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## Lions ready for silver anniversary demo derby

Preparations are in the works for the Homedale Lions Club's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary July 4<sup>th</sup> Demolition Derby at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds.

Tickets will go on sale June 1 at Owyhee Auto Supply stores in Homedale and Marsing. Call 337-4668 or 896-4815 for details.

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### Memorial dedication

Marsing resident Gary Lakey addresses friends and family of fallen U.S. Army Sgt. Ross Clevenger at a ceremony dedicating a tree and commemorative stone in honor of the 2003 Marsing High School graduate. Clevenger died in combat in Iraq in February.

## Marsing memorializes hero

### Mother talks about soldier's love for the town

Friends and family of fallen U.S. Army Sgt. Ross A. Clevenger braved high winds Saturday to dedicate a monument in his honor outside Marsing High School.

Attendees included members of Marsing American Legion Post 128 and Marsing Mayor Don Osterhoudt.

A 2003 Marsing High School graduate, the 22-year-old Clevenger and two other members of the 321<sup>st</sup> Engineering Battalion were killed on Feb. 8 when a roadside bomb exploded in the Iraqi town of Karmah, which is in the Anbar province west of Baghdad.



Clevenger's mother, Abby Bradshaw was present at Saturday's dedication, and while some would think of the occasion as a somber event, she looked at

the event as an honor of her son's memory.

"I thought it was really nice to honor my son so much," Bradshaw said. "I think they did a great

job. Actually, I've been kind of humbled by the whole response of everybody in the community.

"Everyone has really been helpful. I can hardly say enough. They've been very supportive in trying to honor the memory of my son."

Bradshaw said that Ross loved the community of Marsing, but she doesn't know if he would have expected the overwhelming outpouring of support the community has shown.

"I think it would have been a little bit of a surprise, but I'm sure he would be happy about it," Bradshaw said.

Bradshaw said her son's connection to the community was deep. He had dedicated his life to helping others and joined the

— See *Hero*, page 5A



# South Board manager steps down

Water master will assume duties;  
Gem district secretary also resigns

Controversy continued at last week's irrigation board meeting as water users packed the tiny basement meeting location at the South Board of Control office in Homedale.

The May 1 meeting was highlighted by the confirmation of Rex Barrie's resignation as manager of the South Board of Control. Connie Chadez also tendered her immediate resignation as secretary of the Gem Irrigation District Board.

Barrie's resignation is effective Friday. He will be replaced by interim manager Ron Kiester, who has served as the district's water master since 1985. Chadez will continue as secretary for South Board and the Ridgeview Irrigation District.

The tense situation prompted water users in attendance to make pointed observations about the Gem Board's productivity.

"In the three meetings I've been to lately, there has not been one bit of irrigation business. It's all fighting between the whole Board," Homedale area water user David Kushlan said.

"Any little thing that comes up, everybody argues here. You've got to get along. If you are going to argue about everything there is, there is no use even coming

down here."

Kushlan served as an irrigation board director for more than 20 years.

Barrie handed in his resignation when the South Board met in executive session on April 26. He wasn't present at last week's meeting.

Chadez's resignation was effective Wednesday, the day after the meeting.

"I believe my ability to complete the job of secretary has been compromised by the direction the district is headed," Chadez wrote in her resignation letter, which was read by Gem Board chairman Tim Leavitt.

No replacement or interim secretary has been named.

Although Barrie's resignation is effective Friday, Leavitt openly stated he would like his duties as South Board manager ceased immediately.

"The manager serves at the pleasure of the board," Leavitt said. "I would like to see him leave sooner."

Director Steve Nash commented that Barrie was due to leave in less than 10 days from the meeting, and that he should not be "pushed out" sooner.

Leavitt made a motion to require the Gem Board to make au-

*'I believe my ability to complete the job of secretary has been compromised by the direction the district is headed.'*



— **Connie Chadez**  
former Gem Irrigation District secretary

dio recordings of the South Board of Control's meetings to ensure an accurate representation of the proceedings of the meetings. The motion carried, with a 3-2 vote. Leavitt, director Dale Chrz and director Elmon Thompson voted in favor of the motion. Directors Dan Felty and Nash voted against it.

Leavitt also read arguments supporting an opinion that directors of the Gem Board — while serving as members of the South Board of Control — must vote with the consensus of the Gem Board.

Nash argued that each director of the South Board of Control has an independent vote, and that while those directors also may serve as Gem Board directors, they are not obligated to vote with the majority of Gem Board directors while on the South Board.

The motion was not seconded and failed.

South Board votes to end attorney agreement

Debate at last week's meeting extended to the South Board of Control's contract with Boise Law Firm Moore, Smith, Buxton and

Turcke, and thus with attorney Bruce Smith.

Leavitt voiced his opinion that South Board's contract with the law firm, signed in July 2001, is illegal, because there was no record of the entire Board's approval to enter into a contract. Only Barrie signed the document.

Leavitt asserted that his opinion was backed by his brother's opinion, whom Leavitt claimed is a federal judge.

Ridgeview director Paul Shenk, who has served on the Board since 1994, recalled that it was likely the Board directed Barrie to enter into the contract with the law firm, but there may not have been any written documentation of the Board's direction to do so.

South Board voted on terminating the contract with Moore, Smith, Buxton and Turcke. The motion passed, with Leavitt, Chrz and Thompson voting to terminate services, and Nash and director Mike Pendergrass voting to keep the contract. Chairman Dan Felty abstained, but did not give a reason for abstaining. While the motion carried, the Board did not immediately terminate the contract, pending additional research.

At the April 11 meeting, the Gem Board voted, in a split decision, not to pay for the services of South Board of Control attorney Bruce Smith.

Chadez consulted South Board auditor Jared Zyger, who, according to Chadez, stated that the Gem Board legally must pay for Smith's services.

Also at the April 11 meeting, the Gem Board rejected a petition, which was signed by 130 water users, that would have terminated any legal counsel hired solely by the Gem Board. Since 2001, the Gem Board has utilized Smith's services.

Earlier this year, Gem chairman Leavitt consulted attorney Bryce Ferris, whose opinion regarding Barrie's reappointment differed from Smith's. The water users' petition asked that any attorney hired solely by the Gem Board — in this case, Ferris — be terminated immediately. The board never discussed the petition.

Leavitt has consulted Ferris on multiple occasions, and the Gem Board has voted to pay fees accrued, even though Nash and Felty vehemently opposed any additional consultation with Ferris.

In a letter addressed to the Gem Irrigation District, Ferris' law firm, Ringert Clark of Boise, stated that it would accept documents, including minutes from the April meeting, as "information only." Ringert Clark also said Ferris was not hired to represent the Gem Irrigation District, but was merely contracted to analyze various documents.

— JWB

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# Area high school seniors prepare for graduation

Ceremonies, parties planned throughout county in next two weeks

Another batch of seniors is gearing up for high school graduation in the Owyhee country.

That means commencement ceremonies and safe graduation parties.

The first group of Class of 2007 members to be sent on its way will be the Jordan Valley High School students. The seniors, comprised of students from Owyhee County and Malheur County in Oregon, walk the line at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday inside the school's gymnasium.

After commencement, the school's Fun Not Fatal mothers organization will throw an all-night party for the graduates. No further details on the party are being released to preserve the element of surprise.

Rimrock's seniors will accept their diplomas at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 20, inside the Bruneau school's gymnasium. School officials plan no official graduation party.

Marsing High School graduates at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 24, inside the high school gymnasium on

Main Street.

Former principal Charles Stella, who retired earlier this year for health reasons, will be the guest speaker at Marsing's graduation.

After the ceremony, the graduates will pile into a bus and take a ride to Nampa Bowl to celebrate the conclusion of their high school careers.

The party begins at 10 p.m. and features DJ music, food, gift giveaways, bowling and karaoke, according to organizing committee chair Linda Ineck.

The Marsing parents put on several events to raise money for the party, including a golf tournament, a trap shoot in the fall, bake auctions and a blanket raffle. The group also sold food at various sporting events and held skill contests at football and basketball games.

The parents also plan to cook breakfast for the seniors on the morning of May 24 before graduation rehearsal.

Homedale High School also has plans for an all-night, drug-free graduation party after

commencement exercises, which are planned for 2 p.m. May 26 inside the school's gym. Longtime teacher Mike Greeley will give the commencement speech.

Committee chair Teresa Ryska said the doors will open at 9 p.m. for the graduation celebration, and the gym will be locked at 10 p.m. The party is scheduled to run until 2 a.m.

Inside, graduates can sample food from the taco and nacho bar. Soda also will be served.

Entertainment chair Darren Krzesnik reports that attractions for the students will include a mechanical bull, karaoke, a caricature artist, a hypnotist and padded outfits for sumo wrestling. There also will be drawings for door prizes.

Ryska said 15 different parents will chaperone the event.

Krzesnik said the committee held several fund-raisers in the past four months, including a raffle for prizes such as a stainless-steel barbecue, a \$500 shopping spree to Cabela's and the Boise Towne Square mall, an Xbox 360 video game system and a wrapped pig.

—JPB

# Breshears Fishing Day for kids on the horizon

The LeRoy Breshears Fishing Day, an annual event established in 1999 as a memorial to the longtime Owyhee County hunting education instructor, will take place May 19 at the Marsing Island Park Pond.

The free fishing clinic will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration is required before the event begins that day.

"The (Breshears) family has been real supportive of it, and we look forward to continuing it," Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Bruce Cameron said.

This will be the eighth time members of the sheriff's office, the sheriff's posse and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game gather at Marsing Island Park to help youngsters learn how to fish and to honor Breshear's memory.

The event was cancelled in 2002 because of a lengthy session of the Idaho Legislature. The county's DARE officer at the time — and the fishing day's lead organizer — Rich Wills, was a state legislator. Although he's no longer affiliated with the sheriff's office, Wills still serves as the District 22-A representative out of Glenns Ferry.

Last year's fishing day was pushed back because of high water levels in the Snake River. Organizers wanted to make the day as safe and worry-free for the children and parents as possible.

Cameron admits that this year's fishing day was in jeopardy, too, after former chief deputy Dick Freund retired to become District 3 county commissioner

and, eventually, chairman of the county board of commissioners.

"With the transition, we weren't sure if we were going to have it this year," said Cameron, who succeeded Freund as chief deputy.

"We got enough phone calls this year that (Sheriff Gary Aman) said get it started again."

And so a tradition continues.

Cameron said that recent fishing days have attracted more than 500 children to the pond. The free event is open to boys and girls from kindergarten through sixth grade.

Posse members and deputies help the children fish by showing them all the fundamentals. They'll even bait the hooks.

Cameron said parents needn't worry if their child doesn't have a pole or tackle. There are plenty of loaner rods and reels available.

"We just ask them to come down and register," Cameron said. "We have loaner poles from Fish and Game and the posse."

"No kid goes to the pond without a pole. We provide the bait."

Anyone who wants more information or is interested in helping out at this year's fishing day can call Cameron at 495-1154 or Fish and Game Homedale/Marsing conservation officer Craig Mickelson at 989-9328.

—JPB

# AARP driving course offered in Homedale

Former Homedale Mayor Ervin Gifford will present an AARP driver safety program May 21-22 at the Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

The course is open to all ages, but is designed primarily for seniors, Gifford said. The cost is \$10.

The course will be taught in two 4-hour segments from 1 p.m. to 5

p.m. each day.

Gifford, a certified AARP 55 Alive instructor, said the course can help people reduce driving points against them, and many insurance companies will give discounts for drivers 55 years old and older who complete the course.

Gifford said this is the only AARP driver safety course he has

scheduled in Owyhee County.

For more information or to reserve a spot in the class, call the senior center at 337-3020.

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# Marsing holds school board election Tuesday

Several votes canceled because of dearth of candidates filing

Trustees elections for Owyhee County’s various school boards are scheduled for Tuesday, but with a lack of candidates only two races in the entire county have more than one candidate.

There will be only one trustee election in western Owyhee County.

In Marsing School District’s Zone 2 election, Leslie Danner will run against longtime incumbent David VanWassenhove.

Across the border in Oregon, at both Jordan Valley and Adrian Schools, only incumbents are running, but voters may write-in candidates on Election Day.

Officials at each school district confirmed that unless there were either write-in candidates filed, or more than one candidate for open positions, there would not be an election. Homedale, Marsing, Bruneau-Grand View and Pleasant Valley districts reported that no write-in candidates file for candidacy. The filing deadline was May 1.

The only other school board election that impacts any part of Owyhee County comes in the Glenns Ferry Joint School District, at the east end of the county. Glenns Ferry has few students from the county. In that election, Brenda Ellis and Christy Zito are running for the Zone 2 trustee spot, which will be left vacant when incumbent Rich Morrison leaves office.

Homedale

With only incumbents filed to run for

re-election, the Homedale district will not hold an election.

Board chairman Kurt Shanley has filed for re-election in Zone 1. The other seat up for election, Zone 5, has only had one candidate, Shane Muir.

Both Homedale positions carry three-year terms.

Marsing

Marsing resident Leslie Danner will run against longtime incumbent David VanWassenhove for the open Zone 2 spot. VanWassenhove currently chairs the school board. Voters can cast ballots at the Marsing High School Library from noon until 8 p.m. on Tuesday.

In the other opening, incumbent Leslie Jayo, has decided not to seek re-election. The only candidate filing for her open spot is Marsing resident Jaime Woods.

Both seats carry three-year terms.

Bruneau/Grand View

Two spots are available in the joint district that also serves Elmore County, but only one person has filed for either open seat. Incumbent Dixie Black is the only candidate in Zone 2.

Zone 4 could be vacant until the school board appoints a trustee, according to district clerk Cathy Sellman. Jeff Knight, who currently holds the position, has decided not to seek re-election, and no write-in candidates have applied.

Adrian, Jordan Valley

Both Adrian and Jordan Valley school districts have trustees elections coming up next week, but officials in both districts say the elections could be relatively uneventful. The filing deadline both districts was

March 15.

The Adrian School District has three seats up for grabs. No candidates filed for one of the three open spots, and only the incumbents filed for candidacy in the other two spots.

According to district deputy clerk Darla Witty, no one filed for the Zone 3 seat, currently held by Bob Trotter. Trotter didn’t file to seek re-election for a two-year term. Witty said whoever gets the most write-in votes during Tuesday’s election will win the position, provided the candidate meets requirements. If the write-in candidate declines to serve, the board can appoint a trustee.

“No one filed for that position, and the filing deadline has passed,” Witty said. “Then, we have Zone 4, which is the Big Bend position. Neil Allison, which is the incumbent filed (for that position). He is running unopposed.

“Then, for Zone 5, which is the Ridgeview district, Paul Shenk has filed for that position, and he is the incumbent, running unopposed.”

Allison currently serves as board chairman, while Shenk also serves as football coach at Adrian High School. Both seats carry four-year terms.

In Jordan Valley, two positions are open, No. 1 and No. 5. The election is May 15, too.

According to Jordan Valley school officials, only the incumbents have filed for the open positions — Si Skinner in the No. 1 seat, and Dale Johnson at No. 5.

Pleasant Valley

There will be no election in this district, which feeds Jordan Valley schools. Only incumbents have filed for re-election in the

two seats that would be on the ballot.

Pat Stanford is unopposed in Zone 1. Incumbent Anita Gluch will serve her second term in Zone 3.

The other position on the school board, Zone 2 filled by Dana Rutan, is not up for re-election.

Three Creek

The Three Creek School District has one position open. According to district clerk Mike Ruffing, there are no candidates or write-in candidates. Ruffing said the district will seek legal advice regarding appointment options.

Glenns Ferry

Brenda Ellis and Christy Zito have put in for the Zone 2 trustee spot at the Glenns Ferry Joint School District. Both are new candidates. The winner of the election will replace incumbent Rich Morrison, who will not run again. Voters can cast ballots at the Hammett Community Church in Hammett from noon until 8 p.m. on Tuesday.

Glenns Ferry’s Zone 3 trustee position will be left vacant. The incumbent, Dewey Crane, won’t seek re-election. No candidates have filed for the open position, and school officials said the board will be required to make an appointment for the empty position.

Castleford

The Castleford Joint District, which serves a small part of southeast Owyhee County has one seat open. The only candidate for that spot is incumbent Jayme Gandolfo, so there will be no election, according to district officials.

— JWB

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# Several firms submit bids for sewer work

## Professional Engineering Consultants could make recommendation tonight

Officials were pleasantly surprised Wednesday when bids were unsealed for the expansion of Homedale’s sewer system.

“I never have seen a more competitive bunch of bids,” city engineer Fred Ostler said.

Bids from eight companies were opened during an afternoon gathering inside the City of Homedale shop behind City Hall.

Eight bids ranging in value from nearly \$1.2 million from Masco, Inc., of Boise to a low of \$857,380 from Eastern Oregon Construction from Ontario were opened last week.

Ostler said his company, Professional Engineering Consultants (PEC), will recommend a company during today’s 6 p.m. city council meeting at City Hall.

“The notice of award will be sent the day after the council accepts a bid,” Ostler said.

Construction could start about two weeks later, after Ostler’s firm receives construction bonds and other assurances from the winning company.

He said it’s conceivable that groundbreaking could come later this month.

The project includes expanding the city’s

sewer line along U.S. Highway 95 as well as the construction of a lift station. The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Rural Development Agency has loaned the city \$1.2 million for the work.

Homedale public works supervisor Larry Bauer said the eight bids unsealed last week were the most he had ever seen for a single project in his long career with the city.

“Years ago, we probably would have gotten two,” he said.

The economics of today’s construction business played a big role in the bid activity, according to one PEC official.

“Contractors are hungry,” Roger Sorensen, PEC vice-president, said.

The lowest bid unsealed Wednesday was from Eastern Oregon, while Lurre Construction of Caldwell came in at \$886,166.

Ostler said PEC spent the week before tonight’s council meeting poring over the proposals to ensure correct math, among other things. He said all the companies whose bids were unsealed last week already had met minimum requirements, including bonding capacity and public works licensing.

“We’re very happy that Eastern Oregon won (low bid) because there has been a relationship with the city in the past,” Sorenson said. “We know the project would run smoothly.”

— JPB



**Homedale sewer job a popular project**  
City engineer Fred Ostler hands a bid packet to Homedale City Clerk Alice Pegram after he read it during Wednesday’s bid-opening ceremony inside the city shop. PEC’s Roger Sorensen looks on.

## Roll call of bids

Firm	Location	Bid
Eastern Oregon Construction	Ontario, Ore.	\$857,380
Lurre Construction, Inc.	Caldwell	\$886,166
Bodiford Construction	Boise	\$944,995
RSCI	Meridian	\$997, 642
Whitaker Construction	Brigham City, Utah	\$997,861
Sommer Construction	Nampa	\$1,069,611
Hill Construction	Nampa	\$1,135,037
Masco, Inc.	Boise	\$1,198,224

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## ✓ Hero: Family opens benefit fund in Clevenger’s memory at US Bank

military as a way to earn money for college in order to become nurse, like his mother, who has been a in the profession for many years.

While Clevenger was not anxious to serve in Iraq, Bradshaw said he was more than willing to go when the call came. She said that during video calls, in which she could view her son on a television screen during their conversation, he was allowed to reveal very little about his missions. But after his death she learned more of her son’s bravery in very hazardous situations — frequently under fire — clearing routes in an armored vehicle for other soldiers.

“After he died, his captain called, because they try to tell you as much as they can,” Bradshaw said. “(His captain) said Ross’s job was to take the guys where they want to be. ‘First, we go in a clear the route, and then we take them.’ He said ‘securing’ routes was the job. Of course, Ross’ was always the lead vehicle out.”

Herson didn’t reveal much about the hazards of the missions.

“I didn’t know it was that dangerous. He made sure I didn’t know. He gave me a lot of assurance. He said ‘Mom,

*‘I think it would have been a little bit of a surprise, but I’m sure he would be happy about it.’*

— Abby Bradshaw

on how her son, Ross Clevenger, may have reacted to the community outpouring

I’m in a vehicle that is pretty much impervious (to small arms fire).’ I guess he watched the road, and they would point to the gunner which way they thought (enemy fire) was coming from,” Bradshaw said Monday, three months after Ross’ death. “I think they tell them (soldiers) not to make us worry. I guess worrying doesn’t get you anywhere.”

Bradshaw said she and her family have lived in the Marsing area for approximately 16 years. Ross has three younger siblings in Marsing schools and older siblings that now live out of the area. Bradshaw said tight family bonds have helped her through the past three months. Now, the healing process begins for the family.

“We’ve been really close with this. They say it takes a while,

and I think we’re about like a normal family,” she said.

“I think Ross would be grateful for everything they’ve done.”

Bradshaw said that a memorial fund has been set up at US Bank locations in Clevenger’s name. Bradshaw said she has not yet decided how the proceeds from funds will be used, but she said it is possible they will go toward helping U.S. Army families in similar situations.

—JWB



**Sgt. Ross Clevenger’s memorial tree**  
Brandon Hopkins (left) and Gerrardo Arias plant a Ponderosa pine tree at Marsing High School on May 1 in honor of fallen U.S. Army soldier Ross Clevenger.

## ✓ Derby: Details for building cars available at NAPA auto parts stores

Car building rulebooks are available at Owyhee Auto Supply (NAPA) locations in Homedale and Marsing, as well as Perfection Repair in Homedale.

Driver and car registration will be held

from 9 a.m. until noon on July 4 at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds. For car numbers and driver sign-ups, call Jeremy Townsend at 573-1350 or 337-4668.

A driver’s meeting will be held at the end

of June, but an exact date has not been set. Spectator gates will be open at 4 p.m. on July 4<sup>th</sup> at the fairgrounds.

A fireworks display will take place immediately after the derby. Live music will

be provided by the band Straightshooters after the derby. The music is being sponsored by the Homedale Lions Club.

For food booth and concession information, call Chad Carter at 249-5896.



# Obituary

## Julie Zatica Yzaguirre

While holding her grandchildren’s hands, Julie Zatica Yzaguirre peacefully passed away on Monday evening April 30, 2007 in Boise, Idaho with her children also by her side.

Julie was born the third of six children to Basque immigrant parents from Spain, Joe Zatica and Ines Bilboa on April 8, 1924. Dr. Jones delivered Julie at her parent’s home in Jordan Valley, Oregon. This was the town where she grew up, attended school, and reminisced about with fond memories her entire life.

In September of 1942, she married Justo Yzaguirre, “the” love of her life. Following Justo’s service in WWII, they resided in Boise for a few short years, when Julie worked for Falk’s ID. In 1948, they purchased a grocery store and gas station in Marsing where she lived the next 55 years. She was great support to her husband in running their business. In later years, she was employed by the Marsing School District in food service from about 1974 to 1986.

Joining the Wo He Lo Club in Marsing in the early 1950s resulted in wonderful lifelong friendships. It was in the 60s, when a bridge club was formed adding again a new dimension to Julie’s life, with even more friends and fun. She was very active in PTA, St. Hubert’s Catholic Church in Homedale and the Good Shepherd Mission in Marsing. She served as Treasurer of the American Legion Auxiliary for decades! Julie also chaired the Owyhee County Cancer Fund for many years and was passionate about that role. She worked as a volunteer at Caldwell Memorial Hospital. Being quite social, she always enjoyed her duties at the



Marsing Disaster Auction and at the Election Polls.

She was known for being a great cook, specializing in chocolate cake, Basque food, and strawberry daiquiris (in any order).

Justo died in 1981 and Julie remained in her beloved Marsing until her move to Spring Creek Manor in Eagle in April of 2003. She adjusted well to this huge change in her life, again playing bingo and making good friends. She showed a lot of love for the staff there. While in Eagle, she attended Holy Apostles Catholic Church.

To know Julie is to know she “loved” her children, grandchildren, and great grandchild with all of her heart and they in turn loved “Muma”.

She is survived by her children, Rick (Sandy) Yzaguirre of Eagle, Julie (Alan) Moore, and Francie (Mike) Brown of Boise. Also grandchildren, Cori Yzaguirre, Camille (Steve) Martinez, Crystal Yzaguirre, Kaye (Mark) Heazle, Annie Moore, Matthew Brown, Kassi Brown; and great grandchild Carter Martinez, all of Ada County. Julie is also survived by her sisters, Sola



Staley of Vale, Oregon, and Mary (Ike) Cortabitarte of Marsing; and brothers, Paul (Jean) Zatica of Homedale and Jimmy Zatica of Jordan Valley. She has many nieces and nephews who she loved as if they were her own children.

She was preceded in death by her husband Justo, parents Joe and Ines Zatica, and brother Jess.

A Vigil service was held Friday, May 4, 2007 at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church 1122 W. Linden St., Caldwell at 7:00 pm. On Saturday, May 5, 2007 there was a funeral mass at Our Lady of the Valley Church at 12:00, noon. Following the service was a luncheon and gathering at the American Legion - Community Center, 126 2<sup>nd</sup> Street North in Marsing. Burial took place in the Jordan Valley cemetery around 4:45 on Saturday. Services under the direction of Cloverdale Funeral Home, Boise, Idaho.

Memorials may be made to Boise Samaritan Village, Syringa House in Julie’s name at 3115 Sycamore Dr. Boise, ID 83703 or to a favorite charity.

Mom, thank you for being so caring, loving and fun. “Goisan”

# School

## menus

### Homedale Elementary

- May 10: Enchilada or corn dog, scalloped potatoes, fruit & veggie bar, cherry crisp, milk.
- May 11: Pizza or PB&J, salad, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.
- May 14: Burrito or French dip sandwich, green beans, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.
- May 15: Nachos or baked potato, fruit & veggie bar, cinnamon stick, milk.
- May 16: Chicken nuggets or egg rolls, rice pilaf, veggie, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.

### Homedale Middle

- May 10: Nachos or baked potato, fruit & veggie bar, rice krispie treat, milk.
- May 11: Chicken tenders or CF beef steak, potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- May 14: Hamburger or hot dog, tots, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- May 15: Rice, chicken nuggets or egg roll, veggie, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.
- May 16: Burrito or fish sandwich, fruit & veggie bar, apple crisp, milk.

### Homedale High

- May 10: Chicken patty, sandwich & soup, potato wedges, fruit & veggie bar, turnover, milk.
- May 11: Crispito, rib-b-que, corn, taco salad, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- May 14: Pizza, chicken bacon melt, chef’s salad, fruit & veggie bar, strawberry shortcake, milk.
- May 15: Beef nuggets, chicken fritters, potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- May 16: Lasagna, burrito, pizza hot pocket, French bread, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

### Marsing

- May 10: Enchiladas, rice, salad, milk, chicken fajitas, salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, roll.
- May 11: Tacos, veggie, fruit, milk, chicken sandwich, salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, roll.
- May 14: Burritos, rice, fruit, milk, hamburger, salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, roll.
- May 15: Pizza, salad, fruit, milk, baked potato & chili bar, salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, roll.
- May 16: Chicken nuggets, fruit, veggie, milk, sandwiches, salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, roll.

### Bruneau

- May 10: Weiner wrap, fries, veggie, fruit, cookie, milk.
- May 11: Cook’s choice.
- May 14: Cheesy chicken bake, salad, bread sticks, fruit, milk.
- May 15: Turkey sandwich, carrot sticks, raisins, oranges, cookie, milk.
- May 16: Taco, Spanish rice, corn, fruit cup, milk.

# Death notices

**J O N R A Y M O N D JOHNSTON**, 48, part-owner of Snake River Mart in Marsing, died Saturday, April 28, 2007. A memorial was held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 2, at Franklin Community Church in Nampa. Burial took place at Dry Creek Cemetery on May 2 after a

private family service.

**LEONIEL M. DANIEL**, 90, of Marsing, died at home Friday, May 4, 2007. Funeral services were held Monday at Alsip & Persons Funeral Chapel. Interment followed at Cloverdale Memorial Park in Boise.

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I'm planning on getting married in about a year to a man I love very much. We've both been through your class at our church and were talking about waiting until we're both completely debt-free. I was wondering about your opinion. Would you wait?

— Joni

Dear Joni,  
No, I wouldn't. When two people really love each other, they should get married when they feel in their hearts that the time is right.

At this point, you shouldn't be thinking about money as anything except an indicator of where you're going. It doesn't matter who got into debt or how, Joni. Everyone makes mistakes. But if you're both passionate about getting out of debt, living on less than you make and in agreement about how the dollars are going to be handled, then as far as money is concerned you're ready to be married.

Many relationship experts will tell you if a couple can agree on four things — kids, money, religion and in-laws — they have a great statistical chance of a happy marriage. I believe this, too.

Make sure you meet with your pastor for some good pre-marital counseling, Joni. And best wishes for a long and happy life together!

— Dave

Dear Dave,  
My wife and I are looking at a \$200,000 home, but we'd like to avoid PMI (private mortgage insurance) by paying 20 percent down. Right now, we make about \$85,000 a year, but we owe \$14,000 on a car and \$4,000 on credit cards. We have \$25,000 in savings, and we'll also make \$40,000 off the sale of our present home. Is this a good idea?

— John

Dear John,  
Paying 20 percent down on a home is always a good idea, but let's go one better.  
If it were me, I'd put 20 percent down on the house, pay off the car, cut up the credit card and promise never to borrow on a car again! Then, take what you were putting toward your car and quickly rebuild the portion of your savings you used to make all this happen.

You two are making good money, so there's absolutely no reason to have \$4,000 on a credit card or car note. That's a symptom of living without a plan.



Get on a written budget together, and give every dollar a name on paper before the month begins. This way, you're making your money do what you want it to do, and it puts you back in control of your finances.

— Dave

Dear Dave,  
My husband has a variable universal life insurance policy. I'm trying to convince him that term insurance is better, but I'm not sure how to explain it all. Can you help?

— Kelly

Dear Kelly,  
In a variable universal life policy, the extra money you pay in addition to the insurance you have yields an interest rate of about 7 percent. This doesn't sound too bad, but then most insurance companies stick you with all kinds of fees and that 7 percent shrinks considerably.

When you buy term insurance you're getting just plain old insurance with no bells and whistles added. That's also why it's so much cheaper.

Insurance is never a good investment vehicle. In the long run, it's best to keep your money and invest it yourself in a good, growth stock mutual fund at 12 percent instead of letting some insurance company invest it for you and then "fee" you to death.

— 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](http://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](mailto:syndication@daveramsey.com) or write *Dave Says*, 1749 Mallory Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027

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Calendar

Today

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

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

Marsing City Council meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall, 425 Main St. (208) 896-4122

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

Thursday

El-Ada Community Action Partnership commodity distribution, 11 a.m. to noon, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 337-4812

Exercise class, 11 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

Rhythm and Rhyme at the library, 11 a.m., Melba Cottage Library, 109 Charlotte Drive. (208) 495-1063

Homedale Chamber of Commerce luncheon, noon, Owyhee Lanes Restaurant, 18 W. 1<sup>st</sup> St. (208) 337-3252

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

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting, First Presbyterian

Church, 320 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Homedale. (208) 482-6893

Marsing School District Board of Trustees monthly meeting, 7 p.m., district office board room, 209 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. W.

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

Owyhee Conservation District board meeting, 8 p.m., 19 Reich St., Marsing. (208) 896-4544

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

Homedale Antique Tractor Pull, noon, Homedale beet dump.

Monday

Homedale School District Board of Trustees monthly meeting, 7 p.m., district office board room, 116 E. Owyhee Ave.

Melba School District Board of Trustees monthly meeting, 4 p.m., district office board room, 600 Broadway Ave.

Tuesday

Monthly foot clinic, registration required, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

Bruneau Elementary School preschool and kindergarten registration, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Bruneau Elementary School, 28541 Bernham Ave., Bruneau. (208) 845-2492

Exercise class, 11 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-

3020  
Storytime at the library, 11 a.m., Melba Cottage Library, 109 Charlotte Drive. (208) 495-1063

Storytime for first- through third-graders, 4:20 p.m., Lizard Butte Public Library, Owyhee Plaza, 105 Main Street, Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Pure Word recovery meeting, 7 p.m. 532 W. California Ave., Homedale. (208) 880-8962

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

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

Wednesday

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

El-Ada Community Action Partnership commodity distribution, 11 a.m. to noon, Marsing Senior Center, 218 Main St., Marsing. (208) 337-4812

*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](mailto:jbrownditor@cablone.net). For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.*

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# Students get hands-on lessons at Owyhee Field Day

The Owyhee Watershed Council concluded its sixth annual Owyhee Field Day on Friday at the park beneath the Owyhee Dam and under an almost cloudless blue sky.

Stations were set up throughout the park Friday as fifth-graders from elementary schools in Homedale, Adrian and elsewhere learned about water quality, weed control, irrigation, fire suppression, water safety and other relevant topics.

In all, about 530 students attended. Another batch of students went through the stations Thursday.

Twenty educational stations dealing with water quality, irrigation management, water use and water resources were manned by professionals, who were able to introduce watershed management to the students.

Additional stations included rangeland management, officials from the Bureau of Land Management showed students how crews fight wildfires, and experts on crop and livestock production and noxious weeds introduced the children to their professions in agriculture.

"The Owyhee Watershed Council initiated the Owyhee Field Day in 2002 as a means of providing hands-on, place-based education to our local youth," OWC coordinator Jennifer Martin said.

"We (give) our students a chance to learn about the area that they live in, rather than a far-off (area), which is often provided in their textbooks."

Martin said once the program began established, organizers learned that the Owyhee Field

Day provided more than just practical education. It also helped expand horizons.

"After we did it a year or so, we realized that a lot of our kids that live in our area don't have the opportunity to take a trip like this and have all these resources in one place," she said.

"That is the reason we continued it. We also started to invite kids from schools farther outside the area, as a means to have balanced natural resource education ... The Owyhee Watershed Council is primarily made up of farming and ranching, so we try to provide some more balanced natural resource information, as well."

Other agencies represented at the event included the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension; government trappers; the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation; the Bureau of Land Management through the Vale District as well as the Idaho state office; the Malheur County Soil and Water Conservation District; the Owyhee Irrigation District; Idaho Power; the Natural Resources Conservation Service; Malheur County Weed Board; Malheur County Search and Rescue; Kinross-Delamar Mining Co.; and the Malheur County Sheriff's Office.

Each year, students from the area submit sketches to be considered as artwork for the T-shirts that are given to each schoolchild who participates in the field day. This year's winner was Nathalie Ellis, a fifth-grader from Alameda Elementary School in Ontario. Her sketch depicted a truck loaded with onions.

— JWB



## Water education isn't always boring

*These fifth-graders got to experience the use of water in an up-close and personal way when firefighters from the Bureau of Land Management showed them the correct technique for using a wildland fire hose.*



## Owyhee Field Day

*Elementary school students from throughout the area took advantage of learning opportunities during last week's Owyhee Field Day. Organizers estimated that more than 530 students took part in the event.*

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# Winnemucca ceremony brings history alive

Yards from the dusty road she traversed en route to her greatest journeys, Sarah Winnemucca was immortalized in a windswept ceremony Saturday.

With snow-encased Steens Mountain looming on the western horizon, Idaho-Oregon-Nevada country historian Mike Hanley IV guided a crowd of about 25 people on a trip to discover the 19th century Piute woman and her impact on the changing West during the dedication of an informational monument 2½ miles west of the Owyhee River in Oregon.

“This girl went ahead and did things that would be the envy of modern educators,” Hanley said in his opening remarks, reflecting on Winnemucca’s struggle to teach Piute children the English language and other cultural aspects to help ease assimilation.

At this point, the monument is a kiosk on the northern side of U.S. Highway 95, only a few feet from the old Hill Beachey Stage Road settlers and natives used to get from Silver City to Winnemucca, Nev., the town named for Sarah Winnemucca’s father, Chief Winnemucca.

“This is a great tribute to a wonderful lady and an excellent example of the cooperation and help that can happen between different agencies and different people,” Bureau of Land Management archaeologist Diane Pritchard said.

Hanley’s granddaughter, Crane Elementary School fifth-grader Morgan Corrigan, brought history to life with an elaborate presentation, originally billed as a book report on Winnemucca’s 1883 book, that evolved into a play with several characters — voiced by Corrigan — and portrayed by stick puppets.

Corrigan showcased highlights of Winnemucca’s life, including the fight to free her people from the Yakima reservation and struggle to create a land of their own in what is now the Duck Valley Reservation that straddles the Idaho and Nevada border.



**Paiute trailblazer remembered**  
*Clockwise from above: Crane Elementary School fifth-grader Morgan Corrigan, the granddaughter of regional historian Mike Hanley IV, performs her one-person play about the life of Sarah Winnemucca. Hanley addresses the two dozen people gathered for Saturday’s dedication as Shoshone-Paiute tribe member Cecil Dick looks on. The sign that was dedicated tells the story of Winnemucca’s efforts to educate her people. The faded Hill Beachey wagon road stretches toward Winnemucca, Nev., at mile marker 56 where it crosses U.S. Highway 95 near Rome, Ore., and just yards from the Winnemucca monument.*

Winnemucca’s quest took her to Washington, D.C., and several other points in the United States, all of which were mapped out by Corrigan.

Cecil Dick, a Paiute whose paternal relatives grew up in the Bruneau-Oreana area in Owyhee County, said Winnemucca’s legacy remains today because education is an essential tool to help Indians deal with the many issues of today’s world, including conservation of salmon on the Snake River and other resources vital to his people.

“The world is getting more complex, and if you don’t have an education, you can’t manage your resources,” he said.

Altogether, about 25 people

from all over the ION country attended Saturday’s event, which was sponsored by the ION Heritage Council. The council is trying to build a museum in Jordan Valley to showcase the history of the region.

Malheur County, which is where the monument is located, was represented by Jordan Valley-area sheriff’s deputy Bob Wroten.

Jordan Valley’s Bob Skinner also spoke, telling of his relationship as a boy with direct descendants of Winnemucca.

— JPB



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Homedale FFA enjoys trip to Twin Falls

A large contingent from the Homedale FFA chapter attended the state leadership event last month in Twin Falls. **Front row, left to right:** Anna Salas, Jacob McRae, Rye Hyer, Mat Hansen and Kendall Rupp. **Back row, left to right:** Nestor Machuca, Drew Farwell, Bri Cornwall, Kaitlyn Amos, Caitlyn Johnson, Alysha Bahem, Corey Hall, Laken Hiser, Summer Megargee, Ashli Kesler, Rachelle Christoffersen and Ulysses Vargas. Submitted photo

Homedale FFA news

The Homedale FFA chapter came back from April’s state leadership conference in Twin Falls with many accomplishments to show.

The FFA state leadership Career Development Event (CDE) competitions for the Homedale chapter included the Horse team, which took 14<sup>th</sup> with Corey Hall, Kaitlyn Amos, Alysha Bahem and Summer Megargee.

The Landscape team of Mitch Quintana, Mandy Gibbs, Kortney Bahem and Sarah Black took fifth.

Jacob McRae, Kendall Rupp,

Anna Salas and Bri Cornwall participated in Farm Business and came in eighth.

Rye Hyer placed first in diversified livestock and received a proficiency award.

Austin Emry and Rachelle Christoffersen won gold in the National Chapter Award competition and have qualified to compete at the national convention in Indianapolis in October.

Ulysses Vargas and Ashli Kesler presented the Homedale chapter’s scrapbook and received an honorable mention.

Drew Farwell competed in the two-by-four contest, and his mug rack sold for \$80, which will help fund the state awards.

Karly Bertagnolli took the Parliamentary Exam and did well.

Nestor Machuca and Caitlyn Johnson served as the chapter’s delegates.

Congratulations to Dwayne Fisher and Tamura Farms in receiving their Honorary State Degrees.

Chapter members Mat Hansen, Kortney Bahem and Mandy Gibbs received their state degrees.

Throughout the week, the chapter went out and completed some fun-filled activities, such as go-cart racing at Nazz-Kart, and visiting Harold Peterson’s exotic animal farm, which included wallaby, camels, zdonks, buffalo and miniature donkeys.

The chapter would like to congratulate everyone, and thank all the supporters that made the trip possible.

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Big turnout for Wilson Butte 4-H fund-raising ride

Rain didn’t dampen the enthusiasm of the 62 riders who trailed through the western course as part of the fourth annual Wilson Butte 4-H fund-raising trail ride at the Blackstock Ranch on Sunday.

Equestrians worked their way through a western course, putting their riding skills to the test, while drawing for Wild West Poker cards along the way.

Afterward, riders returned to the campfire and were treated to lunch and music provide by the Sevy Family Band. Events at the camp included the best-dressed buckaroo contest and finals in the Wild West Poker. Finalists in the best-dressed buckaroo contest were Macey May and Sam Munson. Winners in the poker run included Jan Cooley, who chose a headstall donated by Jerry Mayer Trucking. Hailey Green chose a studded breast collar, and Cindy Roberts received a saddle pad, donated

by Bass Auto Body and R.C. Beans.

Josie Grim and Joseph Ineck were the club’s top raffle ticket-sellers.

Organizer Mary Blackstock attributes partial success for the event to the following 4-H supporters: Double D Feed of Melba, Janet Cooney, Lath Calloway Trucking Co., Ada County Farm Bureau, Sevy Family Band, Shaun Bush Backhoe, Caba’s, Benson Truck Wash, Greenleaf Meats, Grasmick Produce, Jody and Lacy Usabel, Western Stockman Supply, Blackstock Ranch, Kings Kattle Korral, Producer’s Supply, Zamzow’s, 75 Tack and Saddle, Jerry and Rudy Ralls, Silver City Painting, Roaring Springs, D&B Supply, Matt Wilson of the Idaho National Guard, Allison Wilson, emergency medical technicians Jason and Kelly Ineck, Marsing Ambulance and Don and Cindy Roberts.

Marsing FFA news

by CC Zanardi

The Marsing FFA chapter’s officer sifting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday at the Marsing High School cafeteria. Pizza will be provided.

The FFA banquet is scheduled

for 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 16 in the Marsing High School cafeteria. Dinner will be provided for everyone in attendance.

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# Board analyzes fair’s lack of space

It’ll take some scrambling, but the Owyhee County Fair Board learned at its Thursday meeting that making room for all animal projects is possible for the 2007 fair even if a new livestock barn can’t be built.

“The bulk of the meeting was spent discussing how we’re going to manage all the kids and all the projects with limited space this year,” fair secretary Kelly Haun said.

Fair board members took a tour of the fairgrounds Thursday night, analyzing what work needed to be done, before settling into the fair office to tackle the issue of cramped quarters.

Several folks brought ideas on how to make the fair work this year even if the details can’t be worked out for the new barn.

Mary Blackstock from Wilson Butte 4-H suggested that all the farm’s beef projects could be relocated to the original beef barn if an awning is installed on the



**Animal projects loaded for bear**  
*Steve Purdom loads a swine into the chute to be weighed during the 4-H weigh-in held April 30 at the fairgrounds. There was an overflow crowd of participants.*

back of the structure, Haun said. Judith McShane, the 4-H coordinator at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office in Marsing, suggested that the small animal projects — pygmy goats, dogs, cats,

rabbits and poultry — could be housed in the former shooting gallery building that lies vacant between the armory building and the Tumbleweed Theater.

“The board agreed to put minimal funds into that,” Haun said. “We’re going to try to get that building up to speed with, hopefully, a lot of 4-H people who want to clean and paint it.”

Fans also may be needed to provide better ventilation in the old structure, Haun said.

A quick swap with 4-H horse projects after their portion of the fair ends on Aug. 7 also is being considered, Haun said. She said that would require some “late-night” pen-building to get the stalls up to speed for the 4-H livestock projects before that part of the fair kicks off Aug. 8.

This year’s fair runs from Aug. 6 to Aug. 11. The fair board meets at 8 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the fair office.

— JPB

# Marsing man faces felony in DUI crash

A Marsing man awaits arraignment in district court after a recent injury crash near Marsing.

Ronald McIntyre, 48, was arrested at approximately 8 p.m. on April 7 after an injury crash near the intersection of Idaho highway 78 and Pershall Road, south of Marsing.

According to reports, McIntyre was traveling west on Pershall Road in a white 1985 Ford pickup. He allegedly failed to stop at a stop sign at the intersection of Idaho 78 and Pershall and collided with a black 2000 Mazda passenger car, traveling on Idaho 78. A female adult and a small child were in the Mazda. The small child sustained injury, but was treated and released by Marsing Ambulance.



Ronald McIntyre

Owyhee County Sheriff’s Sgt. Gary Olsen and Deputy Perry Grant responded and performed a crash investigation. Grant’s investigation showed that, although a dust storm in the area decreased visibility, McIntyre was extremely intoxicated at the time of the crash.

“He was extremely excessive. He was four times the legal limit,” Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman said.

McIntyre eventually was charged with felony DUI and driving without privileges. He waived his preliminary hearing in magistrate court in Murphy on April 23 and is scheduled to face district court arraignment on Friday.

— JWB



**Elementary choral exchange**  
*The honor choir from Fruitland Elementary, bottom, and the Homedale Middle School choir performed for Homedale Elementary students last week. Karla Kachelmier, seated at piano, has two concerts scheduled this month. The high school choir performs at 7 p.m. Tuesday, and a middle school music concert will be held at 7 p.m. May 17.*

# Bruneau Cattle Co. still in EPA quagmire

The Bruneau Cattle Co., remains in negotiations with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), after a complaint filed against the company in December.

According to officials at the EPA’s Seattle Field Office, the company still could have to pay a hefty fine for allegedly allowing animal waste to flow into the Snake River.

“We’re still in settlement negotiations with the company, so that is generally something we don’t talk about until we get some kind of resolution,” EPA spokesperson Mark McIntyre said.

In December, the EPA filed a complaint against the Bruneau Cattle Co., for unauthorized discharges of pollutants from a feedlot into the South Side Canal.

The South Side Canal flows to the Snake River and C.J. Strike Reservoir near Bruneau.

“We (EPA) filed a complaint, and we’re seeking civil penalties,” McIntyre said. “We mentioned that under the Clean Water Act, facilities can face up to \$11,000 per-day violations, but (in the Bruneau case) we have not specified what we would be seeking. That is part of this whole settlement thing.”

# Suspected Marsing marijuana grower faces felony arraignment

A Marsing man accused of growing marijuana plants is scheduled for felony arraignment in district court May 11.

Thomas Patanjo, 21, of Marsing, was arrested on March 9 and charged with manufacturing marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia after an investigation conducted by the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office.

A 17-year-old minor also was arrested for possession of marijuana. His name was not released.

In the early afternoon on March 9, sheriff’s deputies responded to the 400 block of Mountain View Drive in Marsing to curtail the activities of a suspected marijuana grower.

According to Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman, deputies were acting on a search warrant obtained through an investigation regarding Patanjo after a confidential informant notified authorities of suspected drug sales.

“He had growing equipment and evidence of recently harvested marijuana,” Aman said after the arrest. “It was an indoor ‘grow.’ He had fluorescent lights, a book



Thomas Patanjo

on how to grow marijuana, lights, fertilizer and seeds, potting soil, smoking devices.”

The lead deputy on the case is Aron Streibel. Other sheriff’s personnel, including Sgt. Jim Bish, Sgt. Gary Olsen, Cpl. Kenny Hoagland and Deputy Lynn Bowman, and sheriff’s Posse members also assisted.

Apparently, deputies caught the would-be marijuana dealer while planning his next sale.

“He had four bags on him, packaged, ready for sale,” Aman said. “He had a small bag of marijuana, four bags of hashish and seeds on him.”

Aman said Patanjo’s live marijuana plants already had been harvested, and that the amount of marijuana in Patanjo’s possession at the time of arrest was definitely more than “personal use.”

Aman said details provided by the confidential informant were crucial in the development of the case.

“We had information he (Patanjo) was growing. We had a good informant, and we got a search warrant,” the sheriff said.

Aman declined to estimate the marijuana’s street value, but said it was not a “huge amount.”

Patanjo was booked into the Owyhee County Jail after his arrest. He was later released after posting bond.

— JWB

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# County cousins cut their hair for cancer patients

Owyhee County cousins Sarah Black of Homedale and Breann Hipwell of South Mountain braved hair clippers recently for a good cause.

After both high school seniors grew their hair out, they volunteered to have it whacked off and donated to the Locks of Love movement.

Locks of Love is an organization that takes donated hair and weaves wigs for children who have lost their own hair through the chemotherapy process.

Both Black, nicknamed “Joe” by family, and Hipwell, whose family nickname is “Moe,” will graduate later this month. Black attends Homedale High School and graduates at 2 p.m. on May 26. Hipwell is a student at Jordan Valley and graduates at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The girls are a tight-knit pair, having shared many adventures together, such as a trip to Australia, prom double-dates and summertime 4-H horse and lamb projects.

That cohesiveness continued when the pair decided to each donate at least 10 inches of their hair to Locks of Love.

Hipwell, who has cut her hair only one time before in her life — when she was 6, was nudged into helping Locks of Love by her older sister, Trina, who has donated hair in the past. Sarah was making her second donation to Locks of Love.

Black is the daughter of Elaine Black of Homedale and Martin Black of Sanger, Texas. Hipwell is the daughter of David and Ann Rutan of South Mountain and Gerald and Cyndi Hipwell of Mountain Home.

Both girls plan to study in medical fields during college. Black will attend College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls with an eye on the radiology field, while Hipwell will study nursing at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa.



### Before and after

*Above:* Homedale’s Sarah Black, left, and South Mountain’s Breann Hipwell show off the hair they shorn to donate to Locks of Love.

*Below:* Hipwell, left, and Black before they decided to team up to help young cancer patients who lose hair during chemotherapy. Submitted photos



# Child Find program reaches out to challenged Bruneau/GV children

The Bruneau/Grand View Joint School District, in cooperation with parents and non-public school agencies, engages in Child Find services throughout the school year.

Child Find activities are conducted to:

- Create public awareness of special education programs
  - Advise the public of the rights of students
  - Alert community residents of the need for identifying and serving children with disabilities from ages 3 to 21
- Child Find encourages

community members who know of a 3- to 21-year-old with individual needs that result in disabilities or developmental delays, and who is not enrolled in a school program to contact Penny Hines, Special Education Administrator for Bruneau/Grand View Schools at 834-2775 or 834-2253.

Organizers say these children may have difficulty walking, talking, hearing or learning and may display behaviors that appear different from other children their ages.

Child Find encourages community agencies and civic

groups interested in educating children with disabilities to contact the Bruneau/Grand View School District offices or to contact Hines at the above-listed numbers.

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# Three Creek

by Lola Blossom

The Bureau of Land Management hosted workshops at Three Creek on April 14 and another at the Community Room in Twin Falls on April 17. Much discussing went on.

Mrs. Boss and her schoolchildren toured the Twin Falls County Museum, which was the old Churry school at one time. They were surprised to hear that our own Harlan Mink had attended school there. Their next excursion is swimming at Jackpot.

Diamond A Ranch has a new baby. Mckynzy Joe Broadhead, daughter of Audra Lee Broadhead and Dustin Joe Broadhead, was born at St. Lukes Magic Valley Regional Medical Center on April 2, 2007.

Wedding bells have been ringing. Mearl Row and Emma Kruse were married March 13, 2007. George and Sherry Wells celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary at the Moon Glo Village Center in Buhl on March 31, 2007. Sherry is the daughter of Ray and Maxine Clark.

J.R. Robinson attended the funeral of Mary Lou Keele at Twin Falls on April 18, 2007. She passed away from a brain tumor. Mary Lou at one time

drove school bus for Rimrock School district and was an EMT in that area.

I really had fun excursions in April. On April 2, I went with Marilyn Ramsey to Oregon. We went by way of John Day and got to see all the pretty ranches with cows and baby calves still in the fields. Stayed all night at Redmond. Made it to Eugene, where I spent a wonderful week with my sister and family. Marilyn visited relatives in several cities. We went over to Florence and watched the ocean flopping and rolling around and had clam chowder at Mo’s. Had a wonderful Easter feast with family. We came all the way home on April 9 by the way of Bend and Burns.

On Saturday, April 14, I went down in the Snake River canyon to the farm of Celia Gould, state Department of Agriculture director. The Draft Horse Association were disking and harrowing Celia’s land with many pretty teams of horses and mules. They were also giving wagon rides. I got to meet Celia, Terrell Williams, freelance writer for the Capitol Press, Cotton Riley and many more. Best of all was eating the good berry pie made by the Mennonite ladies.

# Historical society to take in sights around JV on Saturday

The Owyhee County Historical Society’s next field trip takes place Saturday in and around Jordan Valley.

The group will meet at 9 a.m. at the City Park in Jordan Valley for a tour to the site of Trout Creek Station on the 1860s Skinner Toll Road. Also included during the day will be a tour of bluebird nestboxes with eggs and, perhaps, baby bluebirds toward DeLamar and a visit to Pleasant Valley School where Bonnie Kershner and others will show their new museum.

The organization’s April 28 tour of Lawson’s Emu-Z-Um in

Grand View attracted 35 OCHS members and guests.

The museum has an extensive collection of all kinds of treasures, all of which are well-displayed. The Lawsons and their staff were gracious and helpful. After the tour, the group had a fine potluck lunch on the museum lawn.

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<b>Assembly of God Church Homedale</b> 15 West Montana, 337-4458 Pastor George Greenwood Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Service 6:00pm Wed. Bible Study 7:00pm	<b>Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale</b> 17434 Hwy 95, 337-3464 Pastor: John Beck Worship Services: 10:45 am Sundays Sunday School: 9:30 am Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm CLC - Wednesdays at 3:15	<b>Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church</b> 1122 W. Linden St., Caldwell 459-3653 Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:30 am Spanish Mass: Saturday 7:00 pm Spanish Mass: Sunday Noon
<b>Mt. Calvary Lutheran Homedale</b> 337-4248 or 454-1528 SE corner Idaho and West 7th Sunday School: 9:00 to 9:45 am Services: 10:00 am Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study: 7 to 8:30 pm	<b>Chapel of Hope Hope House, Marsing</b> Look for the Blue Church South Bruneau Hwy at the Hope House Welcoming Families, especially those with special needs children. Keith Croft, Pastor 880-2767 Jake & Alisha Henrioulle, Youth Pastors 761-6747 Sunday Services at 10 am	<b>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale</b> 708 West Idaho Ave 337-4112 Bishop Alan McRae Bishop Dwayne Fisher Sunday 1st Ward 9am Sunday 2nd Ward 12:30pm
<b>Homedale Baptist Church Homedale</b> 212 S. 1st W. Sunday School 10am & 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7pm Pastor James Huls	<b>Wilder Church of God Wilder</b> 205 A St. E, 482-7839 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Service 11am Sunday Eve. 6:00pm Wed. Eve. 7:00pm	<b>Mountain View Church of the Nazarene</b> 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder 337-3151 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm Bible Based Recovery: Friday 7:00 pm
 <b>MARSING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY Asamblea Apostolica de Marsing</b> 221 W. Main • Marsing, Idaho Pastor Ricardo Rodriguez 896-5552 or 371-3516 <small>Sunday School 1:30 pm • Sunday Service 3 pm Thursday Service 7 pm • (Bilingual Services/Espanol)</small>	<b>Iglesia Evangelica Wilder</b>  317 3rd st., Pastor Ramiro Reyes 10 am Sunday School 11 am Service 482-7484 Bilingual	<b>Marsing Church of Christ Marsing</b> 932 Franklin, Marsing  Minister Gib Nelson Sunday Bible Study 10am Sunday Worship 11am
<b>Christian Church Homedale</b> 110 W. Montana, 337-3626 Pastor Maurice Jones Sunday Morning Worship 11am Church school 9:45	<b>Bible Missionary Church Homedale</b> West Idaho, 337-4437 Pastor Paul Miller Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7:30	<b>Assembly of God Church Marsing</b> 139 Kerry, 896-4294 Pastor Rick Sherrow Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am & 6 pm
<b>Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing</b> Pastor London 116 4th Ave. W., 859-2059 Sunday worship 11am-12pm Sunday school 10 am-10:55am Sunday evening 7pm-8pm Wednesday evening 7pm-8pm Every 3rd Sat. family video at 6 pm	<b>Nazarene Church Marsing</b> Pastor Bill O'Connor 896-4184 12 2nd Avenue West Worship Services - Sunday 11am and 6pm Teen Services Sundays 7:00 pm Sunday School - 9:45am Mid Week TLC Groups	<b>Trinity Holiness Church Homedale</b> 119 N. Main Pastor Samuel Page 337-5021 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Thursday Evening 7:30pm
<b>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Marsing</b> 215 3rd Ave. West, 896-4151 Bishop Streibel Sunday 1st Ward 9am Sunday 2nd Ward 12:30pm Primary 11am	<b>Vision Community Church Marsing</b> 221 West Main Marsing, Idaho 208-896-5407 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Adult, Kids & Youth Meetings Wed. 7:00 p.m.	<b>United Methodist Church Wilder</b> Corner of 4th St. & B Ave. 880-8751 Pastor Carolyn Bowers Sunday Services 9:30am
<b>First Presbyterian Church Homedale</b> 320 N. 6th W., 337-3060 Pastor Marianne Paul Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am	<b>Calvary Holiness Church Wilder</b> Corner of 3rd St. & B Ave., • 761-7843 Pastor Matthew Hunt Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening: 7:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open Fridays 10 am - Noon	<b>Seventh Day Adventist Homedale</b> 16613 Garnet Rd., 880-0902 or 453-9289 Pastor Chuck Dimick Sabbath School Sat. 9:30am Worship 11am Tuesday Prayer Mtg. 7:00 pm
<b>Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale</b>  711 W. Idaho, 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am	<b>Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church - Oreana</b> 2007 Mass Schedule - the following Saturdays at 9:30am Jan. 27 - Feb. 17 - March 10 - April 28 May 12 - June 9 - July 21 - Aug. 11 Sept. 8 - Oct. 13 - Nov. 24 - Dec. 22 For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031	<b>Amistad Cristiana de Wilder UMC</b> Esquina de 4 y calle B Domingos Servicio: 12:00 pm Miercoles: 4:30 pm Banco de Ropa Martes y Jueves: 6:30 pm Ingles Sabados: 12:00 pm Arte Infantil Todo en Espanol, Inf. 989 7508

## Antique tractor pull back in town

The annual antique tractor pulls presented by the Treasure Valley Antique Power Association will kick up some dust Saturday at the beet dump in Homedale.

Association president Guy Stauffer of Adrian, Ore., who is one of the few participants from the area surrounding Owyhee County, plans to bring several machines to the event.

“This is the closest pull for me,” he said.

Stauffer said he’ll bring a Case 730 High Crop that runs on propane, a Case 500, a Super MTA Farmall and a BN Farmall that has two steering wheels and two seats.

“The dog rides with me,” he said.

The gates open at 10 a.m., and the competition starts at noon. Stauffer said plenty of free parking is available at the beet dump, which takes up a lot of land near the entrance to town.

Homedale Girls Scouts will sell concessions during the event, which Stauffer expects to draw 30 to 35 entries. All tractors were built before 1970, and range in classification from 2,000 pounds and 16 horsepower to 10,000 pounds and 85 HP.

“We’ve got some tiny ones and some great big ones,” Stauffer said.

All sorts of makes and models can be expected, including Case, Ford, Allis-Chalmers, International-Harvester, McCormick and John Deere. The oldest machine probably will date to the 1930s.

Spectator admission is free. competitors must be members of the TVAPA or buy a \$20 membership. It costs \$10 for each pull of the sled down a 200-foot course.

Whoever pulls the weighted sled the farthest is the winner.

For more information, call (541) 724-5252.

## Snow, water report

The Bureau of Reclamation Web site showed that, as of Monday, Owyhee Reservoir was 76 percent full and that 249 cubic feet per second of water was being released into the Owyhee River at Nyssa, Ore. The reservoir held 541,837 acre-feet of water.

The following statistics were gathered from the National Resources Conservation Service Web site at 11 a.m. Monday:

		Reynolds Creek			
Date	Snow Depth	Year to Date Precipitation	Average Temp		
			Max.	Min.	Avg.
05/01	0.0	11.1	68	45	56
05/02	0.0	11.1	68	46	58
05/03	0.0	11.3	53	33	43
05/04	0.0	11.3	40	27	33
05/05	0.0	11.3	44	26	34
05/06	0.0	11.4	47	27	37
05/07	0.0	11.5	56	32	45

		South Mountain			
Date	Snow Depth	Year to Date Precipitation	Average Temp		
			Max.	Min.	Avg.
05/01	0.0	25.9	66	47	55
05/02	0.0	25.9	69	41	56
05/03	0.0	26.5	47	32	40
05/04	0.0	26.5	40	26	31
05/05	0.0	26.5	43	27	34
05/06	0.0	26.5	47	26	36
05/07	0.0	26.6	54	30	43

		Mud Flat			
Date	Snow Depth	Year to Date Precipitation	Average Temp		
			Max.	Min.	Avg.
05/01	0.0	10.7	73	42	58
05/02	0.0	10.7	76	41	59
05/03	0.0	11.0	55	37	46
05/04	0.0	11.0	49	32	38
05/05	0.0	11.0	49	31	39
05/06	0.0	11.0	52	31	42
05/07	0.0	11.1	58	31	48

## Weather

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May 1	84	41	.00
May 2	84	48	.00
May 3	65	39	.00
May 4	57	29	.16
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