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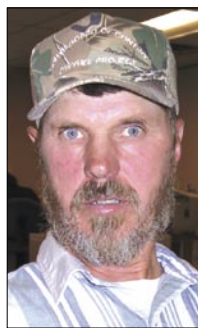
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With directors reeling from FY '06 legal bill, Gem chair accrues more attorneys' fees without OK



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South Board of Control budgeted for \$20,000 in legal fees for 2006, but spent nearly four times that, according to an audit performed at the end of Fiscal Year 2006.

The reason for the massive overage in legal expenses was a lengthy personnel investigation, the details of which South Board will not release to the public.

"It was slightly over \$33,000," South Board director Tim Leavitt

said of the 2006 legal investigation tab by Seibert Law Offices in Boise. "We budgeted for \$20,000 for legal fees, and we spent a total of \$79,000 in legal fees."

South Board documents confirm that \$79,000 was paid for legal fees in FY 2006, and, of that, \$33,372 financed the personnel investigation by Kail Seibert of Seibert Law Offices.

Another \$45,650 was paid out to

Moore, Smith, Buxton and Turke during FY 2006, but South Board officials said that figure includes other legal expenditures not related to the investigation.

Four requests for public records concerning the investigation have been filed — including one by The Owyhee Avalanche. As of now, the information is not for public release,

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## Initiative returns to D.C.

Commissioner:  
Politicians'  
concerns with  
re-introduced bill  
are 'fixable'

Owyhee Initiative supporters returned with renewed optimism after three days of meetings in Washington, D.C., last week.

Owyhee County District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland said most of the concerns voiced by the legislation's biggest critics appear to be "fixable."

"It was a very beneficial trip from the standpoint to know that (making progress with the bill) is not an awful lot of work," Hoagland said. "It's doable. It's very doable."

Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) reintroduced the legislation — as Senate bill 802 or the Owyhee Initiative Implementation Act of 2007 — during Wednesday's session of the U.S. Senate.

"This is truly a comprehensive land management bill that will benefit everybody," the senator said during a conference call with reporters on the morning before the bill's introduction. "It's a win-win-win."

After his first visit to Washington, Hoagland agrees, especially after



### Commissioners, work group meet with Crapo

Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) looks at Owyhee County Board of Commissioners chair Dick Freund as he talks to members of the Owyhee Initiative Work Group last week in his Washington, D.C., office. Listening to Crapo are, from left to right, Shoshone-Paiute representatives Tim Dykstra, the tribe's fish and wildlife manager, and Kyle Prior, the tribe's chairman, as well as Owyhee County District 1 commissioner Jerry Hoagland. Submitted photo

hearing the concerns of critics such as Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D-N.M.). Bingaman is the chairman of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, through which the bill must go before the full Senate can vote on it.

Hoagland and other members of the work group met with Bingaman staffer David Brooks

on March 5. Hoagland said the meeting, which was supposed to last only 20 minutes, stretched to an hour and 40 minutes.

"That (meeting) was probably the most important, and the one that's going to help us get to where we need to be," the Owyhee

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# Melba floats school levy during Friday election

District that covers parts of Owyhee, Canyon and Ada seeks \$300,000

The Melba School Joint School District board of trustees will send another levy election to its patrons Friday.

The school district, which tasted defeat in three attempts to extend its now-expired plant facilities levy, serves students in parts of Owyhee, Canyon and Ada counties.

Polls will be open from noon to 9 p.m. Friday at the Owyhee County Historical Museum in Murphy. Canyon County patrons can vote at the Melba School District office at 520 Broadway Ave., in Melba. Ada County voters cast ballots at the residence of Russ Steiner at 7979 Initial Point Road in Melba.

If passed, the supplemental levy will provide \$300,000 for the district. District officials say property taxes won't increase because of this levy, although there's always a chance that higher property assessments could bump property taxes in the future.

With the levy, the owner of a house with an assessed value of \$75,000 after the homeowner's exemption would pay about \$27.14 a year or \$2.26 per month for the levy. The owner of a business assessed at \$150,000 would pay about \$100 a year or \$8.37 per month.

The supplemental levy on Friday's ballot will replace a \$200,000 supplemental levy that

expired on Dec. 31. Voters passed that levy in August 2005.

The school district decided to seek an additional \$100,000 over the old levy and split the \$300,000 evenly between the day-to-day operation of the school district and addressing construction needs.

The half that would be dedicated to operation would help cover teachers and support staff that's not provided by state funding.

District superintendent Bob Larson has said in the past that several facility issues have been neglected because of the failure of the three plant facilities elections. The 2007 supplemental levy would provide \$150,000 for repairs such as replacing the roof on the aging technology building and converting a supply room in the middle-high school building into an additional classroom. That portion of the money also would be used to upgrade outdated computers, which have been used to conduct ISAT testing for second- through 10<sup>th</sup>-graders.

That portion of the levy also will be used for maintenance of the 14 acres of ground that encompasses the school district's campuses as well as maintenance for the district's 13 school buses.

The district reports in a press release that preventative maintenance is the most cost-effective measure in light of the fact that replacement costs for the existing school district are

estimated at \$18 million.

The Melba School District has seen explosive growth recently, with an 8 percent climb in enrollment in just the past year. Larson said the district anticipates sharp growth over the next two to eight years because hundreds of applications for new residential lots have been submitted to local planning and zoning boards.

"There are very few viable options available to accommodate the expected growth," a school district press release states.

The school district admits the election was moved from the traditional Tuesday to a Friday because "Fridays tend to be a day when people are around the community and most likely to vote."

Voter turnout has been a problem. The overall turnout at the district's three polling places for the February 2006 plant facilities levy election was 21.7 percent. In August of 2005, overall turnout was only 17.7 percent, including just 15.5 percent in Owyhee County.

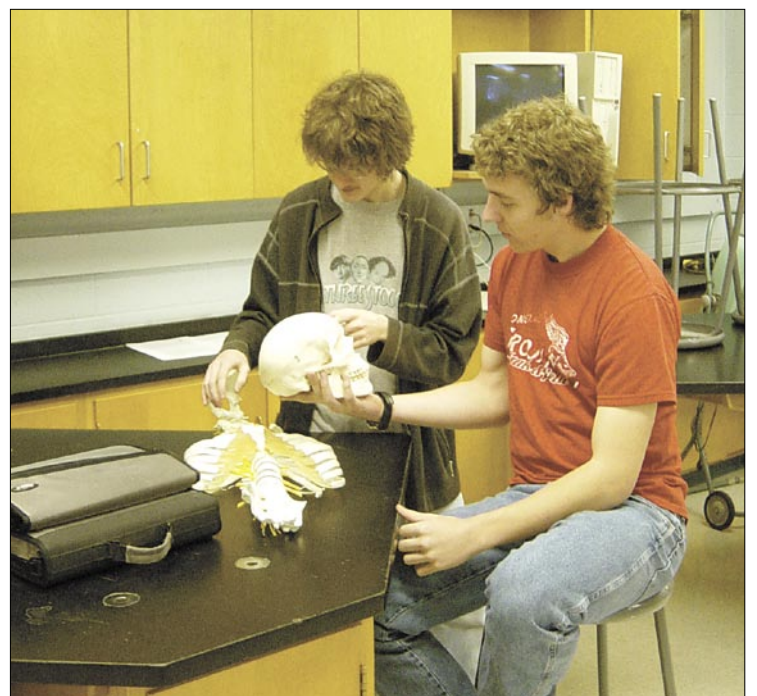
Getting funding to operate the school district properly has been a fight for the Melba trustees.

The board passed an emergency one-year levy in September to raise approximately \$100,000, which was used to buy desks, chairs and books and staff an additional third-grade classroom at the elementary school.

Previously, the school district saw plant facilities levy attempts quashed by voters three times in nine months. The district was seeking a 10-year extension to a levy that was originally passed in 1999. That levy has expired.

— JPB

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## Students eligible for college scholarship

Joshua, left, and Mark Klug, both juniors at Homedale High, are among 429 Idaho students who have been named Boise State Capitol Scholars; they are eligible to receive a \$1,000 scholarship, renewable for up to five years.

## Homedale High brothers recognized by BSU program

Joshua and Mark Klug, Homedale High School juniors, are among 429 Idaho high school students who have been named Boise State Capital Scholars this spring.

The two are eligible to receive a renewable \$1,000 scholarship for up to five years to attend Boise State University through the Boise State Capital Scholars academic achievement program.

"The Capital Scholars program is designed to keep our top students in-state for their college education with scholarship assistance," BSU president Bob Kustra said. "In its third year, the Capital Scholarship program reflects our desire to attract the best and brightest students in Idaho and reward them with a renewable scholarship."

The scholarship fund is endowed by sales proceeds from the Boise State Bookstore.

Honorees, along with their parents or guardians, have been invited to the Boise State campus for an April 9 recognition event. They must attend the program in Boise to

be eligible for the scholarship. The Boise State Capital Scholars itinerary includes campus tours, discussions with academic deans, and demonstrations highlighting research and teaching.

Activities culminate with an evening dinner and awards program where students will receive the renewable \$1,000 scholarship to Boise State for up to five years.

Selection to the Boise State Capital Scholars is based on college entrance examination scores and class rankings.

All Idaho high school juniors who scored in the top 10 percent of the ACT, SAT or PSAT and ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school class have been recognized as Boise State Capital Scholars.

The cut-off scores to qualify in the top 10 percent of the college entrance exams were: 27 or higher on the ACT, 1220 or higher on the critical reading and math sections of the SAT, or 122 or higher on the critical reading and math sections of the PSAT.

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# Cabin deaths ruled ‘unfortunate accident’

Father, daughter  
received lethal  
doses of carbon  
monoxide

The deaths of a Boise man and his 16-year-old daughter were ruled accidental last week, as the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office continues its investigation into the circumstances surrounding a March 3 incident that triggered a search by county officials.

After being reported overdue March 5, Russell and Kaila Latulippe were found dead in their cabin near Silver City later that morning. The Owyhee County coroner this week confirmed initial reports that the pair had died of carbon monoxide poisoning.

“There is no criminal action at this point. It was a pure accident. It was an unfortunate accident that could have been prevented,” county sheriff’s chief deputy Bruce Cameron said Friday.

Owyhee County Coroner Harvey Grimme confirmed Monday that both individuals had measurements of carbon monoxide in their bloodstream considered well above fatal levels.

Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputies and sheriff’s Posse members began searching on the morning of March 5 when the two did not return home from a snowmobiling trip as scheduled on the previous day.

The two were found dead by sheriff’s personnel at about 11:15 a.m. on March 5 at their War Eagle Mountain cabin. It is suspected the two died in late evening March 3 or early morning March 4.

Cameron said the air-tightness of the cabin in which the two were found probably contributed to the deadly concentration of carbon monoxide gas inside the

structure.

“We’re looking at a couple of things,” Cameron said. “There was no ventilation in the building, and that probably attributed to the demise of the two individuals.”

Cameron confirmed at least one propane stove, a propane heater unit and a propane lantern had been operating inside the structure. The only device still burning when deputies arrived at the scene was a lantern.

Cameron said that he, Sheriff Gary Aman, five deputies and two posse members were on-scene at the cabin during the initial incident. Later in the week, Aman, Sgt. Jim Bish, deputy Lynn Bowman and posse members returned to continue the investigation. Cameron said the snow conditions on War Eagle Mountain made that task difficult. The cabin is approximately 7 miles from the nearest passable road.

“The concern was the snow conditions, being able to get in there and conduct the search (for evidence) effectively, because the snow was miserable,” Cameron said.

Cameron stressed that carbon monoxide poisoning is a danger in many environments, not just remote cabins. According to the federal Environmental Protection Agency Web site, carbon monoxide can kill in minutes. A gas stove should never be used as a heating source.

Last month, a Homedale family of eight narrowly escaped death from carbon monoxide poisoning after using a charcoal grill to heat their home. In that instance, Owyhee County Sheriff’s Deputy Aron Streibel responded and rescued the family, including an infant who was unconscious inside the residence. Streibel was later treated for carbon monoxide exposure in that incident.

— JWB



## Authorities investigate deaths

After checking the exterior of the building, Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman walks around the cabin in which two Boise residents perished earlier this month. Sheriff’s Sgt. Jim Bish checks the temperature of the cabin. Photo by Joe Aman

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# Re-introduction of the Initiative

## Rancher, conservationist re-tool rivers segment

After a recent Owyhee Initiative Work Group meeting in Boise, rancher Inez Jaca marveled at the process that she has seen unfold over the past six years.

She admitted there were many preconceived notions built up when the diverse groups now united in pushing legislation through the 110th Congress first met years ago. But today, Jaca says all sides have a better understanding of the various viewpoints that go along with trying to preserve 517,000 acres of natural beauty and the myriad uses of that Owyhee County land.

There may be no better example of the unification of the factions than with Owyhee Cattlemen's Association representative Chad Gibson and United Rivers Idaho executive director Bill Sedivy.

Sedivy and Gibson have been charged with rewriting the wild and scenic rivers language within the Owyhee Initiative Implementation Act of 2007 that Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) introduced to the U.S. Senate on Wednesday.

"It's amicable," Sedivy said of his work with Gibson. "Our goal here is to live up to the spirit of the agreement; not just the letter of the agreement, but the spirit of the agreement. We have to."



### Unlikely pair examines rivers

*Conservationist Bill Sedivy and Owyhee Cattlemen's Association rep Chad Gibson are studying possible grazing conflicts on rivers and creeks in the Owyhee Canyonlands, including the Owyhee River.*

Gibson and Sedivy have been reviewing satellite maps and talking to Bureau of Land Management personnel and county ranchers to determine which stretches of the rivers designated for protection may interfere with prime grazing land.

"The biggest part of the new language is just the adjustment of some of the new boundaries by just taking some of the river miles out where there was potential

conflict with grazing," Gibson said, adding that such problems with a similar bill dealing with Oregon land were resolved by removing miles that could create a conflict.

The pair has examined several bodies of water in the Owyhee Canyonlands, including the Owyhee and Bruneau rivers, the North Fork of the Owyhee and the Big and Little Jacks creeks.

Sedivy, whose job as a conservationist is to protect the

rivers of Owyhee County, and Gibson, who is sticking up for the ranchers' rights to continue grazing in areas along those rivers, have been working for more than a month on language. Any new guidelines the work group approves will be added to the bill at a later date.

On Wednesday, Crapo introduced the legislation virtually "as-is" compared to last year's version.

"(The group has to) present the proposed designations in such a way that they are palatable in Washington," Sedivy said.

Sedivy admits that he is obligated to try to protect the rivers according to the law set forth in the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Initiative chair Fred Grant said the original language in the bill used the Wilderness Act as the protection guideline for 384 miles along several different rivers and creeks in the canyonlands, and that didn't sit well with national interest groups such as American Rivers.

"What Chad and I are trying to do is repackage the river proposal in a way that fully lives up to the spirit of the negotiated agreements that everybody came together on when we introduced the first bill, but at the same time eliminate the concerns of some of the parties in (Washington, D.C.) over the width of those corridor

boundaries and the (Bureau of Land Management's) ability to manage those rivers," Sedivy said.

The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act calls for a river protection corridor of a quarter-mile on each side of the river, measured from the high-water mark. Grant said the original language in the Owyhee Initiative narrows that corridor.

Gibson and Sedivy said that when they complete their talks, a proposal that affects fewer than 60 miles of wild and scenic rivers will be presented to the work group for a vote. Both said the final proposal could be lined out by the end of the month.

"It's not going to be done unless the work group approves it," Gibson said. "If we do something that they're not going to buy into, we're in trouble. We're trying to make it something they can live with."

Both men said the protective corridor would be the standard quarter-mile as called for in the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

"There will be a good, healthy designation," Sedivy said. "But at the same time ... I signed the Owyhee Initiative Agreement on behalf of my organization, and it's my intent to live up to the spirit of that compromise that brought us all together."

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County rancher said.

The sit-down left work group members with a better understanding of the concerns Bingaman originally voiced after the 2006 version of the bill was introduced in August and scrutinized in a September hearing of the Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee.

"By meeting with his counsel right now, it gave us an idea of where they were coming from, and we believe there are solutions that we can work with," Hoagland said.

Seemingly, the biggest hurdle for the legislation is funding. Critics and proponents alike agree that there must be "trigger" language in the bill requiring that the law be enacted only after the money to compensate ranchers as well as finance law enforcement and other elements of the agreement is appropriated. Several politicians, including Bingaman and Sen. Larry Craig (R-Idaho), have expressed concern that the legislation would go nowhere without funding.

"We do not yet have a final answer to the question of how the funding will work, but we do have an answer to the fact that the work group is united that the funding for the bill must come simultaneously with the bill, and we will work toward that objective as aggressively as we can," Crapo said.

"There is virtually unanimous agreement that that is the objective. The exact mechanism hasn't been identified."

Although the legislation introduced Wednesday essentially is unchanged from the 2006 version, the mood of the morning



#### Initiative proponents meet media

*Members of the Owyhee Initiative's different interest groups take part in a Wednesday morning conference call with the media inside Sen. Mike Crapo's Washington, D.C. office. Attending the meeting, clockwise from the far side of the table, were Craig Gehrke of the Wilderness Society, Initiative chair Fred Grant, Owyhee County commissioners chair Dick Freund, Crapo, Shoshone-Paiute Tribe representatives Ted Howard, Tim Dykstra and Kyle Prior and county commissioner Jerry Hoagland. Submitted photo*

teleconference reflected optimism that something would be accomplished during the 110th Congress.

"I don't think the fact that it didn't make it through last time, being introduced in August, is any indication of a lack of support for the bill," Crapo said, adding that the climate of the election season and conclusion of the 109th Congress pushed the Owyhee issue to the back burner.

The senator pointed out that it's rare for any legislation to make it through the congressional process during the first time it is introduced.

Owyhee Initiative work group chair Fred Grant admitted he was skeptical when Crapo brought the bill to the Senate last year, but now he sees the wisdom of that move.

"I'm grateful he had the foresight and the understanding of the Senate to do it because it gave us an opportunity during the hearing to see some of the things we would have to face," Grant said.

"It brought us into this re-introduction with the desire to know even more about what we had to prepare for, and I think this round of meetings this week has gotten us

in the place where we can start to make the changes that need to be made to get the bill through."

The work group spent three days in Washington last week. In addition to the meeting with Bingaman, group members sat down with Bureau of Land Management representatives March 6 to better understand that agency's concerns. The BLM's worries were submitted as written testimony to the September subcommittee hearing, but Grant said recently that the work group has had difficulty obtaining a copy of those grievances.

Hoagland said the federal agency's concerns centered on the logistics of implementing the agreement.

"That seemed to be the main concern, and by knowing what their concerns are ... that allows us to go ahead and work to that end," Hoagland said. "They're fixable concerns."

Meetings also were held with Craig staffer Mike Freese and staff from the office of Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.).

Hoagland said the next step is setting up a subcommittee hearing. No date has been established, but he said last week's meetings were a huge step in the right direction.

"This gives us something to start with and work through and put it in an acceptable form before a hearing is held," he said.

"The quicker (legislators) can get set down and start working on this, the sooner we can get everybody else back on board and get it through the hearing."

— JPB

### ✓ S. Board: Past, present chairs stand behind irrigation manger's work

according to South Board.

Last week, South Board secretary Connie Chadez explained the documents are considered attorney/client privilege and could not be released without the consent of either party. However, while neither South Board attorney Bruce Smith nor Seibert Law Offices can release the information, the board can choose to release the information.

Although the Board never has held a formal vote on whether to release the findings, South Board chairman Dan Felty confirmed members are evenly split on the issue.

Details confirmed by both Leavitt and South Board director Steve Nash reveal that Felty, Nash and director Mike Pendergrass are in favor of making the documents public. Leavitt, director Dale Chrz and vice-chairman Elmon Thompson oppose disclosure.

Nash feels that releasing the documents would allow water users to know how their money was spent.

"There was good information in there that would help clear up things people have questions about," Nash said.

Leavitt said he does not want the document released to the public because of the sensitivity

of the information. He added that the subject of releasing the document was never discussed with him. Leavitt said he was not aware that three Board directors want the document released.

"I didn't realize that," he said. "It hasn't hardly even been discussed...well, I think it was discussed in a meeting, but it was after I'd left."

Felty confirmed that the issue of releasing the investigation has been discussed during board meetings.

This much is known: In the beginning, the investigation pertained to the reappointment of South Board manager Rex Barrie, and that it found no wrongdoing on Barrie's part. Subsequently, the board requested the Bureau of Reclamation investigate Barrie's performance. That study also found his performance to be satisfactory.

Water users may be asked again to foot the tab to repeat the process in 2007. Legal bills already are mounting regarding Barrie's reappointment for 2007.

At the March 6 Gem Irrigation District board meeting, members discovered that Leavitt failed to consult the board before he recently enlisted the services of attorney Bryce Ferris regarding

Barrie's reappointment.

Leavitt, who is chairman of the Gem Board, stated that Nash objected to Leavitt's accrual of legal expenses without the entire Gem Board's approval.

"I felt I had the right to consult him (Ferris)," Leavitt said. He added that Ferris' bill for the consultation totaled \$125, which will be billed to Gem Irrigation District and that another bill for a similar amount would be forthcoming.

When asked if one member of the Board can accrue expenses — including legal fees — without approval of the rest of the Board, Leavitt said he did not believe one member could accrue expenses.

"I don't think that one member can accrue expenses ... no," he said. "One member can't act alone really on anything."

When asked if incurring legal expenses without the Board's approval fell outside that practice, Leavitt said:

"Well, I think that I read somewhere that, particularly the chairman, has the right to consult and talk to an attorney."

Leavitt justified the accrual of legal expenses without consulting the entire Board, by stating that in 2006, then-South Board chairman Nash did the same thing and it was

acceptable.

"Last year when we (South Board) was having some problems, Mr. Nash took it upon himself without having direction from the (other) directors and directed the South Board of Control counsel, which is Mr. (Bruce) Smith, to undertake a research and investigation into this reappointment problem that we had run into. He, as the South Board chairman, did that on his own," Leavitt said.

Nash says this is not true, and that the entire board was involved in the decision to ask Smith for advice. Smith is on retainer for the South Board.

"At the first meeting (January of 2006), when we ran into the trouble. We were all there," Nash said. "In no way did I do this on my own."

Nash said that throughout the investigation, Smith provided updates on his findings, and fees were approved by the Board — as a whole — at each meeting.

Leavitt admitted that the Bureau of Reclamation gave Barrie passing marks in its evaluation, but Leavitt still is opposed to Barrie's reappointment as South Board manager. Leavitt declined to give any specific reasons why he is against Barrie's

reappointment, but he criticized the depth of the Bureau's probe into the situation.

"There are a lot of constituents that feel they have been abused and misused and did not like the way they were treated," Leavitt said. "This is the stuff that the Bureau said they were not going to get into. The only things they care about is water delivery, budget and protection of assets."

Nash and current South Board chairman Dan Felty both stand behind Barrie's efforts as manager.

"I'd like to get our manager situation straightened out," Felty said. "There are some board members that would like to get rid of our manager. I think they need to focus on the whole district and not just a few people that are complaining. They're focusing on getting rid of a good manager."

Felty added: "I think Rex is a man with vision. He's looking down the road; he's looking out for the water users."

Nash echoes those sentiments. "I feel like he is doing his job," he said. "He's delivering the water, maintaining good relationships with the Bureau, and he's serving our needs. I'll back him."

— JWB



# Poker raises \$1,800 for trooper

Teaching and law enforcement colleagues of Chris Glenn gathered Saturday in a Homedale garage to play some cards and raise money for the paralyzed Idaho State Police trooper.

Homedale High School principal Mike Williams reported that a charity Texas Hold ‘Em poker tournament held Saturday raised about \$1,800 for Glenn, who taught briefly at the high school before joining the ISP.

“I think it was sort of humbling for Chris,” Williams said of the outpouring friends and strangers alike showed for Glenn during the tournament. “It was very emotional. Everyone was clapping and cheering for him at the end of the tournament.”

Glenn was shot during a December traffic stop involving a robbery suspect. A bullet entered Glenn’s neck and caused spinal damage that has left him paralyzed from the chest down.

Glenn was released Feb. 27 after a 10-week stay at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise. He took a place of honor at the main table during Saturday’s poker tournament.

Businesses donated door prizes for the tournament, which Williams said attracted about 37 players.

“I thought it was very successful,” Williams said.

Each player paid \$50 to play in the tournament, with proceeds going directly to Glenn. Businesses also contributed prizes for the top 10 finishers.

Homedale High School boys basketball coach Kenny Thomas rebounded from some early



## Former Homedale teacher wins big

*Chris Glenn, who taught at Homedale High School before joining the Idaho State Police, was the guest of honor at a benefit poker tournament Saturday outside Homedale. The tourney raised nearly \$2,000 for Glenn.*

trouble to win the tournament title, beating Williams in the final heads-up action.

Among the businesses that supported the benefit tournament were Countryside Cleaning and Construction, represented by Aaron Cook; Home Depot, Cactus Pete’s Resort and Casino in Jackpot, Nev.; Intermountain

Gas Co.; Coors Distributing Co., of Meridian; Purple Sage Golf Course in Caldwell; and Shannon Craig, who made gift baskets for door prizes.

In a related development, the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Posse donated nearly \$600 for Glenn and his family.

— JPB

# Senior menus

## Homedale center

March 15: Corn beef, potatoes, cabbage, bread, drink.

March 20: Meatloaf/gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, roll, drink.

March 21: Chicken patty/bun, French fries, broccoli, drink.

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# Library to welcome new Bruneau Dunes manager

The Bruneau Valley Library will hold its next “Bruneau and Beyond” speaker program at noon next Wednesday.

This month’s speaker will be Brian Cross, who recently moved from Michigan to take over management of the Bruneau Dunes State Park. He will give an overview of the history, the current status and future plans for the park. He’ll also tell of his personal journey that led him to this area.

The program will begin with a free lunch at noon at the Bruneau

Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St. Anyone planning to attend the event must RSVP to library director Clara Morris at (208) 845-2345 or (208) 845-2131 to ensure enough food is prepared.

In the event that more people attend than the library can hold, the program will be moved to the community church. Notices indicating the change will be posted.

The popular luncheon and speaker program is partially underwritten by a grant received from US Ecology in December.

# School menus

## Homedale Elementary

March 15: Enchilada or corn dog, scalloped potatoes, fruit & veggie bar, brownie, milk.

March 16: Cheese pizza or PB&J, salad, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.

March 19: Burrito or French dip sandwich, green beans, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.

March 20: Nachos or baked potato, fruit & veggie bar, cinnamon bread stick, milk.

March 21: *No school K-4 Only.*

## Homedale Middle

March 15: Nachos or baked potato, fruit & veggie bar, rice krispie treat, milk.

March 16: Chicken tenders or CF beef steak, potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

March 19: Hamburger or hot dog, tots, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

March 20: Chicken nuggets or egg roll, rice, veggies, fruit & veggie bar, cookie.

March 21: Burrito or fish sandwich, corn, fruit & veggie bar, apple crisp, milk.

## Homedale High

March 15: Chicken patty, hamburger, potato wedges, fruit & veggie bar, sherbet cup, milk.

March 16: Chicken taco, French dip sandwich, corn, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

March 19: Pizza, nachos, chef’s salad, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk

March 20: Chicken nuggets, egg roll, rice pilaf, green beans, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

March 21: Idaho haystack, burrito, pizza hot pocket, fruit & veggie bar, cinnamon roll, milk.

## Marsing

March 15: Texas fries, veggie, fruit, milk, chicken fajitas, salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, roll.

March 16: Pizza, salad, fruit, milk, chicken sandwich, salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, roll.

March 19: No school.

March 20: Nachos, refried beans, fruit, milk, pizza, salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, roll.

March 21: Waffles, scrambled eggs & ham, strawberries, milk, rib-b-que sandwich, salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, roll.

## Bruneau

March 15: Chili & crackers, coleslaw, applesauce, cinnamon rolls, milk.

March 16: Tuna & bun, fries, veggies, fruit, cookie, milk.

March 19: Ham, scalloped potatoes, veggie, roll/butter, fruit cobbler, milk.

March 20: Corn dogs, fries, veggie sticks, fruit, cookie, milk.

March 21: Burritos, rice, veggies, fruit, milk.

# Death notices

**BARBARA LORAIN (BROMLEY) DIETZ**, 80, former Owyhee County resident, died Feb. 24, 2007, in Renton, Wash. A celebration of life was held March 3, 2007, at Upper Hillside Cemetery in Issaquah, Wash.

**KENNETH W. ROTH**, 82, former Homedale resident, died Feb. 24, 2007, in Missoula, Mont. A memorial service was held March 3, 2007, at the Museum of Mountain Flying in Missoula.



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Your finances

Separate checking, savings protects against disaster

Dear Dave,

I have a money market account that I use as my checking account. I get a decent interest rate, and they give me check writing privileges and a debit card. I'm trying to budget my money more wisely, though, and wondered if you thought I needed separate accounts for checking and savings.

— Charlie

Dear Charlie,

I think it's a very good idea to have some separation between your checking and savings accounts — for your emergency fund, in particular.

I have two different savings accounts, in addition to a checking account. One of the savings accounts is for miscellaneous stuff and the other is for emergencies only.

You need that mental and physical barrier that makes you realize you're about to dip into savings — the cash you've worked so hard for and sacrificed to build up.

Otherwise, you're likely to find yourself pulling cash out of your savings for everyday things. Then, what happens when you have a real emergency?

Bad news, that's what!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

I've been a real estate agent for three years. I was wondering if you think the idea of a business that digs up information about potential deals for real estate investors is a good one.

— Charles

Dear Charles,

This is an interesting idea. The first thing I would do is see if there's an investor group in your area. These are the folks who would stand to benefit from something like this.

Chances are if you were to gather good information on tax delinquencies, bankruptcies, foreclosures — anything with the potential to pick up a real estate bargain — packaged all the information and did the crunch work, you could publish a valuable newsletter to which investors could subscribe.

These days, with everyone gravitating toward technology, it might be even more economical and appealing if you made the service available via e-mail or



on the Internet. This way you'd have no mailing costs, no paper costs and really streamline the marketing process.

Good luck, Charles!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

My father and his partner have owned a small business for 36 years. I've worked for them, along with his partner's son, and now we're looking to transfer ownership from them into our names. What's the best way to handle this?

— Paul

Dear Paul,

General partnerships aren't always the way to go. If your partner suddenly lost his mind and started running up a bunch of bills through the company, the business and you personally would be liable for that stuff. It can be a dangerous way to run a business in today's world.

Incorporating would be an easy process. You'd need to sit down with a good business attorney to make it happen, and I'd suggest incorporating into a Sub-S where each of you owns 50 percent of the company.

Now, as the original owners of the business, your dad and your partner's dad may want money in the deal, and that opens a whole other can of worms. Rather than have a note and owe them payments, you could let them participate in the process to a certain degree and have a retained ownership position.

Maybe just minor ownership as they go into retirement.

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is the best-selling author of *The Total Money Makeover*. You can find tools to help with finances or previous columns at *Davesays.org*. For more financial advice, visit the Web site or call (888) 22-PEACE. Have a question for Dave? Send correspondence to *syndication@daveramsey.com* or write *Dave Says*, 1749 Mallory Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027

Calendar

Today

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

Grand View City Council meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall, 425 Boise Ave. (208) 834-2700, Monday through Wednesday

Owyhee Watershed Council meeting, 7 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. W., Marsing. (541) 372-5782

DivorceCare recovery support group, 7 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

Friday

Celebrate Recovery 12-step program, 6 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3520 or (208) 337-3151

Saturday

Marsing LDS church third annual Louie's dinner fund-raiser, 6 p.m., \$30 per couple, \$15 per single, advance purchase by March 12 required, Marsing LDS

church, 215 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. W. (208) 455-2899

Homedale Senior Citizens Center monthly dance, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., \$3 and finger food for admission, all ages. 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Sunday

Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13 scholarship breakfast, 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., \$5, Silver City Lodge No. 13 building, 19 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4466

Snake River Valley Fellowship Bible study, 10 a.m., 532 W. California Ave., Homedale. (208) 475-3733

Monday

Marsing Lions Club monthly meeting, 7:30 p.m., Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 2<sup>nd</sup> St. N., Marsing. (208) 896-4204

Tuesday

Monthly foot health clinic, 9 a.m., \$10, appointments required, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

(208) 337-3020

Homedale Senior Citizens Center lunch, entertainment from Betty's Ozark Mountain Music, 11 a.m. 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

El-Ada Community Action Partnership commodity distribution, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., El-Ada Owyhee office, 15 W. Colorado Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4812

Keep in Touch with E-mail class, free, 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Homedale High School computer lab, 203 E. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-4611

Submit information on upcoming fund-raisers, reunions or community events to *The Owyhee Avalanche* by noon Fridays for inclusion in the calendar. Drop off press releases at the *Avalanche* office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale, mail them to P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628, fax them to (208) 337-4867 or e-mail them to *jbrownditor@cablone.net*. For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.

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# Senior center features bluegrass

Band has played for Sen. Craig, former Gov. Kempthorne

The March schedule of events at the Homedale Senior Citizens Center is highlighted by a live music performance during lunch on Tuesday.

Betty's Ozark Mountain Music, a local bluegrass band fronted by Homedale native Betty Adams Aitchison, will provide the music during the meal. According to the band's Web site, Betty's Ozark Mountain Music has performed

for Sen. Larry Craig (R-Idaho) and former Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.

Lunch at the senior center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., is open to anyone.

The cost is \$3 for ages 60 and older and \$5 for everyone else.

More live music will be on tap Saturday when the center presents its monthly dance. The event will be held from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Admission is \$3 plus a plate of finger food, and the dance is open to all ages.

Eligible residents can sign up for Circuit Breaker property tax relief at the center at 1 p.m. Wednesday.

Finally, the center holds its annual appreciation luncheon for volunteers and others that have helped the senior center in the past year. That lunch begins at noon.

For more information on any senior center activity, call 337-3020.



## Homedale PD responds to altercation

Homedale School Resource Officer Michelle Babcock responded to a fight aboard a school bus last week. One juvenile male was taken into custody. The victim in the incident was also a juvenile male, who suffered a black eye. Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller also responded to the incident.

## Hurich makes grade at college

John Hurich, a 2006 Homedale High School graduate, was awarded a presidential citation certificate from West Hills College-Lemoore for outstanding scholastic achievement.

The commendation was awarded to recognize Hurich's 4.0 grade-point average during the fall 2006 semester at the college in Lemoore, Calif.

Hurich lived in the Homedale area during his high school years with his grandparents Roger and Dee Poppino, formerly of Homedale.

## Foot clinic scheduled in Homedale

The Homedale Senior Center will host a foot clinic with services by local health care providers Tuesday morning.

According to center coordinator Shirley McAbee, the cost for an appointment at the 9 a.m. foot clinic is \$10.

"For any seniors that come in, if they need their toenails trimmed. If, say, they broke their leg and can't get down

there, (providers) come in and trim your toenails and just kind of check your feet and stuff," McAbee said.

McAbee said anyone 60 and older is eligible to participate.

To make an appointment, contact McAbee at the Homedale Senior Center at 337-3020. The center is located at 224 W. Idaho Ave.

## Jordan Valley plans annual benefit International Dinner

The annual fund-raising Jordan Valley International Dinner will be held at Jordan Valley High School on Saturday.

The dinner, which is sponsored by the Jordan Valley High School Class of 2007, begins at 6 p.m. inside the school's gymnasium.

The dinner will include Basque, Italian, Swedish, Mexican, Southern, Irish and American dishes.

In addition to the dinner,

basketball games and live performances will be presented.

Advance tickets are \$20 for families, \$7 for adult, \$5 for schoolchildren and \$3 for children kindergarten-aged and younger. All admission prices increase by \$3 the day of the dinner.

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# Homedale grad earns Bronze Star in Iraq

## Army vet served on treacherous Route Irish

Tracy Goodloe, a 1984 Homedale High School graduate, and 22-year U.S. Army veteran, recently was awarded the Bronze Star medal for leadership under fire in Baghdad.

Staff Sgt. Goodloe recently returned from a tour of duty in Iraq. He is assigned to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division and stationed in South Korea.

In February of 2006, he was assigned as a military advisor in the Middle East as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom as a military advisor. His 11-man team's mission: to train Iraqi National Police.

Goodloe is humble about the award and downplays the actions that led to it.

"There's really not a whole lot to tell," he said. "It doesn't really seem like a big thing to me. Sometimes I can't believe I won the medal."

Goodloe vaguely described the incident that occurred in last winter.

His nine-man team and their accompanying contingent of 25 Iraqi soldiers came under attack after the detonation of an improvised explosive device (IED).

Despite a vicious firefight after the explosion, Goodloe's team and their Iraqi counterparts were able to repel their insurgent opponents without any casualties.

"We didn't lose anybody that day," Goodloe said. "It was no big deal. A few of us won Bronze Stars."

According to a Pentagon Web site, the Bronze Star is awarded to any U.S. military personnel who distinguishes "himself or herself by heroic or meritorious achievement or service ... while engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States."

The Bronze Star medal was authorized by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on Feb. 4, 1944, and awards of the medal were retroactive to Dec. 7, 1941.

Goodloe said he was detached from Korea in January 2006 and assigned to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Mechanized National



Tracy Goodloe

Police Transition Team in Baghdad.

Goodloe and his unit were assigned to the infamous "Route Irish." Route Irish is widely considered to be the most dangerous stretch of roadway in the world. The 7½-mile stretch of highway travels between Baghdad International Airport and downtown Baghdad.

Between November 2004 and March 2005, there were 135 listed attacks or "hostile incidents" that occurred along Route Irish. About every four days, travelers faced a roadside bomb, disguised to look like trash or other innocuous items.

According to Goodloe, cooperative efforts between U.S. forces and the Iraqi National Police made the route much safer in 2006.

"I can't remember how many hundreds of IEDs there were the year before we went in. They didn't have one our year," Goodloe said.

Goodloe is quick to give credit for the reduced trouble in the area to the teamwork with the Iraqis.

"It's not so much us (Americans)," he said. "We were an 11-man team. It's the Iraqi battalion we were training. They did a hell of a job."

Goodloe will return to active duty in Korea later this month. He has two children, Marshal, 17, and Sarah, 15, both of whom attend schools in Canyon County. He plans to remain in the military for another four years.

Goodloe, who also served as a combat engineer in the Army's 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Infantry Division in Operation Desert Storm in 1991, supports the U.S. military mission in Iraq, and is confident that the Iraq National Police will be able to stand on its own, without U.S. reinforcements in the future.

"The transition teams are doing a good job," Goodloe said. "If we teach them right, they will be able to stand up and take care of themselves."

— JWB



### Bronze star recipient

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### Goodloe and team in Baghdad

Staff Sgt. Tracy Goodloe, a 22-year US Army veteran, top row, center, poses with his team in Baghdad. Goodloe and his 11-man squad were assigned to the infamous "Route Irish," a 7.5-mile stretch of highway plagued with improvised explosive devices (IEDs). The route was listed as the world's most dangerous highway in 2005, with hostile incidents occurring daily. In 2006, violence in the area dropped significantly. Goodloe credits the joint efforts of U.S. and Iraqi forces with the reduced violence. Submitted photo

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# Author shares family's pioneer history

Mtn. Home man's Owyhee roots date to 1868 in Bruneau area

Idaho author and historian John Hiler will be featured as a guest speaker at Friday's Owyhee County Historical Society's (OCHS) membership meeting at 7 p.m. in Murphy.

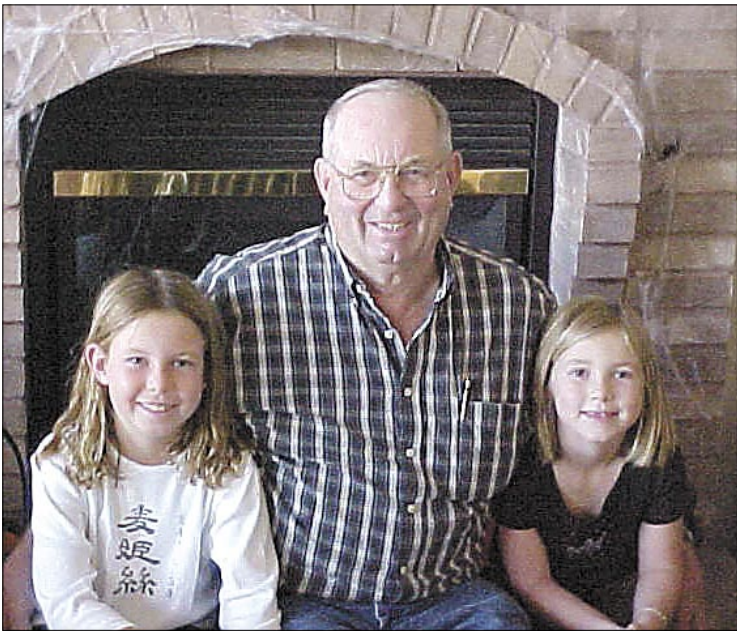
The 70-year-old Hiler hails from rich pioneer roots in the Bruneau area dating back to 1868.

He also is state treasurer of the Idaho Heritage Trust, the primary grant foundation for preserving historic buildings and artifacts in Idaho.

Hiler has written and published many historical articles, and he plans to publish an anthology of stories later this year. He lives in Mountain Home with his wife, Merrilee.

He intends to draw upon family history for his visit Friday evening.

"I'm going to talk about growing up in Glens Ferry.



Author and historian visits county museum Friday

*John Hiler, a Mountain Home-area author and historian, poses with his granddaughters. Hiler, who has Owyhee pioneer roots dating to the 1860s, will be a guest speaker at the Owyhee County Historical Museum at 7 p.m. Friday for the Owyhee County Historical Society's monthly membership meeting.*

I was born there in 1936 (and lived there) until right at the end of World War II in 1945 or '46," Hiler said.

"It will be kind of a 'family

story, I would say," Hiler said. "My family are the Robertsons from Bruneau Valley. My (great) Uncle Abe (Roberson) was the first settler in Bruneau Valley in

1868."

A biography provided by the OCHS explained that the Robertsons and Robersons were actually the same family from Arkansas. For unknown reasons, the spelling of the name was changed at some point.

"I spent a lot of time in Bruneau with my relatives that lived there, my aunts and uncles, some of whom had actually come up the trail from Arkansas to Bruneau Valley.

"My family's homestead was at Hot Creek Falls, at what they called the 'Indian Bathtub,' " Hiler said. "It's no longer there. It's been washed out. That was my grandfather's homestead."

Hiler, who works as an oil distributor, writes and publishes works on a monthly basis. He said he writes approximately 3,000 words per month for publication.

This year, he plans to release an anthology of historical works, tentatively titled *Trails and Tails of Southern Idaho*.

Some of his past writings have dealt with the history of Owyhee County.

"I have written quite a bit about Owyhee County," Hiler

said. "I have written a two-part story about my grandfather and family at Hot Creek," Hiler said, adding that his historical works are diverse.

"I did a fairly extensive story about the Bannock War of 1878. I'm still working on that, as well as a screenplay about the Bannock War of 1878, which I think is one of the most interesting events in early-Idaho history."

Hiler said that although his works are historical, his goal is to make them readable and entertaining, often adding historically accurate dialogue that speculates what a conversation between historical figures may have contained.

"I write in a way that it is not just cut-and-dried, chopped-up history," he said.

"I use the local idioms, local vernacular. I don't try to make the English perfect; I write it in what has been called a 'breezy' style. I try to get a lot of facts right, and sometimes I will even straighten out facts that have been passed down as being facts that are not really factual at all."

— JWB

## Historical society maps out this year's field trips

The Owyhee County Historical Society has set its field trips for 2007, and the exploration begins March 31 with a trip to Hardtrigger Canyon.

The Hardtrigger Canyon geology and natural history excursion includes some walking and scrambling over rocks up to a waterfall that currently is dry.

Jim Jencks will lead the trip. Participants will meet at Dan's Ferry Service in Melba at 9 a.m., and a potluck lunch will be enjoyed inside the canyon.

Jim and Kathy Skelton serve as field trip committee chairs. For more information, call the Owyhee County Historical Museum at (208) 495-2319 or consult the museum's Web site at [owyheemuseum.org](http://owyheemuseum.org).

Other trips this year include:

April 28 — Lawson's Emu-Z-Um in Grand View

Participants will meet at the site at 10 a.m., and there will be a potluck lunch in the museum. Museum admission is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Museum owners Jack and Belva Lawson will lead the trip.

May 12 — Bluebird Trail up Jordan Creek, Trout Creek Station and Pleasant Valley School

The group will meet at 9 a.m. at Jordan Valley City Park, and there will be a potluck lunch. Al Larson and Tuck and Bob Skinner will serve as trip leaders.

June 16 — Wickahoney/Tom Hall Family Museum

Trip will begin at 9 a.m. at Bruneau City Park and will be led by Tom and Celia Hall and Shirley Moon.

July 8 — Trip up Jordan Creek, Jordan Valley to Silver City via Wagonton, DeLamar and Dewey

This excursion, led by Julie Hyslop, will begin at 9 a.m. at the Jordan Valley City Park. There will be a potluck lunch.

Aug. 18 — Mississippi mine on War Eagle Mountain

Don Barnhill, who recently purchased the historic mine, will lead the tour. The trip starts at 9 a.m. at the Idaho Hotel in Silver City. A potluck lunch will be served on War Eagle Mountain.

Sept. 8 — Pioneer (Chinese) Cemetery cleanup

The group will meet at 10 a.m. in front of the Idaho Hotel in Silver City. Nick Ihli will lead the project, which will require participants to bring shovels, saws and other equipment.

## A biography of John Hiler's family

In 1878, Hiler's great grandmother Julianna Kruse and her husband, William, came to the Idaho Territory from Susanville, Calif., via the Susanville-Ruby City Stage.

Julianna built a boarding house in Vienna, in what is now Blaine County.

Later, they moved to Bellevue where they owned a hotel and boarding house, then to Glens Ferry, soon after the railroad arrived there in 1883.

In the summer of 1864, Hiler's great uncle, Abram Roberson, brought a wagon train up the Oregon Trail and across Goodale's Cutoff to the Boise Valley. In 1868, 'Uncle Abe' as he was known, came to the Bruneau Valley, known as "Valley of the Tall Grass." Roberson and his wife, Martha, settled on a ranch near Hot Springs, and were later joined there by other members of the Roberson family.

In 1883, after the Oregon Short Line railroad was built across southern Idaho, Hiler's

grandfather, Benjamin Franklin Robertson, and grandmother, Luanne Graham Robertson, came from Arkansas in an immigrant car, unloading at Glens Ferry, where Abram met them and led them across the Sailor Creek desert to Hot Springs.

Benjamin and Luanne took out a homestead at the mouth of Hot Creek that encompassed Hot Creek Falls and the Indian Bathtub.

Hiler's mother, Addie Robertson, was born at that homestead in 1905.

Hiler was born and raised in Glens Ferry, amidst tales of the Oregon Trail, the gold and silver rush into the Sawtooth Mountains and early railroad days of steam locomotives, run by his grandfather, Jack Hiler, and father, Fred Hiler.

He spent much time in Bruneau with his extended family, the Robertsons, hearing stories of Pioneer Idaho, Indian Wars, making moonshine and living off the land.

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## Snow, water report

The Bureau of Reclamation Web site showed that Owyhee Reservoir was 77 percent full and that 248 cubic feet per second of water was being released into the Owyhee River at Nyssa, Ore. The reservoir held 548,909 acre-feet of water Monday.

The following statistics were gathered from the National Resources Conservation Service Web site at 10 a.m. Monday:

Date	Snow Depth	Reynolds Creek	Average Temp		
		Year to Date Precipitation	Max.	Min.	Avg.
03/06	2.5	8.5	43	29	36
03/07	1.8	8.6	49	34	41
03/08	1.0	8.6	53	36	44
03/09	0.3	8.5	44	30	36
03/10	0.8	8.6	45	31	37
03/11	0.4	8.8	47	32	39
03/12	0.3	8.9	59	43	51


Date	Snow Depth	South Mountain	Average Temp		
		Year to Date Precipitation	Max.	Min.	Avg.
03/06	42.6	20.0	55	36	43
03/07	40.4	20.0	57	36	45
03/08	38.5	20.1	53	35	43
03/09	37.8	20.1	45	29	37
03/10	41.6	20.5	47	32	37
03/11	38.7	20.5	48	31	39
03/12	36.2	20.7	59	41	50

Date	Snow Depth	Mud Flat	Average Temp		
		Year to Date Precipitation	Max.	Min.	Avg.
03/06	17.2	9.2	53	27	39
03/07	14.8	9.2	56	27	42
03/08	13.6	9.2	56	31	43
03/09	13.2	9.2	51	32	40
03/10	11.9	9.3	54	32	39
03/11	12.0	9.3	54	32	41
03/12	10.4	9.3	64	32	47

## Weather

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March 6	58	29	.00
March 7	64	28	.00
March 8	65	30	.00
March 9	60	32	.00
March 10	no reading taken		
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March 12	71	33	.00

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## HMS off to Fruitland Academic Bowl

### Season ends with districts May 16 in Homedale

The Homedale Middle School Academic Bowl team travels to Fruitland on Tuesday for the second-to-last Snake River Valley conference competition before the District III Tournament.

The Trojans got off to a quick start in the February Academic Bowl, which was held at HMS. Homedale competitors answered nine of 10 questions correctly in the first round then struggled slightly in the next two rounds.

Academic Bowl advisor Barbie Vander Boegh said she was pleased with the performance.

“The kids usually have a better night than they did,” Vander Boegh said. “But I know how fantastic they are, and I am very proud of them.”

School officials pointed out that the success of the Homedale tournament was made possible by the volunteer efforts of Debby Turner, Jane Maggard, Mrs.

Fernandez, Linda Miklancic, Sherry and Clint Romriell and Shelley Shenk.

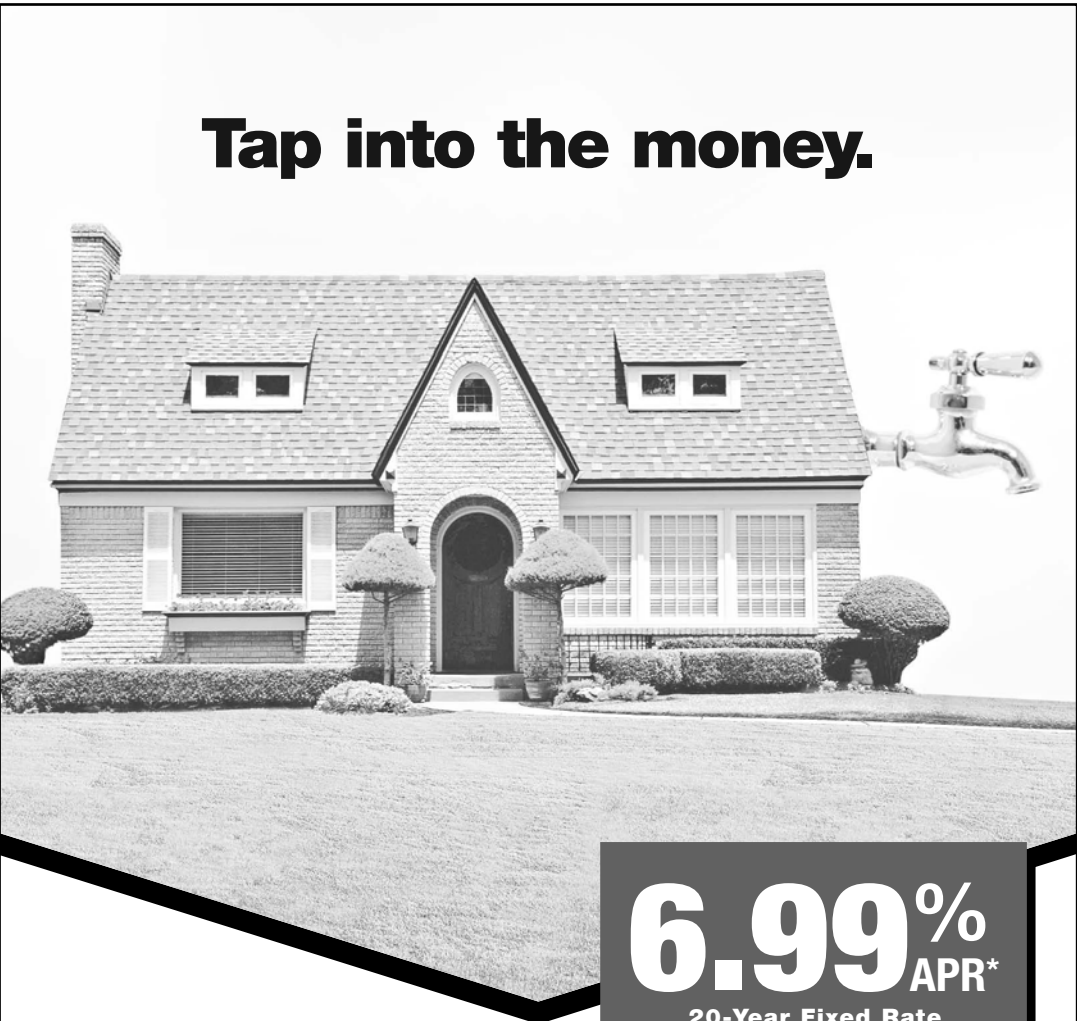
After next week’s competition in Fruitland, Homedale hits the road for the final conference event April 18 at Payette Lakes Middle School in McCall.

The district tournament will be held back at HMS on May 16.

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HSD offers free e-mail seminar on Tuesday

The Homedale School District offering another class on computer basics Tuesday afternoon at the district office.

Keep in Touch with E-mail is the third of four classes on the fundamentals of operating a PC. District technology integration and support specialist Gini Carrow is teaching the classes at the Homedale High School computer lab.

The next class runs from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

Tuesday's e-mail class could be one of the most popular workshops, Carrow said, because of the prevalence of e-mail as a communication device among family members.

"The thing most people want to know is attaching photos to e-mails and how to open attachments and to learn about virus hoaxes," she said.

The final class, Managing Files, will be held on April 17.

Register for either or both classes by picking up a form at the Homedale School District office, 116 E. Owyhee Ave., or the Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. Return the forms to either location or mail them to Carrow at the district office.

Call 337-4611 for more information. Registration will not be taken over the phone.

Homedale FFA 'Meats' the Need

Pigs bought with proceeds from Harvest Auction yield 600 pounds of meet for county food pantries

Members of the Homedale FFA chapter spent a recent rainy Friday delivering 600 pounds of cut and wrapped pork to Homedale families, churches and food banks as part of its "Meat the Need" project.

"Meat the Need" began in October after a wildly successful Harvest Auction made the project funding possible.

With money from the auction and a grant from US Ecology, the FFA purchased five weaned pigs from Dave and Sue Williams, who graciously agreed to house the pigs for the next five months as the animals gained weight. Each week, a member of the Homedale FFA chapter took on the responsibility of feeding, watering and cleaning the pigs' pen.

"It didn't seem like much progress at first," chapter member Sarah Black said.

"But after a few weeks, we started to see them grow and gain weight."

In addition, the students worked together to track the pigs' weight and to administer any vaccines or medicines that the pigs needed.

Eventually, the pigs went from 40 pounds each to their slaughtering weight of 240 pounds at the end of February.

Again, the chapter gathered to load the pigs and send them to the Johnstone Brothers packing plant in Caldwell.

On March 2, the meat was divided between different families and organizations in Homedale and distributed by the FFA students.

"It was amazing to see how much meat we gave away. I hope it can help a lot of people," chapter member Ulysses Vargas said.

Food banks report lows in food supplies each spring as holiday donations diminish and fresh produce from gardens isn't yet available. It was the goal of the FFA to ease this spring burden and help replenish the banks.

The Homedale FFA chapter would like to extend a special thanks to the following:

- Leslie Nash for the idea
- Dave and Sue Williams for allowing the pigs to stay in their barn all winter
- Rafter 4 Feed for generous discounts on pig feed
- US Ecology Idaho for assistance in funding the project
- Jacob McRae for organizing all of the chapter's help.



**Homedale FFA delivers pork for needy**  
*Above:* Members of the Homedale FFA chapter show off some of the cut and wrapped meat provided by the pigs the club raised. In the back, from left to right, are Jacob McRae, Mandy Gibbs, Sarah Black, Summer Megargee, Laken Hiser, Alex Mereness, Kaitlyn Amos and Drew Farwell. In the front row are Rye Hyer, left, and Austin Emry.  
*Below:* Other chapter members pose with two of their animals. From left to right are chapter advisor Lori Harrison, and members Steve Williams, Megan Harper, Mandy Gibbs, Ulysses Vargas, Sarah Black, Kendall Rupp and Hannah Johnson. Submitted photos



**Dust Devils 4-H club earns \$500 with pig raffle**  
*The Dust Devils 4-H Club raised \$500 during a recent pig raffle. A 265-pound hog was donated by LeRoy Babcock of Homedale, and Terilyn Keisel of Homedale purchased the winning ticket and received her prize cut and wrapped. The winning ticket was drawn Feb. 25. Members of the Dust Devils include, left to right, Back row: Marisa Ensley, Shelby Lee, Kortney Bahem, Kelli Tulk and Kelley Babcock. Middle row: Curtis Westergard, Caitlen Westergard, Carlie Purdom, Lauryn Robinson, Adrianna Salutregui, Tristan Corta, Alec Egurolla and Konner Bahem. Front row: Lyndsey Salutregui and Rachel Robinson.*

Free dental sealants available for Marsing schoolchildren

Marsing schoolchildren will be able to receive free dental sealants next month thanks to a local health services provider.

Non-profit organization Delta Dental of Idaho has planned two weeks of treatment in early April for Marsing Elementary School second- and third-graders and Marsing Middle School seventh- and eighth-graders.

According to a press release from Delta Dental, the sealants fill the pits and grooves in children's back teeth, where 90 percent of cavities occur. The application procedure is painless, according to the company, and sealants can last for several years.

Delta Dental carries this program as a community outreach vehicle and to ensure that all Idaho schoolchildren are receiving necessary dental care.

To receive dental sealants, a child must have a health history signed by a parent or guardian and a signed permission form, which was sent home earlier this month.

For more information on the program, call Lisa Reed at 489-3538.

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# El-Ada seeks to spread funding in county

Organization that helps needy will receive hand from ongoing Curves food drive, too

The El-Ada Community Action Partnership recently received federal funding to help the county’s needy, and the organization’s Owyhee County office is seeking to distribute the money.

Ricardo Vargas, El-Ada’s Homedale-based Owyhee coordinator, said the \$3,120 grant was awarded to supplement food and utility assistance programs.

A board of area citizens will determine how to award the money. Public and private voluntary agencies interested in applying for program funds can contact El-Ada at P.O. Box 1198, Homedale, ID 83628 or call the office at (208) 337-4812.

The national board of directors that made the grant selection is chaired by a representative from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and includes reps from the American Red Cross, Catholic Charities USA, the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA, the Salvation Army, United Jewish Communities and United Way of America.

El-Ada also will be a beneficiary of the ongoing food drive at the Homedale location of Curves women’s fitness center on East Idaho Avenue. Curves owner Juanita Rundell said last week that folks can drop off non-perishable food items

at Curves through the end of March. She added that food also will be donated to the pantry in Wilder.

“This is a great need at this time of year because the food pantries are low,” Rundell said.

In addition to announcing the available funding, Vargas said El-Ada’s Owyhee office will hold its monthly commodity distribution days in Homedale and Marsing next week.

Families and individuals in Homedale can drop by the El-Ada office at 15 W. Colorado Ave., from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday to receive food assistance. Vargas said about 70 families and individuals in the Homedale area receive assistance each month.

Marsing-area residents can receive

assistance with a visit to the Marsing Senior Center, 218 Main St., between 11 a.m. and noon next Wednesday. Vargas said El-Ada staff also will make deliveries to homebound people in Marsing on that day.

El-Ada holds three commodity distribution events each month in Owyhee County.

The third day takes place from 11 a.m. to noon on the second Thursday of each month at the Rimrock Senior Center at 525 Main St., in Grand View. That giveaway helps the needy in the Bruneau, Grand View and Murphy areas.

For more information on the food giveaways, call El-Ada at 337-4812.

— JPB

## BLM has openings in local RACs

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is seeking people with an interest and background in natural resources to fill five vacancies each in its Boise District and Twin Falls District Resource Advisory Councils (RAC).

Statewide, there are 21 vacancies in four RACs.

Each council is staffed by 15 individuals who each serve three-year terms.

In the Boise District RAC, the federal agency is seeking nominations to fill two vacancies each in Category 1 and Category 3 and one vacancy in Category 2.

The Twin Falls District RAC has one opening in Category 1 and two vacant seats in both Category 2 and Category 3. Part of the Jarbidge Field Office of the Twin Falls district includes eastern Owyhee County.

No Owyhee County residents serve on the Twin Falls RAC currently, but Owyhee County

Sheriff Gary Aman and ranchers Brenda Richards and Donna Bennett serve on the Boise RAC, which encompasses the Owyhee and Bruneau BLM field offices.

April 2 is the deadline to submit nominations for either RAC.

The category designations the interest group from which the nominee will be culled:

- Category 1 seeks members who are holders of federal grazing permits, representatives of energy and mineral development, timber industry, transportation or rights-of-way, off-highway vehicle use or commercial recreation.
- Category 2 is composed of representatives of nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, archaeological or historic interests, dispersed recreation users or wild horse and burro organizations.
- Category 3 consists of state, county or local elected officials, employees of a State agency

responsible for the management of natural resources, members of an American Indian Tribe, academicians involved in natural sciences, or representatives of the public-at-large.

The RACs represent a cross-section of the public and provide significant advice and recommendations to BLM managers on issues concerning the management of the 11.8 million acres of public land in Idaho.

“I encourage Idaho citizens to become actively involved in the management of public lands by submitting an application to BLM for membership on their local RAC,” recently appointed Idaho BLM state director Tom Dyer said. “The RACs give stakeholders a seat at the table and an opportunity to make a contribution to the future of lands managed by the BLM.”

Nominees will be evaluated based on their education, training,

experience and knowledge of the area administered by the respective BLM District.

BLM will consult with Governor C.L. “Butch” Otter prior to final consideration and decision by Secretary of Interior Dirk Kempthorne. Upon appointment by Kempthorne, committee members will begin their terms on Oct. 1.

Nomination forms are available at area BLM District or Field Offices and online at [www.blm.gov/id/st/en.html](http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en.html). Nominees must complete all required forms, and provide accompanying letters of reference from the interest group or elected body they wish to represent.

All completed application packages must be submitted to: Bureau of Land Management, Idaho State Office (ID-912), 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise, Idaho 83709, Attn.: Shelley Davis-Brunner.

## Trooper hurt while chasing illegals in Owyhee

An Idaho State Police trooper was injured March 6 during the detainment of 18 illegal aliens on U.S. Highway 95 near milepost 11 in western Owyhee County.

County law enforcement played a role in the eventual apprehension of some of the illegals.

Troopers stopped a 1995 Dodge van with Arizona plates loaded with 18 illegal aliens. Sixteen of those occupants told officers they had paid \$1,000 each for the driver and his partner to smuggle them into the U.S. to work in the Caldwell area.

The two smugglers also are suspected of being in the United States illegally.

Cpl. Craig Boll and another unidentified ISP trooper were awaiting agents from the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Agency and were handcuffing the driver of the van, when he and his partner broke away and ran down a steep, rocky embankment.

Boll stumbled during the chase and fell, breaking his ankle in two places as well as his lower leg. He was transported to West Valley Medical Center in Caldwell, where he was scheduled to have surgery to repair the leg.

Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputies and Posse members assisted in the capture of the escaped pair.

They were apprehended approximately 2 miles from the initial stop.

All 18 illegals are being held in the Owyhee County Jail in Murphy on federal immigration charges.

No drugs or weapons were found in the vehicle.

— JWB

## Silver City Lodge Masons plan benefit breakfast

Silver City Lodge No. 13 of the Masons will hold its all-you-can-eat scholarship breakfast on Saturday in Homedale.

The breakfast runs from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at 19 W. Idaho Ave. The price is \$5, and the menu includes scrambled eggs,

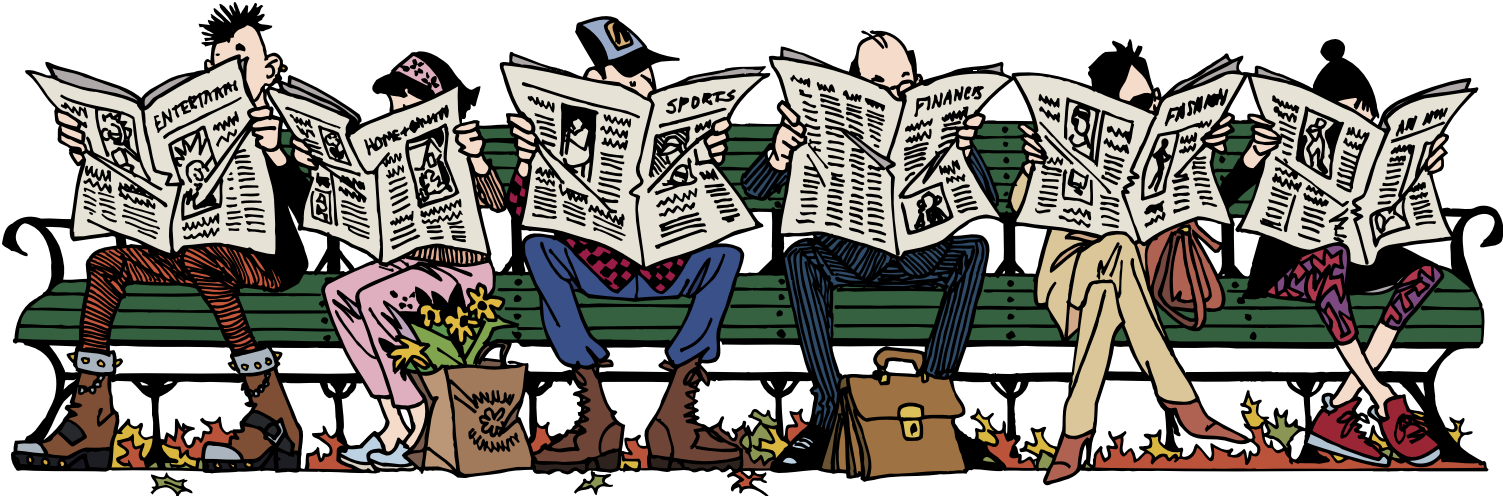
hotcakes, ham, coffee and juice.

The breakfast is a fund-raiser for the Masons’ scholarship and teacher of the year program, which

benefits schools in Homedale, Marsing, Wilder and Parma.

For more information, call William Shaw at 337-4466.

## Wednesday morning in Owyhee County



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Savory meals begin with top-notch ingredients. Meats and seafood paired with fresh produce offer endless possibilities for creating restaurant-quality meals that look and taste chef-made. Try starting with a great complete salad from the produce aisle. Chef-inspired creations, like those from the Fresh Express Completes Salad line, combine gourmet seasoning blends and condiments with artisan breads and cheeses. The flavorful combinations are topped off with perfectly matched dressings that make these salads worthy of center stage on any family's table.

These top-drawer salads — fresh mixtures of greens and vegetables, paired with savory goodies like crunchy artisan bread croutons, chef-made dressings and aged cheeses — beautifully harmonize with a variety of contemporary entrées. The combination ensures a fast, flavorful and easy-to-make weeknight menu masterpiece.

"Completes" restaurant-style salads are full of special flavor touches. New "Pacifica Supreme" from Fresh Express starts with crisp spring mix with carrot strips, tender pea pods, lightly roasted soy nuts and sunflower kernels. Tossed with a poppyseed vinaigrette dressing, it's a perfect balance of sweet and savory in this Pacific Rim inspired salad. Another new offering, Mediterranean Supreme, is loaded with baby spinach, focaccia bread croutons and provolone, Parmesan and feta cheeses, dressed with a caramelized onion-kissed Dijon vinaigrette.

Paired with these or other complete salads, simple and delicious entrée ideas will make you look like the savvyest cook on the block. Match a ready-to-serve complete salad with your own list of favorite "make fast" dishes. Or check out some of these ideas and recipes to make flavorful, fast entrées that make beautiful menu music with a chef-inspired complete salad from the produce section.

### Enjoy dining in like dining out! Who needs dinner reservations?

#### Island Inspired Escape

For a tropical inspired evening, pair a Fresh Express Pacifica Supreme complete salad with this sweet 'n' spicy salmon fillet. Serve fresh orange wedges and store-bought almond cookies for a sweet finale.

#### Apricot-Ginger Glazed Salmon

Serves 2

- 1/2 pound salmon fillet
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 1/2 tablespoons apricot jam or preserves
- 1 1/2 teaspoons grated fresh ginger
- 1 teaspoon soy sauce

Heat oven to 450°F. Season salmon with salt and pepper; place skin side down on parchment-lined (for easy clean up) rimmed baking sheet. In small bowl, stir together jam, ginger and soy sauce; spread evenly over salmon. Roast 10 to 15 minutes, until salmon flakes easily.

#### Far East Café

Try pairing Fresh Express Asian Supreme complete salad with this simple Pacific Roasted Pork Tenderloin. For a dramatic finish, dish up fresh strawberries atop angelfood cake to top off this exotic dinner.

#### Pacific Roasted Pork Tenderloin

Serves 4

- 1 whole pork tenderloin, about 1 to 1 1/4 pounds
- 3 tablespoons hoisin sauce
- 1 teaspoon oil
- 1/2 teaspoon ground five-spice

Heat oven to 425°F. In small bowl stir together hoisin, oil and five spice; rub evenly over pork. Place pork in small roasting pan; roast 20 to 25 minutes until internal temperature, measured with a meat thermometer, is 155°F.

Remove from oven and let rest 5 minutes before slicing to serve.

#### Mediterranean Delight

Warm up the night with the new Mediterranean Supreme complete salad from Fresh Express and a Greek Grilled Chicken Panini. Lemon bars from the bakery bring this easy menu to a sunny conclusion.

#### Greek Grilled Chicken Panini

Serves 2

- 1 1/2 cups coarsely shredded meat from rotisserie chicken
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon pepper seasoning
- 1/2 10- to 12-inch focaccia, split horizontally
- 2 ounces thinly sliced fontina
- 1 4-ounce jar roasted red bell peppers, drained
- Thinly sliced red onion
- 8 pitted kalamata olives, halved
- 1 tablespoon butter, optional

In small bowl toss shredded chicken with lemon pepper. Layer chicken, cheese, peppers, onion and olives into focaccia. Grill sandwich in a panini press, or melt butter in hot skillet and grill sandwich on each side until browned. Cut in half to serve.

#### Mexican Cantina

Bring a little spice to Monday night by beefing up Fresh Express Salsa Ensalada Supreme complete salad. By topping this tasty salad with seasoned beef or chicken fajita meat, you've got one flavor-packed main dish salad that rivals any restaurant dish. Indulgent hot caramel sundaes with salted nuts will seamlessly bring this menu together.

## Caesar's Corner

Culinary legend ascribes creation of the cherished classic, Caesar salad, to Italian chef Caesar Cardini, who owned a restaurant in Tijuana, Mexico in the 1920s. As the story goes, Chef Cardini found himself with just a few odd ingredients (the requisite romaine, pantry standards Worcestershire and canned anchovies, a lemon, a piece of Parmesan and stale bread) and unexpected guests he needed to serve. Truth or myth, the rest of the salad story is history. And we love variations on this classic Caesar theme — topped with grilled chicken, shrimp, bacon and other cheeses. Fresh Express complete salads include a classic Caesar, Caesar Supreme, BLT Caesar and Caesar Lite.

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Painting the town red, at home	Caesar Supreme	Romano dressing and a blend of three Italian cheeses	Grilled Steak With Anchovy-Lemon Butter*
Simple, stylish, sophisticated "comfort" meal	Caesar	Traditional fresh romaine, garlic vinaigrette, fresh Parmesan	Parmesan-Breaded Chicken Cutlets; sautéed to golden brown
Watching waistline but not willing to sacrifice flavor	Caesar Lite	Full-volume flavors with half the calories	Spicy-Smoky Shrimp (toss shrimp with chili powder & smoked paprika; sauté and top salad with shrimp)

#### \*Grilled Steak With Lemon-Anchovy Butter

Serves 3

- 1 ribeye or New York strip steak, about 1-inch thick, about 1 pound
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, room temperature
- 2 teaspoons anchovy paste
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Heat broiler or grill. Meanwhile, in small bowl stir together butter, anchovy paste, lemon rind, lemon juice and pepper; cover and chill. Broil or grill steak to desired doneness. Garnish each serving of steak with a dollop of chilled butter; cover and refrigerate leftover butter.

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Asst'd Varieties Banquet Dinners **\$1.09** ea.

Western Family  
**Ice Cream**



**\$2.39** ea.  
1/2 Gallon  
Western Family 1 Roll Paper Towels **59¢** ea.

**Pepsi Products**



**3 for \$11**  
12pk 12oz Cans  
2 Liter Bottle Pepsi Products **\$1.29** ea.

**Budweiser Beer**



**\$12.99** ea.  
18pk 12oz Cans  
30pk 12oz Cans Miller Lite Beer **\$17.99** ea.

Western Family Butter Quarters 16 oz. **\$2.29** ea.  
Sunny Delight 128 oz. **\$2.69** ea.  
Inland Valley Potatoes 24-32 oz. **\$1.99** ea.  
Western Family Mandarin Oranges 11 oz. **2 for \$1**  
Lay's Potato Chips 13.25-13.75 oz. **2 for \$5**  
Doritos Tortilla Chips 13 oz. **2 for \$5**

Kellogg's Pop Tarts 8 ct. **2 for \$4**  
Maruchan Ramen Noodles 3 oz. **8 for \$1**  
Budget Gourmet-Michelina's- Yu Sing Asst'd Entrees **\$1.19** ea.  
Gain Powder Detergent 61-63 oz. **\$4.99** ea.  
Western Family Liquid Bleach 96 oz. **2 for \$3**  
Northern Bath Tissue Super Absorbent 6 Roll **\$3.99** ea.

Western Family Cereal 28-32 oz. Bag **\$2.89** ea.  
Western Family Chili 15 oz. **89¢** ea.  
Totino's Party Pizza 9.8-10.9 oz. **\$1.19** ea.  
Orville Redenbacher Microwave Popcorn 6 Pack **\$2.99** ea.  
Purina Cat Chow 18 lb. **\$9.49** ea.  
Western Family Canned Dog Food 22 oz. **59¢** ea.

Shasta Soda 12 Pack 12oz Cans **2 for \$5**  
American Beauty Pasta 16 oz. **79¢** ea.  
Western Family Jumbo Biscuits 16 oz. **\$1.09** ea.  
Planters Dry Roasted Peanuts 16 oz. **2 for \$5**

**Kids!**  
Enter to Win  
Giant Stuffed  
Easter Bunny  
& Easter Duck

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