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Council commits land for airport

No timeline set for development progress

Fifteen days after it decided not to act because of a lack of information, the Homedale City Council voted to commit acreage to airport expansion Thursday.

Council president Dave

Downum voted against the move, which came without a written plan of development from airport businessmen or input from city engineer Fred Ostler.

"I think it's a good idea to give

some property to the airport, but we need some guidance from our engineer to ensure it benefits everybody best," Downum said.

"To randomly pick an amount of ground is not the way to go."

The city council voted to table the request for a commitment after discussion at its March 12 meeting. At the time, councilmen

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Agencies work together in Marsing

A Canyon County Sheriff's deputy talks to suspect Thomas Patanjo, right, as Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Bruce Cameron stands nearby after Wednesday afternoon's chase.

Suspected thieves nabbed

Brief chase across river ends under Marsing bridge

A Marsing man on probation for a drug-related conviction was arrested again Wednesday after Canyon County Sheriff's deputies chased him and two companions into Owyhee County.

Thomas James Patanjo, 20, of Marsing was taken into custody along with a female juvenile on suspicion of stealing irrigation pipe from a field near Locust Lane and Perch Road.

The pair was apprehended after leading Canyon deputies across

the Snake River and then trying to flee on foot after ditching a Chevrolet Corsica under the bridge at Marsing's Island Park.

"We found the girl in the weeds, and Thomas was hiding in a chicken house," Owyhee County Sheriff's Det. Jim Bish said.

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County takes step toward expanding its Murphy offices

Commissioners begin process of buying land from county employee

The sardine-can conditions inside the Owyhee County Courthouse cramp the style of everyone who works in the Murphy offices, so it's fitting that the board of commissioners has begun to seek a solution through someone who is in those offices each day.

"The courthouse is pretty cramped for the offices that are there," board chair Jerry Hoagland

At a recent meeting, county commissioners voted unanimously to buy nearly 1½ acres in Murphy for \$117,000 from Ronald and NaDean Goff. NaDean works in the county seat's Department of Motor Vehicles branch.

The Goffs' place is located at the corner of Idaho highway 78 and Pershal Street in Murphy, southeast of the existing county

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Rec leaders exploring Homedale tax district

Officers from Homedale Youth Sports Inc. and the Homedale City Council learned what it will take to form a recreation district Thursday night at a special

Middleton Recreation District

president Tim O'Meara, who has been on board with the Canyon County taxing entity since its inception in 1996, took folks through what is required to

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Homedale schools' financial future looks solid

Superintendent: No pressing need for new buildings; board of trustees revamps budget at April 14 meeting

Homedale School District superintendent Tim Rosandick painted a favorable financial outlook for the district as school trustees prepare to revise the fiscal year 2008 budget.

"It's a common practice," Rosandick said of the budget revision.

Now that firm numbers on the school year's revenue and enrollment are in, Rosandick said the school board will hold a meeting April 14 to adjust the budget for the remainder of the fiscal year, which runs through June 30.

"This time of year, we have a better handle on what our revenue is and what the school district's needs are." Rosandick said.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. April 14 at the district office, 116 E. Owvhee Ave.

Each year, school districts create what essentially are preliminary budgets using projections of staffing costs and revenue that will come from the state department of education. Revenue projections entail trying to guess what the coming year's enrollment and average daily attendance (ADA) numbers will be.

Each February, the district receives more concrete numbers on the assistance the state will send. The allocation is based on "support units" derived from the ADA figures.

Rosandick said the school board also uses the amount of funding from the state as a barometer for next year's budget.

"In a way, it kind of sets the table to begin work on the FY '09 budget," he said.

Rosandick doesn't expect many surprises in the April 14 budget meeting, which is part of the school board's regular monthly

One of the biggest concerns is having enough money for employee salary and benefits, which makes up about 85 percent of the district's budget.

"After a preliminary look this winter, it looks like we had done a reasonably good job of budgeting adequately for employment costs," Rosandick said.

The Idaho Legislature has increased the amount of money provided for salaries, but Rosandick said the fact that lawmakers only added 1 percent to the discretionary spending

portion of state assistance the money used for everything in a budget other than salaries - is out of touch with today's economic realities.

Among the line items falling under the discretionary spending umbrella: Fuel costs, health insurance and paper costs, just to name a few, Rosandick said.

"If you ask any business owner if the cost of doing business has only gone up 1 percent, he said that's unrealistic," Rosandick said. The Legislature has minimally attended to the other costs associated with operating

Despite inflation and a flattening of the financial boost coming from the state, the district's short-term outlook remains solid, Rosandick

And he reported few clouds in the school district's long-term financial forecast despite a recent report projecting that Homedale's population growth between 2005 and 2010 will only be between 1.1 percent and 1.8 percent.

Data from Denver-based BBC Research and Consulting's population growth projection study was discussed at the school board's March meeting.

In his board meeting summary memo posted on www. homedaleschools.org. Rosandick wrote that there was a potential for "fairly minimal" future growth.

"The board is very much interested in coming up with a long-range facility plan, and one hurdle we had to cross was what's going to happen in Homedale is it going to get bigger or smaller, are we going to have more kids or fewer?" Rosandick said.

While flat growth will affect potential state funding because of the risk that enrollment figures won't rise, the silver lining of the report shows that the school district probably won't have to worry about building new schools and can concentrate expenditures on upgrading and improving the three existing campuses.

Rosandick said the BBC Research and Consulting report can provide guidance for the school board on the fate of aging Homedale High School, which was built 67 years ago, as well as Homedale Elementary School and Homedale Middle School.

But the superintendent speculated that patrons won't have to worry about footing the bill for a replacement campus at any level any time soon.

"Before I retire from this school district, I don't think we will build a new facility," Rosandick said. "If there is an economic boon or some new manufacturing plant comes into the area, that would change dramatically."

The district will continue to upgrade and improve the existing facilities. Rosandick said, even though state law has put a crimp on the amount of money available for such repairs.

At its March meeting, the school board hired Design West Architects to draft plans for remodeling the girls locker room at the high school and for building a handicap restroom near the main gymnasium's foyer.

Rosandick said the handicap restroom is an upgrade and was not facilitated by any Americans with Disabilities Act deficiencies at the school.

"It's in our best interest to ensure that facility is available for use by all abilities," he said.

The school district will send out bid proposals later this month with a bid opening near the end of April. Construction is projected to begin in early June with an eye for completion in mid-August, Rosandick said.

The superintendent also said that while Design West is drawing up plans for both additions, the projects actually are separate.

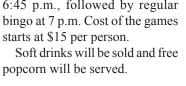
"Those two needs of a locker room for the girls and a handicapped bathroom have been lingering needs at that school that needed to be addressed.

"Given the future use of that school, it makes sense to do it

Marsing Lions bingo season finale set

The last Marsing Lions Club bingo fundraiser of the season will be held Saturday at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St.

The early bird game begins at 6:45 p.m., followed by regular bingo at 7 p.m. Cost of the games starts at \$15 per person.







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Marsing school district set to spend \$650K more than FY '07

The Marsing School District board of trustees will hold a public hearing Tuesday to analyze a revised budget that will reflect an increase of more than \$650,000 over the fiscal year 2008 budget proposed last year. More than \$500,000 of that increase is in maintenance and operation (M&O) funds.

The meeting takes place at 7:30 p.m. at the district office board room on 8th Avenue West.

The amended budget that the school board will study Monday is set at more than \$8.5 million, including more than \$5.6 million in M&O expenditures. The \$8.5 million budget for the fiscal year that ends on June 30 is about \$675,000 more than the district spent in FY 2007.

But the balance sheet also reflects that the district will receive about \$200,000 more in local and state M&O revenues than originally projected last summer. Other revenue projections, however, have turned out to be off by a total of about \$175,000.

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City addresses pedestrian safety

The Homedale City Council took measures Thursday to improve the safety of pedestrians crossing Idaho Avenue.

The council unanimously approved paying Idaho Power \$1,072 to install two streetlights and a pole on either end of City Park. The lights would illuminate the existing crosswalks most frequently used by Homedale High School students.

The city won't be able to install directional floodlights, but traditional streetlights will be used to shine light on the crosswalk at the intersection of East Idaho

Avenue and Industrial Road/3rd Street East. A pole and light will be installed at the Idaho Avenue-2nd Street East intersection.

The crosswalks repainted last year already have faded around City Park, but city public works supervisor Larry Bauer told the council Thursday that there is technology available that would prolong the life of the intersection markings and increase visibility.

Bauer said the city can "piggyback" a program from the Idaho Transportation Department to apply a thermal plastic laminate on crosswalks. He said the

laminate first would be applied at 1st Street East and 2nd Street East across Idaho Avenue.

Bauer also said that working through the state keeps material costs low — about \$240 for both crosswalks. He said the crosswalks would last between four and five years.

Vandalism subsides

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller reported that the frequency of spray-paint tags on walls and fences around town has subsided somewhat.

"We're kind of throwing all the keep kids off the sidewalks."

manpower we've got at it right now, and we'll keep digging away until we catch them," he said.

Eidemiller also addressed youths riding their bicycles on city sidewalks. When West Idaho Avenue businessman Del Motz pointed out his frustration at bicyclists whizzing by his businesses, Eidemiller pointed out that city ordinance prohibits the riding of bicycles on sidewalks.

Mayor Harold Wilson also pointed out that School Resource Officer Mike McFetridge could spread the word at the schools to

HHS junior class plans fundraiser

The Homedale High School Class of 2009 will hold a Bingo and Baked Potato Fundraiser from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday inside the high school cafeteria.

Members of the school's junior class will be selling baked potatoes with all of the trimmings, drinks and cinnamon twists.

Bingo cards will be sold on a per-card, per-game basis. Prizes will be available for winners.

Proceeds from the event will be used for senior-year activities and the drug-free all-night party held after graduation next year.

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$\sqrt{\text{District:}}$ Middleton rec supervisor says get measure on ballot this year

meeting.

And O'Meara told the HYS group, which included president Shane Brown and treasurer Brad Dines among others, that it is possible to get the taxing district initiative on the ballot in time for the November election.

The process begins with defining the boundaries of the district and drafting a petition that must be signed by 20 percent of the eligible voters in the prospective district.

O'Meara urged HYS to start the petition drive as early as this week to ensure a Nov. 4 election. According to the election calendar on the Idaho Secretary of State's Web site, May 1 is the deadline to get initiative petitions to the Owyhee County Clerk's office in Murphy for signature verification and to begin the process to consider the initiative for this fall's general election. O'Meara said piggybacking with the general election could

create a taxing district during the save district supporters some expenses.

> A simple majority of 50 percent plus one vote is necessary to form a new taxing district, O'Meara

> O'Meara also suggested that the group build the district on a mil levy at the maximum rate of .06 cents per \$100,000 of property value in the district. He also said more money could be saved if the group used existing fire or school district lines to establish the rec district, rather than shelling out money to draw a new district.

Dines said that a district using the boundaries of the Homedale School District has a net market value of \$252 million, which would bring in \$151,000 in annual revenue.

O'Meara also stressed that HYS would be a standalone organization and cannot be affiliated with any recreation district. Also, he made clear that the rec district would have to serve more than just youth sports.

He said all ages must benefit from the district's services.

He also said that once a district is formed, the appointed board of commissioners can work with the City of Homedale for an agreement involving Sundance

But, O'Meara told Brown that the district won't have to take over every existing park- and recreation-related structure in the district boundaries. Brown was concerned about any potential district being forced to take over Homedale's troubled swimming pool.

"This would make a better situation for youth in the long run," councilman Tim Downing said. "It would mean better equipment in the parks and it would make sports programs more affordable.

"I can see it's going to take some work and effort to do it, but it'll be worth it."



Rec president offers advice

Middleton Recreation District president Tim O'Meara outlines what it takes to kick off a recreation taxing district election as board members of Homedale Youth Sports Inc., listen Thursday during a special meeting of the Homedale City Council.





"I would like to endorse Sheriff Gary Aman for Owyhee County Sheriff. I have known and worked with Gary for many years and I have the utmost trust in his abilities and in his dedication to the people of Owyhee County. The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office and the Nampa Police Department enjoy a great working relationship."

Chief Bill Augsburger, Nampa Police Department

"If it isn't broke, don't try to fix it; law enforcement valley wide has benefited from Sheriff Gary Aman's leadership and cooperation. Let's keep him in office and continue our fight against crime together."

Chief Chris Allgood, Caldwell Police Department



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County: More space would relieve office congestion

offices. According to minutes from the March 17 commissioners meeting, county Prosecuting Attorney Matthew Faulks has been directed to draft a purchase agreement for the Goffs' property, which consists of eight city lots, according to county Assessor Brett Endicott.

Hoagland expects Faulks to present the purchase agreement for review during Monday's upcoming commissioners meeting. The board didn't meet this week because members only hold four weekly meetings a month and there were five Mondays in March.

The parcel fronts Idaho 78. The post office and another private residence stand between the Goff property and the courthouse.

An actual new building in Murphy is still several years away, but County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn said that the commissioners decided that even using the land to relieve vehicle congestion would make the transaction a wise move.

According to NaDean Goff, the lots are divided by an alley that never has been vacated, so it would give the county access to the courthouse and the annex, which are west of the land. That setup also would provide an opportunity for additional parking.

We are very short of parking on heavy court days, and the board felt that even if we just used it for parking it would be a good idea to acquire the property," Sherburn said.

The money for the purchase would come from the county's PILT Trust, which is funded by federal Payments in Lieu of Taxes monies. Sherburn said. The commissioners earlier this year dedicated \$250,000 from the fund to buy the old Owyhee Conservation District building in Marsing to get more room for DMV and sheriff satellite

Sherburn said the Trust, which was created in October 2002, holds more than \$1.2 million right now.

"There is quite a bit, but there is still not enough to actually construct the (new Murphy building)," Hoagland said of the trust fund. "We're a long ways from constructing the building."

Other needs that must be met by the PILT Fund include courthouse improvements and upgrades, such as a renovation of the courthouse entrance to accommodate a needed security system, Sherburn said.

Other courthouse plans include building conference rooms to allow clients to confer with their attorneys. Sherburn said such meetings now take place in the courthouse lobby.

There are no immediate plans to build on the property, but Hoagland said the land could be used for expansion of county offices in the future.

"We've been talking about it amongst ourselves about needing to expand somewhere in the Murphy area," Hoagland said. "We have approached a couple

different places on where to expand. This place has come up, and we decided to make an offer."

Hoagland said the purchase is part of the overall plan to move offices for the clerk, assessor, treasurer. Planning and Zoning and Building departments and commissioners out of the courthouse and annex, which would allow more room for the judicial branch.

"The idea is to get things more centralized," Hoagland said. "When we have Planning and Zoning hearings, we have to schedule around the court schedule."

Many times, P&Z commission hearings have been held inside the annex building, which actually holds offices for the Planning and Zoning and Building departments.

Sherburn said that even commission meetings sometimes have to be held inside the annex when both magistrate and district court is in session because there are only two courtrooms.

Sherburn welcomes the opportunity to move her workspace out of the courthouse, which Hoagland said was built in 1934.

"We are very crowded in the clerk's office," she said. "I would very much appreciate having an office. The treasurer (Brenda Richards) also has a need for an office."

The Goffs are familiar with the space issues inside the county offices. NaDean is a veteran employee of the DMV office.

"It's kind of a good location because it's really close to the existing courthouse, and working as long as I have with the county, I know that the county needs all the help it can get," she said, adding that she and her husband only are asking market value for the property.

NaDean also said she sympathizes with fellow county workers who have little room in their offices.

"It's almost like I'm in a cubicle even though I'm in a little room," she said. "There's nowhere to go unless you build or get more land."

NaDean said she and her husband plan to move from Murphy when she retires from her county job in five years. Although the purchase agreement hasn't been drafted yet, Hoagland said the deal probably would include a stipulation allowing the Goffs to lease their house until they are ready to leave town.

The property used to be the home to a former magistrate judge, NaDean said, adding she and her husband have lived in the house since 1981.

— JPB

Minister raises money for MDA

Snake River Valley Fellowship minister Robert Cooperstein has joined the fight against muscular dystrophy.

Cooperstein, whose ministry serves the Homedale area, has signed up for the Muscular Dystrophy Association's Nampa/ Caldwell Lock Up, and is looking for pledges for the cause.

He has until April 10 to meet his goal of \$1,600.

To learn more about Cooperstein's efforts or to donate, visit https://www.mdaevent.org/ ParticipantInfo.aspx?j=5f99da90-3bff-4a2e-8e0d-a81b2812a5fe

MDA serves people with neuromuscular disease by providing clinics, support groups, assistance with the purchase and repair of wheelchairs, braces and communication devices, and summer camp for kids. MDA also funds research grants to help find treatments and cures for some 43 neuromuscular diseases that affect people of all ages.

Correction

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney candidate Douglas Emery spoke directly with a person in the Secretary of State's office before filing his nomination petition, not with Secretary of State Ben Ysursa as was reported in March 26 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche.

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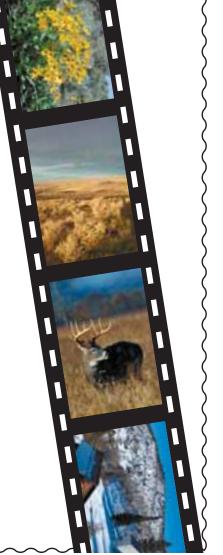
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Nabbed: Second Owyhee man turns himself in to Canyon authorities

According to the Canyon County Web site, Patanjo was booked into jail on two counts of petit theft and one count of resisting an officer.

Patanjo is on two years' probation in Owyhee County after pleading guilty to misdemeanor drug possession Aug. 10 in district court.

He was originally charged with a felony drug manufacturing charge when authorities found marijuana plants and equipment used in the cultivation of the drug

inside his residence upon his arrest in March 2007. Patanjo had 160 days of a six-month jail sentence suspended when he pleaded guilty in August.

During Wednesday's incident, Bish said three suspects exited the car and ran toward the Sandbar Restaurant. Thomas Patanjo — resulting in the dis-

The third suspect, later identified by Bish as Shane Garoutte, eluded authorities.

Bish said that Garoutte subsequently turned himself in, and a check with Canyon County Jail officials confirmed he had been in custody but was out of jail by Friday afternoon.

Bish and Owyhee County Chief Deputy Bruce Cameron, along with Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller and Officer Atanacio Montes assisted in the search for the suspects once they crossed into Owyhee County. A Canyon County K-9 unit also was uti-

Wednesday's pursuit began when the trio of suspects allegedly stole aluminum siphon tubes during a daylight raid on a Canyon County farm. Bish said the victim followed the culprits in his pickup and remained in contact with responding CCSO deputies to give them updates on the location of the suspects.

"They just went out and spotted a farmer's siphon tubes and started loading them up and took off," Bish said.

A search of the suspects' car turned up a pile of coated copper wire and a couple of car batteries in the trunk. Bish said that after stripping the plastic coating, thieves sell the wire to scrap yards for cash; the same goes for recycling old batteries. Bish said copper wire is bringing \$3 to \$4

> a pound from scrap dealers, and that thieves are taking wire off irrigation pivots, among other places.

> "They don't work, and that's how they make their money, no matter what they use it for," Bish said.

Several wire thefts

appearance of several thousand pounds of copper — have been reported in the county in recent months, including three in the past three weeks. Bish said some arrests have been made while other thefts are still under investigation. Authorities do have suspects, the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office veteran said.

The phenomenon is not unique to Owyhee County or even Idaho.

"This isn't something we're working alone," Bish said. "I'm working daily with Canyon County, Ada County and surrounding agencies. It's a work in progress."

While siphon tube thefts are nothing new to authorities, Bish said that law enforcement officials expect a spike in the crimes with irrigation season approach-

The detective said thieves are



Wiring, batteries found in trunk

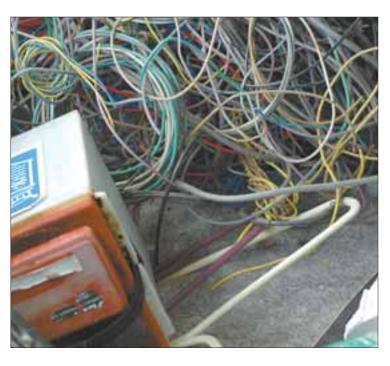
Owyhee County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Bruce Cameron examines the contents of the trunk of a Chevrolet Corsica that Canyon County Sheriff's deputies chased into Marsing on Wednesday. The occupants of the car are suspected of stealing wiring and car batteries that they would sell for cash, according to Owyhee County Sheriff's Det. Jim Bish.

more active and bold because aluminum prices are high. So is opportunity because irrigators have brought siphon tubes out of storage in preparation for the watering season, which water officials have said could start on April 14 in the Homedale-Marsing area.

Bish said it's nearly impossible to re-connect stolen property with its owners because there are no ownership markings on the equipment and thieves cut the copper wire into smaller lengths before selling it to scrap yards.

"It's hard to prove, unless you catch them with it like today," Bish said. "It was a pretty brazen daylight deal."

— JPB



Airport: Leases may have to be reworked to gain access to seven acres

Eino Hendrickson and Aaron development. Tines said more time was needed, and Hendrickson expressed reservations because there was no concrete idea how much it would cost to develop the ground for the construction of hangars.

But Hendrickson and Tines joined Tim Downing in voting to commit 3 1/2 acres to airport development after airport development committee spokesman Ed Leavitt addressed the council Thursday. Although the council discussed setting a time limit for airport interests to show progress in development, no timeframe was stipulated in the final vote.

Before he voted for designation, Hendrickson voiced his concern about committing land without any idea of how the airport interests would proceed with

notion that we'll do nothing else with (the land), but we still need to know how much it'll cost to level the ground," Hendrickson said, with Downing concurring.

Hendrickson even questioned the reality of building 40 hangars in Homedale, which is the ultimate vision for the airport development committee.

"In all reality, Nampa doesn't even have as many hangars as you're talking about putting down there," he told Leavitt.

Tines said he voted for the commitment to give the airport businessmen an opportunity to analyzed the needs for development.

"I, of course, cannot speak for the whole council, but my reasoning behind my vote is to be have to expand on," Tines said. "I believe that there will be planning processes so that all can have their input relayed as far as needs and limitations. It is hard for them to do any planning without knowing how much room is available."

Leavitt, a Homedale resident and businessman who wants to build a hangar at the airport, has served as spokesman for the airport interests in each of the past two council meetings.

On Thursday, he told councilmen that the seven acres had been surveyed and staked, but there had been no word on how much it would cost to level the land in preparation for development.

When Downing expressed concern that the city didn't have the money to pay for leveling

able to give them room to expand of any new airport land, Leavitt runway." "I have no problem with the and know how much room they suggested that the city require the infrastructure costs, such as leveling, be paid by those who want to build hangars on the

"I don't think there would be any big cost on the part of the lessor," Leavitt said.

Leavitt also brought to the council's attention that the acreage proposed for new hangars is landlocked, which would require the establishment of right-of-way through existing airport properties to build a taxiway from the 3 1/2 acres to the runway at the Homedale Municipal Airport.

"If the land is approved for expansion, you'd have to go into the old leases," Leavitt said. "Right now, there is no way to get aircraft from the land to the

But there seemed to be little concern about the possible roadblock to development. Leavitt and city public works supervisor Larry Bauer both said that John Rogers, one of the two lessees with land suitable for easements, seems acceptable to reworking his lease.

Leavitt said it was imperative that the city give some type of designation to at least a portion of the seven-acre parcel that has been a source of controversy since Homedale bought it from the state two years ago.

"We as an airport committee can't do anything unless you are willing to step up and listen to what we have to say," Leavitt

— JPB

Births

Taven Boyd Elias Burright

Taven Boyd Elias Burright was born to Jake and Raycal Burright of Homedale on Feb. 29, 2009. He weighed in at 9 pounds, 5 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Elias and Tamra Garcia of Homedale and Kurt Hulse of Homedale. Great grandparents are Boyd and Betty Eoff of Homedale.

Paternal grandparents are Lois Buck of Emmett and Denny Burright of Wilder. Great grandparents are Boyd and Eileen Henry of Caldwell.

Taven joins two sisters, Kennedee and Ashlyn.



Taven Boyd Elias Burright

Emma Nicole Irene Eoff

Duane and Lacey Eoff, formerly of Homedale, are the proud parents of a little girl, Emma Nicole Irene Eoff.

She was born on March 26, 2008, and weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Kenny

and Debbi Lunsford of Melba.

Paternal grandparents are Kelly Eoff of Homedale and Jerry and Connie Nikelson of Caldwell.

Great grandparents are Boyd and Betty Eoff of Homedale and Lawrence and Marjie Baldwin of Caldwell.

Matthew Cruz Sheley

Matthew Cruz Sheley was born to Matthew and Heather Sheley of Homedale on March 21, 2008. He weight 7 pounds, 9 ounces and measured 20 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Rudy Garcia and JoAnn Redburn of Homedale and Todd and Kathy Redburn of St. Louis, Mo. Great grandparents are Boyd and Betty Eoff of Homedale and Irvin and Patricia Redburn of St. Louis, Mo.

Paternal grandparents are Debbie and Tim Longhofer of Homedale and Marvin and Shannon Sheley of Wilder. Great grandmothers are Mary Vera of Ceres, Calif., and Della Sheley of Salida, Calif.



Matthew Cruz Sheley

Matthew is joined by a brother, Noah, and two sisters, Destiney and Madeline.



Lisa Wright @ AT&T Cel # 250-9463 or

Amber @ AT&T cel # 965-1611

Bath melts

* Bath Fizzies

School menus

Homedale Elementary

April 2: Crispito or toasted cheese sandwich, taco salad, churro, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

April 3: Spaghetti or pizza hot pocket, French bread, green beans, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

April 4: Ham/cheese or turkey sandwich, yogurt, potato chips, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

April 7: Wiener wrap or chicken bacon melt, mac & cheese, green beans, rice krispy bar, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

April 8: Beef or chicken taco, corn, fruit & veggie bar, milk. April 9: Chicken patty or rib-b-que, potato wedges, applesauce cake, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Homedale Middle

April 2: Enchilada or chicken & noodles, corn, turnover, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

April 3: Lasagna or pizza hot pocket, green beans, bread stick, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

April 4: Pizza or popcorn chicken, salad, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

April 7: Chicken patty or rib-b-que, tots, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

April 8: Fish nuggets or mini corn dogs, rice, brownie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

April 9: Crispito or toasted cheese sandwich, taco salad, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Homedale High

April 2: Lasagna, burrito, or pizza hot pocket, French bread, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

April 3: Chicken patty or hamburger, potato wedges, sherbet cup, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

April 4: Chicken taco or French dip sandwich, corn, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

April 7: Cheese pizza, nachos, or chef salad, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

April 8: Chicken nuggets or egg roll, rice pilaf, green beans, fortune cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

April 9: Idaho haystack, burrito or pizza hot pocket, cinnamon roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Marsing

April 2: Red Baron pizza, salad, fruit, milk, Chinese egg roll, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.

April 3: Corn dog, fruit, veggie, milk, tostada, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.

April 4: Sloppy Joe, fruit jello, veggie, milk, chicken patty, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.

April 7: Hamburger, fruit, potato wedges, milk, French dip, salad bar 4^{th} - 12^{th} , roll.

April 8: Ham/cheese sandwich, fruit, milk, cf steak, salad bar 4th-12th, cinnamon twist.

April 9: Taco, fruit, veggie, milk, Red Baron pizza, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.

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Daryl Crandall for Owyhee County Sheriff.

Paid for by Crandall for Sheriff, Merleen Johns, Political Treasurer.

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Death notices

BADEN EUGENE CRAWFORD, 75, of Murphy, died Wednesday, March 26, 2008, at home. Private services were held at Nampa Funeral Home, Yraguen Chapel.

REED D. LARSEN, 93, of Homedale died Friday, March 28, 2008, at a Homedale care center. Arrangements are pending with Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale.

Senior menu

Homedale center

April 2: Chicken & noodles, broccoli beet salad, roll, beverage.

April 3: Spaghetti & sausage, salad, roll, beverage.

April 8: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, peas, gravy, roll, beverage

April 9: Baked fish, macaroni & cheese, carrots, roll, beverage

El-Ada offers aid to agencies

The El-Ada Community Action Partnership has received \$2,693 in federal assistance funds to aid emergency food and shelter programs in Owyhee County. The funds are Owyhee County's portion of the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program, which is administered by the United Way of America.

Public or private organizations with a demonstrated capability to administer emergency food and/ or shelter programs in Owyhee County, with an accounting system in place and non-discriminatory aid distribution programs are eligible to apply for a portion of the funds. Private voluntary organizations must also have a voluntary board of directors to be eligible for funding.

Interested aid organizations can apply for assistance by contacting El-Ada's Owyhee County coordinator, Jan Clapier, by April 15.

El-Ada's Owyhee County office is located at 15 W. Colorado Ave. in Homedale, and Clapier's office telephone number is (208) 337-4812.

A board of local representatives will determine the distribution of funds among qualified entities applying for assistance.

The Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program has operated since 1983 as a joint effort between public and private sector aid organizations.

The program has distributed over \$3 billion in the past 25 years

Your finances

Never wait to put dent in your debt

Dear Dave,

I'm a senior in college, and I'll be doing my student teaching next semester. The tuition for student teaching has dropped, so I just got a \$2,300 refund on my university loan. An economics professor told me I should invest the money in the stock market, let it grow and then use it to pay off my student loan. What do you think?

— Brett

Dear Brett,

That's really bad advice, especially coming from an economics teacher. You should never invest money in the stock market unless you're going to stick it in there and leave it alone for at least five years. The market is just too volatile to play around like that for a shorter period of time.

Now, the stock market is a great place to invest over the long haul. But I don't want you stay in student loan debt for five years or more. I want you to get out of school, get your teaching career in gear and get this loan paid off as fast as you can.

If I were, you, Brett, I'd apply this money directly to the student loan principal now. If you stick it in your checking or savings account you'll probably end up blowing it on something you'll wish later you hadn't bought in the first place!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

How do you save up cash to buy a commercial building without getting killed by taxes? Our accountant keeps telling us that's what's going to happen if we just let the money we're saving sit there, instead of borrowing to make the purchase. What do you think?

Dear Jill,

I think I've got two words for your accountant — you're fired! If you buy a building, you're going to get killed with taxes. You can depreciate the building and even write off the interest, but none of this creates a tax-free situation. This is America. If you make a profit, you get taxed.

Sure, you're going to get taxed on the money as you save up to buy a building. But here's the situation. If you pay out \$10,000 a month in interest, that's \$120,000 a year. If you write off the interest, it's only going to save you about \$30,000 in taxes. A \$120,000 tax deduction doesn't save you \$120,000 in taxes. It only saves you the taxes ON the \$120,000.

Saving up to buy the building is a great idea, Jill. Going into debt just to get a tax deduction is a really bad idea!

— Dave



Dear Dave,

Is there anything wrong with buying large-ticket items using 12 months same as cash financing? It seems like an easy way to buy expensive items. You use their money, and if you pay it off early or on time you'll incur no fees or interest.

— Bud

Dear Bud,

Bad idea! To start with, 12 months is not the same as cash. If I walk into a store with cash up front I'll get a better deal than you will. It's called negotiating, and that doesn't happen when you just sign up for their deal.

Let's say you're buying \$2,000 worth of stuff. If you've got \$2,000 sitting in a savings account for 12 months making 4 percent, you're looking at about \$80. We're not talking about a bunch of money here. Do you think I can walk in and negotiate at least \$80 off the price? You bet I can!

Here's another problem. What if that company messes up on one little thing? What if they record a payment wrong and it ends up being late? They'll back charge you through the entire period at finance company rates, that's what. I'm talking 24 to 38 percent! And this is even if YOU do everything right and abide by all the terms.

Stay away from snakes, Bud, and you won't have to worry about being bitten!

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is the bestselling author of The Total Money Makeover. He also is the host of The Dave Ramsey Show that airs at 6 p.m. daily on the Fox Business Channel. You can find tools to help with finances or previous columns at Davesays. org. For more financial advice, visit the Web site or call (888) 22-PEACE. Have a question for Dave? Send correspondence to syndication@daveramsey.com or write Dave \$ays, 1749 Mallory Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027



Calendar

Today

Owyhee Sagehens meeting

1 p.m., Wilson Schoolhouse, Idaho state highway

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

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale. (208) 482-6893

Homedale Rod and Gun Club meeting

7 p.m., Owyhee Lanes Restaurant, 18 N. 1st St. E., Homedale. (208) 463-4383

AA meeting

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

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

Tuesday

Exercise class

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

Storytime for first- through third-graders

4:20 p.m., Lizard Butte Public Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Pure Word recovery meeting

7 p.m., Snake River Valley Fellowship, 20 E. Oregon Ave, Homedale. (208) 475-3733

AA meeting

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

Wednesday

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 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (541) 372-5782

Thursday, April 10

El-Ada 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

Homedale Chamber of Commerce luncheon

noon, Owyhee Lanes Restaurant, 18 W. 1st St. (208) 337 - 3271

Owyhee Garden Club meeting

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

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale. (208) 482-6893

Adrian school board meeting

7 p.m., Adrian School Library

Owyhee County Fair Board meeting

8 p.m., county fairgrounds, Homedale. (208) 337-4575

AA meeting

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

Owyhee Conservation District board meeting

8 p.m., 250 N. Old Bruneau Highway, Marsing. (208) 896-4544

Friday, April 11

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, April 14

Homedale School District Board of Trustees meeting

7 p.m., district office board room, 116 E. Owyhee

Melba School District Board of Trustees

4 p.m., district office board room, 600 Broadway Ave.

Submit information on upcoming fundraisers, meetings, 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 jbrowneditor@cableone.net. For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.

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Former P&Z commissioner named to energy panel

County rancher allowed to graze Elephant Butte again

A former Owyhee County Planning and Zoning commissioner has been named the new chairman of the county's energy task force.

The Board of Commissioners tabbed Sid Erwin to replace Joe Weatherby as energy committee chair during its March 24 meeting in Murphy. The commissioners also thanked Weatherby, himself a former P&Z commissioner, for his efforts in exploring energy options for the county while on the task force.

Weatherby chaired the committee while it devised the county's energy plan — the first of its kind in Idaho — and also produced a two-day energy summit in Homedale.

In other commission news:

The commission also approved an agreement to allow grazing on property

purchased by the county on Elephant Butte. The land is designated as the future site of a county landfill. Rancher Ted Blackstock held grazing permits with the Bureau of Land Management, the land's former owner. The commissioners voted to allow Blackstock to continue his lease of 52 animal units per month at the same price, \$1.35 per AUM. Blackstock will make annual lease payments to Owyhee County.

The board voted to award a contract to Shewey and Associates to perform an appraisal of the county's hazardous waste disposal site operated by US Ecology Idaho, Inc. The appraisal of the site, located between Oreana and Grand View, will cost the county \$5,500.

The commissioners also voted to have vegetation growing around the county courthouse in Murphy removed, as it constitutes a fire hazard.

The commission also appointed developer Jerry Dickerson to the county's Development Impact Committee, which

acts in an advisory role to the commission regarding county development fees.

During its March 17 meeting, the commissioners voted unanimously to send a letter to Sen. Larry Craig (R-Idaho) regarding the proposal by Owen Ornsdorf of Junayo Ranches to construct five small earthen dams on BLM land. The dams would create ponds within the BLM's Macks Creek Cooperative Wildlife Habitat-Farming Area and the nearby Little Alkali Creek drainage. The project's purpose is to create wildlife habitat in the area.

The letter is intended to inform Senator Craig of the county's opposition to the project. The commissioners wish to express their concern that the Senator might be unaware of the potential negative impact on residents in the vicinity of the proposed project, and that the Senator appears to be in favor of a project that some constituents do not support.

The project is located within the BLM's Tyson fenced federal range grazing allotment. A BLM report on the project

states that, among other impacts, the project has "the potential to permanently alter the natural hydrology and stream functions" in the area, and that soluble salt concentrations due to the continued wetting and drying of the proposed ponds will eventually negatively impact vegetation in the area and could result in the salinization of pastures irrigated with water from the ponds

The commission also opened the one bid received on pre-cast bridges at Lone Tree and Whiskey Creek on Juniper Mountain Road. The bid, from Amcor Oldcastle Precast for \$74,578, was considerably higher than the cost anticipated by the board, according to commission chairman Jerry Hoagland. Hoagland said that because the bid exceeded the board's cost expectations, the project was tabled, and the board is re-evaluating the county's options for completing the project. Hoagland added that the current bridges are fully functional, and there is no danger to anyone crossing them.

— RTH

Emmett contractor builds Homedale LDS pavilion









Homedale church adds pavilion

Left: Talon Borge, left, and Blair Oram of Emmett-based Caliber Construction trim plywood Friday during construction of a picnic pavilion at the Homedale LDS church on West Idaho Avenue. Above: Oram, who owns Caliber Construction, said the 36-foot-by-64-foot shelter should be completed sometime in April. Below: One week of progress is reflected with a facade for the pavilion.



County clerk prepares for primary

Owyhee County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn is urging folks to register early for the May 27 primary elections.

The last day to register for the primary election is May 2. Registration will be available on Election Day, but prospective voters must fill out a registration card and provide proof of residency at their respective polling places.

Sherburn also urged absentee voting.

"Having the ballot before the voter many weeks before the actual election day will provide them the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the names of all the candidates for all of the offices, and research the platforms of those they are not familiar with." Sherburn said.

She also said absentee ballots give voters the opportunity to make their choices in the comfort of their own homes and take their time filling out the ballot. Absentee voting also eliminates the need to travel to polling locations and eases lines at voting precincts, not to mention saves money with fuel prices rising weekly, she said.

Voters have until 5 p.m. May 21 to request an absentee ballot by mail. Sherburn said that after

that date the clerk's office cannot guarantee voters will receive a ballot in ample time to vote it and return it to the clerk's office by the close of the polls at 8 p.m. on May 27. Walk-in absentee ballots will be available at the clerk's office after the May 21 deadline, but voters will be required to fill out the ballot in the office.

The deadline to obtain an absentee ballot in person is the day before the primary and general elections (May 26 and Nov. 3, respectively).

The clerk's office is open in Murphy from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Sherburn said that the clerk's office even will be open for half a day on Memorial Day because it falls on May 26, the eve of the May 27 election. The office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to noon on May 26 for absentee voting.

Sherburn said absentee ballots will hit the mail this week. The ballots cannot be turned in at voting precincts on Election Day. Absentee ballots that are returned to polling places will be invalidated.

Those applying for an absentee ballot must use their full legal name and list their physical address and mailing address, if applicable. Those requesting an absentee ballot in the primary will automatically receive a general election ballot as long as they check the appropriate box on the request form, Sherburn said.

The Pleasant Valley, Riddle and Three Creek voting precincts are designated as mail ballot precincts, and residents in those areas will receive ballots for the primary and general elections 24 days prior to the dates of each election. If residents of voting age in those three precincts have not registered prior to May 2, they will be required to come to the courthouse in Murphy on Election Day and register if they want to participate in the election process.

Voter registration forms and request for absentee ballot forms are available at www. owyheecounty.net through a link to the Secretary of State's Web site. Forms can be downloaded, filled out and mailed to the Owyhee County Clerk, P.O. Box 128, Murphy, ID 83650.

For more information, contact the clerk's office at (208) 495-2421 or (208) 495-2806.

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Commissioner cited after non-injury accident on Idaho 78

Owyhee County commissioner Dick Freund was cited for a solid-line passing infraction

March 21 in an incident that involved an auto accident, according to the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office and court records.

The accident occurred near milepost 25 on Idaho highway 78.

Sheriff's Det. Jim Bish

described the incident as "a very low-speed Dick Fre crash," and said that no one was injured and there was very little property damage as a result of the

accident. Bish said the accident occurred when a vehicle ahead of Freund turned left as Freund attempted to pass.

"Freund was passing a vehicle

that was allegedly signaling to turn right," Bish said. "As he passed, the vehicle turned left in front of him."

According to Bish, the other driver involved in the crash claimed that a left turn was being signaled, while Freund claimed the vehicle was signaling for a right turn.

"It's a case of he said, she said," Bish said. "Who is right? We don't

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The section of road where the accident took place is in a no passing zone, and Freund was assessed a fine of \$33.50 and court costs of \$41.50 for a total of \$75 for the infraction.

— RTH

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Candidates file for Bruneau library district election

Only two people filed to join the race for two open seats on the Bruneau Valley Library District board of directors by the filing deadline on March 21.

Write-in candidates for a twoyear term and a five-year term have until May 2 to file paperwork with library district clerk Ginny Roeder.

Liz Ogg, who was appointed to

fill a vacancy last year, has registered to run for the two-year term, while Denise Stewart was the only person to file candidacy papers for the five-year term.

If no one else files for the election by 5 p.m. on May 2, no election will be held.

The election is scheduled for May 27 at the library, 32073 Ruth St., in Bruneau.

Burning call lands man in county jail

Alerted by a call of something and parole department. burning on Idaho highway 19, law

Martin Guy Miller west of Homedale on numerous charges, including felony possession of burglary tools.

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller discovered Miller, 49, allegedly trying to burn plastic coating off copper wire when he responded to a call of something burning.

Owyhee County Sheriff's personnel also responded and took Miller into custody on the burglary tools charge as well as suspicion of petit theft by possession, carrying a concealed weapon and on a warrant from the probation

Owyhee County Sheriff's Det.

> was not related to the arrests of two Owyhee County adults and a juvenile Wednesday on suspicion of stealing irrigation siphon tubing and wiring.

> Miller was booked into Owyhee County Jail in Murphy. Bish said he was later transported by Marsing Ambulance to

Mercy Medical Center in Nampa after complaining of dizziness, swollen arms, hands and feet, according to dispatch records.

Bish said Canyon County authorities took custody of Miller because he is a suspect in numerous thefts in Canyon County.



Martin Miller

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Legislation could limit county windfall from IEC

New state law designed to attract French firm also could apply to \$4.5 billion nuclear plant

A new law may limit the amount of property tax revenue Owyhee County will see if the Idaho Energy Complex nuclear power plant.

House Bill 562, which was signed into law by Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter on March 24, caps the property tax obligation at \$400 million for any business that invests \$1 billion or more in new construction.

Although the bill was passed to create incentive to convince Areva — a French nuclear power company — to build a uranium enrichment plant in eastern Idaho, the law also seemingly would benefit IEC. Developers of the 1,600-megawatt power plant proposed for Bruneau have put the value of the project at \$4.5 billion, which would qualify under the

Owyhee County's delegation in the state House of Representatives was split on the bill. State Sen. Tom Gannon (R-Buhl) missed the Senate vote on March 17 with an excused absence.

District 23A Rep. Jim Patrick (R-Twin Falls) voted against the bill in the House's 41-27-2 vote on March 5 that sent the bill to the Senate. District 23B Rep. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson) was in favor.

"The reason for this bill was basically to give an incentive to one company to come into Eastern Idaho, and the way it was written it was to fit that company," Patrick said. "My concern was it was for one industry and wasn't refined to fit everyone."

Patrick also said that the law would force homegrown Micron to invest \$1 billion in any new venture to receive tax breaks. Right now, Micron is eligible for tax breaks with an \$800 million

Patrick, who like Brackett and Gannon, is up for re-election this year, also said he voted against the bill out of safety concerns.

"Part of my reasoning also was the type of business Areva was in," he said. "Processing radioactive material over the aquifer didn't seem really smart. But I was assured that it is safe."

While most laws passed during the 2008 legislative session won't go into effect until July 1, an "emergency" clause in HB 562 made its governance retroactive to the first of the year.

Although he voted in opposition, Patrick said that even a \$400 million property tax windfall would be a boon for a county.

"If you get it in a community, \$400 million would be a good tax base," he said. "(The exemption) is not going to hurt a community because it's still a good tax base."

And, at least in the case of a power-producing company as IEC is proposed to be, Patrick said there are other ways to get revenue from the plant, such as power generation fees that would be paid both to the state and Owyhee County.

Marsing resident Joe Weatherby, who as chair of the Owyhee County Energy Committee helped draft the county's Energy Plan, opposed the bill.

The Owyhee County Board of Commissioners appointed Sid Erwin to replace Weatherby as chair of the energy committee at its March 24 meeting.

Weatherby said the tax break that IEC apparently would receive goes against the company's assertion that it would help pay for increased county infrastructure needs through its tax bills.

"It's disingenuous to say on the one hand, 'Yeah, we're going to do all these wonderful things for the county,' and on the other go to the Legislature and prevent that from happening," Weatherby

Weatherby said it was easy to draw a connection between the bill's primary beneficiary — Areva — and IEC, whose chief

'If you get it in a community, \$400 million would be a good tax base. (The exemption) is not going to hurt a community because it's still a good tax base.'

— Rep. Jim Patrick R-Twin Falls

executive is Don Gillispie.

"I cannot say that Don Gillispie is there, but I find it hard to believe that Areva came and arranged this House Bill 562 without Don Gillispie's involvement and sidestepped all the taxes for the first seven to 10 years," Weatherby said.

Areva designs and builds the "dry-cooling" reactor that IEC has proposed to use in its nuclear power plant.

Idaho Energy Complex, through spokesman Martin Johncox, declined a request for comment from The Owyhee Avalanche.

The law requires that the property owner invest \$1 billion within the first seven years of obtaining a building permit. IEC has said it will submit a combined operating license application with the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission later this year with an eye toward starting construction in 2011. The total value of the investment mustn't come solely from construction, according to

Drawing a parallel to the aborted MidAmerican Energy Co.'s venture to build a nuclear plant in Payette, Patrick voice skepticism about the viability of the IEC project.

"As far as the plant in Owyhee County, this company doesn't have the same resources, and I just have a feeling that maybe it's not going to happen," Patrick said.



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Regional health official to talk about fluoride in Givens water

Residents can learn more about the safety of their well water today when a Southwest District Health Department representative addresses a county civic group.

Jami Delmore, SWDH's public drinking water specialist, has been invited to address contaminants in well water during a 1 p.m. meeting of the Owyhee County Sage Hens at the Wilson Schoolhouse off Idaho highway 78.

"What I basically do is talk on groundwater: What to worry about and how to get things tested," Delmore said. "With private water supplies, there's no regulation."

SWDH officials say that there long has been an issue with fluoride in the well water in the

"The plan is to talk a little bit about the other things that we occasionally and commonly find in the area - nitrate and occasionally arsenic," Delmore said. "Fluoride has been a problem in Givens and Bruneau."

The Bruneau community completed an expensive threestage water system improvement project last year to install a reverse osmosis filtration unit — among other upgrades — to clean up its water. Marsing's drawn-out municipal water improvement project also is tied to arsenic contamination as is Grand View's continuing water woes.

The Sage Hens, a women's club that has been in the area for decades, invited Delmore to speak

at their meeting today.

But SWDH says the presentation is not in response to any emergency situation about the fluoride problem in Givens

"This certainly isn't something new that has cropped up or something we just learned about," SWDH director of environmental health David Loper said. "There are several issues that we deal with quite often, and one of them is that the Givens area has been known to have high levels of

Laurie Boston, the SWDH public information officer, said that if there were a major health issue with the private well water in the area, her office would mail out information and make every effort to inform the public.

"It's just an opportunity to have some localized education." Boston said of today's meeting. "In general, the Givens area has some high levels of fluoride.

"We see high levels of fluoride around hot springs and those types of things. The fluoride is naturally occurring."

Delmore said that private well owners can have water samples tested for the presence of fluoride for about \$20.

"A lot of people just come in and want their water tested," Loper said. "We try to help narrow it down as far as the area they are in and suggest what they should

Testing becomes more

expensive as folks look for more contaminants. There are filters available to protect against consuming contaminated water,

Delmore said reverse osmosis and activated alumina are the two most common ways to remove fluoride from well water.

But there are no grants or other financial assistance available to pay for testing or filtration.

Delmore said there are health risks for exposure to fluoride in the water, but it is a cumulative threat. The fluoride develops in the water as ancient deposits of fluorine break down.

"The health issues come from exposure to a high level over a long period of time," Delmore said. "It's not just if you take a couple drinks."

Water is considered to have a high fluorine content at a concentration of two milligrams of the chemical per on liter of water (2mg/l). Delmore said dental fluorosis, in which permanent teeth turn brown and become pitted, can occur in children who ingest too much fluoride.

Skeletal fluorosis, which includes calcification of ligaments and dense and brittle bone structure, is a possibility when water with a 4mg/1 concentration of fluorine is ingested over long periods. Skeletal fluorosis can occur at any age, and symptoms generally start with pain in the joints.

— JPB

Commissioners weigh options on Murphy water tank

No contamination found in water that serves 39 residents, county buildings

The Owyhee County Board of Department of Environmental Commissioners faces a decision of whether to make repairs to the town of Murphy's lone drinking water tank, or install a new tank. An inspection of the tank in 2007 revealed that the epoxy coating on the inside of the tank is bubbling and must be repaired or the tank must be replaced.

The board has yet to decide on a course of action regarding the tank. According to County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn, the commissioners obtained an estimate of \$33,535 a few months ago on the cost of a new water tank from Superior Steel Products of Caldwell, but the new tank would also require engineering and fixtures that would push the cost to around \$35,000.

The new tank would likely need to be erected on a larger concrete pad than the existing tank, according to Sherburn, and that would require further

engineering. Sherburn said that reengineering the pad for a new tank also would require the involvement of the state

Quality.

The commissioners instructed the county maintenance department to get estimates on the cost of repairing the inside of the current tank with a new coat of epoxy. The repair work can only be done on an empty tank with air temperatures of at least 75 degrees to allow the coating to dry.

Murphy has no backup tank to supply water to the 39 permanent customers along with the county courthouse and jail while the repairs are made. Based on the repair estimates, which ranged from \$13,720 to \$23,450 according to Sherburn, the commissioners decided that purchasing a new tank still might be the most costeffective option.

No action was taken with regard to the water tank at the commissioners' March 24 meeting. The county performs regular routine testing of the water, and no contamination of the water has occurred as a result of the bubbling of the tank's lining, Sherburn said.

- RTH

F&G plans Snake River cleanup

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is looking for volunteers to help with an April 12 trash cleanup along the Snake River from the Walter's Ferry bridge to Marsing.

Volunteers should RSVP to Fish and Game utility craftsman Dennis Hardy at the Fish and Game Nampa office, 465-8465.

Personal gear should include drinking water, sturdy boots, work gloves and clothing for any kind of spring weather. Participants will meet at Fish and Game's Map Rock site, located 6½ miles west of the intersection of Map Rock Road and Idaho highway 45 at 9:30 that morning. The project should be completed by early afternoon, and lunch will be served.

The river cleanup will be conducted from the Walter's Ferry bridge downstream to the Marsing bridge. Trash will be hauled to a central location for transport to a landfill. Because of a waterfowl nesting closure, federally owned islands on the Snake River will not be part of the trash collection effort this year.

Past cleanup efforts along this same stretch of river have netted more than six tons of trash, including all types of furniture, appliances and even a safe, stolen from an area business.

Area landowners are encouraged to note the cleanup effort date

"We wanted to inform landowners in advance of the activities planned for that day," Hardy said. "So when they see a flurry of activity along the river, they will know what's going on." For more information, call Hardy at 465-8465.

> Find out What's happening Read Calendar each week in the Avalanche



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Parole officer works a familiar beat

Back in Owyhee, former HPD officer graduates tops in POST class

A former Homedale Police officer has returned to the area as a probation and parole officer for

Michelle Babcock, who left the Homedale Police force in July for a job with the District Three Adult Felony Probation and Pa-

role Department, recently graduated at the top of her Parole Officer Academy class at the Idaho Peace Officers Standards and Training in Meridian.

"I try to take advantage of all the training offered," Babcock said. "You are taught in law enforcement that in a Michelle Babcock

crisis situation you will react how you are trained. "Therefore, if you rely on train-

ing you did a year or two ago to get you through a life-and-death situation, you might not come out on top."

The four-week POST class she attended in February was only the sixth Probation and Parole academy at the Idaho facility.

There were 12 officers in the

"Idaho Department of Corrections is very big on training," Babcock said. "We have the opportunity to attend a training on about a weekly basis."

Babcock, who grew up in Jordan Valley, now can draw on her training as well as her experiences during her time with the Homedale Police Depart-

> ment. In January, she took over the probation and parole caseload in Owyhee County when Larry Grossman was promoted to work as a county jail contract manager in the department's Virtual Prison Program in Boise.

"I just think she's a good, stable PO (parole officer), as we refer to them," said Grossman, who had handled the Owyhee County cases for about $4\frac{1}{2}$ years.

"I think she's pretty knowledgeable and very stable and she was a good find for the department when she came over from Homedale PD."

Babcock's case list for the Marsing-Homedale area includes about 75 supervised probationers and parolees whose crimes range from murder, drug trafficking, felony DUI and grand theft, among other charges. Babcock said there are some cattle rustlers in the cli-

"My job is to ensure that they are following the conditions imposed, helping them be successful and protecting the public," Babcock said.

Although her caseload is in Owvhee County, Babcock works out of a Caldwell office. She also has a few clients in Melba, Caldwell, Nampa and the Sunny Slope area. She began working the Nampa-Caldwell cases when she joined the department last summer.

But in a lot of respects, she's back home now that she has Owyhee County clients. Babcock's parents now live in Owyhee County, and she said she is planning to relocate her family here sometime this year.

"The most unique part of having this caseload is that, unlike most other probation and parole officers, I have a very in-depth knowledge of my clients.

"Some of them I even arrested while I worked for Homedale PD. I have a great deal of knowledge about the family and friends they associate with."

Babcock said family and friends of clients are vital components to the system as well.

"These people will often call or come into your office to talk about concerns they have about one of your clients," she said.

Part of Babcock's job is visiting clients as well as their employers. She has contact with the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office on a weekly basis about her clients.

Babcock volunteered to take this caseload, according to Grossman, and her arrival has signaled another step toward more focus on the probationers and parolees in Owyhee County.

Babcock also has been given permission by the state to look into establishing drug and alcohol treatment classes in the Homedale area to supplement the few Narcotics Anonymous and Alcoholics Anonymous sessions that already are offered.

An interface between the felony probation department and the county's misdemeanor probation department in Homedale will help with more addiction classes and other services.

"There are areas that each office may be able to assist the other to bring some of our services such as drug and alcohol treatment to the Homedale and Marsing areas and make them available to a larger audience."

Cooperation with local law enforcement is crucial to Babcock's job, and often reunites her with her former colleagues in Homedale. Random home visits require backup from agencies such as HPD or the county sheriff.

"In the past, our officers have had a great relationship with the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office and the misdemeanor probation office," Babcock said. "I am very excited to be able to have this opportunity to work in Owyhee County again."

The District Three office has made a rental offer on building space in Marsing with an eye toward establishing a satellite office on this side of the Snake

As it stands now, Babcock commutes from Caldwell to check

Babcock likes the possibility of an Owyhee office, saying that it will benefit those clients of hers who don't have driver's licenses or live in rural parts of the county. She said it also would save on fuel costs for the clients and the department and cut out dangerous winter driving from Caldwell.

"I spend a lot of time in the field," she said. "However, I believe that having an office in Owyhee County, I will be more accessible to my clients, local law enforcement and the community."

— JPB



Sheriff's office hires 2 deputies

Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman announced Monday the hiring of two deputies.

Deputy Slade Heeb has been hired to patrol in the Grand View/Bruneau area, while John Thomas will perform detention deputy duties at the county jail in Murphy.

Heeb lives in Grand View with his wife and two children. Slade retired from the Air Force as a Master Sergeant while stationed at Elmendorf Air Force base in Alaska.

But the area he will patrol for the sheriff's office isn't unfamiliar John Thomas territory for Heeb. He lived in Grand View and Bruneau

Slade Heeb



while stationed nearby at Mountain Home Air Force Base for several

"Slade is glad to be home," Aman said, adding that Heeb will be a huge asset to the sheriff's office and Owyhee County.

Thomas lives in the Nampa area with his wife and four children. Like Heeb. Thomas has previous military experience, having served in the U.S. Air Force.

Thomas has previously worked in construction and had his own business.

Both men have a huge potential to be great employees, Aman wrote in

a press release.



Weather

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March 31	53	15	.00

School district employees honored for caring nature

Most recent Homedale award recipients work to build stronger students, community

The Homedale School District Board of Trustees honored two employees with awards of excellence at its March meeting.

Bette Uda and Lori Conant were awarded plaques after

presentations from two of the school district's principals.

Uda, who works in the Homedale Middle School kitchen, has a long history with the school district. She was a driving force behind the creation of the International Smorgasbord 47 years

Middle school principal Luci Asumendi-Mereness told board members that Uda helped launch the Smorgasbord as a way to buy band uniforms.

"Of course, it has grown far more than anyone could have Bette Uda predicted, and it fits perfectly with how Bette has lived her life — with the ability to bring people together for the greater good," Asumendi-Mereness said.



Lori Conant



efforts to raise money for other community interests. "Bette, you have championed so many causes and

Uda also served as a member of

the Homedale City Council and

has taken on regular recycling

have carved a legacy in this community," Asumendi-Mereness said before the plaque presentation. "You've been a constant partner to a community you dearly love. The debt we owe you can never be paid. The magnificence of your generosity and the multitude of ways you've shared your

equaled." Asumendi-Mereness hinted that a mere plaque was not enough to honor the woman who had devoted her life to making the community around her better.

generosity can never be

"Until a building, a

library, store or street bears your name, this award as Employee of the Month for Homedale Middle School will have to do," Asumendi-Mereness said.

Conant was presented by another first-year prinicipal, Yvonne Ihli of Homedale Elementary. She coordinates a program at the elementary school that Ihli characterizes as a tool of intervention to help students who need help with reading.

A Homedale native who put three children through the town's school district and now has grandchildren in the district's schools, Conant has worked at the elementary school for 17 years, and Ihli summed up her impact with one story.

"A little girl came into my office a few weeks ago and was crying," Ihli said. "After asking her what was wrong, she replied that she had graduated from Mrs. Conant's reading program."

'This young student was now where she needed to be in reading and was ready to join the other students."

Ihli said the story was a tribute to Conant's daily performance at the school.

"Lori offers nothing short of excellence to those students she supports in reading," Ihli said. "Classroom teachers view her as a valuable resource, and she works closely with them to determine the best ways to build skills and confidence in struggling readers.

"Lori Conant truly cares about the students at Homedale Elementary. She is an asset to our school and our community."



Still plenty of snow in Owyhees

Snow accumulation remains at 57 inches at the South Mountain weather station, which is located near this old cabin in the Owyhees.

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation Web site showed that, as of Monday afternoon, Owyhee Reservoir was 44 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River at Rome, Ore. at a rate of 1,790 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 315,110 acre-feet of water.

The following statistics were gathered from the National Resources Conservation Service Web site at 2:30 p.m. Monday (Year-to-date precipitation is measured from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30):

Reynolds Creek								
Date	Year-to-Date	Temperatures						
	Precipitation	Max.	Min.	Avg.				
03/25	13.6	43	34	37				
03/26	13.6	38	29	33				
03/27	13.9	35	23	29				
03/28	13.9	29	15	21				
03/29	14.0	39	18	27				
03/30	14.0	32	14	21				
03/31	14.1	32	17	22				

Current snow depth is 13 inches, with a snow water equivalent of 5 inches.

South Mountain Date Year-to-Date **Temperatures** Precipitation Max. Min. Avg. 03/25 25.1 39 03/26 25.4 42 35 03/27 25.9 39 30 22 03/28 25.9 36 15 03/29 26.5 40 18 29 22 03/30 26.5 35 11 26.6 36 15 23

Current snow depth is 57 inches, with a snow water equivalent of 22 inches.

Mud Flat Year-to-Date **Date Temperatures** Max. **Precipitation** Min. Avg. 03/25 12.9 43 03/26 12.9 51 40 03/27 13.1 46 36 03/28 13.1 26 03/29 13.2 20 34 03/30 13.2 38 17 28 13.2

Current snow depth is 25 inches, with a snow water equivalent of

Drivers ed fees on the rise

Homedale trustees OK 16.9 percent hike

An increase in drivers education fees will help Homedale School District accommodate more students this year, according to the district's superintendent.

School trustees approved a 16.9 percent increase in fees during its March meeting. Parents now will pay \$152 for the course, an increase of \$22.

The new price doesn't include a \$50 fee for classroom training provided online by the Idaho Digital Learning Academy (IDLA).

Superintendent Tim Rosandick pointed out that the school isn't obligated to offer drivers ed, and in fact before Homedale Middle School principal Luci Asumendi-Mereness assumed the instructor role last summer, the district had been without a program.

Students were forced to take private lessons from schools in Canyon County and elsewhere.

Rosandick said that tuition for the private instructors still is much higher than the combined \$202 price tag for the Homedale/

IDLA drivers education program, and that the district's goal was to accommodate as many students as possible to eliminate the burden of finding a private instructor.

"We tried to maximize the number of kids who could get drivers education this year, and design the budget around that," Rosandick said.

Asumendi-Mereness, who accepted the HMS chief's job last summer, still is involved with drivers ed. But other responsibilities have diminished the time she has to devote, so a second instructor — Gini Carrow — has been hired. Carrow currently is undergoing the certification process and will be on board in mid-August, Rosandick said.

Rosandick said the online portion of the drivers ed classes already had begun, and that the school district has made arrangements to have its computer lab open during non-school hours to provide Internet access to those students who may not have it at

In other district news:

Contracts for the 2008-09 school year were approved for middle school teachers Larry Falcon, Kelly Schamber, Ed Lee,

Mark Boothby and Taci Morris. District music instructor Karla Kachelmier also had her contract renewed.

In athletics, coaching contracts were approved for Homedale varsity boys basketball coach Kenny Thomas, Homedale varsity girls basketball coach Jeremy Chamberlain and Trojans wrestling coach Toby Johnson.

David Correa, the only coach the Homedale boys soccer program has known in its four years of existence, was reassigned to coach the girls team. He takes over for Kirt Stragey, who coached the Trojans girls for only one

No replacement for Correa on the boys team has been named officially.

During a special meeting Thursday night, school trustees confirmed the hiring of Laura Moylan as the district's new curriculum/federal programs director. She replaces Glenda Eubanks, who tendered her resignation during February's board meeting.

Eubanks' resignation becomes effective at the end of the school year, according to Rosandick.

— JPB



Wilson Butte 4-H news

Members of the Wilson Butte 4-H club are already rolling along with meetings and projects.

Newly elected officers took the helm in January, including president Hailey Brisbin, vicepresident Jackie Phillips, secretary Brittany Roberts, treasurer Wade Bass and sergeant of arms Morgan Monson.

Plans and direction of clubs activities were laid out. Beef projects were weighed in and all went well.

Activity books have been received and work days are planned.

Members attended the beef field day held in Marsing and learned about marbling, grades and cuts of meats.

A meeting/pizza party was held at Idaho pizza. Everyone enjoyed 14 large pizzas.

Fundraising plans are in full swing, and members are putting up flyers and collecting raffle items and prizes for the fifth annual Cowboy Trail ride & poker run, which which will be held April 27 at Blackstock Ranch. Businesses have donated some great items, including feed, quilts, a ton of hay, certificates and numerous horse tack items. We are hoping for good weather and a great time.

Project demonstrations will follow. A busy year is planned and members are already looking forward to the Owyhee County Fair in August.

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

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

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IDAPA 58 - DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY 1410 N. Hilton, Boise, ID 83706-1255

**58-0101-0801, Rules for the Control of Air Pollution in Idaho (Temp & Prop). Implements the provisions of HB 557 for the open burning of crop residue to be administered by the IDEQ and repeals the Smoke Management and Crop Residue Disposal Act previously administered by the ISDA. prohibits field burning if air quality levels exceed or are expected to exceed 15% of any national ambient air quality standard; requires that farmers obtain a notice of approval to burn, provide notice of proposed burns, and pay a registration fee based upon the number of acres to be burned and ensures that the public has ready access to this information; IDEQ is required to conduct ongoing and annual reviews of the program, develop a evised State Implementation Plan and get approval of the plan by the USEPA before burning can resume in Idaho. Comment by: 5/2/08.

> NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING MEETINGS ARE BEING HELD ON THE FOLLOWING: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE

16-0613-0801, Rules Governing Emergency Assistance for Families

16-0737-0801, Children's Mental Health Services (New Chapter)

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

58-0108-0801, Idaho Rules for Public Drinking Water Systems

58-0111-0801, Ground Water Quality Rule

58-0116-0801, Wastewater Rules

58-0124-0801, Standards and Procedures for Application of Risk Based 'orrective Action at Chemical Release Sites

> PUBLIC HEARINGS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE

16-0701-0801, Behavioral Health Fee Schedules 16-0710-0801, Behavioral Health Development Grants

16-0717-0801, Alcohol and Substance Use Disorder Services 16-0733-0801, Adult Mental Health Services

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

58-0000-0805, Proposed Revision to the Idaho State Implementation Plan, Enactment of Section 39-114, Idaho Code (Comment period ex-

Please refer to the Idaho Administrative Bulletin, April 2, 2008, Volume 08-4 for notices and text of all rulemakings, public hearing schedules Governor's executive orders, and agency contact information.

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Read all about it in the Avalanche!

Homedale FFA

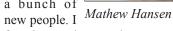
Officers reflect on benefits of organization

FFA has been a real inspiration to me over the past four years.

At the beginning, I did not know what to expect and didn't plan on participating in as many events as I do. I really wasn't expecting

to become an officer, and now I am chapter president.

Through the different events, I have learned a lot and met a bunch of



found new talents such as copper plumbing. At the beginning of my sophomore year, I didn't know anything about copper plumbing and by the time state competitions came I was a state champion.

I have also developed my speaking abilities. I can give a speech in front of more than two people and still feel confident. I have developed this through oral reasons during livestock judging.

Overall, FFA has been a great experience, and I will never forget it.

> — Mathew Hansen, chapter president

I started out my high school career shy and unconfident. Now, after four years of FFA, I don't even recognize my old self. I have found my ideal career path, secured a full-ride scholarship and made different types of career development events — everything from job interview to range management to horse/livestock judging to public speaking.

I have been a state champion

as well as claiming numerous top-five finishes in state competition in various events.

FFA has made me feel confident



Kortney Bahem

in my own abilities, and I have become a well-rounded individual.

Our chapter advisor, Lori Harrison, has encouraged all of us to reach our ultimate potential, and I know I will. I will carry my FFA memories with me for the rest of my life.

> Kortney Bahem, chapter vice-president



Firemen deal with winds

Homedale Fire Department crewmembers mop up after a minor brush fire west of town. The flames whipped up in windy conditions.

Marsing Boy Scouts hold auction, dinner

Boy Scout Troop 412 and youth group will hold a fundraiser dinner and auction April 26 in Marsing.

The dinner begins at 5:30 p.m., with the bidding for the silent and live auctions getting under way at 7 p.m.

The event takes place at the Marsing LDS Church

Dinner is by donation, and there will be children's entertainment.

For more information or to make reservations, e-mail deosio@frontiernet.net or call

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April OWC meeting nixed

The Owyhee Watershed Council meeting scheduled for next Wednesday has been canceled.

The group's next meeting is scheduled for May 14 at 7 p.m. at the University of Idaho's Owyhee County Extension office, 238 8th Ave. W. in Marsing.

For more information, call the extension office at 896-4104.

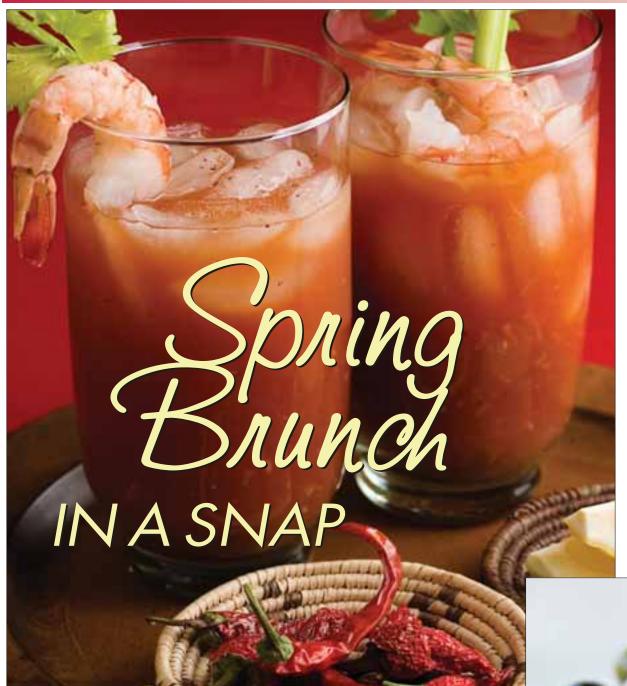


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FAMILY FEATURES

pring is the perfect time for a lively brunch with friends and family. Light dishes packed with bright flavors can be paired with refreshing cocktails to make a delicious menu. With a few key ingredients, putting together a brunch can

be easy.

Start off with marinated olives — savory little bites of wow that few guests will be able to resist. Lindsay Olives offers a broad variety of olives, so you can experiment with different flavors.

As a main dish, serve up an elegant frittata A frittata is a firm Italian omelet that can be served warm or at room temperature. Mixing herbs into the eggs makes every bite taste like spring. If finding and storing fresh herbs is a challenge, try Gourmet Garden squeezable herbs and spices, which are ready to use for up to three

months and can be found in the fresh produce section of most grocery stores. Simple drinks that complement the food flavors are a must. Ready-to-serve margaritas like Jose Cuervo Golden Margarita are a convenient way to entertain with style. They can also serve as a great base for creating delicious new cocktails simply by adding fresh ingredients

so all you have to do on brunch day is sit back

Brunchology

The Study of Brunch

Herbology

- Herbs and spices are a good source of antioxidants.
- Italian seasonings are usually a mixture of herbs like basil, thyme, parsley, oregano and rosemary.
- Gourmet Garden squeezable herbs and spices have no additives or preservatives.
- For more recipes, visit www.gourmetgarden.com.

Drink Mixology

- The Bloody Mary used to be made with vodka, but today can be made with gin, rum or even tequila.
- Sangria is a Spanish punch traditionally made with wine and fruit. Jose Cuervo Golden Margarita gives sangria a whole new twist with its blend of rich, orange Grand Marnier and premium Jose Cuervo Gold Tequila.
- Whenever you're enjoying cocktails, please remember to drink responsibly. ■ Find out more about easy entertaining with restaurant quality margaritas at

Olive-ology

- Black ripe olives are milder in flavor than their cousins, the Spanish green and the Greek Kalamata.
- Olives have between 4 and 7 calories each, depending on the size
- Flavorful olives pair well with robust
- Find a handy "Olives 101" chart at www.lindsayolives.com to help pick just

"Brunch is cheerful, sociable and inciting. It puts you in a good temper, it makes you satisfied with yourself and your fellow beings; it sweeps away the worries and cobwebs of the week."

— Guy Beringer, Hunter's Weekly, 1895



Bloody Maria

Serves 4

- 1 bottle Jose Cuervo's Authentic Margarita Minis 1/3 cup Jose Cuervo Clásico
- cups tomato juice teaspoons Worcestershire
- sauce
- teaspoons hot sauce teaspoon fresh ground
- pepper
 1 tablespoon prepared
 horseradish
 Garnish: 4 celery sticks and

4 large cooked shrimp Combine all ingredients in a large pitcher and stir. Pour into large highball glasses filled with ice, and garnish.

Mediterranean White Bean Salad

- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- cans (15 ounces) cannellini 2
- beans, rinsed and drained cup Lindsay Kalamata Pitted
- Olives, coarsely chopped teaspoon Gourmet Garden
- Squeezable Garlic tablespoon Gourmet Garden
- Squeezable Oregano 1 tablespoon lemon juice

Heat oil in medium-sized sauté pan over medium-low heat. Add beans and olives to pan, followed by garlic and oregano. Mix well and remove from heat immediately. Toss with lemon juice and serve warm or at room temperature.

Tomato Olive Frittata

Serves 4 to 6

- 6 large eggs 1 tablespoon flour
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper 1 1/2 teaspoons Gourmet Garden
- Italian Seasoning
 2 cups shredded Fontina, cheddar
- or Monterrey Jack cheese
- 1 can (3.8 ounces) Lindsay Sliced Ripe Olives, drained
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced green onion 1/2 cup chopped, seeded fresh
- tomato 1/3 cup thin strips Canadian bacon

or lean ham Preheat oven to 350°F. In medium bowl, whisk one egg with flour until blended. Whisk in 5 eggs, pepper and Italian seasoning. Stir in remaining ingredients. Spread in oiled 11x7-inch baking pan or dish. Bake 22 to 24 minutes until golden and set. Slice and serve.

Marinated Olives

Makes 1 dozen appetizers, 2 1/2 cups olives

- 1 can (7.75 ounces) Lindsay
- Ripe Pitted Olives, drained 1 jar (5.75 ounces) Lindsay
- Spanish Green Olives, drained
- 1 tablespoon Gourmet Garden Italian Seasoning
 1/2 teaspoon Gourmet Garden
- Squeezable Garlic 1/2 teaspoon Gourmet Garden
- Squeezable Chili Pepper 1 tablespoon lemon juice

In a jar with tight fitting lid, combine all ingredients. Cover; shake to coat. Refrigerate at least 2 hours or up to 10 days before serving. Serve at room temperature, with wooden picks, as an appetizer; or serve over lettuce leaves and sliced tomatoes as

Tequila Sunrise Sangria

Serves 16 to 18

- 1 bottle (750 milliliters) Jose Cuervo Golden Margarita
- cup of orange juice
- lime, juiced
- oranges, sliced into rounds mangos, peeled and diced
- to 16 maraschino cherries
- cup cherry juice bottles (750 milliliters) dry white
- wine, chilled liter lemon lime soda, chilled Garnish: orange slices and maraschino cherries (used from the sangria fruit)
- 1. In a pitcher, combine margarita, orange juice, lime juice, oranges, mangos, cherries and cherry juice. Chill at least
- one hour, and up to 4 hours.

 2. Pour fruit mixture into large punch bowl. Stir in white wine and soda.
- 3. Pour into glasses, garnish and serve.





pril Showers of Savings

Plants are in! Perennials, Veggies, Garden Seeds!

Boneless Beef Rump Roast



Boneless Beef Bottom Round Steak

Top Soil Bark & Steer Compost Nursery Mix Perennial Mix Bartz

Cello Wrapped Lettuce

Cilantro

Boneless Pork Sirloin Chops



Boneless Pork Sirloin Roast

Fast Fixin 10 oz. 4_{for} 5 **Nuggets** Western Family 32 oz. **Shredded Cheese**

Red Ripe Strawberries 1 lb.

2_{for}\$3

2 for

3 Bunches 1 lb. **Baby Carrots** 8 oz. Whole **\$ 1** 99 Mushrooms Large Red Delicious **Braeburn Apples**

Western Family 12 oz. \$219 ea. **Thin Sliced Meat** Kraft 12 oz. **Singles** Gem Pack \$299 1b. Chorizo

Gem Pack Weiners

Jalapeno Peppers Lemons

Large

Avocados

Kraft **Salad Dressing**



12 oz.

Home Pride 20 oz. \$199 ea. White or Wheat Bread

Meadowgold **Ice Cream**



Jet Puff 16 oz. \$159 ea. Marshmallows

Detergent

75 oz.

Coca Cola Products

12pk 12oz Cans

2 Liter Bottle \$129 ea. **Coke Products**

Budweiser Beer

18pk 12oz Cans 12pk 12oz Cans \$6⁴⁹ ea. **Busch Beer**

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Doritos Western Family Gatorade **Post Cereals** \$319 ea. \$569 ea. \$1 29 ea. \$219 ea. **Tortilla Chips Orange Juice Asst'd Varieties** 32 oz. 13 oz. 128 oz. Kraft Arrowhead Ruffles & Western Family \$1 29 ea. \$<mark>3</mark>29 \$579 ea. 2 for 6 **Spring Water Sunchips** Milk 2%.1%.Fat Free **Pudding Cups** 4pk - 3.5 oz. 24pk .5 lt 10.5-12 oz. 1 Gallon **Pillsbury** Western Family Crisco Oil \$389 ea. \$259 ea. \$1 29 ea. **Cake Mixes Cottage Cheese** & Preserves 48 oz. 18.25 oz. 24 oz. 18 oz. **Hefty Plates Planters Dry** Propel **Pringles** \$119 ea. \$119 ea. & Bowls **Roasted Peanuts Flavored Water** 163 gr 25-80 ct. 16 oz. 23.7 oz. SRM COUPON **Budget Gourmet** Tide 2x Liquid Yuban & Maxwell \$109 ea. \$699 ea. **Frozen Entrees Laundry Detergent House Coffee** 8 oz. 50 oz. 36-39 oz. **ANY Western Family** Cascade Dishwasher Campbell's \$**1** 79 ea. **Frozen Orange Juice \$4**69

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Select Soup

18.8-19 oz.

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