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Federal agents target Homedale factory

Thirteen illegal aliens were detained during a raid Wednesday at Specialty, Inc., Wood Products on Pioneer Road. Eleven were taken to Ada County Jail to await immigration hearings.

Illegal aliens spotlight falls on Homedale

Federal sting nets
13 illegal aliens
at pallet factory

Homedale garnered regional attention last week after U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents raided a pallet

factory on a tip that illegal aliens may be employed there.

Specialty Inc. Wood Products was the target of the federal operation Wednesday morning as officials detained 13 Mexican nationals who were working illegally for the Pioneer Road business.

Federal officials said the plant's owner, Homedale businessman

Ed Leavitt, was cooperating with the investigation. Leavitt, who didn't return an e-mail from The Owyhee Avalanche seeking comment, told The Idaho Statesman that his company was the subject of a federal audit for the past year, but Wednesday's raid caught him off-guard.

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Final Owyhee Initiative Senate hearing could come in two weeks

Owyhee Initiative Work Group chair Fred Grant said during the weekend that he expects a hearing on the legislation in Washington, D.C., during the week of April 22.

Grant and Owyhee County

Sheriff Gary Aman are in the nation's capital this week working on details of the implementation bill with different interests.

Before leaving for D.C., Grant seemed upbeat about the chances of having the bill clear the Sen-

ate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and head on to the

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HPD officer resigns after DUI arrest

Homedale Police Cpl. Andrew Hoagland has resigned after Nampa Police arrested him last Wednesday for driving under the influence.

Hoagland and Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller confirmed on Monday that Hoagland had resigned after more than nine years on the force.

Hoagland declined to comment on his resignation, and Eidemiller also refused to comment, saying

that the matter is a confidential personnel issue.

Nampa Police didn't release any other details on Hoagland's arrest.

Although Eidemiller also confirmed that the police force is looking to hire a new officer, he said that the force has experienced no negative scheduling impact as a result of Hoagland's resignation.

— RTH

Developers scrap Owyhee nuke plan

CEO says county
can keep \$50,000
application fee

Less than a year after announcing plans to build a nuclear power plant in Owyhee County, Idaho Energy Complex officials have decided to move their dream next door.

In a press release dated Friday, IEC announced that it would now attempt to build a \$4.5 billion, 1,600-megawatt nuclear reactor in Elmore County.

Don Gillispie, the CEO of Idaho Energy Complex and

parent company Alternate Energy Holdings, Inc., cited numerous reasons in calling Elmore better suited for the construction of the reactor.

"When you add it all up, the Elmore site has pretty much all the advantages of the Owyhee site, none of the disadvantages and a number of extra advantages that will simplify construction of what is arguably the most complex single land-based structure humans typically build," Gillispie said in a release.

While saying no one factor led to the acquisition of 1,400 acres

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Four school districts prepare for board elections next month

Four school districts serving Owyhee County have school board seats up for election this year, and nomination forms now are being accepted.

Prospective candidates have until 5 p.m. on April 18 to file paperwork with the respective district clerks. Write-in candidacies will be accepted no later than May 6.

In Homedale, the terms for Zone 3 trustee Kevin Miyasako, who is the board's vice chairman, and Zone 4 trustee Ric Uria are coming to an end this year, and their positions appear on the ballot for the May 20 election. Both board member positions carry three-year terms.

Homedale School District clerk Faith Olsen said Friday that Miyasako plans to seek re-election. Uria has yet to announce his intentions.

All candidates for the Zone 3 seat must live in the Canyon County portion of the district. Zone 4 comprises southern parts of the Homedale city limits and the part of the county north of Pioneer Road, east of Johnstone Road and west of the Snake River. The northern boundary of the district is roughly Washington Avenue.

The Marsing School District, another joint district serving both Owyhee and Canyon counties, will hold an election for Zone 3 and Zone 5, seats currently held by Betty Ackerman and John Ineck, respectively.

Ineck announced at the district's last board meeting that he wouldn't seek another term, according to district clerk Debbie Holzhey.

Holzhey said Friday that Ackerman has filed to seek re-election, and area resident Terri Belle has filed to pursue the Zone 5 job. Zone 5 encompasses parts of Owyhee and Canyon counties, according to Holzhey, while Zone 3 is wholly in Owyhee.

Both positions have three-year terms.

The Grand-View Bruneau School District, which serves Owyhee and Elmore counties, could have three seats on the May 20 ballot.

The Zone 3 and Zone 5 seats carry three-year terms, while Zone 4 is a two-year term. Board vice chair Ray Meyers currently holds the Zone 3 seat, while Joe Merrick represents Zone 4 and Howard Field hails from Zone 5.

Prospective candidates for Zone 3 and Zone 4 must live in the Grand View Area. The Zone 5 district covers Oreana, lower Grand View and Riddle.

One trustee position could be on the ballot for the Pleasant Valley School District, which is wholly in Owyhee County. The Zone 1 seat carries a term of three years.

In each district, if only one person files for each seat, no elections will be held.

— JPB

Givens area residents learn about well water testing

Givens-area resident Joyce Schermerhorn wants people to know that water in some wells in the area contains very high concentrations of fluoride, and that standard testing does not check for the substance.

So Schermerhorn invited Jami Delmore, the public water program coordinator at Southwest District Health (SWDH), to talk about public water issues at a recent meeting of the women's group, the Wilson Sage Hens.

Schermerhorn said she learned her well water contains abnormally high fluoride levels after a neighbor's debilitating physical symptoms were attributed to long-term exposure to high amounts of fluoride in his well water.

"He couldn't even make a fist," Schermerhorn said.

Testing of the man's water revealed high levels of fluoride. The man had been suffering from a condition called skeletal fluorosis. According to the World Health Organization and SWDH, skeletal fluorosis is caused by long-term ingestion of excessive amounts of fluoride. Fluoride accumulates in bones, and over a period of years can cause stiffness and pain in the joints, and in severe cases causes ligaments to calcify and bones to become thickened and brittle.

Schermerhorn said that filtration of the neighbor's well water removed the excessive fluoride, and reversed some of his symptoms.

"He looked 20 years younger," she said.

Schermerhorn subsequently had her water's fluoride level tested, revealing that her well water contained 17.2 milligrams of fluoride per liter (mg/L).

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has set the maximum contaminant level for fluoride in public drinking water systems at 4.0 mg/L, and says that children regularly exposed to fluoride levels above 2 mg/L can experience discoloration or pitting



Water specialist speaks to Owyhee group

Jami Delmore, public water coordinator at Southwest District Health, spoke to the Wilson Sage Hens at the invitation of Givens-area resident Joyce Schermerhorn. Delmore talked about common contaminants of private water sources in Southwest Idaho.

of the teeth. According to the U.S. Public Health Service, 0.7 to 1.2 mg/L is the optimal fluoride concentration for drinking water. Fluoride levels in that range have been shown to help prevent tooth decay.

Schermerhorn now uses reverse osmosis filtration to remove fluoride from her well water.

Delmore said that higher levels of dissolved substances, including fluoride, are associated with ground water sources near geothermal activity like the hot springs in the Givens area. While health agencies are aware of such issues, there are no standards enforced on private water supplies.

The environmental health specialist brought to the meeting brochures about nitrate, arsenic, hydrogen sulfide, and fluoride in drinking water, all of which are concerns in areas of Owyhee County. She also had a listing of certified water testing laboratories in Southwestern Idaho.

Delmore said that Southwest District Health tries to get the word out that people on private water systems should have their water tested to make sure the water is safe. Drinking water sources should be tested annually for

bacteria and nitrates, according to Delmore, because levels of those contaminants can fluctuate over time. Mineral contaminants such as fluoride, arsenic, and uranium tend to occur in a particular water source at relatively consistent levels over time, so concentration levels of those substances can be determined with just one test, she said.

Delmore said that the risk and type of contamination varies by location and depth of the well, and testing for all possible contaminants would be costly and time-consuming in the extreme, so SWDH can consult with private water users about what tests would be most useful according to the location of the well. Delmore said that the agency is also available to help interpret test results and advise folks on corrective action, if necessary.

The SWDH program will collect and test samples, and also will test samples collected by the water user. The agency charges a small fee for the services, and the price varies according to the types of tests done. For more information, contact Delmore at (208) 455-5403, or by e-mail at jami.delmore@phd3.idaho.gov.

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Homedale man natural advocate for others

John Hill, a 20-year-old Homedale resident, spends much of his time volunteering for youth support and suicide prevention groups, advocating for youth undergoing treatment for mental illness, and battling stigma associated with such a diagnosis.

In the next two weeks, Hill will take on two more projects in those areas. Thursday, he will present books of prose and poetry written by Idaho youth afflicted with mental illness to the Homedale and Marsing school districts, and Tuesday, he travels to Durham, N.C., to take part in a conference for the group Youth M.O.V.E. National.

Hill is motivated to contribute as much as he possibly can to organizations that aid young people diagnosed with mental illness, because he is himself a young person with a mental illness. Hill was diagnosed with schizophrenia when he was 18.

Hill's mother, Barbara, said that her son is high-functioning given his diagnosis, because his condition is controlled by just one medication, and the medication does not greatly interfere with his mental processes.

The book is titled *Words That Hurt. Words That Heal*, and was compiled by Idaho's System of Care and the Idaho Federation of Families. One of the entries is a poem written by John Hill. The stories and poems are an effort by youth with mental illnesses to give their peers an idea of their experiences.

On Thursday, Hill will present the Homedale and Marsing school districts with a copy of the book and a letter from Idaho's first lady Lori Otter.

The Youth M.O.V.E. National



Mental health advocacy runs in the family

Homedale residents Barbara Hill, left, and her son John help the mentally ill in the community. Barbara is a family support specialist with the Idaho Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health, and John volunteers on mental health and suicide prevention advisory boards.

organization is a subsidiary of the National Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health, and is a youth-led group that advocates for increased voice of young patients with regard to their own mental health care. M.O.V.E. stands for Motivating Others through Voices of Experience.

Eighteen young people from around the country have been named as board members, and will meet at the conference to talk about the organization's definition of Youth Guided Care, and what it means for individuals to have meaningful input in their own mental health care. The conference attendees also will help plan the upcoming Dare to Dream America program in May, which will promote young people's helping their schools and communities promote positive mental health across America.

Hill is also an active member of the Idaho Suicide Prevention Council, the Idaho State Planning

Council for Mental Health, the Idaho Youth Council, the Canyon Owyhee Local Children's Wellness Council, and he is a board advisor to the Youth Suicide Prevention Grant through Idaho State University.

Hill also gives two to three talks per month for the Better Today's Better Tomorrow's program for Idaho State University's Institute of Rural Health. The program focuses on children's mental health and youth suicide prevention.

"I like it. It's a lot of fun," Hill said about his involvement with the various organizations and programs. "I think I'm changing people's perspectives on my diagnosis.

"Every time I present, my mom presents with me, and she introduces me, and I tell my story, and I get most of the questions. People just ask me a lot of different questions. It's really fun. I enjoy it."

Barbara Hill has encouraged her son to participate in the vari-

ous organizations. She is a family support specialist for the Idaho Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health.

"I was diagnosed with schizophrenia just after I turned 18," John Hill said. "I dealt with it for a year by myself, and I was very angry, outbursting, closed in my room all the time. I finally broke down and told my mom everything that was happening, and she scheduled a doctor's appointment for me, and it eventually led to my diagnosis.

"The bridge from my diagnosis to presenting is my mom pushed me to present, and then, probably because I am just on one medication and that takes care of it for me."

Barbara Hill believes her son benefited from coming forward with his symptoms.

"He is able to control it with just one medication, and I think that is because he brought it forward early enough," Barbara Hill said. "He figures that if he can help one person recognize symptoms and get diagnosed, he brings forward his story to try and help them not be fearful of coming forward or telling somebody about it before it gets too bad."

"I think a lot of people are unwilling (to talk about symptoms or diagnosis of schizophrenia) because they are afraid they are going to get judged or put down for their disability," John Hill said.

"He's been a natural advocate from a very young age," Barbara Hill said. "He was always advocating for the person in a wheelchair or kids that may have a developmental disability. He was always just right there for them."

— RTH

HPD nabs man on battery charges

Homedale Police arrested a man on April 2 on charges of battery and domestic battery after an altercation between the man and two unidentified women who turned out to be family members.

Victor Duenaz was arrested when Homedale Police personnel responded to a report of a fight at a residence on Montana Avenue.

Chief Jeff Eidemiller said that the unidentified women are Duenaz' wife and sister-in-law. According to Eidemiller and police incident logs, Homedale Officer Atanacio Montes responded to a call of a fight in progress, and upon arrival at the scene, observed "battery signs and evidence" sufficient to arrest Duenaz.

A background check revealed that Duenaz was wanted on a warrant from Payette County. Duenaz was taken to Owyhee County Jail in Murphy.

Homedale Police received two subsequent calls from the Montana Avenue home that night to report alleged trespassing. Eidemiller said that those calls were civil property line disputes, and that his department had no jurisdiction in the matter.



UI Ada office plans plant sale

With the arrival of spring, the University of Idaho's Ada County Extension Office has announced its Master Gardener Extravaganza sale.

Organizers say that the May 17 event in Boise is more than just a plant sale, though.

All garden-related items

imaginable will be available, from plants to books to art to tools to planted displays.

The sale takes place from 9 a.m. to noon at the Ada County Extension Office, 5880 Glenwood St., which is at the corner of Glenwood and Marigold in Garden City.

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Sheriff Blair Olsen, Jefferson County

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Elementary ceremony set to honor longtime administrator

Flagpole, garden space to be dedicated for Fritzley on May 1

Longtime Homedale School District employee Herb Fritzley will be honored May 1 during the dedication of a garden space and flagpole at Homedale Elementary School.

Elementary school principal Yvonne Ihli said a plaque will be affixed near the flagpole and flower bed in the front of the school on West Washington Avenue. She said the plaque will acknowledge Fritzley's 31 years of service to the Homedale School District.

Fritzley, who still lives in the Homedale area, taught at Homedale Junior High School from 1961 to 1968.

He became the elementary school principal later in 1968 and stayed in that position until his



School announces May Day event

Trees dot the garden space built around the flagpole at Homedale Elementary School last year. Although the landscaping has been in place since last school year, a ceremony is planned to dedicate a plaque to longtime school administrator Herb Fritzley on May 1.

retirement in 1992.

The dedication takes place at 10 a.m., followed by a reception inside the school's media center.

"The community is very much all invited," Ihli said. "The connection I'm trying to get with the kids here is that Fritzley may have been a teacher for their grandparents, not their parents."

Ihli said former Homedale Elementary principal Scott Freeby was instrumental in getting the plaque made for the ceremony before he departed for a new job in the Coeur d'Alene area. Ihli said her predecessor will make the trip from North Idaho for the May Day ceremony.

— JPB

Chamber looks to bring block party back to Homedale

After a one-year absence the Homedale Summer Block Party could be making a comeback.

Representatives from the Homedale Chamber of Commerce will present a plan at tonight's City Council meeting to bring back the event that had been held for a few years in City Park.

The council meeting begins at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

The Chamber hopes to get permission to use City Park to revive the block party for Saturday, June 7.

"Our intention is to get as much stuff going on that weekend and get some people over from Canyon County and show us off a little bit," Chamber secretary Robin Aberasturi said.

The block party originally was organized by former Homedale City Clerk Susan Mansisidor and featured children's activities, craft booths and exhibits from local services, such as the Homedale Fire Department.

Aberasturi said that the Chamber plans to dovetail the Fun Time Carnival stop it has been courting with the block party.

"We're going to invite businesses (to participate) as well as any of our non-profits and the

schools," Aberasturi said.

Aberasturi said that performers could include the all-woman Sweet Adelines barbershop quartet and the 25th Army National Guard dance band for an evening swing and jazz dance concert in the park.

Other acts Aberasturi hopes to attract include Basque dancers, cloggers and fiddlers. She also envisions food booths and craft booths.

In addition to a discussion reviving the block party, the Homedale City Council will tackle the following issues:

- Development grant opportunities — Pat Engel, the executive director of Garden City-based Sage Community Resources, will discuss with council members the city's intentions for development and the grants that are available to assist in that development.

- Recreation tax district — Representatives from Homedale Youth Sports Inc. are scheduled to discuss whether they will try to put a recreation tax district initiative on the ballot this year.

- The council will discuss animal control issues within the city limits.

— JPB

Correction

In an article about federal emergency food and shelter funds in the April 2 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche, it was incorrectly reported that El-Ada Community Action Partnership had received money to distribute. In fact, El-Ada is taking applications from qualified area agencies to help determine which agencies will receive assistance. El-Ada must receive applications by Friday, and then forward those applications to the United Way of America by Tuesday.

Irrigation season to begin Monday

The cork at the head of the area's web of irrigation canals, pipes and ditches will be popped in five days.

The South Board of Control made the tentative April 14 date for beginning the 2008 irrigation season official,

unanimously approving director John Lax's motion at the board's monthly meeting on Tuesday. Lax is chair of the Ridgeview board, too.

Regional water officials have said that they expect an average water year.

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Aman meets with BLM officials this week in D.C.

Sheriff says office is prepared for impact of rising fuel costs

Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman is in Washington, D.C. this week along with Owyhee Initiative Work Group chair Fred Grant, meeting with Bureau of Land Management Director of Law Enforcement and Security William Woody, Deputy Director Keith Aller, and other officials regarding the Initiative and related coordination and funding agreements with regard to the policing of recreation areas on federally owned lands in Owyhee County.

The Owyhee Initiative Implemetation

legislation introduced last year by Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) is nearing a final hearing before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. That hearing is expected later this month and could be followed by a vote from the full Senate.

Grant has hopes that the U.S. House of Representatives can approve the bill after Congress' summer recess, a move that would send it to President Bush's desk to be signed into law.

There are strong regional connections in the Washington, D.C., bureaucracy that would deal with the implementation of the Initiative.

Aman said that both Woody and Aller are from Idaho, and their understanding of the issues faced by law enforcement

agencies here will be helpful in creating useful working relationships between the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office and federal agencies.

With the recent additions of patrol officer Slade Heeb and jailor John Thomas, OCSO is again fully staffed, according to Aman. Aman said that Heeb replaces Travis Woodbury, who took a position with the Nampa Police Department, while Thomas fills a spot opened because the person hired previously did not work out in the position.

"I have one other position that is a combination of jailor and dispatch that was created in October. It is kind of a tough one to fill," Aman said. "That position is not filled, but I consider myself full-staffed."

While staffing has been something of a

recurrent issue of late, it has not been the only administrative concern at the sheriff's office. With more than 7,600 square miles of country to cover, the sheriff's budget can potentially be negatively impacted by increased fuel costs.

Aman said that the rising cost of fuel has not yet affected operations, because in the last budget cycle he figured the average cost at \$3.20 per gallon. Even if gas prices move above that estimate, Aman said that he has the flexibility to reduce spending on other items to keep the overall budget in balance. Should gas prices go over budget, expenditures on uniforms, office supplies, repairs, ammunition, or investigations might be cut back, but Aman said that his office is still within budget so far.

— RTH

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✓ Illegal: Homedale company has been under investigation for past year

Citing an ongoing investigation, regional ICE spokesperson Lorie Dankers wouldn't say if Leavitt would face discipline. Leavitt told the Statesman that he had bolstered his workforce with new hires Thursday.

Witnesses said the operation included personnel with weapons and dressed in protective vests.

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office was represented on scene by Det. Jim Bish, who was on hand as an observer.

Sheriff Gary Aman said he de-

manded a deputy's presence as an observer. He said no one's civil rights were violated. Aman added that he has had a policy for 10 years that any outside agency must coordinate its investigations through his office in an effort to maximize communication and avoid unfortunate incidents.

"This was a federal effort, so we are responsible," Dankers said. "It is common for us to notify local law enforcement that we will be in the area as a courtesy."

Of the 10 men and three women

arrested last week, two were released for humanitarian reasons, according to Dankers. Dankers said humanitarian reasons can include the fact that family members are dependent on the detainee.

The other 11 were taken to Ada County Jail to await immigration status hearings.

"The individuals who have never seen the immigration judge will have a chance to be heard before the judge," Dankers said.

Dankers said those court hear-

ings typically occur within three to five weeks of a person's detention. In the case of the two people who were released on their own recognition, the hearing dates could be as long as six months away.

Dankers said the federal government has a detention contract with Ada County. Incarcerated illegal aliens have a shorter timeframe on hearings because it costs about \$95 a day to detain suspects, Dankers said.

At least three of those rounded up last week already have had

immigration hearings and were slapped with deportation orders. Dankers said two of those deported individuals actually left the country and returned.

Dankers also said that two of the detainees have criminal records in Idaho. One was convicted of felony possession of a controlled substance in Canyon County and another spent time in Valley County Jail on a driving without privileges charge and a failure to appear offense.

— JPB

✓ Initiative: Crutcher's Crossing, land exchange process still in the works

Senate floor for a full vote before the summer recess.

He expected to have a bill for the committee by today with a work group meeting to follow next Monday.

"(Committee chair Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., chief of staff) David Brooks told me (April 1) they had a package of land bills on the floor of the Senate for a vote, they were hoping that it would go through," Grant said. "If it does, it just means that ours should go through real well when it comes out because it will be in another package of land bills."

"The political advantage of that

is that if people's favorite bills are lumped in one package they'll rather not take a shot at ours, and vice-versa. So that's our hope."

Grant was further bolstered by the last correspondence with committee staff regarding the legislative language on Science Review and the Research Center. He said that the committee staff agreed to leaving the establishment of the Research Center up to the work group after the legislation was signed into law. Legislation mandating the combination of Science Review and the Research Center was a major concern of ranchers.

"They're going to be linked,

but we've got the language in there in such a way that with the coordination agreement we have we can make it consistent with the Owyhee Initiative language," Grant said.

There still are a couple hurdles, according to Grant, including working out land exchange language and making the exemption of Crutcher's Crossing from Wild and Scenic Rivers statutes more clear in the legislation.

Grant, Tim Lowry, Owyhee County commissioners Dick Freund and Jerry Hoagland and Chad Gibson have worked tremendously long hours in trying

to hammer out exchange concepts that lawmakers can use to draft the exchange language. The men spent 11 hours in conference on the issue March 31, Grant said.

"What we did is try to come up with the concepts that we need in there and then we just suggested language that put the concepts in and then leaving it up to (committee staff) to draft it the way they need to to get it past the committee," Grant said. "As long as our concepts are included, we don't really care how the language is written."

Grant didn't go into specifics on the concepts involved in the

land exchange.

Grant said Crutcher's Crossing will stay open to motorized travel despite being in the middle of proposed wilderness.

"We want to make (language) positive that it will stay open, and we have to do it in a way that they aren't mandating that the Secretary (of the Interior) do it, but that it is going to take a specific action with justification to do it," Grant said. "It'll be the only place in the Union that I know of that has an authorized motorized crossing of a Wild and Scenic river," Grant said.

— JPB

✓ Plan: Year-old seismic studies added to cost of building here, CEO says

of hay field in Elmore, Gillispie did point out that preliminary geologic studies of the Bruneau-area ground a year ago found underground faults that were not serious enough to stall the project.

"However, they are adding significantly to analytical and construction expense," the release states. "This fact, coupled with the high land costs, make the Owyhee site less attractive."

While the move to Elmore was announced just last week, IEC officials had met with that

county's Planning and Zoning Commission as early as mid-July last year to alert officials that developers were scouting sites in Elmore County in the event that the plant couldn't be built in Owyhee.

IEC also said in the release that the Owyhee County P&Z Commission last week approved a conditional use permit for two meteorological towers and construction trailers on the parcel near Bruneau on which the firm originally was to build.

Gillispie said that IEC would

not ask for the a refund on the \$50,000 paid to Owyhee for the power plant application process. he said the county can use it for future growth-related needs.

Through spokesman Martin Johncox, IEC refused to answer direct questions posed by The Owyhee Avalanche regarding the shift to Elmore County.

"Idaho Energy Complex's announcement this week that it will seek permission from Elmore County to site its nuclear energy plant in that county is evidence that the pre-hearing

review process adopted by the Owyhee County Commissioners worked effectively," Owyhee planning coordinator Fred Kelly Grant said in a release.

Grant said that county planning and zoning administrator Mary Huff was developing a schedule for a series of public hearings to be held throughout the county. Each hearing would be devoted to a different issue regarding the nuclear power plant. The hearings were scheduled to begin in late May, Grant said.

Grant said that while there are

plans to "severely" scale back the planning effort on the nuclear site, officials will remain vigilant toward the economic and social impact the construction will have on the county.

"As IEC says in its announcement, construction of a site in Elmore County will certainly affect the Bruneau-Grand View area, through workers seeking housing and recreation on the Owyhee side of the river," Grant said.

— JPB

Obituary

Gene W. Byington

Gene W. Byington passed away March 7, 2008. Born in Susanville, California, Gene is survived by his wife of sixty years Grayce. He was a father to five children: Russell, Marie, David, Barry and Eric. He left behind nine grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Gene joined the US Navy on January 17, 1944 at the age of sixteen. He served on the USS President Monroe in the Central Pacific during World War II. He was decorated with the Asiatic Pacific Area Campaign Medal with three battle stars, the Philippine Liberation Medal with one battle star and the World War II Victory Medal. He was honorably discharged from the Navy as a Seaman First Class on April 12, 1946

Gene and Grayce were married August 31, 1948 in Homedale, Idaho where Gene worked as a farm hand. From 1955-1963 Gene worked as a hard rock miner at various locations in Idaho, California and Nevada. While working in Kellogg, Idaho he barely survived a serious cave-in that took the lives of almost all those around him. He



spent the next year recovering from his injuries before going back to work in the mines. Gene worked the remainder of his career (1964-1987), as a miner at the Nuclear Test Site outside Mercury, Nevada.

Upon retirement from the test site Gene and Grayce moved to Hurricane, Utah and spent their summers in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Graveside services were held at the Toquerville Cemetery on Saturday, March 15, 2008 at 4 p.m. in Toquerville, Utah.

Birthday

Family set to celebrate Geraldine Boslau's 98th

The family of Geraldine Boslau invites everyone to help celebrate her 98th birthday with an open house from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday.

The open house will be held at the home of Dean and Karen Vance, 2965 State Hwy. 19, Homedale. The family asks for no gifts, but cards are welcome.

Geraldine moved to Homedale 32 years ago after retiring from Western Electric in Omaha, Neb.

Her children include: Lyle (Donna) Boslau of Orlando, Fla., Karen (Dean) Vance of Homedale and Rod (Nanci) Boslau of Meridian. Other children who have passed away include Genevieve Hamlin, Paul Boslau and Jeannette Boslau.



Geraldine Boslau

Geraldine has 10 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren and nine great great grandchildren.

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School menus

Homedale Elementary

- April 9: Chicken patty or rib-b-que, potato wedges, applesauce cake, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- April 10: Enchilada or corn dog, scalloped potatoes, brownie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- April 11: Cheese pizza or PB&J, salad, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- April 14: Burrito or French dip sandwich, green beans, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- April 15: Nachos or baked potato, cinnamon breadstick, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- April 16: Chicken nuggets or egg roll, rice pilaf, veggie, fortune cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Homedale Middle

- April 9: Crispito or toasted cheese sandwich, taco salad, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- April 10: Nachos or baked potatoes, rice krispie treat, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- April 11: Chicken tenders or cf beef steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- April 14: Hamburger or hot dog, tots, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- April 15: Chicken nuggets or egg roll, rice veggie, fortune cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- April 16: Burrito or fish sandwich, corn, apple crisp, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Homedale High

- April 9: Idaho haystack, burrito or pizza hot pocket, cinnamon roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- April 10: Chicken patty, sandwich & soup or popcorn chicken, potato wedges, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- April 11: Crispito or rib-b-que, corn, taco salad, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- April 14: Pepperoni pizza, popcorn chicken or chef salad, brownie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- April 15: CF beef steak or chicken filet, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- April 16: Spaghetti, burrito or pizza hot pocket, French bread, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Marsing

- April 9: Taco, fruit, veggie, milk, Red Baron pizza, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.
- April 10: Turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, fruit, milk, nuggets, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.
- April 11: Hot dog, fruit, veggie, milk, sub sandwich, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.
- April 14: No school.
- April 15: Chicken nuggets, veggie, fruit, milk, taco, salad bar 4th-12th, cinnamon twist.
- April 16: Texas fries, fruit, milk, chicken/bun, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.

Senior menus

Homedale senior center

- April 9: Baked fish, macaroni & cheese, carrots, roll, beverage
- April 10: Cube steak, scalloped potatoes, California blend vegetables, roll, beverage
- April 15: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli, roll, beverage
- April 16: Tuna salad, cottage cheese, lettuce & tomato, roll, beverage

Birth



Jonathan Charles Hutton

Jonathan Charles Hutton

Jonathan Charles Hutton was born to Charley and Holly Hutton of Bruneau on March 18, 2008. He weighed in at 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Milly and J.P. (deceased) Whitted of Grand View.

Paternal grandparents are Butch and Caren Hutton of Bruneau.

Jonathan has one sister, Shasta.

OCD board cancels April meeting

This month's Owyhee Conservation District board of directors meeting, scheduled for Thursday, has been cancelled.

The board, which meets in the day during the winter months, will switch to its evening schedule for the spring and summer.

The next meeting is scheduled for 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 8.

The board usually meets on the second Thursday of each month.

Today's OWC meeting nixed

The monthly meeting of the Owyhee Watershed Council scheduled for today has been canceled.

The next council meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on May 14 at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W. in Marsing. For more information, call the Owyhee Watershed Council at (541) 372-5782.

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Your finances

Friends in business venture must be prepared for worst

Dear Dave,

I just began a business with a friend as an LLC partnership. I know he’s honest and a hard worker, but I’m still a little scared that everything will fall apart and we’ll walk away mad at each other. We used a CPA to get a tax ID number and help us set up the company. Do you think we should pay a lawyer to help us map out the partnership agreement in writing?

— Mike

Dear Mike,

Drawing up a written partnership agreement may be the only shot you’d have at walking away from this venture with your friendship still intact. But I don’t think you need to hand some lawyer a bunch of money to make it happen.

Chances are, your new business doesn’t need that level of detail. All you need is someone to help you draw up a template that answers all the “what if” questions. This template can be as simple as a list of all the things that could go wrong and the answers to those scenarios. These would be things like death, disability, moral failure, bankruptcy, etc., and what happens if any of these occur.

You know, there are hardly ever problems in a business venture when everyone’s happy and making piles of money. But it can get rough if you begin to disagree over the direction the company is taking. Or what if personal issues make you decide you don’t want to be in business with the other person anymore? It’s easy to go all pie-in-the-sky over these things, but you have to make plans for any and all of the worst outcomes, too.

— Dave

Dear Dave,

I’ve been trying to talk my husband out of going into debt to pay for things for years now. His idea is that debt is normal and there’s nothing wrong with it, as long as we can afford the monthly payments. We can afford these payments right now, but I don’t think it’s OK and I’m worried about the future. I’d rather invest the money or save it instead of giving it to creditors.

— Annette

Dear Annette,

Well, your husband is right about one thing. Debt IS normal in this country today. But that



doesn’t make it smart or OK. He was wrong, though, when he said you can afford the extra payments. Here’s what I mean.

On average, about three out of every 100 people in the United States are wealthy. By wealthy, I mean they make at least \$200,000 a year and have a net worth of \$1 million or more. I think it’s pretty fair to say that these folks aren’t normal. You might even say they’re weird when compared to everyone else.

Financially speaking, being normal in today’s society means being broke. According to *The Wall Street Journal*, 70 percent of Americans are living paycheck to paycheck. And did you know that 34 percent of the people who will retire this year will do so with an income of less than \$10,000 a year? That’s scary! Can you see why I don’t want to be normal?

Here’s another little fact on why you can’t “afford” to make payments on stuff, even if you can meet the monthly requirements. The average car payment in America is \$378 a month over 55 months. Do you know what would happen if you took that money and invested it in good growth stock mutual funds? That money, invested from age 25 to 65 would provide you with more than \$4 million by the time you were ready to retire.

So, if managing my money properly and retiring with some dignity — and wealthy to boot — is weird, then I want to be the weirdest guy around!

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is the best-selling 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 Says*, 1749 Mallory Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027

Calendar

Today
Homedale City Council meeting
6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave. (208) 337-4641
DivorceCare recovery support group
7 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151
Marsing City Council meeting
7 p.m., City Hall, 425 Main St. (208) 896-4122
Grand View City Council meeting
7 p.m., City Hall, 425 Boise Ave. (208) 834-2700, Monday through Wednesday

Thursday
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.

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

Monday
Homedale school board meeting
7 p.m., district office board room, 116 E. Owyhee Ave.
Melba school board meeting
4 p.m., district office board room, 600 Broadway Ave.

Tuesday
Exercise class
11 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020
El-Ada commodity distribution
1 p.m. to 4 p.m., El-Ada Owyhee office, 15 W.

Colorado Ave. Homedale. (208) 337-4812
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
El-Ada commodity distribution
11 a.m. to noon, Marsing Senior Center, 218 Main St., Marsing. (208) 337-4812
Bruneau and Beyond speaker series
Noon, Minidoka Internment National Monument presentation and luncheon, free, Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth Street, Bruneau, RSVP by April 14. (208) 845-2131 or (208) 845-2345
DivorceCare recovery support group
7 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151
Marsing Chamber of Commerce meeting
7 p.m., Essence of Life, 107 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-7001

Thursday, April 17
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
AA meeting
8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Friday, April 18
Celebrate Recovery 12-step program
6 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3520 or (208) 337-3151

Saturday, April 19
OCHS field trip
Tour of Mountain Home wind power plant, 9 a.m., AJ’s Restaurant, Mountain Home. (208) 495-2319, (208) 495-2232 or (208) 495-2537
Saturday night dance — live music
7 p.m., \$3, bring finger foods, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

Submit information on upcoming fundraisers, meetings, reunions or community events to The Owyhee Avalanche by noon Fridays for inclusion in the calendar. For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.

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Senior's college career blasts off with Gates scholarship

Sanchez earns one of 1,000 full-rides from prestigious fund

Anyone who has come in contact with Samuel Sanchez never seems to doubt the Homedale High School senior's ability to work out a problem or come up with an idea.

That faith in the 19-year-old didn't make the shock in learning that he had earned a prestigious full-ride scholarship opportunity any less delightful, though.

An Honor Roll student at the high school as well as a member of the National Honor Society, Sanchez learned recently that he has been accepted as one of 1,000 Gates Millennium Scholarship recipients for 2008. The nationwide competition included 13,000 applicants who had to undergo a rigorous selection process.

"As a Hispanic, you're not expected to do so good, and you have to do more to prove to others you can do it," Sanchez said.

"It made me feel better about myself that I've gotten chosen to be one of the Gates Scholars."

The Gates program, kicked off with a \$1 billion endowment from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, is in its 10th year of existence. The scholarship program benefits minority students, and Sanchez's scholarship will be funded through the Hispanic College Fund.

Applicants were evaluated on several fronts, including numerous essays on different personality traits, including leadership skills and volunteerism. A scholarship sponsor, in this case Becky Forth from the Homedale School District, also was required to write essays in support of Sanchez's application.

"Thank goodness for that snow day," Forth said, referring to the extra time she needed to finish her eight essays. "He's an awesome kid."

Sanchez had to write nine essays as part of his application, too. He learned that he was a finalist in March, and that kicked off another round of application requirements. He learned March 29 that he had earned one of the scholarships.

The work is not done, however. According to the scholarship foundation's Web site, Gates Scholars are monitored throughout their college careers to ensure that they maintain the standards that made them top candidates while in high school.

A member of Homedale's chapter of the Future Hispanic Leaders of America, Sanchez had only a few days to turn around his application after learning he was



Gates Scholar helps out

Samuel Sanchez and Becky Forth help children during the I Can Do afterschool program at Homedale Elementary School. Coloring in the foreground are first-graders Jose Buenstro and German Albor.

a finalist on March 10.

"I told myself I wouldn't wait to send in the papers," Sanchez said. "Two days later, I sent them in."

"I got the letter (of acceptance) sooner than I expected."

The son of Abdencio and Consepcion Sanchez, Samuel Sanchez has been in the Homedale School District since the fifth grade. He is the third-oldest of seven children, including four brothers and two sisters.

His older brother, Miguel, is a 22-year-old student at the University of Idaho in Moscow. Miguel also went through the Gates Millennium Scholarship application process when he was at Homedale High.

"I had heard about it before because my brother applied for it," Samuel Sanchez said. "I knew it would be so great if I got it."

Samuel Sanchez said his brother's attempt was part of his motivation, but there was more to his reasons for taking a shot.

"I did it, too, for my parents because it would make them proud. And I'm glad I did it."

Although many of his friends have prodded him to shoot for more nationally recognized schools, Sanchez said he will choose between U of I and Washington State University. He's planning to major in Civil Engineering, and he said both schools already have accepted his application.

"I kind of like construction," said the senior who carries a 3.939 grade-point average. "I would watch shows that had to do with bridges and tunnels on the Discovery Channel."

"I like to draw and I like math, it's one of my strongest subjects, and you need to know math to be an engineer."

Sanchez served as FHLA vice-president as a junior and has played for the Homedale boys

soccer team.

For the past three years he has been part of the FHLA delegation helping out with the I Can Do Kids after-school program at Homedale Elementary.

"Just in the short time I've known Sam through FHLA, I am sure he will be a leader in whatever field he chooses," Homedale Middle School teacher Angela Correa wrote in an e-mail broadcasting the good news to other district staff members.

"He already has young students at the elementary kids club program who want to be like him when they grow up."

What began for Sanchez as just a way to pad his college resume with community service examples has turned into a strong commitment to shaping the lives of elementary school students.

Judith McShane, the 4-H coordinator for the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, said that Sanchez has strengthened the after-school program, which is aligned with the 4-H curriculum.

"He came up with some great ideas," she said. "He has enhanced the curriculum."

McShane said Sanchez and the other FHLA members who have stepped forward to help with the after-school program have bolstered the program by adding their life experiences to the curriculum, too.

"(Sanchez) was one that you can count on, and he's responsible," McShane said. "He's a really good self-starter and he takes a lot of initiative."

Sanchez's fascination with aerospace fit seamlessly with part of the rocketry portion of the 4-H curriculum.

And, seemingly running contrary to the theory that television dulls the teenage mind, he tapped into his favorite programs to bring ideas to the young children with which he works every day after school. He introduced the students to balloon-powered rockets and rockets that use baking soda for propulsion as well as kites — all things he reveled in when he was younger.

"I started out with aerospace and came up with my own ideas that the kids would like," Sanchez said, adding that he has watched several programs on the subject.

And what began as just a requirement to join the race for scholarships became a three-year love affair with helping the children grow.

"After I came here (to join the I Can Do program) and did the rockets, I actually enjoyed what I was doing and enjoyed being here and working with them and seeing their reaction when I came up with something they liked," Sanchez said.

— JPB

Public safety telecommunicators honored April 13-19

The second full week of April, April 13-19 this year, has been designated National Public Service Telecommunicators Week.

The idea is to honor the men and women who fill the largely unheralded role of public safety communications personnel. Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman believes that no amount of recognition is sufficient for the vital work of these individuals.

"These employees dispatch law enforcement, ambulance and fire in most of Owyhee County, they work all shifts, including week-ends, holidays and nights," Aman said. "They are the ones that send help to the victim of a crime, or medical emergency. They are the only link a deputy out in the county has when he might need help. They are the critical link to people's lives."

"If you ever think your job is stressful, come spend a shift with an Owyhee County dispatcher. I am convinced that God has a special place for emergency dispatchers in heaven."

All Owyhee County dispatchers must attend Peace Officers Standards and Training Academy (POST), be certified as emergency medical dispatchers, have training in CPR and the use of automated external defibrillators and complete a minimum of 40 hours of training every year. They also must be trained and certified through Idaho for the Idaho Law Enforcement Telecommunications System.

Those currently filling that role for Owyhee County include: Dispatch Supervisor Linda Gerthung, who has 10 years' experience; Beverly White, who has 14 years' experience; Karlene Madsen, a veteran of 11 years; Jessica DeGeus, with three years on the job; and Toni Wunsch, who has been a dispatcher for one year. Backup dispatchers are Sherry Olsen, who has 14 years of experience, and Jayne Kingston, who has 10 years of experience on the job.

The idea for a national recognition week in honor of public safety telecommunicators workers was first introduced in Congress in 1991 by Rep. Edward Markey

'I am convinced that God has a special place for emergency dispatchers in heaven.'

— Gary Aman
Owyhee County Sheriff

(D-Mass.), and declared an honorary week in April 1992.

The original congressional proposal read:

"Every day, in all of our communities, dedicated public safety telecommunicators answer our calls for assistance. They dispatch our calls for help to local police and fire departments, facilitating the execution of emergency rescue and law enforcement operations in all of our districts. These public safety personnel serve as the vital links within our cities and towns, although rarely appreciated because they are not physically at the scene."

"The nation's public safety telecommunicators also work to improve emergency response capabilities through their leadership in training programs provided by the Associated Public-Safety Communications Officers. APCO is an association of nearly 9,000 people engaged in the operation, design, and installation of emergency response communications systems for federal, state and local government agencies."

"It is time that we show our appreciation for these people who make our nation's police and fire departments professional and responsive. In order to recognize the high-quality communications services provided by police and fire dispatchers, 911 operators, and emergency medical technicians, I have sponsored House Joint Resolution 284, to designate the week beginning April 12, 1992, as 'National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.'"



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Park ranger speaks in Bruneau

A National Park Service ranger with experience at several parks in the West is the next speaker for the Bruneau and Beyond luncheon series at the Bruneau Valley Library in Bruneau.

Gooding resident Annette Rousseau is an education specialist at the Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument and the Minidoka Internment National Monument.

She'll speak during the Bruneau and Beyond presentation at noon April 16 at the library, 32073 Ruth St., in Bruneau. A free lunch will be served, but those planning to attend must RSVP by April 14 to ensure plenty of food. Call library director Clara Morris at (208) 845-2131 or (208) 845-2345 to get on the list.

In the event of an overflow crowd, the event will be moved to the community church, and notices will be posted at the library.

Park ranger is a second career for Rousseau, who spent 15 years as an elementary school teacher in Connecticut before switching jobs and starting out as a park ranger at the Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona.

She has been working out of the visitor center in Hagerman for the past five years. Her job includes developing and presenting outreach programs and writing grant proposals.

Rousseau lives in Gooding with her husband and a Great Pyrenees dog named Bear.

Anniversary

Fred, Carmen Demshar set to mark 50th year of union

Friends and family of Fred and Carmen Demshar are invited to an open house to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on April 20, 2008.

Come share memories from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Txoko Ona Basque Center in Homedale. The family requests no gifts other than the presence of friends and family.

The Demshars were married at St. Hubert's Catholic Church in Homedale on April 19, 1958.

They began their life in Homedale with Fred running his family's farm. Carmen worked outside the home most of their married life.

They raised two children John and Teresa. They have additional blessings with their seven grandkids: Tyler, Trevor, Joe, Mark, Dennis and Ada. They lost two beautiful boys, Jim and Joe.

Now in retirement, they've enjoyed the many adventures either being in their motor home or close by home.



Carmen and Fred Demshar
Gregg Garrett Photo

Celebration of 50 years set in Marsing for Scaggs

John and Shirley Scaggs of Homedale will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a gathering for family and friends this week.

The celebration takes place at 6 p.m. Friday at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N.

The Scaggs were married April 20, 1958, in Nampa. John and Shirley spent their first 21 years of marriage living in various locations throughout Idaho.

In 1979, they moved the family to British Columbia, Canada, where they owned and operated a guest/cattle ranch until 1993, when they moved back to Idaho.

Although they reside in Homedale, they enjoy traveling in their RV and camping with family and friends.

They have two children, Randy (Vicki) Scaggs of Middleton, and Jodi (Kelly) Rudd of Homedale. They have four grandchildren: Cameron Scaggs, Ross Scaggs, Bradley Rudd and Courtney Rudd (who lives among angels).

The family asks that no gifts be brought to Friday's celebration.



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3.429, Levi Babcock, 3.333, Alysha Bahem, 3.333, Amy Barlow, 3.333, Jonnie S. Burns, 3.333, Amador M. Cortinas, 3.333, Gage K. Egurrola, 3.333, Alejandra Ramos, 3.333, Jonathan J. Verwer, 3.333, Austin J. Ferguson, 3.286

3.00 to 3.24 — Perla Gonzalez, 3.20, Lynlee Lord, 3.20, Roxanne Barroso, 3.167, Katie L. Cammack, 3.167, Joey D. Cline, 3.167, Eduardo J. Villanueva, 3.167, Antonio Alamilla, 3.143, Amanda F. Andaverde, 3.143, Elizabeth C. Davis, 3.00, Yeraldin M. Juarez, 3.00, Conner Morris, 3.00

Juniors

4.0 GPA — Aubrey A. McCutchen, Kara McRae, Annamaria A. Salas and Kelsey Thatcher

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rett, 3.857, Rye C. Hyer, 3.857, Kali McRae, 3.857, Hannah L. Johnson, 3.833, Mikal L. Mackenzie, 3.833, Sierra L. Aberasturi, 3.714, Chance Bohr, 3.714, Joseph C. Eckroat, 3.714, Laken A. Hiser, 3.714, Mitchell G. Quintana, 3.714, Jessica Sotelo, 3.714, Wesley Taggart, 3.714, Gregory S. Truesdell, 3.667, Briana M. Cornwall, 3.571, Haylie C. Free-love, 3.571, Stephanie D. Gomez, 3.571, Trevor M. Meligan, 3.571, Abdencio Sanchez, 3.571, Lizette Padilla, 3.50, Kendall K. Rupp, 3.50, Aimee N. Steinmetz, 3.50

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3.49 to 3.25 — Cassandra S. Arthur, 3.49, Angelica M. Calderon, 3.49, Drew J. Farwell, 3.429, Guadalupe I. Ozuna-Garcia, 3.429, Vanessa M. Sanchez, 3.429, Rowdy R. Vandeventer, 3.429, Jessica L. Eubanks, 3.286, Jake Tolmie, 3.286, Chelsea D. Troxel, 3.286, Carmen M. Zatica, 3.286

3.00 to 3.24 — Karly R. Bertagnolli, 3.143, Summer R. Megargree, 3.143, Elizabeth Baltierrez, 3.00, Andrea S. Favinger, 3.00, Jacy L. Grimm, 3.00, Preston T. Stevenson, 3.00, Ashlynn D. Uria, 3.00, Maria Vega, 3.00

Freshmen

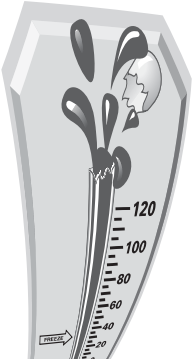
4.0 GPA — Jarod S. Armента, Jonathan R. Stacey and Kirsi Thatcher

3.99 to 3.50 — Amber Brinkerhoff (Romriell), 3.857, Caitlyn Johnson, 3.857, Sarah Maggard, 3.857, Jessica L. Westergard, 3.857, Megan E. Barraza, 3.714, Cristina Garcia, 3.714, Gil Lootens, 3.714, Alexandra McRae, 3.714, Summer Phelps, 3.714, Taylor Thomas, 3.714, Makenzie R. Tiegs, 3.714, Elizabeth Albor, 3.571, Isabel Calderon, 3.571, Sagan T. Condon, 3.571

3.49 to 3.25 — Maria Escutia, 3.429, Moises M. Gonzalez, 3.429, Elizabeth Silva, 3.429, Norma Bautista, 3.286, Llese-nia Calderon, 3.286, Shawnee Davis, 3.286, Blanca Hurtado, 3.286, Luis Lomeli, 3.286, Colin Lootens, 3.286, Lydia A. Lopez, 3.286

3.00 to 3.24 — Konner Bahem, 3.143, Salvador Cardenas, 3.143, Merari Castellanos, 3.143, Sydney Cornwall, 3.143, Jonathan Gonzalez, 3.143, Alan Kennedy (Nelson), 3.143, Mariah C. Tijerina, 3.143, Blanca A. Villarreal, 3.143, Alesha Zenor, 3.143, Humberto J. Cardenas, 3.00, Britney Cockrum, 3.00, Jessica Ann L. Henry, 3.00, Nickele J. Mainarick, 3.00, Jordan Meligan, 3.00, Noemi M. Salazar, 3.00, Matthew Taggart, 3.00

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Marsing FFA news

by Kelsey Granden, reporter

The Marsing FFA chapter recently participated in a game of donkey basketball at the Homedale High School gym.

The members of our team said they had a great time, even though we didn't win. Our team consisted of Neil Sevy, Peyton Kinney, CC Zanardi, Tyler Blackstock, Kaya Stahle, Jessica Torres, Hillary Williams, Ethan Salove, Kate Blackstock and Andi Merritt. The final score was 16-12, so it was a close game.

Bethany Sevy said it was a lot of fun and really energetic and a great way to bring FFA chapters together.

On March 19, we went to Meridian High School for our Parliamentary Procedure contest. The three schools competing were Meridian, Kuna and Marsing.

Meridian won best chairperson and best minutes.

The winner of the contest was Kuna, whose team will go to state and compete at a national level. We got third place, but we had a fun time.



Marsing FFA mounts up for donkey hoops

Members of the Marsing FFA chapter compete during the recent donkey basketball event at Homedale High School. The Marsing players in action include, from left, Neil Sevy, Ethan Salove and Tyler Blackstock. Submitted photo

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Homedale kindergarten registration coming soon

Homedale Elementary School is holding kindergarten registration for classes beginning this fall on Tuesday, April 22 from noon to 8 p.m. in the school's media center. Homedale Elementary School is located at 420 W. Washington Ave.

Prospective kindergarten students must be at least 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2008 to enroll. Parents or guardians must bring the child's birth certificate, immunization records and proof of residency along with the child to complete registration. All enrolling kindergarten students will receive a gift upon registration.

For more information, contact Homedale Elementary School at 337-4033.

Head Start holds event in Marsing

The Head Start programs for Marsing and Wilder will hold a Spring Fling community event Saturday at Island Park in Marsing.

The annual carnival will run from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the park near the Snake River.

Head Start is a federally funded preschool program that serves children ages 3 to 5.

Head Start students and their families will be able to fish for free in the Island Park pond thanks to an agreement with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

All other community members who visit the Spring Fling must be licensed to fish, according to organizers.

In addition to the fishing, the Spring Fling will include information booths, face-painting, bubble activities and a cakewalk.

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Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation Web site showed that, as of Monday afternoon, Owyhee Reservoir was 47 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 2,340 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 338,080 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):

Date	Reynolds Creek		Temperatures		
	Year-to-Date Precipitation	Max.	Min.	Avg.	
04/01	14.1	32	16	23	
04/02	14.3	39	18	29	
04/03	14.3	38	23	32	
04/04	14.4	47	24	35	
04/05	14.4	44	26	35	
04/06	14.4	39	24	31	
04/07	14.4	40	28	32	

Current snow depth is 9 inches, with a snow water equivalent of three inches.

Date	South Mountain		Temperatures		
	Year-to-Date Precipitation	Max.	Min.	Avg.	
04/01	26.7	36	14	23	
04/02	26.7	42	23	31	
04/03	26.7	46	27	34	
04/04	26.7	49	27	37	
04/05	22.1	45	28	38	
04/06	26.8	40	22	31	
04/07	27.2	46	28	33	

Current snow depth is 53 inches, with a snow water equivalent of 23 inches.

Date	Mud Flat		Temperatures		
	Year-to-Date Precipitation	Max.	Min.	Avg.	
04/01	13.2	40	14	26	
04/02	13.2	48	16	32	
04/03	13.2	49	21	34	
04/04	13.2	51	15	35	
04/05	13.2	53	27	39	
04/06	13.3	47	27	35	
04/07	13.4	50	28	37	

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

Weather

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April 1	50	18	.00
April 2	53	17	.00
April 3	56	17	.00
April 4	63	20	.00
April 5	64	28	.00
April 6	no reading taken		
April 7	58	32	.02

Marsing Chiropractic’s Gibson adjusting to new practice

Marsing chiropractor Mark Gibson says he feels his patients’ pain.

“I do know what a person is going through when they come in here,” Gibson said. “I’ve been there myself. I’ve got a lot of empathy for them.”

Gibson is the owner of Marsing Chiropractic, which is located at 7A Reich St., in Marsing, across West Main Street from Marsing City Hall. He took over the practice from Kathleen McKay-Zahedi in August when McKay-Zahedi moved to the Magic Valley to be closer to relatives there.



Prior to opening up shop in Marsing, Gibson worked at a chiropractic clinic in Boise. He says he likes his current situation.

“I’m a little new to the area of Marsing, but I come from a small town (Lander, Wyo.). I like small towns,” Gibson said.

And those small-town values are reflected in his attitude toward his work.

“I’m not in it to get rich,” Gibson added, “I’m in it to be of service to my patients. I’m very people-oriented. I’m a very straightforward person. I don’t go in for a lot of gizmos or anything like that. I work very hands-on. That’s how I adjust. I like working with my hands. Not only on people’s backs, but I made this,” Gibson said, tapping a large wooden cabinet behind his desk, “and several other things around the office.”

In fact, Gibson’s business sign was on the floor of his office because he was personally making repairs to it.

Gibson said that he took three years of pre-chiropractic classes at Boise State University before taking on four years of chiropractic studies at Cleveland Chiropractic College in Kansas City, Mo. He compared the education requirements to be a chiropractic

Chiropractor adjusts to new community
Mark Gibson, owner of Marsing Chiropractic, proudly displays his license from the State of Idaho on the wall of his office.

practitioner with those required to become a medical doctor.

“We take the same number of course hours as a regular MD,” Gibson said. “The only difference is that there is no outside internship from the schools — but basically I was taking an internship from Dr. Oliver (in Boise), I was learning a lot from him — and the formulary classes, that’s something we don’t take in chiropractic school.”

Gibson said that he has files on between 1,500 and 1,600 people he has treated, and sees up to 20 people per week now in Marsing.

“I’ve got room to grow,” Gibson said, adding that walk-in patients are always welcome.

He also said that he is considering changing his office hours so that he can treat residents at Hope House twice per week. His current office hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday.

Gibson said that he is one of a few chiropractors who accept Medicaid patients. The reader board outside his office proclaims that Gibson now accepts Visa, Mastercard, and debit cards. Anyone wishing to set up an

appointment or looking for more information can call Gibson’s office at 896-5520.

Gibson said that most people view chiropractic treatment only as a means to relieve pain, and that most people would be surprised to find that patients can potentially see benefits beyond relief from existing conditions.

“There’s a prevention aspect to chiropractic,” Gibson said. “Instead of waiting for some back pain to knock you to your knees, it’s better to have something done before it gets worse and you end up crawling on your hands and knees. I’ve yet to see that happen, but I have seen people taking it pretty easy when they come into the office.

“A lot of people don’t think of it as a preventative thing, but it can be. I am walking proof of that. I see a chiropractor once a week. Just getting a tuneup every now and then keeps you going. Once you get a patient in tune, it’s kind of like a musical instrument or a car. A little bit of maintenance along the way helps you get more mileage or use out of it. The body is just like that. If you take care of it, it will take care of you.”

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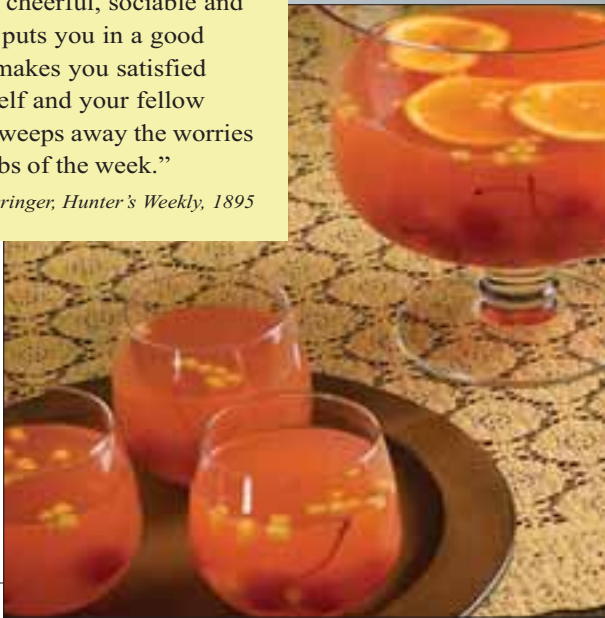
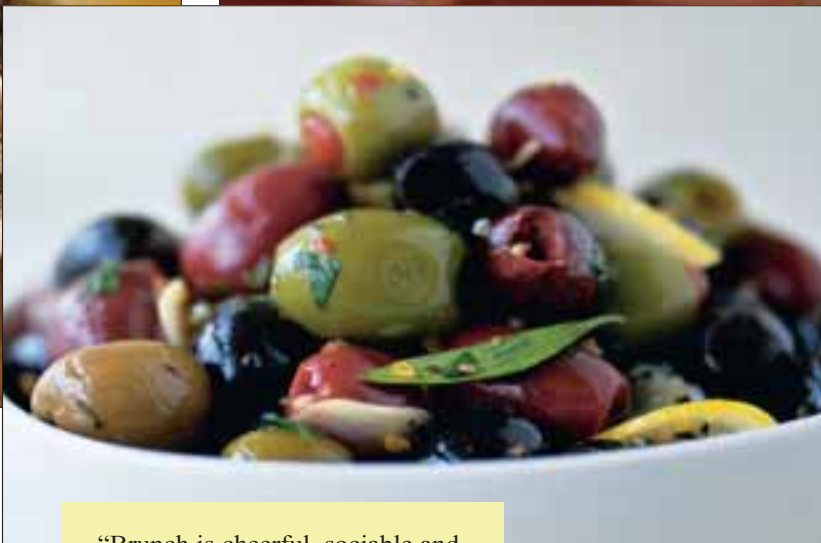
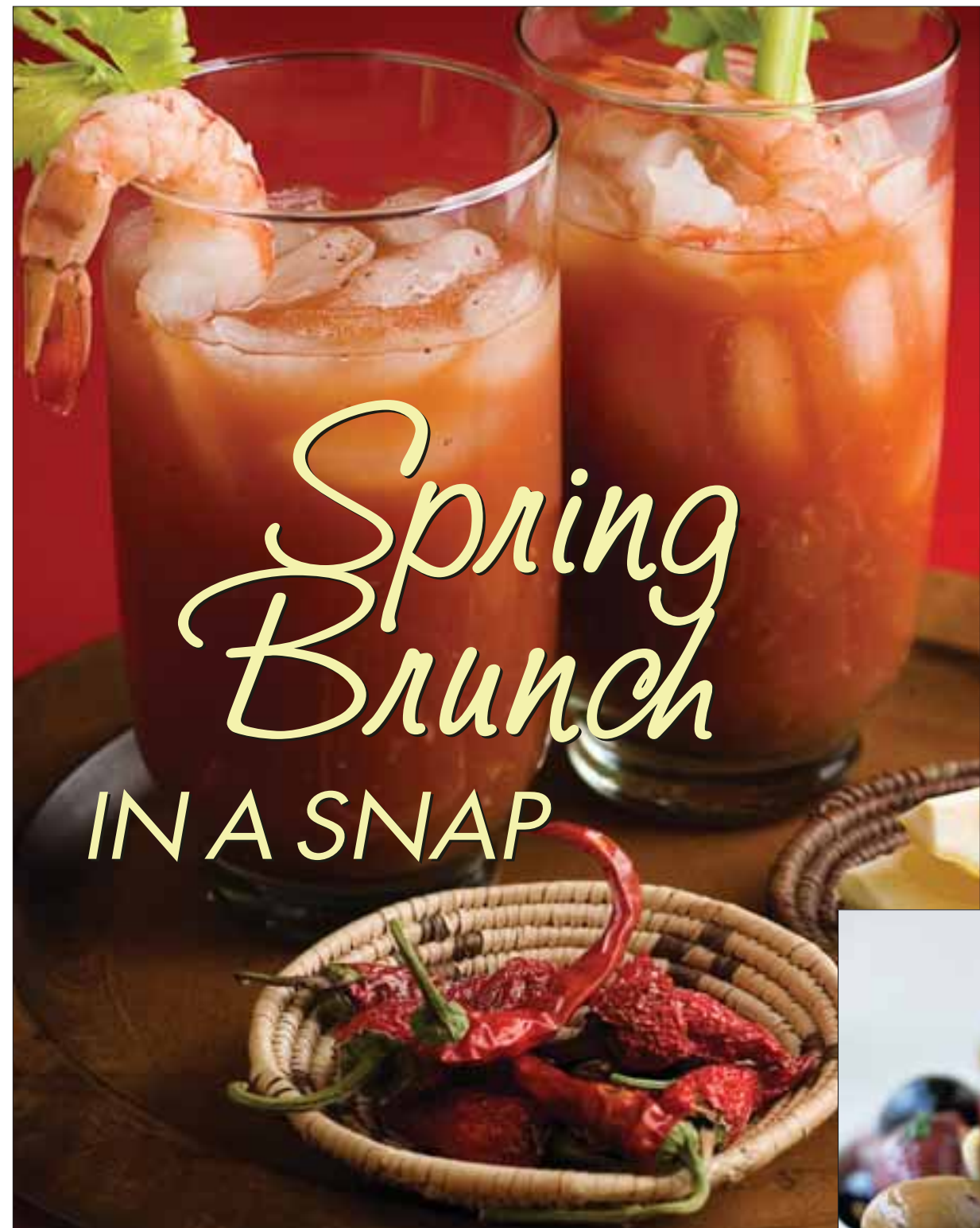
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FAMILY FEATURES

Spring 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.

These easy recipes can be made ahead of time, so all you have to do on brunch day is sit back with friends and enjoy.

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 www.cuervo.com.

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 wines.
- Find a handy "Olives 101" chart at www.lindsayolives.com to help pick just the right ones.

“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
- 3 cups tomato juice
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 2 teaspoons hot sauce
- 1 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
Serves 4

- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- 2 cans (15 ounces) cannellini beans, rinsed and drained
- 1/3 cup Lindsay Kalamata Pitted Olives, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon Gourmet Garden Squeezable Garlic
- 1 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 Monterey 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
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 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 a salad.

Tequila Sunrise Sangria
Serves 16 to 18

- 1 bottle (750 milliliters) Jose Cuervo Golden Margarita
- 1 cup of orange juice
- 1 lime, juiced
- 3 oranges, sliced into rounds
- 2 mangos, peeled and diced
- 12 to 16 maraschino cherries
- 1/4 cup cherry juice
- 2 bottles (750 milliliters) dry white wine, chilled
- 1 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.



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