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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2009

Marsing pastor delivers Easter message

Lizard Butte Sunrise service

at 7 a.m. Sunday

It's a return engagement for Rev. Bill O'Connor at this year's Lizard Butte Easter Sunrise Service.

O'Connor, who delivered the 2002 message when he first arrived to lead the Marsing Church of the Nazarene congregation, has been selected to speak at the 72nd annual non-denominational service, which begins at 7 a.m. Sunday.

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72nd sunrise service set for Sunday The cross on Lizard Butte stands above the Sunnyslope community. It will be the site of Easter Sunday worship.

Property owner questions city's LID proposal

Mall owner has built sidewalks, says city hasn't contacted him

As city officials continue to prepare for the next phase of education on the Local Improvement District proposal, a man who owns several commercial properties in Homedale is

speaking out.

Steve Thomas, who developed the four-suite strip mall on East Idaho Avenue and is a partner with Ron Mayhew and Brad Condie in the stalled Homedale Plaza Partnership at the old wrecking yard site at the foot of town, says that the City of Homedale hasn't distributed enough information to property owners regarding the plan that could cost as much

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Homedale revitalization dreamscape In this aerial photo, the new revitalization area, Idaho Avenue (in yellow), and the four-block core (in red) are super-imposed upon the original revitalization map (in black) that was devised for the aborted 2008 attempt at a community development block grant.

Quintana enters guilty plea to child sex abuse



Anthony Lazaro Quintana, Ryan will sentence Quintana on treatment program", the Owyhee May 22. 31, of Boise — formerly of The deal saw one of two iden-Homedale — entered a guilty tical charges dropped, and both plea to one felony count of lewd and lascivious conduct with a miincidents with the two children in question — ages 8 and 10 $\,$ nor under 16 on March 27 as part of a deal between prosecution and - combined in the first charge. the defense attorney. According to court records, the The deal appears to negate the deal involves a psychosexual scheduled jury trial, and Third evaluation and, "if that evaluation District Court Judge Thomas recommends a community-based

County prosecutor would agree to probation.

"The big issue for me is that the victims and the vic-

County Prosecutor Douglas Emery explained that the evaluation is pivotal for sentencing.

"The big focus is any ongoing danger to the community," he said, and the evaluation helps to

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tims' families are satisfied ... that there's some accountability for (the abuser's) actions.

> - Aron Streibel Case's lead investigator

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Homedale Chamber rethinks Easter egg stance

Group decides to continue Homedale tradition Saturday after balking

Days after confirming that his organization had decided to cancel the town's annual Easter egg hunt, Homedale Chamber of Commerce president Gavin Parker announced late last week that the Saturday event is back on.

"After additional consideration, we didn't want to drop the event with such short notice," Parker said Friday. "We tried to get it done without the insurance, but there was no way to do that."

After striking an agreement with the Homedale School District, the annual Easter egg hunt will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Homedale Elementary School.

Parker said the decision to retain the hunt grew out of concerns voiced by the city fathers.

"The mayor and council were pretty upset that we were going to drop the event, especially without giving another group enough time to try to pick it up," Parker said. "It gave us enough cause to reconsider."

Parker said the Chamber officers agreed to retain the Easter egg hunt, but in the future such decisions will be brought before the entire membership at the monthly

Annual egg hunt set for elementary

The Homedale Easter egg hunt is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday at Homedale Elementary School.

Chamber of Commerce president Gavin Parker said that plastic eggs filled with candy.

Age groups include up to 3 years old, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12. Each age group will have a grand prize ticket that wins a bigger prize basket.

Parker said about 150 to 200 children show up for the event and go after up to 2,000 eggs.

Chamber officer Maleta Henry said that Shoo-Fly 4-H club members were scheduled to stuff plastic eggs with goodies Tuesday afternoon at the Rehab Authority office. The youth group also will help out Saturday with the hunt itself, Henry said.

luncheon.

The Chamber previously had held the hunt at city-owned Sundance Park, but Parker said that the City of Homedale recently tightened its policy on outside groups holding events on city-owned land to require all such groups to carry \$500,000 liability insurance policies. While the city policy is stringent, Homedale schools superintendent Tim Rosandick said the school board's policy allows the flexibility to waive the liability insurance requirement.

"It is very community friendly, and we do all that we can do to accommodate our community and protect the legal and financial interest of the school district," Rosandick said.

Parker said the high cost of insurance — at least \$1,200 annually — led to an original decision by the Chamber officers to abandon the Easter egg hunt this year.

The Chamber picked up a liability policy providing \$1 million in coverage per occurrence for \$1,200 late last week, Parker said. The policy also provides \$700 in insurance for Chamber officers and directors, too.

"This covers the officers personally for operations, events, motor vehicle accidents, etc., relating to Chamber activities," Parker said.

The lack of a liability insurance policy also threatened the Chamber's participation in the Community Block Party and Homedale for the Holidays Christmas parade. Parker said Friday that all events and the Chamber's fundraiser golf tournament will continue this year as planned.

However, the Chamber still is looking at getting out of the community events business, and Parker said that was another factor in the original decision to drop the Easter egg hunt.

"The second reason, and ultimately what made the decision easier, is that the events do not directly fit with the Chamber's primary objective of improving the economic environment in the community," Parker said.

The Chamber's involvement in community events beyond this year still is in question.

"The Chamber is still going to do some 'soul searching' over the next year and determine whether or not to continue with the events in 2010 and beyond or find other groups to take them over," he said.

City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram said that Homedale requires \$500,000 in liability insurance for groups to use city property. She added that, according to Idaho Counties Risk Management Program (ICRMP) advice, the only way the city could waive the stipulation and let groups use municipal insurance is to sponsor the event and handle all revenues and expenses through the city ledger.

The outlay for the insurance policy will tap into the Chamber's funds to help beef up businesses in town, Parker said.

"We want to focus on promoting and supporting local businesses, including the economic development and downtown revitalization efforts that we are currently involved in," Parker said before the Chamber's reversal. "Our resources are best spent on things that further this objective." — JPB

Owyhee communities plan several Easter events

It's the fastest fun event of the year, and organizers of the annual Marsing Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt are stressing punctuality.

The annual hunt begins at 10 a.m. Saturday on the Marsing High School football field. Lions Club member Jim Briggs reminds folks that the hunt usually lasts only 15 minutes, so children should be there early and ready to root out the eggs.

There will be four age groups, and the hunt is open to children in fourth grade and younger. The football field is located on 8th Avenue West.

Before the hunt, at 6:30 a.m., the Lions Club presents its Easter breakfast to offset expenses for the Easter egg hunt and raise money for the Lions' eyesight fund. Breakfast is \$5 per person and

\$20 per family and will take place



at the Phipps-Watson Marsing Easter with the children.

The festivities begin at 9:30 a.m. Saturday with the BPA's fundraiser, Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, which will take place in parking lot of the Eastern Owyhee Library.

Children can have their photo taken with the Easter bunny and will get the opportunity to color Easter eggs.

For breakfast, doughnuts, coffee, milk and juice will be available for purchase.

After breakfast, toddlers through sixth-graders can take part in the Grand View Lions Club's annual Easter Egg Hunt, which begins at 11 a.m. at Grand View City Park and the parking lot at the adjacent Eastern Owyhee Library.

For more information on the BPA's Breakfast with the Easter bunny, contact Jennifer Bollinger by e-mail at jbollinger@sd365.us or by phone at (208) 834-2260. Information about the Lions Club's Easter egg hunt can be obtained by calling Dixie McDaniel at (208) 834-2350.

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the eggs in the morning, and

American Legion Community

The menu includes ham, eggs

The Bruneau Canyon 4-H Club

and Bruneau Sage Riders 4-H

Club will hold its annual Easter

egg hunt at 10 a.m. Saturday at

The hunt for real colored eggs

is divided into four age groups

— toddlers and preschoolers,

kindergarteners and first-graders,

second- and third-graders and

fourth-through sixth-graders. All

children must provide their own

Bruneau Elementary School.

and pancakes with juice and

Center at 126 N. 2nd St. W.

coffee also served.

Bruneau

Easter baskets.

Eggs are provided by the Bruneau American Legion Auxiliary.

The 4-H club parents have made Easter baskets full of toys and other goodies to give as prizes for the first- and second-place hunters in each division.

In addition to the Easter egg hunt, the Bruneau Ladies' Aid will hold a bake sale.

For more information the Easter egg hunt, call Celia Tindall at (208) 845-2828.

Grand View

The Grand View Lions Club and Rimrock High School's Business Professionals of America chapter have joined forces to celebrate

Jordan Valley

The FFA chapter will host the Jordan Valley Easter Egg Hunt at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Jordan Valley High School football field.

Age divisions include preschoolkindergarten, first grade-second grade and third grade through sixth grade.

Candy and Easter baskets will be awarded by random drawing, and children must be registered for the drawings.

Marsing school programs receive \$710,000 grant

Money will fund all-day kindergarten and afterschool programs

Both Marsing and Homedale elementary schools got an early Christmas present this week. Each school will receive \$710,000 over five years from the Idaho 21st Century Community Learning Center grant program. This week, The Owyhee Avalanche focuses on what Marsing's plans are for the program, and how the funding will impact students and parents. Later, the plans for the Homedale grant will be explored.

The grant, coming in roughly equal portions over five years, will allow Marsing Elementary to offer both an all-day kindergarten program beginning in August, and a middle school after-school program.

Elementary program focuses on kindergarten, basic skills

The program — which spans both elementary and middle school students — will target children entering kindergarten who have limited skills in basic reading and math, according to a release provided by Marsing Elementary on the programs. It's part of the K-8 Intervention Determines Success (KIDS) program, a federally funded program with funding that the state disburses. The system grew out of implementation of the No Child Left Behind Act.

The program will see students begin their day at 8:15 a.m., and they will receive an expanded curriculum of reading, math and language throughout the day. They will be sent home at 3 p.m., in line with older grades. Breakfast and lunch will be available, the release said, and meals will also be available at a reduced cost depending on the family need.

Ken Price, after school programs coordinator for Marsing, said the all-day kindergarten format has benefits that extend to families as well as students.

"The big plus with this all day kindergarten is that it runs through the whole year ... it coincides with the regular school day," he said. "If there's school (on a given day), there's all-day kindergarten."

This will allow parents to make plans for childcare, work and vacations with greater ease, Price pointed out, though instruction is the core goal.

"The priority with this grant is to identify the children who are coming into kindergarten with an academic need. And they will be urged to enroll in this program first," Price said.

Students will focus on mastering the alphabet, phonics, and basic reading skills, as well as a half-day of "social development and support", according to the release.

The elementary program will incorporate Open Court Reading and Waterford Early Reading systems, which help teach kindergarten through third-grade students to read, write and use a keyboard. It also includes the *Language for* Learning curriculum to develop oral language and social interaction skills, and Everyday Math, a fully designed kindergarten through fifth-grade program.

Middle school plan to improve ISAT performance

Marsing Middle School is, the release said, in the "School Improvement" category, based on ISAT scores.

"In order to meet the AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) requirements, we need our basic and below-basic kids to reach gains of up to two years of growth each year," the release states.

The sixth-through eighth-grade

KIDS program will address those concerns using different resources. Those include Achieve3000, a reading comprehension program; Read Naturally, a reading fluency program, which is also used at Marsing Elementary; Apangea, teaching math problem-solving; technology projects; including Web design, robotics, video, photography and yearbook editing, and enrichment programs like drama, art, gardening, life skills, social and emotional development.

Enrichment programs may not be one of the "three Rs", but the KIDS program addresses ways of making sure students don't slip into underachievement because of social factors, the release explained.

"We believe that the enrichment opportunities we have planned in this project will meet the needs of our socially and emotionally challenged kids," it said. "Lack of emotional intelligence is often more detrimental than academic achievement. KIDS will target those at-risk youth to help prevent them from becoming low achievers, teenage parents, addicts and drop outs."

The MES Middle School After School Program is intended to support at-risk students, "by providing individual academic support for homework completion, intervention activities, technology projects, enrichment, and time to work on academic contracts, allowing for credit recovery."

The enrichment programs will be fairly wide-ranging, and will offer options to students with behavioral issues.

"Staff training in prevention

programs in behavioral methods such as 'Conscious Discipline' will be scheduled monthly," the release explained. "Age-appropriate activities, such as community service, technology, gardening, music, arts and crafts, board games, chess clubs, and many other enrichment programs will be offered. At-risk behavioral prevention programs will be implemented with trained staff, community volunteers, partnerships and family involvement, establishing a sense of community care for our at-risk youth and families."

Community impacts

Speaking about the community as a whole - it provides, basically, free daycare — that's the economic aspect. It also presents new opportunities for social learning," Price said.

The school has had issues with children with limited language skills, and social skills, "and we find the more time kids spend around school in productive activities, the better," he said.

Coordinators at other sites have reported that another bonus of a robust after-school program is that "it gets the kids away from the TV another three hours a day," whether by an all-day kindergarten or an after-school program.

"The three-to-six timeslot is a real danger in middle school," Price said, with many children leaving school and returning to a home where parent or parents are at work, and the child is left alone. Those blank hours have learning, economic and safety issues attached, he said.

Speaking to gains for the school itself, Price said the program is a

MES All Day program screening starts this month

Kindergarten screening and registration will be held on Thursday, April 30, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on Friday, May 1, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Children reaching the age of 5, on or before Sept. 1, 2009, may register for the KIDS All Day Program at Marsing Elementary. Parents should call the Marsing Elementary School secretary, Angie Malmberg, at 896-4111, ext. 497 to schedule a registration appointment. Parents need to bring their child with them to the registration. Parents also need to bring a state certified birth certificate and their child's up to date immunization record.

boon for normal classroom teaching. The extra hours after school keep lessons moving at planned speeds in classes, and allow for both struggling and gifted students to receive extra attention following class hours.

Grant funding, for both the elementary and middle school KIDS programs, will be spread over five years. The school will receive \$151,000 in each of the first three years, Price explained, dropping 10 percent in each the fourth and fifth years.

"The idea to taper it off is to encourage community support and sustainability," Price said. "We're finding that is a good motivator. Other sites have been able to find additional resources to continue the programs."

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U of I rep talks crops with Homedale Chamber

The Homedale Chamber of Commerce has lined up guest speakers for its next two monthly luncheons. Chamber president Gavin Parker announced Friday that Jim Toomey will speak at Thursday's noon meeting at Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant.

Toomey is the director of the University of Idaho Business and Technology Incubator, which is located in Caldwell with the school's Food Tech Center. Both serve businesses throughout the

Treasure Valley.

His presentation to the Homedale Chamber of Commerce is entitled "*The Treasure Valley's Hidden Treasure — Specialty Crops & Foods*". The talk will center on the fact that recent food recalls and the high price of fuel have helped focus attention on the wisdom of constructing and maintaining local food networks. Toomey also will touch on the elements already in place for the system in the Treasure Valley, the west end of which has nearly 100 different crops under cultivation to create the most diverse growing region in Idaho, according to a press release announcing Toomey's appearance.

Toomey got his start with U of I as a specialist in the Center for Business Development and Research, working with communities throughout the state as well as taking part in university projects in developing countries.

He joined the College of Agri-

cultural & Life Sciences in 2002 as director of its Business and Technology Incubator and was instrumental in the creation of the Food Technology Center.

Mike Pollard, coordinator for the Western Alliance for Economic Development, provided more information on Toomey:

As part one of the nation's leaders in food entrepreneurship and research and development, Toomey has worked extensively with specialty crop growers on valueadded projects and is helping local wineries in the development of the Snake River Valley American Viticultural Area (AVA). An Ohio native, Toomey is an alumnus of John Carroll University and the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University.

Pollard also said that Homedale High graduate Dale Dixon, the executive director of the Better Business Bureau, would address the Chamber's May luncheon.

Marsing city council adresses dogs, cats, impact

The monthly Marsing City Council meeting will see discussion on the four-footed front, with the tabled vicious dog ordinance published this week in The Avalanche public notices section, and an address by Shawna Chadez on the numbers of cats neither spayed nor neutered in the city.

Of more lasting import, perhaps, the council will likely move for adoption of resolution R-111, the Owyhee County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, to mesh Marsing with the county in any emergency responses on a large level.

The council will also set the date of a public hearing on the FY 2009-2010 budget, and will

announce details of the upcoming April 29 meeting of the city- and county-represented committee to finalize the Marsing Impact Area.

Homedale man hurt in truck crash

A 55-year-old Homedale construction contractor was hospitalized with what doctors described as serious injuries last week after the dump truck he was driving crashed on U.S. Highway 95 north of Payette.

Clifford Martell was airlifted by helicopter to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center after the crash, which took place at about 1:35 p.m. on March 31 near U.S. 95's intersection with NE 21st Avenue.

A St. Al's spokesman said the owner of Clifford Martell Construction on Pioneer Road was still in the hospital Wednesday. A followup phone call to the hospital Monday revealed he was no longer admitted.

According to an Idaho State

Police press release, Martell was hurt when the 1980 International dump truck ran off the right side of the road, collided with an embankment and overturned in a field after crossing NE 21st Avenue.

Payette County Paramedics treated Martell at the scene, and the Payette Rural Fire Department also responded.

ITD sets Marsing Hwy. 55 workshops

The Idaho Transportation Department will hold two workshops in Marsing next week to gather information on the Idaho highway 55 corridor. The workshops will be held from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on April 16 at the Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 N. 2nd Ave. W.

The workshops will focus on the future needs for the corridor in Owyhee County and western Canyon County and are part of a series of meetings held throughout the region serviced by Idaho 55. The highway runs from New Meadows in the north to the Idaho 55-U.S. Highway 95 junction at the ION Truck Stop outside Marsing.

For more information, call (208) 334-4444 or visit itd.idaho.gov and click on "Projects, Southwest Idaho" and "Idaho 55 Corridor Study."

Homedale Lions Demolition Derby

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Easter: Adrian also has sunrise service; Holy Week luncheons continue

"It think it's a great privilege," O'Connor said. "Any pastor feels privileged to speak to a larger group than his normal Sunday congregation."

Lizard Butte Easter Sunrise Service secretary Connie Hill said a committee selects the pastor each year. Last year, Chuck Ryan from the Mountain View Church of the Nazarene received the honor

Hill said the selection of the speaker rotates between the congregations involved in the service, which hail from Homedale, Marsing, Wilder, Nampa, Caldwell and Greenleaf.

O'Connor came to Marsing from Tucson, Ariz., in 2001 and received the call to lead the Lizard Butte service in his first Easter

in town.

"I'm more familiar with the sunrise service itself and more familiar with the possibilities," O'Connor said of his second turn at the Lizard Butte ceremony.

And, O'Connor said, his message will be straightforward.

"I'll simply be talking about the fact that Christ has risen, indeed, as the Scriptures say, and I'll be going from there on what that means to each one of us personally," he said.

He's not worried about the stage, either.

"I've been a pastor for 44 years, so it doesn't bother me too much, and I'm fairly used to speaking in front of audiences of all sizes," O'Connor said, adding as he reflected to the 2002 event: "It something of that scope."

Caldwell's Susan Waterman will provide music for the sunrise service

Lizard Butte is located off Idaho highway 55 near Marsing. There's a short walk to the butte, and organizers suggest dressing warmly and carrying blankets to sit on and wrap up in.

For more information, call 545-9001.

Hill said between 600 and 800 people attended last year's service, and said worshippers show up as early as 5:45 a.m. to find a parking space off Symms Road. Cub Scouts from Caldwell will help direct motorists to parking spaces, and there are auxiliary officers to help bring

was just exciting to participate in traffic off the highway, Hill said. The scouts helped park about 200 cars a year ago, Hill said.

Adrian sunrise service

Another sunrise service will be held at 7 a.m. Sunday on the lawn of Karen and Joe Wiggins' house on 856 Emerald Slope Road in Adrian.

The Presbyterian churches in Adrian and Roswell sponsor this service

A continental breakfast will be served following the service at the Presbyterian Church in Adrian.

For more information, call Rev. Marianne Paul at (208) 899-5049.

Holy Week luncheons

Running daily from noon to

12:50 p.m. through Good Friday is the long-standing tradition of ecumenical luncheons at the First Presbyterian Church at 320 N. 6th St. W., in Homedale.

The timing of luncheons is intended to allow members of the community to attend during their lunch hour. Each day, different churches provide the lunch and a short inspirational program.

No fee is charged for the lunch, although an offering basket is available for those who wish to donate. Funds collected enable the ministerial association to do local mission work.

For more information, call Rev. Marianne Paul at (208) 899-5049.

— JPB

Proposal: Schools boss, property owner point to stagnant economy

as \$60-per-foot for sidewalks, curbs, gutters and ornamental street lights.

"I've done way more than required," said Thomas, who also owned the land where AutoZone stands as well as the Santa Fe residential subdivision. "I got the ball rolling in Homedale, basically. In terms of frontage, I probably own as much as anyone else in town.

"I'm saying, why the Chamber of Commerce and the city wants to insist on laying it on the backs of the people who have made improvements — I don't know. I'm at a loss."

Thomas said he paid \$33 per foot to put sidewalk, curb and gutter around the strip mall property at the corner of East Idaho and South Second Street East. He also paved the alley behind the mall that houses Idaho Pizza Co., H&R Block, Rehab Authority and the Homedale Discount Store.

"I'm lukewarm the way it is now. I could get warmer," Thomas said. "If it was just curbs, gutters and sidewalks, I could support it. Then, I 'd be happy to pay my fair share.

"But since I've made the improvements on my property already, I don't want to have to carry someone else on my back and get the same assessment as somebody else."

In his presentation at last month's Chamber of Commerce luncheon, Chamber president Gavin Parker said that under an LID, property owners would pay only for the improvements necessary for their frontage. Having already put sidewalks, curbs and gutters on the property at the corner of East Idaho and South Second Street East, Thomas would be responsible for only an assessment for ornamental lighting.

But Thomas is puzzled why there is such a push for the lighting in the first place.

"I'm in support of an LID if it only pertains to the sidewalks, curbs and gutters," he said. "I don't think the lighting is necessary because most businesses close down at 6 o'clock anyway.

"The reality is: Who is going to pay for the maintenance of the lights? The lights, the electricity bill itself, it's probably going to

be business, but the entire city benefits."

Thomas said he has no problem putting in necessary infrastructure improvements on any future commercial property he develops. But even though he owns another Idaho Avenue property one door west of the strip mall, he admits that he's not thrilled about building again in Homedale.

"I'm reluctant to build anything over there," the Eagle developer said of Homedale. "It's just easier to do business here in Canyon County and Ada County. I just felt it much easier going (in those counties)."

Thomas said he hasn't heard from any city representatives on the LID proposal. Parker, Mayor Harold Wilson and Western Alliance for Economic Development coordinator Mike Pollard have plans to go doorto-door and talk to property owners ahead of an April 16 Idaho Community Development Block Grant presentation before the state's Economic Advisory Council in Twin Falls.

Officials have said that the city must show some effort to develop an LID in order to bolster the chances to receive the \$500,000 grant from the state Department of Commerce. But the LID, which requires a 60 percent affirmative vote from property owners in the proposed district, doesn't have to be in place in order for the city to receive the grant.

The affected owners have properties along Idaho Avenue from Fourth Street in the east to the Dairyland Seed Co., in the West. The four-block area bordered both First Streets and stretching south to Wyoming Avenue and north to Owyhee Avenue also is part of the proposed LID.

"I have not been contacted by anybody from the city about what their proposal is or what their plans are or how it would affect me or whatever," Thomas said.

Thomas said he would want to see a one-lot, one-vote approach to any balloting that was necessary to adopt an LID, rather than having a property owner have only one vote regardless of how many lots he might own in the proposed revitalization district.

Thomas is also concerned about the financial burden an LID would

place on business owners already struggling with a poor economy.

That concern also was voiced by Homedale School District superintendent Tim Rosandick. The district would be responsible for the long frontage of Homedale High School on East Idaho, which is in need of cement upgrades and also probably would require street lighting.

Rosandick is unsure how much frontage would be impacted, but he said he has been in contact with city officials about the plan. He's still waiting to hear back on whether the LID concept would conflict with the fact that the school district already is subsidized by a property tax levy.

"I'll do everything I can to support this effort at revitalization because it will benefit this school district and the community I serve." Rosandick said.

"But, unfortunately, we're in tough economic times. School districts are facing considerable cuts. How that will come into play on the level of support that this school district can provide remains to be seen."

Quintana: Former youth coach could receive probation for one felony

determine if that is the case. He confirmed that his office and the courts had taken the family of the victims' thoughts into account, and that they were consulted in the process of determining the plea deal.

The court document describing the charge Quintana pled to defined the offense as "manual to genital contact" with the victims. He will have to register as a sex offender as a part of his plea.

The court minutes pointed out that the bench could still impose the mandatory sentence — potentially 15 years to life. The deal is a non-binding plea agreement, giving Ryan freedom in his sentencing should he choose to exercise it.

Former Owyhee County Sheriff's Office sex crimes investigator Aron Streibel, now with the Caldwell Police Department, was lead on the case. During his investigation, a number of other children and families in contact with Quintana were interviewed. "I had reason to believe that I had to investigate further," he said.

"The big issue for me is that the victims and the victims' families are satisfied with the result ... that there's some accountability for the plea deal.

Quintana, who coached Optimist football in Homedale, was

(the abuser's) actions," he said of his November arrest, on condition that he had no contact with the victims in the case, nor any contact with children younger released without bond following than 18 unaccompanied by their

parents.

He currently lives and works in Boise.

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Birthday

Anniversary

Marsing's Quick marks 97 years Hazel Quick of Marsing

celebrated her 97th birthday March 14.

The 50-year resident of Marsing now resides in the Owyhee Health and Rehab Center in Homedale.

Hazel's family includes Clarence and Norma McJunkin of Caldwell, Buster and Dorothy Quick of Marsing and Dick and Margie Shenk of Homedale.



Senior

menus

Homedale center

April 8: Chicken patty/bun, lettuce, tomato, beets, potato, beverage.

April 9: Roast pork, mashed potatoes, gravy, beets, roll, beverage.

April 14: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, beets, gravy, roll, beverage.

April 15: Salisbury steak w/ grilled onions, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, bread, beverage.

PTA spring

School

menus

Homedale Elementary

April 8: Crispito or toasted cheese sandwich, taco salad, fruit & veggie bar, churro, milk.

April 9: Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, fruit mix, cake, milk.

April 10: Ham/cheese or turkey sandwich, yogurt, potato chips, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

April 13: Wiener wrap or chicken bacon melt, mac & cheese, green beans, fruit & veggie bar, rice krispy bar, milk.

April 14: Beef or chicken taco, corn, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

April 15: Chicken patty or rib-b-que, potato wedges, fruit & veggie bar, berry crisp, milk.

April 16: Enchilada or corn dog, scalloped potatoes, fruit & veggie bar, brownie, milk.

Homedale Middle

April 8: Crispito or toasted cheese sandwich, taco salad, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

April 9: Nachos or baked potato, fruit & veggie bar, rice krispie treat, milk.

April 10: Chicken tenders or chicken fried beef steak, potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

April 13: Hamburger or hot dog, tots, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

April 14: Chicken nuggets or egg roll, rice, veggie, fruit & veggie bar, fortune cookie, milk.

April 15: Burrito or fish sandwich, corn, fruit & veggie bar, apple crisp, milk.

Homedale High

April 8: Idaho haystack, burrito or pizza hot pocket, fruit & veggie bar, cinnamon roll, milk.

April 9: Chicken patty, sandwich or popcorn chicken, soup, potato wedges, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.

April 10: Crispito or rib-b-que, corn, taco salad, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

April 13: Pizza, popcorn chicken or chef salad, fruit & veggie bar, brownie, milk.

April 14: Chicken fried beef steak or chicken filet, potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

April 15: Spaghetti, burrito or pizza hot pocket, French bread, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Marsing

April 8: Spaghetti, garden salad, Italian bread, chicken nuggets, salad & fruit bar, milk.

April 9: Corn dog, veggie, jello w/topping, tostada, salad & fruit bar, milk.

April 10: Sloppy Joe, veggie, chicken burger, salad & fruit bar, milk.

April 13: Ham & cheese, veggie, chicken fried steak, salad & fruit bar, milk.

April 14: Hamburger, baked potato wedges, French dip, salad & fruit bar, milk.

April 15: Taco w/fixings, rice, dessert, pizza, salad & fruit bar, milk.

Bruneau

April 8: Sweet & sour chicken, rice, stir fry veggie, mandarin oranges, fortune cookie, milk.

April 9: Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, fruit, milk.

Plumbs plan road trip to mark 60th

Homedale will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on April 16, 2009.

Winnemucca, Nev., to celebrate with family and friends and then visit family and friends in Spokane, Wash., where they spent

Gene and Audrey Plumb of

The couple plans to return to just over half of their 60 years.

Woman's faith in people bolstered by

return of wallet by good Samaritans



A Homedale woman is singing

cancel her accounts Wednesday

after her wallet went missing dur-

ing a trip to Paul's Market.

girls these days.

the praises of two unidentified The Owyhee Avalanche office to place a classified ad, an ecstatic Johnson stopped in again with Betty Johnson, who lives south good news: Her wallet had been of the city limits, was frantically said calling credit card companies to found and, except for being light

But hours after stopping in at

were intact. Turns out two girls had found

a couple bucks in cash, all items

Death notices

MERWIN A. FUNK, 82, a 2009, in Colorado Springs, Colo. Homedale veterinarian for 15 A Celebration of Life was held years, died Friday, March 6, at Village Seven Presbyterian

Church in Colorado Springs on Friday, March 13, 2009.

LAURETTA MAE VIVIAN WARREN, 81, died at a Homedale care center on Monday, March 30, 2009. A memorial service was held Saturday at the Golden Gate Baptist Church in Wilder. Cremation was arranged through Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel.

the wallet and had called Johnson in an effort to return it ..

"There are still some honest people in the world," Johnson

She never got the names of the girls, but made sure that they were rewarded with ice cream after they returned her purse.

shaping up The Marsing PTA has released more information on its annual Marsing Owyhee Pioneer Days Carnival. The spring carnival will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, May 8, at Marsing Elementary

School on 8th Avenue West.

The carnival will feature a

variety of games in which children

can win prizes. Food will be

available for purchase, including

hamburgers, hot dogs, nachos and

desserts.

carnival



Owyhee County news online - when you need it www.owyheeavalanche.com

April 10: Fish sandwich, fries, veggie, fruit, cookie, milk.

April 13: Mac & cheese, little smokies, green beans, muffin, fruit, milk.

April 14: Eggs, hashbrowns, sausage patty, maple bar, oranges, milk.

April 15: Chili & crackers, coleslaw, applesauce, cinnamon rolls, milk.

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Aaron Tines Mortician's Assistant Proudly serving the Community as. Member, Homedale Chamber of Comm Member, Homedale Lions Club

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Calendar

Today

Bruneau/GV kindergarten registration

8:15 a.m. to noon, Bruneau and Grand View elementary schools. (208) 834-2775

Holy Week Luncheon

Noon to 12:50 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 899-5049

Line dancing lessons

1 p.m. to 2 p.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

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

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

Grand View City Council meeting

7 p.m., City Hall, 425 Boise Ave. (208) 834-2700, Monday through Wednesday

Marsing City Council meeting

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

Owyhee Watershed Council meeting

7 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (541) 372-5782

Thursday

Owyhee Conservation District board meeting 10 a.m., 250 N Old Bruneau Highway, Marsing. (208) 896-4544

Exercise class

10:45 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

El-Ada commodity distribution

11 a.m. to noon, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 337-4812

Holy Week Luncheon

Noon to 12:50 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 899-5049

Homedale Chamber of Commerce luncheon Noon, Owyhee Lanes Restaurant, 18 W. 1st St. (208) 337-3271

Senior citizens lunch

Noon, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View

"Every 15 Minutes" anti-DUI event

12:30 p.m., Adrian High School, 305 Owyhee St., Adrian.

Owyhee Gardeners meeting

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

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

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

Adrian school board meeting

7 p.m., Adrian School Library

AA meeting

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

Narcotics Anonymous book study

8 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church.

26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3520 or (208) 337-3151

Saturday

Marsing Lions Easter breakfast

6:30 a.m., \$5 per person, \$20 per family, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 N. 2nd St. W., Marsing.

Jordan Valley FFA Easter egg hunt

- 9 a.m., Jordan Valley High School football field Breakfast with Easter Bunny
- 9:30 a.m., Rimrock BPA fundraiser, breakfast, photos with Easter bunny, Easter egg decorating, Eastern Owyhee Library parking lot, Grand View. jbollinger@sd365.us or (208) 834-2260

Bruneau Canyon 4-H Easter egg hunt

10 a.m., Bruneau Elementary School, 28541 Benham Ave., Bruneau

Marsing Lions Easter Egg hunt

10 a.m., Marsing High School football field, 8th Avenue West, Marsing

Grand View Lions Club Easter egg hunt

11 a.m., toddlers to sixth-graders, Grand View City Park and Eastern Owyhee Library parking lot, Grand View. (208) 834-2350

Sunday

Adrian Easter Sunrise Service 7 a.m., 856 Emerald Slope Road, Adrian. (208) 899-5049

Lizard Butte Easter Sunrise Service 7 a.m., Lizard Butte. (208) 545-9001

Monday

AARP driver safety course

9 a.m., \$12 AARP members, \$14 non-members, drivers of all ages welcome, Marsing Senior Center, 218 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4634 or (208) 337-4647

Board of County Commissioners meeting

9 a.m., Courtroom 2, Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy

Melba school board meeting

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

Owyhee County Democrats meeting

6 p.m., the Spot Pizza Parlor, 12 Sandbar Ave., Marsing

Homedale school board meeting

- 7 p.m., district office board room, 116 E. Owyhee **Narcotics Anonymous open meeting**
- 8 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17454 Hw 95 S., Homedale

Tuesday

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Exercise class

10:45 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020



Perry presents the lore of golf's "fore!"

Golfers always yell "fore" when they are teeing off. I've wondered why. Well, the word fore once was a military term meaning "Get out of the way or you'll be shot". It was used to tell riflemen to get down so the men behind them could fire. It originally started out as "Beware before" then got shortened to "before" and then to just plain old "fore". Now you know.

The poet Emma Lazarus's best-known work is called ... "The New Colossus". Never heard of it? Yes, you have; it's the one that includes the line. ... "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses, yearning to be free. "... On the Statue of Liberty. You knew that.

And you think you really know people ... Tchaikovsky, the famous conductor, was somewhat strange. He used to hold his chin with his left hand while at work ... seems he thought his head would somehow roll off of his shoulders. Where would he get an idea like this?

You can always tell the age of fish. (Why?) By counting the layers of scales. The older the fish the more layers. Kind of like growth rings on a tree. Doesn't work for catfish ... no scales. You'll just have to guess.

Sugar cubes don't weigh much do they? That is unless they are from a neutron star. A piece this size is so dense that it would weigh as much as all of the people on the Earth combined.

Now here's a thought. ... In Roman days, folks bred dormice for food. They were kept in little cages and fed nuts to fatten them up. Little dormice burgers or something like that, I imagine. Could catch on here ... maybe not.

Speaking of food. You wouldn't like this practice. In Central America in the 1700s, it was thought that chocolate was a work of the devil. Probably some folks today would agree with you. Anyway, no one under the age of 60 was permitted to eat it or drink it. Makes sense to me.

— For more information on Peary Perry or to read more of his writings or to make a comment, visit www.pearyperry.com

HSD parents surveys due

Parents of Homedale School District students have until Friday to return opinion surveys regarding educational programs, after-school activities, safety and more.

Parent opinion survey results will be combined with staff and student surveys and used by the district to formulate school improvement plans, the district said in a recent press release.

The survey period began Monday, and parents should have received the questionnaires either from their children or by mail. Each is accompanied by an envelope to assure confidentiality.



17454 Hwy 95 S., Homedale

Owyhee Conservation District board meeting

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

Owyhee County Fair Board meeting

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

Friday

Children's story time

10:15 a.m., free, Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Grand View Lions Club meeting

11:30 a.m., Salinas Raider Cafe, 330 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2419

Holy Week Luncheon

Noon to 12:50 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 899-5049

Celebrate Recovery 12-step program

6 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene,

Senior citizens card games

1 p.m., bridge and pinochle, free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Children's story time

4:15 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 W. 3rd St. S., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Senior citizens dinner

6 p.m., Rimrock Senior Citizens Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2808 Jordan Valley City Council meeting

7 p.m., City Hall, 306 Blackaby Street, Jordan Valley, Ore. (541) 586-2460

Marsing Legion and Auxiliary meeting

7 p.m., Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing

AA meeting

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

Marsing school board meeting

8 p.m., district office board room, 209 8th Ave. W., Marsing.



Shane R. Fox, right, receives his commendation.

Local Marine awarded medal

A Homedale Marine has been honored for heroism.

On Oct. 21, Pfc. Shane R. Fox was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for his heroic achievement while a student at the Military Police Instruction Company at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

On Sept. 6, while on liberty, PFC Fox became aware of an active duty soldier who had fallen 90 feet from a nearby cliff. According to reports, Fox, with little regard for his own personal safety, traversed dangerous terrain to locate and

reach the severely injured soldier. He administered first aid and coordinated a rescue.

Lance Cpl. Fox is a 2005 Greenleaf Friends Academy graduate, and son of Robin Fox and grandson of bot Bob Higley and Ethel Cegnar of Homedale.

Currently, Lance Cpl. Fox is serving as a military policeman in Okinawa, Japan.

If you have a relative or friend in the service deserving a tip of the hat, let The Owyhee Avalanche know. Contact us by phone at 337-4681 or e-mail via Michael@owyhee.com.

Library districts prepare for board of trustees elections

Two Owyhee County library districts are seeking candidates for May 26 board of trustees elections.

Lizard Butte Library District, which serves Owyhee and Canyon counties, has three openings set for the ballot.

One is a two-year term for a Canyon County trustee, and there also are a one-year term and a two-year term up for grabs in Owyhee County.

Nominating petitions filed by qualified electors and residents living within the Lizard Butte district will be accepted until April 17. Petitions will be accepted at the library, 111 3rd Ave. W., in Marsing. For more information. contact clerk and librarian Janna Streibel at 896-4690.

The Bruneau Valley Library also is seeking candidates for its trustees election. The polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the library.

According to a legal notice filed by library clerk Ginny Roeder, the board has one open seat that carries a five-year term. Declaration of candidacy paperwork will be accepted at the library until 5 p.m. on April 17.

Write-in candidates can file until 5 p.m. on May 1.

If only one candidate files for the position, no election will be held.

School boards seek nominations

Five school districts serving Owyhee County have sent out notice that board of trustees elections will be held later this year.

The Melba School District already announced that it will hold a May 19 election for two positions, including one serving Owyhee County.

This week, Homedale, Marsing, Bruneau-Grand View and Pleasant Valley school districts also announced they are seeking candidates for May 19 elections.

All districts will accept nomination petitions until 5 p.m. on April 17.

In Homedale, the Zone 2 seat currently held by Tim Quintana will be open in the May election. Quintana is a first-term board member whose term expires on June 30. The election is for a three-year term.

In Marsing, the Zone 1 position currently held by longtime board member Joe Usabel is scheduled to be on the ballot. It carries a three-year term.

Bruneau-Grand View's Zone 1 seat, which serves the Bruneau area, is up for grabs, too. That seat also has a three-year term and is currently held by Marie Robertson.

Pleasant Valley School District will fill the three-year term for Zone 3 later this spring.

In all races, if only one candidate declares for a position, board rules stipulate that no election will be held.

Bruneau library hosts spring gardening talk

Container gardening is the subject of this month's Bruneau and Beyond speaker series installment at the Bruneau Valley Library.

Master Gardener Kim Kovac from the University of Idaho Elmore County Extension Office will present a talk on gardening next Wednesday at the library, 32073 Ruth St. The free presentation includes a lunch and comes just in time for spring planting.

RSVP to library director Clara Morris by Monday at (208) 845-2131 or (208) 845-2345 so the number of lunches that need to be prepared can be gauged.

Kovac's presentation will include information on xeriscaping, general water conservation and drip systems, choice of containers and selection of plants, both edible and decorative.

Kovac, who has lived in Mountain Home for 22 years, is a relative newcomer to the Extension Office. But she has vast experience in gardening and recently designed two containers for display and auction at the Boise Flower and Garden Show.

She assists Extension agent Mir Seyedbagheri in many capacities, including the training of new master gardeners. A class of 22 was recently graduated.

The Bruneau and Beyond programs have been made possible through a grant from the Idaho Community Foundation.

Bunny hijinks part of library's Story Time Friday

The Homedale Public Library gets in the Easter spirit at 10:30 a.m. Friday for its weekly Story Time.

Story Time will feature "Bunny Trouble" by Hans Wilhelm. Ralph the Bunny was supposed to help decorate the Easter eggs but instead he was always playing his favorite game — soccer. But when his soccer hijinks almost land him in the farmer's stewpot, he discovers he needs the help of his brave sister — and lots of Easter eggs - to get him safely home again.

Along with the story there will also a game with a soccer ball, refreshments and take-home activity sheets.

The library is located at 125 W. Owyhee Ave. For more information, phone 337-4228 afternoons between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.



A Few Facts About Gold – Part Three of Three Here are the details of some of the various gold colors used in current gold jewelry production.

• **Purple Gold** is referred to as amethyst or violet gold. The process to make purple gold is to alloy gold and aluminum in a certain fixed ratio. Gold content is around 79% and is therefore qualified to be referred to as 18K gold.

• Blue Gold is also made as an intermetallic compound between gold and indium. The gold derives a bluish hue.

• Rose Gold (also known as Russian Gold) is a gold and copper alloy widely used for specialized jewelry due to its

reddish color. It is also known as pink gold and red gold.

· Chocolate Gold is the outcome of a process in vaporizing rose gold and turning it into a rich brown gold.

Few retail jewelers have the high technology equipment or the training to property work with colored gold, meaning that resizing or getting other repairs would become expensive - assuming you can find a jeweler willing to take up the task. So make sure that you reflect on all these issues before ordering colored gold jewelry. This does not refer to white gold and yellow gold jewelry that is worked on all over the world.

LaDon Reames has been a retail jeweler in Nampa, Idaho for 36 years. She owns and manages LaDon's Fine Jewelry in the WinCo\ShopKo center, 2108 Caldwell, Blvd., off Interstate exit 33, in Nampa. Store hours 10:00 – 6:00 M-F, and 10:00 – 5:00 Saturday.

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Spring rains needed locally

Spring rains boost water supply statewide, but Owyhee Basin lagging behind

Greater than normal precipitation in March helped boost Idaho's water supply outlook in this irrigation season, according to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The NRCS released the State's Water Supply Outlook Report for April on Monday, saying that March precipitation "is raising hopes for an adequate water supply for hydropower production and agriculture."

March storms brought abundant moisture to Idaho's mountains - some high elevation snow telemetry sites registered near record March precipitation amounts. Most of Idaho received at least 110 percent of average precipitation with the highest

amounts at twice average.

The least amount fell in the Owyhee Basin at 87 percent of average.

The April water supply information for the basin is a bit less rosy than for the rest of the state.

"Owyhee irrigators should have adequate supplies based on the 354,000 acre-feet in the reservoir, but the bad news is the Owyhee River near Rome may have peaked already from the low to mid-elevation snowmelt," it said. "Current snowpack is 86 percent of average at the higher elevation SNOTEL sites in the Owyhee basin, and is much less than last year's snowpack of 135 percent, which produced only 86 percent of average for the Owyhee River near Rome. The Bruneau basin, which has slightly above average snowpack, is forecast near average and should have good flows for river runners but could be better with some cooperation from Mother Nature this spring."

In the Owyhee Basin, the

snowmelt streamflow peak occurred in mid-March, but the NRCS said additional peaks are possible with more rain.

"Just how efficient the spring runoff will be depends on the future weather and the lingering long-term drought effects." Abramovich said. "Dry soils can soak up runoff and decrease runoff efficiency. Also, the streamflow forecasts assume normal spring and summer precipitation; without more precipitation in the coming months, volumes may be lower than stated."

Currently, the National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center forecast for the May, Jun and July period is for below normal precipitation and above normal temperatures across central and southern Idaho and western Wyoming.

The water supply outlook varies by region; for specific information, access the complete Idaho Water Supply Outlook Report for April 2009 online at www.id.nrcs.usda. gov/snow and click on the 'Water Supply' link.

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation Web site showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 51 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 1,299 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore. at a rate of 171 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 366,578 acre-feet of water on Monday.

The following statistics were gathered from the National Resources Conservation Service Web site at 8:30 a.m. Monday (Year-to-date precipitation is measured from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.)

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WICAP takes Head Start signups The Western Idaho Community

Action Partnership (WICAP) is taking Head Start enrollment applications for the 2009-2010 school year at its two locations that serve Owyhee County.

Appointments are necessary and can be booked by calling either the Marsing office or the Wilder office.

From 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, families can apply at

the Wilder Head Start, 305 Avenue A. For more information on those signups, call 482-7223. The Wilder Head Start location serves Homedale children, too.

The Marsing Head Start will take applications from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. next Wednesday and from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on April 16. Marsing's location is 120 3rd Ave. W., and the office can be reached at 896-6047.

To be eligible for the preschool

child development and family involvement program, a child must be 3 or 4 years old by Sept. 1.

Enrollment priority is given to families whose income meets established Federal Poverty Income Guidelines and to 4-year-olds. Verification of income, which must be brought to the application appointment, includes W-2 forms, 1040 tax forms, wage stubs, a statement from an employer or a statement from Health and Welfare.

First spray day dawns soon for weed management area

first spray day for the Northwest Owyhee Cooperative Weed Management Area (NOCWMA). Organizers and sprayers will

Saturday, April 25 will be the meet at the U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center in Marsing at 10 a.m. At noon, another meeting will occur at the Armory in Homedale (adjoining

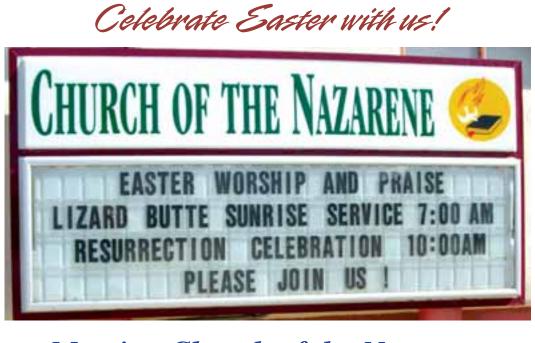
the county fairgrounds).

NOCWMA have a nurse truck set up to supply participants with the mixture, a release from the Owyhee Conservation District (OCD) said.

Each person is asked to bring their own spray rigs: "fourwheelers, backpack sprayers, whatever they have."

Everyone is welcome to attend, a release said. For more information, call (208) 896-4544, ext. 102, to reach Gina Millard of the OCD.







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Adrian students to view DUI dangers in simulated scene

teaching the dangers of drinking and driving will be presented Thursday to juniors and seniors at Adrian High School.

"Every 15 Minutes" is a twohour condensed version of a be held at 12:30 p.m.

According to a press release from event partner the Idaho Correctional Center, the presentation is designed to help high school students make right

A powerful presentation traditionally two-day event. It'll choices about drinking and driving.

The presentation will include pre-filmed portrayals of a party scene, a hospital trauma scene and a jail scene all connected to a DUI crash.

A mangled car will be set up as a crash scene at the Adrian football field.

The program ends back in the gymnasium with filmed scenes, a memorial service and a guest speaker.

Malheur County Sheriff's Office. Adrian Volunteer Fire Department, Treasure Valley Paramedics, Saint Alphonsus LifeFlight and Ontario, Ore.'s Holy Rosary Medical Center also will take part in the event.

Sheriff's office ready to initiate you iver s y progra

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Patrol Sergeant Russ Turner is now one of only seven qualified instructors in the State of Idaho to teach "Alive at 25", a proactive driving program geared to reach drivers age 15 to 24.

Sergeant Turner completed training for the program on March

Sponsored by the Idaho Department of Transportation, the "Alive at 25" program is available to help young drivers

make good driving decisions and recognize hazards quickly. Russ Turner will carry out the program in Owyhee County, Glenns Ferry, Mountain Home and other sites in Southwestern Idaho. This informal program is taught in one sitting and is designed to reach students on both an intellectual and emotional level. Subject matter covers excessive speed, drinking and driving, following too closely, too many passengers in a car and other common behaviors

that lead to death in drivers in the age group. Class schedules will be forthcoming.

For more information, those interested may contact the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office at 495-1154.



Marsing safe driver class begins

An eight-hour AARP driver safety class will be held Monday and Tuesday at the Marsing Senior Center.

The course, which is open to drivers of all ages, costs \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members.

day and will last four hours at the center, 218 W. Main St. Drivers of all ages are welcome to attend.

For more information, call the senior center at 896-4634 or AARP driving safety class coordinator Ervin Gifford at

Class starts at 9 a.m. each 337-4647.

Homedale driver's ed. starts

Registration is now open for the upcoming session of Driver Education offered by the Homedale School District.

Students who are 14¹/₂ years of age by May 1, 2009 are eligible to register, and class begins June 1. Full details and registration

forms are available at both the high school and middle school offices and on the district Web site, accessed at www. homedaleschools.org.

Completed registration forms must be turned in to the school offices by April 24.

OWYHEE COUNTY SOLID WASTE

Homedale Tipping Station Hours of Operation Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday 8 am - 6 pm

Opaline Tipping Station Hours of Operation

Bruneau & Grandview Hours of Operation

Friday, Saturday & Monday 8 am - 5 pm Monday, Friday & Saturday 9 am - 5 pm These facilities **DO NOT** accept hazardous waste as defined in 40 CFR Part 261, including, but not limited to the following items: LIQUID PAINT containing oil, chromium, cadmium or lead base BULK LIQUIDS (those found in bulk storage containers) **OIL OR USED OIL FILTERS • LEAD ACID BATTERIES • TIRES IN ANY FORM • MEDICAL WASTE** HAZARDOUS WASTE in non-household quantities CFC's in refrigerators, compressors, or car air conditioners **ASBESTOS OR ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIALS** OTHER SUBSTANCES PROHIBITED BY FEDERAL, STATE OR COUNTY LAW IN ADDITION TO HAZARDOUS WASTE, THESE FACILITIES

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ITEMS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGES: APPLIANCES \$10 each

Includes: white goods, microwaves, rugs, mattresses or box springs

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For questions regarding any of the listed items or about tip site operations, please contact: Homedale manager @ 250-3352 • Opaline manager @ 495-9803 • Bruneau Manager @ 249-0580



BILL O'CONNOR Marsing Nazarene pastor

Know someone worth knowing? Contact the Avalanche with feature ideas at jon@owyheeavalanche.com or (208) 337-4681

D'Connor rebuilds Marsing church, congregation

Pastor Bill O'Connor says that the congregation at the Marsing Church of the Nazarene has embraced his family in the nearly eight years they've been in town.

Truth be known. O'Connor has done just as much reaching out, leading the church through a rebirth, a remodel and even guiding the Marsing Chamber of Commerce for a time.

"In the Nazarene church, the pastor

is called by the local Bill O'Connor congregation and probably stays so long as everybody is happy with what the pastor is doing," O'Connor said.

It would seem the Marsing congregation is, indeed, happy with the results.

"It's a small, very friendly community, and we've found a very warm acceptance here," O'Connor said.

O'Connor has overseen an explosion in attendance since he and his wife, Cheri, arrived from Tucson, Ariz., in 2002.

"The congregation was down into the teens when we arrived," he said. "Now, we're running occasionally above 60 and we hit 80 twice lately."

The increase in attendance can be attributed to several factors.

"We've done a lot of outreach training and encourage our people to reach out to their neighbors and friends," the pastor said.

There also are special Easter and Christmas services as well as five special concerts each year to attract folks to the church. The next one, performed by the Joyful Sound Quartet, is set for

11 a.m. on April 19. The church also plans an Easter celebration at 10 a.m. on Sunday, after O'Connor wraps up his message at the 72nd annual Lizard Butte Sunrise Service. The church building

at 112 W. 2nd Ave., has been completely

remodeled inside and out with modern touches and new paint.

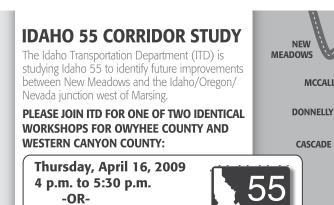
"The church is healthy and growing, and we're having good days," O'Connor said.

Up-to-date technology also has been added to make the church more attractive in today's world.

"It's more visually appealing and a little big more contemporary," O'Connor said.

O'Connor knows what appeals to the eye. He dabbles in digital photography as a hobby and he and his wife are movie buffs who own a large collection of videos, including more than 70 John Wayne films. The movie collection keeps O'Connor away from poor-quality television programs.

And they also provide the occasional visual prop for his sermons. His favorite John Wayne movie is "Rio Bravo", and the hint of justice appeals to the pastor.



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John Wayne," O'Connor said. "They guy in the white hat sets everything straight."

The pastor doesn't see himself as an incarnation of The Duke when it comes to sharing God's word with his congregation, though.

"I would hope to be a loving facilitator who helps them find their own ministries so they can best serve God themselves," he said.

O'Connor has lived the life of

"I think it's the quintessential a pastor for 44 years. A native of retirement, which should be in Pomona, Calif., his first calling came in Salmon in 1964. He also pastored in Newberg, Ore., for 15 years and has had stops in Monrovia, Calif., and Royal Oak, Mich.

> He has an eye toward Marsing being his final stop, however.

O'Connor, who served four vears as head of the Marsing Chamber of Commerce, now lives in Nampa. He and his wife of 28 years, Cheri, moved to Canyon County "with an eye on

2053," O'Connor says dryly.

Their daughter, Kira, lives with them, while son Kevin lives with his wife and two children in Caldwell.

While the life of a pastor can be transient, O'Connor sounds like he's found a place to land.

"The church is a wonderful family of loving people that has made us feel very much at home, and we love being able to minister to them," he said.

— JPB



m. to 7 American Legion Community Hall 126 Second Ave. W., Marsing, ID (Off the old Bruneau Highway)

The April 16 workshops will focus on corridor needs in Owyhee County and western Canyon County. They are part of a series of meetings throughout the region for the Idaho 55 Corridor Study.

For more information, visit itd.idaho.gov

and select Projects, Southwest Idaho and Idaho 55 Corridor Study, or call the ITD Public Involvement Coordinator at (208) 334-4444.

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Se les recomienda a las personas que necesiten un intérprete o arreglos peciales que llamen al coordinador de participación público al (208) 334-4444 ó TDD/TDY (208) 334-4458

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Honor rolls Homedale High School

Third quarter Seniors

4.0 grade-point average — Cornwall, Briana M., 4.0; Cuellar, Angelica, 4.0; Garibay, Angelica, 4.0; Johnson, Hannah L., 4.0; Mackenzie, Mikal L., 4.0; McRae, Kara, 4.0; Stone, Amanda M., 4.0; Thatcher, Kelsey, 4.0; Vega, Andrea, 4.0

3.99-3.5 — McCutchen, Aubrey A., 3.857; McRae, Kali, 3.857; Quintana, Mitchell G., 3.857; Salas, AnnaMaria A., 3.857; Christoffersen, Rachelle D., 3.833; Freelove, Haylie C., 3.833; Hyer, Rye C., 3.833; Rupp, Kendall K., 3.833; Thomson, Ashley C., 3.833; Garrett, Ryan W., 3.8; Meligan, Trevor M., 3.8; Lira, Bianca M., 3.750; Gaspar, Marco, 3.714; Hiser, Laken A., 3.714; Machuca, Nestor, 3.714; Emry, Austin, 3.667; Sanchez, Abdencio, 3.667; Eckroat, Joseph C., 3.6; Steinmetz, Aimee N., 3.6; Witt, Shane R., 3.6; Bohr, Chance, 3.571; Vasquez, Miguel, 3.571; Kesler, Ashli N., 3.5; Krzesnik, Cortnee R., 3.5

3.49-3.0 — Lair, Rowdy J., 3.429; Johnson, Jacqueline R., 3.4; Sweet, Grant W., 3.4; Williams, Steven R., 3.333; Aberasturi, Sierra L., 3.286; Fink, Amanda E., 3.286; Gomez, Stephanie D., 3.286; Mamedova, Shirin, 3.286; Taggart, Wesley, 3.286; Ford, Tyler, 3.2; Gaeta, Mario, 3.2; Lindbloom, Katie L., 3.2; Martinat, Kelsey, 3.2; Truesdell, Gregory S., 3.2; Abels, Kevin E., 3.167; Brockett, Brandon C., 3.167; Cockrum, Kennith J., 3.167; Padilla, Lizette, 3.167; Sotelo, Jesica, 3.167; Stansell, Chelsie L., 3.167; Uriarte, Blanca, 3.167; Zenor, Daniel I., 3.167; Aguilera, Joel, 3.143; Albor, Jose, 3.0; Fierro, Benjamin, 3.0; Larson, Charles A., 3.0; Ramos, Patricia, 3.0; and Shanley, Erika N., 3.0

Juniors

4.0 — Dixon, Jennifer M., Galloway, Kindra J., McIntyre, Amelia A., Proferes, Aaron M., Quintana, Megan M., Sanchez, Corina, Sanchez, Vanessa M., Stevenson, Preston T., Uria, Ashlynne D.

3.99-3.5 — Garcia, Eriberto, 3.857; Ozuna-Garcia, Guadalupe I., 3.857; Eubanks, Jessica L., 3.833; Stansell, Kortney M., 3.833; Abels, Kyle W., 3.714; Baltierrez, Elizabeth, 3.714; Cook, Cassidy L., 3.714; Farrell, Matthew S., 3.714; Vega, Maria G., 3.714; Arteaga, Efany, 3.667; Doyle, Neil R., 3.667; Dycus, Kurtis A., 3.667; Farwell, Andrew J., 3.667; Harper, Megan A.,

D., 3.286; Mamedova, Shirin,
3.286; Taggart, Wesley, 3.286;
Ford, Tyler, 3.2; Gaeta, Mario,
3.2; Lindbloom, Katie L., 3.2;
Martinat, Kelsey, 3.2; Truesdell,
Gregory S., 3.2; Abels, Kevin
3.667; Kushlan, Dylan D., 3.6;
Sandy, Brittany A., 3.571; Tolmie,
Jake W., 3.571; Troxel, Chelsea
D., 3.571; Amos, Kaitlyn M., 3.5; and
Christensen, CiJi C., 3.5

3.49-3.0 — Bertagnolli, Karly R., 3.429; Calderon, Angelica M., 3.429; Gonzalez, Jose A., 3.429; Lopez, Patricia, 3.429; Ryska, Ryan R., 3.429; Villa, Albert L., 3.429; Pippen, Stefan W., 3.333; Alvarez, Liliana, 3.286; Bayes, Keith T., 3.286; Borja, Mariela, 3.286; Clampitt, Bethany A., 3.286; Hancock, Kimberly D., 3.286; Hayes, Zachery L., 3.286; Johnson, Cody B., 3.286; McAbee, Jacob, 3.286; Mereness, Alex, 3.286; Wheeler, Aaron R., 3.286; Dillon, Kevin R., 3.143; Gaskins, Garrett T., 3.143; Gonzalez, Moises D., 3.143; Holloway, Katie M., 3.143; Lyon, Richard W., 3.143; Machuca, Alfredo, 3.143; Megargee, Summer R., 3.143; Burton, Brent L., 3.0; D'Alessio, Nickole E., 3.0; Grimm, Jacy L., 3.0; Serrano, Aaron S., 3.0; and Stutheit, Samantha M., 3.0

Sophomores

4.0 — Armenta, Jarod S., Barraza, Megan E., Brinkerhoff, Amber L., Johnson, Caitlyn M., Maggard, Sarah K., Stacey, Jonathan

R., Thatcher, Kirsi A., Thomas, Taylor J., Westergard, Jessica L.

3.99-3.5 — Meligan, Jordan K., 3.857; Phelps, Summer M., 3.857; Hardin, Kaitlyn R., 3.571; Silva, Elizabeth A., 3.571

3.49-3.0 — Albor, Elizabeth, 3.429; Cornwall, Sydney R., 3.429; Lair, Tanner, 3.429; Lootens, Colin J., 3.429; Mainarick, Nichele J., 3.429; McRae, Alexandrea, 3.429; Bueno, Christopher, 3.286; Cascino, Jessica, 3.286; Fry, Brook A., 3.286; Perkins, Theron J., 3.286; Padilla, Angie, 3.167; Bautista, Norma S., 3.143; Ensley, Justin S., 3.143; Ensley, Marissa A., 3.143; Escutia, Maria H., 3.143; Gonzalez, Jonathan, 3.143; Tiegs, Makenzie R., 3.143; Tijerina, Mariah C., 3.143; Usrey, Casey W., 3.143; Davis, Shawnee M., 3.0; Henry, Jessica Ann L., 3.0; Lomeli, Luis D., 3.0; Lootens, Gil H., 3.0; Martinez, Jade K., 3.0; Zenor, Aiesha M., 3.0

Freshmen

4.0 — Calzacorta, Justine R., Eaton, Katie L., Emry, Deena A., Farwell, Kyline N., Kelly, Raven D., Matteson, Lane M., Nash, Aubrey L., Price, Katie R., Vega, Brenda

3.99-3.5 — Adams, Anthony

J., 3.857; Corta, Trey B., 3.857; D'Alessio, Veronica A., 3.857; Johnson, Clay M., 3.857; Leslie, Ashley M., 3.857; Lynde, Cody M., 3.857; Salazar, Janette, 3.857; Gardner, Carissa D., 3.714; Gonzalez, Rachel M., 3.714; Muller, Tad T., 3.714; Prado, Jenny, 3.714; Albor, Adriana, 3.571; Christoffersen, Casey G., 3.571; Hyer, Bodie L., 3.571; Mavey, Laurien D., 3.571; Prado, Wendy, 3.571; Purdom, Kyle S., 3.571; Scott, Tyler D., 3.571; Stevenson, Phaedra L., 3.571; Williams, Mark A., 3.571

3.49-3.0 — Cook, Amanda M., 3.429; Dillon, Adrianne N., 3.429; Hammett, Tabitha L., 3.429; Mendoza, Ismahel, 3.429; Scott, Timothy R., 3.429; Bayes, Seth E., 3.286; Chase, Austin L., 3.286; Christiansen, Dominic M., 3.286; Coombs, Lyndee A., 3.286; Gay, Rabecka A., 3.286; Hurtado, Janett, 3.286; McAbee, Kimberley E., 3.286; Ryska, Brett, 3.286; Bermudez, Nahum J., 3.143; Downum, Ashley M., 3.143; Gerdes, Tucker D., 3.143; Lopez, Isaac A., 3.143; McCutchen, Levi J., 3.143; Salazar, Angel, 3.143; Kushlan, Kylie S., 3.0; Landa, Conner L., 3.0; Mereness, Zachary, 3.0; Orris, Kody G., 3.0; Santos, Karina A., 3.0

Homedale Middle School

Third Quarter Eighth grade

4.0 grade-point average — Elizabeth Albor, Emilee Hann, Steven Maggard, Gabrielle Nash, Veronica Sanchez, Stephanie Villarreal, Derek Hellman and Jordan Brady

3.99-3.5 — Elizabeth Farrell, 3.86; Mikel Mavey, 3.86; Mackenzie McMichael. 3.86: Jacob Murray, 3.86; Mariah Mackie. 3.86: Samantha Christoffersen, 3.83; Melissa Boria, 3.83: Mariza Fernandez, 3.83; Nicole Keller, 3.83; Brenda Uriarte, 3.83; Robert Evans, 3.83; Cole Twedt, 3.83; Corbin Schamber, 3.71: Rebecca Coffman, 3.71; Christian Hurtado, 3 67. Malina Geerston 3 67. Alexandra Abbott, 3.67; Graviela Albor, 3.5; and Ariana Rice, 3.5 **3.43-3.0** — Kenneth Harper, 3.43; Jacqueline Martinez, 3.43; Carlos Mendoza, 3.43; Taylor Vandeventer, 3.43; Nadine Wright, 3.43; Dayara Gaeta, 3.43; Cole Jeppe, 3.43; Caitlin Troxel, 3.43; Perla Albor, 3.4; Ramon Kelly, 3.33; Hayden Krzesnik, 3.33; Heather Romriell, 3.33; Miranda Miklancic, 3.33; Kyle Schoonover. 3.33; Alfonso Barbosa, 3.33; Erin

Shenk, 3.29; Whitney Uria, 3.29; Abdiel Camargo, 3.29; Ana Juan, 3.29; Robert Martinez, 3.14; Shelby McRae, 3.14; Jessica Gonzalez, 3.14; Valeria Garcia, 3.0; Ruben Lomeli, 3.0; Gregorio Monreal, 3.0; Gustavo Neri, 3.0; Shelbie Criffield, 3.0; Marcelino Hernandez, 3.0; Mickayla Taggart, 3.0; Antonio Sturgeon, 3.0; Gene Bush, 3.0; Chad Dugan, 3.0; and Michael Magdaleno

Seventh grade

4.0 GPA—Kynna Bertagnolli, Quincy Hall, Tell Hyer, Shelby Lee, Esteban Lejardi, Destiny Long, Eric Sanchez, Kathryn Thatcher, Trey Lane, Jedidah Jones, Alisandro Garcia and Noelle Muller Martinez, 3.5; and Kayla Carson, 3.5

3.43-3.0—Britt Eubanks, 3.43; Haley Kushlan, 3.43; Juliana Hart, 3.43; Katie Deal, 3.4; Eduardo Cardenas, 3.33; Jace Turner, 3.33; Iesha Garcia, 3.33; Derek Vermeer, 3.33; Larry Vega, 3.29; Raena Vigil, 3.29; Emileen Noblit, 3.29; Juliana Padilla, 3.29; Megan Bettlevon, 3.29: Rilev Maggard-Oualls. 3.17: Lizbeth Hurtado. 3.17; Magdalena Escutia, 3.14; Joel Campos, 3.14; Stephanie Kennedy, 3.0: Jesse Padilla, 3.0: Ricardo Ramirez, 3.0: Curtis Stansell, 3.0; Sarah Verwer, 3.0; Natasha Hernandez, 3.0: Justin Palmer, 3.0: Nathan Leslie, 3.0: Shellbit Forsythe, 3.0

3.4-3.0 — Rocio Juan, 3.4; Vanessa Zenor, 3.33; Kyler Landa, 3.33; Bailey Adams, 3.33; Paige Pippen, 3.29; Alejandra Alamaraz, 3.29; Sarah Dixon, 3.29; Isabelle Fogg, 3.29; Adrian Lira, 3.2; Colton Grimm, 3.17; Maria Mendoza, 3.17; Brady Brown, 3.17; Omar Aguilera, 3.17; Andrea Marshall, 3.17; Michelle Castro, 3.17; McKenna Calzacorta, 3.14; Jaime Sotelo, 3.0; and Stephen Carr, 3.0

Fifth grade

4.0 GPA — Kirsten Egurrola, Madison Fisher, Michael Lejardi, Sydnee Shanley, Maya Correa, Nash Johnson, Lawsen Matteson, Orion Cardenas-Ritzert, Victoria Lane Matthew Thatcher Havden Brattin, Elizabeth Hernandez, Kimberly Galvan, Megan Aman, Bryce Hellman and Dylan Burks 3.99-3.5 — Makayla Steinmetz, 3.86; Jennifer Bautista, 3.83; Brady Hansen, 3.83; Connor Carter, 3.83; Benjamin Schamber, 3.83; Chase Martell, 3.83; Baylee Webster, 3.83; Lauryn Robinson, 3.83; Jennifer Robles, 3.83; Curtis Westergard, 3.83; Dylan Phariss, 3.83; Devon Schoonover, 3.83; Sage Morgan, 3.83; Jairo Barbosa,

3.83; Andrew Parker, 3.83; Derek Pfost, 3.83; Jordan Stuart, 3.71; Makayla Aberasturi, 3.67; Garrett Carter, 3.67; Gardenia Machuca, 3.67; Raquel Palacios, 3.67; Josh Tolmie, 3.67; Elizabeth Vargas, 3.67; Noe Sanchez, 3.67; Mariela Esparza, 3.67; Lance Eaton, 3.67; Jacob Christensen, 3.67; Stephanie Moreno, 3.67; Manuel Macias, 3.67; Beatrice Santiago-Martinez, 3.5: Brandon Miller, 3.5; Andres Montes, 3.5; Andres Luna, 3.5: Alexander Levinski, 3.5; Trace Cline, 3.5; and Gabriel Fox, 3.5

3.43-3.0 — Madison Conant, 3.43; Caitlen Westergard, 3.4; Adrianna Salutregui, 3.33; Paulo Vasquez, 3.33; Adam Campos, 3 33. Alexis Vega 3 33. Tristan Corta, 3.29; Coty Ford, 3.29; Hunter Thornton, 3.17; Hallie Martell, 3.17; Diana Gonzalez, 3.17; Kendra Christiansen-Hansen, 3.17; Shyanne Kelly, 3.14; Arturo Cornejo, 3.14; Leonor Prado, 3.14: Rosalinda Alvarez. 3.14: Eduardo Padilla-Velasquez, 3.14; Hailey Glanzman, 3.14; Joshua Waller, 3.0; Ezra MacLeod, 3.0; Nancy Mendoza, 3.0; Abran Albor, 3.0; Valeria Ramirez, 3.0; and Brock Shippy, 3.0

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3.99-3.5—Benjamin Cardenas, 3.86; Edmy Vega, 3.86; Cameron Brandhagen, 3.83; Leslie Albor, 3.83; Cheyenne Steinmetz, 3.71; Brenda Vega, 3.71; Lydia Aman, 3.71; Mykal Hill, 3.71; Abigail Rice, 3.71; Stephanie Aguilera, 3.67; Emylee Obregon, 3.67; Kaylee Rupp, 3.67; Maria Castro, 3.67; Lauren Craft, 3.67; Angel Cardenas, 3.57; Stephanie Hurtado, 3.57; Logan Moore, 3.57; Lizett Chavez, 3.5; Erik

Sixth grade

4.0 GPA — Victoria Nash, Miguel Salazar, Alec Egurrola, Sierra Bowman, Justine Cornwall, Daniel Silva, Kellie Barraza and Delaney Phariss

3.99-3.5—Jennifer Hernandez, 3.86; Elise Shenk, 3.83; Carlie Purdom, 3.83; Morgan Nash, 3.83; Katlin Carbone, 3.83; Ismael Fernandez, 3.71; Amos Aguilera, 3.67; Kerigan Morris, 3.5; and Brooke Armenta, 3.5

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Law enforcement briefs | Volunteers sought to clean Snake River

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office was busy during the last week of March, though no details, requested Thursday, were provided on any of the following calls before deadline Monday. From the evening of March 24 through noon, March 31, OCSO responded to 62 calls. In the same period, the Homedale Police Department logged 23 calls. Of the incidents, six saw both OCSO deputies and HPD officers respond.

Logs from April 1 through the sixth were not available by deadline.

March 25: Burglary at Jumbo's Auto in Bruneau, reported 8:56 a.m.

March 25: Burglary, vehicle, Rabbit Creek Rd. Murphy, reported 11:50 a.m.

March 25: Grand theft, 12353 Feedlot Drive, Melba (which is Owyhee Feeders' address). Reported 5:31 p.m.

March 25: Battery, Jump Creek Rd., Homedale. Ambulance was dispatched, 10:57 p.m.

March 31: Grand theft, location given as "Owyhee County", logged at 9:12 a.m.

March 31: Accident, hit and run, at Edison Road in Marsing, logged 10:08 a.m.

March 31: Domestic battery arrest, Y Road, Homedale, logged 11:50 a.m. A trash cleanup along one of the more popular stretches of the Snake River, including shoreline in Owyhee County, is planned for Saturday. The operation sponsored by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game will begin at 9:30 a.m., and additional volunteers are being sought.

Volunteers should RSVP to Fish and Game volunteer coordinator Michael Young at the Fish and Game Garden City office, (208) 327-7095. Personal gear should include drinking water, snacks and lunch, sturdy boots, work gloves and clothing for any kind of spring weather. Participants will meet at Fish and Game's Map Rock site, located 6¹/₂ miles west of the intersection of Map Rock Road and Idaho highway 45 at 9:30 that morning. The project should be completed by early afternoon.

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

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

Area landowners are encouraged to note the cleanup effort date.

"We want to inform landowners in advance of the activities planned for that day," Young said. "So when they see a flurry of activity along the river, they will know what's going on."

For more information on the cleanup, call Young at (208) 327-7095.

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Man survives plane crash outside Riddle

A wayward pilot emerged unharmed after he crashed his small plane near Riddle on Sunday night, according to a television news report.

Using information received from the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office, KTVB Channel 7 reported that Max Boesiger Jr. was bound for Boise out of Utah when a darkened instrument panel contributed to his drifting offcourse in the night sky.

He corrected his course, but ran out of fuel over Riddle in southern Owyhee County.

Boesiger wound up crashing his plane into a shed near Riddle.

He escaped injury, but the plane received major damage.

Search warrant snags missing milkers

Following inquiry as to the nature of a search warrant served by Owyhee County Sheriff's personnel on March 13, The Owyhee Avalanche received word last week that the warrant, and the arrest of Tony Abbott on Pioneer Road, arose from a probation officer visit.

Deputy Lynn Bowman and Sgt. Perry Grant of the OCSO accompanied parole officer Michelle Babcock to Abbott's residence, and questioned him in connection with a burglary he had been implicated in on a relative's property.

As Bowman walked to the

door of the residence, he spotted some items matching those reported stolen by the burglary victims: several 10-gallon milk cans, a writing desk and milking equipment. When questioned, Abbott told Bowman that he had taken the items from his grandfather's residence. Bowman informed him that the items had been reported as stolen, secured a search warrant, and discovered more missing items, including yet more milking equipment and an orange ottoman.

Abbott was arrested on charges of burglary and petty theft.

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Census to confirm addresses soon

The U.S. Census Bureau has begun collecting and confirming addresses in Idaho in a warm-up for the 2010 national census, according to a March 26 release from its offices. In most cases, census workers will knock on residents' doors to verify addresses and inquire about additional living quarters on the premises. Workers will confirm addresses until June 26, in preparation for the March 2010 census form mailing.

Census workers can be identi-

fied by the official Census Bureau badge they carry. During the address canvassing operation, census workers may ask to verify a housing structure's address and whether there are additional living quarters on the property.

Census workers will never ask for bank or Social Security information.

All census information collected, including addresses, are confidential and protected by law, the release said.

Feds seek comment on sensitive plant

| Latter Day Saints Marsing 215 3rd Ave. West, 896-4151 Sunday 1st Ward, 9:00 a.m. Bishop Lakey Sunday 2nd Ward, 12:30 p.m. Bishop Payne | Marsing 221 West Main Marsing, Idaho 208-896-5407 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Adult, Kids & Youth Meetings Wed. 7:00 p.m. | United Methodist Church Wilder Corner of 4th St. & B Ave. 880-8751 Pastor June Fothergill Sunday Services 9:30am | | |
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| First Presbyterian Church Homedale 320 N. 6th W., 337-3060 Pastor Marianne Paul Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am | Calvary Holiness Church Wilder Corner of 3rd St. & B Ave. Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening: 7:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open Fridays 10 am - Noon | Seventh Day Adventist Homedale 16613 Garnet Rd., 880-0902 or 453-9289 Pastor Chuck Dimick Sabbath School Sat. 9:30am Worship 11am Tuesday Prayer Mtg. 7:00 pm | | |
| Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale 711 W. Idaho, 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am | Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church - Oreana 2009 Mass Schedule - the following Saturdays at 9:30am March 28 - April 25 May 9 - June 13 - July 11 - Aug. 15 Sept. 12 - Oct. 10 - Nov. 28 - Dec. 26 All are welcome! For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031 | Amistad Cristiana de Wilder UMC Esquina de 4 y calle B Domingos Servicio: 12:00 pm El Ropero (Banco de ropa) Miercoles 12- 2pm Martes y Jueves: 6:30 pm Ingles Sabados: 12:00 pm Arte Infantil Todo en Espanol, Inf. 989 7508 | | |

found in Owyhee

The court-ordered review has begun on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's decision to withdraw a plan to list as endangered a plant species found on livestock range in Owyhee County.

Public comment on the status of the slickspot peppergrass will be taken until April 16.

The Service is seeking comments concerning biological, commercial trade or other relevant data concerning any threat (or lack thereof) to the species; information concerning the range, distribution, and population size of the species; and current or planned activities in the subject area and their possible impact on this species. Submit through:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow submission instructions.

• U.S. Mail or Hand-Delivery: Public Comments Processing, Attn: RIN 1018-AI50 Division of Policy and Directives Management; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 222; Arlington, VA 22203.

E-mails or faxes cannot be accepted. All comments will be posted on http://www.regulations. gov. This generally means any personal information provided will be posted.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2009

Lindley receives Cap Ed Teacher of the Month grant



From left: Barry Prindle of CapEd presents John Lindley with the grant check in his classroom on March 31. The money will go to buy textbooks that will allow Lindley's students to earn an additional three credits in biology for college.

Marsing High School science teacher John Lindley has been named the Capital Educators Federal Credit Union (Cap Ed) Teacher Grant winner for March in the Teacher of the Month program in the small school category. He was awarded a \$750 grant to help him bring a university level human biology concurrent credit class to the high school, and was presented with the check on Tuesday, March 31.

Lindley says the students that take this class would be able to earn three college credits in addition to the advanced biology credit for high school.

Those three credits are in addition to the four that can currently be earned in psychology through Lindley's class, as part of a companion program with Northwest Nazarene University that sees advanced high school classes counting for credit transcript purposes at colleges. Next year, Lindley expects to see two math courses and an English course added to the Marsing program, which would give students a possibility of earning up to 16 credits.

and putting them a semester ahead, he said. Todd Erickson, CEO of Cap Ed, said the Teacher of the Month program is striving to

versity.

throughout Southwest Idaho. "To date we have had over 200 teachers apply for the Teacher Grants, and we have been able to award \$10,800 to 15 teachers from September through March this year. We plan to continue the program through the end of the school year to give as many teachers new classroom tools as possible," Erickson said.

reach a wide variety of programs and teachers

would cost about \$1,000, Lindley said, rather

than the \$10,500 it would cost through a uni-

In addition to the savings, the program gives students a step up, getting their foot in the door

Applications are due the 10th of the month. For details about program, application forms, eligibility, and FAQ, teachers can go online at www.capedfcu.org or they can pick up the forms at any of the six CapEd locations in Ada and Canyon Counties.

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If a student took every course they could, it

Volunteers sought to clean Snake from Walter's to Marsing

A trash cleanup along one of the more popular stretches of the Snake River, including shoreline in Owyhee County, is planned for Saturday. The operation sponsored by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game will begin at 9:30 a.m., and additional volunteers are being sought.

Volunteers should RSVP to Fish

and Game volunteer coordinator Michael Young at the Fish and Game Garden City office, (208) 327-7095. Personal gear should include drinking water, snacks and lunch, sturdy boots, work gloves and clothing for any kind of spring weather. Participants will meet at Fish and Game's Map Rock site, located $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of the intersection of Map Rock Road and Idaho highway 45 at 9:30 that morning. The project should be completed by early afternoon.

The river cleanup will be conducted from the Walter's Ferry bridge downstream to the Marsing bridge. Trash will be hauled to a central location for transport to a landfill. Because of a waterfowl nesting closure, federally owned islands on the Snake River will not be part of the trash collection effort this year. Past cleanup efforts along the same stretch of river have netted more than six tons of trash, including all types of furniture, appliances and even a safe, stolen from an area business.

Area landowners are encouraged

to note the cleanup effort date.

in advance of the activities planned for that day," Young said. "So when they see a flurry of activity along the river, they will know what's going on."

For more information on the cleanup, call Young at (208) 327-7095.

Kindergarten registration available at schools across county

Owyhee County's school districts will open kindergarten registration and screenings for the 2009-10 school year this month.

Registration and screenings will be taken at elementary schools in Homedale, Marsing, Bruneau and Grand View. Students must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, and parents must bring the child's birth certificate and immunization records to the registration/screening.

Homedale

its registration and screening from noon to 8 p.m., on Wednesday, April 22, inside the school's media center. In addition to immunization records and a birth certificate, parents also must provide proof of residency.

Parents are encouraged to bring their children to the registration. Each child will receive a gift.

For information, call the school at 337-4033. The school is located at 420 W. Washington Ave.

registration and screening on either Thursday, April 30, or Friday, May 1, at the elementary school, 207 8th Ave. W.

Call Angie at 896-4111, ext. 497 to set an appointment.

Bruneau/Grand View

The Bruneau-Grand View joint school district will hold kindergarten readiness screenings on Wednesdays in April and continue through May 6. Screenings will be from 8:15 a.m. to noon at both Grand View and Bruneau elementary schools.

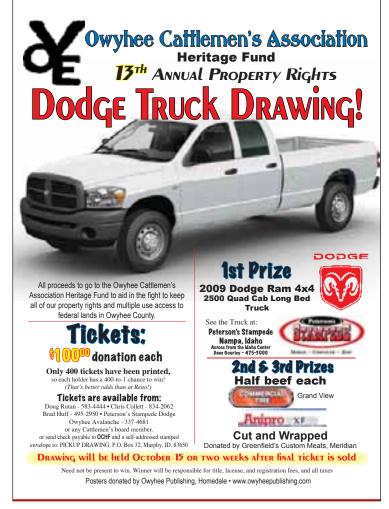
Present pre-kindergarten students at Bruneau and Grand View will be screened during regularly scheduled school days in April.

"If there is a child in a private school system who needs screening for kindergarten readiness or possible service related needs," Penny Hines said in a release, "they are welcome to utilize our

screening days."

The district will be screening for possible hearing problems, as well as learning levels for kindergarten enrollment.

Appointments may be scheduled for any child outside the school system for screening - or other speech, hearing or learning concerns — by contacting Hines at (208) 834-2775.



Homedale Elementary will have Parents can attend kindergarten Homedale council hears about bond funds

Marsing

The agenda calls for a relatively routine first 31 W. Wyoming Ave. meeting of the month for the Homedale City Council tonight

Also on the docket are reports from Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller, public works supervisor Larry Bauer, city attorney Michael Duggan, building inspector Rodney Roberts and Planning and Zoning administrator Sylvia Bahem.

"We want to inform landowners

Representatives from city engineering firm Project Engineering Consultants are scheduled to visit with councilmen about monies connected to the municipal water and sewer bounds.

The meeting begins at 6 p.m. today at City Hall,

The council members and Mayor Harold Wilson also may deliver reports.

Bruneau, GV Post Offices set Tax Day hours

The Post Office locations in Grand View and Bruneau have set service hours for Tax Day, which is next Wednesday, April 15.

In a joint press release, the Grand View and Bruneau postmasters urged folks to get their tax returns in early.

"We encourage postal customers who have not already submitted or mailed their tax return to do so as soon as possible." the postmasters explained in the

release.

"Tax day is always a very busy day at the Post Office."

The Grand View Post Office, located at 265 State St., will be open from 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on April 15.

The final pickup time is 2:30 p.m. The post office is closed from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for lunch.

The Bruneau Post Office, 32078 Ruth St., is open from 9 a.m. to 4

p.m. with a final mail pickup time of 1:30 p.m. on April 15. The location is closed from noon to 1 p.m. for lunch.

Garage full? Sell it in the Classifieds 337-4681



| Lay's Potato Chips 11-12 oz. | \$259 ea. | Van Camp Pork & Beans 15 oz. | 89¢ ea. | Marie Callender's Pies 36-46 oz. | \$ <mark>6</mark> 29 ea. | Kellogg's Corn Pops & Fruit Loops \$309 12.2 oz. |
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| Nabisco Crackers 7-9.5 oz. | \$229 ea. | Betty Crocker Potatoes 4.6-7.2 oz. | \$ 1 69 ea. | Western Family Ice Cream 1/2 Gallon | \$ <mark>289</mark> ea. | Western Family Powdered & Brown \$1 79 Sugar 32 oz. |
| Capri Sun 10 ct. | \$269 ea. | Western Family Cream Soups 10.5 oz. | \$ 1 09 ea. | Diamond Plastic Spoons & Forks 48 ct. | \$ 1 49 ea. | Smuckers Preserves 18 oz. \$299 ea. |
| Nalley Dill Pickles 46 oz. | 19 \$3 89 ea. | McCormick Gravy Mixes .87-1 oz. | 69¢ ea. | Stove Top Stuffing 6 oz. | \$ 1 69 ea. | Martinelli Sparkling Juice \$299 25.4 oz. |
| HOURS: Mon Sat. 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m Sunday 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Marsing, Idaho we reserve the right to limit quantities and correct printed errors • prices effective 04/08/09 thru 04/14/09 | | | | | | |