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Growth could strain Homedale infrastructure

With what seems to be an explosion of growth in the Homedale area, other officials are concerned about the impact a population increase will have on schools, local law enforcement

and emergency services.

During the past several weeks, city officials have heard testimony from several land developers and real estate agents concerning planned expansion in the city

limits, in the impact area and in surrounding taxing districts.

Approximately 400 new homes are projected to be built in the immediate area within the next five to 10 years. City officials

see that as good news, but school districts and emergency districts may have to make changes to adjust for the growth.

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Homedale students protest immigration bill

About two dozen Homedale students skipped class Monday afternoon and held a peaceful rally in front of Homedale High School to protest bill introduced by Rep. F. James Sessenbrenner (R-Wis.) that would crack down on undocumented immigrant workers. Protest rallies were held throughout the United States on Monday as part of a coordinated national day of action by immigrant supporters.



Young accident victim

Emergency personnel load 7-year-old Govany Castilleja on to a stretcher after he was hit by a car while crossing the street in front of Homedale Elementary School on Thursday.

Officials search remedy after child hit by vehicle

Homedale school and law enforcement officials are scrambling to come up with ways to keep children safe in the wake of a Homedale Elementary student receiving serious leg injuries after being hit by a vehicle as he was leaving school Thursday afternoon.

Govany Castilleja, 7, of Homedale was injured when he was hit by a van driven by Alicia Contreras-Mirada, 39, of Adrian, Ore. as he was crossing Washington Ave. to get to his mother's car. He suffered injuries to his left leg and was transported to West Valley Medical Center in Caldwell.

Officials want to devise a temporary fix to the safety issue until a permanent change can be made

Elementary Principal Scott

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City's property buy meets scrutiny

Homedale council nixes meeting; businessmen can't voice concern

Several people within the city of Homedale are questioning how city officials were able to purchase a piece of property and lease it to an individual business, if the purchase was in the best interest of the city and exactly where the city fathers got the funds to buy the property.

In March, city officials bought about 7½ acres of land near the Homedale Airport from the Idaho State Military Division. Last month, the city agreed to lease that property to Dave Holton for \$100 a month for 50 years. Holton said he plans to move Snake River Lumber from the county into city limits on the land.

A lease with Holton has not yet been signed, but Homedale Mayor Paul Fink said Thursday that the lease would be reviewed by the City Council at its meeting next Wednesday.

Several local business owners attended Thursday's council meeting with the intention of

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City, county agree on impact area control

discussions between the City of Homedale and Owyhee County officials, an agreement has been reached on how to handle growth within the city's impact area.

The city's impact negotiation group and Owyhee County Commission chairman Hal Tolmie agreed in an April 24 meeting that the best way to handle growth in the city's impact area was to communicate with each other.

Tolmie said an agreement could be drawn up between the county and the city that will keep both entities aware of what is being built and under which codes any construction would fall.

"As long as we are included, we don't have a problem with it," Homedale City Councilman Steve Schultz said.

The county will continue to collect the building fees for homes built in the impact area, and the city will continue to retain jurisdiction over mobile home parks and subdivisions.

"We anticipate growth in our impact area," Schultz said. "In fact we see growth coming from the west rapidly. We have a lot of people interested in our impact area and want to build out there. We anticipate annexation in the impact area, but we would like to have these people building within the city's planning and zoning standards instead of the county's standards. As the city limits increases, I would anticipate that the city's impact area would increase."

Tolmie said the county is also experiencing growth, and that the county planning and zoning department is working on revisions to its ordinances.

The impact area issue has been ongoing for some time after the city requested full control of all growth in the area and a negotiation to double its size.

In a September meeting with Tolmie, it was determined that three councilmen—Schultz, Dave

1603 12th Ave. Rd.

After several years of Downum and then-councilman Kevin Barlow — would join community members Greg Kelly, Tom Pegram and Junior Uranga as a committee. Because Barlow left office in January, Councilman Tim Downing has joined the committee.

> The area of impact is approximately one mile outside of the city limits. Homedale Planning and Zoning Administrator Sylvia Bahem said Idaho Code requires city municipalities to negotiate the area every five years, but it has been well over five years since it has been done.

> Tolmie told the group in September that the area of impact for Homedale has never really been agreed upon because it has never been surveyed. He said the disagreement is over if the impact area lies within the "big black line" or if it is "outside of the big black line" drawn on

Since then, the city has received a legal description of the area of impact, and has chosen not to increase the area, for now.

"During our last meeting, you made it clear that legally the county commissioners have the representation of the voters, so we probably should not look at an increase at this time," Schultz told Tolmie "What we would like to get is to have some kind of a review process of what happens. How do we facilitate that?'

Schultz said following the meeting that the city and the county now has a "greater" understanding between the city and county, which will be in writing in the future. He said now the county will notify the city on residential and commercial buildings and the city would notify the county concerning subdivision or mobile home park expansions.

Schultz said both entities would sign the agreement in the near future.

173 W. 4th St.

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Marsing mayor warns against taking special carp from pond

Marsing Mayor Don Osterhoudt is begging anglers to release any carp they reeling in at the Marsing Island Pond. The mayor says these fish are not considered "trash fish." In fact, the bottomsucking fish are key to the pond's survival.

During the past several years, the fish, known as grass carp, have been added to the pond to keep down the amount of algae and moss, which can plug up the gills of the trout planted in the pond and kill them. Osterhoudt said each carp costs about \$20, and the fish are planted when they are about 10 inches long.

"They are imperative to the pond," Osterhoudt said while standing over three dead Grass Carp near the pond. "Usually people think the fish are the regular trash fish out of the Snake River, but these are special fish."

The city has posted signs throughout the park reminding anglers to return the fish to the water.

The city buys the fish from a supplier near Givens Hot Springs in Owyhee County. They are a native eastern Asia fish and have been introduced to about 70 countries around the world, including the United States.

The grass carp has an oblong body, a round belly and a broad head. Its color is a silvery dark grey, and its sides are lighter with a gold sheen. The belly is whitish. The dorsal fin begins in front of the fish's pelvic fins.

Originally grass carp were introduced into farm ponds to control aquatic vegetation. The fish are vegetarians, and they will not eat fish eggs, young fish or invertebrates. Because the fish feeds on aquatic plants, it can be used as a biological tool to control nuisance aquatic plant growth.

The carp in Marsing's pond are sterilized before they are planted, so they have no chance of breeding.

"If we had carp that could breed,



Carp vital to pond's survival

Above: Marsing Mayor Don Osterhoudt stands over three grass carp recently found on the banks of Marsing Island Pond. Osterhoudt is asking anglers to return any carp caught at the pond to the water because they are planted to control moss and algae. Below: A baby grass carp.



the pond could be overtaken by them, so the ones we get are sterile," Osterhoudt said. "But that is also why it is very important to put the fish back if

they are caught. Every one caught and killed costs the city and the taxpayers."

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County hit by spate of ditch accidents

Marsing Emergency Medical Technician Betty Ackerman, right, looks at a wrecked vehicle as the driver, Amelia Villarreal-Mendoza, 23, of Marsing looks on. Villarreal-Mendoza overcorrected her vehicle and rolled it into a ditch Wednesday afternoon.

Three injured in separate accidents

Three people were injured last week in unrelated accidents in Owyhee County. In all three accidents, the vehicles wound up in ditches.

On Wednesday, law enforcement officers responded to a single-vehicle accident on Gem Road outside of Marsing.

Amelia Villarreal-Mendoza, 23, overcorrected her vehicle and rolled it into a ditch. There was no water in the ditch at the time of the accident. Villarreal-Mendoza received minor injuries, but ambulance members responded to the scene because she was pregnant. She was not cited.

On Saturday, a Grand View woman was injured when the car she was a passenger in ran off the

road into a ditch. Donna Russo, 43, was driving the vehicle at the time of the accident. She was cited for inattentive driving.

Carol Martin, age not available, was transported to a local hospital by air ambulance after she was extricated from the vehicle. The vehicle was partially submerged in water.

Saturday morning, an 18-yearold Marsing teen was cited for leaving the scene of an accident after he left his vehicle in a canal on Edison Road.

Jamison Price returned to his vehicle as deputies waited for a tow truck and told officials that he missed a corner and drove into the B Canal.

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Caldwell man arrested after reckless drive through Marsing

Driver booked for felony, DUI after he runs deputy off road

A Caldwell man was arrested Friday night after he led law enforcement officers on a low-speed chase that started in Marsing and ended just outside of Homedale.

Douglas Olsen, 45, of Caldwell was booked and released on charges of felony eluding an

officer and driving under the influence.

A spokesman from Owyhee County Sheriff's Office said Deputy Perry Grant was traveling east on Main Street in Marsing when Olsen, who was traveling west, nearly collided with a vehicle in front of the deputy. A sheriff's report states Grant was forced to the side of the road by traveling in the wrong lane of traffic.

The statement from the deputy said Olsen did not yield when Grant initiated a traffic stop. Olsen continued out of town.

The deputy reported that several vehicles were forced off the road outside of Marsing because of Olsen's erratic driving. Grant reported that Homedale Police Officers Mike McFetridge and Mike Flores joined the pursuit, which never exceeded a speed of 60 mph, at Jump Creek Road on U.S. Highway 95.

Olsen stopped his vehicle near Taxidermy Lane outside of Homedale where he was taken into custody. Results of a blood alcohol content test were not immediately available.

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Marsing chamber gears up for Old Fashioned fest again

Marsing's Old Fashioned Festival will have a new twist when it returns for another run next month.

The Marsing Chamber of Commerce announced last week that the festival will be held June 9-10. Proceeds from the event help finance the town's "Kick Off Your Fourth in Marsing on the Third" fireworks show on July 3. Doodle Bug tickets for July's annual prize race also will be sold during the festival.

Most of the festivities take place at City Park, but this year a dance has been added to the schedule. Former Canyon County Sheriff George Nourse and his band will provide the music for the dance June 9 at the Marsing Community Center.

The City Park portion of the festival will start at noon on June 9 and early in the morning on June 10.

Events for all ages and interests are planned, including an arts and crafts fair and lots of music acts, food booths, chlidren's activities and other family attractions.

Soloists, a jazz group, a Christian rock band, folk dancers and old-time fiddlers will provide musical entertainment.

Marsing chamber president Bill O'Connor said that nearly 200 vendors have been contacted about the festival, but food and crafts vendors still can call (208) 896-4184 to reserve booth space.







Roping, BBQ planned by Mtn. View Nazarene

Mountain View Church of the Nazarene will sponsor team roping and a barbecue Sunday.

The barbecue starts at the church at the corner of Batt Corner and Ustick roads off U.S. Highway 95 immediately after the morning worship service. Go to www.mvnaz.org for map and directions.

The menu will include beef tri-tip, baked beans, salad and brownies.

At 2:30 p.m. after the barbecue, the team roping event will begin at Gene and Stephanie King's arena at 4282 Hogg Road in Homedale. No alcohol is allowed.

For more information, contact Mountain View Church of the Nazarene at (208) 337-3151.

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Opponents rally against proposed development on Homedale Road

May 11 meeting at HMS will address planned 1,000-home community on Canyon County side of Snake

meeting to voice opposition to a projected community that could include more than 1,000 homes potentially planned to be located on Homedale Road near Van Slyke Road.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. May 11 at Homedale Middle School.

Several homeowners in the area near the proposed community are not exactly happy with the project and plan a meeting with the communities that would be directly impacted by the

The Land Group, Inc., a "multidisciplinary" firm in Eagle, held an informational neighborhood

Organizers have scheduled a meeting on the proposal on April

The proposed community's locale is described as being bordered by Ustick and Hoskins roads on the north and south and Tucker and Allendale roads on the east and west. The proposed site involves approximately 1,200 acres of now agricultural land.

A letter obtained by The Owyhee Avalanche describes the project as a development that will offer a "well-designed plan with a variety of creative product types and unique amenities. The development will focus on maintaining an appealing, exciting, yet harmonious transition with surrounding properties."

A proposed plan of the property shows what appears to be a private community, which includes more than 1,000 homes, a charter school, equestrian residential lots, a nursery and tree farm and a pedestrian tunnel crossing Homedale Road. The community section of the proposal is located near Tucker Road and shows a "resort vineyard" home location with a hotel-spa, winery, restaurant, botanical gardens, concert lawns and an events center.

Calls to The Land Group, Inc. in Eagle were not immediately

returned Monday, but information on the meeting showed that the developer, who was not named, would submit a master plan development to Canyon County Planning and Zoning in the near

The community is within the boundaries of the Homedale School District and its fire and ambulance boundaries.

A spokesman from Canyon County Planning and Zoning said the application had not been submitted as of Monday.

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From page 1 This increase, if it is passe Canyon County Planning

Homedale School District Superintendent Tim Rosandick said last week that although the subject has not been a top concern for school trustees, they would have to consider it very soon.

"We have not spent as much time as we should have looking at those projects," Rosandick said Friday. "I see lots of P and Z applications cross my desk where they ask for comment. A lot of the subdivisions I have seen have not been of the high-density housing yet. We are going to have to take a look at it."

Rosandick said the schools currently can accommodate more children, but the district needs to look at the projects because it can take as long as five years to make any necessary changes to the district.

"I received a call from a gentleman this morning who discussed a proposed project on Homedale Road that will drastically impact this area in the future," Rosandick said.

"This increase, if it is passed by Canyon County Planning and Zoning would add, from what I understand, 1,800 new homes in the area."

The district opened its doors to outside students with an open enrollment policy recently, but Rosandick said as the city continues its population expansion, students within the district have priority over students who live outside of the district.

'We have capacity to take on significantly more students in the elementary school, but we have to balance that," he said.

"Part of the problem if we look down the road, is our bonding capacity is somewhat limited. With so much agricultural land and not much commercial property, our ability to bond to purchase land or build a facility is different than a district that has a lot of commercial property. As we go forward and look at that, is it reasonable to guess within the next 12 years this district would face some facility issues."

Homedale Fire Chief Scott

Salutregui said the kind of growth the city has been discussing would have a huge effect on fire and ambulance response. Currently the city's fire and ambulance crews are made up of strictly volunteers, and finding a full crew to respond is sometimes difficult.

"We are already dealing with it," Salutregui said Monday. "We already require any new business or residence to meet the standards of the International Fire Code, which covers water supply, emergency vehicle access, things of that nature. It has to go through a process with planning and zoning, and when they contact us we follow through on that process."

Salutregui said being a volunteer district is sometimes difficult, but it is the nature of things.

"The ambulance runs, on an average, nearly once a day," Salutregui said. "Our runs are up quite a bit as well, but that is just the nature of it. Our fire commissioners are very proactive, and they have been looking ahead at what is going to conspire. We

all know growth is headed this way, but we deal with it."

Last year, the ambulance service recorded its highest number of calls, answering 278. Ambulance administrator Lisa Price said this year the service already has responded to more calls than it did at the same time last year.

Salutregui said the local department is a member of the Canyon County Fire Chiefs Association as well as the Snake River Valley Fire Chiefs Association and the two associations have assisted with future plans.

"Canyon County is going through it right now, and they have been very helpful with ideas of how we should handle the increases," Salutregui said.

In 12 months, the department responds to about 75 calls. Salutregui said not all of them are fire calls, but the number of calls has increased over the last several years.

"People are under the assumption that when they call, someone is at the fire hall," Salutregui said. "We all have other jobs. But our response times are very good and are considered to be above normal."

Homedale Police Department normally only responds to law enforcement issues within the city, but officers also often respond to assist Canyon County law enforcement and Owyhee County Sheriff's deputies.

Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said his department is also feeling the strain of increased traffic and calls in the city and has had to make scheduling changes to keep additional officers on duty during "peak" hours.

"We are the place everyone goes for quick, convenient shopping," Eidemiller said.

"It could be inevitable that we will have to increase staff as the population in the city and around us grows."

Eidemiller has been chief for six years and said over the years, law enforcement calls have obviously increased, but for now, because of budget issues, he works with what he has.

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$\sqrt{\mathbf{Property}}$

voicing their concerns to the council. But, after two councilmen called in sick, the meeting was canceled before it began because there was no quorum. Councilmen Dave Downum and Bill Page reported they could not attend the meeting because of illness.

However, Page was located at a local restaurant immediately after the meeting and when asked why he didn't attend, he stated that he was not feeling well and he thought he would feel better if he got out for a while. He said he regretted not being able to attend the meeting, and he planned to attend the next one.

Owyhee County Commissioner Hal Tolmie, a retired business owner, said during an April 24 impact meeting with the city that he objected to the lease because it had a direct impact on many businesses within the city.

He told councilmen Downum, Steve Schultz and Tim Downing that he didn't appreciate the city leasing public land to a business that would conflict with his son Dirk's business at Tolmie's Appliance or with other businesses that have been established in the city.

Homedale City Clerk Susan Mansisidor said the city transferred \$23,100 from the general fund and put it into an account in the airport fund the city named Airport

Property Purchase. That figure was the exact price tag of the land buy from the state.

Idaho Code requires that property purchased from an airport fund must be used "for the purpose of maintaining aviation facilities, to lease for aviation purposes." The code states that the council may use the funds for construction or operation of the aviation facility.

Because the property is owned by the city, it is exempt from property taxes. Owyhee County Assessor Brett Endicott said only the personal property, such as any buildings constructed or improvements made by Holton would be taxed.

Endicott said although the property has not been assessed for taxes for many years because it has been exempt, a piece of property directly near the city's land is assessed at \$148,662 for 8.259 acres.

The assessor said with a tax formula, the city's property could be taxed about \$2,200 per year by the county just for the land alone. He said the city would receive a portion of that tax, which is calculated using an additional

Those attending Thursday said they did not wish to respond to questions, but they said they planned to attend next week's council meeting.

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Read all about it in the Avalanche!

√ Child

Freeby said with the way the street is set up in front of the school, an accident was going to happen sooner or later. He said he has been working with school officials to revise the situation to allow traffic to pull off the road to pick up students. The project has been ongoing for several years, but probably would not be finished until sometime next year, Freeby said.

Diligent driving is vital, Freeby

"It is heartbreaking," Freeby said Friday. "We have at least four people out here watching the kids every day as they leave, but we can't see all of them. People need to really be aware of what is going on in front of the school."

Homedale Superintendent Tim Rosandick said the district has been working on a plan to reconstruct the front of the school for a completely separate pull-off area for picking up and dropping off students. Although Rosandick said the reconfiguration is of primary concern for the district, he said the cost is rather high and the project is going to take time because the city has plans for the road, too.

"We have the plans ready, but the city is working on a grant to make some changes to the road as well," Rosandick said. "We don't want our plans to conflict with what the city needs to do. We are working together to get done right."

The district is trying to create traffic patterns in front of the building that will better separate parents who are picking or dropping of students from the main traffic on the road. He said the most favorable option might not happen because of cost. But he said a different type of system would be in place in the future.

"The plant facility levy the voters approved last year allows us about \$150,000 for projects per year, and this project is a priority," Rosandick said. "We have allocated money out of that to improve the project. If we do what we would like to do, we will not be able to afford it. We may have to settle for something a little less than what we want."

Freeby said the "dream" project is to allow parents picking up and dropping off students to merge in front of the school in a completely separate right-of-way east of the school and merge back into traffic west of the school. Rosandick said separation might not be an

option because of a prohibitive

"We are looking at about \$40-\$50,000 instead of about \$140,000," Rosandick said. "We have a dream out there that would really make it look very nice for the community and the city, but in essence of having that kind of revenue, we are going to do the best with what kind of resources we have."

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said officers will monitor the area until the end of this school year watching for traffic violations. He said a pedestrian always has the rightof-way and vehicles need to

"It is very unfortunate that it takes an accident for people to be aware," Eidemiller said. "The street in front of the school was never originally built to handle the kind of traffic it has, so people need to be extra-cautious."

Contreras-Mirada was cited for failure to obtain a driver's license, failure to provide proof of insurance and failure to yield to a pedestrian.

A hospital spokesman said Govany was discharged on

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School menus

May 4-10

Homedale Elementary

May 4: Lasagna or mini corn dogs, corn, apple turnover, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

May 5: Fish nuggets or turkey sandwich, fries/tots, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

May 8: Early release. Sloppy Jo or hot dog, fries/tots, chocolate pudding, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

May 9: Turkey & noodles or tuna sandwich, peas, oatmeal cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

May10: Ravioli or beef taco pie, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Homedale Middle

May 4: Pizza or popcorn chicken, salad, fruit bar, cookie, milk.

May 5: Idaho haystack or split top sandwich, churro, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

May 8: Early release. Chicken patty or rib-b-que, tots, fruit bar, cookie, milk.

May 9: Fish nuggets or corn dog, rice, brownie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

May10: Crispito or tst. Cheese sandwich, taco salad, fruit bar, milk.

Homedale High

May 4: Chicken patty/bun or sandwich & soup, potato wedges, dessert, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

May 5: Crispito or rib-b-que/bun, corn, taco salad, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

May 8: Early release. Pizza, chicken fritters or chef's salad, dessert, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

May 9: Beef nuggets or corn dog bites, potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

May10: Lasagna or burrito, French bread, fruit & veggie bar, milk

Marsing

May 4: Texas fries, veggies, fruit, milk, chicken fajita, salad bar $A^{th}_{-}12^{th}$ roll

May 5: Corn dog, veggies, fruited jello, milk, sub sandwiches, salad bar 4th-12th roll

May 8: Nachos, refried beans, fruit, milk, Red Baron pizza, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.

May 9: Soup & sandwich, fruit, veggies, milk, burritos, salad bar 4th-12th roll

May10: Waffles w/syrup, scrambled eggs & ham, strawberries, milk, rib-b-que, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.

Bruneau

May 4: Pizza, tossed salad, pineapple, milk.

May 5: Cook's choice.

May 8: Staff Development-No school.

May 9: Chili cheese wedges, tossed salad, cinnamon rolls, fruit milk.

May10: Chicken nuggets, potato wedges, roll/butter, fruit, milk.

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Obituaries

Hazel Elordi

Longtime Marsing and Nampa resident and business owner, Hazel Elordi, passed away at Good Shepherd Care Center in Lakeview Terrace, CA., on April 22, 2006 at the age of 99.

Hazel owned and operated a beauty shop in Nampa for more

than 30 years. Along with her husband Joe owned and operated the Owyhee Lounge in Marsing over 20 years until 1988.

Born February 26, 1907 to Bus and Arianna Hancock, in Pateros, Washington. Worked as a ranch hand in the Jordan Valley area in the 40s and went to beauty school in Boise in 1945 and married Joe Elordi in 1946. Hazel moved to Lancaster, Ca. in 1999 to be close to her son Wayne Holloway.

She is urvived by son, 4 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

William S. Summers

William S. Summers, age 97, former longtime resident of the Boise Valley, passed away Wednesday, April 26, 2006, in Cheney, Washington. Mr. Summers was born November 20, 1908 in Butler, Missouri to Samuel Lincoln and Stella Dean (Bryant) Summers.

He was raised and educated in Missouri and was married to Gladys C. Nehring on October 11, 1928, in Butler, Missouri. They moved to the Boise Valley in 1930, where they raised their family.

Mr. Summers farmed and worked as a ditch rider for the Boise Irrigation District until his retirement in 1976. In 1986, they moved to Mattawa, Washington, to be near family. Mr. Summers moved to Kooskia, Idaho, in



1999, and to Cheney in 2005. Mr. Summers enjoyed baseball, hunting, fishing and playing the mandolin and fiddle. He was a

past member of the Kuna Grange and Kuna Senior Citizens.

He is survived by his sons, Jim Summers and his wife Claudie of Kooskia, ID, and Steven Summers and his wife Cheryl of Kooskia; daughter, Linda and her husband John Hoskins of Cheney, WA; eight grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; and six great great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife, Gladys; his parents; five brothers, Benjamin, Harry, Charles, Oscar and John; three sisters, Alice Yeates, Mary Summers and Marie Silvers; and one grandson. A graveside funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, May 1, 2006, at Mountain View Cemetery in Connell, WA. Cheney Funeral Chapel, Cheney, WA, is in charge of arrangements.

Calendar

Thursday

Storytime for first- through third-graders, 4:15 p.m., Lizard Butte Public Library, Owyhee Plaza, 105 Main Street, Marsing. (208) 896-4690

AA meeting, 8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Saturday

Marsing Lions Optimist Football Pepsi NFL Punt, Pass and Kick competition and cheerleading clinic, 10 a.m. registration, 10:30 a.m. start, free, Marsing High School football field. (208) 880-1099, (208) 450-9052 or (208) 880-9467

Meals on Wheels benefit breakfast, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., \$5 for adults, \$2 for children 10 and younger, children younger than 3, free. Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

Sunday

Homedale Presbyterian Church, return of former pastor John Pickerell, 11 a.m.

Marsing Lions Optimist Football Pepsi NFL Punt, Pass and Kick competition and cheerleading clinic, 10 a.m. registration, 10:30 a.m. start, free, Marsing High School football field. (208) 880-1099, (208) 450-9052 or (208) 880-9467

Tuesday

Tuesday lunch and music by Ozark Mountain Music, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., \$5 for younger than 60 years old, \$3 for 60 and over. Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

Owyhee Garden Club meeting, 1 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-5474 or (208) 896-4104

UI graduation includes locals

Five students with local ties are scheduled to graduate from the University of Idaho this month.

The prospective graduates and their degrees include:

- Jeremy David Dawson, Homedale, B.S., Physics
- Heather Silva Dobbin, Marsing, M.S., Microbiology, Molecular Biology/Biochemical; B.S., Microbiology
- Nathanael Boyd Eoff, Homedale, M.A., English
- Noe Galvan, B.S., Marsing, Animal Science, Science/ Preveterinary
- Randy Allen Hulet, Murphy, B.S., Agricultural Science and Technology

Commencement takes place today in Idaho Falls, Thursday in Boise, Saturday in Coeur d'Alene and May 13 in Moscow.

For more information, visit www.students.uidaho.edu/default.aspx?pid=19809.





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Your finances

Stay out of debt by building small business slowly

Dear Dave,

Not long ago, I was laid off from my job at an auto repair shop. I have some tools of my own, and was thinking about opening my own business. The problem is there are some tools I still need and can't afford. Do you think I should get a small loan — maybe \$15,000 — to set up my shop and get into business?

— George

Dear George,

I can't recommend that you go into debt to start this business. Don't get me wrong; I love it when a person has the drive and talent to open their own business. But right now you're unemployed and looking at going into debt. That's not a good plan.

According to the Small Business Administration, 80 percent of new businesses fail within the first five years because of debt payments. I started my business on a card table in my living room years ago, so I know it can be done without going into debt.

George, you have your own tools and the know-how. Find a place to work, do the jobs you can with the tools you have and then save up for the other tools you need. If you're talented in your field and you move slow and smart on this deal, you'll have a thriving business on your hands and no debt to eat up the money you make. This way, you'll own the business instead of it owning you!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

A few months ago my girlfriend and I opened a credit card account in both of our names. Now, we're no longer dating. How can I get my name off this account?

— Jeremy in Oklahoma City

Dear Jeremy,

First, never open any kind joint account with someone when you're not married. Second, never use credit cards again! Sounds like the credit shark took a chunk out of you and is still nibbling away.

You need to call the credit card company right now, and tell them to take your name off the account immediately.

Then, find out if there's a balance on the card. If there is, and it was charged up while your name was on the thing, you'll still be liable for that amount. They won't release you from responsibility for those purchases, but you can get off the hook for any future charges.



After this, send them a certified letter — return receipt requested — stating that you are no longer liable for any additional charges on the card. You may even want to call them in a few days to ensure they got the letter.

Get this done now, boss. Otherwise, you're going to be in a lot of trouble, along with your ex-girlfriend, and that's not my definition of fun!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

Our church just received a very generous donation of \$100,000 in a single stock. We're looking at using this money in about five years to build a new sanctuary. Do you think we should leave the money where it is or invest it elsewhere?

— Fred

Dear Fred,

I'd get the money out of there in a heartbeat. Parking money in a single stock is an ultra-high risk. I'm guessing that the person who made this donation viewed it as a great tax move for them, but it's a really bad place for a church to leave the money.

The leadership of a church is there to minister to the people, and put together facilities and programs to help the congregation and the community.

They are not there to be single-stock speculators and gamblers. All churches have business people in them, and sadly they end up bringing both good and bad business practices from out in the world into God's house. This isn't a good idea, either, because you have different motivations and different mission statements at work.

The Bible itself says to "spread your money to seven, yes to eight portions, because you do not know what disaster may come upon the land."

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is the bestselling author of The Total Money Makeover. You can find tools to help with finances or previous columns at Davesays. org. Have a question for Dave? Send correspondence to syndication@daveramsey.com or write Dave \$ays, 1749 Mallory Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027

Homedale senior center stays prosperous with generosity

Times are good for the Homedale Senior Citizens Center these days. And center coordinator Shirley McAbee says the credit goes to the public for its generosity during fund-raisers.

When many senior centers in the Treasure Valley are increasing the price for meals, the centers in Homedale and Marsing both are keeping prices the same, McAbee said

Anyone younger than 60 can eat can eat lunch at the Homedale senior center for \$5. The price for diners 60 and older is \$3. The Marsing center charges \$4 for people younger than 60 and asks for a \$3 donation for seniors.

"I don't see that we'll have to raise (prices) for a while," McAbee said. "Our different fund-raisers do quite well."

McAbee said at last week's appreciation luncheon that the Homedale center brought in \$765 during it most recent benefit yard sale. A 50-50 drawing is held during each meal, and most winners return their part of the jackpot back to the center, McAbee said.

The center serves lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. On Tuesday, Ozark Mountain Music will perform. The group includes Betty Eoff Aitchison, Elaine Eoff, Harry Strang, Bill Gates, Kent Craig and Lorinda Norton.

McAbee announced last week that the Tuesday meal scheduled for May 23 will be held on May 22 because the senior center will be a polling place for the primary election.

The Homedale center also the U.S. Postal Service for a food

Senior menus

Marsing center

May 3: Roast beef, potatoes/gravy, carrots, salad, soup, dessert.

May 4: Lemon pepper roasted chicken, stuffing, potatoes/gravy, salad, soup, dessert.

May 8: Wieners & sauerkraut, hot wings, stewed tomatoes w/onions, veggie tray, soup, dessert.

May 9: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, broccoli-cauliflower salad, garlic bread, soup, dessert.

May 10: Roast beef, potatoes/gravy, green beans, salad, soup, dessert.

Homedale center

May 3: Tuna salad, cottage cheese, pickled beets, roll, milk.

May 4: Salisbury steak, California blend vegetables, mashed potatoes, roll, milk.

May 9: Birthday lunch. Over fried chicken, potatoes/ gravy, peas, roll, milk.

May 10: Chili con carne, baked potato, tossed salad, milk.

benefits from donations to the Idaho Food Bank. This month, the food bank is joining forces with the U.S. Postal Service for a food

drive. On May 13, citizens can donate canned goods by leaving items at their mailboxes. Postal workers will collect the food. Food stays in the town where it was collected, so any donations in Marsing or Homedale will go to the respective senior centers.

Furthering its objective to provide nutrition for seniors, the Homedale senior center will hold a breakfast Saturday with proceeds going to its Meals on Wheels program. The breakfast, which is open to the public, includes pancakes, sausage, bacon and eggs and will be served from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Prices are \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children 10 and younger, and children younger than 3 eat free.

Another fund-raiser is the monthly dance, which will be held from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on May 20. Admission is \$3, and live music will be presented. Participants are asked to bring finger food.

The Homedale senior center also gives back to the community. On May 13, a card party will be held at 1 p.m. to benefit TRIAD.

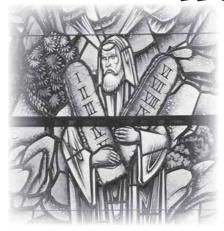
Other events planned for the senior center this month include a shopping trip to Nampa and Caldwell on Monday. Be at the center at 9 a.m. for a 9:30 a.m. departure. Sign up at the center's front desk or call the center.

A foot clinic will be held May 16. Registration is available at the front desk or by phone.

The Homedale Senior Citizens Center is located at 224 W. Idaho Ave., in Homedale. The phone number is (208) 337-3020.

— ЈВ

Ten Commandments Weekend



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"The Seventh Day" A five part DVD series starting Tuesday, May 9 at 7 pm.

Graduation dance

Edmy Vega, left, and Jennifer Hernandez dance during last week's I Can Do Kids graduation ceremony at Homedale Elementary.

Twirling thoughts

Nelly Gonzales concentrates on her routine during a baton-twirling demonstration held at last week's I Can Do Kids graduation ceremony Thursday at Homedale Elementary. Singers, dancers and baton twirlers entertained the audience before the graduation ceremony for first-through fourth-graders in the after-school program.



I Can Do Kids Club graduates students with positive message

Organizers seek volunteers for next year

First-, second-, third- and fourth-grade children who have been attending the "I Can Do Kids Club" participated in a graduation program last week at Homedale Elementary School. Students received a certificate of completion from each of their after-school teachers along with a positive send-off.

Homedale High School teacher Jim McMillian initiated the club effort in 2003 with a group of community members and incorporated the group called the Homedale Neighborhood, Inc. It was coordinated as a nonprofit corporation with the goal of reaching out to the Homedale community in practical ways.

The club is open about three days a week and is a setting where young students can participate in music, work on reading and homework and receive a healthy snack. The entire staff for the program consists of volunteers, including district employees, community members and teenage students.

Children's reading and homework is the club's primary focus, but the group is able to offer activities with computers and physical fitness.

Luci Asumendi Mereness is the director of the Kid's Club program. The University of Idaho Extension Office runs the 'It does make a difference in the lives of these kids.'

— Luci Asumendi-Mereness

computer education and nutrition program, while elementary teacher Dan Moore gets the childrens's blood pumping with the physical fitness program.

Pam Silveria is in charge of an interactive music program and many staff, community members and students volunteer to teach or serve as teacher aides.

Asumendi-Mereness said it was a privilege to watch the children Thursday night at the elementary school when the club held its third graduation ceremony for the after-school program. Fifty-three children graduated.

The evening began with the children performing several songs that they had learned throughout the year and included a dance and baton twirlers presentation directed by Barbie Vander Boegh, a presentation from the FHLA, Future Hispanic Leaders of America and several inspirational speeches.

Asumendi-Mereness said dinner was served at the end of the evening and everyone enjoyed tamales, rice, chips, salsa and salad.

In addition to activities at the school, children are also treated to

bowling parties, participate in neighborhood cleanup and visit the senior citizen's center.

Students were presented certificates by their teachers. The first-grade teacher was Angela Correa; second-grade teachers were Becky Forth and Lori Conant; third-grade teachers were Mary Jo Larzelier and Leslie Parker; and David Correa was the fourth-grade teacher.

"The kids club works because of the people who willingly give their time to these kids after school," Assumendi-Mereness said. "For three days of the week, volunteers from the elementary and middle school offer their help. It wouldn't work without the adults, and the high school kids who are committed to helping.

"Thank you to everyone who volunteered and to (Homedale Elementary principal Scott) Freeby for his support of the program. I hope it will be even better next year."

Plans have begun for the fourth year of the after-school program, and the group is looking for help from any adults who want to read to children, help them with math, use flash cards, or play board games with them, and be a positive role model.

"We need volunteers," Asumendi-Mereness said. "If you can work one day a week, that would be great. It does make a difference in the lives of these kids."

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Housing authority celebrates renovations

Dignitaries, from left to right, Marsing Housing Authority Manager Rob Troxel, Merrill Tallman, Butch Otter representative Ann Beebe and USDA/RD spokesperson Mariam Haylett cut a ribbon during an open house ceremony last week. In the background, from left to right, are Owyhee County commissioners Dick Reynolds and Hal Tolmie, county treasurer Brenda Richards and county clerk Charlotte Sherburn.

Grant helps labor camp improve disabled access

Farm labor workers who reside in the Marsing Housing Authority's housing units received an extra boost last week through a federal grant that opened the door for improvements.

Among the upgrades were the renovation of two homes that will allow access for disabled persons, renovation to several additional homes and wheelchair access to the authority's park. The grant was administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development.

Rob Troxel, director of the Marsing facility, said two units — a three-bedroom house and a two-bedroom house — have been remodeled and now include wheelchair access into the front door, larger hallways for access and wider doors to the rooms. The

authority received \$250,000 from the USDA Rural Development and the local housing authority and matched it with \$60,000.

Officials from Owyhee County and the USDA and political representatives attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the main office on Idaho highway 78 on Wednesday afternoon to celebrate the new additions.

"We are so thankful to the people from Rural Development for this grant," Troxel said. "This money has allowed us to offer access for some of our retired labor workers and will let them get around so much easier."

Besides ramps to the two homes, the grant paid for paving a disabled section in the parking lot between the two homes and installing several sections of new sidewalk around the playground.

Mariam Haylett, director of the local USDA, said she was grateful to the City of Marsing for helping provide shelter for farm labor in Marsing because the Housing Authority has had a big impact on the community.

"They provide decent, safe and sanitary housing for hundreds of farm workers and have provided farm health to many farmers in the small community," Haylett said. "(With) this grant from Rural Development, the housing authority has made two homes handicap-accessible, and they have improved all the housing unit."

The group of dignitaries received a tour of the homes.

— CAE

Team Roping & BBQ Sunday, May 7

Mountain View Church of the Nazarene will be sponsoring a team roping & BBQ on May 7th at

Gene & Stephanie King's arena - 4282 Hogg Road, Homedale, ID. Everyone is welcome!

There will be a BBQ at the church immediately following the morning worship service. The church is located at the corner of Batt Corner Rd and Ustick off of Hwy 95. Go to www.mvnaz. org for map and directions. Beef tri-tip, baked beans, salad & brownies will be served.

The roping will begin following the BBQ at approximately 2:30 pm. NO ALCOHOL allowed on premises. For more information contact Mountain View Nazarene at 208-337-3151.

Public Notice of Intent To Propose Or Promulgate New Or Changed Agency Rules

The following agencies of the state of Idaho have published the complete text and all related, pertinent information concerning their intent to change or make the following rules in the new issue of the state Administrative Bulletin.

IDAPA 07 — DIVISION OF BUILDING SAFETY 1090 E. Watertower St., Meridian, ID 83642

07-0501-0601, Rules of the Public Works Contractor License Board. Clarifies need for licensure as an electrical contractor or electrical specialty contractor to qualify for public works licensing categories for electrical (200.116) and specialty electrical (200.118). Comment by: 5/24/06.

07-0701-0601, Rules Governing Installation of Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Systems. Implements a system for imposition of civil penalties against individuals who violate the permitting, inspection, and certification requirements of the HVAC Act. Comment by: 5/2406.

IDAPA 19 - IDAHO STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY 708 1/2 W. Franklin St., Boise, ID 83702

19-0101-0601, Rules of the Idaho State Board of Dentistry. Changes comply with SB 1343 that allows Board to implement a biennial licensing system to replace the annual licensing system; removes all references to annual or yearly licensing. Comment by: 5/24/06.

The Following Temporary Rule Has Been Adopted:

IDAHO STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY 19-0101-0601 – Rules of the Idaho State Board of Dentistry

A Negotiated Rulemaking Meeting Is Being Conducted on the Following Docket:. (See May Bulletin for date, time and location)

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

58-0102-0601 – Water Quality Standards

Please refer to the Idaho Administrative Bulletin, May 3, 2006, Volume 06-5 for notices and text of all rulemakings, public hearing schedules, Governor's executive orders, and agency contact information.

Issues of the Idaho Administrative Bulletin can be viewed at your county law library or online.

To view the Bulletin or Code, or for information on purchasing the Bulletin and other rules publications, visit our website at www.adm.idaho.gov/adminrules or call (208) 332-1820 or write the Dept. of Administration, Office of Administrative Rules, 650 W. State St., Room 100, Boise, ID 83720-0306.

Handicap access Owyhee County

Owyhee County commissioners Hal Tolmie and Dick Reynolds, county assessor Brett Endicott and Marsing residents Merrill and Peggy Tallman tour a home at the Marsing Housing Authority that has been renovated for handicap access.

Read all about it in The Ownhee Avalanche 337-4681

Homedale FFA continues greenhouse sale

The Homedale FFA chapter kicked off its greenhouse sale last week at Homedale High School, and the first day was a tremendous success.

By 1:30 p.m. last Friday, chapter members had sold about \$300 worth of plants in just 3½ hours.

Homedale FFA advisor Lori Harrison said the sale will continue through Friday. The greenhouse is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily.

Proceeds from the sale will be applied to improving the chapter's

greenhouse, which was built in February. Harrison said the structure still needs power and a cooling system.

"It just needs some TLC," she said.

Harrison hopes to raise about \$2,000 annually through the plant sale. She said the money would help make the school's Plant Science and Greenhouse Management program self-sufficient. About 12 students are enrolled in the class.

— JB



Colorful sale items

Customers who visited the first day of the Homedale FFA plant sale Friday were greeted with colorful petunias in full bloom. The fundraiser continues through the end of the week



Getting ready for market

Homedale FFA advisor Lori Harrison, right, helps Homedale High School students Bri Cornwall, left, and Annamaria Salas prepare a table of plants for the chapter's greenhouse sale Friday.

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US Ecology among honored businesses

Chad Hyslop, marketing and external affairs director for US Ecology, left, accepts a certificate of appreciation from Clarence Ferguson and Shirley McAbee, Homedale Senior Citizens Center coordinator during an honorary luncheon last week.

Homedale senior center honors volunteers at lunch

Members of the Homedale Senior Citizens Center honored volunteers, local officials and community members during an appreciation luncheon at the center April 25

Each year the center honors people who have donated their time, funds and materials that help keep the center operating.

Members of the Junior Jammers provided entertainment with fiddle music. Center coordinator Shirley McAbee opened the ceremony by introducing volunteers who have spent many hours helping with the needs of the elderly. She said many people help the center in many different ways, but the ones honored Tuesday have spent numerous hours assisting the center and its members.

"We have been holding the appreciation dinner for about three years," McAbee told the crowd. "We chose this week because it is also National Volunteer Week. I'd like to thank all of my volunteers who have dedicated themselves to helping the center with anything they need."

Ramona Andrus was honored as the Meals on Wheels driver. McAbee said Andrus has spent many hours in the center as well as helping the elderly at home with their needs.

Jeneane Callaham, who helps with the meals for the Meals on Wheels program, was honored as was the entire kitchen staff.

McAbee also honored Fae Thom as a special volunteer because she has given her time washing dishes and filling in when



Junior Jammers perform for crowd

Members of the local Junior Jammers serenade people attending an appreciation dinner hosted by the Homedale Senior Citizens Center last week. Volunteers, community members, county officials and business representatives were honored for donating their time to the center.

coordinating the center's yard sales, the most recent of which generated more than \$600 for the

Joyce Mast was honored as McAbee's "right-hand" helper. McAbee said Mast is always willing to go the "extra mile" for

"We so appreciate everything Donna Fisher was honored for everyone has done for the center, and this is our way of saying, 'Thank you,' "McAbee said.

Certificates of appreciation were given to county officials, spokespersons for US Ecology, Idaho Power and local business representatives.

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Wilson Butte 4-H draws crowd to its benefit ride

A fun-filled day and a large crowd meant another successful fund-raiser for the Wilson Butte 4-H Club on April 23 as 141 horses trailed through the western course at the Blackstock Ranch southeast of Marsing.

Coordinator Mary Blackstock said cowpokes returned to camp "all" smiles and thrilled that they were able to ride their horses with that dream of being a cowboy.

Distant attendees and riders joined the group from as far as Alaska, Arizona, John Day, Ore., Payette and McCall.

Excitement built as poker cards earned on stops along the trail were tallied.

Barbara Carlson landed the top hand and chose a saddle pad donated by R.C. Beans as his winnings.

Janet Cooney was second and chose silver-studded romel reins donated by Pruett Tire Center. Gary Scott received a studded breast collar donated by Jerry Mayer Trucking.

Raffle tickets were sold as cowboys relaxed and enjoyed the fixings.

Organizers served 176 meals as the crowd listened to the country harmony of the Sevy Family Band.

Top raffle winners included: Alan Magee, \$175 in feed donated by Double D Feed; Carey Dines and Cheyla Volkers, western quilts made by Janet Cooney; and Dan Sevy, a pair of cowboy chinks donated by Lath Callaway Trucking.

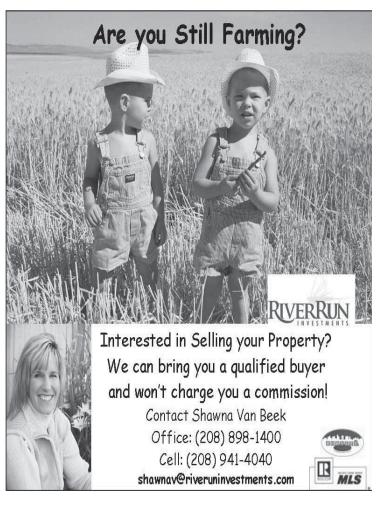
Jessica Avarman won the victory lap and the cowboy set donated by the Wilson Butte 4-H.

Blackstock said the Wilson Butte 4-H Club "thanks" all of the 4-H supporters, including Ada County Farm Bureau, The Sevy Family Band, Roberts Custom Haying, Corral West, Paul's Markets, Boelhke Angus, Cabas, Benson Truck Wash, Greenleaf Meats, Grassmick, Bass Auto Body, Jody and Lacy Usabel, W.S.I., Rose at Magic Mirror, Flynn's Saddle Shop, Brian Saunders Horse Shoeing, Blackstock Ranch, Kings Kattle Korral, Joseph Ineck, Dan's Ferry Service, Betty Brandau, Masco, J.R. Simplot, The Sandbar, Rafter 4, Producers Supply, Zamzows and all the participants.

Official trail photographer Donna Bortfeld took pictures along the way, and photos from the day's ride can be viewed at www. donnabortfeld.com. Bortfeld donates half of her sale proceeds to Wilson Butte 4-H.

"We were organized, things ran smoothly and our club had fun also," Blackstock said. "It was an enjoyable western day."





Adrian FFA news

by Kaylee Merritt chapter news editor

The Adrian FFA chapter has been busy, and we're here to bring up-to-date on what the Adrian FFA members have been doing.

During Spring Break, 10 of our members attended the FFA State Convention in Bend, Ore. State Convention kicked off with a great first session, and we all continued to have a great time until the final session. Some of the activities we did while there included committee work, the dance and just meeting new people. Paige Branstiter was chair of the Talent Committee and got to go on stage at one of the sessions to give an award. Tyrel Phelps served on the state officer nominating committee as well. Naomi Wilson was also a chair and gave an award for top agri-science student. Levi Trotter placed second in his divisoin of the log-sawing event, and Ruthie Gordon had awesome entries in the art Contest. Cynthia Thornley was awarded her State Degree.

The chapter's February meeting involved a nice night of dice rolling, trivia questions, and even truth or dare. The night started out with opening and closing ceremonies followed by our game night. Members brought board games from home that were played throughout the night. There were many members present and that made the night a lot of fun. FFA advisor Megan Price conquered Tyrel Phelps in a game of "Battleship" (she gives the credit to her spy, Ryann Bowns), and the funniest moment of the evening was when Naomi Wilson had to sit on Logan Branstiter's lap for "Truth or Dare Jenga."

Need a Mothers Day present? Buy a hanging flower basket from the Adrian FFA Chapter. We are selling trailing petunia baskets in solid or mixed colors such as purple, rose, red, burgundy, orange and terra cotta (actual basketball color may vary). Twelve-inch hanging flower baskets are \$18.50 and available for delivery in the Adrian-Nyssa area. Contact any

of the FFA officers or members to order a basket. Or call chapter treasurer Joseph Witty at (541) 372-2335.

The 2006-07 Adrian FFA chapter officers have been selected. Sarah McPeak is the new president, and Ryann Bowns will be vice president. Taking the minutes will be secretary Jasmine Brown. Joseph Witty will be handling the financial means as the new treasurer. Our sentinel will be Lawrence Shenk, reporter Kaylee Merritt, Naomi Wilson as chaplain, and Tyrel Phelps and Levi Trotter were elected as atlarge representatives.

The Ag Mechanics contest was held April 12 at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore. The competition was very competitive with more than 50 students attending. In the upper division, Adrian FFA had two competitors — Brett Buchholtz and Joseph Witty. Buchholz finished first in Arc Welding, and Witty was seventh and Buchholz eighth in MIG Welding.

Chapter members also competed in blueprint reading and surveying. In the beginning contest, Ruthie Gordon, Josh Stockham and Levi Trotter competed. Stockham was first in tool reconditioning, eighth in Tool ID and ninth in Gas Cutting. Gordon got second in Tool ID and Arc Welding. The chapter would like to thank Terry Basford, Roger Findley, Lane Hartnett and the whole TVCC Ag Department for hosting the contest and the lunchtime barbecue.

The Adrian FFA Chapter Banquet was a huge success. The silent auction and slave auction went over very well. Greenhand Degrees went to Robyn Acock, Claudia Beltran, Kyle Osborn, Josh Stockham, Joey Arreola, Levi Jones, Jake Warren, Marcy Strauch, George Ellsworth, Kyle Dondero, Naomi Wilson, Blake Ishida, Adriana Miranda and Kade Thomas. Chapter Degrees were earned by Lucy Contreras, Tyrel Phelps, Ruthie Gordon, Jasmine Brown, Kaylee Merritt, Jake Chisham, Dalli Chisham, Jayna Witty, Kyle Rogers, Paige

Branstiter, Levi Trotter, Danielle Baldwin, Stephenie Hutchings;

Star Chapter Farmer: Tyrel Phelps, Star Chapter Agribusiness: Kaylee Merritt, Ag Communicationsentrepreneurship: Kaylee Merritt, Ag Communications-placement: Cortney Phelps, Vegetable Production-entrepreneurship, Ag Mechanics Design and Fabrication-placement: Kyle Rogers, Ag Processingplacement: Jake Chisham, Beef Production-placement: Jake Chisham, Ag services-placement: Josh Stockham, Diversified Ag Products-placement: Lawrence Shenk:

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Poultry Productionentrepreneurship: Danielle Baldwin, Specialty Crop Production-entrepreneurship: Ryann Bowns, Vegetable Production-entrepreneurship: Ryann Bowns, Swine Productionentrepreneurship: Sarah McPeak, Landscape Managementplacement: Tyrel Phelps, **Extemporaneous Public Speaking** Award: Lucy Contreras, Top Ten members are Sarah McPeak, Ryann Bowns, Jasmine Brown, Lawrence Shenk, Tyrel Phelps, Ruthie Gordon, Cynthia Thornley, Paige Branstiter, Joseph Witty, and Jayna Witty. The Adrian FFA Chapter would like to thank all the people that donated stuff for the banquet this year.

For information on the chapter or to receive its newsletter, contact newsletter editor Kaylee Merritt at (541) 372-2335, ext. 3711 or email the chapter's officers team at adrianffa@malesd.k12.or.us.

Shoo Fly 4-H news

by Aubrey Nash

The April meeting of the Shoo-Fly Livestock 4-H Club was held April 9 at the Homedale Senior Center.

Twenty-six members and two Cloverbuds presented demonstrations for judges Gayle Batt and Lori Emry. Both judges commented that the demonstrations were really good overall.

Before presenting the demonstrations, Gayle talked to the group about how important learning public speaking is. She is an experienced public speaker and said she really enjoys

presenting and speaking to the public. She gives the credit to being very involved in 4-H as a youth. She urged the club to take the demonstrations seriously, to choose challenging topics and apply themselves in preparation. She also encouraged the members to go on and compete at the county level.

The meeting ended with pizza and soda.

The next regular meeting will be held May 15.

For more information about the Shoo Fly 4-H program, call the Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104.

Cowboy poet to perform at next JV EMT benefit

Cowboy poet and Western humorist Rudy Gonzales will make a special appearance Saturday as a fund-raiser for the Jordan Valley Emergency Medical Technicians.

Another installment in the Jordan Valley EMTs Family Fun Night series entitled "Rudy and Friends" will be held at 8 p.m. at Jordan Valley High School. Admission is \$10.

Gonzales, who has a ranch in

Idaho, is one of America's most requested cowboy entertainers, according to the press release from the Jordan Valley EMTs.

He has performed all over the world and was designated as Idaho's official cowboy entertainer, poet and Western humorist by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne in 2000.

He also is the first cowboy entertainer to appear at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

Legion seeks volunteers for Marsing-Homedale cemetery

American Legion Post 128 and the auxiliary are conducting a full inventory of the Marsing-Homedale cemetery this week to identify the many veteran gravesites and ensure that all veterans will be honored with flags during the Memorial Day holiday.

The American Legion is seeking volunteers to help with the project Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Inventory will be taken from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, 8:30

a.m. to 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday.

Last week, volunteers identified several sites of probable veteran graves without markings signifying that honor.

The American Legion asks anyone who has a family member or friend in the military who was laid to rest at the cemetery to lend a hand.

For more information, call (208) 896-5474.



American Cancer Society Community Resources Volunteer

The American Cancer Society is recruiting a Community Resources Volunteer in Caldwell to coordinate access to Society programs and services available in the area. Responsibilities include interaction with Employers, Civic Organizations, Government Agencies, Health Organizations, and Faith Communities to promote chronic disease prevention and early detection as well as sharing a healthy lifestyle message to area residents. To apply for this rewarding volunteer position, please contact Julie Washington at 1-208-343-4609.

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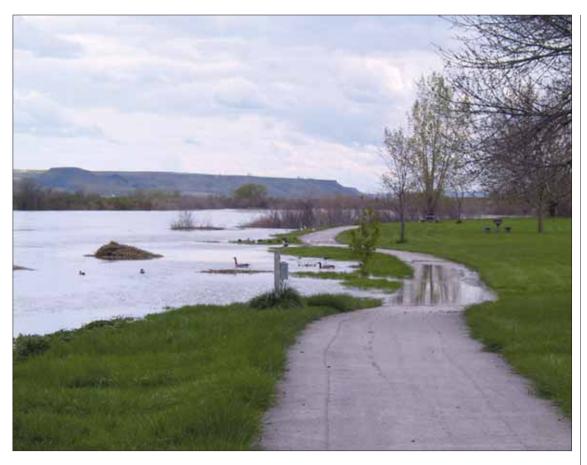
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Flooding closes Marsing park rest rooms, boat ramp, dock

Water from the Snake River floods over the walk path at Marsing Island Park last week. Mayor Don Osterhoudt said the bathrooms in the park have been closed as well as the boat ramp and the dock on the river. He said if the water continues to rise, the park could close completely.

Outflows lowered again at Owyhee Reservoir

Inflows into the Owyhee Reservoir have dropped to the point where water managers have been able to decrease the discharge from the reservoir again to nearly 3,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) below the dam this week.

Water levels on the Snake River will continue to run high for at least the next 30 days while officials try to open up additional storage in the Upper Snake River region.

Owyhee Reservoir was at 97 percent of full Monday with 690,852 acre-feet of water. Water was entering the reservoir at a rate of 6,534 cfs at Rome, Ore., and an outflow of 2,009 cfs was recorded below Owyhee Dam. The reservoir is 1.91 feet from full and is at 112 percent of a 30-year average.

Weather

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April 25	69	34	
April 26	72	31	
April 27	78	34	
April 28	75	39	
April 29	no	read	
April 30	no	read	
May 1	86	29	.03

Water report

Date	Snow Depth	Year-to-Date
	(Inches)	Precipitation
		(Inches)
April 25	0.0	18.9
April 26	0.0	18.8
April 27	0.0	19.0
April 28	0.0	18.9
April 29	0.1	18.8
April 30	0.1	18.9
May 1	0.0	18.9
	South Mountain	
Date	Snow Depth	Year-to-Date
	(Inches)	Precipitation
		(Inches)
April 25	35.7	38.5
April 26	33.8	38.5
April 27	30.9	38.5
April 28	28.4	38.5
April 29	25.6	38.5
April 30	22.6	38.6
May 1	20.4	38.6
	Mud Flat	
Date	Snow Depth	Year-to-Date
	(Inches)	Precipitation
		(Inches)
April 25	0.0	20.0
April 26	0.0	20.0
April 27	0.0	20.1
April 28	0.0	20.1
April 29	0.0	20.1
April 30	0.0	20.2
May 1	1.1	20.1

Reynolds Creek



Prom night, Jordan Valley style

Above: The senior class of Jordan Valley High School enjoyed their last prom Friday night. Top row, left to right: Beth Dowel, Hayley Johnson, Lauren Cuvelier, Cassia Trautman, Dinah Powers, Ashley Reed and Michelle Baltazor. Bottom row, left to right: James Stacey, Paul Mackay, Frank Beckwith and Emil Scown. Below: Dinah Powers and Emil Scown were crowned queen and king of the Jordan Valley Prom and enjoyed a royal dance after the coronation. Photos by Tara Echave.



Wednesday morning in Owyhee County



That's when the Owyhee Avalanche hits the news stands



hef Todd English of Olives restaurant fame worked with the Grain Foods Foundation to create signature barbeque sandwich recipes that offer a new take on traditional backyard favorites.

"Bread is as essential to barbeque as the meat on the grill," English says. "Adding the right kind of bread, bun or roll enhances the taste of your barbeque creation."



Chef Todd English encourages consumers to think about the bread as well as the meats they use in their backyard barbeques.



Chef Todd English's unique take on the traditional hot dog includes black-eyed pea spread.

fire up the grill! Celebrating 1.4 Million Years of Barbeque

- the backyard art of barbeque can be traced back to the cavemen. In fact, our ancestors starting barbequing before they started talking — that's how vital the act of roasting food over an open fire has been to our existence. Anthropologists say cavemen may have started roasting meat some 1.4 million years ago.

One of the greatest barbeque innovations in human history was the creation of bread some 10,000 years ago. For millennia, man had enjoyed barbeque with only his hands. Bread changed all that. Consider the hamburger, one of America's most popular barbeque creations. A hamburger would simply be a flat meatball if it wasn't for the bun to help keep ketchup off fingers. It's a simple fact: a barbeque isn't complete without the bun.

Bread also contributes a low-fat, low-calorie source of energy to the barbeque menu, according to Judi Adams, MS, RD and president of the Grain Foods Foundation. "Grains are essential to a healthy and well-balanced diet, and provide us with the energy we need to enjoy the great outdoors.'

Korean Cubano

Makes 6

- 6 soft white rolls (if available, use soft Cuban rolls)
- tablespoons mayonnaise pound thinly sliced
- boiled ham pound thinly sliced
- Swiss cheese pound spicy dill pickles (if available, use
- 1 pound thinly sliced
- prosciutto 6 tablespoons garlic butter

Slice rolls in half and spread insides with mayonnaise. Layer sandwich with ham, cheese, pickles and prosciutto. Thinly brush the outside of rolls with garlic butter and place sandwich on the grill. Cook until bread is crispy and cheese is melted.

Hot Dogs With Whipped Black-Eyed Pea Spread, **Relish and Mustard**

Makes 12

- 2 cups plus 2 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- 1 bunch rosemary, finely chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, sliced 3 cups black-eyed peas,
- 2 tablespoons roasted garlic cloves
- Dijon mustard to taste
- 12 hot dogs
- 12 hot dog rolls
- 2 cups bright green pickle relish

In a pot on the grill with 2 teaspoons oil, add rosemary and sliced garlic and heat for about 1 minute. Stir in black-eyed peas. Add just enough water to cover peas, and then transfer

mixture to blender. Puree the mixture while slowly adding roasted garlic and remaining extra-virgin olive oil in a steady stream. Once emulsified, add Dijon mustard and salt and pepper to taste.

Place hot dogs on grill; cook until crispy and warmed through. Slit rolls down the middle and toast on the grill for 1 minute. Spread pea puree on one side of rolls and mustard on the other. Place a hot dog in each roll, slit each down the middle and fill with relish.



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