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### Proposed facility discussed

*Above:* About 100 people turned out to learn more about the 1,600-megawatt Idaho Energy Complex power plant proposed for an area near Bruneau. *Below:* IEC chief executive Don Gillispie delivers a Powerpoint presentation at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School during Thursday's public meeting.

## Nuke plant CEO faces public

Owyhee County's trademark pragmatism was on full display Thursday night during a public meeting regarding the proposed nuclear power plant near Bruneau.

Don Gillispie, the Virginia-based chief executive of the Idaho Energy Complex, gave a detailed Powerpoint presentation and fielded questions from the audience during a program that spilled over its scheduled 1-hour timeframe inside the Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School Auditorium.

"I thought it was good. It was very informative," local resident Sherry Colyer said. "Mr. Gillispie needed to come here to speak to the community directly."

Gillispie confirmed Monday morning that IEC will submit a conditional use permit application to the county Planning and Zoning Department this week. He said that the company had requested one earlier this year, but a document specific to the firm's industrial use wasn't in existence at the time. Using guidelines from the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), the county developed an application, and IEC received it Friday.

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## Otter presents grant in Murphy

Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter visited the Owyhee County Historical Museum last week bearing a gift.

During a May 30 visit to Murphy, Otter handed out a \$125,000 check from the Idaho Department of Commerce for upgrades to the museum's facilities.

Officials from the State of Idaho met with Owyhee County officials, including the Board of Commissioners, and Sheriff Gary Aman, and Board chairman Dick Freund accepted the check at a short ceremony in the museum's McKeeth Hall.

"I've spent a lot of time out here in Owyhee County," Otter said after the ceremony. "I've got a lot of good friends over here. I appreciate the traditional values. The Code of the West is alive and well in Owyhee County."

The grant funds will be largely used to upgrade the museum's

— See *Grant*, page 5A



### Belanger named teacher of year

*Homedale High School art instructor Katy Belanger, left, received congratulations and roses from co-workers, including Patti Zatica, after being named the school district's teacher of the year.*

## School milestones recognized

### Superintendent announces elementary principal's departure during year-end luncheon

The Homedale School District said goodbye to a pair of longtime administrators during its year-end luncheon Wednesday at Homedale Middle School.

One departure was expected by everyone in attendance because Keith Field had announced his plans to become principal at Park

Ridge Elementary in the Nampa School District.

But Homedale Elementary principal Scott Freeby only last week announced that he was leaving the local system for a similar position in the Coeur d'Alene School District.

Homedale superintendent Tim

Rosandick paid tribute to both men during the luncheon.

The meeting inside the HMS cafeteria served as a time for the chief executives from each of the district's three schools to recount the triumphs on their campuses during the 2006-07 school year as well as recognize teachers and staff who are leaving.

Rob Troxel from the Silver City Masonic Lodge also presented Homedale High School

— See *School*, page 5A



# County meeting on hazards plan postponed

The county’s All-Hazards Mitigation planning meeting is on hold, again.

At its May 29 meeting, the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners again discussed the formation of a countywide All-Hazards Mitigation Plan to prepare for public safety emergencies such as floods, fires or earthquakes.

Step 1 in the process is creating a committee of community leaders to provide input and suggestions. But last week county emergency services coordinator Larry Howard said he had received few responses to his request for the leaders to attend a meeting aimed at identifying and discussing options to deal with potential disaster hazards.

“One of the main objectives is to identify places that are (public safety) problems, and through the committee, we develop plans to rectify these things before they turn into a disaster,” Howard said last month. “There is federal money available to help us mitigate these problems. It is to identify and rectify things that could potentially jump up and bite us.”

According to Tera King, hazard mitigation specialist with Northwest Management, a Moscow-based consulting firm, the

county’s formation of an All-Hazards plan is tied to receiving federal funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

“FEMA has certain grant programs, and in order for the county to be eligible for those — either pre-, or post-disaster grant funding — they have to have this All-Hazards Mitigation Plan in place,” King said.

Howard echoed King’s sentiment. “Basically, (the plan) is a requirement that the (federal) government has,” Howard said. “We either have this plan or we don’t ever get any money for these things. And so, we’ve got to have this plan done if we ever expect to get any government money to help us fix some of these things.”

Originally, Howard and county commissioners planned a meeting for May 16 at the Owyhee County Historical Museum’s McKeeth Hall. That date was moved back to Wednesday because of the lack of response. That date also was abandoned, and now the meeting could take place June 26.

“We haven’t had our first meeting yet,” Howard said early last week. “We only had five people answer that wanted to

participate, so we’ve had to postpone it and try again.

Later in the week, Owyhee County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn said that more responses had been received during the week, bringing the total to approximately 12.

“This is a bad time of year. We’re going to do this now with e-mails and phone calls and see if we can’t get a little better reaction,” Howard said.

Howard said last month the list potentially will include representatives from both the public and private sector.

“It will be school board (members), mayors, highway districts, firefighters, EMTs, state people from Fish and Wildlife, Bureau of Land Management — pretty much the whole gamut ... people who live here,” Howard said. “We’re going to try to get a cross-section of most everybody: business owners, US Ecology, etc.”

Howard said the most common reasons people are not able to respond are job-related. With summer approaching, a mix of circumstances have made coordinating a specific meeting time difficult.

“Everybody is just trying to get their first harvest in, and a lot of people are busy with

vacations,” Howard said. “So we’re trying to schedule it for a little further out when they’ve got more time to think about getting there. We’re just going to try again.”

Howard did not identify those who have responded to his request, but said that the responses have represented a cross-section of different agencies. Howard said that more response from community leaders is important in identifying potential public safety hazards.

“The more of a cross-section of people you have, the more things (hazards) you can identify,” he said. “And since we have to do a risk analysis with all these things, it’s just better to have a bigger cross-section.”

Howard said that the county is not required to have a set number of community representatives present, but the more involvement, the better.

Howard said that there is no set amount of federal funding the county is eligible to receive, but without an all-hazards plan in place, the county cannot even begin the process to ask for funding.

“Without this plan, we can’t even apply for any (funding).”

— JWB

## Homedale man sentenced for bar beating

Steven Dickson, one of two Homedale men originally charged with beating and robbing a Homedale man outside a bar in September, was recently sentenced to spend at least two years behind bars and pay \$55,676 in restitution. He was sentenced to an additional four years indeterminate.

Dickson and Adam Cook, both in their early 20s, were arrested on Sept. 19, 2006, by Homedale Police officers and charged with

aggravated battery and robbery for allegedly beating and robbing the 50-year-old Douglas Grever near O’Henry’s Pub on West Idaho Avenue around 2 a.m. on Sept. 8.

The suspects were held in the Owyhee County Jail on \$100,000 bonds. No specific information is yet available on Cook’s sentence.

In February, Owyhee County Prosecutor Matthew Faulks reached plea agreements with

Cook and Dickson in which the men would not be charged with robbery in return for guilty pleas to charges of aggravated battery.

Grever’s injuries from the beating were so severe that he was rushed to Boise’s Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center by Lifeflight air-ambulance. He remained in intensive care for several days before regaining consciousness.

— JWB

## Sheriff IDs body found in water near CJ Strike

Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman has confirmed the identity of a body found on May 27 near CJ Strike Reservoir.

The body is that of 42-year-old Dewey W. Lee Sr. of Rawlins, Wyo. Lee was reported missing earlier in May from a truck driving job in Utah. His truck was located in Elmore County on Interstate 84 near Glens Ferry, approximately 30 miles upstream from where the body was found.

An autopsy was performed May 29 in Murphy. Cause of death was not known by press time because

results from additional tests, such as a toxicology screen, have not been completed.

A fisherman spotted Lee’s body approximately 1/5 of a mile downstream of the Loveridge Bridge near Bruneau on the Snake River. Aman said investigators believe Lee’s body had been in the water for more than a week.

Last week, Aman said the investigation has been turned over to the Elmore County Sheriff’s Office.

— JWB



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## ✓ Plant: About 100 people turn out; handful asks questions at meeting

Submitting a local application is the first phase of an approval process that Gillispie outlined in his speech. He said construction wouldn't begin until 2011 after a lengthy NRC review.

Thursday's meeting, originally billed as open to residents of Owyhee and Elmore counties but pared down to just Owyhee County folks by moderator Doug McConnaughey during the meeting, was the first chance the public had to get information about the plan to build on a 4,000-acre site near CJ Strike Reservoir. McConnaughey hosts a Saturday morning radio program on KIDO 580-AM in Boise.

Questions from some of the approximately 100 audience members ranged from how the 1,600-megawatt plant's arrival would help the area's emergency services infrastructure to how the plant would impact the local way of life, including traffic patterns, population growth and the agricultural industry, to the possibility of polluting the nearby Snake River.

Many of the folks who stood up to ask questions prefaced their statements by saying that they weren't opposed to nuclear energy. There were skeptics, but many didn't speak.

Citing what he called "strong-arm tactics" by the organizers, Oreana resident Warren Gretz questioned whether the meeting was indeed "public."

"This was not a public meeting. A public meeting means that's it: Anybody in the public can be there and if they have questions, they should be able to ask those questions," Gretz said.

Gretz didn't speak at Thursday's public meeting. He said he

had intentions to stand up, but that he was going to be "pretty controversial" about Gillespie's presentation.

"I think the guy was trying to tell everybody that he was going to be Santa Claus and give them everything they wanted," he said.

"The proposed company that's going to be there could possibly contribute a lot to the community, but I think that is something to just try to glaze over everybody just so they'll say, 'Yeah, this is a good thing.'"

Colyer, who is an emergency medical technician, said she wasn't satisfied when Gillispie addressed her concerns about the plant's support of the community infrastructure during construction as well as in the future.

"I'm worried about funding public programs," Colyer said. "What happens if they sell to a bigger outfit and they forget all the promises made on May 31?"

"The county has to hold them accountable."

Only a few questions from the audience touched on the safety issues of nuclear power plants, including the possibility of an accident similar to Chernobyl or Three Mile Island.

Gillispie said Chernobyl, the Soviet nuclear plant that had a catastrophic reactor fire in the 1980s, used an unsafe design.

He asserted that there was no radiation release during the 1979 Three Mile Island accident. Gillispie said that the subsequent cancer cases reported near the Pennsylvania site were attributed to radon gas in homes, not radioactivity from the plant.

A report of the accident on the NRC's Web site backs up Gillispie's claim that there were

### TV program to feature IEC parent firm

Alexander Haig, President Reagan's Secretary of State who now hosts the television show "21<sup>st</sup> Century Business," will film a segment on the 4,000-acre site near Bruneau that has been selected for the Idaho Energy Complex.

Haig's show, which airs on CNBC as paid programming, plans to air a piece on IEC parent company Alternate Energy Holdings Inc.

Filming is scheduled to take place near Bruneau at 8:30 a.m. Friday. The segment will air in July or August on CNBC.

no health effects to workers or community members, but the meltdown of the reactor core did result in "very small off-site releases of radioactivity."

Gillispie said the design of the proposed Idaho plant is safe, and doesn't use the aspects of Three Mile Island. He said there will be no towers billowing steam

in the Idaho plan and the water used to cool the reactor — about 100,000 gallons per day provided by existing water rights — won't come in contact with fuel rods and will be safe enough to recycle for irrigation of nearby crops.

Another area resident, Stephen Collet, asked about possible water runoff from the plant into the Snake or Bruneau rivers. Gillispie's answer was short, essentially saying there is nothing coming out of the plant to go into the river.

Collet seemed satisfied with the answer.

"It's a good thing, if you can pull it off," he said.

The plan to make the IEC a co-generation plant that also develops ethanol got the attention of the area's agricultural producers. Collet asked if the co-generation plant — in which local grains would be used to create fuel — was a carrot for local farmers to climb on board.

"I think it's the right thing to do for this county," Gillispie said, adding that as an independent power producer, IEC could sell the power to a utility at Idaho Power and there could be dividends for the local farmers.

When asked about the impact the plant would have on the local crops, Gillispie said it would be up to the individual farmers whether

or not they wanted to contribute grain to the ethanol plant.

Peter Rickards, a Twin Falls doctor who mounted an unsuccessful run for a seat in the Idaho Legislature in 2006, arrived late then took the podium to speak out against the plant based on safety issues. Although McConnaughey told Rickards only Owyhee County residents could speak, some audience members clamored that the doctor be allowed to speak.

"What they say in public about safety is not correct," Rickards said. "Basically it's the information that they don't tell you that you need to hear the most."

Rickards went over the prescribed 1 minute, but was allowed to continue until he was all but shouted down by part of the audience.

"Is there a deputy sheriff in here?" one audience member asked. "Get rid of this nut."

"Excuse me, but we're listening to him," a woman responded.

Rickards returned to the audience peacefully after the event's timekeeper and others began to move to the podium.

"This meeting is not about this kind of discussion," McConnaughey said, adding there will be hearings for such debate.

— JPB




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## It's hot, school's out and the water is fine

*School out for the summer, temperatures in the 90s and a new springboard at the Homedale pool formed the perfect recipe for a great summer kick-off last week after the pool opened for the season.*

# Homedale Pool opens for season of swimming

The heat is on, and the Homedale Pool is cool and open for business.

The pool's opening came May 29 and coincided perfectly with the end of the school year. As a result the facility inside Riverside Park was packed with Homedale children.

The pool is open Monday through Friday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. It is also open Saturday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$2 per session for adults and children. Children 3 years old and younger swim free.

Pool officials said last week that season passes are available for \$45 per person with a group rate of \$65 for two. Families of five or more can purchase a season pass for \$120.


The pool can be rented for private parties for \$50 for a 2-hour party or \$35 for one hour. Available rental times are Monday through Friday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 9 p.m.

The swimming pool has two lifeguards on duty during pool hours.

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### ✓ **Grant:** State contribution helps total project valued at nearly \$600,000



#### Governor drops off check for \$125,000

**Left:** Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter addresses a small crowd inside McKeeth Hall during the presentation of a state grant May 29 in Murphy. **Right:** Otter hands a check for \$125,000 to Owyhee County Board of Commissioners chairman Richard Freund. The grant will be used to make improvements to Owyhee County Historical Museum's McKeeth Hall.

McKeeth Hall community center. Planned improvements to the site include grading and paving the front and rear entrances, applying a hardwood floor to the center's main room, bringing front-door accessibility into compliance with the American Disabilities Act, and constructing a storage facility for a backup generator.

The county applied for the Idaho Community Development Block Grant funds last spring. According to Idaho Department of Commerce records, the Owyhee County Historical Society has thus far contributed more than \$170,000 worth of cash donations. That amount, coupled with the \$125,000 matching-fund grant and volunteer services and in-kind contributions totaling more than \$276,000, puts the estimated project cost at nearly \$600,000.

Museum curator Dr. Thom Couch said that McKeeth Hall is not simply an extension of the museum itself. He said the 1,500-square-foot area is an asset to the community in general.

"We've been using this building since before we got the walls up," Couch said. "It fills a need for the community out here. We've had public hearings, business meetings, advisory meetings, quilters (gatherings), you name it. We've had the whole gamut here."

McKeeth Hall is named for Norris McKeeth, a Grand View farmer who bequeathed his farm to the Owyhee County Historical Society. Proceeds from the liquidation of the farm have been instrumental in the construction and operation of the hall.

— JWB

### ✓ **Schools:** Belanger honored as Masons' Homedale teacher of the year

instructor Katy Belanger with his organization's Teacher of the Year award for the school district. The board of school trustees also presented Belanger with a \$250 cash bonus for the award.

"Katy is always professional," high school principal Mike Williams said in setting up the presentation. "She is a strong disciplinarian. She is compassionate toward her students and cares about their well-being."

"She stretches their imagination and art skill to the highest levels possible."

Belanger has taught at the high school for 13 years, and she also helps coordinate an art show for the annual International Smorgasbord fund-raiser and helps develop the yearbook.

"Katy has been an unrecognized gem of the high school staff since she started her career in Homedale 13 years ago," fellow teacher Mike Greeley said. "She pulls her weight quietly and efficiently."

"Homedale is very lucky to have a teacher of this caliber on staff."

Each year, the Masons honor an instructor from four school districts — Homedale, Marsing, Wilder and Parma — with teacher of the year awards. The group also awards scholarships to high school seniors in those districts each spring.

Staff members who have worked with Belanger all 13 years each presented her with a single rose after Troxel presented her award.

Belanger arrived a year after Field began his tenure at the middle school in 1993.

"Since that first year with us, Keith has distinguished himself for being a fair, kind, calm

and conscientious educator," Rosandick said in saluting Field at the luncheon.

Rosandick pointed out some of the historic events that took place the year Field began working in Homedale. He would do the same thing when the time came to recognize Freeby's service.

Freeby announced his departure during the elementary school's year-end faculty meeting on May 29.

"Contrary to what you would expect at the last meeting of the school year, the mood was somber," Rosandick said.

Freeby has served 15 years as the elementary principal in Homedale. He first began working for the school district as a teacher in 1981. He taught in Homedale until 1983 and had a second teaching stint from 1986 to 1988. He returned to Homedale in the early 1990s after serving as a principal in the Melba School District.

"Under his leadership, his school has distinguished itself as being an excellent place for teaching and learning," Rosandick said.

Although Freeby has worked a total of 19 years with the district, he was among the group of district employees who were saluted for 15 years of continuous service during another part of the luncheon.

Other 15-year employees, all of whom received \$100 bonuses, were paraprofessional Becky Forth, paraprofessional Kris Hotchkiss, third-grade teacher Mary Jo Larzelier and paraprofessional Shelley Townsend.

Greeley was among a group of five 20-year recipients of \$200 bonuses. The others were bus driver Sue Love, director of



#### Longtime employees say goodbye

**Left:** Homedale School District superintendent Tim Rosandick, left, presents Helen Kettle with a plaque showing the district's appreciation for Kettle's 19 years as a bus driver. Kettle is retiring. **Right:** Scott Freeby cracks a joke while addressing the luncheon crowd last week. Freeby has announced he will step down as Homedale Elementary principal to take a similar position in Coeur d'Alene.

transportation and maintenance Tom Muir, paraprofessional Sheri Ritzert and middle school teacher Judy Skeen.

High school history/government teacher and former softball and football coach Jim McMillan and third-grade teacher Leslie Parker received \$300 bonuses for 25 years of service.

High school kitchen manager Glenda Watts was awarded a \$400 bonus in recognition of 30 years with the district.

While several staff members were recognized for their longevity of service, the departure of others was announced during the luncheon, including elementary school teachers Tricia Huckins, Jenny Matravers, Kathy Potter and Barbie Vander Boegh and elementary school "foster grandparent" Joy Escujurri.

Eric DuPuis and Don Shore are leaving the middle school teaching staff.

At the high school, Economics teacher Brenda Paxton has

resigned along with Language Arts instructor Linda Adler and Spanish teacher Mary Helen Talamantez.

Rosandick also recognized the district's "mentor teachers," who are tasked with helping new instructors ease into life in the profession.

The mentors included Paxton and Ken Olsen at the high school, Wayne Skeen and Luci Asumendi-Mereness at the middle school and Larzelier, Parker, Kristie Garrett and Toby Johnson at the elementary.

Muir also took time to salute retiring bus driver Helen Kettle after her 19-year career with the school district.

"Bus drivers are the unsung heroes in our business," Rosandick said, "because we all assume our kids will get to school safely."

"And we shouldn't make the assumption unless someone like Helen is driving."

The recognition portion of the program was complemented by

a first-rate lunch of Asian food prepared by the HMS kitchen staff.

Rosandick, who is winding down his second year as Homedale superintendent, closed the luncheon by patting all the staff members and teachers on the back for their efforts during the school year.

"I feel very confident that because of your efforts this school district is going in the right direction," he said.

— JPB

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# Casual dress 4-H horse show on tap Sunday

The Poison Creek Horse 4-H Club will present the fifth annual casual dress horse show Sunday at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds in Homedale.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. with the show starting at 9 a.m. Cost for the day is \$20 in all age groups except adults, the entry fee for which is \$5.

Competition classes include

showmanship, western and bareback equitation, western reining and trail. Age groups include Novice 8- to 9-year-olds, junior for ages 10-11, intermediate for ages 12-14, senior from ages 15-19 and adult.

Casual dress for the event includes T-shirts, jeans and western boots. Horses do not have to be clipped or washed, but Owyhee County 4-H-approved rules and

tack must be used. Each participant must use one horse for the entire event.

Ribbons will be awarded to 10th place.

The main judge will be Gena Showalter from Marsing. A horse 4-H member as a youth, Showalter judges horse events in Malheur and Owyhee counties.

Phillip Fry, a 4-H member and

recent graduate of Horseshoe Bend High School, will served as the second showmanship judge. Fry has been involved in county, district and national 4-H horse judging contests and will be pursue a career in livestock judging beginning in the fall.

Concessions will be available. Call (541) 339-3019 for more information.

# Sister fiddlers win in Nampa

Homedale sisters Justine and McKenna Calzacorta won their respective age groups Friday at the fourth annual Idaho Open fiddle competition.

Justine, 13, was crowned champion in her first year competing in the Junior Intermediate class. The division is open to 13- through 17-year-olds.

McKenna, 10, won the Junior Junior Intermediate championship.

The Idaho Open was held at the Nampa Civic Center.

The girls are the daughters of Cheryl and Lavon Calzacorta.

# Death notices

**HAROLD A. BIGGS**, 81, of Marsing, died Tuesday, May 29, 2007 at a Boise hospital. Memorial graveside rites will be offered Monday, June 4, 2007 at 11 a.m. at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery, Boise. Members of the Masonic Lodge will officiate with military honors rendered. Cremation was under direction of the Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell.

**LUCIO "LOUIE" CADENA**, 79, of Homedale, died Wednesday, May 30, 2007, at home. Cremation is by Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. 337-3252

**VIOLET LUELLA CORNWELL**, 95, died Tuesday, May 29, 2007, at Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation Center in Homedale. A memorial service was held Saturday, June 2, at Kirkpatrick Memorial Community Church in Parma. Services are under the direction of Dakan Funeral Chapel in Caldwell.



## Wilson Butte 4-H ready for summer

Members of the Wilson Butte 4-H Club pose for a photo recently. The youths have been gearing up for the Owyhee County Fair with livestock weigh-ins.

## Wilson Butte 4-H news

by Hailey Brisbin  
club reporter

The Wilson Butte 4-H Club has hit its stride with activities that have made it a busy summer so far.

Projects are all weighed in, and members have been attending workdays, shows, meetings and judging, and are now preparing for county demonstrations.

Fund-raising for the club — in

the form of the annual trail ride and a 4-H yard sale — has been very successful.

The Wilson Butte 4-H Club recently presented the Owyhee County Fair Board with a check for \$1,000.

Members felt that this would be a great way to contribute toward the needed funds and new animal stalls for future fairs.

To fulfill a 4-H requirement to

complete a community service project, members voted to compile a list of names of club supporters or memorials in honor of club supporters.

The donation helps a great cause and gives the 4-H children a sense of pride.

The club also continued its annual tradition of cleaning Wilson Cemetery in preparation for Memorial Day visits.

# Senior menus

## Homedale center

June 7: Spaghetti & meat sauce, salad, roll, beverage.

June 12: Oven friend chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, peas, roll, beverage.

June 13: Beef burritos, refried beans, rice, beverage.

## Marsing center

June 7: Breakfast to order or oven fried chicken, potatoes/gravy, mixed vegetables, jello, salad, soup dessert, beverage.

June 8: Roast beef, potatoes/gravy, carrots, green salad, soup, dessert, beverage.

June 12: Breakfast to order.

June 13: Chicken enchilada casserole, refried beans, Spanish rice, green salad, peaches & pears, roll, dessert, beverage.

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# Summer children's meals served in Homedale, Marsing

The Oasis Food Center of Caldwell is presenting its free summer meals program with locations in Owyhee County again this year.

Free meals will be available in

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in the  
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# Summer menu

## Bruneau

June 11: Cereal, juice, milk; popcorn chicken, fries, veggie, fruit, milk, cake.

June 12: Muffin, fruit, milk; tuna/bun, potato wedges, fruit, milk, cookies.

June 13: Cereal, fruit, milk; pizza, salad, pineapple, milk.

**Note** — All children 18 and younger eat free. Breakfast served from 8:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.; lunch served from noon to 12:45 p.m.



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Your finances

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Dear Dave,

I'm trying to get a pool put in my yard, and the job is only about 80 percent complete. I called the company about the slow work and got a recorded message saying they've filed bankruptcy. I've already paid for the work, so what happens now?

— James

Dear James,

I hate to tell you this, but if they filed a bankruptcy chances are the pool won't be finished and you've lost your money. You're going to have to find someone else to complete the job and pay them for their work.

If the company filed a Chapter 7 bankruptcy, they're out of business. If they filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy — which is a business reorganization — they're probably out of business, as well. Ninety-seven percent of Chapter 11 filings fail, and even in the ones that don't the debtor gets to choose who to repay.

Sorry for the bad news, James. Next time you contract for a project like this make sure you only pay for the work as it gets done!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

My wife and I are self-employed musicians, and we netted about \$70,000 last year. I just cashed out a bad variable life insurance policy, and I'm thinking about putting that money — about \$16,000 — into a Simplified Employee Pension Plan. Can you tell me a little about them?

— Roger

Dear Roger,

With a SEPP, you can put in up to 13.8 percent of your business's net profit. This is tax-deductible, and it grows tax-deferred. This means you won't have to pay taxes on the growth until you pull the money out — just like the old IRAs or a 401(k). That's why they got the nickname "SEPP IRAs."

Considering that your net income was \$70,000, you won't be able to put the entire \$16,000 into one this year. So you should first fully fund a Roth IRA — because it grows tax-free — and put the



balance in a SEPP. As always, use good growth stock mutual funds with at least a 10-year track record to fund both of these.

The SEPP also will require that you put the same percentage into your employee's account if they have been with you three of the past five years. So the SEPP is the most advantageous for small businesses with few or no employees.

— Dave

Dear Dave,

I work as a car salesman, and my dealership has a plan where employees can drive a demo. I don't have to worry about insurance, we only pay for gas on weekends and it costs \$120 a month. Maintenance is free, and we get moved to a different car every few weeks. Is this a good deal?

— Wade

Dear Wade,

This sounds like a very good deal to me. You're basically renting a car for \$120 a month. You can't operate a vehicle for that kind of money anywhere else.

Even if you follow my plan of buying a 2- or 3-year-old car and letting someone else take the butt-kicking in depreciation you're still going lose more than \$120 in value a month — even on a great little used car.

You found yourself a really sweet deal here, man. Stick with it!

— 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

Melba Cottage Library book club meeting, 7 p.m., Melba Cottage Library, 109 Charlotte Drive, Melba. (208) 495-1063

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

Thursday

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

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

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

Owyhee County Fair Board meeting, 8 p.m., county fairgrounds, Homedale. (208) 337-4575

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

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

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. Snake River Valley Fellowship, 16613 Garnet Road, Wilder. Homedale. (208) 475-3733

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

Wednesday, June 13

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

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

DivorceCare recovery support

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

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, June 14

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

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

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, June 15

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, June 16

Homedale Senior Citizens Center monthly dance, \$3 and finger food, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

Monday, June 18

Marsing Lions Club monthly meeting, 8 p.m., Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 2<sup>nd</sup> St. N., Marsing. (208) 896-4204

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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Notice of Request for Public Comment on Draft Revised Addendum to Mid-Snake/Succor Creek Subbasin Assessment

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is seeking public comment on selected portions of a draft revised addendum to the Mid-Snake River/Succor Creek Subbasin assessment.

The document proposes a plan to improve water temperature—key to healthy fish and other aquatic species—by reaching potential natural vegetation conditions. It has been revised to include potential natural vegetation targets for Succor Creek Reservoir and Succor Creek from the reservoir downstream to the Idaho/Oregon border. These segments of Succor Creek were inadvertently omitted from the original loading analysis.

It is noteworthy that the necessary temperature reduction for Succor Creek has decreased due to the added assessment including the reservoir. The most recent analysis shows in-stream temperature reductions decreasing from 33% to 4%.

Public comment was previously solicited on the assessment, water quality improvement plan, and original addendum; therefore, DEQ is now accepting comment only on the previously un-assessed stream reach.

The draft revised addendum is available for review at DEQ's Boise Regional Office, public libraries in Boise and Mountain Home, county courthouses in Elmore and Murphy, and in PDF format on DEQ's Web site at [www.deq.idaho.gov/public/comment.cfm](http://www.deq.idaho.gov/public/comment.cfm).

Submit written comments by 5 p.m. MDT, Monday, July 2, 2007, to:

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DEQ Boise Regional Office  
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Boise, ID 83706  
Phone: (208) 373-0550  
[julia.achabal@deq.idaho.gov](mailto:julia.achabal@deq.idaho.gov)



# Police step up seatbelt enforcement

The Homedale Police Department has been stepping up seatbelt enforcement during the past few weeks, and Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller is happy with the results.

“I have to commend the people of Homedale. Six of 10 drivers and passengers were wearing seatbelts,” Eidemiller said of his department’s findings during May Mobilization, which is a statewide law enforcement awareness and enforcement campaign to increase seatbelt use statewide.

“Overall it was very successful,” Eidemiller said.

He said that although few seatbelt tickets were written because of the high rate of compliance, his

officers made a significant number of arrests and issued other citations while looking for seatbelt offenses.

Eidemiller said that drivers cannot be stopped if an officer observes only a seatbelt violation, unless it involves an unrestrained child. The officer normally would have to observe another law violation, such as speeding, in order to stop a vehicle to issue a citation for failing to wear a seat belt.

Eidemiller estimated that officers issued nearly 40 citations in a two-day period. They also made 13 misdemeanor arrests and one felony arrest during the campaign. Charges ranged from carrying a

concealed weapon, possession of marijuana, possession of methamphetamine and there was at least one warrant arrest.

According to the Idaho Department of Transportation (ITD), 126 people, age 7 and older, who died in 2006 car crashes in Idaho were not wearing seatbelts. Another 452 sustained critical injuries because they failed to buckle up. ITD statistics show that more than 60 percent of traffic deaths in Idaho in 2006 involved unrestrained drivers and passengers.

Data from the National Highway Safety Administration shows that half of those killed or injured in car crashes would have sur-

vived if they had been wearing seat belts.

Idaho’s law requires all vehicle occupants to be properly restrained no matter where they are seated. Fines for violations range from \$10 for an adult riding in or driving a vehicle without a seatbelt, to \$69 for allowing a child 6 or younger to ride unrestrained.

Additionally, drivers 18 and younger can be assessed a fine of \$51.50 for not wearing a seat belt. Adult and minor drivers can be cited for allowing minors to ride unrestrained. This violation also carries a \$51.50 fine.

— JWB

# Homedale man indicted by grand jury

Ricardo Delgadillo, a 23-year-old Homedale man, is behind bars on a \$250,000 bond after an Owyhee County grand jury indicted him on a rape charge.

Nampa and Homedale police personnel arrested Delgadillo in Nampa on May 22 after the indictment. He is scheduled for district court arraignment Friday in Murphy.

If found guilty of rape, Delgadillo could be sentenced to up to life in prison according to state law.

— JWB



Ricardo Delgadillo

# Man sentenced in Marsing shooting case

Ruben Villarreal, 40, of Marsing will spend at least the next year in prison.

In June 2006, Villarreal faced several felony charges in Owyhee and Ada counties after a domestic dispute erupted into shots being fired in his brother’s Marsing home. The Ada County charges stemmed from the pursuit Villarreal led authorities on after the shooting.

Villarreal’s sister-in-law received minor injuries when a gun Villarreal pulled discharged. Owyhee County Sheriff’s reports state Villarreal aimed a gun at his brother, but the gun malfunctioned when he pulled the trigger.

According to Owyhee County Court criminal case disposition paperwork, a charge of attempted murder was dismissed, but Villarreal plead guilty to aggravated bat-

tery. On that charge, Villarreal was sentenced to two years fixed with credit for 347 days. He was also sentenced to an additional eight years of indeterminate prison time. The court also recommended Villarreal complete a treatment program for “mental health issues.”

Owyhee County Prosecutor Matthew Faulks said last year that the aggravated battery charged stemmed from the allegation that Villarreal used force against Christina Villarreal with a deadly weapon. Faulks said he charged



Ricardo Delgadillo

Villarreal with attempted murder because he allegedly tried to shoot his brother, whose name Faulks did not release.

“Idaho law provides for potential enhancements in these charges,” Faulks said at the time. As of press time, Faulks had not responded to an e-mail seeking comment. Villarreal could have received up to 15 years jail time if convicted on all Owyhee charges.

Owyhee County dispatchers received a report of shots fired at a home in the 200 block of Wells Road in Marsing at about 9 p.m. on May 29, 2006. Villarreal had fled toward Canyon County by the time sheriff’s deputies arrived.

Canyon County deputies spotted the gray Cadillac Villarreal reportedly was driving. Villarreal refused to pull over and accelerated.

Reports state that Villarreal reached speeds in excess of 100 mph as he drove toward Ada County, but law enforcement officials were waiting for him.

A spike strip was placed on the roadway at Greenhurst and Robinson roads, but Villarreal still did not adhere to officers’ warnings.

Villarreal reportedly crashed the vehicle in Ada County at the intersection of Santa Anita Avenue and Dewaar Drive. Deputies used Tasers to subdue him.

In Ada County, Villarreal was charged with felony eluding officers, resisting arrest and possession of drug paraphernalia. According to Idaho Department of Correction records, Villarreal is currently serving a four-year sentence related to those charges.

— JWB

# JV man charged with pointing gun at wife

A Jordan Valley man was charged with pointing a firearm at his spouse, criminal menacing and harassment after Malheur County Sheriff’s deputies responded to a domestic dispute on Youngfield Avenue in Jordan Valley.

Johnathan Cruz, 46, was charged with felony pointing a firearm after deputies received a report of a domestic altercation at approximately 1:30 a.m. Thursday. According to Malheur County Undersheriff Brian Wolfe, the argument erupted when Cruz’s wife, who has remained unidentified, threatened to leave him. No physical injuries were reported.



Johnathan Cruz

“This was a domestic-type situation,” Wolfe said Monday. “Johnathan (Cruz) and his wife got into an argument which became physical, where he hit her with a duffle bag and pointed a shotgun at her, while telling her he would kill her if she left him.”

Cruz was arrested and transported to the Malheur County Jail in Vale. At press time, he was being held on a \$10,000 bond.

He was arraigned Thursday and is scheduled to appear for a plea hearing on June 21.

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

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# Group learns service through Girl Scouts

## Homedale troop develops life skills

The members of Silver Sage Council Troop 372 of the Girl Scouts of America are getting a jump-start on life through Scouting.

According to organizers, the program aims to teach life skills and character development, but if you ask one of the handful of girls who stayed after school for a meeting earlier this month, it is just fun and games.

"Because it's fun," said Tanis Lentfer, a Homedale Elementary student of her simple reason to join Girl Scouts.

But, according to Girl Scouts volunteer Angela Correa, it is not just about having a good time. It is about developing life skills.

"Leadership. They are learning about how to represent the community, and take care of themselves," Correa said. "They learn how to be strong. There is a lot of character-building as they grow up and develop aspirations."

Part of the process of character-building is following through on projects, such as earning money for 19 girls to attend Camp

Pittenger, near McCall, in June.

In order to earn money for the camp this summer, the Scouts sold hot dogs, chips and drinks at the Treasure Valley Antique Power Association tractor pull at the Homedale beet dump on May 12. The group raised \$150.

According to the Girl Scouts of America's national Web site, the Girl Scouts program is based on four goals:

- Develop their full potential
- Relate to others to increase understanding, skill and respect
- Develop a meaningful set of values to guide their actions and to provide for sound decision-making
- Contribute to the improvement of society

"The Girl Scout program can change the way girls see the world and their place in it. Girls learn the importance of personal responsibility, the value of goal-setting, the spirit of teamwork, and the thrill of accomplishment," states the national organization's Web site.

For more information about Girl Scouting, contact Silver Sage Council Troop 372 at 377-2011.

— JWB



## Girl Scouting builds character

*Girl Scouts, led by volunteer Carol McMichael, participate in exercises and activities designed to help develop their potential, relate to others with understanding and respect, develop values to guide their actions, and contribute to the improvement of society.*



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## Homedale Girl Scouts raise money

*Members of Homedale Girl Scouts Troop 372 sold hot dogs, chips and soda during Saturday's tractor pull at the beet dump. Proceeds will help the girls attend the 2007 camp and pay for swimming lessons. The troop includes, top row, left to right: Maya Correa, Ezra MacLeod, Daria Paxton and Jordan Stuart; and bottom row, left to right, Riley Haun and Tanis Lentfer*

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# Outpost Days ride again



## Heritage: Pure and interpreted

**Clockwise from top left:**  
Members of the District II Youth Horse Council's Working Ranch Horse Project bring a herd of longhorns up Pioneer Street toward Tilford Street during Saturday's noontime cattle drive in Murphy.

The original artwork by Caldwell's Jim Paxton, "Owyhee Country," rests on an easel in the lobby of the Owyhee County Historical Museum. Numbered posters of the artwork were sold during the two-day Outpost Days. The frame also is handmade by Paxton.

Blacksmith Hugh Eddy, left, helps an aspiring blacksmith form a ring from red-hot metal. Last weekend's Outpost Days marked Eddy's final year of participation.

The Idaho Country Western Dance Association troupe performs to a modern country song Saturday afternoon.

Marjorie "Lady" Lane, dressed in period garb, plays yesteryear music on the upright piano inside McKeeth Hall.

A visitor to Outpost Days checks out the Steamboat Shoshone and Local Ferries quilt that was raffled off Sunday afternoon.





# Outpost Days ride again



## Glimpses of history

**Clockwise from top:**  
The license plate on a 1957 Ford Thunderbird owned by Claude G. Ballard of Fairfield says it all about many aspects of Outpost Days.  
Idaho Falls resident Ken King, right, who owns this cream-colored 1956 T-Bird with his wife Jeness, explains the finer points of the roadster's original engine to an enthusiast.  
A cowboy on horseback — common in Owyhee County, but rare nearly everywhere else — chats with a couple of visitors Saturday.  
Jack Givens' fully restored Wells Fargo & Co. stagecoach looks ready to take its next fare overland in the Old West.  
This red 6 HP1904 Ohio water pump engine was fully restored by Middleton's Carl Raasch, who says there are only five of the 103-year-old machines in existence. Yes, it works.



# A ‘house’ for Owyhee Basques

History and heritage are woven into the fabric of the Txoko Ona Basque Center, which will be dedicated with a celebration June 16-17 in Homedale.

The 7,600-square-foot building serves as a gathering place for the local Basque club, but it also will be a museum of the local impact the Basque have had on the Idaho-Oregon-Nevada country.

Several large display cases have been purchased by Basque families in the area, and the plan is to fill those cases with artifacts from each family’s lineage.

Some of the cases will be

mounted on the walls of the lounge. Two large display cases also will be mounted on the walls of the building foyer. Inside will be displayed information on the general history of the Basque who arrived from Europe to seek their livelihoods in Owyhee County — Homedale and Marsing — and Malheur County, especially Jordan Valley.

Many of the immigrants who traveled across the country from New York’s Ellis Island began sheepherding, and two large photographs of a sheep camp and a wagon used in the industry will hang in the lounge.

of next week’s celebration.

The center also has a room where Bogo classes to learn the Basque language will be taught.

Zatica said that many descendants of the Owyhee country’s Basque pioneers are interested in learning the language because many patriarchs required only English be spoken as the families willingly immersed themselves in the American culture.

The center also will feature rows of memorial bricks near the main entrance. Each brick is adorned with the names of Basque family members who have passed away. Memorial tiles also will be placed inside the building. The memorials and the display cases were vehicles for raising funds to build the center.

The center sits near the front of a large parcel of land that is bordered by the curl of Main Street to U.S. Highway 95 on west and south, U.S. 95 on the east. Zatica said that while the center is reserved for private Basque gatherings, such as the Three Kings Dinner, weddings and other events, a second large building could be built elsewhere on the property for other events hosted by people outside the Basque community.

— JPB

# Sheriff, BLM rescue stranded kayakers

Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman cites cooperation between his agency and the Bureau of Land Management for the quick and successful rescue of two stranded kayakers on the Bruneau River during the Memorial Day weekend.

Rian Livingston, 34, and Sara Kline, also 34, were stranded on the Bruneau River after their inflatable kayak was punctured by sharp rocks. They were located by BLM employee Grant Amaral on May 26 after five days in the remote river canyon.

Amaral is a seasonal employee with the BLM, and also a noted whitewater rafting expert who has authored multiple books on the recreational activity.

Amaral said that upon encountering trouble the two found a safe spot to set up camp and remained there until rescuers arrived. Amaral said that was probably the best solution.

“If you just stay put, someone is going to find you eventually,” Amaral said. “If they had of tried to walk out through the canyon it would have been an ordeal for them and who knows how it would have turned out.”

The two kayakers, both from Boise, were reported overdue on May 25 by Livingston’s mother. The two were due back from a kayaking trip on the remote river on May 23.

“They had an inflatable kayak, they put in (May 21) on the Bruneau River at Indian Hot Springs. They were supposed to be out Wednesday (May 23),” Aman said.

When the two didn’t return as scheduled, Aman said his office had to utilize volunteer aircraft to initiate a search of the area, but the search was complicated by misinformation on the part of the calling party. Owyhee County pilots John Romero and Ed Dickman both assisted the sheriff’s office.

“We found them, but we

couldn’t positively say it was them because the colors of the tents were different than what was reported, so we didn’t know for sure if it was them,” Aman said.

The sheriff said that before Amaral’s assistance, the sheriff’s office had contracted a private helicopter —at approximately \$800 per hour — to check on the stranded recreationists.

“A BLM employee (Amaral) had a raft trip that was supposed to start Saturday. We asked him to put in Friday night, and they found them Saturday morning (and) floated them down to Robinson Trail,” Aman said.

Once Livingston and Kline were transported to Robinson Trail, approximately 12 miles downstream, the two rafters walked up to the canyon rim and were picked up by sheriff’s deputies. And while their food supply had run out, they were unharmed.

“I am very happy with the cooperation with BLM. They were super to work with,” Aman said. “They put in early for us and sped their trip up to get down to these people.”

There is a lesson in the incident.

Aman said folks should provide detailed information to others before leaving on a backcountry trip. In this case, the misidentification of the tent color made identifying the two kayakers from the air difficult.

“They did a lot of things right, but (Livingston’s) the family didn’t know what color of tents they had,” the sheriff said. “Things like that would have really, really helped us and saved us a lot of time. We’d have been a lot better off.

“Saturday morning, we had rented a helicopter to go in and get lowered to identify them or get them out. Just as they (rescuers) were boarding the aircraft BLM found them.”

— JWB

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# Democratic staff to tour Owyhee country

Representatives of the Democratic leadership in the Senate will be in Owyhee country this week for tours.

Dave Brooks, the chief of staff for Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D-N.M.), and Gary Myrick, Sen. Harry Reid’s (D-Nev.) chief of staff, are scheduled to tour areas that will be

affected by the Owyhee Initiative Implementation Act.

Bingaman is the chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, where the Owyhee Initiative began its trek through Congress with subcommittee hearings last year before being reintroduced by Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) for the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress earlier this year.

Crapo staff members also will take part in the three days of activities, which are scheduled to begin Thursday and run through Saturday, according to Owyhee Initiative chairman Fred Grant.

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# BLM improves Wilson Creek trailheads

The Bureau of Land Management is making substantial improvements to the Wilson Creek trailheads off of the main road past the paved portions of Wilson Creek Road.

Improved parking areas, restrooms, information kiosks and additional road maintenance are in the works.

The project began recently, and crews are expected to continue work into the fall.

The agency also is improving metal culverts, which allow water to pass beneath the roadway with less erosive damage.

According to BLM spokesperson MJ Byrne, improvements to parking areas and roadways will help recreationists who use the Wilson Creek area as a jumping-off point for backcountry travels in Owyhee County.

“(Agency officials) want to make it more user-friendly, and to encourage people to use those parking areas and to stay off the road. Where there were improvement needs, they made them,” Byrne said last week.

BLM Boise District operations manager Jim Johansen said that at this point work has been limited to roads and trailheads. He said that the term “trailhead” is used to describe the graveled parking areas off the main roadway.

“We’re mostly doing roads and trailhead work right now,” Johansen said. “So far, what is done is they’ve reshaped and re-graveled the first mile of the road that goes to the trailhead (past Owyhee Feeders on Wilson Creek Road).”

Johansen said further roadwork has been done on Wilson Creek Road past the graveled portion, to help curb eroded areas and “blow-out” dust bowl areas, which can lead to further road deterioration.

Johansen plans for an information kiosk with area maps on the west side of the roadway, approximately a quarter-mile north of Owyhee Feeders. A restroom and improved parking area will be built approximately a half-mile south of Owyhee Feeders, also on the west side of the road.

“By fall, we’ll have a toilet in there,” Johansen said.

“We’re just now ordering this stuff. We’ve had a couple false-starts, where we’ve had contracting all lined up and then we had to back off.”

“Mainly, the (biggest benefit) is information. We’ll have maps, (so recreationists) will know where they can go and where they shouldn’t go. They’ll have a toilet here. At peak times, the place gets a little messy.

“They’ll have good information and a place to start, really.”

Johansen said there are no current plans to pave any additional areas off of Wilson Creek Road, but the BLM is gradually adding gravel to the road. While he doesn’t know if road improvements will bring more traffic to the area, he hopes



## Improvements under way at Wilson Creek Trailheads

Better roads, better parking, restrooms, and an information kiosk are improvements underway at the Wilson Creek Trailheads on Wilson Creek Road, south of Owyhee Feeders. According to BLM officials, the project is expected to last until fall.



## Wilson Creek Trailheads get help

Clif Hall, a BLM engineering equipment operator, marks locations for new culverts to protect Wilson Creek Road from water damage.

that the gravel work will reduce further damage to the road.

“If we’re designating this as a trailhead and recreation facility, we’re just going to try to ‘ramp up’ the maintenance level a little and make it more durable,” he said.

Johansen also said recreationists won’t be the only people to realize benefits from the improvements. Those that live and work in the

area will also benefit.

“When you start adding gravel and culverts and things like that, you are improving the durability of a road,” he said.

“It’s going to hold better under traffic. It’s not going to wash out as easily. That just improves the service to any of the land-users out there.”

— JWB

## Protecting the public

Since the last publication of registered sex offenders in Owyhee County, two additional offenders have been added to the state’s registry.

This list is published for the protection of the public.

The complete list is available at [www.isp.state.id.us](http://www.isp.state.id.us).



### Pruitt, Mark Anthis

**Date of birth:**  
April 12, 1986  
**Address:**  
8067 Trout Creek Road  
Jordan Valley, Ore., 97910  
**Conviction:**  
Attempted Sex Abuse (1)



### Roscoe, Alan Richard

**Date of birth:**  
Oct. 10, 1947  
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**Juniors**  
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**Freshmen**  
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## Homedale Middle School fourth quarter

**Eighth grade**  
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**3.50 to 3.99 GPA** — Sydney Cornwall, 3.86; Moises Gonzalez, 3.86; Sarah Maggard, 3.86; Kiley Potter, 3.86; Elizabeth Silva, 3.86; Taylor Watkins, 3.86; Jessica Westergard, 3.86; Amber Brinkerhoff (Romirell), 3.83; Elizabeth Albor, 3.71; Maria Escutia, 3.71; Summer Phelps, 3.71; Tyler Theile, 3.71; Sagan Condon, 3.57; Cristina Garcia, 3.57; Trevor Lootens, 3.57; Jordan Meligan, 3.57; Nিকে Mainarick, 3.50

**3.25 to 3.49 GPA** — Jessica Ann Henry, 3.43; Alexandria McRae, 3.43; Nathan Perry, 3.43; Noemi Salazar, 3.43; Aiesha Zenor, 3.43; Shawnee Davis, 3.29; Brook Fry, 3.29; Jonathan Gonzalez, 3.29

**3.00 to 3.24 GPA** — Norma Bautista, 3.14; Jennifer Jimenez, 3.14; Luis Lomeli, 3.14; Angie Padilla, 3.14; Stephanie Banda, 3.00; Martha Benitez, 3.00; Liesenia Calderon, 3.00; Salvador Cardenas, 3.00; Ada Demshar, 3.00; Tanner Lair, 3.00; Lucia Vega, 3.00

**Seventh grade**  
**4.0 GPA** — Kate Eaton, Kylie Farwell, Bodie Hyer, Raven Kelly, Kylie Kushlan, Ashley Leslie, Lane Matteson, Aubrey Nash, Katie Price

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**Sixth grade**  
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**3.25 to 3.49 GPA** — Samantha Christoffersen, 3.33; Mikal Culver, 3.33; Erin Shenk, 3.33; Mariza Fernandez, 3.29; Malina Geerston, 3.29; Mackenize McMichael, 3.29; Brenda Uriarte, 3.29

**3.00 to 3.24 GPA** — Daniel Aguilera, 3.17; Perla Albor, 3.17; Ramon Kelly, 3.17; Ruben Lomeli, 3.17; Jacqueline Martinez, 3.17; Whitney Uria, 3.17; Nadine Wright, 3.17; Rebecca Coffman, 3.14; Ana Vasquez, 3.00

**Fifth grade**  
**4.0 GPA** — Stephanie Aguilera, Antonia Banda, Kynna Bertagnolli, Angel Cardenas, Benjamin Cardenas, Lizett Chavez, Liam Condon (Wade), Tell Hyer, Jedidiah Jones, Trey Lane, Shelby Lee, Esteban Lejardi, Riley Maggard-Qualls, Kaylee Rupp, Eric Sanchez, Cheyenne Steinmetz, Kathryn Thatcher, Edmy Vega

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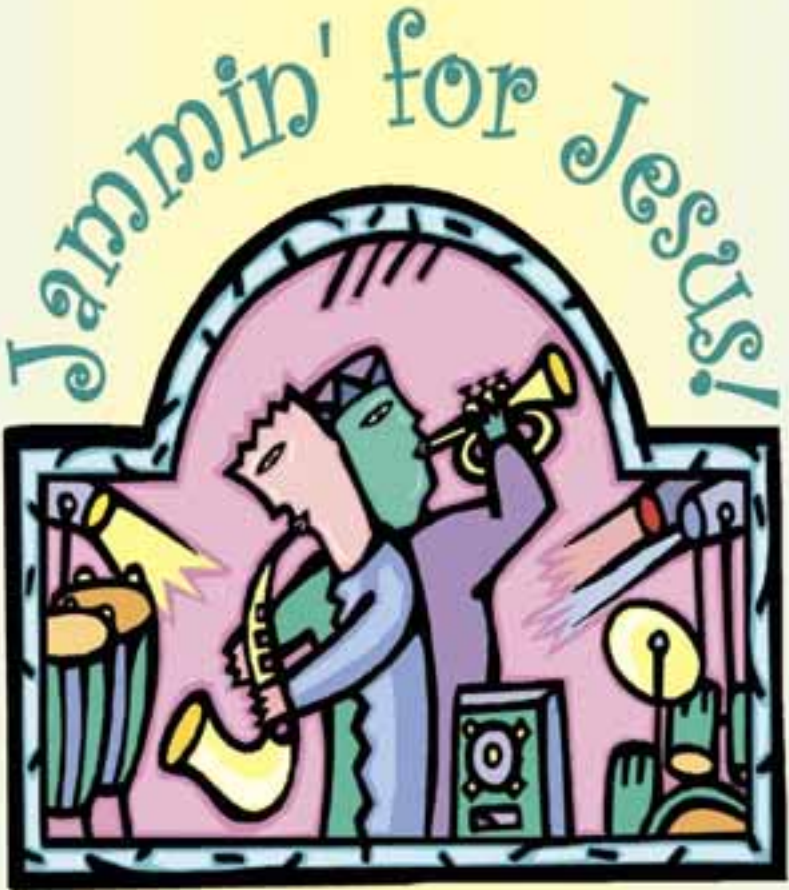
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“I especially appreciate the help we get from the Idaho Commission for Libraries in helping us get the grant,” library district trustee Judy Erwin said. “Without these grants, it would be almost impossible for a library in a small community like ours to have new computers available for the public.”

The library also recently bought a laser printer for use

with the new computers.

“The reason most people come to the library is to use the computers,” library director Clara Morris said. “A lot of people don’t have their own computer, so they come here to use the e-mail or do research.”

“It is surprising how many people traveling through stop by the library to check their e-mail.”

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# Milestone Homedale Homecoming

## Supercharged Class of 1937 reunites again

“Our class has had a lot of octane,” Homedale High School Class of 1937 member Lloyd Cox said in explaining the overall success of the students who graduated from a tiny one-building school on a spring day seven decades ago.

If the class did indeed have high octane, the genesis — and the genesis for many things still prevalent at the school — would be Dr. John Watkins.

Watkins wasn’t a doctor when he arrived on campus in the fall of 1933, but in two short years he had deftly set in motion a series of activities and events that would shape many lives.

And it all resonated from a group of high school students who eagerly embraced the teachings of a young man who would go on to become a psychologist respected throughout the world.

Watkins facilitated the organization of a band and orchestra at the school.

He also penned the words to the school song, which is still belted out by students more than 72 years after Watkins — now 94 — departed Homedale on his path to achieving a doctorate in Psychology.

As a doctor of psychology in the 1970s, Watkins earned credit for coaxing a confession out of the multiple-personality suspect in the Hillside Strangler case in Southern California.

A copy of one of Watkins’ writings, “Emotional Resonance,” was donated to the Homedale High School library.

Although Watkins’ profession and renown has taken him around the world, he has returned to Homedale every five years since the 1980s for the Class of 1937 reunion. This year, he and the class members in attendance collected \$200 to donate to Karla Kachelmier’s music program.

“The entire budget for the band back then was \$20,” Cox said.

But the Class of 1937 didn’t mind the investment.

“These young people need to be encouraged,” he said. “We’ve got enough negative stuff in society as it is.”

Cox used the philosophy during his 27 years teaching high school on the tough streets of Los Angeles, a short distance from where a truck driver was beaten during the riots triggered by the Rodney King police brutality case in the 1990s.

“We were a few miles from there, but when my kids walked into my room, they were walking

into Owyhee County — not that concrete jungle,” Cox said. “I told them about how it was in Homedale and Owyhee County, and that’s the kind of atmosphere we had — the attitude and the philosophy of Owyhee County.”

While Cox served stateside during World War II then went on to shape young minds, other members of the Class of 1937 delved into other areas.

There are nine surviving members from the original class of 27 students.

- **Norma (Parvin) Walker** got married and went on to become the twice-published, unofficial historian for Homedale. She now lives in the Seattle area.

- One of a handful of World War II veterans in the class, **Clifford King** returned from the war and eventually owned a garden shop in Eugene, Ore. He now lives in Southern California.

- **John Kushlan** remains in Homedale after owning Homedale Feed Co. (now Rafter 4 Feed Store), for 18 years. The steel storage building he built for his business still stands on the west side of Main Street between Idaho Avenue and U.S. Highway 95.

- **Mary (Chadez) Cegnar** got married and stayed in Homedale. Her son is a veterinarian at Owyhee Veterinary Clinic and her daughter practices medicine in the area.

- **Don Martin** returned to Homedale after retiring from the City of LaGrande, Ore., public works department. He has been home for 14 years.

- **Mary (Morrison) Wines** worked in the Ada County agriculture department four years before marrying and moving to farm in Ontario, where she resides.

- **Maxine (Connell) Magden** now lives in New Mexico after raising her family in Alaska.

- **Ina (Frosig) Yost** taught in the Vallivue and Homedale districts for a time before moving away. She now lives in Caldwell.

- **Johnny Shanley**, who passed away 25 years ago last month, also became a business owner. He ran Murph’s — now O’Henry’s — on West Idaho Avenue.

- **Ruth Van Meter** was another World War II vet, according to Walker. She served as a truck driver stateside during the war.

Not every World War II veteran from the class made it home. **Clarence O. Zabel**, who went by his middle name, Orville, was killed in action, but few other details are known.



### High-octane high-schoolers reunite

Members of Homedale High School’s Class of 1937 were honored during the 2007 graduation ceremony May 26 inside the school’s gymnasium. The members, from left to right, Lloyd Cox, Mary (Chadez) Cegnar, Norma (Parvin) Walker, John Kushlan, Mary (Morrison) Wines, Don Martin, Ina (Frosig) Yost, were joined by popular teacher Dr. John Watkins (far right). Photo by Jan Aman



### Class of 1937 immortalized

The Class of 1937 photo hanging near the main office inside Homedale High School took on added importance recently when most of the surviving members returned for a reunion. The class included:

Top row, from left to right: Lloyd Cox, Jim Johnstone, Johnny Kushlan  
Second row, from left to right: Clara Colley, Lyman Salisbury, Kenneth Reed, Rena McDowell, Mable Trussell, Orville Zabel (sic), Mary Chadez (Cegnar)  
Third row, from left to right: Elwin Moore, Pearl Parker (Townsend), Claude Townsend, Harley Wilson, Albert Butherus, Maxine Connell (Magden)  
Fourth row, from left to right: Ruth Van Meter, Johnnie Shanley, Phillip English, Clifford King, Ina Frosig (Yost), Geraldine Eidemiller, Donald Martin  
Bottom row, from left to right: Mary Morrison (Wines), Norma Parvin (Walker), Willard Ulrich

And there was the obligatory high school sweethearts marriage, too. **Pearl Parker** wed **Claude Townsend** (maybe not so ironically, they are listed side-by-side in the class photo that hangs in the halls of the present high school).

Walker said Townsend went on to become a newspaperman for publications in Twin Falls and Boise.

— JPB

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## Water report

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The following statistics were gathered from the National Resources Conservation Service Web site at 8 a.m. Monday. Statistics weren't available for Sunday and Monday:

Reynolds Creek				
Date	Year to Date	Average Temp		
	Precipitation	Max.	Min.	Avg.
05/29	11.6	57	35	45
05/30	11.6	64	39	52
05/31	11.6	72	45	60
06/01	11.7	75	52	64
06/02	11.5	78	55	67

South Mountain				
Date	Year to Date	Average Temp		
	Precipitation	Max.	Min.	Avg.
05/29	26.8	56	33	44
05/30	26.8	65	38	51
06/01	26.8	71	49	59
06/02	26.8	73	53	62
06/03	26.8	76	55	65

Mud Flat				
Date	Year to Date	Average Temp		
	Precipitation	Max.	Min.	Avg.
05/29	11.2	62	39	50
05/00	11.2	69	38	54
05/31	11.2	77	37	60
06/01	11.2	79	44	64
06/02	11.2	79	46	67

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May 29	87	41	.00
May 30	80	40	.00
May 31	87	49	.00
June 01	93	53	.00
June 02	no reading taken		
June 03	no reading taken		
June 04	102	55	.00

## Great American Clean-Up to be held near Marsing

The Bureau of Land Management Owyhee Field Office, in cooperation with volunteers from the group TRASH (Teach Responsibility and Save our Heritage), will kick off the Great American Clean-Up Program on Saturday near Marsing.

The event will start at 10 a.m. Saturday at the BLM Owyhee Field Office at 20 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. W., in Marsing.

TRASH and the BLM will use a front-end loader and a 2-ton flatbed truck to pick up larger items, including household furniture and appliances dumped

on public and private land in the hills south of Marsing.

The public is invited to help with the cleanup. The BLM also is looking for help in reporting dumpsites and in curbing the illegal activity.

“The purpose of the Great American Clean-Up events will be to increase the public’s awareness of the growing problem of trash being illegally dumped on public lands; to recognize those individuals and groups helping with the clean-up effort; and to get the message out to the public that illegal dumping on public lands

is like allowing your neighbor to dump garbage in your backyard,” said Mark Lane, BLM Owyhee Field Office manager.

The work Saturday is envisioned to be the start of monthly clean-up events.

“There is a lot of trash that needs to be located and picked up, and the public is invited to help us out,” said Fred Christiansen, spokesperson for TRASH.

Interested persons or groups can contact BLM spokesperson MJ Byrne at (208) 384-3393 or Fred Christiansen at (208) 455-2550.

## BLM seeks input on Travel Management Plan

The Bureau of Land Management’s Owyhee Field Office seeks public input in developing a comprehensive Travel Management Plan (TMP) for more than 250,000 acres of Owyhee public land.

The area is called the Murphy Sub-region, and is located in Owyhee County.

To kick off the effort, the BLM will play host to a pair of informal open house meetings.

The first gathering is scheduled for next Wednesday at the Phipps-Watson American Legion Community Center, 126 2<sup>nd</sup> St. N., in Marsing.

The second will be held June 14 at the Hampton Inn at 5750 E. Franklin Road in Nampa, which is off the Interstate 84 Garrity Boulevard exit.

Both meetings will be held

from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

According to a BLM press release, a TMP involves extensive planning and on-the-ground management of travel networks, both motorized and non-motorized. The plan will address travel management activities on public lands west of Idaho highway 78 and southeast of Reynolds Creek.

To view a map of the public lands that will be involved in the TMP, visit the BLM’s Web site at [www.blm.gov/id/st/en.html](http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en.html) and follow the links to the Owyhee Field Office.

According to MJ Byrne, spokesperson for the BLM, the federal agency is interested in hearing public comment and concerns as well as any additional information that can be shared about the area. The goals of the

TMP are to ensure public access to these popular areas while protecting natural resources and meeting the regulatory needs of the area.

“Public comment is important, because it can help the BLM define the major issues that need to be addressed in both the Travel Management Plan and Environmental Assessment (EA). Regulations require BLM to analyze the impacts of roads and trails on the area in an EA,” Byrne wrote in a press release.

Persons unable to attend the open houses can provide the BLM with information and comments by sending an e-mail, by June 30, to Ryan Homan at [Ryan\\_Homan@blm.gov](mailto:Ryan_Homan@blm.gov), or mail to the Owyhee Field Office, 20 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. W., Marsing, ID 83639 Attn: Ryan Homan.



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*A dump truck mishap, caused when a trailer came loose while rounding a corner, destroyed a Sinclair gas sign, damaged two vehicles, and nearly struck a propane tank at the Snake River Mart at the corner of Main Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Marsing on Wednesday. No one was hurt. Attempts to obtain further information from the Idaho State Police, the agency handling the report, were unsuccessful. Photos from Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office*

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## HMS Field Day results

Results from the track and field meet held during the final week of school for Homedale Middle School students as part of Field Day activities:

### Sixth grade

#### Boys

**60 meters** — 1. Calvin Black; 2. Braxton Morris; 3. Jake Murray

**100** — 1. Black; 2. Chad Dugan; 3. Murray

**200 , heat 1** — 1. Marcelino Hernandez; 2. Jose Villarreal; 3. Randy Aguilera

**200, heat 2** — 1. Kendal Herman; 2. Mike Mavey; 3. Antonio Sturgeon

**200, heat 3** — 1. Adrian Sandoval; 2. Derek Hellman; 3. Ricardo Martinez

**1,600** — 1. Black, 4:27; 2. Marcelino Hernandez, 4:29; 3. Kendall Herman, 5:00

**4x100 relay** — 1. Team Hann (Dugan, Kendall Herman, Abdiel Carmargo, Morris); 2. Team Folwell (Reed Maggard, Black, Tano Montez, Nathen); 3. Team Warren (Blake Johnson, Brad McCain, Fletcher Kelly, Greg Monreal)

**Long jump** — 1. Black, 14 feet; 2. Dugan, 12-4; 3. Hayden Krzesnik, 12-0

**Shot put** — 1. Black, 34-0; 2. Morris, 33-5; 3. Adrian Sandoval, 26-9

#### Girls

**60 meters** — 1. Veronica Sanchez; 2. Nadine Wright; 3. Mackenzie McMichael

**100** — 1. Gabby Nash; 2. Leavell Hicks; 3. Samantha Christoffersen

**200, heat 1** — 1. Lizzie Farrell; 2. Hailee Aberasturi; 3. Stephanie Villarreal

**200, heat 2** — 1. Chelsea Banda; 2. Leavell Hicks; 3. Nadine Wright

**1,600** — 1. Hicks, 4:13; 2. Taylor Coons, 4:14; 3. Debra Esparza, 4:50

**4x100 relay, heat 1** — 1. Team Hann (Veronica Sanchez, Bianca Florez, Mariza Fernandez, Gabby Nash); 2. Team Warren (Valeria Garcia, Chelsea Banda, Melissa Borja, Debra Esparza); 3. Team Folwell (Brenda, Stephanie, Samantha, Hailee)

**4x100 relay, heat 2** — 1. Team Folwell (Dayara, Lizzie, Mackenzie, Emilee); 2. Team Warren (Alejandra, Malina, Rebecca, Kylie); 3. Team Eidemiller (Nadine Wright, Tayler

Vanderenter, Gene Bush, Leavell Hicks)

**Long jump** — 1. Whitney Uria, 11-2; 2. Lizzie Farrell, 10-9; 3. Hailee Aberasturi, 10-5

**Shot put** — 1. Alejandra Casillas, 26-3; 2. Veronica Sanchez, 17-10; 3. Jessica Gonzalez, 17-7

**Coed relay, heat 1** — 1. Team Hann (Gabby Nash, Chad Dugan, Veronica Sanchez, Braxton Morris); 2. Team Folwell (Hailee, Reed, Lizzie, Calvin); 3. Team Warren (Rebecca Coffman, Jake Murray, Malina Geerston, Fletcher Kelly)

**Coed relay, heat 2** — 1. Team Folwell (Samantha, Aspen, Stephanie, Derek); 2. Team Warren (Yesenia Reyes, Valeria Garcia, Greg Monreal, Christian Hurtado); 3. Team Eidemiller (Nadine, Ruben, Leavell, Randy)

### Fifth grade

#### Boys

**60 meters** — 1. Joel Campos; 2. Bryan Johnson; 3. Jesse Padilla

**100** — 1. Johnson; 2. Jace Turner; 3. Jed Jones

**200, heat 1** — 1. Campos; 2. Angel Cardenas; 3. Riley Qualls

**200, heat 2** — 1. Jovan Cornejo; 2. Cristian Padilla; 3. Danny Gomez

**200, heat 3** — 1. Jed Jones; 2. Mike Palmer; 3. Logan Moore

**1,600** — 1. Talon Frelove, 5 minutes, 53 seconds; 2. Nathan Leslie, 6:33; 3. Trey Lane, 6:36

**4x100 relay, heat 1** — 1. Team Shore (Tell Hyer, Joel Campos, Talon Frelove, Riley Qualls); 2. Team Skeen (Ali Garcia, Bryan Johnson, Jesse Padilla, Jace Turner); 3. Team Galloway (Ricardo Ramirez, K.J. Atkins, Logan Moore, Jed Jones)

**4x100 relay, heat 2** — 1. Team Galloway (Justin Palmer, Michael DeLeon, Eric Sanchez, Nathen Leslie); 2. Team Shore (Larry Vega, Kody Dycus, Keanu Johns, Marco Padilla); 3. Team Skeen (James Drees, Caleb Oviedo, Nathan Tomlinson, Ricky Smith)

**Long jump** — 1. Talon Frelove, 13-2; Johnson, 13-0; 3. Campos, 11-11

**Shot put** — 1. Alisandro Garcia, 26-1; 2. Liam Condon, 22-9; 3. Angel Cardenas, 21-9

#### Girls

**60 meters** — 1. Antonia Banda; 2. Stephanie Aguilera; 3. Destiny



Long  
**100** — 1. Juliana Hart; 2. Destiny Long; 3. Stephanie Kennedy

**200, heat 1** — 1. Lauren Craft; 2. Jeniffer Salazar; 3. Stephanie Kennedy

**200, heat 2** — 1. Juliana Hart; 2. Kaylee Rupp; 3. Lizett Chavez

**1,600** — 1. Lauren Craft, 6:10; 2. Juliana Hart; 3. Jennifer Salazar

**4x100 relay, heat 1** — 1. Team Skeen (Katie Deal, Shelbi Forsythe, Stephanie Kennedy, Destiny Long); 2. Team Shore

(Edmy Vega, Jesha Garcia, Quincy Hall, Megan Bettleyon); 3. Team Galloway (Raena Vigil, Juliana Padilla, Kathryn Thatcher, Stephanie Hurtado)

**4x100 relay, heat 2** — 1. Team Skeen (Kynna Bertagnolli, Haley Kushlan, Jeniffer Salazar, Shenise Williams); 2. Team Galloway (Tori Thomas, Emylee Obregon, Lydia Aman, Kyler Eidemiller); 3. Team Shore (Kayla Carson, Toni Banda, Dara Gonzalez, Christina Almarez)

**Long jump** — 1. Talon Frelove, 13-2; Johnson, 13-0; 3.

Campos, 11-11

**Long jump** — 1. Lauren Craft, 10-3; 2. Destiny Long, 9-8½; 3. Lydia Aman, 9-6

**Shot put** — 1. Emileen Noblit, 19-2; 2. Stephanie Hurtado, 18-9; 3. Shelby Lee, 18-5

**Coed relay** — 1. Team Skeen (Destiny Long, Angel Cardenas, Katie Deal, Casey Hansen); 2. Team Galloway (Tori Thomas, Trey Lane, Emylee Obregon, Nathan Leslie); 3. Team Morris (Juliana Hart, Randy Herman, Kaylee Rupp, Cristian Padilla)

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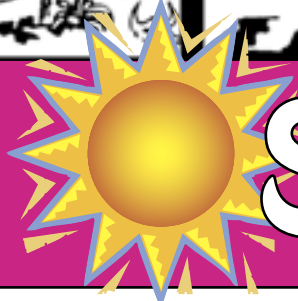
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