featuring an innovative glaze, plus two tasty sides, simply ask your guests to bring a couple of additional side dishes and a dessert, and your meal will be complete. So much for holiday stress!

Orange-Glazed Ham With Rosemary

- 1 (6- to 8-pound) ham**
- Glaze**
- 1/2 cup sugar
 - 1 cup Heinz White Vinegar
 - 2 cups freshly squeezed orange juice
 - 2 tablespoons dried rosemary
 - 2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lime juice
 - Salt and freshly ground black pepper
 - 4 tablespoons unsalted butter

Preheat oven to 325°F. Place ham, fat side up, in roasting pan. Pour 1 inch of water into pan. Roast ham 1 1/2 hours.

For glaze, in a saucepan over medium heat, boil sugar and vinegar together 5 minutes. Add orange juice and simmer mixture until reduced by a third. (It should appear slightly syrupy.)

Remove mixture from heat; add rosemary, lime juice and salt and pepper to taste. Mix well, then add butter and stir gently until melted and well-incorporated.

Remove roasting pan from oven every 10 minutes or so, and brush generous amount of glaze all over ham, until crust is golden-brown and bubbly, about 30 minutes.

Serves 8 to 10

Asparagus With Warm Tomato Vinaigrette

- 48 medium asparagus**
- Vinaigrette**
- 1/2 cup finely chopped shallots
 - 1/2 cup light olive oil
 - 2 cups peeled, seeded and chopped vine-ripened tomatoes
 - 1/2 cup Heinz Red Wine Vinegar
 - 2 large garlic cloves, finely minced
 - 1 2/3 cup dry white wine
 - Salt and freshly cracked black pepper

Steam asparagus until crisp-tender.

Sauté shallots in oil over medium heat until wilted, but not browned, about 5 minutes. Add tomatoes and bring to simmer. Cook another 5 minutes, stirring to prevent sticking, and then add vinegar, garlic, wine, salt and pepper. Simmer 15 minutes to reduce and thicken vinaigrette.

Serve over warm or room-temperature asparagus spears.

Serves 8 to 10

- Wild Rice, Apricot, Dried Cherry and Almond Salad**
- 10 1/2 cups chicken stock (preferably homemade, but if not available, make from Wyler's Instant Bouillon)
 - 2 cups uncooked wild rice (about 12 ounces)
 - 1 cup dried apricots (about 6 ounces), coarsely chopped
 - 3/4 cup dried cherries
 - 1 cup slivered almonds, toasted
 - 1/2 cup chopped green onions
 - 1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley
 - 6 tablespoons Heinz Apple Cider Vinegar
 - 4 teaspoons Dijon mustard
 - 1/4 cup brown sugar
 - 1 cup extra virgin olive oil

Bring chicken stock to boil in large, heavy saucepan. Mix in wild rice. Reduce heat to medium low. Simmer uncovered until rice is tender, stirring occasionally, about 50 minutes.

Drain rice well and transfer to bowl. Mix in apricots, cherries, onions and parsley.

Whisk together vinegar, mustard and brown sugar in small bowl. Gradually whisk in olive oil. Toss rice with enough dressing to coat well. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Cover and chill in refrigerator until ready to use. Check salad for dressing and seasoning before serving.

Serves 8 to 10



EGG-DYEING
The Natural Way

You can create a virtual rainbow of dyes from ingredients in your own kitchen. Beets, blueberries, onion skins, coffee, turmeric, cranberry juice, fresh spinach ... these are just a few simple and all-natural alternatives to pre-made egg-dyeing tablets.

To make a natural dye, add 4 cups of chopped fruit or vegetables (or 1 tablespoon spice) to 4 cups of water. Add 2 tablespoons of Heinz White Vinegar, bring to a boil and simmer 15 to 30 minutes. Strain the dye and cool slightly. Use this dye on previously cooked, refrigerated eggs. Dip eggs for 5 to 10 minutes, or until desired color is reached.

Beautiful egg dyes can be made with all-natural ingredients. These stunning eggs were created using a mixture of water, all-natural vinegar and beets.



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