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## Monument finally home



### Crew places Austrian Settlement marker at Bette Uda City Park

Joe Demshar, left, helps position the stone commemorating the Austrian Settlement families over the hole at Bette Uda City Park in Homedale. John Gibson, center, and his son Trevor, right, help guide it into place. For more on the monument's placement, see **Page 3**. Photo by Karen Bresnahan

## Owyhee Reservoir dips to five percent

### Reservoir storage is at five percent of capacity

The Owyhee Reservoir level on July 13 had dropped to a slim five percent capacity, down four percent from last week's nine percent.

The reservoir storage is currently at 36,947 acre-feet, compared to its full capacity level of 715,000 acre-feet, which will ser-

vice water users for two years at four acre-feet per year per user.

At the same time last year, in early July, the reservoir was at 30 percent of capacity at 213,644 acre-feet.

Normal irrigation season extends until about mid-October, according to South Board of Control manager Ron Kiestner. He predicted last week that this year's irrigation season may come to a close about

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Areas normally covered in water this time of year at the Owyhee Reservoir are exposed because of low water levels. Photo by Dave Downum

## Bruneau-Grand View reopens schools; levy election set next month

### Trustees to look at configuration Thursday

After a legal misstep, trustees have reopened the Bruneau-Grand View School District's elementary

schools.

To make the operation of three schools viable, the board of trustees has put a supplemental levy back on the ballot.

The question of a one-year, \$600,000 levy will appear on

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**Neighbors slap on fresh paint**  
*Above:* Margie Isaguirre, right, looks on approvingly as painters touch up the Homedale Realty sign in front of the office on East Idaho Avenue.  
*Left:* Eric Roesberry, owner of the Frosty Palace in Homedale, shows off the new red and white paint he and some friends put on the East Idaho Avenue building.  
*Photos by Karen Bresnahan*

Air Force destroys grenades found in Bruneau home

Two 70-year-old grenades were found in the home of a deceased woman last week. Owyhee County Sheriff Perry Grant said the World War II-era grenades were found by a person cleaning out their sister’s home Thursday in Bruneau. The grenades were found in a footlocker in a back bedroom of the house on Benham Avenue and apparently had belonged to the deceased woman’s husband, Grant said. OCSO reservist Rocky Widner, an Air Force veteran, transported the grenades to a location outside of Bruneau where an explosive ordnance disposal team from Mountain Home Air Force Base destroyed the weapons. — JPB

Fair, rodeo parade grand marshal nominees sought

Nominations are being accepted through Aug. 1 for the Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Parade grand marshal. Parade coordinator Jolyn Green said anyone can nominate a grand marshal candidate. Nomination forms can be found in the fair book, which is available for free at The Owyhee Avalanche office in Homedale. Green said a letter extolling the virtues of the nominee is another step in the nomination process. “We have two so far and welcome as many as we can get,” Green said. A committee comprised of Green, fair secretary Ginger Loucks and some fair board members will make the final selection on a grand marshal for the Saturday, Aug. 9 parade through downtown Homedale. The theme of this year’s parade is “Sew It, Grow It, Show It.” Green said there are no particular color themes required. For information on the parade, call Green at (208) 318-3982.

Sunday is Fair and Rodeo Queen deadline

Applications for the Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Queen contest must be received by Sunday. Mail applications to queen coordinator Debbie Shearn at 16308 Farmway Road, Caldwell, ID 83607. Call Shearn at (208) 455-7917 for more information. The contest is open to unmarried women ages 16-23 who have lived in Idaho during the past year. The competition will take place during the Aug. 4-9 fair in Homedale. Entrants will be judged on horsemanship, personality and appearance. Prizes awarded include queen, first runner-up, second runner-up, Miss Congeniality and Horsemanship. The queen will be crowned during the Friday night performance of the 2014 Owyhee County Rodeo, which takes place on Aug. 8. Her first official appearance after coronation is the parade through downtown Homedale on Saturday, Aug. 9. Nampa resident Miranda Wilkins is the reigning Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Queen, and she will help crown her successor next month.

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# Austrian monument installed at Homedale park

The appearance of Bette Uda City Park in Homedale is changed forever. A large stone monument commemorating the eight families who are known as the Austrian Settlement was just erected in the southeast corner of the park.

The eight families were a group of immigrants who came to Homedale in 1914 and created farms and vineyards out of what was dry, sagebrush covered land. Hundreds of descendants of the early settlers live here now.

The monument consists of one large stone with engraving in the center and two shorter stones on each side of it. The large stone stands about 9 feet tall, and the side stones are about 7 feet tall. Four smaller two-foot-wide sitting stones are arranged in a semi-circle across from the main stone.

The engraving on the largest stone reads: "Dedicated to those Slovenick families and German family who in 1914 pioneered the Austrian Settlement in the Owyhee Desert, and whose descendants live today. They made the desert bloom."

Below that it says: "The Austrian Settlement," followed by the names of the eight original families: Bahem, Cegnar, Demshar, Dolence, Jesenko, Kushlan, Marchek and Miklovich.

"I'm happy," Austrian Settlement descendant John Demshar said when the stones were in

place.

"The timing was just right, and it came together very quickly," he said. "Everything worked out perfect. We didn't get hurt, and we didn't break anything, or scratch anything."

Demshar said after the final stone was set into place, he said a prayer of thanks.

Bret Smith and workers from the Homedale city maintenance department helped prepare the 15-foot-by- 15-foot site, by measuring it out and removing the sod.

The large stones in the monument area were wrapped with several large tie-down straps and using a Greade-All machine, also known as a tele-handler (heavy duty fork lift), the stones were maneuvered into their positions and placed in the ground.

Work on installing the monument was handled by a small group of people, including Austrian descendants and father and son John and Joe Demshar, Homedale resident Larry Landa, John and Trevor Gibson of Gibson Construction of Greenleaf, and Ray Maxwell of Owyhee Sand and Gravel. Joe Demshar is the former Owyhee County Historical Museum Director and headed the Austrian Settlement centennial committee.

Gibson Construction was hired by the Demshar family, and Larry Landa volunteered his



The monument as it stands in the park.

time and supplied the equipment used to move the stones. Owyhee Sand and Gravel helped pour the concrete at the site.

"I really want to thank the

City of Homedale for the time they spent helping us with this, and Larry Landa for the use of his machine, and the Gibsons for their work," John Demshar said.

Homedale High School graduate Trevor Gibson, who helped dig the holes for the stone placements, is the grandson of Fred Demshar, John's father. Trevor's dad, John Gibson, owns the construction company. The two men worked on excavating the holes for the placement of all the stones, and prepared the site for concrete pouring, which was done last.

The stones and engraving costs of approximately \$5,000 were donated last year by Bob Cegnar, who is a Homedale native and a descendant of the Austrian families. He now lives in Moses Lake, Wash., and operates a sand and gravel business.

The Austrian and German descendants in Homedale celebrated their 100-year heritage on Feb. 14-15 at the Homedale Amory. More than 500 people attended the two-day event.

About a year ago, the Austrian Settlement Committee made plans for the monument, as part of the centennial celebration of the settlement. Originally, the monument was expected to be put in the park in early February or March, but the project was delayed by several months because of soil conditions and other factors.

"We had to wait until all the people involved had enough time to get it done," John Demshar said.

—KB



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Thick, black smoke billows from a hay chopper Sunday evening as Homedale volunteer firefighters begin to spray water on the fully engulfed machinery.

## Sunday fire destroys hay chopper

Loss estimated at nearly \$500K

The Homedale Fire Department and Owyhee County Sheriff's Office responded to an equipment fire in a field located South of Nielsen Lane outside Homedale on Sunday evening.

A Krone field chopper was totally destroyed in the fire, which took place about 7 p.m. Owner John Indart said the equipment is valued at \$490,000.

The engine of the hay chopper

had caught fire, and the machine was fully engulfed when firemen arrived on the scene.

There were no injuries reported at the scene.

"We had just finished chopping the field, and about a half an hour later we saw the smoke," Indart said.

As far as a specific cause, Indart said it was "hard to tell because it was so burned up."

He said it may have been caused by a combination of the hot weather, and friction, or maybe a bearing was going out,

but he is not certain.

The cause of the fire has not yet been pinpointed, but temperatures in the Homedale area soared over 100 degrees all weekend.

### Correction

In a July 9 article on the name change of the Conner Landa Memorial Coed Softball Tournament, an email from Daniel Miller's family should have been attributed to both his parents, Benita and Bruce Miller.



### Honoring Gov. John Evans

Flags at Homedale City Hall and other government building were flown at half-staff after former Gov. John Evans died on July 8 at the age of 89. Photo by Jon P. Brown

## BLM, state land fire restrictions begin today

Fires are prohibited on public lands in Owyhee County, and the Idaho Transportation Department also is cautioning motorists to avoid dry, grassy areas on the side of the road.

Stage 1 fire restrictions on all Bureau of Land Management and Idaho Department of Lands acreage in Owyhee County began today and will remain in effect until further notice.

The restrictions are in place to decrease the chance of preventable fires, according to a press release.

Stage 1 fire restrictions prohibit campfires and stove fires except within a designated recreation site. Smoking is prohibited except within an enclosed vehicle,

building or designated recreation site or while the person is stopped within an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of flammable materials.

Exceptions include propane campfires, which may be used in an area cleared of flammable material; people with written permits that allows an otherwise prohibited act or people authorized to conduct activities in the designated area; and any federal, state or local officers of an organized rescue or firefighting agency performing official duties.

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# Men sentenced to prison for drunk driving

## Magistrate imposes sentencing for two other DUI convictions

A Wilder man could face up to seven years in prison after he tried to elude law enforcement after being pulled over on suspicion of drunk driving.

Abel Villanueva Jr. was placed in a rider program following his sentencing before Third District Judge Christopher S. Nye on June 27 in Murphy.

The 33-year-old Villanueva was sentenced on felonies of driving under the influence and attempting to elude Homedale Police Officer Andrew Arnold on Nov. 3.

Villanueva faces two to seven years in state prison for the DUI, which is his second conviction after a 2012 disposition in Canyon

County. Nye suspended Villanueva's driver's license for three years and ordered the man to pay \$585.50 in fines and court costs.

For trying to elude Arnold, Villanueva was sentenced to two to five years penitentiary time and had his driver's license suspended two years. He also must pay \$240.50 in costs.

The driver's license suspensions are concurrent, meaning Villanueva will be without driving privileges for three years.

The prison sentences would run concurrent if Villanueva doesn't complete a rehabilitation program to the satisfaction of the court. Through Idaho's rider program,

defendants are sent to a specialized facility for anywhere from 90 to 270 days for assessment and education. Successful completion leads to probation, according to the Idaho Department of Correction website

In addition to the felonies, Villanueva was fined for misdemeanors of having an open containing of alcohol in the vehicle, failure to provide proof of insurance and driving without privileges.

• **Charles Wayne Smith** — Nye sentenced the 63-year-old Marsing man to up to six years in prison June 27 after his fifth DUI conviction since 1998.

Smith's driving privileges were suspended for a year and he was placed on three years' supervised probation.

Nye also imposed a 180-day discretionary jail term and ordered Smith to pay \$585.50 in fines and costs.

Smith was arrested on July 14,

2013 by Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy Terry McGrew. He was also charged with speeding and failure to provide insurance, for which he was fined \$286.50 in August.

The arrest came one year and six days after Deputy Karl Kingston arrested Smith.

The Idaho courts repository shows that Smith has been convicted of DUI in Owyhee County three times since 1998. He also has drunk driving convictions in Canyon County (2007) and Ada County (2000).

• **Jose Lorenzo Camargo-Estrella** — The Homedale resident was sentenced June 18 by Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober for misdemeanor DUI.

Grober suspended the defendant's driver's license for six months and ordered him to serve two years probation as well as pay \$816 in fines and fees.

Camargo-Estrella was credited for nine days served in Owyhee

County Jail, and Grober suspended the balance of a six-month sentence.

Camargo-Estrella must also serve 16 hours of community service and complete 30 hours in an alcohol treatment program.

The man was also fined \$152.50 for a misdemeanor for attempting to elude Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller during the traffic stop.

• **Kevin Thomas Parker** — The Marsing resident was ordered to spend eight days in jail when Grober imposed sentencing on June 2.

Parker's driving privileges were suspended for a year and he was put on two years probation. He received credit for two days spent behind bars, and Grober suspended the remainder of a one-year jail term. Parker must also pay \$750 in fines and fees.

Kingston arrested Parker on Jan. 3



Abel Villanueva

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### ✓ Reservoir: Silt remains a problem for South Board of Control officials

mid-August.

"We're just trying to deliver the 1.7 acre-foot allotment that has been set, and it's going to be harder and harder to do that," Kiester said.

"We're going to push it as far as we can with what we've got, and try and equal it out for those who have water left. We know we are going to get to August, but there is no set date for the shutoff," he said.

Any decision on a shutoff date will be made by the joint board of the Owyhee Irrigation District and the South Board, he said. The

joint board will meet on Tuesday in Nyssa, Ore.

"The farmers have been great about trying to conserve and making the most of what they had," Kiester said.

During the next couple of weeks, as head pressure from the reservoir is reduced, the producers will be on gravity flow, he said.

Keister told irrigation directors in a July 8 meeting that after Aug. 1, the amount of water available will be much less.

"Come the first of August, it's gonna be tough to get water out

to those who need it," he said.

The reservoir is reducing by 1,700 acre-feet of water per day, he said.

Last year, when the irrigation season ended, there remained about 15,000 acre-feet in the reservoir. This year, Kiester said they may only have about 8,000 acre-feet when the water is shut off.

Water usage at the end of June was estimated to average 1.31 acre-feet in the Gem and Ridgeview districts that are combined under the South Board of Control.

Another topic of at last week's

meeting was silt, which has been an ongoing problem on acreages overseen by the South Board.

"The silt problem in the area has gone from bad to worse, and we need to get control of it by next season," Kiester said.

An increased amount of time and money has been spent this year cleaning silt out the irrigation system, Kiester said, but he did not have an exact figure on how much has been spent.

A "big factor" in creating the silt problem has been the increase in row crops that use gravity irrigation, especially corn, he said.

One solution to the problem is for producers to put in ponds to allow the silt to settle before run-off re-enters the irrigation system, he said.

"We have to keep the silt out of the irrigation system, so we want people to take responsibility," he said. "If someone sees silt in their run-off, they need to put in a pond."

South Board director Dennis Turner said at the meeting "We all are paying the cost of the silt" that goes into the irrigation system.

—KB

### ✓ Levy: District to seek one-year supplemental levy to get through '14-15

the Aug. 26 ballot, district superintendent Dennis Wilson confirmed last week.

Bruneau and Grand View Elementary schools were reopened during a July 2 meeting, but Wilson said trustees still have to determine what the student population configuration will look like between the two primary schools and Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School.

The consolidation had moved all educational and administrative operations to the high school outside Bruneau. The district office remains shuttered.

Wilson said the one-year supplemental levy, which is half of the two-year, \$1.2 million proposal that patrons voted down twice earlier this year, is designed to get the district through the 2014-15 school year.

Regardless of the outcome of the August election, the school

budget will have to be reopened to reconcile the continuation of the three-school system, Wilson said.

The district still plans to look at consolidation for the 2015-16 school year, he said.

The retreat from consolidation was triggered partly because the district learned of patrons' intentions to seek a special election under Idaho Code 33-511(3)(a)(ii). The statute requires an election on the discontinuance question if five patrons sign a petition.

"In the meantime, we got a letter from our attorney that said our action item saying we were closing schools was not properly worded, so the action to close the schools was null and void," Wilson said.

The closure notice violated Idaho Code 33-511(3)(a)(i) because it didn't explicitly state

the district's intention to close schools, even though the public was well aware of the situation, Wilson said.

"Our attorney said (the misstep) could lead to an injunction, and we would have to open the schools anyway," Wilson said.

Because of recent developments, the school board will be busy during its annual reorganization meeting, scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday at Rimrock.

In addition to electing a chair and vice-chair for the 2014-15 year, the board will address the configuration question.

"All three schools will be open, but the board will determine which grades will be at what schools," Wilson said.

Wilson said the board also will consider a resolution directing the Idaho School Board Association to ask the Idaho Legislature to amend Idaho Code 33-511 to

update the requirement to seek a school discontinuance ballot question.

"That was an election law that wasn't revised when the Legislature consolidated elections," Wilson said.

The board's proposed resolution also seeks to change the outdated mandate of only five petitioners because of its disproportion to the population of most school districts in the state.

The resolution also addresses the timeline on when the petition can be filed.

Currently, patrons have until Aug. 1 to petition the district for an Aug. 26 election.

But Wilson said because most districts begin school before the election date, the consolidation vote could force a difficult change of course after schools have been closed. The resolution calls for language placing the question on

the ballot for the next scheduled election after a decision is made. For example, if a closure vote was taken in December, the election on the question would take place in March.

Wilson said the change in the law would force school districts to look at the timing of decisions, too.

Wilson also explained an open meeting violation resolution that the board adopted during a special meeting last month.

Wilson said that the violation occurred when, immediately after a previous meeting was adjourned, patrons approached three school board members about the consolidation. Because three members involved in the after-meeting discussion, a quorum existed, triggering the violation.

—JPB

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## Pioneer Day car show, breakfast scheduled

Homedale’s LDS church will hold a free breakfast and car show as part of its Pioneer Day celebration.

The pancake breakfast and car show will be held on Saturday, July 26 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 708 W. Idaho Ave., in Homedale.

The event will run from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Pioneer displays will be available to view, and there will be an open house in the chapel.

All activities are free.

All years, makes and models of cars are welcome in the show, registration for which begins at 7:15 a.m.

Trophies available in the car show include People’s Choice, Best Custom, Best Classic, Best Restored, Best Paint, Best Engine, Best Late Model and Judge’s Choice.

Breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. or until the food is gone.

For more information, call Craig at (909) 240-3767.

## Death notices

**FRANCIS ALLEN CONNER**, 72, of Homedale, died Thursday, July 10, 2014, at a Homedale care facility of natural causes. Arrangements are under the care of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

**CAROLINE (CAROLYN) MARIE HALL**, 69, of Homedale, died Sunday, June 6, 2014. Arrangements are under the direction of the Cremation Society of Idaho.

**JOHN JAMES “JACK” MONROE**, 63, of Marsing, died Saturday, July 12, 2014, at home. Arrangements are under the direction of the Nampa Funeral Home, Yraguen Chapel. (208) 442-8171

**RUTH LYNN CRAMER WOOD**, 89, who taught in Homedale for a year, died Thursday, June 26, 2014. A memorial service was held Saturday, July 12 at Nampa First Church of the Nazarene.

## Senior menus

### Homedale Senior Center

July 16: Tuna salad, carrot salad, lettuce & tomatoes, bread - milk  
July 17: Meat loaf, mashed potatoes/gravy, Peas & carrots, bread – milk  
July 22: Pasta primavera, bread – milk  
July 23: Baked fish, potatoes, broccoli, bread – milk

### Rimrock Senior Center

July 17: Beef stroganoff, egg noodles, corn, tossed salad, rhubarb crisp, wheat roll  
July 22: Hot chicken noodle, salad, sweet potato fries, mixed fruit, cookie

## Birthdays



Dot and Frankie Garrett



### Frankie, Dot Garrett to celebrate 90<sup>th</sup> birthdays

The 90<sup>th</sup> birthdays for husband and wife Frankie and Dot Garrett will be celebrated later this month.

An open house will take place from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, July 27, 2014 at the Garrett Ranches Warehouse on Homedale Road, east of Homedale in Canyon County.

All family and friends are welcome.

Frankie was born on June 29, 1924, and Dot was born on Aug. 2, 1924.

The couple were high school sweethearts and graduated together from WaHi High School in Walla Walla, Wash., in 1942.

The couple were married in 1948 and in November will celebrate 66 years of marriage.

They have two sons, Gary and Gregg, six grandchildren, and 12

great-grandchildren with another one on the way.

Since moving from Washington state in 1955, they have farmed and ranched in the Central Cove location, east of Homedale.

Frankie and Dot like to say they have enjoyed a long and “fruitful” life together.

Light refreshments will be served at the open house. The family asks for no gifts.

## Grand View Library to hold potluck in park

### Friends of Library group forming

The Eastern Owyhee County Library is sponsoring a community potluck, which will take place on Tuesday, July 29 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The potluck will be held at Centennial Park in Grand View.

Everyone in the community is invited to “show off their cooking skills by bringing a favorite dish to share,” library director Tammy Gray said.

The library will provide soda, water, plates, napkins and table service for the event.

“We will be having our raffle drawing at that time, as well as other activities designed to encourage community involvement in the Grand View community and its library,” Gray said.

There will be door prizes, fun and games for adults and children. Awards will be handed out for the end of the library’s summer reading program.

Information will also be available about the “Friends of the Library” group that is forming to support the library. All staff and board members will be available at the dinner to discuss any topic about the library.

—KB

## Story Time slated for Homedale

“Mr. Gumpy’s Outing” is the featured book Friday for Homedale Public Library’s Story Time for preschoolers.

The event begins at 10:15 a.m. at the library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

The book by John Burningham tells the story of Mr. Gumpy, who takes a boat trip on the river but is soon asked to be joined by children and farm animals who see his enjoyment. Mr. Gumpy agrees, thinking nothing could go wrong with a goat, calf, sheep, chickens, pig, dog, cat, rabbit and children in the boat.

In addition to the story, there will be singing, crafts and snacks.

## Sale to help Rhodes family

Fundraising to help the family of a Marsing boy battling leukemia continues.

A benefit yard sale for the Connor Rhodes family will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday at Fox Canyon Vineyards, which is located on Idaho highway 78 five miles from downtown Marsing.

Raffle tickets will be sold, too.

To donate items for the yard sale or for more information, contact Mica Wilson at mica@foxcanyonvineyards.com or (208) 896-4851.

## WILDER LIBRARY SUMMER READING WAS A SUCCESS!

The Wilder Library District had 109 children sign up for our annual Summer Reading Program in June. The kids did a great job reading and were able to earn prizes and attend weekly programs. They enjoyed this year’s theme, “Fizz, Boom, Read” and were able to do fun science experiments and build many things like robots.

The library would like to thank parents and volunteers who help each week. A special thanks to those who helped donate prizes. Many of the children’s books for summer reading had been purchase from a grant from Caldwell Community Foundation. Everyone did a great job in promoting literacy and making this a successful reading program!

## C of I Dean’s List released

Three local students have been named to the spring Dean’s List at The College of Idaho.

**Homedale** — Elizabeth Albor  
**Marsing** — Katy Lootens  
**Wilder** — Deena Emry, who graduated from Homedale High School

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# Outpost Day stagecoach hold-up

*The stage driver gives his perspective on the events of that day 25 years ago*

Owyhee  
Then & Now  
*Michael F. Hanley IV*



Recent revelations on the last stage holdup in the Owyhees was of special interest to me. I was the driver holding the ribbons with a full load of passengers, so I have a different perspective.

Frank Swisher, an old timer, commented, “The good Lord protects fools, drunks, and idiots.” I don’t know how qualified the errant “hold ups” were, but from my standpoint more than luck was riding with us.

Since early childhood I wanted to be a stage driver. To have had the opportunity to do so long after the last “knights of the whip” had crossed over the great stage road was an opportunity likely never to be repeated.

The road was smooth and level. A good road with a good team ... what could be better? I heard shooting. Was it the sound of a starting gun or panic? My team, former standard bred racehorses, leapt forward ... taking the bits in their mouths ... I couldn’t pull them up. A glance to the right, I saw a rider firing a pistol on a palomino horse with a yellow slicker popping behind, headed straight for us. He couldn’t stop his horse. It looked like he threw the pistol in the air and grabbed the reins. With the attack re-enactment turned “instantly” to reality, my No. 1 concern wasn’t the runaway team but the cattle guard around the bend.

Shotgun guard, George Reed, charged with protecting the U.S. mail and bullion from the Delamar Mine, took his responsibility seriously. To back up his responsibility, George was armed with a very real 10-gauge, double-



barrel coach gun.

Gravel was flying back into our faces. My wife, Linda, was sitting behind me. George’s son, David, sat between George and I. George couldn’t get a clear shot, and I believe to this day had he had a clear shot he would have fired. I set the brake, but it didn’t help and the turn was just ahead. The team was going even faster. I knew the leaders would jump the cattle guard and the remaining four would pile up, wrecking the coach and all aboard. The only chance would be to turn the team 90 degrees to the right at the cattle guard and brake, causing the top-heavy coach to slide sideways lining up with the team. At the last moment, let off the brake and turn up the hill alongside the fence.

At the first sign of trouble, the mule carrying the outrider in front spooked, jumped the borrow pit and ran over the ridge. From the corner of my eye, I saw a horse come up alongside at a dead run.

It was Al Allison. He grabbed the off-leader’s bridle and pulled up his horse, slowing the team. When the leaders slowed, the off-swing horse got his foot over the leader’s single tree and fell on his side. His being drug, Al’s efforts and the brake brought the team to a stop. We got the horse up. He wasn’t hurt and continued on to Outpost Day at Murphy.

Heroes of the day were Al Allison, who badly strained his arm pulling up the leader, and his horse, which out-ran the team, losing three shoes, stopping it.

Like Joe Aman and the Silver City Kid, I’ve thought about the hold-up many times. As time passes, more comes out, but for myself I’ll leave reminiscing to others. Calls from postal inspectors and FBI the next morning drove home the seriousness of the incident.

My ancestor, longtime driver Tom Burnett, had the distinction of being stopped by the famous stage robber Black Bart. My

highwaymen, like Black Bart, were lucky, “very lucky” that a 10-gauge shotgun didn’t play a part.

I learned a lesson from the “hold-up.” I replaced the standard snaffle bits with military artillery bits. They have a solid bar mouthpiece and curb chains, which allow for more control. Under the circumstances, though, with a panicked team I don’t know if I could have stopped them. I don’t want to try it again to find out either.

— 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](http://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*.

## Calendar

### Today

**Grand View Chamber of Commerce meeting**  
5:30 p.m., Grand View Firehouse, 720 Roosevelt St.

### Thursday

**Senior center exercise class**  
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

**Lizard Butte Library board meeting**  
4 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

### Friday

**Story Time**  
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

### Saturday

**Senior center fundraiser breakfast**  
7 a.m. to 11 a.m., \$6, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

**Connor Rhodes benefit yard sale**  
8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fox Canyon Vineyards, milepost 5 on Idaho 78, Marsing. (208) 896-4851

### Adult game night

7 p.m., \$1 cover, Rimrock Senior and Community Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2808

### Monday

**Board of County Commissioners meeting**  
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421

### Tuesday

**Senior center exercise class**  
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

### Thursday, July 24

**Senior center exercise class**  
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

**Blood pressure clinic**  
10 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

### Friday, July 25

**Story Time**  
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee

Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, afternoons Monday through Saturday

### Saturday, July 26

**Pioneer Day Celebration**  
8 a.m. to 1 p.m., car show, pancake breakfast, LDS church, 708 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (909) 240-3767

**Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association annual meeting**  
9 a.m., Silver City Schoolhouse, Silver City

**Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association dinner**  
6 p.m., \$12 adults, \$5 ages 11 and younger, Silver City

**Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association dance**  
9 p.m., \$7 per person, \$12 per couple, Silver City

### Monday, July 28

**Board of County Commissioners meeting**  
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421

### Tuesday, July 29

**Senior center exercise class**  
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# HPD offers to sponsor drug awareness seminar

Surrounding agencies would be invited

Homedale Mayor Gheen Christoffersen's skepticism gave way to enthusiasm during a recent Association of Idaho Cities conference.

The first-term chief executive wasn't sure if attending the June 18-20 conference in Boise was a good use of his time, until he walked into a seminar conducted by Boise Police Officer Jermaine Galloway (aka "Tall Cop").

Galloway, who stands 6 feet, 9 inches, led a workshop dealing with drug and alcohol abuse and how officials can identify the warning signs in their communities.

Christoffersen told the City Council last Wednesday that he would like to see all municipal employees — and others — take

the course.

"Even if we had to fund it, it would be well worth hosting it and inviting county and school officials," Christoffersen said.

Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller offered to use his department's money to pay the \$650 fee as long as invitations would be extended to other agencies.

The mayor said Galloway showed attendees the warning signs of people who are abusing drugs and alcohol. He also alerted officials in the room about Krokodil, a new dangerous, heroin-like drug that's making its way into the Treasure Valley as well as other insidious aspects of drugs in our culture.

"I didn't know that there were 15 brands of clothing that are connected to drugs," Christoffersen said.

The mayor said he'd like to see Homedale's school resource officer attend the class and added that it would be beneficial if other school

districts in the Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency also sent representatives

Christoffersen, who ran on a platform to clean up the town's drug problem, sees the course as a way to educate officials to the warning signs that could prevent some of the town's youth from falling victim to substance abuse.

"If we can get our whole staff on board, and they recognize one kid who is in trouble, it'll be well worth it," Christoffersen said.

**SRO grant submitted**

Eidemiller has submitted paperwork to the U.S. Department of Justice seeking a COPS grant to fund the school resource officer program for three years beginning in Fiscal Year 2016.

The grant, which was written with the help of Western Alliance for Economic Development executive director Tina Wilson, would provide 75 percent of the

funding for the next three years. The city would be required to pay for a fourth year.

Eidemiller said he won't get an answer on the application until late fall or early winter.

A similar grant application went unfulfilled last year, but the city

still worked with the school district to establish the SRO program independent of grant funding.

When the first application was submitted, the city had an agreement that Homedale School District would pick up half the costs.

— JPB

## Homedale council wants senior center crosswalk in by fair

The City of Homedale is officially backing the idea of a crosswalk near the senior center.

During its meeting last Wednesday, the city council agreed with Homedale Senior Center member Bob Hulse that a crosswalk is needed in the vicinity of the building at 224 W. Idaho Ave.

"Anything we can do to help the seniors is a good thing," Councilman Steve Atkins said.

The council authorized Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller to draft a letter of recommendation to the Idaho Transportation Department.

ITD has to be involved because Idaho Avenue is a state highway (Idaho 19). City attorney Paul J. Fitzer said the city has to make the formal request for the crosswalk.

If ITD signs off, the crosswalk would be placed at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street West rather than the middle of the block to meet with the entrance of the senior center.

Eidemiller said a crosswalk at the intersection is safer because the volume of vehicles parked on either side of West Idaho Avenue during lunchtime at the senior center would obscure pedestrians from the vision of passing motorists.

Because of the city's Local Improvement District project from a few years ago, there are also Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant ramps at the intersection, which provides easier traveling for people with wheelchairs and walkers.

Mayor Gheen Christoffersen, who said a crosswalk on the west side of town was a long time coming, also suggested the city paint a crosswalk across 3<sup>rd</sup> Street West to enhance pedestrian safety.

Hulse's presentation included an anecdote about an elderly woman with bad knees forced to stand for five minutes on the south side of the street until traffic cleared for her to cross.

He presented the city council with a petition signed by 56 senior center members, and in an attempt to show the vibrancy of the center, added that many of the signers came to Homedale from their homes in Parma, Caldwell and Wilder.

"They come because our senior center is one of the best in the valley," Hulse said.

The crosswalk could be in place in a matter of weeks, if officials have their way. Eidemiller planned to ship the request letter off to ITD the day after the council meeting.

"It would be nice to have it done before fair week," Eidemiller said.

The senior center is a major gathering place in the mornings throughout fair week because of the organization's fundraising Buckaroo Breakfast.

Hulse also suggested that pedestrian crossing markings such as those on the double-yellow line throughout Marsing on Main Street would be an added measure.

Eidemiller mentioned that crossing flags such as those at the Marsing intersection of Main Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue West would also be handy.

The chief pointed out that grant money is available to install lighted signs marking the crosswalk, such as the signs placed near Homedale High School on East Idaho Avenue.

— JPB

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# FOCUS ON FAIR

## Getting ready: Owyhee County Fair Aug. 4-9

Stories and photos by Karen Bresnahan

### Abigail Henry, age 9, Owyhee Silver Spurs

Abigail “Abbey” Henry just turned 10 years old. She is the daughter of Isaac and Camille Henry of Marsing. She has two brothers, Kaden, 14, and Luke, 7. The family moved from Homedale out to the Marsing area six years ago.

Abbey is the first child in the family to join 4-H. She joined the Owyhee Silver Spurs in February and says that joining 4-H was hers as well as her mother’s decision.

Abbey is interested in learning about sheep, so she has chosen to do a sheep project for the Owyhee County Fair.

She has gone to monthly meetings, has sold raffle tickets and listened to demonstrations and learned how to keep a record book. She recently made a poster and gave her first demonstration to the club on Sunday, July 13, at the Lizard Butte Library.

The Henry family purchased two sheep about two months ago, and they all are amazed at how quickly they

are growing. Abbey is caring for a ewe named Elsa, and a ram named Olaf.

She does not hesitate to say that her favorite part of being in 4-H is “just taking care of the sheep.”

Abbey said it’s fun to care for the animals, except for the constant noise of them “baaing over and over again” which can be “a little annoying” until they are fed.

Once a month, she goes to club leader Ginger Loucks’ house where all the children take their animals and exercise them.

She spends time with her sheep every day and is looking forward to the Owyhee County Fair, where she will show Elsa.

Abbey’s family lives in Marsing, but she attends school in Homedale, where she will be a fifth-grader at Homedale Middle School next year. Her other activities and interests are volleyball, tennis, dance and swimming.



Abigail “Abbey” Henry and one of her sheep, “Olaf.”



Carlie Purdom of Homedale poses with her horse “TJ” at the family home.

### Carlie Purdom, age 17, Dust Devils 4-H

Carlie Purdom, 17, of Homedale, is a member of the Dust Devils 4-H Club. She is the daughter of Steve and Tina Purdom and has one brother, Kyle, 20, who is an engineering student at Boise State University.

Carlie will be a senior at Homedale High School next year. She began 4-H at the age of 4, and knew without a doubt she wanted to do a horse project. Today, her horse project has blossomed into a passion. She has been in 4-H for 13 years, done countless demonstrations and competitions, winning numerous 4-H awards.

She has competed in dog, swine and horse projects.

“I’ve always loved animals and especially horses,” she said. “I have so much fun working with them because I feel like they can teach me almost as much as I can teach them.”

4-H has been a large part of Carlie’s life, and she values it because “the benefits are limitless.”

“It has done a lot for me,” she said. “It’s taught me how to work with a horse, to prepare for demos and shows and judging, and how to grow as a rider.”

Carlie says she feels thankful for all the knowledge she has gained about horses by participating in 4-H, and for learning how to be a leader.

Leadership and record-keeping are the most valuable things she has learned.

4-H has been a good thing to be involved with because it is a group effort, she said. “I always had someone to look up to, and now I can be a role model for other kids.”

Her favorite thing about 4-H is “working with my horses, training them, and watching them succeed.”

A 4-H highlight for her was winning the 2012 Owyhee County Fair horse show girls’ sportsmanship award buckle.

“It means a lot to me to find out that I have helped others,” she said.

She appreciates the personalities of her horses. She rode her first horse “Ace” for about five years, then last year she got a new horse that was “fairly green.” His name is “TJ,” and he is “so sweet, but has a lot of quirks. He’s smart, but stubborn, but he did well last year,” she said.

Belonging to 4-H is “a lot of work,” Carlie said. She would encourage kids to “stick with it” and put their time in. “You really get out of it what you put into it,” she said.

Tina Purdom says she is very proud of the way her daughter has handled herself. “She wins a lot, but she is very humble about it, and always gets excited when others win too,” Tina said.

“4-H is extremely important, especially for learning sportsmanship. I don’t know of anything better for kids growing up.”

Tina said it has benefited her daughter greatly because it has taught her responsibility, horse-handling, public speaking, record-keeping, leadership and the importance of community service.

Some of Carlie’s awards include: many first places in county horse judging and demonstrations; all-around grand champion horse buckle for eight years; overall grand champion showman for horse, eight years; small animal (dog) grand champion showman three years; and seventh- and ninth-place showings at state horse judging.

Carlie is also active in volleyball and basketball at school, and competes in rodeo barrel racing.



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# Murphy Flat Road residents press, county responds

## Sheriff’s office prepared to write citations for water on the road

After years of frustration, residents on a stretch of Murphy Flat Road may finally be on the road to relief from poor driving conditions.

An Owyhee County Road District 1 crew last week poured riprap in large potholes and installed 12-inch culvert on a section of the road near Idaho highway 78, but some say that solves only part of the problem that has inconvenienced residents and motorists for three years.

Ann Baker, her husband Craig and fellow rancher Ed Olson voiced concerns about the road southeast of Murphy during a July 7 meeting with the Board of County Commissioners and Road District 1 manager Phil Rittenhouse.

“This is an ongoing problem,” Ann Baker told the commissioners. “This is three years running that this has been in existence. I don’t think you understand the problem.”

Baker, who spoke for the group, said that irrigation water sprayed onto the roadway from the pivots of a large farming operation is part of the problem. Run-off from fields owned by Pasco, Wash.-based Murphy Land Co. LLC has contributed to water and silt buildup on the road, too, she said.

Water pelting Murphy Flat Road has led to asphalt breakup and large potholes, Baker said.

The concerned group also said operators farm to the roadway. Agricultural equipment drivers have turned around on the road to make their next pass in the field.

District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland and District 2

Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi said several statutes are in place to prevent situations like this, including prohibitions against farming to the roadway and putting water on the roadway.

Aberasturi said farmers are required to manage run-off water, too, perhaps by capturing it in settling ponds. The catch there, the commissioner said, is once the water leaves the property, the farmer isn’t responsible.

The commissioners said enforcement comes down to the sheriff’s office and the prosecuting attorney.

Baker said that she has contacted the sheriff’s office three times about water on the roadway.

On Monday, Sheriff Perry Grant said his deputies would write citations if irrigation water is put on the roadway.

Also Monday, area resident Ross Gruenwald told commissioners that the road looked as if it was in much better shape.

Last week, BOCC chair Joe Merrick, the District 3 commissioner, said Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery has written a letter to the farm operator regarding the situation.

“It’s time to take the nice handshake off, remove the rose-colored glasses and fine them,” Baker said.

Hoagland is familiar with the area.

“There are three places in the road that the landowner has to take care of now,” he said.

Hoagland said taking the landowner to court is one avenue of recourse. Murphy Land Co. could be ordered to pay fines as well as to help with the cost of



Area residents visited county commissioners last week to complain about the condition of Murphy Flat Road, travel over which has become treacherous in recent years. Submitted photo

road repair.

Baker said the liability factor is high.

Before the meeting, she said conditions have led to at least one accident on Murphy Flat Road. She added that tire blowouts and front-end suspension problems can be attributed to the conditions, and she fears that if emergency personnel speed to a call down the road there is a strong possibility they could roll their vehicle.

“It’s the worst road in Owyhee County,” Olson said.

The situation has even affected mail delivery, Baker said.

She said the U.S. Postal Service has told one property owner and two of his tenants they would have to move their mail boxes west toward Idaho 78 if they expected continued service. Baker said USPS contends road conditions made delivery to the boxes in their original location treacherous.

Commercial truck traffic also has been affected, Baker said.

She testified to the BOCC that Amalgamated Sugar Co. used its own road-marking cones to signify where the largest potholes were to make sure that trucks hauling sugar beets wouldn’t run

through them.

Baker pressed the commissioners for an answer on when the road department would do something about the road conditions.

Rittenhouse said the riprap installed the day of the meeting would temporarily help with drainage, but that no long-term solution could be worked on until the roadway was dry.

The culverts, purchased by Murphy Land Co., had set on the side of the road uninstalled before last week’s meeting. Late Thursday night, Baker reported that the county road crew had completed installation of the culverts and had hauled gravel in.

Four days earlier, Rittenhouse said the road crew hadn’t had time to install the pipe because workers are concentrating on a large-scale chip-sealing project in the district. The old culverts were ineffective because they were silted beneath the road surface, Rittenhouse said.

Aberasturi said that unless the farmer is forced to take care of his wastewater, the new culverts will just silt up.

Building a borrow pit would prevent the ag operators from driving equipment into the roadway, Merrick said.

“There is no reason in the world why we can’t go in there, measure from the (road’s) centerline and build a borrow pit,” he said.

Rittenhouse said the long-term goal is to rebuild the roadway and place it at a higher elevation to improve drainage and further discourage farming to the roadway.

Baker pressed for a timeline for work to gravel low spots and install a temporary culvert.

— JPB

# Human impacts trigger BLM road restriction

## Wildlife tract southwest of Bruneau closed to motorized travel

Motorized travel has been restricted in a limited area near Bruneau for environmental and public safety reasons.

The Bureau of Land Management Boise District announced that about a mile of road in the 80-acre Hot Well Wildlife Tract will be closed to motorized travel until a Bruneau Field Office travel management plan is completed, which is expected in the summer of 2016.

The tract, which is located approximately six miles southwest of Bruneau off Idaho highway 51 in the BLM’s Bruneau Field Office, remains open to all other authorized uses.

Non-motorized travel will continue as a permitted use in the area. Anyone caught violating the motorized restriction could face a maximum penalty of a year in prison and/or a \$1,000 fine.

The primary objective of the restriction is to protect a rare plant — alkali cleomella (*Cleomella plocasperma*) whose only Idaho habitat is in the wildlife tract.

Boise District spokesperson MJ Byrne said the closure is in place to prevent further degradation and threats to the area from people who have dumped trash and left campfires smoldering.

She added the decision was welcomed by the private property owner on whose land the hot well that is the tract’s namesake is located.

“The additional motive for us is that the area has become a big dump for years,” Byrne said.

Several used diapers have been found in the area, leading to the nickname “Undie Alley,” Byrne said.

Informational signs will be posted at key entry points near

the wildlife tract. Contractors hired by the BLM to work in the area; search and rescue personnel; Federal, State or local law enforcement officials and other BLM employees in the performance of their official duties; and persons with written authorization from the BLM are exempt from the restriction.

Alkali cleomella is a “BLM Sensitive” species, which the agency manages to ensure that the need to list the species as threatened or endangered does not arise.

The agency says habitat for the cleomella in the Hot Well tract has been damaged from illegally dumped trash, campfires and off-road vehicular traffic, putting the population at risk of further decline.

Because of extremely dry conditions, the BLM this week put into place fire restrictions for all agency-managed lands in Owyhee County.

Prior to the closure, the BLM

posted a notice of the proposal on a metal gate near the affected area. Landowners adjacent to the area and other interested parties also received letters. The BLM also discussed the proposed closure in separate meetings with the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes and the Board of County Commissioners. The temporary closure was announced in Federal Register

on June 9, which triggered a 30-day appeal period.

Maps of the affected area are available at the BLM Boise District Office, 3948 S. Development Ave., in Boise.

For more information, contact Tanya Thrift, Bruneau Field Manager, at (208) 384-3300.

— JPB

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# Island Park will get new restrooms later this year

## Restrooms added to first phase of improvements

Marsing city will work on plans to install new restrooms at Island Park as part of Phase 1 of an improvement project. The restrooms had previously been listed as Phase 3 of the park renovation plans drawn up by city engineer Amy Woodruff. At the city council meeting Wednesday, Mayor Keith Green said he had met with Woodruff and discussed including new restrooms in the outline of construction plans. “It makes sense for us to do the bathrooms in this phase, instead

of going back later and tearing it all up again,” Green said. The restrooms will be paid for by the city and were not included in the Phase 1 work that is funded by a \$88,500 Waterways Improvement Grant from the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. The city recently obtained the grant, but it pays for Phase 1 of the project only. The planned work for Phase 1 includes relocating the playground equipment, grading and laying down a gravel base, building a new L-shaped dock and adding additional signage. Work on Phase 2 is slated for next year and will require additional grant money. Phase 2 plans include asphalt paving, installation of curbs, storm

drainage and striping for 19 vehicle parking and 18 boat parking spaces. Plans for the new restrooms are currently being drawn up and will include new water and sewer lines and the construction of a lift station for sewage. There was no estimate given at the meeting for the cost of the restrooms. Before finalizing the design, Woodruff plans to consult with Caldwell Parks and Recreation to look at facilities that city recently installed. “We’re just lucky we got this one (the grant) this year,” Green said. “We’re just going to keep our heads high and try for another grant next year.” Also at the meeting, the council updated the city’s employee

policy to allow employees to drive city vehicles home within a 20-mile radius and specifying that vehicles are to be used for maintenance purposes only. The changes specified that employees may not use the city’s equipment for personal use. On another topic, Woodruff commended the city for the completion of the East Bruneau Trunk Line Sewer Project, which installed new slip liners throughout the city. She said the difference in flows is an increase of 31,000 gallons per day this year compared to last year. Woodruff also said the city has begun to work on testing the sewer lagoon water, which needs to be completed this year. The tests will be submitted to the

Department of Environmental Quality and will take about 42 days to review, she said. On the methane gas project, superintendent John Larsen said work is “moving along.” The concrete base and plumbing has been installed, he said. The next step in the process will be the installation of a vinyl dome, he said. Larsen also reported that the city passed a recent DEQ sewer inspection. Woodruff added that the report said the sewer system was “clean and well run” and she commended Larsen for “his good work.” The city council also approved the Fiscal Year 2015 budget for publication at its meeting. —KB

# Consumer Science teacher receives award as she retires

Story by Karen Bresnahan

Outgoing Rimrock Jr. Sr. High School consumer sciences teacher Celia Tindall has been honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Career and Technical Educators of Idaho (CTEI). Tindall received the award just before her teaching position was eliminated because of cutbacks in the Bruneau-Grand View School District. “Celia is a mentor and guide to opportunities beyond the Bruneau area that support growth in personal skills, business sense, and strong family values,” CTEI program manager Theresa Golis said. “She is a rock of strength for her own family and many, many students who have passed through her classroom doors. She is the one who puts others first and looks for the best in everyone.” Tindall was recognized for her achievements as a teacher and as an active member and leader in several professional organizations: The Idaho Cattlewomen; Idaho Cattle Association; Career and Technical Educators of Idaho (CTEI); the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE); the National Association of Teachers of Family and Consumer Sciences (NATFACS); Idaho Association Teachers of Family and Consumer Sciences (IATFACS); and Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA). School board trustees cut Tindall’s position after the recent defeat of a two-year, \$1.2 million supplemental levy and the subsequent consolidation of three schools in the district to one. The district office will close, along with both Bruneau and Grand View elementary schools. The

funding shortage has hit hard on the classroom front, as several staff and teacher job cuts become a reality. After 16 years as a teacher, Tindall is now looking at retirement. She is taking the position cut in stride. “With the number of students in the district continually declining, programs had to be cut,” she said. “It doesn’t do any good to whine and complain, because it is what it is.” Tindall and her husband, David, operate a ranch at Grasmere. They have six children, including three sons, and three daughters, and 14 grandchildren. She has not made future plans yet, except to spend more time with the grandchildren. “Celia is an amazing, hard-working, dedicated educator,” fellow Rimrock teacher Kathy Mori said. “She has been an inspiration to the staff and students of Rimrock through her three bouts of cancer. She has been our sergeant-at-arms around the building making sure that everyone is on-task, on-time and behaving. I can’t imagine Rimrock without her this next year. She will be missed, but I know that she is only a phone call away ready to help her kids.” “It’s been a fun ride,” Tindall said about her teaching career. “The rewards of watching the students grow up and move on with their lives far outweighs anything negative.”

*Celia Tindall’s position ends as part of Bruneau-Grand View district’s changes.*



Celia Tindall, retiring Rimrock teacher.

The most important lesson she wants her students to remember is “to have respect for each other.” Her No. 1 goal is to teach them to have an awareness of others and to be caring individuals. “Ninty-nine percent of what I do is for the students,” she said. “No one becomes a teacher to make a lot of money. You do it because when you see the results of what you do, it makes you feel good about yourself,” she said. Consumer science classes teach life skills and are considered to be electives, Tindall said. The classes she taught at Rimrock included entrepreneurship, teen living, foods and nutrition, parent and child, and career and personal development. In the entrepreneur class, students operated businesses such as making T-shirts and selling balloons. Teen living was a comprehensive class where students learned hands-on cooking, sewing and household care. In food and nutrition, they learned about foods and cooked them. As part of parent child classes students learned about child development, parenting structures and carried out the “Baby Think it Over” program, where girls were

required to care for electronic baby dolls during one week. Tindall also conducted a teen living class for seventh-and eighth-graders. The career and personal development class was a senior-level course where students created resumes and studied career choices, with the potential to earn a free college credit. In addition to her regular class load, Tindall also was advisor for the FCCLA student organization. She said it is the equivalent of the FFA in promoting learning, leadership and contests. In the past 10 years, Rimrock had seven students who served as state officers. Tindall also assisted the student group in holding annual blood drives, which were projects that involved the community. Every year, many of the students looked forward to the blood drive, which usually exceeded the goals, she said. As for her personal struggle with breast cancer, Tindall said the first diagnosis was in 2008, followed by a second and third round of the disease in 2012 and this year. She recently completed treatment and has difficulty talking

about it, but said it has not stopped her from continuing to teach. Tindall was born in Oreana, and grew up in the Indian Cove area, and graduated from Glenns Ferry High School. She obtained a Bachelor’s degree in Home Economics from the University of Idaho, and taught at Glenns Ferry for eight years before coming to Rimrock. She is the second-oldest child in the family of Joe and Margaret Black. “I’m one of the Blacks. I’m the sister that nobody knows about because I had eight brothers,” she said. Some people have known her for years before realizing she belonged to the Black family. Tindall’s interest and strength has always been teaching, and she does not consider herself a horsewoman, although her family is well-known for horsemanship and ranching. It is difficult for her to say goodbye to the faculty and students at Rimrock after so many years. She hopes to keep in touch with her students as they graduate and develop careers and families, knowing that she had the chance to be an important influence in their young lives.

**“Celia is an amazing, hard-working, dedicated educator.”**  
— Rimrock teacher Kathy Mori

**The most important lesson she wants her students to remember is to “have respect for each other.”**



# Symms Fruit Ranch owner itemizes success secrets

## School district honors local businessman Dick Symms for lifetime of achievements

Life seems to be pretty peachy for Dick Symms. He just finished a new book on his family ancestry and the development of the Symms Fruit Ranch, and he was honored in May as Alumni of the Year by the Marsing School District.

It only took a lifetime of work for the 1953 graduate of Marsing High School to earn his plaque and Husky trophy.

The plaque, presented at the district's Success Banquet to Symms by school superintendent Norm Stewart, reads: "Distinguished Alumni of the Marsing Joint School District No. 363 who took lessons learned and experience gained from their time here and went on to make great lifetime achievements."

"It was a really nice ceremony," Symms said. "They did a nice job recognizing all those students."

The Success Banquet was the first of its kind in the school district, and both staff and community members nominated and voted for the winners, Stewart said.

During the presentation, Stewart described Symms as the grandson of an immigrant who wanted to improve his life, and the owner of the Symms Fruit Ranch, which has been in business for 100 years, employing hundreds of people and shipping fruit to 42 countries.

Stewart said, "After graduating from Marsing High School in 1953, Dick went on to graduate from the University of Idaho Air Force ROTC as a second lieutenant, and after being stationed in Scotland during World War II, he came back to the Sunny Slope area and helped grow his family's orchard business."

Stewart continued, "From the age of 6 years old, Dick Symms picked fruit and learned the business from the ground up. He was taught how to be fair, a good farmer with stewardship to the land, a good businessman, and a good neighbor. Dick Symms has upheld his family's commitment to community fellowship by contributing greatly to a variety of community events. Grandson of pioneers, son of entrepreneurs, Dick Symms is an alumni Marsing School District can be proud to call our graduate."

After years of experience gained over a lifetime, Dick's top advice to young people today is, "If you've got a job to do, get busy and do it."

He says he is getting quite a bit of enjoyment from giving away

copies of his new book, "Symms Sunny Slope, The Life and Times of the Symms Family."

In the book, which is the story of his family and how they built the business, Dick points out some of the most important things in life that he values. He calls them his "principles of living."

Dick lists the important things that help to operate and run a successful business as being integrity, moral courage, good judgment, priorities, perseverance and a sense of humor.

"The No. 1 one thing is integrity. From integrity comes credibility in your community and with your employees," he wrote in the book.

Most likely anyone who has met Symms would beg to differ on the order of the things on his list. Perhaps the one at the top of his list should be a sense of humor. Dick seems to enjoy being around people, and he obviously likes to make them laugh about themselves and at life. By the way, he wants to add to his list the word patience, even though he admits he has never been a patient person.

He attributes much of his success in life to the guidance of several key mentors, his father, Darwin Symms, uncle Doyle Symms, J.R. "Jack" Simplot, and Urwin Graue, a former economics and business professor at the U of I.

Dick says his book contains a lot of information about free enterprise. When he talks about how the Ste. Chapelle Winery was built, he recalls the excitement of the time.

"I put the stake in the ground in August of 1978 and by September 25<sup>th</sup>, we were making wine at that very location on top of the hill. It's amazing what you can accomplish without government interference," he said.

When talking about the future, Symms says the company is gradually being handed over to the next generation. The company is run by five key people, including Dick, his son Dar Symms, nephew Dan Symms, and cousin-in-law Jim Mertz and Jamie Mertz.

"We are still growing the company," Dick said. "It's impossible to sit still. You either shrink or grow."

Dick says the fruit crop is very large this year, and he anticipates the need for a large work force of laborers.

Dick Symms began picking



**Above:** Dick Symms of Sunny Slope stands outside the Symms Fruit Ranch headquarters.

**Below:** Symms receives the 2013-14 Marsing Alumni of the Year Award from school district superintendent Norm Stewart.



cherries at 6 years old, drove a tractor at 12, and began as crew boss at just 14 years old. He graduated from Marsing High School in 1953, then went on to the University of Idaho ROTC program and graduated as a second lieutenant in the Air Force, and was then stationed in Priestwick, Scotland.

He met his wife, Nancy, in 1958, and said he knew "by the second date" he wanted to marry her. They married in 1961. Nancy was born and raised in Texas and had a career as a stockbroker. The couple celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2011. They have three children, Mary, Dar, and David, and nine grandchildren.

Mary Symms-Pollot operates her own company, Symms-Pollot and Associates, where she specializes in project management, program development, sales and marketing. She is fluent in French and has traveled to 48 countries. She and her husband, Mark, have three children and live in Boise.

Dar (George Darwin Symms II) is an attorney and company co-president, is in charge of the packing operations, handles the marketing to Latin America, human resources, company finances and litigation. He is fluent in Spanish. Dar and his wife, Jodi, have three children and live in Caldwell.

David is an entrepreneur who has operated his own business,

Nova Trade LLC, in California since 2009. His company imports and exports various products, including food, plastic and silicon to Asia and Central America. He is fluent in Chinese. He is divorced and has three children.

Dick's brother, Steve Symms, represented Idaho as a Republican U.S. Representative and U.S. Senator from 1973 to 1993.

The Symms Fruit Ranch will celebrate its centennial at an Aug. 1 event, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at its headquarters located at 14068 Sunnyslope Rd. on Idaho highway 55, near Marsing.

**Story and photos  
by Karen Bresnahan**



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# Homedale teen charged with drunk driving

## Vandals damage Marsing church again

A 19-year-old Homedale man was arrested on suspicion of drunk driving Saturday night.

Daniel Aguilera was arrested during an 11:44 p.m. traffic stop at the intersection of U.S. 95 and Market Road where Owyhee County Sheriff's Reserve Deputy Vern Tunnell had pulled over the white 1997 Chevrolet S-10 pickup Aguilera was driving.

## Teenager unhurt in wreck

A 16-year-old female escaped injury late Thursday when she overcorrected her steering and rolled the white 2002 Chevrolet Avalanche she was driving. Sheriff Perry Grant said the girl would not be cited in the wreck,

which took place on River Road in Homedale.

## Vandals steal stop signs, break church windows

Sheriff Perry Grant said the Homedale Highway District reported the theft of all four stop signs at the intersection of Market Road and Johnstone Road.

Homedale Highway District director of highways Stuart Constantine called in the thefts at 7 a.m. Sunday morning, Grant said.

For the second time in less than a month, vandals have damaged the Assembly of God Church in Marsing.

Grant said juveniles apparently damaged shingles and broke out windowpanes. The vandalism was reported at 10:30 a.m. on Friday and affected the church and parsonage.

Last month, vandals sprayed graffiti on the church building, which is located on Kerry Street.

The sheriff's office has no suspects.

— JPB

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July 11	96	60	.00
July 12	102	60	.00
July 13	102	67	.00
July 14	104	62	.03

# GV water tests OK in 2013

A summary report for the City of Grand View water quality testing for 2013 has been released, with no problems listed, said Tammy Payne, secretary-treasurer of the water sewer association.

The 2013 Consumer Confidence Report includes details for the public about where the city water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) standards.

The report, released on June 23, confirmed that Grand View water meets all EPA and DEQ standards.

"All sources of drinking water contain some naturally occurring contaminants," the report stated.

"At low levels, these substances are generally not harmful in drinking water."

The report said that as water travels over the land or underground, it can pick up substances or contaminants such as microbes, inorganic and organic chemicals, and radioactive substances.


Contaminants measured by the report included:

- Disinfectants and disinfectant products — by-products of drinking water chlorination and disinfection.
- Inorganic contaminants — such as drilling wastes, erosion of natural deposits, runoff from fertilizer use, etc.
- Microbiological contaminants — such as viruses and bacteria from septic systems, or agricultural operations.
- Radioactive contaminants — which can be caused by the erosion of natural deposits.
- Synthetic organic contaminants — runoff from herbicide, or discharge from chemical factories.

For more information, call (208) 834-2927.

The public is invited to view a copy of the report at Grand View City Hall, at 425 Boise Ave., or visit the website at [www.grandview.id.gov](http://www.grandview.id.gov).

—KB

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Marsing School District Cafeteria

Wednesday, July 30, 2014

Thursday, July 31, 2014

8:00 am – 4:00 pm

12:00 Noon – 7:00 pm

Please bring the following documentation with you when registering your students:

- Birth Certificate
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The school offices will re-open July 28 at 8:00 a.m. If you have any questions please contact your respective schools any time after July 28.

Thank you!

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# Avalanche Sports

## Marsing man, son take third in Sun Valley tennis

Michael and Greg Ferney played in men's doubles

The Fourth of July held a little extra excitement this year for Michael Ferney, 62, of Marsing.

Ferney and his 40-year-old son Greg, from Boise, took third place in a men's doubles division at the Lyle Pearson Fourth of July Tennis Championships.

The tournament attracted about 350 intermediate and advanced players to the Sun Valley Tennis Center at the Sun Valley Resort in Ketchum June 29-July 1. The tournament was sanctioned by the United States Tennis Association Intermountain Idaho and was co-sponsored by the Lyle Pearson of Boise, the Sun Valley Resort and Atkinson's Market.

"It's just a really great Fourth of July tournament," Michael Ferney said.

"I was probably the oldest guy up there," he said laughing. "I was playing with 35- to 45-year-olds. Basically, it's just a bunch of old college players."

Ferney said the duo played four matches in a two-day time period. "The competition was at a fairly high level and it was definitely a workout," he said. "I had to play every point."

He and his son played in the Men's 4.0 doubles division.

They lost the quarterfinal 6-2,

7-5, succumbing to the second-seeded team of Phil Ellis and Robert Welch, who went on to win the tournament championship.

In the consolation quarterfinal, the Ferneys won 7-6, 6-3, with the first set decided by a tiebreaker.

They won the third-place match, 6-4, 7-5.

Michael Ferney also competed in the singles division at the tournament.

Ferney said his favorite part of the tournament was the competition.

"I totally thrive on the competition. These people are serious. If you play, you play to win. Nobody is there for the prizes. They just want to win," said.

Also at the Sun Valley tournament was Karl Wilander, the son of the well-known 1980s champion Mats Wilander, a former world No. 1 tennis player from Sweden. From 1982 to 1988, he won seven Grand Slam singles titles (three at the French Open, three at the Australian Open, and one at the U.S. Open) and one Grand Slam men's doubles title (at Wimbledon). He retired in 1996 and lives in Hailey. Karl is one of his five children.

The Ferneys also had some relaxation time on their trip to Sun Valley, when they attended a concert of "The Fabulous Four," a Beatles tribute band, at the Sun Valley Pavilion on July 5.



Greg Ferney, left, and his dad, Marsing resident Michael (Mike) Ferney, took third place in the men's 4.0 doubles division at the Lyle Pearson Fourth of July Tennis Championships in Sun Valley. Submitted photo

"They sounded incredible, just like the Beatles," Ferney said.

The father-son duo will compete again at The Once in a Blue Moon Tournament at the Boise Racquet and Swim Club,

Aug. 7-10, 1116 N. Cole Rd.

After that, they will head back to Sun Valley for a Labor Day tournament, Sept. 5-7, The Lyle Pearson Sun Valley USTA Tennis Championships.

Ferney said he has been into tennis his whole life. He played four years on the tennis team at Yavapai College in Prescott, Ariz. Although his parents were never tennis players, he developed a passion for it when he was young.

He and Greg have been going to tournaments "off and on" for a long time. Greg played four years at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa. He and his wife, Natasha, have a 13-year-old daughter, Katia, who is active in junior tennis.

Michael's daughter, Brooke, 32, was on the tennis team at Utah State University, and her team made the "Sweet Sixteen," which is the top 16 teams in the NCAA.

Michael likes to play tennis because "it's great exercise." He and Greg have attended the Indian Wells Tennis Tournament in Palm Springs, Calif., for the past five years. He describes it as the "next big thing" after the Australian Open.

When he's not playing tennis, Michael operates a small cattle ranch near Marsing. He keeps about 20 yearlings on about 10 acres there, and has resided in Marsing for about 12 years.

In 1998, he spent one year in the Virgin Islands in St. Croix, where he taught tennis at The Buccaneer resort.

—KB

## Rivercats' three-game win streak ends in Lewiston

Owyhee Legion squad shows resilience in comeback victories

The Owyhee Rivercats collected one victory in three games at an American Legion baseball tournament last week in Lewiston.

Coach Burke Deal's team (13-13) played the Caldwell Bobcats at home Monday after deadline. The Rivercats are in action against at 7 p.m. today in Ontario, Ore., against the Treasure Valley Stars.

**Saturday: Orofino 9, Rivercats 4** — Owyhee's early offense and strong defense wasn't enough in its tourney finale at Lewis-Clark State College.

Orofino used a five-run fifth inning to fuel nine unanswered runs that erased the Rivercats'

4-0 lead.

Owyhee grabbed 4-0 lead in its first at-bat. Blake Patton ripped an RBI double, and Melba product Tee Archuleta rapped a two-run single. Connor Carter also had a run-scoring single in the inning.

Hayden Wilson, Jasper Sabatino and Josh Walker knocked in two runs apiece for Orofino.

**Friday: Asotin, Wash., 7, Rivercats 1** — The Rivercats couldn't get any offense going until Matt Thatcher scored on Archuleta's two-out single in the sixth inning. By then, Asotin had mounted a five-run lead.

Owyhee batters collected seven hits, only one fewer than Asotin,

with Carter going 2-for-3 and Thatcher 2-for-4. Gunner Clapp and John Collett also had singles.

**Thursday: Rivercats 4, Nampa 2** — Owyhee erased a 1-0 deficit with four runs in the bottom of the fourth inning and beat the Braves in its tournament opener in Lewiston.

Jake Deal laced a two-run single, scoring Collett and Wyatt Dorsey, and putting the Rivercats ahead and on the road to their third straight win.

Clapp scored the tying run when Bo Jenkins reached on an error earlier in the inning.

The Rivercats pulled out the victory despite collecting only four hits. Clapp doubled for his team's only extra-base hit.

Carter pitched a complete

game, giving up two unearned runs, to get the win.

**July 8: Rivercats 6-18, Columbia 1-3** — The Rivercats snapped ties in both games to sweep an American Legion Single-A doubleheader on the Homedale High School diamond.

Pitching and a superior offense told the story in both games.

In Game 2, the Rivercats surrendered three runs in Columbia's first at-bat then blasted their way to an 18-3 rout in five innings.

Archuleta was 2-for-3 with five RBI and a two-run triple during Owyhee's eight-run third inning that brought the 10-run rule into play.

The Rivercats led, 13-3 before scoring five times in the fourth.

Columbia picked up two of its three hits in the first inning to grab

a 3-0 lead.

All three hits came against starter Bo Jenkins, while Collett and Austin Williams combined over the final three innings for no-hit ball.

Collett was 4-for-4 with three RBI, a triple and two runs scored.

In the opener, Archuleta hit a two-run double and then scored on Mike Mavey's triple to spark the Rivercats' game-breaking five-run rally in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Mavey scored on Michael Magdaleno's base hit.

The Rivercats grabbed a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the third when Collett led off with a bunt single and later scored on Connor Carter's sacrifice fly with the bases loaded.



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# Conner Landa Softball

## GTS breaks through for A title

Game Time Sports rallied from losing the first championship game to win the A Division title Sunday in the sixth annual Conner Landa Memorial Coed Softball Tournament.

Game Time Sports came back after dropping the first game to Casual Encounters. GTS finished second in the A Division a year ago. Other 2014 champions were AFS in the B Division, Allen Mark Farms in the C Division and 100 Proof in the D Division.

The three-day tournament attracted 60 teams to Sundance Park. Games were played in 100-degree heat for most of the tournament:

**Conner Landa Award**  
Dillon Lowder, Young & Reckless

**A Division**  
**Team results** — 1. GTS (Game Time Sports); 2. Casual Encounters; 3. Bears Bombers  
**MVPs** — Men: Kevin Hallock, Casual Encounters; Women: Stephanie Johns, GTS  
**All-tournament** — Eric Becker and Dan Romero, GTS; Dani Minor and Trevor Ball, Casual Encounters; and Megan Platz, Bears Bombers

**B Division**  
**Team results** — 1. AFS; 2. Interstate Trailers; 3. Stealers  
**MVPs** — Men: Cory Chatterton, AFS; Women: Deann Edwards, Interstate Trailers  
**All-tournament** — Heather Nyby and Lance Heindal, AFS; DJ Marsh and Mark Bennett, Interstate Trailers; and Eric Enochson, Stealers

**C Division**  
**Team results** — 1. Allen Mark Farms; 2. SFGD; 3. Rods & Boxes  
**MVPs** — Men: Kevin Jack, SFGD; Women: Jenni Shaw, Allen Mark Farms  
**All-tournament** — Angela Lowber, Rods & Boxes; Steve Nicholson and John Oswald, Allen Mark Farms; Devin Brennen and Jason Myers, SFGD

**D Division**  
**Team results** — 1. 100 Proof; 2. SRC Sports; 3. Young & Reckless  
**MVPs** — Men: Josh Fogleman, 100 Proof; Women: Gardenia Machuca, SRC Sports  
**All-tournament** — Dillon Lowder, Young & Reckless; Travis Brown and Guillermo Machuca, SRC Sports; Dave Davis and Kyle Breen, 100 Proof



GTS catcher Ashley Yamamoto, right, tags out Casual Encounters base runner Dani Minor at the plate Sunday. Photo by Jon P. Brown



Casual Encounters batter TJ Surrage follows through on a first-inning hit in Game 1 of the A Division title round. Photo by Jon P. Brown



B Division Men's Most Valuable Player Cory Chatterton, left, lobs a pitch to Interstate Trailer's Justin Avjian during Sunday's championship game at Sundance Park. Photo by Jon P. Brown



Conner Landa Award winner Dillon Lowder stands between Conner's parents Chris Landa, left, and Virginia Landa. Conner's brother, Kyler, is on the far right. Submitted photo



AFS baserunner Kamiron Jackson heads for third base as he scores on a single in the B Division championship game against Interstate Trailers. AFS won the title. Photo by Jon P. Brown

More photos, including championship team portraits, on [www.owyheeavalanche.com](http://www.owyheeavalanche.com)



# Instinctive Shooting: Finding the ‘predator within’

Story and  
photos  
by  
Karen  
Bresnahan

Buz Fawcett has had an incredible amount of life experiences. He has ranched, rodeoed, skied, served in the military, done underwater filmmaking, been a pilot, ski instructor, shooting instructor, writer, magazine editor, sailed around the world and participated in a major historic discovery.

But his most valued time has been spent unlearning everything he knew about shooting, and passing that knowledge on to others.

His favorite thing in life is to see the look on someone’s face when they learn how to shoot successfully.

Fawcett says every experience in his life has led up to the recent



Buz Fawcett demonstrates how he carries his shotgun, in the open position.

The 81-year-old Korean War veteran is now semi-retired. He and his wife, Sharon, have lived in Marsing since 2003. They live quietly on a hill a few miles south of town, with a beautiful view of the Owyhees. The couple volunteer their time at the American Legion Post 128 and she sells her crafts at a shop in town. Their home is filled

teaching shotgun use involve a set stance, a lowered head position, gun swinging, shooting, and following through. But the traditional methods are not natural, and that is why most people can’t shoot, Fawcett says. “We don’t lead the gun, lead the target, or swing the gun,” he said.

Instinctive shooting is based on a person’s natural abilities to

why and where the shots hit.”

Fawcett’s students learn about “instinctive shooting,” how to work with eye dominance and eye anomalies, internal and external ballistics, how to fit your gun, mount and test, hit any target, shoot from different angles, and use what he calls “both feet versatility” when shooting. He also takes the process one step further and has his students purchase a custom made gun, fitted to their body. He estimates, he has taught about 500 students over the years.

“An instinctive shotgun-shooter has the ability to shoot a moving target without establishing a relationship between the barrel and the target. In fact, when performed properly, the shooter has no perception of the barrel,” Fawcett wrote in his book.

“The predator is the reflex action that shuts down our conscious self and takes over with the pure genius of instinct. It is the innate ability to hit a moving object without aiming or establishing a perceived lead,” he wrote in an article for Sporting Clay in 1995.

Buz was born in Wichita, Kan., and spent his early childhood on a ranch in Colorado. He grew up fast. He had his first rifle at 8 years old, competed in rodeos at the age of 10, had his own boat, traveled abroad, took flying lessons at 14, and was then “dropped off” at The Culver Military Academy, where he competed in polo rifle team competitions. Then he

went to Tulane University in Louisiana. Next, he joined the Army, and was a small-arms firing school instructor. He competed in rifle and pistol matches at Fort Benning and received training in photography and motion pictures. He was trained but never assigned as a combat photographer during the Korean War.

Following his time in the Army, the 22-year-old Buz was signed on to the crew of the Brigantine Yankee for its seventh world voyage, as underwater photographer. During the ship’s 17-month voyage, National Geographic photographers joined the crew, as they arrived at Pitcairn Island. Incredibly during that experience, Buz was the diver who first located the anchor of the famous HMS Bounty, on which the motion picture “Mutiny on the Bounty” was based. Today, he has a piece of the anchor chain hanging on his wall.

Buz has had a myriad of experiences throughout his life. He has written articles for many outdoor and hunting/gun magazines, and lectured nationwide. He is affiliated with the NRA, Single Action Shooting Society, Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association, is a licensed hunter-safety instructor in Montana and Idaho, teaches a handgun workshop, and is a member of the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Posse.

And now what he enjoys the most is simply spending time with a willing student.

He recognizes that not everyone will agree with his method of shooting, but that doesn’t stop him from being willing to share his knowledge.

Teaching is to him the ultimate privilege and satisfaction of a master gunner.



Buz Fawcett on his property near Marsing, holding his favorite shotgun.

publication of his new book called “Instinctive Shooting: The Making of a Master Gunner.”

“It’s another way to shoot a shotgun, and it is infallible,” the soft-spoken Buz says. “It took me a long time to learn it, and just about as long to learn how to teach it.”

Fawcett is the former owner/operator of The Wingshooting Workshop, a three-day shooting school that was located in the Boise-Kuna area. Students were given four hours of classroom instruction, followed by 10 or more hours of one-on-one shooting instruction at the 30-acre compound. Participants were guaranteed to shoot with 75 to 95 percent accuracy by day three, or their money was refunded. Less than 1 percent failed. The school was nationally and internationally recognized. People came from all over the country to take the course.

with many interesting artifacts acquired from his world-wide travels and experiences.

“We love it here,” he says. “The people of Marsing are the best kind of people that you ever imagine people can be. They are very conscious of their neighbors and very generous.”

Buz is living a kind of second-life in Marsing. His resume is about four pages long, listing all his past achievements that were made in the eastern part of the country. But, he is a very private person, and doesn’t like to talk about himself. He is more interested in teaching others about his unique shooting method.

If you are a person who has a sincere desire to learn to shoot, or improve your shooting, he has a thing or two to teach you. But first, you must be open-minded and willing to try something new.

Most traditional methods for

track a moving target with their eyes, and simply point at it. Buz calls it getting in touch with “the predator” inside yourself. He likens the method to that used by African lions when they stalk their prey, focus their eyes and attack. When the method is done correctly, he said it is a “very graceful, natural motion.”

Buz claims that if his technique were taught to law enforcement personnel, it could improve their accuracy and shooting time by one full second.

But, the reaction people have to his shooting method is “always the same,” he said. People are skeptical about trying something new, and the book has had limited reviews.

“He never misses,” Sharon says. “And he’s a wonderful teacher, because he is patient, he stays calm and works with each person one at a time. If someone misses, he can tell you exactly





# Scores attend OCHS tour of Three Creek area

More than 90 Owyhee County Historical Society members and guests traversed old stage roads in last month’s field trip.

Three Creek historian and author Gus Brackett and his family led the trip from the Three Creek Store to the old mining town of Jarbidge, Nev.

The trip followed as much as possible the old stage route featured in Brackett’s children’s book “Badger Thurston and the Runaway Stagecoach.” The route had changed many times over the years as people tried to find a better way to the mines.

Three Creek residents, people with family ties to the area and a local ATV group met the field-trippers at the Three Creek Store to begin the trip.

Brackett provided an overview of the geography and history of the area, then the group set off

to the Hodge Place for more history and a look at the oldest building still standing in the area as well as other old original buildings. Another stop in the scenic Jarbidge River canyon was made to review the history of Murphy Hot Springs and the history of grazing in the area and the Wilkins family.

The last stop on the road was to view a remnant of the infamous Crippen Grade and a recounting of the Dec. 5, 1916 mail stage robbery, the last in the United States.

The group then traveled to Jarbidge, where Gus led walking tours of the small town before lunch.

While the trip between Three Creek and Jarbidge took many days by freight wagon in bygone years, the OCHS group did it all in a long morning.



A field trip participant takes a photo of the building at Hodge Place, which is the oldest-standing building in the Three Creek area. Submitted photo

## Next up for OCHS: The dam that electrified Silver City

The power source that helped run Silver City mines is the next stop of the Owyhee County Historical Society summer tour.

This month’s field trip takes in the Swan Falls Dam and Power Plant on Saturday.

The facility was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1976.

Idaho Power Co. archaeologist Tyrone Corn will provide the tour and give a history of the structure, which was built in

1900 to provide electricity for the Trade Dollar and Black Jack mines in the Owyhee Mountains near Silver City.

Those interested in the field trip will meet at 8:30 Saturday morning at the Owyhee County Historical Museum in Murphy to make the trip to Swan Falls. Everyone is invited, and a donation box will be available for non-members.

After Corn’s presentation, the group

will enjoy a potluck lunch on the facility grounds. While the recreational area has tables, participants can still bring their own tables and chairs in addition to drinks, table service and food to share.

After lunch, there will be the option to hike area trails, including some on the Owyhee County that are accessible after a walk across the bridge. There is an old homestead on the Owyhee side.

The Swan Falls Dam and Power Plant was completed in 1900 to power the mines, but eventually electrified Silver City.

In 1907, an additional power plant was added to supply the Boise and Interurban Railroad.

In 1910, an additional 1,700 kilowatts of power supplied service to Boise.

Idaho Power assumed control of the facility in 1916.

## Marsing mayor frustrated with unresolved OCSO pact

Letters exchanged between city, county reflect differing interpretations of law, responsibilities

At the Marsing City Council meeting last week, Mayor Keith Green expressed his ongoing frustration over the unresolved conflict over a proposed law enforcement contract between the city and the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office.

Although the issue was not discussed openly, the council has reviewed several letters that have been exchanged.

“I just wish we could all get along,” Green said at the meeting.

In response to a question from city attorney Paul J. Fitzer about whether a recent letter accomplished anything, Green said he felt it “only widened the rift” between the two entities.

The city made a \$15,000 proposal for a contract with the OCSO in January to give deputies the authority to issue citations for violations of city ordinances within Marsing city limits.

In March, the county responded with a \$72,000 proposal, and county prosecuting attorney Douglas D. Emery said in an email response to Marsing city in April that he was “no longer interested” in prosecuting city cases.

At the April council meeting, Green told the council he would consult with Fitzer on the contract issue and asked Fitzer to write a response letter.

On May 22, Marsing city sent a response letter to the Board of County Commissioners saying that the county’s declaration that Emery will no longer prosecute misdemeanors and infractions (either state or city violations) “appears to be retaliatory” in response to the city’s proposal to grant the county jurisdiction over Marsing city code misdemeanors.

Green stated in the letter that the city’s “sole objective” was to enable county deputies to issue citations for violations of Marsing city code. One reason, he said, was to address illegal activity in City Park after dark.

The city contends its initial \$15,000 proposal resulted in Emery refusing to prosecute everything except felonies that occur in Marsing.

The city contends that Idaho Code 31-2604 requires the prosecutor to prosecute felonies regardless of the arresting officer and prosecute misdemeanors

and infractions of state laws and county ordinances when the arresting officer is a state or county employee.

Marsing city interprets the code to mean that Emery must prosecute misdemeanors and infractions against state and county law regardless of where they occur in the county (including Marsing).

“A written contract between the prosecutor and the city is required but only where the officer is a city employee. In the absence of a city employee, the prosecutor appears to still have jurisdiction to prosecute state misdemeanors and infractions within the city,” the city’s letter said.

In the final paragraph of the letter, the city said it is still interested in discussing the “limited service” of utilizing county sheriff’s deputies to enforce municipal city code.

In June, the county sent a response to Marsing city’s May 22 letter, in which the county disagreed with the city’s interpretation of the state code pertaining to Emery’s responsibilities.

In the letter dated June 23, the

county contends that a sheriff’s deputy may take action when observing a state law violation and the prosecutor may assert jurisdiction. In other words, the county says is up to the deputy to decide to enforce the law and it is up to the prosecutor to decide whether he wants to prosecute.

The county said in the letter it is the city’s responsibility to enforce state laws within its city boundaries.

Further, the county said there is “no case law” to back the city’s assertion that the county “is required” to enforce and prosecute all misdemeanors and infractions in the city. The county then cited cases that are examples of the city’s sovereignty.

Later in the letter, the county said Idaho Code provides that the city attorney should prosecute any violations of city ordinances, state traffic infractions and state misdemeanors that occur within the city limits. The county said the city attorney can exercise the same powers as the county prosecutor.

In addition, the county said the Association of Idaho Cities’ “Role and Responsibilities Manual” details the city attorney’s job to prosecute violations, and specifies that services “may be done” by contract counsel or

by contract with the county prosecutor.

Fitzer made an agreement with Marsing city in May to prosecute city cases, and he has done so for the past two months.

Also in the June 23 letter, the county informed the city that it (the city) has the “constitutional and statutory duty” to enforce and prosecute misdemeanors and infractions within city limits. The county said the city may contract with a recently retired peace officer to enforce city code infractions and misdemeanor violations.

Finally, the county reminded the city that Sheriff Perry Grant had previously outlined the expenses associated with dedicating full-time or regular law enforcement services within Marsing city, and that the OCSO is unable to provide regular certified law enforcement services (except felonies, emergencies and “in progress” incidents) unless compensation is in the range of \$78,000 to \$85,000.

The letter to Marsing City was signed by District 1 commissioner Jerry Hoagland, District 2 commissioner Kelly Aberasturi and District 3 commissioner Joe Merrick, and county prosecutor Emery.

—KB



# Looking back...

*from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle*

## 25 years ago

July 19, 1989

### County seeks cities’ help in collecting court fines

Owyhee County Commissioners want people fined in the courts in the county to pay their fines and not walk off and forget about them as is happening now, according to Commissioner Hal Tolmie.

“Dating back to 1984, there’s about \$200,000 on the courts’ books (in the county) that haven’t been collected,” Tolmie told the Homedale City Council last Wednesday.

He then presented the Council with a letter from Barbara Jayo, county clerk, notifying it of the fact that the county juvenile probation officer, Vern Campbell, is retiring Sept. 30.

Jayo said that she has discussed with the magistrate court judge and the commissioners the possibility of hiring someone who would be a juvenile probation officer and restitution officer.

She said that Campbell is currently a part-time employee receiving \$6,000 a year.

Jayo told The Avalanche that the new full-time position combining the two duties would have a \$15,000 base salary with \$3,000 travel allowance and \$800 for supplies and miscellaneous items.

### Homedale student participates in dental career program

One of the 20 Idaho high school students who have been chosen to participate in the SELECT Dental Careers Program is from Homedale.

The Homedale participant is Christie Combs, the daughter of Frank Combs Jr.

The 20 spent three challenging days — June 20-22 — on the campus of Idaho State University working with ISU dental science educators learning about dental careers that blend high tech with personal patient care.

Participants were selected on the basis of a 300-word essay of application, and letters of support from a dentist or registered dental hygienist.

SELECT is sponsored by the ISU Department of Dental Hygiene.

### Homedale Scouts, leader prep for National Jamboree

Two Homedale Boy Scouts and their Scoutmaster are preparing for a summertime adventure that will take them to Florida, Washington D.C. and on to a National Boy Scout jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia, where some 35,000 Boy Scouts from home and abroad will assemble from Aug. 1-8.

The boys are Sam Simpson, son of Ray and Elaine Simpson, and Ed Burman, son of Mary Burman and the late Glen Burman. The Scoutmaster is Ned Stokes, the leader of Homedale Troop #409 as well as the Scoutmaster of National Jamboree Troop #1021, composed of 36 boys and four adult leaders from throughout the Treasure Valley.

### Silver City Taxpayers Assn. elects Nettleton president

Paul Nettleton, Murphy-area rancher, was elected to serve as president of the Silver City Taxpayers’ Association during the group’s annual meeting last Saturday.

The association is comprised of taxpayers of Silver City homes. It is responsible for the water system, fire protection, and watchman expenses in the old mining town.

Elected vice-president was Doug Hyslop; secretary, Joe Aman; and treasurer, Harold Curt. Other board members are Sue Liable, Linda Brunger, and Jan Beckwith.

The membership voted to hire the watchman on a year-round basis, rather than for 7½ months.

An amendment to the bylaws was approved to include all taxpayers within the city as eligible members, rather than only homeowners.

In other business, Bureau of Land Management representative Jack Young said that property deeds should be available for purchase to homeowners in October of this year.

A committee was named to consider rewriting the association bylaws.

## 50 years ago

July 16, 1964

### Shanley elected ambulance chief Friday

Johnny Shanley was elected ambulance chief at the regular meeting Friday evening, July 10. Bob Ensley was voted assistant chief and Bill Blackman was chosen as secretary-treasurer.

Outgoing chief was Larry Smith, with Tom Morris as assistant chief and Gene Davis as secretary-treasurer.

### Fire dept. news

The Homedale volunteer fire department was called to the home of Mrs. Irene Nanney, Northside, Tuesday afternoon shortly after 5 p.m. Two stacks of baled hay and straw caught fire and were destroyed. A nearby wooden fence and feed bunks were also slightly burned.

Fire Chief John Matteson reported that the fire resulted from an electric fence and warns farmers that the windy weather can easily blow fences on haystacks and they will start a fire.

A false alarm was reported earlier Tuesday afternoon when the whistle sounded.

The Homedale volunteer fire department was called Wednesday afternoon to the alley behind the Texaco station where a fire from a trashcan had spread to a nearby power pole. No damage was reported.

### Donors give 46 pints of blood at Homedale

Blood donors gave 46 pints of blood at the drawing Thursday, July 9, at the Homedale Odd Fellows Hall in Homedale. Contributors were listed as follows:

Ed Manning, Dale Ramsey, Dorothy Aldrich, Melba Yost, Darrel Reisch, Crystal Price, Charles E. Yost, Jennifer Slatter, Hazel Aldrich, T. W. Chadez, Gladys Cox, Rosemary Hibbs, Georgia Mendiola, Dwaine Hibbs, Mary Inouye, Donna Eachus, Conception Perez, Mary Prow, Jack Walker, Paul Akichika.

Ruth Walker, John Kushlan, Ann Holmes, Michiko Kubosumi, Barbara Pickrel, Emmett Kiess, Wilma Standsell, Robert Fisher, Jack Stansell, Margaret Lineberger, Gordon Cahill, Ruth Trostle, Ernie Schumacher, Sam Phillips, Steve Hirai, Virginia Cook, Edwin Stansell, Wilbur Roberts, Kenneth Downing, Ethel M. Roberts, Alene Downing, Erma Udlinek, Tom Arima, Frank Tanikumi, Vachel Hinton and Kay Ann DeCoursey.

Mrs. Crystal Price of Wilder has reached her 2-gallon quota and Mrs. Ruth E. Walker has donated 3 gallons.

### Janice Hastriter is new J.D.’s honored queen

Officers were installed June 3 for Bethel 31 of the International Order of Job’s Daughters, Homedale.

Installing officers were Wanda Waite, guide; Joan Eismann, marshal; Toni Jackson, reader; Carol Ann Schlegel, recorder; Alena Downing, musician; Paulino Butler, chaplain; and Carolyn Schlegel, installing Honored Queen.

Officers installed were Janice Hastriter, Honored Queen; Penny Wolff, senior princess; Lesta Buck, junior princess; Marlene Pierce guide; Teri Wilson, marshal; Ivy Shenk, junior custodian; Marilyn Curtis, senior custodian; Linda Cahill, librarian; May Pierce, recorder; Lynn Evans, musician; Millie Nash, treasurer; Elaine Orris, 1<sup>st</sup> messenger; Nina Evans, chaplain; Christine Orris, 2<sup>nd</sup> messenger; Becky Carter, 3<sup>rd</sup> messenger; Sheila Wood, 4<sup>th</sup> messenger; Kathy Simon, 5<sup>th</sup> messenger; Gail Phillips, inner guard, and Kathy Eismann, outer guard.

In the choir are Jackie Cahill, Marcia Richards and Debbie McPherson.

### Homedale locals

A family picnic was held Friday, July 10, at the Homedale park, honoring Mr. and Mrs. John Benjamin and Eileen of Tuttle, Wash. Present besides Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lambeson were Lena Stutheit of Wilder, Pearl Percy, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Percy of Caldwell and son, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Percy and family of Marsing, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Percy and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Latemer and two children of Caldwell.

## 140 years ago

July 18, 1874

THE BUFFALO TROUBLES. The reckless slaughter of buffalos by sportsmen in Kansas has excited the jealousy and wrath of the Indians, who were mainly dependent upon the game for food. They have entered the fight on behalf of the buffalo, and hereafter, for a time at least, the exciting sport of killing the untamed bovine of the Western prairie will be more two-sided. It is quite time that some measures were taken by the Government or by inhabitants in the vicinity of the buffalo ranges to prevent the wasteful destruction of so valuable a species of game. We are informed that hostelry hunters have been shooting them merely for the sport of the thing, not even stopping to strip them of their valuable skins. It would not take many years of such practice before the buffalo would be unknown on our prairies. It is no wonder the Indians have taken the matter in their own hands. They had foresight enough to see that the best of their living and the most valuable profits of the chase will depart with the noble animal that has so long furnished them with food and raiment. The Government has been solicited to put troops in the field to protect the huntsmen against the wrath of the savages. It would be vastly better to put a force in the field to prevent the wanton destruction of the buffalo.

CHICAGO AGAIN IN FLAMES. Winnemucca, July 15<sup>th</sup>, ED. AVALANCHE: It is rumored here that Chicago is again on fire, and that, at 11 o’clock last night, the flames were uncontrollable. The location of the fire is between Fourth and Michigan Avenues. The Post Office, St. James Hotel, Grand Central Hotel, and many other buildings are burned. The telegraph lines are in trouble and no further reports have been received since 11 o’clock last night. — A. J. Shepard.

FLOURING MILL WANTED. Jordan Valley is greatly in need of a flouring mill and if somebody, with money to spare would build one, it would be a profitable investment. But little wheat is raised there at present for the simple reason that they have no facilities for making it into flour. Jordan Valley is a good wheat-growing region, and the farmers down there would gladly turn their attention in that direction if they had a flouring mill. All the flour that they could produce would find a ready market in Silver City, and, as it would only have to be hauled from 20 to 30 miles, the people of this camp could get it much cheaper than from any other source. If the merchants of Silver City would club together and build a mill for Jordan Valley they would find it a paying investment. If the object cannot be attained any other way, we advise our Jordan Valley neighbors to go in on the co-operative plan and build a mill for themselves. Considered from every point of view, it would be a good investment — beneficial to the farmers as well as to the people of Silver City and vicinity. Let us have a flouring mill in Jordan Valley by all means.

MATRIMONY ON THE SLY. A jovial party, consisting of Mrs. We. H. Frazer, Miss Ellen Sullivan, P. McCabe, Peter Nicholson, and Johnny Williams, all of Fairview, left for Boise City by last Wednesday’s stage, and when they return, Miss Sullivan will undoubtedly be known as Mrs. McCabe. The weather is fearfully hot for that business at the Capital now.

P.S. — The party got back to Silver just as we were going to press last evening. Friend McCabe “has been and gone and done it,” and we wish him and his fair young bride, *A pleasant trip in their bridal ship, Over life’s tempestuous sea.*

LOCAL HINTS AND HAPPENINGS. The hottest weather of the season was last Thursday when the mercury stood at 92° in the shade, at the Idaho Hotel.

Billy Williams is foreman and Ike Culp timberman at the Silver Cord mine — excellent miners and splendid boys, both of them.

The Idaho World says that “It has the statement of Mr. Ensign, from his own lips that the is not a candidate for the Delegateship.”



Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense  
Chip and Al and Levi's



It's a pairing I never thought I'd see. Chip and Al. Al was a cowboy I worked with for 10 years. He was an example to lots of the young buckaroos. He was 25 years older than me. We met one spring when he was in a cow camp on the Brown Place in North Fork, Nev.

The ranch manager took him supplies once a week and paid him the 1st of every month. The manager put half his pay in a bank and gave Al the other \$150 in cash. Al would climb in his old car and drive to Elko, and he didn't come back till he ran out of money. FYI, he was never gone more than three to four days.

On occasion, he would spend some time with Jack Daniels or Jim Beam. He was either all in or out cold. Early one mornin', I was drivin' out to Farm No. 2 on the Bruneau River. I glimpsed out over a sagebrush flat that led from the Black Sands Bar. Al's horse was standing out in the brush. The reins hung loose. I pulled over and walked out to him. Al was laid out on his side snoozing with his ol' dog Brownie curled up beside him. I guess he didn't want to be arrested for an RUI.

In the fall, we worked cows. As the vet, I was always stationed near the exhaust. Most of the chutes, I would put my right arm through the side panels on the left side of the cow. I'd also work the tail gate. The cowboy mouthing the cows worked the head gate and squeeze. We were often side-by-side.

Chip is in the clothing business and at one time was the Director of Global Male Grooming.

Grooming isn't a work that comes up when you talk about Al. He was from the old school. Always wore his cowboy hat, never earmuffs. He dressed in layers: long johns, jeans, socks, boots, five-buckle overshoes, and from one to three shirts including his jean jacket. As the weather got colder he would stuff his sleeves and shirt with wadded-up newspapers for insulation. I don't think I ever saw him with gloves.

He smoked, rolled his own and only had one upper incisor in his jaw. He could stand there forever, the squeeze handle in one hand, the head catch in the other, and a lit cigarette dangling between his lip and tooth. To top it off, his nose was always runny. Standing beside him, one learned how to duck quickly when he whipped his head around to see the next cow comin' in!

I treasured Al. So imagine my thrill when I read that Chip Bergh, CEO of Levi Strauss jeans, validated Al's practice of never washing his jeans! Al would wear a new pair till they stood in the corner by themselves. They became like canvas, then fiberglass, then galvanized stovepipe. They were waterproof for sure and, I'll bet, bulletproof.

Chip himself says he wears them for months on end without washing, though he recommends treating them with white vinegar or vodka regularly, for unpleasant odor. I can't remember Al being concerned about odor, but I'm positive he would think it was a waste of good vodka.

— Visit Baxter's Web site at [www.baxterblack.com](http://www.baxterblack.com) for more features and to purchase Baxter Black merchandise, including his newest compilation, "Poems Worth Saving," other books and DVDs.

Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee  
County's World Cup connoisseur



Once torn, Jens Schkade's allegiances crystallized last week.

Watching your native country win a FIFA World Cup will do that.

Sunday's day of rest was a day to rejoice for Schkade as Germany beat Argentina, 1-0, in extra time for the country's fourth world title. (Earlier, he had predicted the win, but missed the score, saying the Germans would prevail, 2-1).

The Grand View business owner and Germany native was finally able to relax and enjoy the World Cup, even if he is thousands of miles away from the real party in his homeland.

"I've been watching it at home every game, and I take time off from work to do that, since it's during the day," the 12-year U.S. resident, who owns Integrity Factoring, said before Sunday's final.

Relaxation was hard to come by when the Germans and the Americans met in both sides' final Group G match.

No doubt he was on the edge of his seat throughout the battle of his two home countries just as he was Sunday in what some are calling the finest World Cup final in history.

"It has stayed the same," he said of the passion for the game whether he is in Germany or the U.S., at a match in person or sitting on his couch watching ESPN or ABC.

"By heart, my team is Germany. There were some mixed feelings when they played the United States."

Germany locked up the group championship and moved into the knockout round on Thomas Müller's goal in the 55<sup>th</sup> minute.

Things got considerably more enjoyable for Schkade

last week when the Germans dismantled host Brazil, 7-1, in the most lopsided semifinal in the 84-year history of the World Cup.

Germany avenged its 1-0 loss to Brazil in the 2002 final in Yokohama, Japan.

"I watched the game, and I was stunned, to be honest," Schkade said of the July 8 semifinal.

"To play a home country in the semifinals, you wouldn't expect that kind of performance."

A former youth soccer coach in Grand View and a man who enjoyed the "backyard" game of football in his youth in East Germany, Schkade was as frank as the English commentators when assessing the Brazilians' poor display.

"I think they were always very open (spread-out defensively) and thought that the 12<sup>th</sup> man would help them out," he said.

By the end of the match, that 12<sup>th</sup> man — the collective Brazilian rooting section — was cheering on the Germans as Miroslav Klose became the all-time leading scorer in tournament history.

Of course, one can't help but join the victors when they're scoring goals at such an alarming rate. The Germans scored four goals in the span of six minutes in the first half.

"You'll never watch a game like that again," Schkade said. "Not in the Cup."

Schkade is no stranger to history, though.

A native of Saxony in eastern Germany, he was 14 when

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Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington  
Setting aside a day to salute  
the American cowboy



The cowboy way of life runs deep in Idaho, where enterprising men and women broke towns out of brush and helped build the Idaho we know today. They are examples of strength, hard work and integrity. That is why they have been honored for the past nine years through a Senate Resolution that dedicates a day in July as the National Day of the American Cowboy to recognize the legacy of cowboys and cowgirls and their part in American history.

I joined 11 of my Senate colleagues, including fellow Idaho Sen. Jim Risch, in once again co-sponsoring the bipartisan resolution that was introduced by Sen. Mike Enzi (R-Wyo.). The resolution would designate July 26, 2014, as "National Day of the American Cowboy." The resolution recognizes many of the attributes of cowboys and their contribution to our nation:

Pioneering men and women, recognized as "cowboys," helped establish the American West;

The cowboy embodies honesty, integrity, courage, compassion, respect, a strong work ethic and patriotism;

The cowboy spirit exemplifies strength of character, sound family values and good common sense;

The cowboy archetype transcends ethnicity, gender, geographic boundaries and political affiliations;

The cowboy, who lives off the land and works to protect and enhance the environment, is an excellent steward of the land and its creatures;

Cowboy traditions have been a part of American culture for generations;

The cowboy continues to be an important part of the economy through the work of many thousands of ranchers

across the United States who contribute to the economic well-being of every state.

The resolution also recognizes the widespread interest in rodeo events that showcase the livelihood of cowboys and the cowboy's role in literature, film, music and as an American icon. Further, the resolution acknowledges the contributions made by cowboys and cowgirls to their communities and encourages Americans to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities. To observe this day, some communities have celebrations, gatherings, rodeos, community activities and honor individuals who exemplify the western lifestyle and are good stewards of the land.

Cowboys and cowgirls are skilled and tough. They endure harsh weather to protect the cattle, horses and sheep for which they are responsible. They pitch in, no matter the task, to get the job done. They are innovative problem-solvers. They advance a time-honored tradition of living off the land and sustaining it for future generations. We have much to continue to learn from the cowboys and cowgirls who thankfully call Idaho home and the many Idahoans who embody the grit and determination of the cowboy way of life.

— Perhaps fittingly, the 10<sup>th</sup> annual National Day of the Cowboy will be observed on the same day as the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association's summer meeting in Silver City. Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho's senior member of the U.S. Senate. He is in his third six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman.



# Commentary

## Financial management

### There’s more than salary to consider when weighing job offers

**Dear Dave,**  
I have job offers from two tech companies. One is in San Antonio and pays \$55,000 a year, while the other is in Silicon Valley making \$100,000 a year. My friends are advising me to move to California, but I feel like I’d have more money in my budget if I moved to San Antonio. What do you think?

— Aaron

**Dear Aaron,**  
The good news about Silicon Valley is you’d be around a ton of really smart people in your industry. I mean, it’s the epicenter of the tech world, right? You’ll learn a ton and have lots of opportunities, so there’s definitely an upside.  
The problem is that the Silicon Valley area is one of the most expensive places to live in the entire country. The real estate

prices and cost of living are ridiculous! Still, if it weren’t for the cost of living argument, it would be a no-brainer for me. Then, it wouldn’t really be so much about the income and prices as it would be about the career opportunity.  
Still, you have to consider the economic factors involved here. With that in mind, it’s not an exaggeration to say you might actually put more money in your pocket at \$55,000 in San Antonio than you would \$100,000 in Silicon Valley. That’s entirely possible!  
I think things are going to come out pretty even — economically speaking — once you adjust for the cost of living. I’m a huge fan of Texas. It’s a great business market and tax situation down there. But really, in my mind, the question comes down to your personal



comfort level and quality of life. And that’s something you’ll have to answer for yourself!

— Dave

**Dear Dave,**  
My wife and I just became debt-

free, and we’re saving for our first house. We have about \$75,000 in savings, and we’d like to buy a home with cash in the next few years. Where do you think we should place our money so it’s working for us while we save?

— Andrew

**Dear Andrew,**  
I don’t advise playing the market on the short term. If I were in your shoes, and looking at possibly a two- to four-year window, I’d just pile the cash in a money market account or possibly a balanced fund.  
I’m a big fan of growth stock mutual funds when it comes to long-term investing. The problem with that in this scenario would be the volatility of the market. By the time you’ve saved up more money and spent time deciding on a house, the market may be down. All

you’re looking for in this scenario is a wise, safe place to park it and pile it up while you prepare.  
Congratulations, Andrew. Debt-free is the way to be when you’re looking to buy a nice, new home!

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey has authored five New York Times best-selling books: Financial Peace, More Than Enough, The Total Money Makeover, EntreLeadership and Smart Money Smart Kids. His newest best-seller, Smart Money Smart Kids, was written with his daughter Rachel Cruze, and recently debuted at No. 1. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 8 million listeners each week on more than 500 radio stations. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.

## Vision & Values

### Obama develops Orwellian Environmental Purity Agency

by Dr. Marvin Folkertsma

The rollout of the Environmental Protection Agency’s new draft regulation to limit greenhouse gases was accompanied by a brilliant political cartoon that showed a pair of hapless fellows with automobile mufflers protruding from their mouths, apparently to prevent any renegade CO2 exhalations from polluting the atmosphere with their climate-changing carbon halitosis. Call this part of the agency’s 97 percent solution, based on the frequently made claim that the number represents the percentage of scientists who blame climate change on human activity. The fact that this figure is fiction, as pointed out in an excellent review of the findings by Joseph Bast and Roy Spencer in a recent Wall Street Journal article, deters the climate-catastrophe conjurers not one bit; the number is repeated as part of the climate-control catechism. And anyway, who’s going to quibble over a few percentage points when the fate of the Earth is in the balance?  
Or is it? Have the climate-change crusaders gone clinically mad, as Steven F. Hayward suggests? The answer is, it depends on how you regard their true motivations, or how you extend the likely consequences of their behavior.  
Consider Anthony Downs’ portrayal of bureaucratic types that he outlined in his public administration classic, “Inside Bureaucracy,” published a half-century ago. The purely self-interested officials included climbers, who “seek to maximize their own power, income, and prestige,” and conservers, who “seek to maximize their own security and convenience.” Neither type gives a whit about the betterment of their bureaus or society as a whole. More interesting are zealots who are religiously committed to a narrow policy or program; advocates, who work on behalf

of their organizations; and statesmen, whose motivations extend to the broader concerns of society or the nation. These types are found in all organizations. But the point in this context is that EPA officials talk like statesmen but act like zealots, which means that absolutely nothing should stand in the way of their policy goals; only the mission matters, nothing else.  
Consider the costs of phasing out coal over the course of the next 25 years or so, which is the consequence of these new regulations. The Heritage Foundation estimates that by the end of 2023, “nearly 600,000 jobs would be lost; a family of four’s income would drop by \$1,200 per year, and aggregate gross domestic product would decrease by \$2.23 trillion over the entire period of the analysis.” Especially hard-hit would be low-income families, manufacturers, and the Midwest, which are heavily reliant on coal. And for what? Reducing global temperature by a few tenths of a degree Celsius by the end of the century, a change that might come about anyway, and in a larger amount, by natural fluctuations in the climate.  
It gets worse. In “the most breathtaking power grab I’ve seen in a long time,” according to Sen. Pat Toomey (R-Pa.), the EPA proposed rules that would extend its jurisdiction over the nation’s “intermittent and ephemeral streams and wetlands,” generated by occasional wet seasons, or simply when it rains. Careful! That pond in your backyard could be toxic! Same with ditches and streams that are miles away from navigable waterways. This extension of control over private property and citizens’ everyday lives is breathtaking. And in spite of a recent Supreme Court decision curtailing the agency’s powers, the EPA’s proclivities remain clear.  
But, this expansion of governmental power is more

than just breathtaking; it is all-encompassing, especially considering that everything a person does in life somehow entails carbon and water. In this way, the zealots at the EPA have discovered, or stumbled upon, a means to use environmental concerns to limit fundamental freedoms in a manner reminiscent of George Orwell. Further, EPA zealots and their allies have developed a rich Newspeak vocabulary to vilify their enemies, including comparing anthropogenic climate-change skeptics to Holocaust deniers. By this interpretation, today’s climate troglodytes have no place in a new world order where the country’s Earth-worshippers bow before a Big Brother symbol represented by the EPA.  
Orwell’s “1984” contains a classic scene where O’Brien is torturing poor Winston Smith, telling him he is insane and that the point of his tribulations is to make him perfect. Something like this follows from the increasing misery inflicted on American citizens by this notorious agency: green is good, carbon is bad, pollution is evil. Thus, America must be strapped to that gurney and be subject to officially inflicted depredations to wring out its environmental malevolence, to cleanse it from the sin of pollution, until the nation, too, becomes perfect. And, as in “1984,” it is not enough to accept the EPA; one must love it as well. Only then can we all become pure, only then can we all become perfect. This is the job of America’s version of “1984”’s inner party: the Environmental Purity Agency.  
— Dr. Marvin Folkertsma is a professor of political science and fellow for American studies with The Center for Vision & Values at Grove City College. The author of several books, his latest release is a high-energy novel titled “The Thirteenth Commandment.”

### ✓ World Cup: Grand View resident likes U.S.’s chances to go deep in ’18

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the Berlin Wall came down in 1989.  
“That was a fun time,” he said.  
By 2006, when the World Cup was played in Germany, Schkade had emigrated to the U.S.  
“That was bittersweet,” he said of not being in his home

country for the quadrennial event.  
Before Sunday, a German team had won only one World Cup in Schkade’s lifetime — West Germany’s 1-0 win over Argentina in 1990 in Rome — and had never won as a country united under one flag.  
Even with Germany capturing the Cup, Schkade was

able to put his prognostication to use again, predicting the Americans’ potential for 2018 in Russia.  
“It think we’ll be up for a good team next time around,” he said. “The semifinals could be in with a little bit of luck.  
“You have to have luck with the Cup.”



# Public notices

**NOTICE OF PENDING ISSUE OF TAX DEED**  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, AS FOLLOWS: That a delinquent entry was entered as of January 1, 2010, in the records of the County Treasurer as Tax Collector of Owyhee County, State of Idaho, for the following properties:

**Parcel RPA00100380030A**  
**Ervin D. or Charles A Turner**  
**211 W Oregon Ave**  
**Homedale, ID 83628**  
Property known as Lot 3 in Block 38 of the City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho  
Tax: \$739.76  
Late Charge: \$14.80  
Interest: \$414.28  
Costs: \$344.44\*\*  
**TOTAL \$1513.28**  
**Parcel RPA0010006001AA**  
**Michael R or Samuel J Shoon-over**  
**211 N 6<sup>th</sup> St W**  
**Homedale, ID 83628**  
Property known as Lots 1&2 in Block 6 & Adj ½ Vacated Alley of the City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho  
Tax: \$933.90  
Late Charge: \$18.68  
Interest: \$523.00  
Costs: \$457.40\*\*  
**TOTAL \$1932.98**  
**Parcel RP02S02W279100A**  
**Norman Churchill**  
**2309 Aspen Cove Drive**  
**Meridian ID 83642-6517**  
Property known as Tax 9 Section 27 2S 2W Owyhee County, Idaho  
Tax: \$94.32  
Late Charge: \$1.88  
Interest: \$52.82  
Costs: \$431.48\*\*  
**TOTAL \$580.50**  
**Parcel RP05S03E069800A**  
**Norman Churchill**  
**2309 Aspen Cove Dr**  
**Meridian ID 83642-6517**  
Property known as Lot 13 Section 6 5S 3E Owyhee County, Idaho  
Tax: \$126.40  
Late Charge: \$ 2.52  
Interest: \$ 70.78  
Costs: \$431.48\*\*  
**TOTAL \$ 631.18**  
**Parcel RP00700010003AA**  
**Harry & Anita Showalter**  
**58206 Cedar Point Drive**  
**Rogerson ID 83302**  
Property known as Lots 3-7 in Block 10 of Murphy Hot Springs Sub 1, Owyhee County, Idaho  
Tax: \$202.06  
Late Charge: \$ 4.04  
Interest: \$113.16  
Costs: \$437.96\*\*  
**TOTAL \$ 757.22**  
\*\*Pursuant to Idaho Code §63-1005 (3), amounts will increase as additional cost and fees in the tax deed process are added.  
**YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED**, that if said delinquent entry is not redeemed on or before July 24, 2014, by payment of said unpaid taxes together with late charge, interest and all unpaid costs and expenses up to the date of said payment at my office as Tax Collector, Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, ID, I shall

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDED BUDGET, FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014

OPALINE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

FISCAL YEAR NOVEMBER 1, 2013 TO OCTOBER 31, 2014

Notice is hereby given that the Directors for the Opaline Irrigation District will meet August 5, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. for an amended budget hearing Pursuant to the Idaho Code 42-3229 at Clyde Sevy's Shop: 9383 State Highway 78. The proposed Amended Budget may be examined at the home office of Secretary Dan H. Birmingham, 8563 Quail Run Dr., Melba, call for appointment 896-5273

The following is a copy of the 2013-2014 budget including 2013-2014 fiscal year amended budget.

EXPENSES:		
ITEM	2014 BUDGET	2014 AMENDED
Insurance	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
L&P Fees	3,600.00	3,600.00
Maintenance	30,800.06	61,531.98
Office	718.26	718.26
Phone	2,160.00	2,160.00
Power	173,343.00	173,343.00
Soc.Sec.	5,336.00	5,336.00
Wages	32,555.60	32,555.60
Mileage	500.00	500.00
Reserve Fund	35,009.12	4,277.20
TOTAL	\$287,522.04	\$287,522.04

INCOME:		
ITEM	2014 PROJECTED	2014 PROJECTED
2008 O&M	0.00	0.00
2009 O&M	0.00	0.00
2010 O&M	0.00	0.00
2011 O&M	87.39	87.39
2012 O&M	87.39	87.39
2013 O&M	1,891.34	1,891.34
2014 O&M	249,084.00	249,084.00
Office Fee	2,580.00	2,580.00
Late Fees	450.00	450.00
Interest	110.00	110.00
Refunds	2,500.00	2,500.00
LGIP Fund	30,731.92	30,731.92
TOTAL:	\$287,522.04	\$287,522.04

Dan H. Birmingham, Secretary-Treasurer, Opaline Irrigation District,

PO Box 331, Marsing, ID 83639

7/16,23/14

thereupon, as required by law, make application to the Board of County Commissioners of Owyhee County, State of Idaho, for a hearing to be held on July 28, 2014, or as soon thereafter as said application can be heard at the **Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, Idaho**, for tax deed conveying the above described property to **OWYHEE COUNTY**, State of Idaho , absolute title, free of all encumbrances, except any lien for taxes which may have attached subsequently to the assessment hereinafter referred to. **YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED**, that the record owner or owners or any party of interest as defined by §63-1005, Idaho Code, may appear in person or by counsel, and if appearing, shall have adequate opportunity to be heard for the purpose of protesting the procedures used in taking this tax deed. **NO OTHER TYPE OF PROTEST WILL BE HEARD. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED**, that inquiries and objections concerning this notice of the information contained therein shall be directed to the **OWYHEE COUNTY TREASURER** at 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650; or by calling (208) 495-1158 no later than five (5) working days before the hearing date.  
7/2, 7/9, 7/16, & 7/23.  
Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014

2014  
**Brenda Richards, COUNTY TREASURER and EX-OFFICIO TAX COLLECTOR FOR OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**CASE NO. CV-2014-0200**  
**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ADELE STEELE, Deceased.  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that LESLIE MIRACLE has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of the Notice to Creditors, or within 60 days after being mailed or delivered a copy of this Notice, whichever is later, or said claims will be forever barred.  
Claims must be presented to the personal representative at the address indicated below, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.  
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