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Water allotment two-thirds lower than 2013

More Owyhee Project details to be discussed in Tuesday meetings

Irrigation water allocation for producers served by the South Board of Control has

been set at a level considerably lower than average.

SBOC manager Ron Kiester said the 1.3 acre-feet allotment the Joint Board of Control established in a March 18 meeting could decrease but probably won't go up.

The preliminary allotment number is 65.7 percent less than the 3.5 acre-feet

producers received in 2013, but nearly double what Kiester was predicting six weeks ago. Water service ended short of the usual October shut-off date last year because of dry conditions.

Spring rains will go a long way toward determining what the final allocation is for 2014, and the Joint Board of Control will

meet again at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Nyssa, Ore., to discuss when producers can expect to receive irrigation water.

The turn-on date is sure to be the major topic for the three boards of directors for the south end of the Owyhee Project, too.

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Ken Strelbel, of Santa Barbara, Calif., rides at full speed into the dusty desert near Murphy. He placed fourth in the A Veteran class of the 105-mile race on Sunday. Photos by Karen Bresnahan

Rabbit Creek 100 draws crowd

AMA Hound and Hare brings riders from across West

The dust in the Owyhees rose a little higher on Saturday, as a swarm of trucks, trailers and motorcycles converged on the wide-open desert near Murphy.

It was the start of the AMA National Hare and Hound Round 3, Rabbit Creek 100 race weekend, sponsored by DIRT, Inc.

About 40 young people competed in the

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Karson Boyce, 11, from Pioche, Nev., placed fourth in the micro-minis and 26th overall in the Rabbit Springs youth race.

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Homedale family hits the trails for competition and camaraderie

City of Grand View to absorb water and sewer association

Move has been discussed for many years

The City of Grand View is making plans to save an estimated \$5,000 or more by combining the water and sewer association with the city, according to city clerk Tammy Payne.

At a joint meeting of the Grand

View City Council and the Water and Sewer Association on March 12, a contract was signed with Attorney Susan Buxton of Moore, Smith, Buxton and Turcke, Chtd., to handle the legal transfer of the W&S Association to the city. The details of the agreement and the cost of the legal transfer have not been revealed.

The roles and responsibilities of

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Bruneau-Grand View levy vote may return

Supporters have until April 3 to show measure will pass

The Bruneau-Grand View School District will take another shot at passing a supplemental levy — if supporters can bring evidence that an election will be successful.

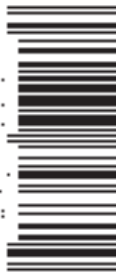
School board trustees made the decision during a March

17 meeting attended by about 20 patrons inside the Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School auditorium. Originally, board members didn't want to launch another election, but proponents lobbied for reconsideration.

The vote to re-run the two-year, \$1.2 million supplemental levy came six days after the first election failed by 44 votes as more than 48 percent of the electorate went to the polls.

Now, a supplemental levy vote

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Crews from Meridian's Haztech Drilling and Boise-based Terracon Consultants work on soil testing procedures at the Succor Creek bridge west of Homedale on Idaho highway 19. Photo by Karen Bresnahan



ITD schedules public meeting on Succor Creek bridge project

The state's plan to replace a 50-year-old bridge over Succor Creek is the subject of an open house next week in Homedale.

The Idaho Transportation Department has planned a meeting from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday at Homedale Middle School, 3437 Johnstone Road. The open house will be held inside the gymnasium.

ITD has announced plans to replace the Idaho highway 19 bridge over Succor Creek west of Homedale. The bridge was built in 1964 to replace a span lost when the creek flooded its banks in 1963.

At the open house, residents can learn about the planned changes and construction phases for the project.

Last month, crews from Meridian's Haztech Drilling and Boise's Terracon Consultants drilled soil samples as part of plotting the best

location for the new bridge, which is scheduled for construction in fiscal year 2016.

At the time, an ITD press release stated that the new bridge may be moved slightly to the west to better align with the bridge opening with the creek. That engineering decision isn't final, however.

The last major project for the bridge came about 20 years ago, according to ITD spokesman Reed Hollinshead.

At that time, crews protected the bridge with gabions and rip rap when high water the year before exposed the bridge's pile and footing, Hollinshead said.

Those unable to attend the meeting can send comments to: Public Involvement Coordinator, P.O. Box 7129, Boise, ID 83707. Comments can also be emailed to comments@itd.idaho.gov or faxed to (208) 334-8563.

County losing 911 funds because of phone users' billing addresses

Officials urge citizens to ensure Owyhee gets fees

Owyhee County could be losing tens of thousands of dollars in 911 fees each year because of modern telecommunications.

County 911 coordinator Christine Ballard says that other counties have been receiving fees that should have gone to Owyhee County for years — as far back as when the emergency dispatch system was instituted about 12 years ago.

"The big problem here is the Melba area," Ballard said. "Ever since 911 started in this county, (fees) have gone to Canyon County."

"We're talking years of 911 funds going to the wrong county."

Owyhee County usually brings in about \$90,000 a year in the fees. The revenue can be used only for improvements to the 911 dispatch system. Ballard doesn't have an exact number of the money that the county may be missing out on, but examining one resident's phone bill showed a shortage of \$200 just from the one account.

The fees are collected by individual phone service providers and then dispersed to the counties according to the billing addresses of the numerous residential and commercial customer accounts.

Ballard said the flaw comes with phone users in communities that border neighboring counties. For example, people live along Idaho highway 78 between

Opaline Road and Murphy have billing addresses with Melba ZIP codes, and service providers automatically send the 911 fees to Canyon County.

While the Melba-addressed area is the largest swath of population affecting the 911 revenue, the phenomenon occurs in other parts of the county, too.

Some Grand View phone users are paying fees that go to Elmore County because of Mountain Home billing addresses.

Bruneau is a unique area, too.

"Even though Bruneau is well within our county, we have some fees going to Nevada," Ballard said.

The advent of cell phones and Voice Over Internet Phone (VOIP) such as Vonage or Magic Jack has added another layer to the conundrum.

The proper agency to receive 911 fees may not be set up correctly if a cell phone was purchased outside Owyhee County, Ballard said.

The VOIP situation isn't just a matter of revenue, but one of safety, too.

Ballard said it is important that VOIP providers know your actual address rather than your billing address because when a call comes in to 911, dispatchers see the address provided by the phone company and not necessarily the location of the emergency.

The solution is simple, but requires individual phone-users to do a little homework and make a phone call to their service provider, Ballard said.

"We would like to encourage all Owyhee County residents to

check their phone bills to see where their 911 and E-911 fees are going," she said.

Ballard said a call to your service provider also would be a good step if it's difficult to determine where the fees are going.

Fees paid to Owyhee County go into its 911 fund. Some of the money has been used to purchase Bulberry mapping software and finance the current dispatch center remodeling project. The funds can be used to purchase computer-aided dispatch software or anything else that is directly related to answering 911 calls and dispatching emergency services to those incidents.

Ballard said that each phone line in the county also has an additional 25-cent charge that is collected by the Idaho Emergency Communications Commission.

That money doesn't come directly to the county, but is pooled and the disbursed to counties through a grant system.

The Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) system Owyhee County purchased during Sheriff Daryl Crandall's administration was funded through ECC grant money.

Last year, Ballard applied for an ECC grant to purchase software that would provide on-screen medical instructions such as CPR, childbirth, how to control bleeding, and how to stop someone from choking that dispatchers can relay to a reporting person to provide assistance before emergency medical personnel can arrive.

— JPB

Man unhurt but cited after crash

A 23-year-old man escaped injury but not citation after a one-vehicle rollover accident last Wednesday.

Alexander Gonzalo Araujo, who has a Nampa address, was cited for driving without privileges after he wrecked his 2003 Ford Mustang on Idaho highway 78 near Sinker Creek.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy Scott Snyder made the arrest at milepost 38.2.

Sheriff Perry Grant said Araujo told Snyder that he was traveling eastbound on the highway when he ran off the roadway overcorrected and rolled the vehicle down an embankment.

Grant said Araujo told Snyder that he was driving about 70 mph and the he was not wearing his seatbelt.

The crash was reported around 7 a.m.

Welfare check nets arrest

A 23-year-old Marsing man was arrested on felony probation violation warrant at 9:14 a.m. last Wednesday.

Deputy Matthew Schwartz arrested Michael Smallwood while he was performing a welfare check for a child at the residen ton 1st Street South in Marsing.

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Sign of spring and spring break



Warmer weather draws anglers to Island Park
Mel Watson of Nampa watches 7-year-old Cole Matthews of Middleton cast into the Island Park pond Monday in Marsing. Watson decided to take his grandson fishing on the first day of the boy's spring break vacation. Photo by Jon P. Brown

Council signs off on Homedale cleanup

Officials seek volunteers for Saturday projects

Civic pride fund money from both the city's general fund and the police department's Rodger Nash Memorial Community Fund could be utilized.

“If we make it an enjoyable time as well as work, we may make it bigger and better each year,” Eidemiller said.

The cleanup on the two Saturdays before the Angel Walk is envisioned as the start of a consistent effort throughout the year, which would keep the town clean for the Cops and Rodders car show and festival planned for Sept. 13 at Riverside Park. That event will be a fundraiser for the Nash fund as well as the HPD reservists.

And council members hope that the cleanup isn't confined to city streets and public property. First-term councilperson Kim Murray would like to see storefronts and even residential property spruced up.

“It wouldn't hurt property owners to take a little pride in ownership,” she said.

— JPB

Homedale council to discuss contract, P&Z appointments

The retainer contract for Homedale city engineering firm Reidesel Engineering will be discussed Thursday.

The Homedale City Council's meeting begins at 6 p.m. inside City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

Reidesel has helped the city with a municipal airport master plan, but the retainer contract establishes a relationship outside of specific projects. It's essentially “on-call” in case engineering questions arise.

Reidesel has been handling engineering issues for the city since the departure of Project Engineering Consultants Ltd. Former PEC employee Andrew Kimmel joined Reidesel after ties were cut with PEC and remains part of the team assisting Homedale.

The council also will take up Planning and Zoning personnel matters Thursday.

Sylvia Bahem is scheduled for reappointment to the P&Z administrator post. She has served in the capacity since 2002, and the reappointment is supposed to be an annual occurrence. The reappointment didn't take place last year because then-Mayor Paul J. Fink's illness, City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram said.

The council also will consider reappointing longtime P&Z commission member Gypsy Jackson for another four-year term. Jackson has sat on the commission since April 1992.

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Correction
A photo page appearing in last week's edition of The Owyhee Avalanche incorrectly identified the grade level for the Marsing Middle School Science Fair. Eighth-graders participated in the annual fair.

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Historical society holds bazaar Saturday

Next MRW chili cook-off champion to be crowned

The annual Owyhee County Historical Society Spring Bazaar hits Murphy this weekend, but thoughts of Outpost Days are never far away.

There's sure to be plenty of talk about the June 7-8 festival during Saturday's bazaar at the Owyhee County Historical Museum complex. Raffle tickets for the annual drawings for a gun or a quilt will be available Saturday at the museum for \$1 each or six for \$5.

But the focus from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. will be the OCHS fundraiser

that brings local art, hand-crafted items, home accessories, homemade pies and more to shoppers inside McKeeth Hall.

The museum is located at 17085 Basey St., in Murphy. Call (208) 495-2319 or visit www.owyheemuseum.org for more information.

The Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District will hold its third annual chili cook-off, too.

The Bureau of Land Management Vale District team is the reigning champion.

It'll cost teams \$15 for their first

entry and \$5 for each additional recipe entered.

Chili tasting is open to the public and will start at 11 a.m.

Judges will hand out first-place awards in four categories, and there also will be a People's Choice award.

For more information on the chili cook-off, contact MRW at info@mrwfire.org or call (208) 495-2195.

As for Outpost Days, the OCHS currently is selling tickets for its annual gun raffle and quilt raffle.

This year's gun is a .40-caliber Taurus Slim semi-auto PT 740. Charlene Nettleton's donated quilt is called "Texas Star."

More information on the raffle can be obtained by calling the museum at (208) 495-2319.


A 5-kilometer fun run will be held on June 7 as part of the Outpost Days festival. The Outpost Days 5K Fun Run and Walk will start for walkers at 8 a.m. with the runners pushing off shortly afterward. Check-in time is 7:30 a.m.

The entry fee is \$20 to walk or run, and children 12 years and younger can participate for \$12. There is a 15 percent discount for families of four or more.

The race will begin and end at the museum complex.

Entry forms are available at the museum.

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✓ Absorb: Entities have been separate for 40 years

the water and sewer association have been “muddied waters” over the years, Payne told The Owyhee Avalanche. Payne is former mayor of Grand View. The city actually passed an ordinance back in 1974, Ordinance No. 8, with the intent of transferring control of the Water and Sewer Association to the city, she said. But, apparently the ordinance was never carried out.

The operation of the water and sewer association as an independent corporation has resulted in “duplicate processes,” she said.

The city now has plans to make sure the community is aware of each step in the process of the transfer, by posting updates on the monthly water and sewer bills. A public meeting is planned in the near future on the topic, but no date has been set for the meeting.

The City of Grand View has spent the past five years working to resolve water issues in the area.

In 2006, the area’s drinking water was found to be high in arsenic levels, which was below the federal Environmental Protection Agency standards.

EPA standards set in 2002 said acceptable arsenic levels should only be 10 ppb (parts per billion). But, in 2007, the area’s water was measured at 16 ppb to 22ppb, which put the system out

of compliance. In a 2007 bond election, Grand View voters defeated a \$1.53 million bond–Proposition A–intended to financing the necessary upgrades. A second bond was also defeated–Proposition B–asking for \$70,000 for the consolidation of the water and sewer association and the city. The defeat of the bonds delayed progress on plans to get the city’s water system in compliance with federal standards.

A few years ago, Grand View City and the Water and Sewer Association decided to pursue a Community Development Block Grant to pay for the engineering, design and construction of the water treatment plant to handle the problem.

Part of the funding came from an Idaho Department of Environmental Quality loan. The total cost of the plant was about 1.3 million, according to Payne. Under a plan with DEQ, half the debt was forgiven, so the balance of the city’s obligation is about \$642,000, Payne said.

The new water treatment plant began operating in 2011 and has been successful in reducing the arsenic levels in the water. Arsenic levels, tested in the first quarter of 2014, are at .0005 ppb.

“All is working well, and Grand View’s water is healthy,” Payne said.

—KB

SNOTEL report, Owyhee County sensors

	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature		
				Max	Min	Avg
	(measured in inches)			(measured in Fahrenheit)		
Mud Flat						
03/18	0.0	0	7.2	41	21	30
03/19	0.0	0	7.2	49	22	36
03/20	0.0	0	7.2	45	26	37
03/21	0.0	0	7.2	45	22	32
03/22	0.0	0	7.2	47	19	34
03/23	0.0	0	7.2	52	22	39
03/24	0.0	0	7.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
03/18	0.0	n/a	10.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
03/19	0.0	n/a	10.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
03/20	0.0	n/a	10.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
03/21	0.0	n/a	10.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
03/22	0.1	n/a	10.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
03/23	0.1	n/a	10.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
03/24	0.2	n/a	10.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
03/18	6.3	16	15.1	39	17	26
03/19	6.2	16	15.1	45	24	36
03/20	6.0	15	15.1	42	24	33
03/21	5.9	15	15.1	42	19	29
03/22	5.8	15	15.1	44	22	32
03/23	5.6	14	15.2	49	33	40
03/24	5.3	13	15.2	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 23 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 329 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore. at a rate of 25 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 163,651 acre-feet of water on Monday. The following statistics were gathered from the Natural Resources Conservation Service website at 2 p.m. Monday (Year-to-date precipitation is measured from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.)

— Information compiled from the National Weather Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Helena Chemical in Homedale

✓ Water: Still no word on water turn-on

Those directors, some of whom sit on the Joint Board, will hold a series of meetings Tuesday hours after the meeting in Nyssa.

The Ridgeview Irrigation District meeting begins at 7 p.m., followed by the Gem Irrigation District board meeting at 7:15 p.m. The South Board of Control directors meeting convenes at 7:30 p.m.

All three meetings take place at the South Board of Control office, 118 S. 1st St. W., in Homedale.

The Owyhee Project receives water from the Owyhee Reservoir as well as from pumping stations

that draw out of the Snake River. The majority of the Gem Irrigation District acreage is fed by Snake River water with a portion relying on the Owyhee Reservoir.

Water officials have said that Owyhee Reservoir water may not be turned into irrigation ditches until May 1.

The reservoir was at 23 percent of its two-year capacity on Monday. There were 163,651 acre-feet of water in storage (a gain of nearly 56,000 acre-feet over the weekend) with water coming into the reservoir at the

rate of 329 cubic feet per second from the Owyhee River near Rome, Ore. Water was leaving the reservoir at a rate of 25 cfs.

The snow-water equivalent in the Owyhee Basin remains at 57 percent of the 30-year average, according to the Natural Resource Conservation Service’s March 17 report. Year-to-date precipitation is at 78 percent of normal.

The NRCS reports the Bruneau Basin is at 64 percent of the median, while its year-to-date precipitation sits at 80 percent of the average.

Public Open House Meeting Notification



Idaho 19-Succor Creek Bridge Replacement Project
Tuesday, April 1, 2014
4 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Homedale Middle School Gym
3437 Johnstone Rd.
Homedale

The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) invites you to attend a public meeting for the **Idaho 19 Succor Creek Bridge Replacement Project**. The meeting will be held in an open house format. Those interested in attending can do so anytime between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The project will replace the existing two-lane bridge, which was built in 1963.

People are encouraged to attend the meeting to learn about the planned changes and the construction phases for the project.

Those unable to attend the meeting are encouraged to send comments to:

Public Involvement Coordinator
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School menus

Homedale Elementary

March 26-28: No school
March 31: Hot dog, tater tots, baked beans, strawberries
April 1: Spaghetti, green beans, side salad, pears
April 2: Chicken taco, corn, baby carrots, banana
April 3: Fish sandwich, French fries, celery sticks, mixed fruit

Homedale Middle

March 26-28: No school
March 31: Popcorn chicken or beef nuggets, steamed carrots, broccoli, banana
April 1: Ham/cheese sandwich or hot dog, baked beans, cucumbers, applesauce
April 2: Pork chop or chicken tenders, mashed potatoes/gravy, side salad, mixed fruit, roll
April 3: Beef or chicken taco, corn, baby carrots, pears

Homedale High

March 26-28: No school
March 31: Pepperoni pizza or roast beef sandwich, salad bar, fruit choice
April 1: Orange chicken or chicken nuggets, steamed rice, fortune cookie, green beans, salad bar/fruit choice
April 2: Spaghetti w/French bread or corn dog, salad bar/fruit choice
April 3: Hamburger, cheeseburger or grilled chicken sandwich, potato wedges, sherbet cup, salad bar/fruit choice

Marsing

March 26-27: No school
March 31: Chicken fajita or chicken sandwich, steamed carrots, chocolate chip cookie, salad bar (6-12)
April 1: French dip sandwich or beef taco w/chipotle rice & beans, mixed vegetables, salad bar 6-12
April 2: Teriyaki chicken bowl or corn dog, buttered corn, salad bar 6-12

Bruneau-Grand View

March 26-31: No school
April 1: Chicken & noodles, salad, steamed carrots, fruit
April 2: Chicken patty/bun, seasoned black beans, steamed broccoli, fruit

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

March 26: Pasta primavera, bread
March 27: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes/gravy, peas & carrots, bread
April 1: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, string beans, bread
April 2: Beef/bean burrito, refried beans, rice

Marsing Senior Center

March 26: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, winter blend vegetables, carrot salad, peaches/pears, chocolate chip cookies
March 31: Breakfast to order: biscuits & sausage gravy, eggs, fruit

Rimrock Senior Center

March 27: Beef stew

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Obituary

MSgt. Joseph James Dexter

Master Sergeant Joseph James Dexter joined our Heavenly Father on February 5th, 2014 and reunited with his parents Joseph and Clara Bell and 4 brothers Bill, Dewey, John, Leland and sister Mary Ann.

He was born on May 1, 1936 in Chadron, Nebraska and was the youngest of all the children. Soon afterwards, they lost their father and eventually moved to Idaho with their mother. He later went to work on a dairy farm with Graton and Mary Eason, who became like parents to him and their children like brothers and sisters. He married their daughter, Joann, with whom he had two daughters, Leesa and Laura. In 1972, his third child, Katy, was born with his second wife, Rita.

Joe was 18 when he joined the Air Force. Military was his destiny and he wanted to serve his country and that he did. He was in the Air Force for 21 years and obtained many medals during



the Vietnam War and after. He was very patriotic and was a true definition of an American.

After his service, he remained in aviation through companies such as Lockheed Aircraft and the Dynalectron Corporation.

He traveled the world during both careers and would share the stories of his travels with all family and friends. Most would end with the house filled with laughter. He was born a comedian, and we're sure Heaven is filled

with laughter as well.
He's greatly loved and missed by all he left behind. He is survived by his 3 daughters: Leesa Dexter (Mark) and her children Connie Rodriguez (Craig), Brandy (Ben) Bischoff and Nick (Debbie) Cameron; daughter Laura Dexter (Glen) and her children Jeremy (Nicole) Riley, Tyler Riley (Saraya) and David Dennis; daughter Katy Dupuie and her children Alex and Megan Dupuie. He had many great-grandchildren and we'll make sure that his life stories are shared with each and every one. His memory will also remain strong with many other relatives and close friends. Until we're together again Dad, STANDBY.....
A short graveside service with military honors will be held at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery March 29th, 2014 at 1pm, with a reception immediately following at the Homedale American Legion Hall.



The Owyhee Gardeners spent some time Monday cleaning up the community garden near the Marsing High School shop. From left: New club president Chris Harris, Bonnie Christensen and Gay Young clear weeds and other debris. Photo by Jon P. Brown

Owyhee Gardeners get new officers

New Owyhee Gardeners officers will be installed next month.

Chris Harris is the new president. She succeeds Judy MacKenzie.

Harris and the other officers — first vice-president Marilyn Evans, second vice-president Sharon McIlveen, secretary Anna Davis and treasurer Michelle Trulove — were confirmed during the club's March 13 meeting at the Lizard Butte Library.

Pat Peutz, the Southwest District president for the Garden Clubs of Idaho, will install the officers at the club's next meeting, which is set for 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 10 inside the library's Community Room.

Harris currently serves as the seedling transplanting committee chair. Evans and Wanda Ferguson transplanted seedlings for

Homedale community projects, and other seedlings were transplanted in preparation for May's plant sale.

Ellen Dines donated the seed packets for the planting, and remaining packets are available for club members.

Ferguson and Charlene Johnston will co-chair the committee planning a beautification project for the Snake River RV Park outside Homedale. Evans will collect ideas from club members.

The next event for the Owyhee Gardeners is Monday's Garden Clubs of Idaho Southwest District spring conference at the First United Presbyterian Church, 400 Lake Lowell Ave., in Nampa. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and costs \$12.

With Bonnie Christensen chairing the effort, the Owyhee Gar-

deners are donating a door prize. They'll also sell their "world-famous" brooms.

The Owyhee Gardeners will sponsor the Southwest District's fall conference in September.

Dines announced that the Marsing FFA chapter will sell hanging baskets for \$20 each. The baskets will be available in May. Dines has samples of the flower varieties and colors that will be used.

Field trips to Leslie Gulch and Hells Canyon are planned for late spring.

The exact dates of the trips, which will be sponsored by the Southwest District, will depend on plant growth to ensure the optimal time of blooming for desert plants.

Jean Findlay will lead the Leslie Gulch field trip and discuss local minerals and plants.

Calendar

Today
Story Time
10:30 a.m., for preschoolers, Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Thursday
Property tax reduction assistance
9 a.m. to noon, Marsing Senior Center, 218 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 495-2817
Oregon Food Bank Harvest Share
10 a.m., W.W. Jones Elementary School, 3513 Arock Road, Arock, Ore. (541) 889-9206
Blood pressure clinic
10 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
Senior center exercise class
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
Oregon Food Bank Harvest Share
11:15 a.m., Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 902 Bassett St., Jordan Valley. (541) 889-9206
Oregon Food Bank mobile food pantry
1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 902 Bassett St., Jordan Valley. (541) 889-9206
Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meeting
6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867

Friday
Story Time
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228
afternoons Monday through Saturday

Saturday
OCHS spring bazaar
10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2319
Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire chili cook-off
11 a.m., Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. info@mrwfire.org or (208) 495-2195
Teens and Tweens program
4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Sundance Park, Homedale. (208) 337-4228
afternoons Monday through Saturday
Senior center dance
6 p.m. to 9 p.m., public welcome, \$5, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
Marsing Lions bingo
6:45 p.m. early game, 7 p.m. regular games, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing. (208) 454-7820

Sunday
Middle school youth group
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy 95, Wilder. (208) 697-1409

Tuesday
Property tax reduction assistance
9 a.m. to noon, Marsing Senior Center, 218 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 495-2817
Senior center exercise class
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
After-school Story Time
4:30 p.m., up to third-graders, Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Wednesday
Military veterans coffee
9 a.m., Phipps-Watson American Legion Hall and Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing

Story Time
10:30 a.m., for preschoolers, Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690
Christian Life Club
3:15 p.m. to 5 p.m., kindergarten to sixth grade, transportation provided, Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-4757, (208) 353-6024 or (208) 337-3464
Homedale Highway District meeting
7 p.m., Homedale Highway District office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., Homedale

Thursday, April 3
Property tax reduction assistance
10 a.m. to noon, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 495-2817
Senior center exercise class
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
Property tax reduction assistance
1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., Bruneau Valley Public Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 495-2817
Lizard Butte Library board meeting
4 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690
Bruneau-Grand View school levy meeting
6 p.m., Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School auditorium, 39678 Hwy 78, Bruneau. (208) 834-2253
Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meeting
6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867
Homedale Rod & Gun Club meeting
7:30 p.m., Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant, 18 N. 1st W., Homedale. (208) 921-6578 or (208) 283-0431 or homedalegunclub.com

Friday, April 4
Story Time
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228
afternoons Monday through Saturday
Marsing FFA dinner and auction
6 p.m., Marsing High School cafeteria, 8th Avenue West, Marsing.


Saturday, April 5
Teens and Tweens program
4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Sunday, April 6
Middle school youth group
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy 95, Wilder. (208) 697-1409

Monday, April 7
Board of County Commissioners meeting
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421
Homedale Public Library board meeting
11:30 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228
Book club for adults
7 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Tuesday, April 8
Senior center exercise class
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
Marsing Senior Center board meeting
12:30 p.m., Marsing Senior Center, 218 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4634
Senior center board meeting
1:30 p.m., open to public, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

Owyhee
Then & Now



Owyhee Graffiti, Vol. 1

Among the kegs
(Charley Loveland)

Charley Loveland was going to take several of his neighbors to Jordan Valley with him. He never trusted them, so he thought he'd load his moonshine in the wagon before they got to his outfit. I was siphoning a barrel of high proof into several kegs of low proof. They came and found me lying among the kegs with the door wide open. "Now I'm not one to give advice, son," said the sheriff, "but if I were you, I'd get me a file and take off that front sight and do a darn smooth job of it, too."

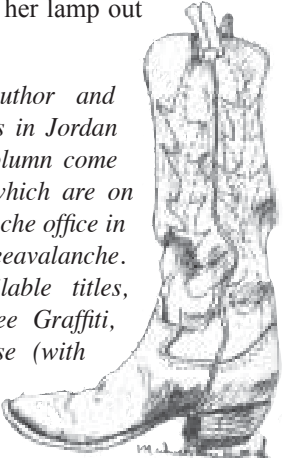
When the moon came over the mountain
(Larry DelGrosso)

Larry DelGrosso told about the time he wanted to go to a dance at Silver City and didn't have enough money for it. "I wanted to go to the dance in Silver on Saturday night so I took some moonshine along, from our ranch at Flint. I delivered the booze at the newspaper office and went to the dance. The next issue of the Avalanche headlined the event: "THE DANCE SATURDAY LAST WAS A RIP ROARING SUCCESS WHEN THE MOON CAME OVER THE MOUNTAIN."

The broken lamp
(Jim McEwen)

A moonshiner stopped at the Visher Ranch and gave my grandfather a bottle of whiskey. My grandmother put it in the cupboard for safe keeping until she could find a place to dispose of it. The county sheriff stopped by to visit and when he came up, my grandmother slammed the cupboard door breaking the chimney off her favorite lamp. Later, my grandfather told the sheriff that the next time he stopped by to, "Let my wife know that you are coming so that she can get her lamp out of the way."

— Local historian, author and rancher Mike Hanley lives in Jordan Valley. Excerpts in this column come from his various books, which are on sale at The Owyhee Avalanche office in Homedale. Visit www.owyheeavalanche.com for a list of available titles, including Hanley's Owyhee Graffiti, Sagebrush & Axle Grease (with Omer Stanford), Tales of the I.O.N. Country and Journal of Michael F. Hanley IV.



County Dems will caucus for state reps

The Owyhee County Democrats will select delegates for the state convention at the next Central Committee meeting.

The caucus will take place at 1 p.m. on Monday, April 14 inside the Community Room of the Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., in Marsing.

All Democrats and independents are invited to attend the caucus, but only registered Democrats can vote for delegates to the State Democratic Convention, which will be held June 20-22 in Moscow.

The Democrats have switched the location of their monthly meeting from The Spot.

"We don't want to inconvenience the Spot and will return there for our future meetings," Committeeperson Pam Roylance said.

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The new sign for Charros Mexican restaurant goes up in Homedale. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

Homedale has new Mexican eatery

Business is family owned, operated

A new Mexican restaurant, called Charros, just opened its doors in Homedale. The business is located at 307 E. Idaho Ave., the longtime Homedale Drive-In location that was most recently known as New York BBQ.

Charros is owned by Juan and Martha Castillo of Nampa, who operate the restaurant with other family members, including Cecelia, Ernesto, and Ignacio Castillo. Server Katia Rios is the only employee outside the family.

Business hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week. They will serve lunch and dinner, and the menu includes appetizers, salads, burritos, house specialties, and seafood. In about a month, they plan to begin serving breakfast as well.

For more information, call 337-4243.

—KB

From page 1

✓ Levy: Patrons compel trustees to try again

will appear on the May 20 ballot only if community members who requested the motion at last week’s meeting can garner enough committed “yes” votes to show that the measure will pass.

Proponents, of which about 20 showed up at last week’s meeting, have until the board’s April 3 special meeting to gather enough evidence to convince trustees that levy would pass. That meeting takes place at 6 p.m. inside the high school auditorium.

District superintendent Dennis Wilson said the school board has until April 6 to rescind the levy election request with the Owyhee County clerk’s office.

“As for how the community members will verify the support, that was left to them to determine,” Wilson said. “The district is not involved with this portion of it.”

The first run at a levy that would have brought \$600,000 into district coffers in each of the next two school years failed by 44 votes on March 11. Wilson said that levy committee members made donations to finance reminder mailings and other advertisement for that levy election and that no district funds were spent on the campaign.

The district is trying to replace a two-year, \$1.4 million supplemental levy that will expire at the end of this school year.

Without the levy, Wilson has said, there could be up to seven full-time positions eliminated from the next budget, including 4.5 teaching positions at the high school and three other positions among employees at Bruneau and Grand View Elementary schools and the district office.

— JPB

✓ Crowd: Pro riders bring color to desert

races on Saturday, and nearly 200 pros and adults raced Sunday.

The odds seem impossible that such a large number of vehicles and trailers were able to squeeze down the rough, one-lane dirt road leading to and from the racing area. There were camp trailers, toy haulers, pickups, four-wheelers, vans and cars of every description.

Sponsors brought their representatives and colorful vans covered in logos. Red Bull put up a giant balloon arch.

While participating families pulled out their lawn chairs and rolled out the cycles, people of all ages prepared and practiced before the “banner up” at 11 a.m. both Saturday and Sunday.

The race for the young riders was nine miles long, and the course took about an hour and a half from start to finish.

The adults race spanned 105 miles and took most of the day on Sunday.

Young people were decked out in helmets, specialized outfits, gloves and goggles, and it became hard to recognize which kid belonged to whom. Some of the youngsters had bright-colored mohawks on the top of their helmets to make them stand out.

Three different age groups, lined up together at the start of youth course called “the bomb.” Cycles of varying sizes and colors brightened up the desert scape.

After a brief meeting, the young racers were welcomed by an announcer, who spelled out the rules and gave a little advice.

“When you see yellow flags on one side or the other, it means your going to be turning. Blue flags mean danger,” he said. “Now, when you see a cow, don’t worry, the cow is not going to run toward you...it’s going to run away from you,” he said.

One mother from Southern California, with three sons racing, said her boys were “pretty freaked out about the cows.”

Then, suddenly, all went silent, as the young people waited for the banner to drop. The hare, which was just a man in a pink bunny suit, got a head start.

Then, the engines roared up, and in a flash, they were gone, over the hill and out of sight, in just a few seconds.

One spectator said that racing has been good for her boys because it keeps them busy and builds their confidence.

“My kids aren’t punks,” she said. “They are good boys, who are well behaved and polite.”

— KB

Library archers set to take aim at Sundance

A monthlong exploration of archery comes to an end with the real thing Saturday for the Homedale Public Library’s Tweens and Teens program.

Coordinator Teasha Harris, library director Margaret Fujishin and archery instructor Lanny Fujishin will lead the 10- to 17-year-old boys and girls in a shooting clinic at Sundance Park.

Parents are invited to attend the shooting clinic. The group will leave the library at 4 p.m. to travel the short distance to the park.

Harris said anyone who does not have transportation from the library should show up early to ensure a ride.

Only those Tweens and Teens members who attended the first two meetings of the month to hear Lanny Fujishin’s talk on archery history and safety are eligible to shoot Saturday. All shooters must also have returned a liability release form signed by their parents.

“We are all excited to engage in this fun activity; however, safety is our primary concern and any teens or tweens acting irrationally or not following the safety rules will be asked to hand over their bow and arrows and stand watch with the other onlookers,” Harris said.

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

No Story Time this week — The library’s weekly preschool reading hour will take a break this week, but will return next week.

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Marsing FFA fundraiser on tap

Marsing’s FFA chapter is preparing for its annual dinner and auction.

“The auction is unbelievable,” FFA advisor Mike Martin said. “It is mindboggling the way the community comes out to support the kids,” he said.

This year’s event begins at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 4 inside the Marsing High School cafeteria on 8th Avenue West.

In preparation for the auction, the FFA has sent letters out to 64 people who are buyers at the auction, along with “save the date” postcards with photos of the current six officer team members.

Another letter was produced by the FFA and went out to the more than 70 donors who participate each year. In that letter, the team thanked people for their support last year, which helped three teams participate in state competitions, the Agriculture Communications Team compete and select FFA musician Brad Labit perform at the national convention in Louisville, Ky., and 22 chapter members attend a leadership conference.

Martin said there is an advisory board of citizens in the community who personally call a list of donors each year to solicit support.



Collectors, sportsmen enjoy gun show
Art Chavez of Boise smiles as he looks over an AK47 semi-automatic rifle, priced at \$900, during the Marsing Gun Show on Saturday at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center. Photo by Karen Bresnahan



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Marsing Middle School teacher receives grant

Diedra Little to purchase camera

Marsing Middle School’s seventh- and eighth-grade science teacher, Diedra Little, was awarded a \$989 Idaho National Laboratory (INL) grant.

The grant is intended for special projects that enhance STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) instruction.


Little will use the money to buy a Ken-a-Vision VideoFlex 7600 document camera that attaches to a microscope and projects images onto an interactive whiteboard.


“I’m super-excited because this camera is designed for magnifying all sorts of images, not just images of documents or from microscopes,” Little said.

“I think my middle school science kids are going to love having their scabs, fingernails, freckles and insects magnified and projected up on the interactive board,” she said.



Diedra Little





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Outlaws for in-laws: They got away with it

Book reveals family secrets that solve old bank robbery

Chet and Kim Brackett of Three Creek write about Winnemucca Bank robbery of 1900

THE ROBBERS



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Some stories are better left untold for about a hundred years or so. Just like fine wine, the older it is, the better it tastes.

That’s the philosophy of Chet Brackett of Owyhee County, who discovered an old trunk full of writing in the attic of his house one day, that has changed his life. In the attic he discovered somewhat of a treasure. It wasn’t made of gold, but it is just as valuable to him because of the stories he found.

Chet and his wife Kim, live in one of the most remote areas of Owyhee County, known as Three Creek. They are a ranching family with about a thousand head of cattle.

In 1988, Chet had moved into an old stone house in the Three Creek area that had been in the family for generations, and he completely remodeled it. After cutting a hole in the ceiling to gain access to the upper story of the house, he found a group of family heirlooms, including a trunk. Chet’s first impression was that it was “just a bunch of old ratty papers.” But, inside the trunk were journals written by his great uncle Chet Brackett, and he believes they were purposely stashed in the attic of the house.

When Chet opened the trunk that day, he could not have guessed how significant those writings would be. Not only did he learn a lot of details about his family history, but he found information in stories that when pieced together, appear to solve one of the greatest mysteries of the old west, the robbery of the Winnemucca State Bank, on Sept. 19, 1900.

The bank robbery, in which various accounts say the robbers cleaned out anywhere from \$2,000 to \$30,000, has long been attributed to Butch Cassidy’s Hole In The Wall Gang. As legend has it, Butch later sent a photograph to the bank of him and his men wearing fancy suits and derby hats, thanking the bank for the money they spent. But, over the years the actual evidence of Cassidy’s involvement in the bank robbery has been questioned. That doesn’t seem to matter today, because Winnemucca town history embraced the legend long ago, and

today Butch Cassidy Days is a big celebration there, enjoyed by thousands of people.

Information in the journals Chet discovered revealed how the Winnemucca robbery actually happened. And, by the way, he just happens to be related to every one of the robbers.

Chet left the journals alone for many years, until recently, when he had time to study them.



Kim and Chet Brackett are back in Murphy with their book Saturday.

Last year, Chet and Kim decided to put the information together in keepsake books for each of their five children. The books created so much interest among family and friends, they decided to put it into one book. It’s called “Chet’s Reflections.” About 300 copies were printed in January, and they have already nearly sold out.

The new book has created quite a bit of interest. Some people who read it said they thought the Bracketts just made it all up. Others have asked to see the original writings, but the couple has decided not to show them. Some readers have said they couldn’t put it down and want to know more.

“Every family has a few skeletons in the family closet,” Chet writes in a note about the book. But, he claims the book is

about so much more than finding skeletons. The book is meaningful because it “brings to life” certain people (his relatives) who lived a long time ago, and “shows how tough they were,” he said. The book has helped bring his family closer together, he says.

Writing the book has been a collaborative effort by Chet and Kim. Sorting through the journals was difficult, but because of

Chet and Kim talked about how very different life was in the Old West, and that the meaning of the terms, law and justice were somewhat ambiguous. “You have to put things in the context of the time it happened,” Chet said. In the Old West, people made their own justice, on their own terms, the couple explained. The book writing has shown them the “importance of loyalty to family.”

Both Chet and Kim feel like they will someday meet up with the characters in their story, real people who have lived. Writing the book has inspired them to “do things better in life.”

The purpose of the book is “just to tell a true story.” Kim says many people who have read the book are inspired to investigate their own family history.

Promoting the book has been a fun and interesting “hobby” for Chet and Kim. They attended a Western Days event in the Twin Falls area and took along a plastic skeleton, which they dressed in a cowboy hat and boots. It brought some interesting reactions at the show.

On Saturday, the Bracketts will be in Murphy at the Owyhee County Historical Society’s Spring Bazaar, and they are inviting anyone to come by and visit with them.

“We’ve had a blast with this,” Kim said. The couple has plans to write several additional books on topics related to the original story. Some of the chapters in the book are purposely left blank, with a promise of revealing the rest of the material in the next 50 years. They plan on leaving any future storytelling up to their kids.

The Three Creek area that they call home is “where God runs his cows,” they say. “It’s wonderful country—a little remote—but we like it that way,” Kim said.

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Book: Chet’s Reflections by Chet and Kim Brackett
For more information, call (208) 731-0135
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Three wins push
Adrian boys to 2nd

Trojans tackle tournament test

HHS softball
rises to 5-0 with
lopsided victories

Larry Corta won't have to travel far to put a barometer on where his Homedale High School softball team is in comparison to the state's top programs.

The Trojans will take on teams from four larger schools during their two-day stay in the Idaho Sporting Goods softball tournament.

Homedale plays Rigby and Middleton at Centennial High School in Meridian on Friday.

On Saturday, the scene shifts to Boise for games against host Borah and Pocatello.

"I'm looking forward to playing bigger schools see how we will stand against them," Corta said.

Borah is a Class 5A squad, while Middleton, Rigby and Pocatello are all 4A schools.

The Trojans take a season-opening five-game unbeaten streak into the tournament after an easy Saturday sweep of Baker in Oregon.

Saturday: Homedale 25-13, Baker, Ore., 3-1 — The first game was halted after six innings as the Trojans pounded 22 hits.

Tori Nash, Katie Deal and Destiny Long all homered in the opener.

Deal went 4-for-5 with five RBI. She and Nash hit back-to-back home runs in Homedale's

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Avalanche Sports

Homedale JV softball
off to perfect start



Noah Grossman, left, celebrates his Super State championship with his father Doug and brother Brett. Photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography

Marsing's Grossman wins Super State wrestling crown

Airline tickets
raffle will help
helps him travel

Noah Grossman is poised to win Idaho's triple crown of wrestling after capturing an Idaho Super State championship Saturday in Boise.

The victory qualified Grossman for April's America's Cup Tournament in California and also added another trip to his spring and summer itinerary.

Wrestling at 220 pounds, Grossman collected the Super State championship at Capital High School after pinning Lakeland's Conor Shepherd midway through the final period of their match and then beating Carrick Smith of Bonneville,



Noah Grossman sells raffle tickets at Logans Market in Marsing. He's selling the tickets to help fund his travels during the spring and summer wrestling season. Photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography

6-4, in something called an Ultimate Tiebreaker.

With the Super State championship and his Class 2A

Idaho high school championship from last month, Grossman

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Huskies show off pitching prowess

Baseball team
pounds out three
victories

Marsing High School eased into the baseball season last week with three victories fueled by pitching and crisp fielding.

"It's early in the season and the competition wasn't at the level we'll be seeing down the road, but I was happy with how the kids opened up the year,"

H u s k i e s coach Jerry Stacy said.



Jerry Stacy

"We only walked three batters and had only one error in the first three games. That's more than we could've asked for."

Thursday: Marsing 4, Parma 1 — Senior Austin Williams threw four scoreless innings and struck out nine to get the win in Marsing's closest game of the week.

Marsing (3-0) showed a powerful offense with Charlie Galvez smacking two doubles and Jr. Gonzalez notching a double for one of his two hits against the visiting Panthers from the 3A Snake River Valley conference.

Lane Sevy closed out the game, allowing one run and two hits.

March 18: Marsing 20, Notus 3 (5) — Williams showed clutch speed and power with an

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Senior Riley Qualls watches a foul ball sail off the end of his bat during Homedale High School's season opener March 15 in the first game of a doubleheader against McCall-Donnelly. Qualls was 1-for-3 with a single March 18 as the Trojans rallied to tie their 3A Snake River Valley conference opener, 10-10, after seven innings. The game was suspended because of darkness. Photo by Jon P. Brown

HHS rallies before dark against Weiser

3A SRV baseball
opener suspended
after 7 innings

Homedale High School is still waiting to finish its first 3A Snake River Valley conference baseball game of the season.

The Trojans rallied for two runs in the bottom of the seventh inning on March 18 to tie a slugfest against visiting Weiser,

10-10. The game was suspended after Homedale's at-bat because of darkness, and a completion date has yet to be determined.

Lane Sale scored on a wild pitch to tie the game with two outs in the bottom of the seventh, and Jake Deal was on third base representing the winning run when Blake Patton struck out to end the inning.

Homedale stormed back from a

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Sports

Elise Shenk takes a run at a slap hit during Homedale High School's season-opening doubleheader March 15 against McCall-Donnelly. Shenk had a single, run and RBI during the Trojans' 12-2 blowout of Weiseer to begin the 3A Snake River Valley conference season March 18 at Sundance Park. Photo by Jon P. Brown



✓ Trojans: Homedale hammers home runs

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nine-run fourth inning. Nash's drive was a three-run shot. The home run was part of Nash's five-RBI game.
Long hit a one-out homer with Tristan Corta aboard in the top of the first inning.
Corta was also 4-for-5.
Shelby Lee got the Game 1 win, giving up three unearned runs.
In Game 2, the Bulldogs trailed 2-1 after the first inning, but Homedale slowly pulled away. Gardenia Machuca capped a 3-for-4, four-RBI game with a three-run home run in the sixth inning as the Trojans iced the game with seven runs.
Morgan Nash scattered three hits over six innings to get the win.
Tory Lane had a breakout game,

going 4-for-4 with two doubles, two runs scored and two RBI.
March 18: Homedale 12, Weiser 2 (5) — The bottom of the batting order lowered the boom on Weiser in the Trojans' 3A Snake River Valley conference season opener at Sundance Park.
The last three hitters in the lineup teamed up for five hits, five runs and six RBI in a game ended after 4½ innings because of the 10-run rule.
McKenna Calzacorta was 2-for-3 with two doubles, two RBI and three runs scored, while Makayla Aberasturi had two RBI and three runs scored during a 2-for-3 showing.
Elise Shenk was 1-for-3 with a run and an RBI.
Katie Deal singled and scored on Aberasturi's triple to right field

in the third inning. Calzacorta followed immediately afterward with a double.
Calzacorta sparked a second-inning rally with a double that plated Deal. Calzacorta then scored on Shenk's triple to right field. Shenk scored on a throw from the outfield during the play.
Gardenia Machuca was 2-for-3 with a double and two RBI, while Morgan Nash thrived in the leadoff spot, going 2-for-3.
Machuca's double drove in Tristan Corta in the fourth inning as Homedale scored five runs to set up the 10-run rule.
Corta got the ball to start the game, pitching four innings. She scattered four hits and walked three. Nash pitched a perfect fifth inning to wrap up the victory.

Walker the sprinter leads Antelopes to 2nd


Victories in the sprints sent Adrian High School to second place in the boys' meet at the Ontario Ice Breaker.
Junior Chase Walker swept the 100- and 200-meter runs, beating teammate Lucas Pecoraro, a senior, by .34 seconds in the shorter race.
Walker turned in winning times of 11.50 seconds in the 100 and 23.23 in the 200.
Sophomore Bryson Shira ran a 53.96 lap for a win in the 400, while fellow Antelopes sophomore Teo Duran was second at 54.08.
Sophomore Mike Griffin was runner-up in the triple jump at 37 feet, 10 inches.

Junior Jett McCoy had two third-place finishes with a 125-foot heave of the javelin and a 16-9¾ result in the long jump.
Led by senior Tane't Campbell's javelin win (96-4), Adrian finished sixth in the girls' meet.
Campbell was part of the 4x400-meter relay team that finished third in 4 minutes, 56.33 seconds. She ran the first leg followed by sophomore Clara Feldman, senior Marieke Frerichs and freshman Selina Villarreal.
Feldman was third in the 800 in 2:54.29, while Frerichs was fifth in the 3,000 (13:47.83).
Campbell also finished fourth in the 100 in 14.04.


✓ HHS: Big at-bats during fifth, sixth cap comeback


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six-run deficit with eight runs in the fifth and sixth innings.
The Trojans scored five runs in the sixth inning to take an 8-6 lead.
Nash Johnson and Talon Freelove had run-scoring singles in the inning, and Sale's base hit brought home Johnson with the tying run.
Homedale went ahead when Sale scored on Weiser second baseman Kristian Claudio's error, and Deal scored the Trojans' eighth run when Patton drew a bases-loaded walk.
Sale and Johnson scored on

Nathan Leslie's single in the fifth inning to get the comeback rolling.
Freelove and Johnson had two singles apiece.
Caleb Oviedo started on the mound for Homedale, striking out 10 and walking five in four innings. He allowed one hit and three runs. Only one was earned.
Conner Carter surrendered three runs in the top of the fourth inning, but like Oviedo, he was affected by his defense.
Homedale committed four errors, and only three of the Wolverines' 10 runs were earned.

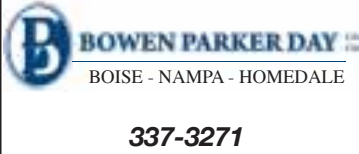


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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Josh Tolmie, so., track and field

The Play — Tolmie scored points in two events to help the Trojans boys' team finish fourth in the Ontario Ice Breaker. A 17-foot, 6-inch effort gave the sophomore a victory in the long jump. Running his first career 400 meters in competition, Tolmie notched at 57.17-second lap to place third.


Baseball
Varsity
Tuesday, April 1, home vs. Payette, 5 p.m.
Junior Varsity
Tuesday, April 1 at Payette, 5 p.m.

Golf
Varsity
Tuesday, April 1, home 3A Snake River Valley conference meet, TimberStone G.C., Caldwell, 3 p.m.
Junior varsity
Tuesday, April 1, home 3A Snake River Valley conference meet, TimberStone G.C., Caldwell, 3 p.m.


Track and field
Thursday, April 3 at Parma, 4 p.m.

Softball
Varsity
Idaho Sporting Goods Tournament
Friday, March 28 vs. Rigby, Centennial H.S., Field 2, Meridian, noon
Friday, March 28 vs. Middleton, Centennial H.S., Field 2, Meridian, 4 p.m.
Saturday, March 29 at Borah, 10 a.m.
Saturday, March 29 vs. Pocatello, Borah H.S., 2 p.m.
3A Snake River Valley conference
Tuesday, April 1, home vs. Payette, 5 p.m.
Junior varsity
Tuesday, April 1 at Payette, 5 p.m.


Tennis
Tuesday, April 1, home vs. Parma and Baker, Ore., 4 p.m.



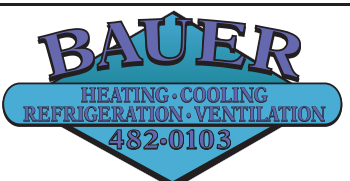
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Sports

Huskies homer in both softball wins

Hardy handles two more foes; Marsing runs record to 4-0

Pitching and offense enabled Marsing High School to overcome another shaky defensive outing to beat Parma in softball.

Marissa Hardy was dinged for five unearned runs, but persevered with a three-hitter and four strikeouts in a 12-5 win over the visiting Panthers on Thursday.

Marsing (4-0 overall) broke the game open with seven unanswered runs over the fourth and fifth innings.

Carey Dines had the big hit in the four-run fourth, lining a double to left field that scored Ellie Folwell. Dines was 2-for-4 with an RBI and a double.

Folwell's two-out double in the Huskies' next at-bat chased home Shannon Clover. Folwell later scored on a passed ball. She finished the game 2-for-2 with a double and two RBI.

The Huskies also took advantage of Parma errors in both big innings. The Panthers from the 3A Snake River Valley conference committed five fielding miscues in the game.

Kinney smashed a two-run home run in the third inning, bringing in Clover and giving the Huskies a 5-1 lead.

March 18: Marsing 11, Notus 0 (5)— Ellie Folwell hit a two-out, two-run home run in the fourth inning to cap the Huskies' second four-run outburst of the non-conference game on the road.

Folwell led the offense with a 2-for-3 afternoon that featured three RBI and two runs scored.

Hitting from the top of the lineup, Hardy was 1-for-2 with a double, RBI and three runs scored. She also got the win in the pitching circle, spinning a three-hitter while striking out five and walking none.

Dines, Clover and Alicia Barkell also knocked in runs.

The Huskies jumped out to a 4-0 lead after the top of the first and led 6-0 heading into the bottom of the second.

Fortunate farmers favor Adrian football



Monsanto grant to help Adrian

The Adrian High School football team will benefit from a \$2,500 American Farmers Grow Communities grant from the Monsanto Fund. Area farmers Vicki and Joel Price selected the football team to receive the check. **From left:** Adrian football coach Paul Shenk, Vicki Price, Joel Price, Darren Beck of Monsanto and Adrian High School principal Kevin Purnell. AHS Photography

✓ Huskies: Marsing opens with authority

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inside-the-park grand slam to highlight his 3-for-5 afternoon in Notus.

Galvez, Brandon Perez and Casey Yiengst also contributed to the Huskies' 15-hit attack.

Jr. Gonzalez pitched the first three innings to spark Marsing's pitching. Mack and Frelove joined him in a two-hitter. The Pirates managed just one walk.

March 17: Marsing 17, Horseshoe Bend 1 (5) — Marsing pounded 13 hits,

including five for extra bases, and four pitchers combined on a one-hitter in a non-conference game ended by the 10-run rule.

Jr. Gonzalez was 3-for-3 to lead the offense in the home opener.

Williams, Sevy, Dakota Mack, Gonzalez and Kendall Frelove did the pitching. Collectively, they allowed only one hit, one walk and one run.

Williams and Galvez were 2-for-2 at the plate, while Hayden Dines and Seth Hardy each went 2-for-3.

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Jr. Gonzalez

MARSING HUSKIES



ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Austin Williams, sr., baseball

The Play — Williams pitched twice and ripped an inside-the-park grand slam as the Huskies opened the season with three non-conference victories. The right-hander pitched four scoreless innings in Marsing's 4-1 win over Parma on Thursday. On March 18, Williams highlighted a 20-3 five-inning bashing of Notus with the grand slam.

Baseball

Tuesday, April 1, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 5 p.m.

Go Huskies!

Softball

Tuesday, April 1, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 5 p.m.

Track & Field

Thursday, April 3 at Melba Invitational



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Sports

Surprise road match adds to HHS tennis’ anxiety

Ontario edges Trojans in season opener

The odds were stacked against Homedale High School in its tennis opener Thursday.

First-time nerves for five varsity newcomers were compounded when what was supposed to be a home match for the Trojans was shifted to Ontario, Ore.

“Our players had to shift partners or events that they had very little, if any, practice in because we don’t have mixed doubles when playing in Oregon,” HHS coach Scott Michaelson said.

“Considering this, I felt the team performed very well.”

The Trojans showed some early-season mettle, however, in a 5-4 non-conference loss to the Tigers.

Homedale took the No. 1 singles matches in both the boys’ and girls’ ladders.

Kincade Kincheloe beat Valentin Morales, 7-5, 4-6, 6-4.

“Kincade showed mental toughness

outlasting a strong opponent to win a three-setter,” Michaelson said.

No. 1 girls’ singles player Hattie Mertz wiped out Kylee Keim, 6-1, 6-4.

Delaney Phariss got a rare start in the girls’ singles ladder and dispatched Alicia Maldonado, 6-4, 6-4, in the No. 2 match.

Homedale’s first doubles teams played two close two-set matches despite limited practice time together.

Alec Egurrola and Michel Bethge fell to Bill Garcia and Agustin Lopez, 7-6, 6-4, in the top boys’ match.

In the girls’ draw, Edmy Vega and Marissa Guzman slipped, 6-4, 7-5 against Brecklin Milton and Alexis Schwartz.

Dylan Phariss and Ryan Randall picked up Homedale’s other varsity victory with a 6-2, 6-1 decision over Ontario’s No. 2 boys’ doubles team of Kevin Aleman and Raul Ortega.

Ontario also came away with two junior varsity victories in boys’ doubles, too. Benny Schamber and Manny Baltierrez battled hard but fell, 9-8, to the Tigers’ tandem of Tony Cuna and Ozzy Gonzales.

Top-three finishes send Trojans track to fourth in Ontario

Homedale freshman wins girls’ triple jump

Three field event victories led the Homedale High School boys’ and girls’ teams to fourth-place finishes in the Ontario Ice Breaker.

“We did well,” first-year coach Heidi Ankeny said after the March 18 meet in Oregon.

“There were eight teams there, and the boys and girls placed fourth. It was a big improvement for us.”

Sophomore Josh Tolmie won the boys’ long jump with an effort of 17 feet, 6 inches. Tolmie was also third in the 400 meters (57.17 seconds)

Senior Luke Flaming cleared 5-6 to capture the boys’ high jump.

Freshman Carlie Sawyer went 29-2 to win the girls’ triple jump. She also finished third in the long jump (13-6¼).

Several Trojans finished in the top three.

Riley Portwood finished second in the 800 meters, running a 2-minute, 17.75-second race and finishing just ahead of teammate Cole Hungate (2:18.18). Hungate finished third in the 1,500 (4:39.54).

Alissa Martin was the top finisher for the girls’ team with a runner-up performance in the triple jump (28-2¼).

Maya Correa finished fourth in the girls’ 3,000 meters and pulled down one of Homedale’s 23 personal records in the 1,500.

Ankeny said Correa was disqualified in the 1,500 after she accidentally bumped into a competitor who was passing near the finish.

There were four other third-place showings, including Richard Symms in both the shot put and the discus in the boys’ meet, Jennifer Hernandez in the girls’ 100 and Brooke Armenta in the girls’ high jump.

Several other Homedale athletes finished in the top six to rack up points.

The Homedale boys finished with 78 points, four points behind third-place Adrian. The girls scored 71.8 points.

“I am so pleased with their performances,” Ankeny said. “Again, they are ahead of where they were last year this time, or even last year at midseason.

“Even more pleasing is seeing how much fun they are having.”

Seniors score seconds for MHS track

The thaw continues for the Marsing High School track and field team.

Two seniors captured runner-up status in the March 18 Ontario Ice Breaker.

“Boy, did the weather come through for us. It was a beautiful day,” Huskies coach Jim Eisen-trager said.

“This was another ice breaker meet, and we as a team are still shaking the chunks of ice that built up in our muscles over the long cold winter.”

Tyler Malmberg cleared 10 feet to finish second in the boys’ pole vault.

Malmberg was fourth in the triple jump with an effort of 37 feet, 4¼ inches.

“Tyler Malmberg continues to improve in triple jump,” Eisen-trager said. “He didn’t score a pr this meet, but he is poised to make another run at State.”

On the girls’ side, Ofelia Herrera ran a 12-minute, 12.23-second runner-up time in the 3,000 meters. She finished six seconds behind Nyssa, Ore.’s Delia De-leon and 29 seconds in front of Nyssa’s Vanessa delaCerde. Both Bulldogs are freshmen.

She also finished fourth in the 1,500 (5:38.05).

“Ofelia Herrera ran a magnificent 3,000-meter race,” Eisen-trager said. “She ran a great 1,500 race but got caught in some traffic early on and could never regain her momentum to finish out.”

Freshman Jaime Deleon went 16-5½ for fourth in the boys’ long jump.

“I am excited as I am beginning to see some talent in kids that I didn’t know existed,” Eisen-trager said. “Freshman Jaime Deleon is going to be a great sprinter and long jumper for us.”

✓ Grossman: Maring High School’s state champion is one tourney from triple crown

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stands one victory from Idaho’s triple crown.

Also on the agenda, though, are several tournaments across the West.

The Marsing High School junior continues his affiliation with Suples Wrestling Club, so he has begun fundraising to make trips to tournaments in Washington state, Las Vegas and Fargo, N.D., among other locales.

The 220-pounder’s first Junior tournament comes Friday through Sunday in Battle Ground, Wash., with the Northwest Cadet and Junior Regional Tournament.

To raise traveling money for the

Next up
NW Jr. Regional Tournament
Friday through Sunday
Battle Ground, Wash.

season, Grossman is selling raffle tickets for two round-trip tickets to fly anywhere in the continental United States.

The fundraiser is sponsored by the Idaho Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame and Stuart Dennis of Uniglobe Travel. Tickets are \$2 each, and the first \$100 raised goes to the Caldwell branch of the wrestling hall of fame.

Everything above the \$100 will go to Grossman, who needs to raise \$3,870 for his tournaments this season. The majority of that — \$2,000 — must be raised by the end of April.

Although Grossman will compete and stay with Team Suples teammates during the national tournament in Fargo, N.D., in July, he wrestles independently the rest of the season and must arrange his own travel and accommodations. His Team Suples coach is available for guidance at the tournaments, though.

Grossman will wrestle in several tournaments in April, May and June. The big tourney next month runs April 14-20 in Las Vegas.

Homedale JV softball rumbles out of the gate

Trojans crush first three opponents

There may be a new coach at the helm, but the Homedale High School junior varsity softball team just keeps winning.

Now led by former Adrian varsity coach Tony Sifuentes, the Trojans opened the 3A Snake River Valley conference season with a 19-5 shellacking of host Weiser on March 18.

Sifuentes spent the past five seasons coaching the Antelopes and also has coached summer softball for nine years.

“I hope to bring my knowledge to these JV girls and teach them the fundamentals they need to know for the varsity level,” Sifuentes said after Homedale opened its season March 15 with a non-conference doubleheader sweep against visiting McCall-Donnelly at Sundance Park.

That philosophy paid off against the Wolverines, too.

“Our girls did very well running the bases and very good on the defensive side,” the coach said. “With not a very good pitching day from Weiser, we took advantage of it and gave these young ladies more experience running the bags.”

Kristen Egurrola struck out three and walked no one to run her record to 3-0. Megan Maxwell was credited with six stolen bases, and Abbi Klippenger was credited with 10 swipes.

Homedale (3-0 overall, 1-0 in conference) put up double-digit runs for the third time in as many games in a five-inning victory over Weiser.

The Trojans batted around twice in the second inning while scoring 13 runs.

Adriana Salutregui and Diana

Gonzalez tripled and scored runs for the team’s only hits in the inning as Weiser pitchers walked 11 batters and hit three others.

March 11: Homedale 19-21, McCall-Donnelly 5-4 — Homedale swept a doubleheader to start the season with both games ending after the sixth inning because of the 10-run rule.

Leadoff hitter Taylor Kerbs was 3-for-4 with three runs scored, four stolen bases, a double and a triple in the Trojans’ season-opening 19-5 victory.

Rian Beebe was perfect in four trips to the plate with four RBI, four runs scored, a double and eight stolen bases. Mckayla Steinmetz was 3-for-5 with two runs scored and five stolen bases.

In Game 2, Gonzalez homered from the ninth spot in the batting order and scored two runs.

Egurrola backed up her winning pitching performance with a 1-for-4 day at the plate.

Beebe doubled and tripled and scored four times, while Maddi Conant was 2-for-4 with a double and four stolen bases, and Alyssa Troxel went 2-for-3 with two runs scored.

Eat my dust, you devil dog!

Homedale family takes motorcycle racing seriously

Some kids get training wheels when they are young, but kids in the Binford family get a motorcycle with training wheels. It's family tradition.

Motorcycle racing in the desert has become just as all-American as baseball and horse racing. It's a sport that provides excitement, challenge, outdoor adventure and keeps families together for generations.

The Binford family of Homedale carries on a racing tradition that started years ago in their family.

Youngsters Kaden, 13, and Rylan, 9, are following the trails made by their dad, Jason Binford, their grandfather, Mark Bauer, and uncle Chris Hibbs.

The family took their toy hauler, with bikes and camping supplies, including a fire pit, out to the AMA National Hare and Hound Round 3, Rabbit Creek 100 race last weekend. The two-day event included youth racing for about 40 youngsters on Saturday on a nine-mile course, and about 200 pro and adult racers in four categories on Sunday on a 105-mile course.

"The track was a fun course," Rylan said. He rode a Suzuki 65cc two-stroke bike. This was his third race this year. He won the Sand City race near Grand View and placed second in a race near Oreana.

Before Saturday's race he had a score of 41 SIDRA (Southwest Idaho Desert Racing Association) points, which put him in second place for his age group. Overall, he is ranked eighth in SIDRA.

But, this time, he wasn't so lucky. About



Jason prepares to make the 105-mile race through the desert.

got a DNF (did not finish) in this race. It made me mad."

Thirteen-year-old Kaden started riding about four years ago. "Yesterday was a fun ride. I got to pass quite a few people," he said. Kaden got a bad start when "a little kid" wrecked in front of him and he ended up driving over the kid's bike. Kaden did well and got first in his class. "I was excited to win," Kaden said. "It was one of the best races I've ever had." He placed 14th overall out of the 41 racers in the National race and is ranked 21st in the national super-mini standings. He is fourth in the SIDRA standings.

Kaden and Rylan's dad, Jason, started riding when he was 6 years old. His parents didn't race, but they were riders. He was born and raised in McCall, but he and his wife, April, and the two boys have lived in Homedale for about 10 years. He works for Platt Electric.

"I like just gettin' out as a stress relief," he said. "I like the speed and the thrill of the start." He estimated he could do the 105-mile course in about three to four hours. Average speed is 70 to 80 mph. The reward for him is "just to know I can make it." His goal is always

"not to wreck and to finish the race."

Jason and his family do about seven races each year.

Racing motorcycles is very demanding and requires stamina and good physical condition, Jason said. "You definitely need to be in good shape," he said. "You'll never see a pro sit down during a race," he said. They usually remain standing the whole time. Jason stands about 80 percent of the time.

Racing is not an easy thing to do, because

there are many risks when you get several hundred bikes bombing across the desert at high speed at the same time. The dust in the air makes it nearly impossible for the riders to see where they are going. The sport has a high risk for injuries, where one tiny mistake can cost the race. Like any sport, some racers have died from injuries suffered while racing. In multiple-start races, riders do a sweep of the area to make sure no one is down, before another swarm of racers comes through the area.

In 2011, Jason had a bad wreck. He collided with another racer, and they both had to be taken out by ambulance. He tore the muscles in his upper back and suffered a concussion. He recovered fully and continues to compete.

On Sunday, Jason placed sixth in the Veteran B class (30- to 40-year-olds), two places behind Chris Hibbs. Overall, Hibbs was 94th and Binford 96th out of more than 200 racers in the National race.

In 2012, Jason won his class in the National Hare and Hound Rabbit Creek stop.

"I just like riding," Jason said confidently. At the end of every race, Jason said all his energy is drained. "After a race, you always want to remember to load your bike on the trailer, before you sit down, because when you sit down, you can't get back up," he said smiling.

As Jason got his gear on to head to the starting line, Rylan said, "Now dad, don't go too hard at first, and remember to just have fun."

Story and photos by
Karen Bresnahan



Kaden Binford, 13, helps his dad put on protective armor.



From left, Kaden and Rylan Binford. Submitted photo

seven miles into the race, another racer in front of him stalled, so Rylan went off the trail into the brush. "My bike died on me," he said. Bauer said that Rylan suffered "catastrophic engine failure," and the bike had to be taken apart to be fixed.

"I really wish I could have done all the track," Rylan said. He started riding motorcycles when he was 3 years old. "My family loves this," he said. "I just like going fast and passing people. I'm sad I



Jason Binford, on left, lurches ahead of another racer during the Hare and Hound motorcycle race.



Jason and his sons Rylan, on left, and Kaden wait for the race to begin.

Betting on a winner: Marsing's Austin Williams

MHS senior is awarded full-ride scholarship to Texas college

Well, if you're gonna bet on a winner, you might as well pick Austin Williams.

That's the consensus of recruiting officials at Odessa College in Texas, who just gave the Marsing High School senior a four-year, full-ride rodeo scholarship.

The scholarship is worth about \$40,000.

The 5-foot, 8-inch, 160-pound Williams seems to create just a little bit of excitement wherever he goes.

On March 18, when he signed his letter of intent for the college, he was surrounded by a crowd of friends and family and well-wishers. "Way to go Austin," his friends called out. High school principal Tim Little bragged about him. Even school superintendent Norm Stewart came by to congratulate him.

Austin has a long list of achievements in addition to his third place in bareback at the 2013 Idaho High School Rodeo Finals. Then, at the National Finals in Rock Springs, Wyo., last July, he placed seventh in the short go, and 14th in the average bareback riding results. He was also the Idaho Cowboy Association Rookie of the Year in 2013.

Austin's been an all-conference athlete in football and baseball and has participated in wrestling all during high school. This year, he walked away with the 2A State fourth-place medal in wrestling. He's been an active member of the Marsing FFA, and he has won champion showman and reserve champion in the swine showing category at the Owyhee County Fair.

"He's the only student I know of who has done so many sports, plus rodeo," Little said. "He's a leader on the field and off the field and strives for excellence in all he does. Academically he has always kept his grades up and the kids look up to him."

Rodeo club co-advisor Darin Miller said, "I see him going far in anything he does. He's a good athlete all the way around. He's got a big heart and he challenges himself every day. He has accomplished a lot."

Austin is the son of Kimberly and Dan Moore, and Marvin Williams. He is the youngest of three children. His sister, Andrea Shumaker, is 27, and his brother, Bradley Farner, is 25. Both his siblings live in Meridian.

No one could be prouder of Austin than his mom, Kimberly. "I'm very excited," she said. "This is a big weight off my shoulders. It would have been pretty tough to put him through college."

Austin remembers what it was like when he started out at age 10 riding bulls.



Marsing High School senior Austin Williams.

meeting people at rodeos and teaching them how to ride.

He's already got a ton of memories from all the rodeos he has been in. At the state competition, the horse he was on fell down, but he spurred it and made it get back up. Then, after getting a re-ride, he took third place. At Nationals, he thought he had a good chance and just kept riding, to make the seventh place in the short go and he brought home a nice belt buckle.

"I was excited about Nationals. I was really hoping for it," he said.

He enjoyed the trip to the Nationals competition especially because he made a lot of friends there.

At the Nationals contest, the rodeo club president from Odessa College already had his eye on Austin. He started up a conversation with him there and has continued to keep in touch with him, as part of the recruiting process. After the contest, Austin sent to the school a video which included a couple of his performances and they responded with the offer.

Austin plans to major in sports medicine in college.

"I just want to be in the PRCA (Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association)," he said. "Texas is full of rodeos, so I thought I might as well go where the rodeos are," he said.

The person who has influenced Austin the most is his mom. "My mom has always been there for me. She always keeps me going and never let me quit anything," he said. His dad also gave him some instruction, because he is a former bareback rider.

He is grateful to Darin Miller for all the encouragement and training over the past few years.

"Darin taught me everything I know, and helped me do everything I needed to do," Austin said.

Out of all the other sports in school, Austin likes baseball the best. "Ever since I was a little kid, I've always had a thing for baseball." He likes both the pitching and hitting part of the sport.

Austin is reaching high for his future goals. He wants to make

it to the College National Finals Rodeo in his first year at Odessa, and then get in the PRCA, and make it to the National Finals Rodeo.

Austin's birthday is Aug. 9th, so he will barely turn 18 when he arrives at Odessa College, which is known as "the winningest junior college in the nation."

But for now, he is concentrating on the upcoming rodeo season in this area. He plans to compete in about eight rodeos this spring and summer, before heading off to begin his college days.



Austin Williams prepares to sign his national letter of intent to attend Odessa College in Texas as his mother Kimberly Moore, left, and Marsing High School rodeo club advisor Darin Miller look on.

"I wasn't too afraid of it," he said. "I can usually handle anything."

He rode the bulls for a few years, then when he was a freshman in high school, he switched to bareback riding.

"I've loved it ever since I started riding. I like the adrenaline rush," he said.

Austin said he really likes to be out there competing. "I've got a very competitive side," he said. Austin enjoys

**Story and photos
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Austin Williams' athletic achievements

Rodeo

Qualified for Idaho State Finals Rodeo, 2011-13
2013

Idaho State High School Rodeo Association District 2 champion bareback rider
Idaho High School State Finals Rodeo bareback champion
Seventh in National High School Finals Rodeo short-go; 14th in average
Idaho Cowboys Association Rookie of the Year

2012

District 2 champion bareback rider
Owyhee County Rodeo ICA bareback champion at age 16
2012 ICA Novice bareback champion

2011

District 2 reserve champion Bareback Rider

Football

All-2A Western Idaho Conference offense and defense all four years

Wrestling

Qualified for 2A state tournament all four years
2013 2A District III champion
2014 2A District III champion
2014 fourth place at state tournament at 160 pounds

Baseball

All-2A WIC first three years (2014 season just started)

Including rodeo, Williams is a 16-sport varsity athlete

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense

The Illinois Cowboy revisited

It’s nice to hear that my friends Chet and Dale are still holding up the reputation of the “mounted Cowboy” in the land of Lincoln and John Deere. Because of a case of *porphus ileades* (Latin for poor facilities) at the local sale barn, two big bulls crashed the unloading chute and plowed into the parking lot!

Dale called Chet. By the time he arrived and rode into the ruckus, the barn crew had managed to pen one of the bulls. The other one left in his wake a smashed car, a dented dually, turned-over trailer, and a broken sign pointing to the scale. The bull, Blacky, escaped into a 35-acre patch of overgrown brushy woods that separated the auction barn from a blacktop road that was lined by a cemetery, nursing home and soybean fields.

Chet sent his ketch dogs after the bull, which had already cleared the woods and was bearing down on the nursing home. The old folks heard the baying of the dogs and the bull belling! They had their noses to the window glass and were hoopin’ and hollerin! The senior attendant was trying to get the residents back to nap time, but having no luck.

The dogs had turned the bull back when Chet caught up. Then he noticed a funeral service was in progress. Blacky was pounding toward the gravesite. In the short seconds before contact, Chet’s keen cowboy intuition sensed that the deceased had been a veteran. The 21-gun salute cracked like a thunder bolt, scaring the dogs poopless!

Chet rode after Blacky like Trevor Brazile at the Preakness! They were chunking out a fusillade of divots, scattering water sprinklers and churning up the sacred lawn! Chet pushed his horse against the bull and turned him back through the woods. The bull ran into a tangle of old fence, which stopped him.

With the quick-thinking presence of a cowboy in a wreck, our hero threw a neat loop over the bull’s head, simultaneously and accidentally double-looping a chunk of wooden fence post, which jerked out and intruded itself in the mess. The rope came tight. Chet was whoopin’ and yellin’ as he pushed, drug, and yee-hawed ol’ Blacky back through the brush.

When they bumbled out of the woods onto the parking lot, they were quite a sight! Chet still had his hat, but one sleeve was torn off, his saddle was cockeyed and the bull was wearing a necklace of wire, post and rope!

When the quartet (I’m counting the post) finally scrambled in reach of a corral, a dozen sale barn refugees, consultants, gypo traders and truck drivers joined in the hilarity and trapped the tangled mass of bull through the gate and slammed it shut!

And that, my friends, is the Cowboy Way!

— Visit Baxter’s Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features and to purchase Baxter Black merchandise, including his newest compilation, “Poems Worth Saving,” other books and DVDs.

Frank Priestley — Idaho Farm Bureau



Voice of Idaho ag

Nonsense replaces common sense in public land matters

Forget potatoes, forget gems, while our state legislators are in Boise this spring they may want to consider an additional piece of legislation declaring Idaho “The Sage-Grouse State.”

It has a ring to it.

Let’s forget about the farms and ranches that form the backbone of our state’s economy and just protect sage-grouse habitat because these birds are more important than any use we could possibly concoct for public or even private land. Let’s forget about the science that shows how range fires are the biggest threat to sage-grouse and how these birds are more prone to congregate in areas where livestock actively graze.

Let’s add in protection of large predators and maybe a few endangered plants, since they’re also more important than the people whose ancestors settled this state.

Let’s route giant power transmission lines across the prime farmland that sustains us because sage-grouse habitat can’t be disturbed.

Let’s all just step back and allow animal rights activists from other states and anti-grazing environmentalists from Sun Valley, their lawyers and the judge in their pocket to take charge of Idaho and see how that goes.

What the heck, maybe we can even start a trend where people from rural areas of all the western states pack up and move off to the city. All these folks could toss aside their work ethic and go on the government dole.

Not to belabor the point, but perhaps it would be a good

idea to block off some large tracts of scenic land for new wilderness areas. Maybe we should start with Fremont and Owyhee counties. Might as well toss in Lemhi and Custer because they’re almost all federal land anyway. And we don’t want to leave out northern Idaho. Bonner and Boundary counties have some caribou and grizzly bears and probably some owls that need protection — might as well add them to the mix in the sake of fairness. Let’s add in Blaine County, too, while we’re at it, but we will cordon off a nice section where rich people can live — and ski.

When you add up all of the nonsensical developments, the disregard for reason and logic, the inaction of our Congress, the misguided yet powerful influence of large corporations and public utilities, failure to learn from mistakes (spotted owl is one) and the corruption of our legal system, it shows that the efforts of some of our best thinkers coupled with the general apathy of our population, have allowed stupid to take over.

Case in point: About 16 years ago the Western Watersheds Project sued the Bureau of Land Management making the absurd claim that the feds didn’t comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) or do enough to protect sage-grouse in Owyhee County and therefore the livestock that have grazed that land in harmony with all sorts of wildlife for well over 100 years,

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Letters to the editor

Avalanche feature nailed the essence of LeRoy Ryska

“No-holds-barred, tell-you-what-I-think-type of guy.” LeRoy Ryska. Yeah, you put it right. He is just a straight-shooter guy.

The years come and go, but he may get a little shorter, but he keeps going.

I worked for LeRoy at Envirosafe doing security work, and I respect his work attitude and enjoyed the times we had.

So thank you for doing the LeRoy story.
So, don’t weaken. You’ll make it!
Thank you, Karen Bresnahan.
You found a good guy to write up.
Kenneth Tindall
Grasmere

Reader tries to clarify objects in Austrian Settlement photo

Thank you for the interesting and nostalgic report of

the Austrian Settlement. The picture of the water tank and depot could have been replicated on many Idaho railroad towns of the period.

However, I think the picture of threshing on the lower right-hand corner of Page 9A (Feb. 12 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche) is in error. May I explain?

No. 1 — The partially covered stack at the right of the separator is a bundle stack. It has to be grain.

No. 2 — There is no horse or wagon at the elevator; just two men on the ground feeding the elevator.

No. 3 — The sacks have sewn tops. They are burlap (approximately 100 pounds). Peas, alfalfa seed was normally in cotton bags gathered and tied at the top much like a roper ties (approximately 120 pounds).

No. 4 — The stack is straw (oats/barley/wheat). Alfalfa seed straw will only stand at maximum 35 degrees; other straw will stand at a maximum of 75 degrees.

A side note: I think the tractor is an early gas model with a torque wheel on the side. The separator is a new model (Case?) with roller and ball bearings. The older machines were wood bearings fed by an oiler box on top of the machine. There is no oiler box on the top of the separator.

J.A. “Jack” Falk
Murphy



Commentary

Financial management

Splurge a little with new income then back on debt snowball

Dear Dave,
I recently got a new job that will increase my income by \$20,000 a year. I've got \$65,000 in debt, and I'm trying to pay it off, so I know I need to adjust my budget. Do you have any suggestions for a situation like this?
— Mitchell

Dear Mitchell,
Congratulations on your increased income! The first thing I'd tell you is not to get used to any permanent luxuries while you're paying off debt. Go out and celebrate with a really nice dinner or something like that after you get your first paycheck. But don't go nuts or pick up any big, new stuff. The more you put toward debt, the faster it goes away.
I've been doing this financial thing for a lot of years, and the one thing I've found that gets people

out of debt is passion. I want you to be so passionate about getting out of debt that you don't even consider doing anything else until it's all gone. Your thought process needs to be, "Wow, I got a new job making more money. I can get out of debt even quicker!"
Again, I'm OK with you adjusting a bit that first month and having a little fun to celebrate your good fortune. But after that, I want you to turn around and attack the debt with even more intensity than before. Way to go, Mitchell!
— Dave

Dear Dave,
I own a one-bedroom condo that I'm using as a rental property. The current tenant's old agreement is up soon, but she signed a new lease less than a month ago and gave me a deposit, plus the first



month's rent. Just the other day, she called and wants to back out of the agreement. She said she discovered after she signed that her ex is having serious health problems, and she needs to move to help take care of their kids.

What do you think I should do?
— Flavia

Dear Flavia,
I own a bunch of rental properties, so I know for a fact that as a landlord you run into all kinds of situations. Some are more genuine than others. I would want some proof as to what's going on, but on the surface it sounds like she's got a valid reason for wanting to cancel the agreement.
Basically, she's asking for your understanding and mercy. If it were me, and what she's said turned out to be true, I'd try to lease the place to someone else as quickly as possible, and I'd refund her the deposit plus any money it doesn't cost you in the process. In other words, if it took two weeks to find another tenant, then I'd give back the deposit and two weeks' rent. Of course,

if she's in really bad shape — and you're on solid enough financial ground to withstand the blow — you could let her out of the agreement completely and move on to finding another tenant.
You don't want to profit from someone who's genuinely struggling. But you have to look out for yourself and, if possible, try to break even. Regardless, I wouldn't take advantage of anyone who's truly going through hard times. That's just not right.
— Dave

— Dave Ramsey has authored four New York Times best-selling books: *Financial Peace*, *More Than Enough*, *The Total Money Makeover* and *EntreLeadership*. *The Dave Ramsey Show* is heard by more than 5 million listeners each week on more than 500 radio stations.

Americans for Limited Government

The jury is still out on whether the planet is warming

by Robert Romano

No warming.
That is what can be deduced from data compiled by NASA as it relates to temperature over the past decade.
The average temperature in 2003 was 14.61 degrees Celsius. And the average temperature in 2013 was 14.61 degrees Celsius, at a growth rate of 0 percent.
Yet, carbon dioxide in the atmosphere increased by more than 5.5 percent, from 375.77 parts per million (ppm) to 396.48 ppm, according to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).
Curious.
In fact, since 1959 — as far back as NOAA's dataset goes for carbon dioxide levels — carbon dioxide has increased a whopping 25.48 percent, from 315.97 ppm to today's level of 396.48 ppm.
Yet, temperatures are up a mere 4.2 percent, from 14.02 degrees Celsius to its current level of 14.61 degrees. This is less important, because temperature in Celsius is an interval type of data, whereas carbon emissions are a quantitative, ratio type of data with a zero reading being possible at least in principle. This makes comparing the overall growth rates between the two extremely problematic, because depending on the temperature scale used — Celsius, Fahrenheit, and Kelvin — the growth rate will vary wildly. However, we can still compare acceleration.
Casting further doubt on the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's man-made global warming hypothesis,

carbon emissions have been accelerating, too. For example in the 1960s, they grew at an average rate of 0.27 percent a year, 0.39 percent in the 1970s, 0.45 percent in the 1980s, 0.42 percent in 1990s, and 0.54 percent in the 2000s.
Shouldn't temperatures be accelerating, too?
They only grew at an average rate of 0.18 percent in the 2000s. That compares with 0.01 percent average annual increase in the 1990s, 0.12 percent in the 1980s, and 0.14 percent in the 1970s. In the 1960s, temperatures actually dropped an average annual 0.39 percent rate, even as emissions increased.
Does this suggest that the more carbon increases, the less impact it has on temperature?
In fact, that is more or less what the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change predicts, from their 2011 report: "Equilibrium GCM 2 x CO2 experiments commonly assume a radiative forcing equivalent to a doubling of CO2 concentration (for example from 300 ppmv to 600 ppmv). In fact the absolute concentrations are not especially important, as the temperature response to increasing CO2 concentration is logarithmic — a doubling from 500 to 1,000 ppmv would have approximately the same climatic effect." This of course makes the impact of CO2 in the atmosphere an extremely important topic.
As Christopher Monckton in his 2008 paper, "Climate Sensitivity Reconsidered," "Estimating 'climate sensitivity' — the magnitude of the change in temperature after doubling CO2 concentration from the pre-industrial 278

parts per million to ~550 ppm — is the central question in the scientific debate about the climate."
A better question then might be to what degree the rate of increase in carbon emissions actually affects temperatures?
In the meantime, policy makers at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) say we have to take their word for it and attempt to curb carbon emissions here in the U.S. — if that's even possible — while those emissions promise to continue growing unabated overseas at an ever-faster pace.
According to BP, carbon emissions will increase by 29 percent by 2035 based on continued growth in emerging markets.
That implies carbon dioxide will be at a whopping 114.98 ppm above today's levels, or an average annual increase of 1.3 percent. That is faster than carbon dioxide has ever grown.
And so, if carbon emissions will be accelerating over the next couple of decades, then temperatures should, too, eventually. Right?
The good news is we'll find out very soon if the rapidly increasing carbon emissions result in the increasing temperatures the UN has predicted. So far, they have not, calling into question why the EPA is issuing any carbon emission restrictions. This isn't settled at all.
— Robert Romano is the senior editor of *Americans for Limited Government*.

✓ Public land: Enviros', court's agendas hinder Owyhee County ranchers

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have got to go. The lawsuit ordered BLM to evaluate 120 grazing allotments in Owyhee County and although the lawsuit is under appeal, BLM has begun ordering cuts that will reduce the number of cattle on public lands in the county by as much as half.
Cuts that deep will put many ranches under. Ranchers

in the area are holding benefit auctions to raise money for the legal defense, but the environmental group's court tactic is to draw out the legal process until the court costs amount to millions.
So the ranchers are in a legal battle to maintain their way of life. Win or lose they risk going broke while the environmental group can recoup its legal fees through the

Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), which takes us back to the predicament of the takeover of stupid.
Our advice is plan to put your kids in law school. No one else is going to have a job in this state in a few more years if we continue down this path.
— Frank Priestley, a dairy farmer in Franklin County, has served as Idaho Farm Bureau president since 1997.

Election letters

The Owyhee Avalanche will accept letters to the editor pertaining to the May 20 primary election until noon on Friday, May 9.
The usual letters to the editor guidelines apply, including letters must be no more

than 300 words and letters must include contact information, including a phone number, of the letter-writer. Submit by:
• Email to jon@owyheeavalanche.com
• Fax to (208) 337-4867
• Mail to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID,

83628
• Or drop off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale
For more information, call (208) 337-4681.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

March 29, 1989

Homedale gets full-fledged cooperative weather station

Paperwork is still being processed to turn the local weather-watching apparatus at the J.C. Watson Company in Homedale into a full-fledged Cooperative Weather Service Station, one of roughly 120 located in Idaho operated in cooperation with the National Weather Service, part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

A thermograph connected to thermometers has been installed at the company’s facility, allowing the temperature to be continuously and automatically recorded around the clock, sevens days a week, on special thermograph charts. A precipitation gauge is also in place to measure rainfall daily.

During the fruit frost danger period covering April and May, data from the local station will be broadcast from Boise every morning over NOAA Weather Radio, located at 162.55 MHz on the radio dial, according to Thomas J. Egger, meteorologist for the NWS. Egger, who broadcasts the fruit frost forecasts, said the Homedale station will be one of six in southwestern Idaho and southeastern Oregon contributing information for the daily program.

Funds raised for Homedale’s defibrillator

The Homedale Ambulance Association has raised the \$6,700 it needed to purchase a defibrillator.

“Thanks to the generous donations from the community we’ve been able to match the \$3,200 grant we received from the Caldwell Trust,” Ida Burt, HAA president, said.

Burt said the Homedale merchants’ and businesses’ donations during Defibrillator Day, Dec. 16, 1988, donated \$1,099.

The HHA crew added \$500.53 to that by painting local businesses’ windows with Christmas scenes.

The Homedale Chamber’s Farmers Appreciation Breakfast, at which the HHA crew cooked, raised another \$133 for the defibrillator.

The HAA received another \$500 in private donations, and \$1,288 from the Homedale Trust.

Also, Owyhee Lanes & Restaurant has pledged to pay the shipping costs to get the defibrillator delivered, Burt said.

First woman to serve as Homedale EMT back on crew

The first woman to serve as an emergency medical technician on the Homedale Ambulance Association’s crew is now back on the force.

Blanche Johnson, 57, a native of Homedale, graduated from Homedale High School in 1949.

A beautician, Johnson owned and operated her own shop in Homedale before moving away for a period. In 1957, she and her husband, Harold, who served 10 years in the Navy, moved back.

“I’ve always enjoyed working in the community,” Johnson said. In the 1960s, she was one of three people who helped found the senior citizens group in Homedale.

“The community has been good to my husband and me,” she said.

Johnson said, “We had a terminally ill son, and being with him gave me an insight into medicine and felt being an EMT was a way to pay back the community.”

Kuna hands Homedale first loss

The Homedale Trojans lost their first baseball game of the season last week when Kuna beat them 8-2.

“We made some pretty simple plays look difficult, and committed four crucial errors with runners on that hurt us,” Dan Tristan, Trojan varsity baseball coach, said.

He was also quick to point out that Kuna, an A-2 team, has one of the best pitchers in the game this season in Troy Hill, who pitched the entire game.

Hill struck out 10 Trojan batters on his way to victory, while Dusty Linder struck out eight.

As for the errors, Tristan said, “it’s still early in the season.”

50 years ago

March 26, 1964

Homemade bomb found near Homedale

A homemade bomb, lying alongside the road about 1½ miles south and ¼-mile east of Homedale, had city officials worried this week.

Chief of Police Frank Orr and Mayor Orville Soper picked up the simple, but possibly highly lethal device Monday morning, and the mayor later disarmed it at his garage.

The bomb, which was reported to authorities by Jim Miklancic, was made of a short length of 1-inch pipe, threaded at each end, with metal caps screwed on. One cap was drilled and a short piece of fuse inserted. The pipe, itself was filled with powder of a type possibly used in .50-caliber machine gun cartridges.

The fuse had been lit and had apparently gone out, as the end was charred, Mayor Soper said.

He phoned the FBI at Boise and was referred to the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office. Deputy Sheriff Chuck Jurries picked up the components Tuesday.

C of C sets first week in April for city cleanup

An annual cleanup week in Homedale was set for the first week in April by the Chamber of Commerce at its regular semi-monthly meeting Tuesday noon.

Chamber members pointed out the need to clean away the winter’s accumulation of trash and debris, burn weeds along alleys and vacant lots and generally improve the appearance of both business and residential districts.

To facilitate the clean-up program, a city truck will be made available the latter part of next week, and anyone wishing to have trash hauled away should contact the city hall or street department, according to Kenneth Downing.

Frank Matteson reported the activities of the bridge committee, which met last Tuesday with the state highway commission and presented pictures of the bridge traffic and letters from businessmen and farmers urging construction of a new bridge and continuation of highway 95 in its present route.

Vic Uria reported that the Easter egg hunt would be held Saturday at 1 o’clock with only children 1 to 6 years old actually hunting. They will be seeking sacks of Easter candy, hidden at the park, instead of colored eggs as formerly utilized.

Children 7 to 10 will be given sacks of Easter candy. A total of 200 prizes will be placed in the bags, redeemable at Homedale stores.

The Chamber voted to expand its welcome to new businesses by giving free memberships for the balance of the year, and inviting newcomers to meetings.

President Herman Koenig said he will assist the membership committee in welcoming newcomers.

The membership drive is now under way, and is proceeding satisfactorily, Merle Hamilton, committee chairman reported, with some workers having completed their solicitation.

A. E. “Spud” Murphy reported the Highway 95 Association appreciated the \$50 recently voted by the Chamber.

He also said the Ada County Waterways Committee has asked for suggested locations along he Snake River in Owyhee County to improve boat launching and hunting access.

The Ada County group has money available for these projects, one of its members, Earl Coffey, told Mr. Murphy.

Chroniclings

Mrs. Ted Carson was a bit upset this week when she reported that her son and daughter, Steve and DyAnne, had lost their rings Sunday somewhere in Homedale, but it seems the rings were found a couple days later ...

The new funeral chapel wasn’t quite ready for use, but services for James Brant were held there Monday ...

Fishermen and golfers are talking up their favorite sports at the morning coffee club ...

140 years ago

March 28, 1874

THE NEW YORK FLYING MACHINE. A correspondent of the Albany Argus writes from Auburn N.Y.:

The love for the marvelous and wonderful, associated with the inquisitive element so predominant in the minds and characters of mankind, finds for itself an item of no common interest in the construction of a “flying machine” now taking place in one of our pleasant parks.

I will not, therefore, preface my communication with a history of aeronautic trials and triumphs, but endeavor to give you a brief description of our rara avis. The motive power of this mechanism (the invention of Mr. Hunt) is steam, utilized and made available by one of Silby’s small rotary engines. The power is by means of bevel gearing communicated affectedly to upright shafts, which revolve in opposite directions. To the outer shaft, which is of hollow construction, is attached a set of wings, four in number, and of the following dimensions: Width at inner end, next to the shaft, 9 feet; width at outer end, 6 feet; length, 12 feet, thus giving an average of about 100 square feet to each propelling handle or wing, or from 400 to 500 square feet of propelling surface. I use the term “propelling surface” advisedly, for each wing is so deflected as to remind one forcibly of a tug’s propeller. To the second shaft, which is placed inside the outer one, is another set of wings precisely like those already described. These two sets of wings, revolve in opposite directions, so as to overcome any rotary tendency of the whole mechanism, are supported to screw or bore themselves into the surrounding atmosphere with a velocity of about 150 revolutions per minute, and consequently lift the apparatus with its water-tank, boiler, engine and conductor into the ethereal space. For the purpose of guiding the fabric through the air, the conductor can at pleasure set in motion a set of wings placed at right angles to those already described, and working in the same manner through gearing connected with the motive power. The course or direction of the whole being guided by a wide vane or rudder, at the control or will of the operator. I have thus imperfectly and briefly endeavored to convey an idea of what our flying machine is like, and should the ascension, which is to take place at no distant day, prove a success, or even partially so, you will hear from me again. The flying machine, when in the air, will be as great a novelty as Fulton’s steamboat on the Hudson River. It presents now something of the appearance of a turret tower to a monitor carrying above it a mast of a vessel with spars attached and swinging around it, with a balloon basket suspended underneath. If Barnum could get a leave of it there would be assured success of the undertaking.

GOLD AND GREENBACKS. According to Carl Schurz’s specie theory, there should be no distrust of paper money in a country where Government redeems its paper money in coin whenever required. Nevertheless, there is more distrust in Germany, with which country the Senator ought to be acquainted, of the Government paper money, secured as it is by a specie basis, than there is in the United States of our irredeemable greenbacks. Every one tries to hide his specie in an old stocking bank. It is really funny to remark at the same time the fear entertained by the common people of Germany of gold, silver being no longer a legal tender, and silver having hither-to been almost the only kind of money known to them, they shrink from gold with almost the same repugnance that they shrink from accepting paper money in exchange for their white silver coins. All of which shows that it is the legal tender character exclusively attached to a certain kind of money which assures it the confidence of the people.

STOCK IN BRUNEAU VALLEY. A Bruneau correspondent writes us that over 5,000 head of cattle have been wintered in that valley, of which number only about 20 have died, and they were “dead heads.”

Public notices

**OWYHEE COUNTY
2014 AGGREGATE
CRUSHING PROJECT
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Separate sealed BIDS for the Owyhee County—2014 Aggregate Crushing Project will be received by Paragon Consulting, Inc., at their office located at 157 W 4th Street, Kuna, Idaho 83634 until 2:00 p.m. local time on April 10, 2014, and then publicly opened and read aloud.

The project involves crushing approximately 22,000 tons of 3/4-in (-) Crushed Aggregate in Stockpile, Type Ia and 8,000 tons of Class 3 Cover Coat Material, at the BLM Cove Rec pit, located on Anderson Loop Road. It is the intent of these documents to describe the work required to complete this project in sufficient detail to secure comparable bids. All parts or work not specifically mentioned which are necessary in order to provide a complete product shall be included in the bid and shall conform to all Local, State and Federal requirements.

The Project Documents and Drawings may be examined at the following locations:

- Owyhee County – 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, ID 83650
- PARAGON CONSULTING, INC. – 157 W. 4th Street, Kuna, ID 83634 (Issuing Office)

In determining the lowest responsive bid, the OWNER will consider all acceptable bids on a basis consistent with the bid package. The OWNER will also consider whether the bidder is a responsible bidder.

Before a contract will be awarded for work contemplated herein, the OWNER will conduct such investigation as is necessary to determine the performance record and ability of the apparent low bidder to perform the size and type of work specified under this Contract. Upon request, the bidder shall submit such information as deemed necessary by the OWNER to evaluate the bidder’s qualifications.

All bids must be signed and accompanied by evidence of authority to sign.

Bids must be accompanied by Bid Security in the form of a bid bond, certified check, cashier’s check, or cash in the amount of 5% of the amount of the bid proposal. Said bid security shall be forfeited to Owyhee County as liquidated damages should the successful bidder fail to enter into contract in accordance with their proposal as specified in the Instructions to Bidders.

Owyhee County reserve the right to reject any or all proposals, waive any nonmaterial irregularities in the bids received, and to accept the proposal deemed most advantageous to the best interest of the County.

Date: March 17, 2014
Joe Merrick, Chairman
3/26;4/2/14

**BEFORE THE OWYHEE
COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS**

A public meeting will be held on April 9th, 2014 at 6:00 pm in the annex building of the Owyhee County Courthouse located in Murphy Idaho. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear public comments on the proposed color-coded RS2477 Right of Way map of the Triangle Flat Quadrangle. The color-coding categorizes the right of ways lying on Federal Lands in accordance with Owyhee County Resolution 2011-21, which established the final groups and criteria for such groups.

No groups and related criteria intend to cover the various rights of way that are shown on the United States Department of the Interior Geological Survey Maps that are located on private lands. The proposed map is available for viewing in the Planning and Zoning office located in the annex building of the Owyhee county courthouse at 17069 Basey St. in Murphy. In addition to the public meeting, there is a sixty-day period open for written comments on the proposed map. The comment period will close on Monday June 9th at 5:00 pm. Written comments can be mailed or hand delivered to the Owyhee County Commissioners. The mailing address for comments is PO Box 128 Murphy, Id. 83650, or you can hand deliver them to the Owyhee County Clerk’s office Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 am and 12:00 pm, or between 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm.

3/19,26/14

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL
MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the members of the MARSING COMMUNITY DISASTER FUND, an association will be held at eight (8:00) o’clock p.m., Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at the MARSING COMMUNITY CENTER for the purpose of electing (1) director for a term of three years. This Area Director will be One (1) for Director at Large from within the Association boundaries and for the election of officers for the Association and any other business relative to the Annual Meeting.

Deb Holzhey, Association Secretary
3/26/14

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S
SALE**

**T.S. No. 009433-ID
Parcel No. RPB05410030020A**
On 6/27/2014, at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), AT THE OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOBBY, 20381 HIGHWAY 78, MURPHY, ID 83650, in the County of Owyhee, ELISA MAGNUSON, ESQ., a member of the State Bar of Idaho, of PITE DUNCAN, LLP, as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit:

LOT 2, BLOCK 3 MORNING DOVE ESTATES SUBDIVISION NO. 2, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED NOVEMBER 13, 2006 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 258785, OF OFFICIAL RECORDS OF OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: 524 MORNING DOVE WAY, MARSING, ID 83639, is commonly associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by DOMINGO M ENRICO JR AND MELISSA ENRICO, HUSBAND AND

WIFE as Grantor, to BRAD L. WILLIAMS, C/O UPF INC., A WASHINGTON CORP. as Trustee, for the benefit and security of HOME FEDERAL BANK as Beneficiary, dated 2/15/2007, recorded 2/20/2007, as Instrument No. 259875, official records of Owyhee County, Idaho. Please note: The above named Grantors are named to comply with Idaho Code Section 45-1506(4)(a); no representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for the obligation.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to make monthly payments when due from 5/1/2013 and all subsequent monthly payments thereafter, including installments of principal, interest, impounds, advances, plus any charges lawfully due under the note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust, Deed of Trust and as allowed under Idaho Law.

The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$144,517.66, including interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation thereunder or in this sale, and trustee,s fees and/or reasonable attorney,s fees as authorized in the Note, Deed of Trust or as allowed under Idaho Law. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee,s fees, attorney fees and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with the Deed of Trust described herein as provided under the Note, Deed of Trust and as allowed under Idaho Law.

ELISA MAGNUSON, ESQ., a member of the State Bar of Idaho, of PITE DUNCAN, LLP
DATED: 2/18/14
3/5,12,19,26/14

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S
SALE**

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today’s date: February 27, 2014 File No.: 7023.104844 Sale date and time (local time): July 02, 2014 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 153 North 1st Street Marsing, ID 83639 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Morgan M. Searles, an unmarried person Original trustee: Pioneer Title Company Original beneficiary: Wells Fargo Home Mortgage Inc. Recording date: March 18, 2002 Recorder’s instrument number: 239015 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of February 27, 2014: \$40,653.17 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property’s

legal description is: Parcel I: A tract of land situated in a part of Government Lot 6, Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, City of Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at an iron stake at the Northeast corner of Block 2 in the Gentry Subdivision in the Village of Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho; thence North 22 degrees 41’ East a distance of 21.7 feet to an iron pipe; thence North 1 degrees 30’ West along the West side of First Street in said Gentry Subdivision for a distance of 180.3 feet to an iron stake which is the True Point of Beginning; said point also being South 0 degrees 00’00” East a distance of 234.53 feet from the Northwest corner of Gentry Subdivision as set with a 3 inch diameter brass disk set by Davenport Engineers in 1950 for the City of Marsing; thence North 1 degree 30’ West (also of record as North), 50 feet; thence South 88 degrees 30’ West (also of record as West), 125 feet; thence South 1 degree 30’ East (also of record as South), 50 feet; thence North 88 degrees 30’ East (also of record as East), 125 feet to the True Point of Beginning. Parcel II: A tract of land situated in a part of Government Lot 6, Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, City of Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho, and more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Gentry Subdivision said corner being monumented with a 3 inch diameter brass disk set by Davenport Engineers in 1950 for the City of Marsing; thence South 0 degree 00’00” East a distance of 174.53 feet along the Westerly boundary of said Gentry Subdivision to the True Point of Beginning; thence continuing South 0 degree 00’00” East a distance of 10.00 feet along the Westerly boundary of said Gentry Subdivision; thence perpendicular to the Westerly boundary of said Gentry Subdivision North 90 degrees 00’00” West a distance of 125.00 feet; thence North 26 degrees 30’46” East a distance of 11.17 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00’00” East a distance of 120.01 feet to the True Point of Beginning. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is

made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7023.104844) 1002.249565-File No.
3/26;4/2,9,16/14

**THE FOLLOWING
APPLICATIONS HAVE
BEEN FILED TO
APPROPRIATE THE
PUBLIC WATERS OF THE
STATE OF IDAHO:**

55-13916, QUINTANA RANCH LP, C/O TIM QUINTANA, 3876 HWY 95, HOMEDALE, ID 83628

Point of Diversion L2(SWNW) S7 T07S R04W OWYHEE County Source UNNAMED STREAM Tributary OLD MAN CREEK

Use: STOCKWATER STORAGE 01/01 to 12/31 8.2 AF

Total Diversion: 8.2 AF
Date Filed: 11/27/2013
Place of Use: STOCKWATER STORAGE

T07S R04W S7 L2(SWNW) L3(NWSW)

55-13917, QUINTANA RANCH LP, C/O TIM QUINTANA, 3876 HWY 95, HOMEDALE, ID 83628

Point of Diversion L2(NWSWNW)L2(SWNW) S30 T06S R03W OWYHEE County Source SPRING Tributary DEER CREEK

Use: STOCKWATER STORAGE 01/01 to 12/31 0.2 AF

Total Diversion: 0.2 AF
Date Filed: 11/27/2013
Place of Use: STOCKWATER STORAGE

T06S R03W S30 L2(SWNW)

Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. For additional information concerning the property location, contact Western Region office at (208) 334-2190; or for a full description of the right(s), please see www.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/ExtSearch/WRFiling.asp. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-203A. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 Airport Way, Boise ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 4/7/14. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

GARY SPACKMAN, Director
3/19,26/14

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Loan No.: 0193176187 T.S. No.: 12-01670-5A On June 20, 2014 11:00 AM, in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 Highway 78, Murphy in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, Fidelity National Title Insurance Company, as Trustee, on behalf of HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee for MASTR Reperforming Loan Trust 2005-2, the current Beneficiary, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows: Lot 1, Block 3, Shari Hill Estates Phase I Subdivision, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the Plat recorded as Instrument No. 211614, records of said County recorder, Owyhee County, Idaho. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: 6307 SHARI HILL WAY, MARSING, ID, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrance to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by PAUL D MOORE AND SHANNAN MOORE, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as original grantor(s), to PIONEER TITLE COMPANY OF CANYON COUNTY NAMP, as original trustee, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC AS NOMINEE FOR ACADEMY MORTGAGE CORPORATION, A UTAH CORPORATION, as original beneficiary, dated as of April 7, 2004, and recorded April 9, 2004, as Instrument No. 247393 in the Official Records of the Office of the Recorder of Owyhee County, Idaho. Please Note: The above grantor(s) are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code, No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The current beneficiary is: HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee for MASTR Reperforming Loan Trust 2005-2, (the “Beneficiary”). Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express

or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining unpaid balance of the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier’s check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in the Idaho Financial Code and authorized to do business in Idaho, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the trustee. The default(s) for which this sale is to be made under Deed of Trust and Note dated April 7, 2004 are: Failed to pay the monthly payments of \$575.48 due from February 1, 2012, together with all subsequent payments; together with late charges due; together with other fees and expenses incurred by the Beneficiary; The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$68,161.00, plus accrued interest at the rate of 6.00000% per annum from January 1, 2012. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Dated: January 24, 2014 Fidelity National Title Insurance Company, Trustee 11000 Olson Drive Ste 101, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 916-636-0114 Megan Curtis, Authorized Signature SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON LINE AT www.lpsasap.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION please call 714-730-2727 A-4441445 3/12,19,26;4/2/14

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Loan No.: 7441737509 T.S. No.: 13-00758-5 On June 27, 2014 11:00 AM, in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 Highway 78, Murphy in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, Fidelity National Title Insurance Company, as Trustee, on behalf of Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee for Residential Accredited Loans, Inc., Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-QS12, the current Beneficiary, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows: Lot 17 of Reich’s first Addition to the Village of Marsing, according to the official plat thereof, filed as Instrument No. 71647, Official Records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: 427 1ST STREET, MARSING, ID, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrance to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by BETTY STAPPLER, A MARRIED WOMAN, AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY., as original grantor(s), to ALLIANCE TITLE, as original trustee, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC., AS NOMINEE FOR ACADEMY MORTGAGE CORPORATION., as original beneficiary, dated as of July 26, 2006, and recorded July 31, 2006, as Instrument No. 257472 in the Official Records of the Office of the Recorder of Owyhee County, Idaho. Please Note: The above grantor(s) are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code, No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The current beneficiary is: Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee for Residential Accredited Loans, Inc., Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-QS12, (the “Beneficiary”). Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining unpaid balance of the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier’s check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in the Idaho Financial Code and authorized to do business in Idaho, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the trustee. The default(s) for which this sale is to be made under Deed of Trust and Note dated July 26, 2006 are: Failed to pay the monthly payments of \$694.92 due from January 1, 2013, together with all subsequent payments; together with late charges due; together with other fees and expenses incurred by the Beneficiary; The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$70,502.69, plus accrued interest at the rate of 8.00000% per annum from December 1, 2012. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Dated: February 6, 2014 Fidelity National Title Insurance Company, Trustee 11000 Olson Drive Ste 101, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 916-636-0114 Megan Curtis, Authorized Signature SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON LINE AT www.lpsasap.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION please call 714-730-2727 A-4443212 3/19,26;4/2,9/14

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