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Owyhee voters head to polls Tuesday

Results

Results from the primaries will appear in next week's edition of The Owyhee Avalanche as well as online at www.owyheepublishing.com

Unlike years past when the primary election in Owyhee County basically made the general election obsolete, Tuesday's voting merely will set up showdowns in half of the

local races.

8 p.m. Tuesday throughout the county as voters cast ballots for county, state and national

The county clerk's office Polls are open from 8 a.m. to in Murphy will be open from 8 a.m. to noon on Memorial Day to accommodate absentee voters.

While the election for county

sheriff has been a contentious one between incumbent Gary Aman and challenger Daryl Crandall, the end won't be

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State of Owyhee athletics: Golden

Huskies, Trojans make history

Homedale High School sophomore Nickole D'Alessio, right, set the school shot put record twice Wednesday while winning the 3A District III championship and becoming one of 10 Trojans to reach this week's state meet in Boise.

Other highlights from a big week:

- *Marsing made history by sending eight athletes* to the state meet, and the boys collected the best 2A District III track finish in school history — second.
- ${\color{red}\bullet} \ Homedale \hbox{\it 's softball team battled to third place}$ in Coeur d'Alene.
- The Trojans' boys golf team finished eighth
- Rimrock baseball was an injury away from a thrilling finish in the 1A state tourney in Juliaetta.
- Homedale's Shravan Sriganesh and Tanner Lair picked up first-round wins at the 3A state tournament for tennis.

last week.

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A candidate for Owyhee County

Sheriff in Tuesday's primary election

resigned under fire from a previous

job, The Owyhee Avalanche learned

News reports state that Daryl Cran-

dall resigned his post as chief of po-

lice in the small western Oregon town

of Banks in May 2003 in light of a

state investigation into allegations of



County asks state to send new liaison to assessor's office

Commissioners' letter calls appraiser's conduct 'unprofessional,' 'harmful'

The county has drafted a letter to the state tax commission asking that Kathlynn Ireland be removed as the consulting appraiser assigned to work with the office of county Assessor Brett

Ireland has alleged that the assessor's office falsified numbers in reporting for the 2005 ratio study of property assessments.

Ireland's comments appeared in an article published in the May 7 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche.

In a letter to Ireland's supervisor Steve Fiscus, the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners called Ireland's actions and allegations "unprofessional" and

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Crandall resigned as Oregon police chief in '03

Newspaper: Candidate for sheriff stepped down when council was poised to fire him



Daryl Crandall

wrongdoing.

According to The Oregonian newspaper of Portland, state Department of Justice investigators also looked into a claim that he choked his daughter earlier in 2003. The case never was prosecuted, according to The Oregonian.

Crandall will face incumbent Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman

in Tuesday's Republican primary.

According to an article published in The Oregonian on May 20, 2003, Crandall resigned after less than five years with the Banks Police Department. The newspaper said Crandall stepped down May 14 of that year rather than being fired by the Banks City Council.

When reached Monday, Crandall

declined comment.

Sheriff Gary Aman, Crandall's superior, said his office never knew the specifics of Crandall's departure in Banks, which is about 25 miles west of Portland.

"We were just told that he had a disagreement with the mayor," Aman

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Memorial Day closures planned

Avalanche sets special holiday deadlines

With the Memorial Day holiday comes adjusted schedules for government offices in Owyhee County.

The Owyhee Avalanche office will be closed Monday in observance of Memorial Day. The deadline to submit a classified ad will be 5 p.m. Friday, while the display advertising and legal notice deadlines are noon Friday.

The Avalanche office will reopen for normal business hours Tuesday.

The Owyhee County Clerk's office in Murphy will be open from 8:30 a.m. to noon Monday for absentee voting ahead of Tuesday's primary elections. County clerk Charlotte Sherburn said all other county offices will be closed for the holiday Monday.

City Halls in Homedale, Marsing and Grand View will be closed Monday for the holiday as will U.S. Bank branches in Homedale

and Marsing.

Paul's Market in Homedale will be open regular hours from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., while Snake River Mart in Marsing also will observe regular 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. hours.

The Homedale Senior Citizens Center will be closed to regular senior center activity Monday for the holiday and Tuesday because it serves as a polling place for the Democratic and Republican primary elections.

The Marsing Neighborhood and Senior Center also will be closed for Monday's holiday.



Saturday proclaimed Poppy Day

Homedale Mayor Harold Wilson, left, accepts a poppy from Homedale American Legion Auxiliary member Carolyn Grooms on Friday after he proclaimed Saturday Poppy Day in town. The Auxiliary will have poppies available for donations Friday at Homedale businesses.

Paving could begin this week

Citizens can expect to see new blacktop hit the Homedale streets sometime this week.

Public works supervisor Larry Bauer told the City Council on Wednesday that crews from Nampa-based Sommer Construction will begin laying fresh asphalt this week now that most of the pipe work for the water improvement project has been completed.

Bauer said the west side of town is "virtually ready for asphalt."

He also complimented Sommer on the smoothness with which the project has been carried out.

"We're very fortunate to have a good contractor," Bauer said.

Bauer also said that his department soon may buy more of the durable, reflective material used to place a crosswalk at East Idaho Avenue and South 2nd Street East near Homedale High School.

"I'm just tickled to death with it," he told council members. "If we had painted it, today you wouldn't see it."

He said he'd like to have all of Homedale's crosswalks done with the thermal plastic coating within the next two or three years.

In other developments from the council meeting:

• The council unanimously rejected a request from the Homedale Chamber of Commerce to waive the \$35 fee to use the reader board at the east entrance to town on East Idaho Avenue.

"This is for the businessmen in town," Mayor Harold Wilson said. "They probably helped play for that sign."

Councilman Dave Downum pointed out that the council had set a fee schedule that gave fee exemptions to youth groups only. Councilman Aaron Tines said he feared setting a precedent with a waiver to give the Chamber free advertising for next month's Block Party and carnival.

The \$35 fee covers three weeks of advertising. The carnival is set to run from June 5 to June 7 at the Amalgamated Sugar Co., beet dump, and the Block Party will be held in City Park on June 7.

• Councilmen tabled until its 6 p.m. meeting Thursday a decision on modifying the Kitfox Aircraft Co.'s land lease agreement at the Homedale Municipal Airport.

Kitfox co-owner John McBean asked the council to exchange land that he has discovered belongs to Westowns Disposal for land that is west-southwest of Kitfox's existing property. McBean said the new lease would give him a parcel that is 380 feet long rather than the existing 420 feet, and that he doesn't require airstrip access for the new storage building he plans on that parcel.

The land now is being used as a burn pile and to store gravel for city projects, but Bauer said the city is slowing moving off the property. "It fits the airport," Bauer said of the land.

When Bauer said that a roadway must be established on that part of the airport property — essentially extending Airport Way eastward — McBean said he already had drafted a plan providing for an easement 50 feet wide.

"I'm trying to be beneficial to the airport, so down the road if change is need, I don't have a problem," McBean said.

- In another land-use issue, the council granted a one-year extension to Ron Woods to gain preplat approval for his proposed subdivision off Pioneer Road. Woods said that he is in the process of trying to sell the land on which he had planned to build upwards of 260 homes.
- The council referred Sunset Village Mobile Home Park manager Tom Hines to the Homedale Planning and Zoning Board when he asked for a vacation of East Kansas Avenue in order to build a paved and fenced lot for guest and overflow residential parking.

"I agree it's somewhat of an eyesore, but I don't know if parking cars is going to ease the problem," Councilman Tim Downing said.

Hines said the project could include a privacy fence, if required.

The project must be filed with P&Z to follow planning protocol.

Poppy sales, wreathes mark Memorial Day

American Legion posts in Owyhee County will hold Memorial Day observances beginning Friday.

Homedale American Legion Post 32 will present its annual series of wreath-laying ceremonies Monday in Wilder, Homedale and between Homedale and Marsing.

A service also is planned in Bruneau on Monday, and Grand View veterans will place commemorative objects in the cemetery Friday.

On Saturday, the Homedale American Legion Auxiliary women will offer poppies for a donation from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Paul's Market at 20 W. Wyoming Ave

Homedale Mayor Harold Wilson, himself a veteran of U.S. Army occupational forces in Japan after World War II, signed a proclamation last week making the Saturday of the Auxiliary's poppy sale Poppy Day in Homedale.

Wilson's proclamation, signed Friday, asks citizens to wear a Memorial Poppy this Saturday to pay tribute to "those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom."

The poppies, hand-made by veterans, have been distributed by the American Legion Auxiliary for 84 years on the Saturday before Memorial Day and, in some areas of the country, on Veterans Day in November.

Auxiliary spokesperson Carolyn Grooms said that poppy displays will be placed in Homedale businesses. Funds raised from the sale of the poppies help fund programs for veterans and their dependents.

"So when you see the poppy displays in business around, please give a little, pick a poppy,"

Grooms said in a press release.

The Homedale American Legion Memorial Day observances Monday will be held at 9 a.m. at the Wilder cemetery, 9:30 a.m. at the Homedale bridge over the Snake River, 10 a.m. at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery and 10:30 a.m. at City Park in Homedale.

The Auxiliary will begin serving a free breakfast at 10:15 a.m. at the Post 32 hall on East Owyhee Avenue.

Robert Swenson of Grand View American Legion Post 134 said that a committee will place flags and crosses in the local cemetery Friday. While Grand View Mayor Paul Spang, his wife Verla, Swenson and Dixie McDaniel of the irrigation district plan to place the flags and crosses, Swenson said volunteers are welcome to pitch in.

Call Swenson at (208) 834-2433 for more information.

The Bruneau Post 83 Memorial Day ceremony will take place Monday, Bill McBride said. The event at Bruneau Cemetery includes the annual patriotic talk from Joe King and the traditional historical discussion of Bruneau and its American Legion post by Tom Hall Sr.

Singers from the Community Church will perform, a bugler will play Taps and there will be a 21-gun salute, McBride said.

After the ceremony, the Legion post will play host to a potluck lunch at its hall.

Attempts were unsuccessful to get information on observances planned by Marsing American Legion Post 128 and the Wilderbased Samuel C. Phillips III Post 11065 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars organization.

— JPB

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Community a no-show for Marsing P&Z's forum

Nothing became of the "Positive Input Session" scheduled by the Marsing Planning and Zoning Board last week because no one showed up, according to the city's P&Z secretary.

Christy Martinat said the entire P&Z board and Marsing's city public works superintendent and city engineer were at the May 5 meeting at City Hall and ready to field any questions or suggestions folks might have for planning for

Problem was, not a soul

Martinat said the meeting was planned to get input from residents on where they would like to see city go in terms of growth and what changes may be necessary with the city's zoning ordinances.

"It has been updated a lot," Martinat said of Marsing's zoning book. "We're going through it page-by-page and updating it and making it apply to today's

problems and situations."

Martinat said that the full P&Z board attended, including chair Tony Malmberg and members Bryan Yiengst, Doug Cobiskey, Dan Carlson, Michelle Jacobi and Raymond Gaviola.

City public works superintendent Danny Martin and city engineer Amy Woodruff also were in attendance, Martinat said.

Martinat said that the P&Z board may look at holding another town hall type meeting in the future.

For now, the board continues to hold its regular meeting at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of each

The next meeting is set for June 2.

— JPB

Homedale Police at full strength

The Homedale Police well and serve the citizens of Department has gained an officer and a certification, Chief Jeff Eidemiller told the City Council on Wednesday.

Eidemiller announced during his bi-monthly report that HPD reserve officer Steve Atkins has been hired as a full-time officer for the department.

Atkins will begin the Idaho Peace Officers Standards and Training academy in August, Eidemiller said. The chief said he had been employed on a conditional basis a week before Wednesday's announcement.

"Every indication now is he'll be a great fit for Homedale," Eidemiller said. "I have every confidence in him that he'll do

Homedale well."

Eidemiller said Atkins will be a field training officer (FTO), riding with another HPD officer, until he completes the academy.

Atkins replaces former Cpl. Andy Hoagland, who resigned after more than nine years on the Homedale force days after his arrest on DUI charges in Nampa. Hoagland faces a trial on the misdemeanor charge next

While Atkins is still more than four months away from entering the next academy class, Eidemiller presented Officer Jeff Wasson his basic certification after he completed the POST academy.

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surgery, Jeanne and I believe I will be capable of providing the representation you deserve in the State Senate. I would have never run for reelection if I had the least bit of doubt regarding a full recovery. I thank you for your past support and ask for your vote on May 27th.



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Crandall: Current deputy also resigned from Glenns Ferry force in '98

said, adding that the information was provided on Crandall's job application.

Aman said the sheriff's office has instituted more detailed background checks since Crandall was hired in 2004

"At the time he was hired, we were doing polygraphs, but we weren't doing as in-depth background checks as we are now."

The Oregonian reported that Crandall was suspended with pay 13 days before the Banks council accepted his resignation. He faced allegations of wrongdoing and, five months before his resignation, a more serious allegation of choking his teenage daughter. No prosecution was carried out on the choking charge, but Crandall's former mother-in-law, Lorraine Wodyga, said last week that case for a table saw. she and Crandall's ex-wife have spent thousands of dollars trying to conceal the daughter's whereabouts from her father.

The Hillsboro (Ore.) Argus reported later in 2003 that Crandall faced allegations of theft and official misconduct, which the Oregonian said were leveled by a former Banks police officer. But the Argus article reported that Banks city attorney Jim Lucas said those charges did not contribute to Crandall's "performance issues" that led to a May 14, 2003, executive session by the Banks City Council.

Lucas said the allegations were not criminal, although the Oregonian said state investigators had looked into three complaints, including:

- Poor record-keeping in the sale of body armor in March 2001 in which investigators found Crandall hadn't followed procedure in accounting for the sale.
 - Trading a city-owned book-

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• Utilizing city property to run a private security training business

According to the Oregonian report. Crandall admitted he used city equipment to fingerprint one of his security trainees who sought a concealed weapons permit. Crandall also claimed that the table saw was a gift, and investigators learned that the bookcase was city surplus.

The Oregonian article also said that the city didn't have a procedure for selling surplus property, which muddied the waters on whether there was misconduct in the cases of the bookcase and the body armor.

State investigators found that none of the accusations would hold up to prosecution, newspaper reports said.

Still, the Banks City Council called for an executive session on May 14, 2003, under the heading "employee termination." According to reports, Crandall had

joined the Banks police force in July 1999. Glenns Ferry Mayor Joanne Lanham said Monday that she remembers Crandall served as a supervisor for that town's police department for nine months in 1998 (Jan. 5 to Oct. 14) and that he resigned from that job. Lanham was in the midst of her 10year tenure as a city councilperson during Crandall's short stay on his hometown's police force.

One report said he was promoted to chief of the tiny Banks police force in June 2000, but Lucas said Friday that his recollection was Crandall joined the force as police chief.

At the time of Crandall's resignation, Lucas told the Oregonian that the cloud under which the chief left had more to do with communication problems and job performance than any hint of criminal wrongdoing.

Attempts by The Owyhee Avalanche to obtain information on Crandall's career directly from the candidate have been unsuccessful. Through a letter dated May 2 to the Avalanche from his campaign chair, Rex Evans, Crandall declined to participate in the Avalanche's solicitation for candidate responses, which included a section regarding job qualifications.

In his campaign literature, Crandall says he is a 26-year veteran of law enforcement and that he has obtained various degrees from several educational institutions, including an advanced certificate from the Idaho Peace Officers Standards and Training academy.

An investigation by The Owyhee Avalanche has turned up some details into the candidate's career, however.

He apparently joined the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office after his stint in Banks.

Hailey Police Chief Jeff Gunter said that he remembers Crandall as a patrol deputy for the Blaine County Sheriff's Office in the early 1990s. Gunter said both men worked patrol for their respective agencies at the time.

"He did a good job," Gunter

Blaine County Chief Deputy Gene Ramsey acknowledged that Crandall worked as a deputy for that agency.

Citing that such information fell under personnel matters, Ramsey refused to comment on Crandall's job performance except to say he did the general work of a law enforcement officer.

Blaine County payroll clerk Brooke Roberson confirmed that Crandall worked as a sheriff's dispatcher from Oct. 1, 1988 to Oct. 15, 1989 before transferring to become a deputy in the office until Nov. 19, 1992.

Crandall apparently joined the Homedale Police Department after his time in Blaine County.

Attempts to confirm other places Wodyga claimed Crandall had worked — including Idaho City and Shoshone County — turned up few details.

Angie Sillonis, the public information officer for Canyon County, confirmed that Crandall worked for that county's sheriff's office from Oct. 24, 1994 to Dec. 29, 1996, but she said personnel records were unclear on whether he was a jailer or a patrol deputy although the code assigned to his position designated a jailer at the time of his employment. Because of personnel regulations, Sillonis couldn't give any other information about Crandall's service with Canyon County.

During his time in Banks, Crandall played a hand in trying to get legislation passed that would have made it a crime to assist a runaway, submitting written testimony to the Oregon Legislature in 2001.

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BLM to provide backup for deputies this weekend

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office is bracing for the first big recreation weekend of the year as folks from all over come to play in the Owyhee Mountains for Memorial Day weekend.

"We just expect large numbers of people," Sheriff Gary Aman said. "We're expecting a lot of trespass problems and OHV (off-highway vehicle) violations, basically."

But, after his recent visit to Washington, D.C., Aman says his deputies have an ally in the Bureau of Land Management.

Owyhee Initiative Work Group co-chair Fred Grant told the county Board of Commissioners Monday that the BLM has agreed

to supply extra manpower to police the open areas in Owyhee County even before the Initiative becomes law.

Aman said that new cooperation will begin this weekend.

"There will be a minimum of between four and six BLM rangers, and I will deputize them for certain things," Aman said.

Aman said the county and the federal agency has signed a memorandum of understanding that gives the BLM rangers authority to enforce county ordinances, specifically in regards to traffic violations, DUI, drug offenses, OHV use, trespassing and alcohol violations.

The rangers also will be able

to apprehend anyone with an outstanding arrest warrant or anyone who violates state OHV

The extra help may be needed because Aman expected commissioners to open Silver City Road at their meeting Monday.

— JPB

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$\sqrt{\text{Liaison:}}$ Assessor says problems reported by appraiser were remedied

"harmful" to the reputation of Fiscus' office and the Idaho State Tax Commission. The letter, dated May 12 and signed by commissioners Dick Freund, Jerry Hoagland and Harold "Hal" Tolmie, also said Ireland's actions "damaged the reputation of the County Government we manage and direct."

"We find it unacceptable that Ms. Ireland would make her allegations to the county newspaper rather than to provide the information to The Board of County Commissions," the commissioners wrote in the letter.

"Had she shared her concerns and allegations with us, we would have acted appropriately and expeditiously to determine the facts of the matter."

The county commissioners also said the proper course of action for Ireland if she had suspected malfeasance was to alert the Board of Commissioners, Prosecuting Attorney Matthew Faulks and/or Sheriff Gary Aman.

During an April 30 interview with the Avalanche, Ireland said that Fiscus would be the person to alert the county of any possible wrongdoing, which in the case of falsified records would carry a misdemeanor charge. She said that she submits her ratio reports to members of the state tax commission and Endicott.

"I brought the information to

the prosecuting attorney about my findings in the past, and that's all I can do," Ireland said. "Mostly that's just been within my ratio study report, so I don't know if the prosecuting attorney is well-vested or has been briefed in what's been going on. I don't have a lot of access to the prosecuting attorney."

And, if the state follows the edict of the county's letter to the tax commission, Ireland won't have any access to Endicott or other county officers.

"Ms. Ireland is no longer welcome at the Owyhee County Courthouse," the letter states. " ... Further, a written apology from

Ms. Ireland would be most ap-

In a separate correspondence to The Owyhee Avalanche, Endicott wrote, "The differences of value that Ireland noted from the 2005 ratio study were addressed and resolved at that time."

Endicott also said Ireland's allegations regarding the 2007 ratio study are "false, self-serving and are not in keeping with the professional behavior that should be expected of a representative of the State Tax Commission."

In the May 7 article, Ireland did not allege any possible criminal wrongdoing in the most recent study, but she did point out that her study revealed that commercial property in the county had been under-assessed in the past year.

Ireland has declined comment on the letter, referring the Avalanche to Fiscus, who is the division administrator for county support at the tax commission. Fiscus was unavailable for comment before press time because he was away at the International Association of Assessing Officers conference in New Orleans, Ire-

The assessor's office has until June 2 to mail out 2008 assessment notices, and then property owners have until June 23 to appeal those assessments.

— JPB

√ **Tuesday:** Congress, entire state legislative delegation up for grabs, too

in sight for another six months for whichever of those two men comes out on top in Tuesday's Republican primary.

Independent candidate Perry Grant, a Homedale Police corporal, awaits in the Nov. 6 general election. No Democratic candidates filed.

There is a Democratic candidate for Owyhee County's District 1 commissioner, although Joe Gannuscio has been a quiet challenger to Republican incumbent Jerry Hoagland during the primary season. Both men are unopposed on their respective parties' ballots Tuesday and are scheduled to meet up in the November general.

The contest for county prosecuting attorney and District 2 commissioner will be settled outright Tuesday with only Republicans vying for the positions.

Incumbent Harold "Hal" Tolmie and the man who unseated him 20 year ago as a Democrat, George Hyer, are running head-to-head on the GOP ticket for the District 2 commission spot, which carries a two-year term. Both men are from Homedale.

Douglas Emery, the county's former deputy prosecutor, is running unopposed to succeed Matthew Faulks in the chief prosecutor's office. Faulks opted not to seek a second term.

Eligible electors who haven't registered to vote yet may do so

at their respective polling places on Election Day. Those voting by mail-in absentee ballot must have their votes mailed to the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy by 5 p.m. today. Applications for inperson absentee balloting are due by 5 p.m. Monday, and absentee voters have until 8 p.m. Tuesday to return their ballots to their respective polling places.

While the local names probably are most familiar to those who are set to cast ballots in the primaries, Owyhee County voters also will basked to make decisions in several other races Tuesday.

Primaries for president, U.S. senator and District 1 congressman are being held, and all three seats in District 23 of the Idaho Legislature also are on the ballot.

Finally, county voters are being asked to shape the Idaho Supreme Court and Court of Appeals in non-partisan judicial elections.

District 23

state senator

Former Marsing School District superintendent Doran Parkins, who still lives in Owyhee County, will challenge incumbent state Sen. Tom Gannon (R-Buhl) in Tuesday's primary. Parkins has appeared in forums in Owyhee County, while state Sen. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson) has served as proxy for Gannon at forums in Murphy and Marsing.

Gannon has been unable to

campaign because of illness. Jeanne Gannon said Wednesday from Salt Lake City that her husband was to undergo surgery later that day to repair a pancreatic duct blockage. She said that Gannon's illness is not cancerrelated, and that her husband would not have sought another term if he hadn't been assured a full recovery was probable.

Bill Chisholm of Buhl is the lone Democrat on the state Senate ballot for District 23, which covers Owyhee County and western Twin Falls County.

District 23, Seat A rep

Incumbent Jim Patrick of Twin Falls is the only candidate listed on the Republican ballot, while Twin Falls podiatrist and antinuclear activist Peter Rickards is running unopposed on the Democratic ticket.

District 23, Seat B rep

Bert Brackett is seeking reelection and is the lone Republican appearing on that party's primary ballot Tuesday.

Mike Ihler of Twin Falls appears on the Democratic primary ballot.

District 1 congressman

Incumbent Bill Sali of Kuna is being challenged by Nampa's Matt Salisbury in the Republican primary. Salisbury was represented by his grandfather in the Marsing forum on May 10.

Walt Minnick of Boise is the lone Democrat still in the primary race, and he made an appearance in Marsing on May 10. Larry Grant appears on the primary ballot, but the Fruitland Democrat withdrew from the race last month.

U.S. senator

Eight Republicans are scrambling to win their party's nomination for a shot a replacing retiring Sen. Larry Craig in Washington, D.C.

The candidates include Idaho Falls-area resident Fred Adams, a former attorney and current school teacher; Sweet resident Brian E. Hefner, Rexburg resident Bill Hunter, Richard Phenneger of Coeur d'Alene, Lt. Gov. Jim Risch of Boise, Hal James Styles Jr., who lives in Desert Hot Springs, Calif., Wilder resident Scott A. Syme and McCall school board member Neal Thompson.

Of those candidates, only Thompson and Hefner made appearances at last week's Candidates Speakout in Marsing.

Syme's son, Dayton, is student body president and a senior at Homedale High School.

Democrats on Tuesday's primary ballot include David J. Archuleta, a Shoshone-Bannock from Fort Hall, and former congressman Larry LaRocco, who lives in McCall.

Judicial

Of the three state court seats on

the ballot Tuesday, only one has an actual race.

John Bradbury, who is in his second term as judge in Idaho's Second Judicial District, is challenging Justice Joel D. Horton for Horton's seat on the bench.

Justice Warren E. Jones is unopposed in his bid to remain on the Idaho Supreme Court, as is Court of Appeals Judge Sergio A. Gutierrez.

President

In the Republican race for president, GOP nominee Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) isn't alone on the Idaho ballot as Rep. Ron Paul (R-Texas) still is listed despite having no chance to win his party's nomination.

On the Democratic side, Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-N.Y.) and Sen. Barack Obama (D-III.) appear on the ballot with Keith Russell Judd, who currently resides in a federal prison in Beaumont, Texas, and isn't scheduled for release until

The delegates for the Democratic national convention were doled out during a Feb. 5 caucus.

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Obituary

Mary Gertrude Shaw

Mary Gertrude Shaw, 91 of Mountain Home, formerly of Grand View, passed away on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at a local hospital. A viewing was held from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 16, 2008, at Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home. A memorial service was held on Saturday, May 17, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. at the Knight Community Church in Grand View. A private family committal service will be held at the Riverside Cemetery in Grand View prior to the memorial service.

Mary Gertrude was born on October 13, 1916, in Grand View. She was the eldest of four daughters born to Ross and Margaret (Wallace) Osborn. Gertrude received her 12 years of schooling in Grand View, skipping a grade in elementary, then staying out of school to work during high school, returning to graduate with her classmates.

Gertrude married Morgan Shaw, on November 24, 1935, and they celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary before Morgan's death in 1989. For a short time after they were married, Morgan and Gertrude lived and worked in Mullan, Idaho, but they knew they had to return to the Grand View valley, where they farmed for many years. In her later years, when Gertrude talked about "home," we knew she meant Grand View. They were the parents of three children, Darrol, Vera Lea and Arlie.

Gertrude was a life-long member of Knight Community Church providing the piano music for many years. She accompanied many singing groups and soloists. Her hobbies were sewing, quilting, reading (especially scripture), crocheting, and bowling. She was a sports fan, always cheering for the local schools and the Boise State Broncos.

Gertrude was employed at Mountain Home Air Force Base for 22 years where she made many friends. She was a member of the Grand View Senior Center. Morgan was a charter member of the Grand View Lions Club, together they supported the auction and other functions of the club, taking several trips with fellow members.

Gertrude was very proud of her family and she is survived by her

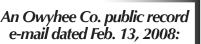


daughter Vera Lea (Ted) Jayo, Grand View; her son Arlie (Linda) Shaw, Mtn. Home; six grandchildren: Jeff (Karrie) Jayo, Hagerman; Jana (Jeff) Cole, Gooding; Julie (Dale) Koger, Halfway, OR; John (Jenny) Jayo, Davis Creek, CA; Andrew (Leonie) Shaw, Gowanbrae, Australia; Evan Shaw and Melanie Pline, Grand View. Fourteen great-grandchildren: Ryan Jayo, Nathan (Sari) Jayo, Lynlea Jayo, Janae Cole, Jade Cole, Annie (Rollie) Stanbro, Mike Koger, Lance Jayo, Dakota Jayo, John Shaw, James Shaw, Rachel Shaw, Morgan Shaw, and Ashley Frederick and one greatgreat-granddaughter, Maggie Miren Stanbro. Three sisters, Jeanette Hemenway, Grand View; Letha Gribble, Boise, and Juanita Collett, Grand View, several nieces and nephews and she would be proud to announce that she is also a great-great aunt to five. She was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Morgan, her son Darrol, and three brother inlaws, as well as her parents.

To all who knew her, Gertrude was a very kind and wonderful person. She was the best mother and grandmother. As a resident of the valley for so many years, her list of friends is endless. The family wants to especially thank Dr. Michael Koelsch, Elmore Medical Center and Long-Term Care staff, as well as the staff of The Cottages and Cedar Crest Residential Center for their special care of our mom and grandma.

Vera Lea and Ted are forever grateful to Arlie and Linda for caring for Mom in their home for several years.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations to charities of choice.





"Daryl, Russ - While on patrol I managed to make contact with school officials for both the Grandview and Bruneau Elementary Schools and was told that in both buildings the school staff are very happy with both your demeanor and presence in and around the school. They had no complaints of any type so continue to do as you

have been. Well done!!!!"
-Sgt. Olsen

Elect Daryl Crandall for Owyhee County Sheriff

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City library sets puppet show

The Homedale Public Library presents its monthly puppet show for children Thursday.

The puppet show starts at 10 a.m. at the library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., and children of all ages are welcome.

This month's show tells the story of "The Three Little Pigs." Niggle, Higgle and Walter are building their homes when a hungry wolf shows up at the door. Children are invited to come see if Hugo the Wolf manages to have a pig for dinner.

For more information, call the library at 337-4228.

Senior menus

Marsing center

May 21: Ham & beans, stewed tomatoes, coleslaw, cornbread, dessert, beverage.

May 22: Chicken, potatoes, beets, salad, soup, dessert, beverage.

May 26: Closed for Memorial Day.

May 27: Lasagna, zucchini, green salad, veggie tray, soup, dessert, beverage.

May 28: Pork roast, potatoes, gravy, spinach, jello salad, dessert, beverage.

Homedale center

May 21: Reuben sandwich (corned beef, cheese, sauerkraut), potato salad, baked beans, beverage.

May 22: Beef fajitas, refried beans, rice, beverage.

May 26: Closed for Memorial Day.

May 27: Closed for primary election.

May 28: Barbecue beef on a bun, tossed salad, three bean salad, beverage.

Death notice

DEBBIE KAY LACA, 51, Grand View, died Thursday, May 15, 2008, at a Boise hospital. Services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 17, 2008, at Dry Creek Cemetery in Boise. Arrangements by Summers Funeral Homes, Boise Chapel.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

May 21: Oven fried chicken or beef taco pie, roll, green beans, fruit rollup, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

May 22: Chicken nuggets or finger steaks, broccoli, cinnamon roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

May 23: Crispito or toasted cheese sandwich, taco salad, churro, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

May 26: No school.

May 27: Pizza or popcorn chicken, salad, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

May 28: *Sack lunch*. Ham/cheese or turkey sandwich, yogurt, potato chips, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Homedale Middle

May 21: Beef or chicken taco, corn, fruit rollup, fruit & veggie bar,

May 22: Idaho haystack or split top sandwich, churro, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

May 23: Chicken tenders or cf beef steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

May 26: No school.

May 27: Cook's choice.

May 28: Cook's choice.

Homedale High

May 19-23: Cook's choice.

May 26: No school.

May 27-28: Cook's choice.

Marsing

May 21: Breakfast only, dismissed at 12:00.

Bruneau-Grand View

May 21: Pizza, tossed salad, pineapple, milk.

May 22: Southwest chicken salad, veggie, bread sticks, fruit, mike.

May 23: Early release. Corn dogs, tots, fruit, cookie, milk.

HHS grad attends conservation summit

Homedale High School graduate Andrew Miller recently traveled to a healthy planet summit in Washington, D.C., as part of a University of Idaho delegation.

Miller, who graduated from Homedale in 2003, accompanied seven other student ambassadors sent to the Student Conservation Association's EarthVision: Actions for a Healthy Planet, which was held April 24-30.

The delegation, the largest from any participating school, was dispatched to the capital by the U of I Department of Conservation Social Sciences and the Student Organization for People and the Environment (SOPE).

The EarthVision summit meeting convened the best and the brightest young conservation lead-

ers. They joined government agency directors, elected officials, corporate executives, scientists, media personalities and others to craft citizen-driven solutions to today's environmental challenges.

Students learned new ways to minimize society's environmental footprint, lend a hand in preserving national monuments and hear from the world's leading authorities on green living.

As a student chapter of the International Association for Society and Natural Resources, SOPE strives to bring together people and solutions for healthy communities and enduring ecosystems.

Members of SOPE use their passion for environmental issues in outreach projects on campus and in the community.



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Your finances

Letter to credit bureau can revive 'deceased' woman

Dear Dave,

I went through a divorce about six years ago. Recently, I re-married and when we went to apply for a home loan my TransUnion credit report said that I was deceased. What should I do to let these people know I'm not dead?

— Stacy

Dear Stacy,

This is too much! But I think we can revive you.

Write a letter to TransUnion — certified mail, return receipt requested — advising them that according to the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act you're challenging the accuracy of the credit bureau report listing you as deceased.

They're usually pretty good about clearing these kinds of things up. But the reason for sending a certified letter is there will be proof of the letter being delivered. At that point, the fuse is lit and by law they've got 30 days to fix the problem.

Good luck, Stacy!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

I'm about to get a settlement of \$35,000 from an auto accident. Do you think we should use it to pay down our mortgage, or save it, sell the house and try to find something cheaper? Together, we bring home about \$3,200 a month, and our monthly mortgage payment is \$2,400. We also have about \$5,000 in credit card debt, plus medical bills from the wreck.

— Sherry

Dear Sherry,

I don't say this often, but you've got to get that house sold. And I mean today! You've got 75 percent of your take-home pay wrapped up in a mortgage payment, and it's eating you alive!

Your house payment should be no more than a fourth of your take-home pay on a 15-year fixed-rate mortgage. And with what you guys bring in, that means your house payment should be around \$800 a month — not \$2,400.

If I'm in your situation, Sherry, I'm selling the house and finding a decent, inexpensive apartment to live in for a couple of years while I get my finances stabilized. Start on the Baby Steps, and get \$1,000 in the bank as fast as you can for an emergency fund. After that, attack your debt using the debt



snowball and pay them off from smallest to largest.

After you do all this you might be ready to think about owning a home again. I know you've been through some hard times with the car wreck and all, but you guys really need to practice being conservative right now so things don't get out of hand again!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

I was wondering if you think we can afford to buy a lake house. The house we're looking at costs \$1 million. I bring home about \$15,000 a month, and we have no debt. I started saving and investing when I was 18, and right now my wife and I have about \$4 million sitting in our savings account. Even though we both love the water, part of me thinks we should just rent one for a few weeks a year.

— Mike

Dear Mike,

Dude, you are a classic! You have done an absolutely PHENOMENAL job with your money!

Generally speaking, lakefront property is a great investment. Plus, if you buy instead of rent, it's YOUR investment and you get to leave your clothes in the closet!

If I'm you, I'm buying that house before the week is up! I own a lake house, and I can tell you it's one of the best investments I've ever made — money-wise and relaxation-wise.

Do the deal, Mike. You guys have earned it!

– Dav

— 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 \$ays, 1749 Mallory Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027

Read all about it in the Avalanche!

Calendar

Today

El-Ada commodity distribution

11 a.m. to noon, Marsing Senior Center, 218 Main St., Marsing. (208) 337-4812

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

Marsing High School graduation

7 p.m., high school gymnasium, Main Street, Marsing.

Thursday

Children's puppet show

10 a.m., free, Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Exercise class

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

Homedale City Council meeting

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

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

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

American Legion Auxiliary fundraiser

10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Poppy sale, Paul's Market, 20 E. Wyoming Ave.

Monday

Memorial Day events

9 a.m., Homedale American Legion Post 32 service, Wilder Cemetery

9:30 a.m., Homedale American Legion Post 32 service, Homedale Snake River bridge

10 a.m., Homedale American Legion Post 32 service, Marsing-Homedale Cemetery

10:15 a.m., Homedale American Legion Auxiliary breakfast, free, Legion Hall, 14 E. Owyhee Ave.

10:30 a.m., Homedale American Legion Post 32 service, Homedale City Park

Tuesday

Vacation Bible school

9:30 a.m., "The Lord's Boot Camp," ages 3-12, jbrowneditor@cableone.net.

Valley Christian Fellowship Church, Hwy. 78, Grand View. (208) 834-2287

Exercise class

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

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

Vacation Bible school

9:30 a.m., "The Lord's Boot Camp," ages 3-12, Valley Christian Fellowship Church, Hwy. 78, Grand View. (208) 834-2287

DivorceCare recovery support group

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

Thursday, May 29

Vacation Bible school

9:30 a.m., "The Lord's Boot Camp," ages 3-12, Valley Christian Fellowship Church, Hwy. 78, Grand View. (208) 834-2287

Exercise class

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

Bruce C. Biggs concert

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.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, May 30

Vacation Bible school

9:30 a.m., "The Lord's Boot Camp," ages 3-12, Valley Christian Fellowship Church, Hwy. 78, Grand View. (208) 834-2287

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

The Owyhee Avalanche's calendar of events also can be accessed at www.owyheepublishing.com.

Submit information on fundraisers, meetings, reunions or community events 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 ihrowneditor@cableone.net

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Prosecutor, candidate at odds over DUI case

Faulks says he doesn't know why man received reduced charge; Emery says former boss was aware of situation

Republican candidate for Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery said Saturday that his former boss knew the reasons behind reducing a felony DUI to a misdemeanor in the case in which a man wrecked

Prosecuting Attorney Matthew Faulks, who has announced he will not seek another term, announced last week that Woodrow Keith Rabey was sentenced in magistrate court on April 28 to 22 days in jail and a 180-day suspension of driving privileges. He also received a 158-day suspended sentence.

In a press release received Friday night — a week after The Owyhee Avalanche had asked in an e-mail about the Rabey conviction — Faulks said he had on explanation for Emery's March

17 request to reduce Rabey's felony DUI charge to a first-time misdemeanor offense.

Faulks said Rabey originally was arrested on a felony DUI charge after a Jan. 31 single-car accident in Grand View. The prosecutor said a breath test put Rabey's blood alcohol level at .20 percent, and that he had four prior offenses — two in Texas and two within in the past 10 years in Elmore County.

"I did not learn of the reduced charge until some time later, and I do not have any information as to Emery's reasoning or explanation for the reduced charge." Faulks said in the release. "There were no apparent weaknesses in

Emery disputed Faulks' assertion in an interview Saturday, saying that his former boss would

have been involved in any conversation about reducing the felony DUI count.

"On a case like that, there would have been discussion about it and my initial



impression is there was something by way of a proof issue," Emery

Emery, who is the lone candidate on Tuesday's primary ballot to succeed Faulks in the office, said he recalled that one of the prior offenses had been

"I have recollection there was issue with one of the priors." Emery said. "He had gotten a withheld judgment seems like on the first prior and that that had, in fact, been dismissed by the court in another jurisdiction and didn't have any predicate priors."

Faulks said a first-time felony

offense typically carries a sentence of 180 days in jail with a suspended prison sentence, and driving privileges would suspended for

one year. "I hope that when Mr. Emery has an opportunity to prosecute DUIs in the future he will consider a more aggressive approach on these offenders with five DUIs," Faulks said.

Matthew Faulks

Emery reiterated that there was a problem with the case that forced him to reduce the charge.

"I know that there would be an issue about that sort of case," Emery said. "I've got more trial experience than he does; I'm certainly not afraid to do trials. DUIs, you've got predicates there. My recollection was there was a glitch in one of the predicate priors that didn't enable us to go

"Especially on a DUI where somebody has a chronic history, no, I wouldn't have done that just to avoid a trial."

Emery said that "predicate" priors would include "two good felony convictions or judgments that are still valid or in force."

He said that in some cases a defendant essentially can have a prior erased from the record upon satisfactory completion of probation and all other requirements of sentencing. In those cases, the prior conviction would have no bearing on future offenses.

Emery said that the fact that Faulks claims no knowledge of the reduction of Rabey's charge

"The bottom line is, I have never had a reputation for being soft on DUIs," Emery said. "I believe this was something that he was specifically involved with because I would not have reduced it had there not been some issue

— JPB

Senior citizens urged to take OCSO pepper spray class

The Owyhee County Triad will sponsor a seminar by local law enforcement for senior citizens on the use of pepper spray for personal defense.

Deputies from the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office will conduct the instructional class at 12:30 p.m., Thursday, June 12, at the Marsing Neighborhood and

Senior Center at 218 Main Street

All participants who complete the class will receive a personal defense can of pepper spray. The class runs approximately two

Call sheriff's Deputy Aron Streibel at 250-0273 for more information.



Murphy Complex lessons learned Fires result in phone program

Agencies bolster emergency communications

A multi-agency effort will bring eight special phones to the Owyhee County backcountry to help with minimizing the damage of wild fires and other disasters

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office, Homeland Security and the Bureau of Land Management have developed a plan to put satellite phones in the hands of eight different ranchers, according to a press release issued by the sheriff's office Monday.

Although BLM and Homeland Security are working out the details, the phones have been purchased and the final plan for usage is being put into place.

According to the press release the BLM purchased the phones, Homeland Security is paying for the usage and the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office is working with

both agencies to make sure the devices are put into areas where they will do the most good.

The action by the three agencies is a direct result of a shortfall that was identified from last year's Murphy Complex Fire near Murphy's Hot Springs and Three Creek. Ranchers in possession of the satellite phontes also will be able to talk directly to fire bosses, the sheriff or other responders to assist if needed.

The massive lightning-caused complex of fires last summer burned more than 650,000 acres of range, and prevention of another such fire has been a hot topic among ranchers.

The release said that in many instances a rancher can be of great help because he knows the area, where all the roads are and can quickly ascertain land ownership

Owyhee County Sheriff Gary areas where prompt notification is extra eyes out there."

necessary to lessen the danger or damage.

"We plan to get these phones into their hands no later than the last week of May," Aman said in the release. "This is a perfect example of how federal, state and local agencies can work together for the benefit of all."

The county's ranchers already have been enlisted in helping law enforcement officials through a program devised by the sheriff's office and the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association.

Ranchers have been equipped for some time with writing pads on which they can take details on any suspicious activity they may see while riding their land.

"There are several ranchers that literally go out on patrol on their land," Aman said.

"It's not a citation," the sheriff said of the piece of paper, a copy of which has been known to wind Aman said the eight phones will up on the offending vehicle. "It's be scattered throughout the remote just information for us. It's just



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Crime spikes as temps, fuel prices skyrocket

Triad increases patrols as wire keeps vanishing

Deputies from the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office and the Marsing arm of Triad have banded together in the continuing struggle against copper wire thieves, and now — with the spike in gas prices — fuel thieves.

The deputies and Triad are coordinating ongoing efforts to catch criminals in the act of stealing wire or burning the coating off it after the crime in preparation to recycle it.

Several seniors continue to donate their time, providing extra patrols in the Marsing and Homedale areas.

Sheriff deputies urge the public to be on the lookout for any activity that seems suspicious or out of the ordinary.

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Deputies reported in a press release that gas thefts are on the rise with the continually rising cost of fuel. There have been several recent reports of large amounts of gasoline and diesel fuel being stolen from vehicles, equipment and farm tanks.

Owyhee County dispatch logs show that a motorist drove away from Jacksons Texaco in Homedale on May 14 after pumping \$30 worth of gas. The license plate was reported to the authorities.

Deputies urge that any suspicious activity be reported to the sheriff's office immediately by calling 495-1154.

"The best way we can solve these crimes is by having your help and working together," the deputies said in a press release. "A good portion of crimes are solved by citizens being observant, reporting early and providing license plate numbers and/or descriptions."

Marsing men get 90 days in jail for construction site theft

burglary of a construction site in January recently received sentences in district court.

Prosecuting Attorney Matthew Faulks announced that on April 25, Marsing residents George Hance and Mario Moreno were sentenced by Judge Thomas J. Ryan on grand theft convictions stemming from the theft of tools on Jan. 27.

On April 25, Third District Court Judge Thomas J. Ryan sentenced George Hance and Mario Moreno, both 20, for grand theft. Faulks said the two men entered guilty pleas for their roles in a Marsing construction site burglary in which tools were stolen.

One count of burglary against each man was dismissed as part of the agreement, Faulks said, but sentencing was not part of the deal.

Hance and Moreno were with the sentences handed down

Two men who pled guilty to sentenced to 90 days in the Owyhee County Jail with another 180 days suspended.

> The men also had prison sentences of as many as five years each suspended.

> Both were placed on supervised probation for four years.

> Faulks said authorities received a break in the case a day after the crime when a third suspect, 21year-old Andrew Collingwood, called the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office to admit his role in the theft.

> "From there, deputies were able to contact the victim and recover the stolen items from the perpetrators and a couple of pawnshops where tools had been left," Faulks said.

> Faulks said there is no restitution element to the sentencing because all the stolen items were

"On the whole. I am satisfied

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on these defendants," Faulks said. "The 90 days of jail was an increase from some of the sentences I have seen recently on first-time offenders on property crimes.'

Collingwood agreed to a plea deal on amended charges of misdemeanor charges of unlawful entry and petit theft, Faulks said. He received 30 days in day and 330-day suspended sentence on March 24.

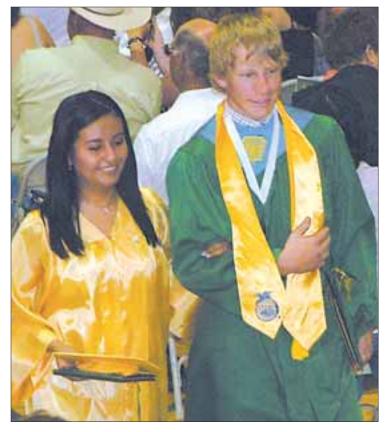
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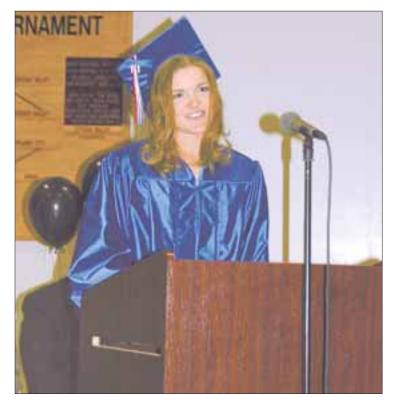
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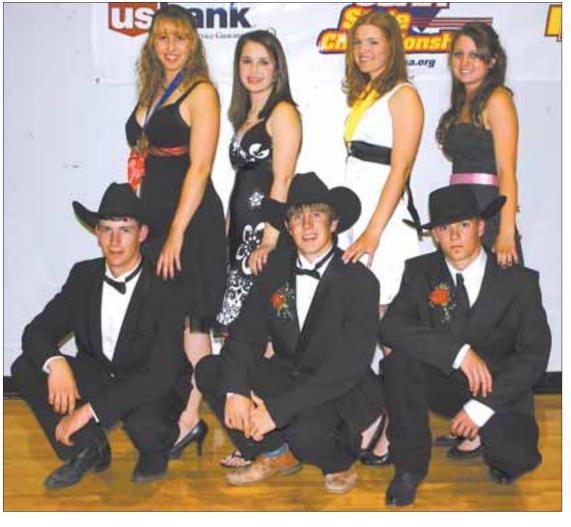
Rimrock High School Class of 2008 takes the next step

Top: Family members of the Rimrock High School graduating class capture the moment during Sunday afternoon's ceremony at the school's gymnasium. **Left:** Cole Merrick escorts Maria Beltran after they received their diplomas. Photos by Doug Thurman



Mustangs dress to nines for big day

Right: The Jordan Valley Class of 2008 posed without their caps and gowns for a photo, including front row, from left Carlen Hipwell, Tim Eiguren and Trent Richardson, and back row, from left, Athena Beckwith, Elisa Eiguren, Annie Mackenzie and Jessie White. Above: Mackenzie delivers her salutatorian address to the folks gathered May 13 inside the Jordan Valley gymnasium. Photos by Tara Echave, JVHS



Adrian seniors set

The Adrian High School Class of 2008 will hold its graduation ceremony Sunday. Graduates include: Front row, from left: Duc Le (Vietnam), JeTaime Findling, Jessica Orosco, Kasey Olsen and Kirsten Phillips. Middle row, from left: Jasmine Brown, Paige Branstiter, Colton Wynn, Kory Scott, Danielle Baldwin, Oralia Dominguez, class salutatorian Kassi Daugherty and Dalli Chisham. Back row, from left: Chris Lisle, Kyle Rogers, class valedictorian Jayna Witty, Trevor Cameron, Ruthie Gordon, Maurus Hope, Tyrel Phelps, David Meyer. Photo by AHS Photography





Valedictorian Jayna Witty



Salutatorian Kassi Daugherty



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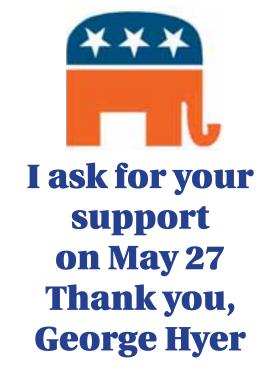
I have proven myself on the various boards that I have served on and currently serve on. We need commissioners that won't pass the buck and that will do what is in the best interests of the people of Owyhee County.

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Marsing library sets summer hours, activities

With the school year winding down, the Lizard Butte Library is gearing up for summer with several events.

Director Janna Streibel recently announced extended hours for the Library, which is located in a new building at 111 3rd Ave. W., in Marsing,

The library, which opens at noon during the week, will close at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and will open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays. The library closes at 5 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. For more information on the library, call 896-4690.

The library is taking registration for its annual Run With the Lizard fun run and walk, which is scheduled for June 14 to coincide with the Marsing Chamber of Commerce's Blue Hawaii Spring Festival

The fun run and walk will begin

at 8 a.m. and feature distances of 1 mile, 5 kilometers and 10 kilometers. Registration is \$15 for the mile and \$25 for 5K and 10K, and each person who registers will receive an event T-shirt.

Streibel said proceeds from the event will help the library buy books and budget programs.

The library also is taking registration for its annual summer reading program, entitled "Catch the Reading Bug." Sessions that include guest speakers and activities will be held at 3 p.m. each Tuesday from July 8 to Aug. 12.

Register a child through the library by providing a child's name and the grade they will be in next year.

To register for the fun run or sign up a child for the reading program, contact Streibel either by e-mail at lizardbuttelibrary@yahoo.com or by phone at (208) 896-4690.



Schoolchildren hear Leno's literature

Lizard Butte Library director Janna Streibel reads late-night television talk show host Jay Leno's children's book, "If Roast Beef Could Fly," to second-graders from the Marsing Elementary School classes of Kerri Beckman, Cindy Osgood and Rebekah Miller during a recent visit to the library.

OSHA renews Marsing plant's safety status

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) renewed the safety rating for a Marsing chemical plant during a May 14 ceremony in Sun Valley.

Amvac Chemical Co.'s Marsing plant

— located at 410 Simpkins Lane and formerly owned by Bayer CropScience—had its the Voluntary Protection Programs (VPP) membership renewed at the "star," or highest, level during the Region 10 VPP Association Regional Conference.

The plant's 12 employees formulate agricultural seed treatment chemicals from raw materials. The facility is one of more than 1,957 worksites nationwide that have earned VPP status. OSHA approved the facility's VPP "star" status for five years.



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OCHS seeks volunteers for **Outpost Days**

The 38th annual Outpost Days event is on the horizon in Murphy, and organizers are looking for volunteers to help with planning and execution.

8 in Murphy, but help is needed

before, during and after the

On June 6, individuals are needed to help clean around the Owyhee County Historical

needed to set up and to man the information booth, the saloon and the pie shop as well as helping with visitor assistance and parking.

On June 9, organizers are

cleaning the area.

Anyone who will be able to help out should call (208) 495-

The Owyhee County Historical

Gopher bounties offered in GV

Owyhee County Weed Control will start a gopher tail bounty program next Wednesday at Grand View City Hall.

Gopher tails will be accepted from 10 a.m. to noon every Wednesday, except holidays, until Oct. 1, or until the bounty fund is exhausted.

For more information, call (208) 337-5696 or (208) 337-8061.

Church offers Bible school in Grand View

A Grand View area church will offer Vacation Bible School in the week after Memorial Day.

"The Lord's Boot Camp" is the theme for the May 27-30 Bible school offered by Valley Christian Fellowship Church, which is located three miles east of Grand View on Idaho highway 78.

The Bible school will run from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each day and feature stories about Bible heroes, crafts, games, music and refreshments.

The school is open to children ages 3-12.

Parents of children who required rides to the school can call Jerry Cunningham at (208) 834-2287 or Pastor Nate Good at (208) 834-2655.

The church is open for worship each Sunday — 9 a.m. prayer time, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and 10:45 a.m. worship — and holds several Bible study sessions throughout the week.

Wilder alumni picnic planned

Plans are in the works for the second annual Wilder all-schools alumni picnic, which is set for noon on June 14.

The potluck will be held in Wilder Park, and organizers Harold and LaRaine Garrett are inviting any former students from any level of the Wilder school system to attend.

"Former students of Wilder schools are encouraged to bring their memories, a comfortable chair and a covered dish," a release on the event states.

Harold LaRaine said 125 alumni showed up during the inaugural event in 2007.

For more information, call the Garretts at (208) 939-0036.



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Silver City agency donates vehicle

Silver City Fire & Rescue, Inc., president Jim Hyslop, left, presents his agency's EMS van to Commissioner Bill Kelly and Chief Bob Ruth of the Oasis Volunteer Fire Department, a small rural outfit serving communities near Mountain Home. Submitted photo

Mtn. Home agency gets SCF&R van

Silver City Fire & Rescue, Inc., has donated a 1988 Chevrolet van to Oasis Volunteer Fire Department for use as an Emergency Medical Services vehicle.

"Almost two years ago, Middleton Fire Department donated this van to SCF&R so we could begin to provide emergency medical services in the Silver City area," SCF&R president Jim Hyslop said. "It's a real pleasure for us to help another local fire department like we have been helped and donate this van to Oasis.

Oasis Volunteer Fire Department recently formed a fire district to provide fire protection and emergency medical services to two small communities northwest of Mountain Home.

"As soon as Oasis completes the process of becoming a licensed EMS unit, the van will be our responding vehicle," Oasis Fire Chief Bob Ruth said.

SCF&R will provide emergency medical services in Silver City this year with a new vehicle funded through an Idaho State EMS Bureau grant.





Fish and Game teaches Gyotaku to WICAP children

Students from WICAP programs serving Marsing (left) and Homedale, Wilder and Parma preschoolers recently got the chance to paint spring Chinook salmon before capturing the image of the scales, fins and outline on paper. The exercise was presented by area Department of Fish and Game conservation officer Craig Mickelson. Submitted photos

Preschoolers learn fish art

by Craig Mickelson

Students at the Marsing and Homedale-Wilder WICAP preschools were given a chance to practice an ancient art form known as "Gyotaku," or fish print art recently.

This is an old art form started in Japan to capture the image of day's catch of fish.

During the activity coordinated by an Idaho Department of Fish and Game conservation officer, students were given a brief explanation about the long journey the spring Chinook salmon have made from the Pacific Ocean back to Idaho. These particular salmon were collected after spawning at the Rapid River Hatchery in Riggins.

After the introduction, the students painted partially frozen salmon with their favorite colors, making sure to cover the entire fish with a paintbrush. After this,

a thin piece of paper was slowly rolled on the salmon to capture the image. Students then rubbed their hands on the paper to capture the impression of the scales, fins and eyes. The paper was then peeled off the fish to reveal an image of the Chinook salmon.

— Craig Mickelson is a senior conservation officer with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. He serves in the Homedale-Marsing area.



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F&G teaches about hides and horns

Students from the WICAP program that serves Homedale, Wilder and Parma recently learned about hides, horns and antlers from animals that live in Idaho. The lessons were presented by conservation officer Craig Mickelson of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.



Rec task force lays foundation for Initiative plan

The following is a copy of the State of the Owyhee Initiative report that Owyhee Initiative Working Group co-chair Fred Kelly Grant gave to the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners during Monday's meeting in Murphy.

-- Ed.

by Fred Kelly Grant

As the Owyhee Initiative legislation moves along toward a floor vote in the Senate, creative efforts are underway by the Recreation Taskforce chaired by Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman to have the stage all set for smooth transition to the elements of the Act.

Months ago, Sheriff Aman became chairman of the Task Force, which serves directly under the Board of Commissioners and reports directly to the Board on matters involving recreational areas and activities and on resolution of conflicts in land use.

As you know, the purpose of establishing the Task Force was to plan for, and implement, safety measures throughout Owyhee County, and to work toward resolution of land-use conflicts which threaten private property and private lives. The ever spreading of individual and family off-road vehicles brought in by Canyon County and Ada County residents threaten fences, pipelines, cattle crossings and trailing areas, and at the same time cause personal injury accidents with Owyhee citi-

zens and with themselves.

The first task you asked the Task Force to take on was to restore some semblance of order to the Hemingway Butte play area, which is the only open play area that was simply sacrificed by the Bureau of Land Management when writing its last Resource Management Plan. For years, the BLM has tried to develop a plan for the area because of the many complaints received about crowded conditions, personal injuries, and damage to the ranchers' private property. Even the coordination meetings between you and the BLM proved ineffective when trying to move BLM to action. Promises were made to repair pipelines and fences, and they were not kept; promises were made to alter the dangerous situation of the Butte area, and they were not kept.

So, after getting the assignment, Sheriff Aman led the Task Force to its first job: solve the Hemingway Butte problem. The Task Force is very diverse, being made up of representatives of conservation groups, recreation user groups (bicycles, motorcycles, trail riders, ATVs, rock crawlers, equestrians and hikers), ranchers, farmers, and county representatives and agency personnel. The group was advised early on that it was a precursor to the Initiative, that the work they did could set the groundwork for the transportation management plan of the Initiative

They went about their work in the way that we hope all Initiative work will copy. The Task Force studied the history of Hemingway Butte and how it came to be sacrificed, they heard about the damages done by riders to private property pipelines, fences and cows being moved from one pasture to another. They then paid field visits to the area to see first-hand the awkward crossings, the lack of signs instructing proper motor use, and the location of the property being damaged.

When their field research was completed, they set about mapping and writing their plan of action. Using satellite location points, they identified places for restrictive and educational signs, places for safer crossings to be painted, points at which trails could be closed, points at which private property should be protected, and points at which adequate parking could be established to avoid the congestion of cars parking on Reynolds Creek Road

When the plan was finished, it was presented to you, and you promptly amended the County Natural Resource Plan to make it a part of the recreation element of the Plan. The Task Force Plan was sent to BLM officials, who replied that they would consider the county's "comments." So,

BLM was prepared to give the consideration which they give to all "comments" -- assign them to some poor soul to read and file. However, the Board advised that the report was not a "comment." Rather, it was a part of the County Plan with which BLM had to be consistent. Short days later, the BLM issued an environmental assessment showing the Task Force Plan as the Plan. Only the infamous Katie Fite (Western Watershed Project biodiversity director) appealed the decision, so obviously no stay was issued, and the plan went into effect.

The Task Force has continued on, studying and identifying trails along the Owyhee Front, preparing the way for the official travel management plan which will follow enactment of the Initiative. Their map identifying the trails, which multiple use can make use of the trails, identifying trails that are restricted to certain multiple uses and other information helpful to enforcing management of recreation has been completed. It too was presented to you and amended into the Plan. It is now in the hands of the BLM for consideration.

As chairman, Sheriff Aman met recently with the head of BLM law enforcement in Washington, D.C., and negotiations succeeded in getting commitments that on certain high-use days --

weekends, holidays -- the BLM will send in a squad of rangers from around the nation to supplement county deputies and the two rangers assigned in Idaho. Such an effort is intended as a major enforcement, but also educational, effort.

BLM law enforcement personnel were delighted with the work that is already being done to get strategies and plans ready for implementation of the Initiative once it passes. They also told the sheriff that they look forward to continuing their effort to assist in this area, both before and after passage of the Initiative.

Sen. Crapo has told me and other members of the Work Group that he is very impressed with the work that the sheriff has done with this Task Force, and with the way many others are laying the ground work for implementation of a management bill for the future.

I recommend that you consider special recognition of the chair and members of the Task Force for the work which they have been able to do under your direct supervision, and the way they have been able to do it without being bound down by the government's bureaucracy.

-- Fred Kelly Grant, along with Craig Gehrke of the Wilderness Society, is the co-chair of the Owyhee Initiative Work Group.

Owyhee Latinos earn scholarships

Two Owyhee County high school students have earned lucrative college scholarships after participating in the 2008 Hispanic Youth Symposium in Sun Valley on April 25-27.

Homedale High School senior Samuel Sanchez earned a \$32,000 scholarship from the College of Idaho

Josefina Jacobo of Marsing

High School earned a \$28,000 scholarship from Northwest Nazarene University.

Sanchez recently won a Gates Millennium Scholarship, too. He carried a 3.91 grade-point average during his years at Homedale.

Jacobo and Sanchez were among 17 students in the western Treasure Valley to receive scholarships after the symposium.

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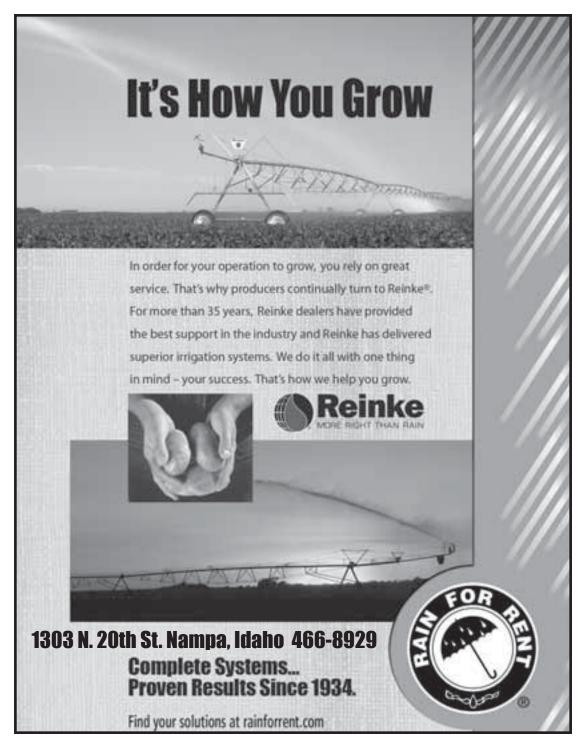
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Actions worthy of praise

A glimpse at what some Homedale kids have done

Sherry Thomas returns to HHS

The Homedale High School student body got a pleasant shock Wednesday prior to the annual academic awards.

As the students settled into the gymnasium, Trojans track and field coach Thomas Thomas escorted his wife, Sherry, into the assembly. The former media center director at the school, Sherry Thomas hadn't returned to the school since suffering a stroke on Feb. 23.

The students and staff gave Thomas a standing ovation before the assembly to recognize class officers and top performers in school as well as specific subjects began.

Sherry Thomas stepped down as media center director earlier this year.



Beloved staff member honored

Former Homedale High School media center director Sherry Thomas, seated right, soaks in a warm ovation from the student body during Wednesday's awards ceremony.



Spirit of giving

Top: Seniors Belen Vega, left, and Mandy Brasher display their Prudential Spirit of Community Awards with counselor Kelly DeWitt. Rightv: Sam Hart accepts his President's Volunteer Service Award, which included a letter from President Bush.





Carrying on the tradition

Standing with his grandfather, Owyhee County District 2 Commissioner Harold "Hal" Tolmie, Zach Tolmie shows off his \$1,000 scholarship from the Idaho Association of Counties. Monday, Zach became the fourth generation of his family to graduate from Homedale, joining father, Dirk (1980), grandmother, Judy Thomas Tolmie (1953), and great grandmother Ada Townsend Thomas (1919 or 1920).



Perfect attendance

Homedale High School senior Jarrod Driskell was honored for not missing a day of school in the past six years.



Middle-schoolers continue community project

Outgoing Homedale Middle School officers, from left, president Deena Emry, secretary Ashley Leslie and vice-president Kylie Farwell, toss roots into a dump truck Saturday as they clear the east side of City Park of old wood and debris. With help from city crews and parents Lori Emery and Jill and Sean Farwell and HMS principal Luci Asumendi-Mereness, the students continued a project that they hope will evolve into a garden spot to watch middle school and high school tennis matches. Deena Emry said the next step in the community project is to call retail outlets and get donations of trees and flowers. The students said they hope that future HMS officers will carry on the effort.



Different message, same philosophy

Homedale Middle School students, from left, Adrian Albor, Abel Aguilera, Miguel Bedolla and Jose Cortez, stopped by The Owyhee Avalanche office recently to change out the motivational sign that fellow students had placed in the front-office window last month.

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Homedale golfers hang on for eighth

Avalanche Sports

Trojans senior wins twice in 3A tennis

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D'Alessio destroys school mark

Sophomore Nickole D'Alessio broke Stefanie Woodburn's 9-year-old Homedale High School shot put record easily Wednesday, and just for good measure bettered her own mark to win the district title.

Track takes spotlight

Owyhee athletes ready to chase gold at BSU

Trojans: Crowded bus to Boise

Nickole D'Alessio's mom was getting nervous.

After watching her daughter get within an inch of the Homedale High School girls shot put record, D'Alessio's mother began to wonder if the record would ever fall.

Turns out, D'Alessio was just waiting for the right time.

The sophomore heaved the shot put 36 feet, 10½ inches Wednesday at Deward Bell Stadium to break a 9-year-old record and win the first of two 3A District III championships during the district meet.

"I was really looking forward to getting it all season, so I'm good," D'Alessio said after setting the mark.

"It felt really good, especially to get it here at Homedale."

D'Alessio actually used the advantage of home turf — and a shot put ring that she personally painted during Trojan Pride Day on May 2 — to better Stefanie Woodburn's 1999 school record twice Wednesday.

The sophomore, who also won the district discus championship

— See **Trojans**, page **19**A

Huskies: Marsing makes historic haul

The Heller siblings will make a return trip to the 2A track and field state championships this week, but they'll have company. And Tyson Heller's dual-championship performance at the District III championship meet helped the Huskies to a historic finish.

"We had our whole team do well," Huskies coach Don Heller said. "The boys had their highest finish ever."

Eight different Marsing High School athletes punched tickets to the state meet during the District III championship meet in New Plymouth on Friday and Saturday.

Heller said eight athletes reaching the sate meet, which will be held Thursday through Saturday at Bronco Stadium, is another historic feat for the program.

Sophomore Tyson Heller swept the boys throws titles — discus on Saturday, shot put on Friday — to earn his second trip to Boise State University in as many years. Meanwhile his sister, Holly, collected the district's fourth and final berth in the state discus competition by throwing the discus

— See **Huskies,** page **19**A

Raiders: Never too late for State

When Kermit Tate's phone rang Monday morning, on the other end of the line was another reason to show up at Bronco Stadium on Thursday.

Already preparing to three athletes to the 1A track and field state meet, the longtime Rimrock High School coach learned that a fourth — freshman Katie Johnson — also was invited to the party.

Johnson had one of the best times among the state's 400-meter runners who didn't earn a berth through their district tournament, Tate learned.

That means Johnson, sophomore Brian Simper (1,600 meters) and seniors Ellie Cantrell (100-and 300-meter hurdles and long jump) and Chris Hipwell (300 hurdles) will represent the Raiders at the last meet of the season at Boise State University.

The four athletes comprise the largest contingent for Rimrock in a while; usually Cantrell goes stag to State.

And Cantrell again is the veteran, even though Hipwell and Meyers displayed impressive flashes during Saturday's 1A

— See **Raiders,** page **19A**

10 years after: 3rd place

Homedale gets first trophy since 1998 title year

It would have been a fitting tribute to cap the 10th anniversary season of Homedale High School's last state championship in softball.

Shake off a late Friday loss and storm to three straight victories and a fourth state crown for the school.

Alas, it wasn't meant to be for the Trojans, who saw their deepest run ever in a 3A state tournament end against a familiar foe Saturday.

But third place after a 5-2 loss to Kimberly — yes, THAT Kimberly — still allowed coach Larry Corta's squad to come home with hardware for the first time since Jim McMillan coached his final state championship team in 1998.

Perhaps Homedale ran out of fuel in these most desperate of times when gas seems to be at a premium.

In Saturday's 5-2 elimination



Trojans bring home hardware

The Homedale High School softball team made a strong bid to bring home another state championship last week, settling for the third-place trophy. Photo by Lori Demond

loss to Kimberly — the same Kimberly team that knocked Homedale out of the 2006 tournament; the same Kimberly team that won last year's state title — certainly were scarce.

Homedale trailed 5-0 before Sierra Aberasturi's two-run double with two outs in the seventh.

The underdog didn't come back this day, but the Trojans showed a fire throughout the tournament. They knocked off 2006 champion Bear Lake, 2-1, in the first round when Caitlyn Johnson and Hannah Johnson scored in the top of the seventh.

Caitlyn Johnson knocked in five runs and doubled in an 11-0 second-run win over Teton.

But, one game away from the title match, Homedale couldn't stop Buhl's own train of destiny.

Trailing 5-4, the Indians scored four times in the seventh to snatch an 8-5 decision.



Raiders make a run at State

A Rimrock baserunner slides safely into third base during the Raiders' first-round loss to Kendrick. Photo by Kai Eiselein/LatahEagle

Injury derails Rimrock

A turned ankle twisted the fortunes of the Rimrock High School baseball Saturday in the 1A state tournament.

The Raiders were forced to play the latter stages of their Saturday game in Juliaetta with eight players after catcher Cody McCarthy left the game with a sprained ankle and Rimrock leading by a run.

"We had to play with eight players, and sure enough they then hit it where we weren't," Raiders coach Bob Murray. "Just a little bad luck."

Kendrick rallied with three runs in the sixth inning to grab an 8-6 victory and move on into the title game, where the Tigers lost to

— See **Rimrock,** page **18A**

Sports

Trojans golf tourney looms

Time is running out to get involved in the annual Homedale Trojan Football Fundraiser Golf Scramble.

The four-person, nine-hole tournament is scheduled for 6 p.m. May 30 at River Bend Golf Course in Wilder.

Cost is \$160 per team, or \$40 per player, and includes green fees, cart, dinner and prizes.

The dinner and door prize drawings will be held at the Txoko Ona Basque Center in Homedale after the tournament. Cost for dinner alone is \$10.

Hole sponsorships also are available for \$50.

Contact Homedale High School athletic director David Hart at (208) 337-4613, (208) 407-4287 or dhart@homedaleschools.org.

Homedale golfers 8th at Clear Lakes CC

Junior state tournament returner Ryan Garrett fired a 92 for the lowest score by a Homedale High School golfer early last week, but the Trojans couldn't make it out of windy first day at the 3A golf state tournament in Buhl.

Although Homedale didn't make the cut after the first 18 holes at Clear Lakes Country Club on May 12, the Trojans did come away with an eighth-place showing in their first appearance in the higher classification. The team carded a 380.

"The experience of being there and dealing with the conditions and pressure of the moment should help prepare the kids for next year," Homedale coach David Thompson said.

Senior Dustin Regis had the second-lowest Trojans score at

94. Grant Sweet and Reece Landa notched 97s, while teammate Drew Farwell finished at 110.

Thompson said Garrett's 92 was highlighted by a 40 on the back nine. He said Garrett's performance after the turn probably was one of the best on the final nine in the first day.

Thompson's team loses Jonathan Verwer and Regis, both of whom graduated Monday.

"Both of the guys have been in the program for four years and made countless contributions to our team," Thompson said.

Landa, Ryan Ryska and Farwell will return to the Trojans as juniors next spring, Thompson said, calling them "known commodities." He also said he looks for contributions from Aaron Wheeler and Cody Johnson.



Trojans get a windy top 10

Despite strong winds whipping through the canyon in which the golf course lies, Homedale High School captured eighth at the 3A state tournament last week. From left: Ryan Garrett, Ryan Ryska, Reece Landa, Grant Sweet, Drew Farwell, Dustin Regis and coach David Thompson. Photo by Gregg Garrett

√ **Rimrock:** Squad snags top seed at state tournament with district title

fellow northern squad Genesee.

"The kids represented the South very well, and I was real proud of them," Murray said of his squad.

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Kendrick beat Rimrock, 15-6, in Friday's first round before the Raiders rebounded for a 16-4 win over Greenleaf Friends Academy. Juan Gomez knocked in five runs

against the Grizzlies

Raiders win district

Before going flirting with a state title game appearance, Rimrock captured the 1A District III

championship with a dominating 11-1 victory over Greenleaf Friends Academy on May 12.

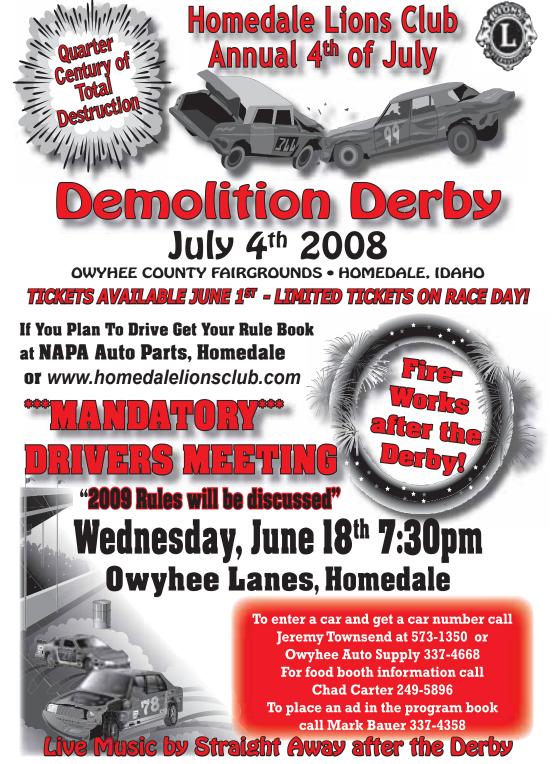
The Grizzlies, a first-year team, grabbed a 1-0 lead against Raiders ace Devin Meyers in the first

inning. But Meyers struck out 11 in five innings to allow the offense rally for a 10-run rule victory.

The Raiders sent 12 men to the plate in the second and scored eight runs.



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Trojans: Acree makes it in four events, Emry captures three crowns

From Page 17A

Thursday and will accompany nine teammates to this week's 3A state championships in Boise, actually broke Woodburn's record with her first put of the day.

Five boys and five girls from coach Thomas Thomas' club finished in the top three at the district meet, earning the right to perform at the state level.

Competing in the third flight of athletes, D'Alessio stepped up and fired the shot put 36-91/2 feet - a full foot farther than Woodburn's 35-8.

"I was just bringing it all," D'Alessio said of that first throw.

She broke her own record in the finals.

The state meet will be held Thursday through Saturday at Bronco Stadium on the Boise State University campus.

D'Alessio will be on hand in the girls shot put and the girls discus. She won the discus Thursday, slinging the apparatus 115-3.

Junior Austin Emry won three championships and will participate in the state meet in the triple jump, the long jump and the high jump.

Annamaria Salas, another junior, will compete in three events at State, including the long jump and triple jump in which she won district titles last week. She booked a long jump of 16-1½ on Thursday, and started the meet a winning effort of 32-81/2 in Wednesday's triple jump.

She also served on the Trojans' district title-winning 4x100 relay team. Salas, Rachelle Christoffersen, Kindra Galloway and Rachel Wheeler teamed up for a winning time of 52.3 Thursday.

A sophomore, Galloway also won the 100 meters championship in 12.8, and she finished second in the 200 in 27.3.

Another sophomore, Trent Acree, will compete in a teamhigh four individual events this week - the 100- and 200-meter sprints and the long jump and triple jump — even though he didn't win a championship in either event.

He was second in the 100, finishing in 11.2 seconds. Fruitland senior Aaron Smith won the event in 11 seconds flat. Acree was chasing Smith again in the 200, finishing third (23.1) as Smith grabbed second behind Steven Anderson of Fruitland

In the jumps, Acree was chasing junior Austin Emry, his athletic teammate.

Emry capped a three-champi-

onship week Thursday by snatching the high jump at a height of 6 feet, 4 inches — two inches better than teammate and runner-up Austin Ferguson.

Emry also won the long jump Thursday, soaring 21-5½. Acree was third in 19-9.

In Wednesday's triple jump, Emry won by six inches over Payette's Phil Kowalski despite not competing in the event much this season to protect an ankle he tweaked in Homedale's secondto-last boys basketball game of the season.

Emry bounced to a distance of 40-2, while Acree was third in $38-10\frac{1}{2}$

Katie Holloway grabbed two third-place showings (100 hurdles, 17.4; 300 hurdles, 54.9) and will run at State in both events.

Wheeler also will shoot for

State glory in the girls high jump after a second-place finish of 4-8 on Wednesday.

Senior thrower Daniel Valadez is another two-time competitor. He finished second in the discus on Wednesday with an effort of 139-0, and followed that with a third-place showing of 45-3³/₄ in Thursday's shot put.

Senior Zach Tolmie qualified for the state tournament by finishing third in the 300 intermediate hurdles Thursday in 43.1.

The Trojans collected nine championships during the district meet. The Trojans girls finished third in the team standings with 76 points, while the boys collected fourth place with 64 points.

Weiser's girls won the district team title, and Payette took home the boys gold.

— JPB

From Page 17A 90 feet, 9 inches.

Tyson Heller posted a 48-91/2 mark in the shot put and 137-7 in the discus to lead the Marsing boys to a second-place finish to Nampa Christian in the team standings. Marcus Miller also will

Huskies: Tyson Heller gets represent Marsing in the discus.

Heller wasn't the only champ for Marsing. Freshman Joel Moreno won the 400 meters in 52.21.

The top four finishers in each event at the district meet earned invitations to the state meet.

Rounding out the Marsing boys

heading to Boise later this week were Chaz Covey (second in the 1,600 at 5 minutes, 5.82 seconds) and junior Jose Paramo, who was third in the long jump with an effort of 18 feet, 3/4 inch.

Holly Heller will be joined by Elisa Moreno at the state meet. two golds, freshman wins dis-Also a setfler, Moreno will com-The 4x200 relay team of Ethan pete in two sprints after finishing fourth in both the 100 (12.96) and

the 200 (27.73).

Only the top relay teams in each race qualified for the state meet, and two Marsing boys relay squads finished in the top three.

The 4x200 relay team of Ethan Sauer, Martinez, Joel Moreno and Paramo finished second to Parma in 1:35.51.

Sauer and Moreno teamed with Tyson Heller and Covey to finish third in the sprint medley relay in 3:59.35.

Trojans net 3 matches

Homedale High School's contingent at the 3A tennis state tournament picked up first-round wins Friday.

Freshman Tanner Lair beat Mike Mitchell of Coeur d'Alene Charter, 6-2, 6-2, at Vallivue High School in Caldwell before losing his quarterfinal against Grangeville's Kyle Fournier, 6-0, 6-2, later Friday.

Trojans senior Shravan Sriganesh used a second-set

tiebreaker to get out of the opening round, beating Chet Stephens of the Community School, 6-2, 7-6 (7-5), on Friday morning. It was the first of two victories in the tournament for Sriganesh.

Bryant Timmons of Parma beat Sriganesh, 6-0, 6-0, en route to a second straight state title.

Sriganesh collected another victory in the consolation round, beating Clearwater Valley's Ben Sedgwick, 6-2, 6-3.

√ **Raiders:** Draper is hurdles alternate, too

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District III meet in Horseshoe Bend. So did most every other athlete who stepped on the track for Rimrock, Tate said.

"Most of the competitors we had set new (personal records) at the meet," Tate said. "You can't ask for more than that."

Although none of the Raiders collected gold at the district

meet, Cantrell grabbed second in the 100 hurdles and a pair of No. 3 showings in the 300 hurdles and long jump.

Simper snagged a second in the 1,600, while Hipwell was fourth in the 300 hurdles.

Another senior, Alan Draper, is an alternate for the 110 hurdles after a fifth-place showing.

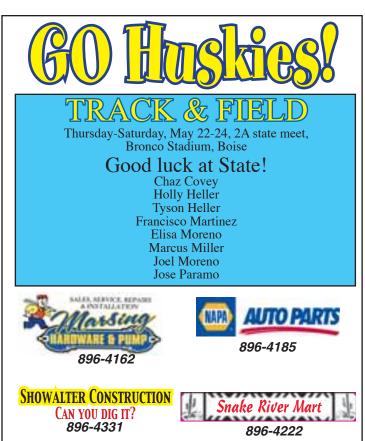
Both Hipwell and Draper are

first-year hurdlers, with Draper picking up the event only three weeks ago, according to Tate.

Johnson was fifth in the 400.

Senior Brian Meyers crushed his previous personal best by four feet while finishing eighth in the triple jump.

Tony Ayala, Draper, Meyers and Hipwell ran to a third-place finish in the 4x200 relay.







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