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Fun and flavor



MRW Fire and Rescue holds another chili cook-off

James Monson serves his pork verde to Shawna Chaney during the fourth annual Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire and Rescue chili cook-off Saturday in Murphy. Monson's creation received an honorable mention in the judging. For more on the cook-off, see **Page 9**.

Jacobi's MS campaign now includes Mrs. Idaho USA try

Marsing woman to compete as Mrs. Owyhee County

Michelle Jacobi is a candidate for the 2016 Mrs. Idaho USA title, but the Marsing resident's participation is more about her passion than the pageant.

The mother of three boys lives with multiple sclerosis and is transitioning from a career in real estate to become an author and motivational speaker and take on

the title MS Cure Seeker.

She plans to release a book "Mentally Strong" in December, and she'll ratchet up her schedule of traveling the country speaking to MS organizations and other businesses to promote awareness of the disease and raise funds to find a cure.

She was nominated for the pageant as Mrs. Owyhee County USA specifically because of her campaign to raise awareness of MS and money to fight it. The pageant takes place June 5-6 at the Powerhouse Events Center

— See **Jacobi**, page 5



Michelle Jacobi and her husband Justin. Submitted photo

Easter service pastor serves community in many different ways

Marsing man will lead Lizard Butte sunrise service

A 69-year-old Vietnam veteran is the guest speaker at Sunday's Lizard Butte Easter Sunrise Service. Rick Sherrow is pastor at the Marsing Assembly of God Church.

The Sunday morning service will start at 7:15 on Lizard Butte off of Idaho highway 55 on Symms Road just northeast of Marsing.

Sherrow said he still not quite

done writing his sermon for Sunday. He will be speaking on Bible verses John 11:25-26 regarding the Resurrection.

Sherrow has lived in Marsing for 23 years and moved there from Blackfoot. He was between churches when he came to Owyhee County and had been with a church in Bancroft near Soda Springs and a church in Blackfoot, he said.

He said most of his passion is "to preach the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and ministering the word of God helping people to

— See **Easter**, page 11

Marsing restaurant scene shrinking

One closed; another to shut this summer

People living in or passing through Marsing are finding fewer options for going out to lunch or dinner.

The Sandbar Riverhouse Restaurant recently shut down, and The Spot Pizza will cease operations in a few months.

Marsing Chamber of Commerce president Luke Burbank said John Salove owns both buildings, which are next to each other, and is trying to sell the property.

The Sandbar was being managed by Adam Percifield, and the Chamber was hoping he could make it, but members could

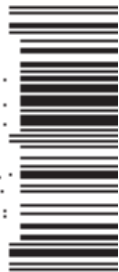
tell the writing was on the wall, Burbank said. He added that the restaurant "had been struggling for a while."

The Chamber was "absolutely" surprised to hear that The Spot will close, Burbank said.

The Spot's manager, Susan Watson, was serving as the Chamber's treasurer, but she recently moved to Cornelius, Ore. near Banks. Mike Sprinkel has taken Watson's spot on the Chamber's board, serving as both director and treasurer.

Susan's husband Steve is now running The Spot until it closes. The couple has several properties to sell in Marsing. They hope to have those transactions complete in July, and The Spot would then close its doors.

— See **Marsing**, page 5



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Homedale water plan gets funded

Council adds ordinance officer to payroll

The City of Homedale has taken another step in completing its array of facility plans.

During its Thursday meeting, the city council authorized Mayor Gheen Christoffersen to sign a letter of intent to meet the conditions required to receive a \$30,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development.

The grant, paperwork for which USDA RD representative Carol Garrison presented at the meeting, is part of a three-legged funding mechanism to help the city finalize a drinking water facility plan.

The plan is essential to keep the city in the running for future grants.

Riedesel Engineering Inc. has said it can put together the plan for \$80,000. In addition to the USDA RD money, the city also will use a \$40,000 grant from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. Homedale must come up with \$10,000 in matching money from its water fund.

The federal government grant is a reimbursement vehicle, which means the city won't receive the funds until the project is completed.

"Part of the reason is that encourages the engineer to get it done quickly," Garrison said.

Council puts ordinance officer on payroll

With only Councilman Aaron Tines voting no, council members approved Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller's request to pay ordinance officer Harvey Gist with city funds.

Eidemiller had requested Gist be put on the payroll for the remainder of the fiscal year after funding cuts in the state Department of Labor's Experience Works program that had been paying Gist's salary.

Gist will work no more than 19 hours per week. He'll earn \$10 an hour, which works out to nearly \$5,600 for the remaining 6½ months of fiscal year 2015.

Tines balked at the idea because the decision alters the appropriations the council had set out during budget talks prior to the start of the fiscal year.

"Personally, I think it should be held over until the next budget process," Tines said.

Eidemiller said he plans to pay Gist in part with money set aside for pay raises for officers earn certifications and payouts for comp time that officers had accrued but couldn't take off. He said that officers have been able to take comp time off, so there is more money in that line than anticipated.

Eidemiller also has about \$8,500 left in the budget line to pay reserve officers and the city's portion of the school resource officer until fiscal year ends Sept. 30.

"Basically my bottom line is going to be good," Eidemiller said.

Once again, Eidemiller and the council commended Gist for the job he has been doing in clearing the streets of stray dogs.

"The dog problem hasn't been eliminated, but it's definitely been neutered," Eidemiller said.

He even takes the time to try to reunite dogs with their owners if the animal has a city license to provide the needed information.

"If our citizens would buy a dog take, it's almost like insurance," Christoffersen said, adding that the tags can help save the city the expense of taking a dog to the kennel in Wilder.

City clerk and treasurer Alice Pegram said that calls have been placed to those folks who purchased dog tags in 2014 but have yet to buy tags this year.

"It's working," she said. "After a day and a half (of calling), 13 people have licensed their dogs."

The number of current licenses at the end of the week was 158. Last year, 240 dogs were licensed in the city.

— JPB

Homedale man dies in motorcycle crash

A crash on Idaho highway 19 near Old Dump Road on Saturday afternoon caused fatal injuries to 40-year-old Nathan Parker, according to . Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman.

Parker was riding a 1979 Honda when he hit a power pole. There were no witnesses, but people nearby did hear the crash, Bowman said.

Parker was LifeFlighted to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise where he

was pronounced dead. The Ada County Coroner's Office said he died of blunt force trauma.

Investigators may never know how fast Parker was going, but the motorcycle left 213 feet of tire marks on the roadway, Bowman said.

A memorial fund has been set up for Parker's wife, Brandi, and their three children at www.gofundme.com under the search words "RIP Nathan Parker".

Sheriff's deputies break up underage drinking party

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office broke up a large underage drinking party in the Jump Creek area Saturday night. Deputies handed out 23 citations for minor in consumption, and everyone there age 21 or older was given procuring tickets.

Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said the message he wants to get across is simple: "Owyhee County will have no tolerance on juvenile underage drinking or the adults that are there," Bowman said.

He added that, "if they're at the party and they're juvenile, they're going to get charged with

possession of alcohol just simply because they're in the area of the alcohol. Anyone 21 or over is going to get a ticket for procuring basically because they're the adults and whether they're providing or not, they're going to get the citation because they don't need to be there," Bowman said.

He also said the people at the party Saturday were "all out-of-county kids from Star, Meridian, Nampa, Melba, Caldwell, New Plymouth and Parma."

Several of them tried to flee, and Bowman said he had seven vehicles elude him.

— SC

Marsing Disaster Fund elections set

The Marsing Community Disaster Fund will hold its annual meeting Tuesday.

During the 8 p.m. meeting at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, three directors will be

elected for terms of three years.

One at-large director from anywhere within the association boundaries will be elected as well as one director from the Lakeview area and one from the Jump Creek area.

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Another year of drought magnifies popularity of pivots

New technology is changing the face of farming

Some old methods of agriculture production in Owyhee County are becoming obsolete because of a third year of drought. Many growers in the area, and across Idaho, are switching from older systems like flood irrigation to pivot systems. A pivot applies water using towers that roll on wheels in a circular pattern. Hoses hanging vertically from the lines have sprinklers on the end that spray water a few feet above the plants. Pivot systems date back to the 1950s, but have become more popular over the past few years because of their efficiency. Terry Carothers, manager at Agri-Lines in Grand View, said he’s seen very little change in sales from 2012 to 2015. “Crop prices have been good, grains have been good, hay has been fantastic, so farmers have had money to spend and they’re putting it into improvements,” Carothers said. Agri-Lines has five stores that sell, combined, about 150 pivot systems a year, and Carothers has sold pivots as short as 157 feet and as long as 2,800 feet, which is more than half a mile.

The advantage pivots provide to farmers is they use only 7/10th of an inch of water per acre. That compares to two inches of water for flood irrigation. Sales of pivots are also good in other parts of Idaho. Cary Jensen, branch manager at Rain for Rent in Nampa, said business has steadily increased from four years ago. However, some projects that were ordered before the current drought predictions were made have been put on hold. The average length of pivot he sells is 800 feet, which would cost about \$75,000. Pivots not only save water but labor costs as well, Jensen said, adding that most people don’t know that growers can turn their pivot systems on and off with their smart phones. That also means fuel savings from not having to drive out to a field. Jensen also said it takes about a week to set up a typical pivot, and installation should be done by the dealer selling the system, not the grower. Dave Shenk built his first pivot last week at his farm outside of Homedale. He purchased it from Interwest in Caldwell for just over \$150,000 including the pipes and pump. Shenk entered into a cost-share contract with the federal Natural Resources Conservation Service on the pivot, he said, and there



Camerino Gomez moves part of a pivot irrigation system into place on Dave Shenk’s land off Market Road southeast of Homedale.

are some obligations that he has to satisfy for the agency. He explained that nearby Jump Creek is a targeted stream for cleanup, so his work qualifies as a water conservation project. Shenk also got some matching grant money through the Owyhee Watershed Council, and he can either match it with funds or work-in-kind. He used the OWC money to purchase pipe, he said. Putting up the system was just a matter of economics for him, but if it encourages another Owyhee County farmer to install a pivot, “that’s great,” Shenk said. He’s heard from several other producers that pivots do require some maintenance like replacing tires or electrical components, and silt can eventually wear out the pump, but he thinks they are generally trouble-free for several years. Those maintenance issues are one reason why some farmers are switching to another type of irrigation. Jonathan Demcak is owner of Droplet Irrigation in Homedale and sells drip systems, which involve buried lines with micro-emitters that apply water directly to the root zones of plants. The lines are buried from an inch to 12 inches down in the ground, and Demcak said a new drip system would cost a grower about \$800 an acre. Repair issues with drip systems are rare compared to pivots, Demcak said, because there aren’t many moving parts. He admits a grower might have a pump go out on a drip system, but that is a worst-case scenario and could happen with a pivot as well. Right now his crews are doing a lot of new drip installations, but at the same time they, “also have a lot of projects that are cancelled because there’s no water,” Demcak said and explained that those orders were made before the current drought predictions came out. As a result, his sales are down in parts of Owyhee County. — SC

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
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
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SNOTEL report, Owyhee County sensors

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	(measured in inches)			Max	Min	Avg
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Mud Flat						
03/24	0.0	0	9.5	41	30	36
03/25	0.0	0	9.8	47	25	37
03/26	0.0	0	9.8	62	30	45
03/27	0.0	0	9.8	69	37	54
03/28	0.0	0	9.8	53	32	45
03/29	0.0	0	9.8	62	29	45
03/30	0.0	0	9.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
03/24	0.0	0	13.8	39	26	34
03/25	0.1	0	13.8	45	25	36
03/26	0.2	0	13.8	54	33	45
03/27	0.3	0	13.8	65	43	56
03/28	0.3	0	13.8	54	34	43
03/29	0.2	0	13.8	54	34	45
03/30	0.2	0	13.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
03/24	0.2	1	18.5	41	29	33
03/25	0.7	2	19.2	46	28	37
03/26	0.6	1	19.2	57	36	46
03/27	0.2	1	19.2	65	47	56
03/28	0.1	1	19.2	50	33	41
03/29	0.0	0	19.2	58	36	46
03/30	0.0	0	19.2	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 27 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 241 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 14 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 191,304 acre-feet of water on Monday.

Note — SNOTEL statistics were gathered from the Natural Resources Conservation Service website at 3 p.m. Monday (Year-to-date precipitation is measured from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.)

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



OCHS bazaar features local vendors

Diane Avery with Wild Country LLC of Oreana, left, talks to a potential customer about her goat milk artisan cheeses during the Owyhee County Historical Society's spring bazaar in Murphy on Saturday.

Two dead, Homedale man unhurt in wreck

A Homedale man and his juvenile passenger were wearing their seatbelts and emerged uninjured in a crash that killed two 19-year-olds Saturday night.

Tyler Cates, 31, and his passenger were traveling southbound on South 10th Avenue south of Caldwell in a 2003 Ford F250 pickup when it was struck by a 1991 Honda Accord that the Idaho State Police says failed to stop at a stop sign while heading east on Homedale Road. The wreck oc-

curred at approximately 10 p.m.

The Honda's driver, Marco Rivera of Nampa, and one passenger, Steve Gutierrez of Caldwell, died at the scene. Another passenger was transported to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

ISP says all three of the Honda occupants weren't wearing seatbelts.


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Correction

Information inserted into Scott Jensen's University of Idaho Extension column last week about swine tag-ins was out of date and incorrect. Tag-ins will only be held in Homedale at the fairgrounds, at Rimrock High School, and at Jordan Valley High School.






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COSSA senior’s project near and dear to her heart

Homedale woman organizes cancer fundraiser

Senior projects can be a means to an end. Homedale resident Meriah Mahler’s project is something rooted in her passion to help others and her own family’s history. Mahler has organized a dinner to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. She’s the morning president of the Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency’s Health Occupations of America chapter, which is sponsoring the event.



Meriah Mahler

Cancer is common in Mahler’s family. Her grandfather, Salmon resident Richard Dahle, lost his battle with the disease March 23, and she also has lost her grandmother and aunts and uncles to cancer. Mahler, who studies at COSSA Academy, hopes proceeds from Friday’s dinner makes an impact, especially on younger folks dealing with cancer. “Leukemia is pretty much a childhood cancer, so I figure if we raise money to find a cure for

childhood cancer, they’re younger so their bodies are more durable,” she said. Mahler, 18, is active in several groups at COSSA. She’s married to Nathen, and has a 3-year-old daughter, Bridgett. Having already achieved her Certified Nursing Assistant degree through COSSA, Mahler has worked the past five months at Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation in Homedale. That’s where she completed her clinicals, too. She assists residents in everyday living, including dressing and feeding. Her CNA job, the benefit dinner and future plans to become a pediatric oncology nurse have a pretty obvious common thread. “I just enjoy helping people,” she said. She plans to continue her goal through studies at Lewis-Clark State College. She’ll graduate from COSSA in May with an Emergency Medical Technician certification, and wants to work in a Lewiston-area emergency room as she pursues her nursing degree. In addition to her two-year membership in HOSA (she was a student representative as a sophomore), Mahler has served as a judge in the school’s student court and as student council secretary and vice-president. Nowadays, she’s the senior class student rep. Friday’s benefit dinner takes

place from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the COSSA Café, 109 Penny Lane in Wilder. Tickets are available through HOSA chapter members. Prices include \$15 for 13 and older, \$10 for children ages 7-12, and free for children 6 and younger. A table of eight is available for \$100, and the sponsor’s name will be displayed. Call Aundra DeWitt at 482-6074, ext. 234 for more information. Marsing resident Paula Rhodes, whose son Connor is fighting leukemia, will be the guest speaker. There will be a silent auction of themed baskets, live music from a mariachi band and children’s games. The menu is carne asada with beans and rice. Mahler approached Paula Rhodes to speak at the dinner because of her son’s plight. “I thought he’d be a good candidate for people to learn more about,” Mahler said. “They don’t really know a lot about him, and this will give the community an opportunity to learn more about him and help us out, too.” Mahler’s barometer to judge the success of her senior project is nearly as simple as the reasons behind her life’s path. “If we can make a generous donation to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society,” she said. —JPB



40th anniversary of ownership

It was 40 years ago last month that Everett Colley, right, turned over the keys to the Owyhee Chronicle to Joe Aman. Aman has been editor/publisher of the paper since then, except for a few short intervals during that time. In 1985, Aman combined the Owyhee Chronicle and the Owyhee Nugget of Marsing, replating the weekly as The Owyhee Avalanche.

Irrigation meetings slated

The start date for the Gem Pumping Plant on the Snake River may be determined before Tuesday’s South Board of Control monthly directors meeting. The plant in Marsing serves the older part of the Gem Irrigation District. South Board directors will meet at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday to close out the round of monthly meetings for irrigation boards managing the south end of the Owyhee Project. On Tuesday after deadline the Joint Board of the SBOC and the Owyhee Irrigation District met

in Nyssa, Ore., to discuss when water from the Owyhee Reservoir would be released into canals. That start date and the allotment will be discussed during Tuesday’s meetings at the SBOC office, 118 S. 1st St. W., in Homedale. During last month’s grower’s meeting, South Board director Clancy Flynn said that a tentative of allotment of 1.3 acre-feet had been set. The Gem Irrigation District directors will meet first at 1 p.m. Tuesday, followed by the Ridgeview directors at 1:15 p.m. and then the South Board directors.

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✓ Marsing: The Spot owner takes job on Oregon farm; properties for sale

Burbank and the other members of the Chamber were sad to lose two restaurants in town, and he said they were “both awesome.” Since the Watsons took over management of The Spot in November of 2008, “it’s been really good, it’s been fun growing it and watching it come to life,” Susan said. The business was

previously also called The Spot Pizza and opened in early 2008 by Salove’s daughter, Cindy Howarth. Closing the restaurant is bittersweet, Susan said, and she really wasn’t planning on this happening. She’s now at the Blooming Junction Garden and Homestead in Cornelius where

she also worked 10 years ago. Susan got a phone call from the farm’s owner last fall asking if she’d be interested in coming back. “With a lot of thought, planning and wondering, the decision happened,” Susan said. Blooming Junction covers 50 acres and includes a retail

nursery, a produce farm and a feed store. Susan’s husband will join her to work part-time once The Spot closes. In the 1940s, at the same location where The Spot is, there was a small café also called The Spot. In addition to offering food and drink, the original café also provided a place for gambling.

Originally owned by Cindy Howarth, The Spot reincarnation strives to keep some of that history alive by incorporating the café’s past into the menu, which features pizza names such as the Royal Flush Combo, Greek Canasta and the Joker’s Wild.

— SC

✓ Jacobi: “MS Cure Seeker” takes on another challenge to inspire others

in Boise. “I want to be an inspiration to others to basically not give up hope,” Jacobi said. “Just because they get a diagnosis of MS doesn’t mean they have to give up on their dreams. They can still live a passionate, purposeful life.” Jacobi practices what she preaches. The three-term Marsing school board member recently completed a commissioner stint on the city’s Planning and Zoning board. Jacobi also completed what she started last year even though kidney failure delayed her goal of running seven marathons in

seven days. “I took two days off and ran 5, 6 and 7. Determination is my middle name,” she said. Jacobi also takes part in Walk MS every year. The April 18 5-kilometer event at Julia Davis Park will include about 2,200 participants, including 50 on Jacobi’s team as she takes part in her 11th Walk MS. She figures about 20 percent of her team so far is from Owyhee County. There’s still time to register for the walk. To register for Walk MS, contact Amanda Savage at (801) 424-0113, option 2 or email idahoevents@nmss.org. You can join the team Jacobi captains by

requesting to be part of CBH Rock Stars. She also runs an MS education series for Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center. As part of her transition, Jacobi will be leaving her position as sales director at CBH Homes. “I would still probably continue to do it,” she said. “I just have a new, bigger focus in front of me.” Jacobi is seeking sponsorships from businesses and individuals for her pageant campaign. Those who help out needn’t worry about exposure; Jacobi can be easily spotted because her vehicle’s license plates read “Cure MS.”

Donations of \$250 or more receive a full page in the pageant program. “What an incredible opportunity this is that focuses on community service, one that I have a well-established platform for,” she said in a release announcing her nomination as Mrs. Idaho. “This pageant adds fuel to help turn the volume up louder on my message of curing multiple sclerosis while inspiring others who live with this often disabling neurological disease.” Jacobi was diagnosed with MS 11 years ago. Since then, she has raised more than \$250,000. She has taken part in the Bike MS in

Logan, Utah, the MS Rockstar event and the MS Run the US cross country relay. She has been recognized for her efforts with titles such as top fundraising team, top fundraising individual and invitations to the annual Race to Erase MS Gala in Beverly Hills. She has been a Seven’s Hero on KTVB Channel 7 and a finalist for the National Association of Realtors Good Neighbor Award. She and her husband, Justin, have been married 19 years and have three sons — 18-year-old Tristan, 14-year-old Taj and 11-year-old Trayton.

—JPB

Obituary

Grace Evelyn Holton

Grace Evelyn Holton went to be with her Lord and Savior on March 18, 2015 at the age of 94. She was born Feb 18, 1921 in Jordan Valley, Oregon to Oscar and Loretta Martin. She married Laurence Holton on April 12, 1938, and they celebrated 64 years together. Together Laurence and Grace raised six children, Lelsee, Sauni, Marcia, David, Dallas, and Don. Grace graduated from Vale High School and later held a LPN license and represented the LPN Association nationally for several years. She was employed at Caldwell Memorial Hospital for several years.



Grace was a gifted musician. She would gather us around the piano to sing and has left us with the legacy of loving gospel music. She also had the gift to memorize scripture, also has left us with the legacy of her love for God. Her other gift was that of hospitality, and her organizational skills at church. She was known for her sense of humor and quirky facial expressions.

She was welcomed to heaven by her husband Laurence, her

daughter Leslee Stover, her brothers Vern, Beryle, Paul Martin, and sister Shirley Miller. She will be missed by her daughters Sauni Easley of Homedale, daughter Marcia Wilcox of Lynden, WA, sons Dave and wife Betty of Marsing, son Dallas and wife Stacy of Nampa, and Don Holton. Also 20 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, and 8 great-great-grandchildren.

We want to say a big thank you

to Owyhee Health and Rehab for their wonderful loving care for our mother while she was there. In lieu of a flower, memorial contributions could be made to Owyhee Health and Rehab: 108 W. Owyhee Ave. Homedale, ID 83628 for their loving care for Mom. Her memorial service will be held at Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Rd. Wilder, Idaho 83676 on April 3, 2015 at 11:00 AM.

Death notices

LARRY H. McABEE, 71, of Homedale, died Sunday, March 22, 2015 of natural causes at a Caldwell hospital. Arrangements are under the care of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

NATHAN WILLIAM PARKER, 40, of Homedale, died on Saturday, March 28, 2015. Cremation is under the care of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

GARY VAN LYBYER, 74, who grew up in Grand View, died Saturday, March 21, 2015 in Nampa. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 28, 2015 at the Karcher Church of the Nazarene in Nampa. Arrangements are with Dakan Funeral Chapel, Caldwell.

Engagement

Hipwell, Pugh schedule September wedding

Keith and Mardi Pugh of Mountain Home are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their daughter, Wendy Luise Pugh, to J. Patrick Hipwell, son of Jerry and Cyndi Hipwell of Mountain Home, and David and Ann Rutan of South Mountain.

Wendy is a graduate of Mountain Home High School, and a longtime employee of In the Ditch Towing Products of Mountain Home.

Patrick graduated from Jordan Valley High School and served as a Seabee in the U.S. Navy in Iraq, Africa, and Japan before moving back to the ranch in 2010. He is currently employed by Newmont Gold Corp., in Winnemucca, Nev.

The couple plans to marry on Sept. 5, 2015 on the Morgan Ranch at South Mountain, where Patrick grew up, and where they will reside after their marriage.



Wendy Pugh, and Patrick Hipwell

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- April 1: Personal pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, veggie & fruit bar
- April 2: Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, veggie & fruit bar, roll, cookie
- April 6: Mini corn dogs, steamed carrots, veggie & fruit bar
- April 7: Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, veggie & fruit bar
- April 8: Crispito, corn, veggie & fruit bar

Homedale Middle

- April 1: Stuffed crust pizza or chicken patty, salad & fruit bar
- April 2: Sliced ham or chicken tenders, mashed potatoes/gravy, salad & fruit bar, roll, cookie
- April 6: Nachos or ham/cheese hot pocket, salad & fruit bar
- April 7: Hamburger or spicy chicken sandwich, salad & fruit bar
- April 8: Chicken or beef nuggets, salad & fruit bar, cookie

Homedale High

- April 1: Chicken taco or fish sticks, corn, salad & fruit bar, cookie
- April 2: Sliced ham, scalloped potatoes, salad & fruit bar, roll, strawberry pie
- April 6: Pepperoni pizza ripper or turkey sandwich, salad & fruit bar
- April 7: Chicken tenders or beef nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, salad & fruit bar
- April 8: Enchilada, burrito, or toasted cheese sandwich, salad & fruit bar

Marsing

- April 1: Teriyaki chicken w/chow mein or corn dog, buttered corn, salad bar & soup
- April 2: Holiday ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, roll
- April 6: Pulled pork sandwich or enchilada w/rice, baked sweet potato, salad bar & soup
- April 7: Chicken parmesan or fish taco, steamed carrots, pudding, salad bar & soup
- April 8: Cheeseburger or chicken nuggets w/roll, potato wedges, salad bar & soup

Bruneau-Grand View

- April 1: Chicken patty/bun, seasoned black beans, steamed broccoli, fruit
- April 2: Nachos, chips & salsa, refried beans, fruit
- April 3: Cheeseburger salad wrap, celery sticks & cauliflower, fruit, jello
- April 7: Chicken wrap, romaine & tomato, fresh carrots, fruit, pudding
- April 8: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, romaine tossed salad, peas, breadstick, fruit

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Milk available with every meal

- April 1: Tuna salad, lettuce & tomato, carrot salad, bread
- April 2: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, California blend veggies, bread
- April 7: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, beets, bread
- April 8: Sausage & biscuits, mashed potatoes/gravy, spinach

Marsing Senior Center

Milk available with every meal

- April 1: Black bean tacos, Mexican corn, rice, carrot salad, mixed fruit
- April 2: Ham, potatoes, carrots, applesauce, cornbread
- April 6: Breakfast special, biscuits and gravy
- April 7: Chicken fried steak, potatoes, carrots, roll, apple salad
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Lifestyle changes can reduce stroke risk

Throughout the past 20 years, the prevalence of stroke among women who are under the age of 55 has actually tripled, according to research conducted at the University of Southern California. This drastic change is attributed to increasing waistlines, which can cause high blood pressure and eventually lead to a stroke. The upside? There are measures that you can take in order to reduce your chances of risk, according to a Swedish study that found women who followed certain measures were half as likely to have a stroke as their counterparts whose lifestyles were not as healthy. The changes?



Surine Greenway

University of Idaho Extension

can have a tremendous impact on your blood pressure and can help greatly.

- Consume alcohol moderately — roughly two to seven drinks per week. (Or do not consume alcohol at all)
- Maintain your weight at a healthy range: a BMI of 25 or lower (which is roughly 5 feet, 5 inches and 150 pounds.)
- Get moving! They say that 30 minutes a day of physical activity can not only lower your risk for stroke, but have tremendous positive effects on your overall health. Ways to get this in: walking or jogging, taking the stairs, or biking and maintain vigorous exercise just once per week.
- Eat a diet rich in fruits, veggies, lean protein and low-fat dairy.

While the information provided relates directly to a study conducted on women, the same

can be applied to the lifestyle of the male gender. While the steps above were combined through the study’s research, one can safely maintain any one of the above changes and it will have a positive impact on your health. If you are in a category where stroke risk is higher, you should definitely consider attempting these steps. The best way to do this is by consulting with your doctor the next time you are in for your check-up.

— Surine Greenway is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Family and Consumer Sciences educator. For more information, you can reach the U of I Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104 or owyhee@uidaho.edu. The office is located at 238 W. 8th Ave. W., in Marsing. Source: “A Shocking Health Risk for Women,” *Good Housekeeping*, January 2015

Calendar

Today

- Military veterans coffee**
9 a.m., Phipps-Watson American Legion Hall and Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing
- Story time**
10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690
- Holy Week luncheon**
Noon to 1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3464
- Let’s Talk About It book series**
12:45 p.m., soup lunch, 1 p.m., discussion, free. Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

Thursday

- COSSA College @ Career Expo**
8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., COSSA Regional Technical Educational Center, 109 Penny Lane, Wilder. (208) 482-6074, ext. 256
- Senior center exercise class**
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Holy Week luncheon**
Noon to 1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3464
- After-school program**
4 p.m., open to kindergarten through fifth grade, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2478 or (208) 832-1949
- Lizard Butte Library board meeting**
4 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690
- TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting**
6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867
- Homedale Rod & Gun Club meeting**
7:30 p.m., Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant, 18 N. 1st W., Homedale. (208) 921-6578 or (208) 283-0431

Friday

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

- afternoons Monday through Saturday
- Holy Week luncheon**
Noon to 1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3464
- Teens and Tweens program**
4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228
- afternoons Monday through Saturday
- Marsing FFA barbecue and auction**
6 p.m., Marsing schools cafeteria, 8th Avenue West, Marsing. (208) 914-1608 or mmartin@marsing-schools.org
- COSSA HOSA cancer fundraiser**
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., dinner and auction, Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency Cafe, 109 Penny Lane, Wilder. (208) 482-6074, ext. 234

Saturday

- Easter egg hunt**
9 a.m., breakfast available, 10 a.m., hunt begins, Marsing High School football field, 8th Avenue West, Marsing.
- Easter egg hunt**
10 a.m., Sundance Park, South 1st Street West, Homedale.
- Easter egg hunt**
10 a.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library and City Park, Grand View.
- Free lunches**
Noon to 1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419

Sunday

- Lizard Butte Sunrise Easter Service**
7:15 a.m., Lizard Butte, Idaho highway 55 and Symms Road, northeast of Marsing

Monday

- Board of County Commissioners meeting**
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421
- Marsing-Homedale Cemetery board meeting**
2 p.m., Marsing-Homedale Cemetery office, Cemetery Road, Marsing.

You can find a comprehensive listing of local events online at www.theowyheeavalanche.com. Click on the “Calendar of Events” link on the left-hand side of the page. Submit information on upcoming fundraisers, meetings, reunions or community events to The Owyhee Avalanche by noon Fridays for inclusion in the calendar. Drop off press releases at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale, mail them to P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628, fax them to (208) 337-4867 or e-mail them to jon@owyheeavalanche.com (an e-mail link also is available on our Web site). For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.

Owyhee Then & Now

Michael F. Hanley

Sagebrush and Axle Grease

Stage Drivers, Part 1

The most famous of all the drivers was Hank Monk who had brought the first Central Overland coach to its western terminus. He is not best remembered for his skillful driving over the Sierras without a single injured passenger but for the ride he gave Horace Greeley. Horace was campaigning for the presidency of the United States and was on his way to California. He had advised the young men of the east to “go west, young man” and was now on his way to see the western land of opportunity first-hand.

At Carson City, Horace boarded Monk’s stage for Placerville. Horace told Hank that he had a speaking appointment to keep in Placerville and was in a hurry. Hank, taking him seriously, drove at a fast pace over the dangerous mountain road. Supposedly this so unnerved Horace that he yelled out, “I will have you discharged before this week is out! Do you know who I am, sir?”

“Oh, yes,” Monk replied, “but I’ll take this coach into Placerville on time if it kills every one horse judge in the state of California.”

Mark Twain also tells the story: “I can tell you a most laughable thing indeed, if you would like to listen to it. Horace Greeley went over this road once. When he was leaving Carson City, he told the driver, Hank Monk, that he had an engagement to lecture in Placerville and was very anxious to go though quick. Hank Monk cracked his whip and started off at an awful pace. The coach bounded up and down in such a terrific way that it jolted all the buttons off of Horace’s coat, and finally shot his head clean though the roof of the stage, and then he yelled at Hank Monk and begged him to go easier — said he warn’t in as much of a hurry as he was awhile ago. But Hank Monk said, ‘Keep your seat, Horace, and I’ll get you there on time,’ and you bet you he did too, what was left of him!”

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

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MRW Fire fundraiser deemed a success

Dozens of people attended the fourth annual Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District chili cook-off Saturday at the Owyhee County Historical Museum in Murphy.

The contest was held during the Owyhee County Historical Society's spring bazaar.

Organizers are thanking all the competitors for their time and effort as well as members of the public who donated \$5 per person to sample the chilies. They also thanked David and Pam Monson, "The Cast Iron Cowboys" from Middleton, who made the Dutch oven breakfast.

The Monsons are nationally ranked Dutch oven competitors who also teach Dutch oven cooking.

Winners of this year's chili cook-off were:

- Jeff Wasson of the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office for people's choice
- Wasson for red competition chili
- Larry Kendrick of OCSO for chili verde
- Lori Monson of Monson Ladies for Texas red chili with beans
- Denise Lacy of Hwy 78 Community Disaster Relief for anything goes chili
- James Monson of No Snow for honorable mention

During the chili cook-off, fire district treasurer Louis Monson said they sold \$375 worth of raffle tickets for a shotgun. The winner will be drawn in either August during a barbecue fundraiser at



Larry Kendrick, left, and Jeff Wasson of the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office won divisional titles Saturday. Wasson also took home the People's Choice trophy. Submitted photo

Givens Hot Springs or in December during their Christmas gathering. The drawing date will be determined by how quickly they sell the 500 tickets for the gun, Monson said. He expects that they will bring in about \$2,500 from the gun.

Tickets are available from any member of the fire district and are \$5 each. They can also be ordered over the phone by calling Monson at (208)-495-2154.

Livestock symposium coming to Marsing

The cattle industry is the focus for the upcoming Idaho Range Livestock Symposium.

The free event takes place on Thursday, April 9 at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, and part of a Treasure Valley field tour on Friday, April 10 will include a tour and information about Simplot Livestock in Grand View.

A free lunch will be included for those who RSVP.

For more information, contact Scott Jensen at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension at scottj@uidaho.edu or (208) 896-4104 or visit rangecenter.org or call (208) 885-6536.

Partners in the symposium include the U of I Rangeland Center, Idaho Cattle Association, Agri Beef Co., IRRC and the ISDA.

Homedale Fire sells engine to N.C. agency

District replaced 17-year-old truck with fall purchase

A volunteer fire department in North Carolina has purchased an out-of-service Homedale fire engine.

Homedale Fire board of commissioners chair Ric Uria announced that the district had sold a 1997 HME pumper to Deep Gap, N.C., fire department.

The engine had been out of service and on the market since late fall when Homedale took delivery on a 2015 Rosenbauer America pumper.

Homedale district secretary Mike Parker said the new truck cost \$361,225.

The district marketed the custom-

built HME online, posting an ad as soon as the new truck was in service. Deep Gap paid \$60,000 for the 17-year-old pumper, which HFD purchased new for \$183,773.

"We're pretty proud of our fleet and keeping it up to date," Parker said.

Uria said that although the HME was an older model, it had relatively low mileage. Uria serves on the fire commission with Mick Woodburn and Steve Zatica. The commission meets at noon on the second Monday of the month at Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant, 18 N. 1st St. W.

Deep Gap officials freighted the HME pumper back east last week. The fire department is located in the northwest corner of North Carolina west of Winston-Salem and near the state's borders with Tennessee and Virginia. — JPB

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People have been trekking up Lizard Butte nearly every Easter since 1938 to take part in the sunrise service.



Lizard Butte Easter Sunrise Service returns for 78th year

The 78th annual event will begin at 7:15 a.m. on Lizard Butte off of Idaho highway 55 on Symms Road just northeast of Marsing.

Easter Sunrise Service Association vice-president Bill O'Connor said people should be pulling into the parking lot by 7 a.m. or earlier. He also said Boy Scouts Troop 276 and a few members of the Sunrise Association will be showing attendees where to park. The Boy Scouts troop from Caldwell has provided this service for the past 31 years, the Marsing First Church of the Nazarene pastor said.

Attendees are encouraged to dress warmly and to bring a blanket or lawn chairs to sit on.

As the sun rises, the service

will commence with a bugle call and the appearance of two angels at the foot of the cross. "The Old Rugged Cross" will be sung and a passage from Matthew 28:1-10 and 16-20 will be read. Attendees will then sing the hymn "Christ Arose."

Vonie Carson and Earnie Lewis of Caldwell will follow that with special music. They were selected during a planning meeting for the service when a committee member suggested them.

Marsing Assembly of God Pastor Rick Sherrow is the guest speaker this year.

The tradition began in 1938 and with two exceptions, both the result of extreme weather, has been held continually for 78 years with an average attendance

of 1,400 people.

The earliest services at Lizard Butte were supported financially entirely from dues levied at 10 cents per meeting per member. It wasn't until 1942 that the Lizard Butte Sunrise Association decided to ask for a freewill offering from those in attendance. The first offering received totaled \$9.62.

Idaho Power ran the first power line to the Butte in 1938 and has provided one week of power to light the cross and supply the platform for the past 75 years. The cross is lighted for seven days prior to Easter.

The association says the tradition is believed to be the oldest continuous outdoor Easter Sunrise Service held anywhere in the Northwest.

Homedale Holy Week luncheons continue

There are three Holy Week Luncheons left this week.

The program, which the Homedale Ministerial Association sponsors, will be held each day until Friday at the First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W.

Meals will be served from noon to 1 p.m., and pastors from different churches will share devotional thoughts. There may be music. The lunches are free, but dona-

tions will be accepted.

Participating churches include:

Today — Mountain View Church of the Nazarene

Thursday — Homedale Friends Community Church

Friday — First Presbyterian and Trinity Holiness churches

For more information, call Friends church pastor Luke Ankeny at 337-3464.

Easter egg hunt slated at Homedale library

Just in time for Easter, Story Time at the library will feature "Minerva Louise and the Colorful Eggs" by Janet Morgan Stoeke. The event begins at 10:15 a.m. Friday.

The library is located at 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

Minerva is a mother hen who loves Easter because of how everything looks brighter. The trees are in bloom, the farmer and his family dress so lovely for church, and the eggs are every color in the rainbow.

The eggs confuse Minerva. She thinks the orphaned eggs around the farm are so cold that they are turning blue, and she must do something.

A mini Easter egg hunt will be held along with story, snacks and songs.

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

The library is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 4

p.m. on Friday and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

National Library Week observance approaches

The Teens & Tweens program will spend part of April celebrating libraries.

Beginning at 4 p.m. on Friday, the group open to boys and girls ages 10-17 will host a treasure hunt for Teens & Tweens members.

National Library Week is April 13-19, and to observe the occasion, Teens & Tweens coordinator Nateasha Harris has issued a month-long "Librarian's Reader Challenge." This will be an opportunity for teens and tweens to earn prizes.

Harris, library director Margaret Fujishin and library employee Diane Williams have composed a Declaration for the Right to Libraries, which was provided through the American Library Association. The public will have a chance to sign the declaration through the week of April 13-19.



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Community groups getting ready for Easter egg hunts

All but Jordan Valley's slated for Saturday

Children throughout the Owyhee country will have a chance at prizes and sweets this weekend with annual Easter egg hunts.

Homedale

The Chamber of Commerce-sponsored event takes place at 10 a.m. Saturday at Sundance Park. Children up to 10 years old are eligible to participate.

There will be four different age groups, including 1- to 3-year-olds, 4- and 5-year-olds, 6- and 7-year-olds and 8- to 10-year-olds.

Chamber secretary Sheila Matteson said there will be a grand prize in each age group. Prize baskets donated by Paul's Market will be awarded to each child who finds an egg inscribed with the word "Winner," she said.

During last week's monthly meeting, Chamber members volunteered to help direct the boys and girls during Saturday's egg hunt. Chamber vice-president Luke Ankeny, however, said about eight people are needed to assist with the four age groups.

Marsing

The annual Lions Club-sponsored Easter egg hunt will held in waves beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday at the high school football field behind the elementary school on 8th Avenue West.

Lions Club secretary Becky Salove, who is the Easter egg hunt chair, said informational notes will be sent home with all eligible boys and girls when school lets out Thursday.

There are five divisions for the Easter egg hunt with portions of the football field cordoned off for each group.

There are two preschool divisions — one for children who need help and one for those who

can raid the field on their own. Kindergarteners have a section of field all to themselves.

First- and second-graders will hunt together, and third- and fourth-graders will participate in the other division.

Logans Market has donated 12 Easter baskets to be awarded, and other prize eggs will include certificates for one of 20 milkshakes provided by the Whitehouse Drive-In. There also will be money in some of the eggs.

Salove's three children — Jessica Elsberry and Ethan and Kacie Salove — and Marsing High School cheerleaders will help hide the eggs prior to the event.

Beginning at 9 a.m., the Lions Club will sell freshly made breakfast burritos near the football field's concession stand. For \$4, you get a burrito and juice. Coffee will be sold for an additional price.

Grand View

The Grand View Lions Club's Easter egg hunt is open to toddlers through fifth-graders.

The event begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday. Children will hunt at City Park as well as the grounds around the Eastern Owyhee County Library. The library is located at 520 Boise Ave., in Grand View, and City Park is next door.

Children will be on the hunt for candy-filled plastic eggs, and the Easter Bunny will make an appearance.

Murphy

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office sponsors the annual event for children in the county seat.

The hunt begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday on the lawn of the Owyhee County Courthouse on Idaho highway 78.

The event is open to boys and girls ages 10 and younger.

Jordan Valley

A community Easter egg hunt is set for Friday at the high school.

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Assembly of God Pastor Rick Sherrow has lived in Marsing for 23 years. He's also active with American Legion Post 128 and other community endeavors.

✓ Easter: Sherrow serves as county's guardian, helped organize community meal

come to that knowledge of the saving grace of Jesus."

Sherrow also serves in a little-known position for Owyhee County. He is the official guardian for the county and has been for 10 years.

The position is appointed by the Board of County Commissioners and was previously held by fellow Marsing resident Merrill Tallman. He asked commissioners if he could turn it over to Sherrow when he retired, and the board approved.

Sherrow said the guardian position is really about being a companion. For example, if a resident at Owyhee Health and Rehab in Homedale needs anything, he's the one who helps. That could mean giving a birthday card to someone who doesn't have any family or bringing them personal items like a toothbrush if they need one. The service extends to shut-ins, too.

For the past two years Sherrow has helped organize the community Thanksgiving dinner in Marsing. He said one of his "heartfelt things for Marsing was to get all the churches together for Thanksgiving and help out those who don't have a Thanksgiving dinner at home."

Sherrow used some of his professional background to serve the community in yet another role. He was in construction for 20 years and had his own painting business, "Rick's Painting," for several years. Sherrow said his knowledge of construction helped him as sexton of the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery.

He started as sexton in 2000 after applying to fill the position. Sherrow served as sexton for nine years before handing the job off to Bruce Benson. When Sherrow retired, the board members asked him to stay on as a commissioner, which he still is today.

Sherrow is married to his wife Cathy, and they have two daughters and six grandchildren.

He served in the Navy from 1965 to 1969 and was in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968. Sherrow was part of Mine Squadron 11, which patrolled the country's rivers. They were called "the brown water Navy," he said.

His first year in the service was at Naval Air Station Mugu in Southern California, and he stayed in the states until he left for Vietnam. Sherrow's last duty was on the USS Bryce Canyon stationed at Long Beach, Calif.

Sherrow is now in good company with fellow veterans. He's been with American Legion Post 128 in Marsing for eight years. He served as commander after a couple years as chaplain.

Earlier this month, Sherrow took over as post commander again for a one-year term.

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Avalanche Sports



Top: The Homedale High School baseball field is taking on a new look as the Trojans progress through the season. **Above:** Brian McKnight cuts a cinder block as construction on the new first-base dugout begins.

Baseball community swings for the fences with Homedale park

Renovated field is home to Trojans, county Legion teams

With a bushel of donations, what one construction worker calls “the field of dreams” continues to take shape in Homedale.

Spearheaded by Owyhee Baseball Inc., the organization formed to raise money for youth baseball connected to the American Legion, the \$40,000 to \$50,000 renovation of the Homedale High School baseball field will include new dugouts, better spectator seating, a series of bull pen mounds, more playing surface and a new netting system.

Chad Carter is president of

Owyhee Baseball Inc., and as coach of the Trojans and the Legion Single-A Owyhee Rivercats, Burke Deal leads the on-field product that will have a gleaming new home once all the work is done. The group also helps the Junior Legion Owyhee Rattlers.

“We have a couple of parents who are pretty progressive and motivated,” Deal said.

Carter is the father of Homedale baseball player Connor Carter.

Contact Deal at (208) 724-5185 or Carter at (208) 249-5896 for information on how to help out.

“There are some cash donors, but we have a lot of in-kind donations,” Deal said.

Work by volunteers with the non-profit baseball organization means no school district funds

— See **Baseball**, page 13

Trojans run win streak to 10 games

Homedale sweeps through ISG softball tourney

Homedale High School took one inning to make a statement in each of its four softball games last weekend.

The Trojans ran their season-opening winning streak to 10 games with four victories in the Idaho Sporting Goods Spring Softball Shootout over Friday and Saturday.

And, just for good measure, coach Morgan Nash Larry Corta got back the services of Morgan Nash.



Sidelined for the first seven games of the season while recovering from a broken hand suffered in the 3A District III girls’ basketball tournament, Nash returned with a single in a 6-3 victory over Pocatello on Friday at Mountain View High School in Meridian.

Saturday: Homedale 5, Idaho Falls 3 — The last of four games against Class 5A programs turned out to be the Trojans’ closest call.

Homedale scored three runs in its final at-bat to keep the win streak alive in a game played at Centennial High School.

The Tigers had snapped a 2-2 tie by scoring a run off Tristan Corta in the top of the seventh inning.

Tori Nash was 2-for-4 with

— See **Trojans**, page 13

Marsing runner wins 10K road race benefitting Adrian track

The Owyhee Off-Road Challenge half-marathon, 10-kilometer and 5-kilometer races were held Saturday.

Nickie Shira organized the race to raise money for the Adrian School District track program.

Marsing resident Blade Gross won the men’s title in the 10K.

There were 204 registered runners, and they paid anywhere from \$30 to \$60 to participate. All the races started and finished at

the Two Rivers Community Park in Adrian and the half-marathon covered 13 miles.

The runners came from towns including Boise, Prairie City, Ore., and Syracuse, Utah, among other locations. Organizers said they were pleased with the turnout considering this is the first year the event has been held.

Martin Manufacturing in Adrian made trophies for the winners.

The winners were:

- Half-marathon, female: Erin Pittanger, Boise
- Half marathon, male: Derek Derkacs, Garden City
- 10K, female: Sora Klopfenstein, Boise
- 10K, male: Blade Gross, Marsing
- 5K, female: Jessica Graham, Boise

— See **Race**, page 14



Erin Pittanger of Boise came in first for the women’s half-marathon during Saturday’s Owyhee Off-Road Challenge. Submitted photo

Sports



Homedale baseball coach Burke Deal looks over the plans for the field shared by the high school Trojans and the American Legion baseball program.

✓ Baseball: Deal's vision slowly coming together

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are being used on the renovation, Deal said.

The project actually began last year when a new outfield wall was built. A scoreboard was added, and then the concession stand/press box was rotated and moved away from the backstop to give spectators an unobstructed view of the action from directly behind home plate.

The work wasn't fully complete in time for the Trojans' home opener against Payette, which took place Tuesday after deadline.

Chances are there will still be some work to be done at that time, but some say that complex will rival, nay, exceed the look of Fruitland's baseball field when construction is complete.

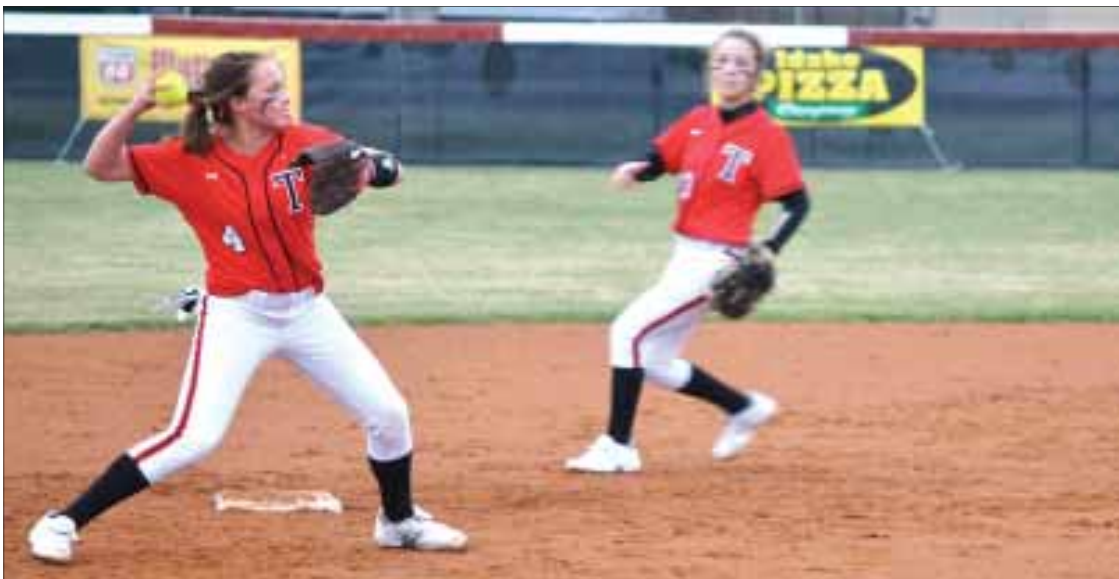
Deal says there are plans to use crushed recycled asphalt to create a walkway to the new spectator area down the left-field line.

Future elements of the dream include a home team clubhouse and public rest rooms, but there are a few other details to be hammered out before that part of the project can move forward, Deal said.

"I hope it will give the community something they can be proud of," Deal said.

Deal also hopes the effort that has gone into getting the baseball facility rejuvenated will inspire backers of other athletic teams in town to work toward their own goals of new facilities.

— JPB



Shown playing shortstop during Homedale's season-opening doubleheader against Filer last month, Elise Shenk, left, showed off her bat with a home run in the Idaho Sporting Goods Tournament.

✓ Trojans: Morgan Nash makes her debut

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three RBI, and Corta went 3-for-4 and knocked in a run.

Makayla Aberasturi and Gardenia Machuca also drove home runs.

Homedale held a 2-0 lead after scoring twice in the bottom of the fourth, but Idaho Falls evened the score in its next at-bat.

Saydee Moss hit a solo home run for the Tigers.

Saturday: Homedale 26, Centennial JV 0 (5) — Morgan Nash drove in six runs with three doubles and got her first inning inside the pitching circle. The Centennial junior varsity was a late insertion for Jerome, and the game was played on the Patriots' field.

Dakota Kelly pitched four innings of no-hit ball with nine strikeouts to start the game.

The Trojans opened the game

with a 12-run first at-bat.

Tori Nash was 4-for-4 with two doubles and four RBI to lead a 19-hit attack.

Elise Shenk (two doubles and RBI), Michelle Castro (triple and two RBI) and Machuca and Aberasturi (three RBI each) had two hits apiece.

McKenna Calzacorta doubled and brought home three runs, while Kelly doubled and had two RBI. Kendall Nash tripled.

Friday: Homedale 6, Pocatello 3 — The Trojans scored three runs in the bottom of the fourth inning that allowed them to dodge the Indians' two-run rally in the ensuing half-inning.

Sydnee Shanley doubled and knocked in a pair of runs, while Aberasturi was 2-for-2 with two runs scored and an RBI.

Kristen Stucki homered and teammate Mariah Madrid doubled

as Pocatello managed only three hits against Kelly and Corta.

Shenk and Tori Nash both doubled with Shenk scoring a run and notching an RBI, while Nash also scored.

Friday: Homedale 17, Capital 10 (6) — Trailing 10-4 at Borah High School in Boise, the Trojans scored 10 times in the bottom of the fifth inning to take control.

Shenk and Machuca homered for Homedale, which counted five extra-base hits among a dozen hits against two Eagles pitchers. Corta, Aberasturi and Shanley doubled with Corta driving in three runs and scoring three more.

Machuca collected four RBI, while Shenk crossed the plate four times.

Corta got the win in relief, dodging three unearned runs and four walks in 4 1/3 innings.

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HHS ATHLETE OF THE WEEK
Tristan Corta, jr., softball

The Play – Corta got credit for three of the Trojans' four wins at the Idaho Sporting Goods softball tournament Friday and Saturday as Homedale extended its season-opening win streak to 10 games. Corta struck out 12 in 13 1/3 innings and gave up just one earned run (0.52 ERA). At the plate, she had seven hits, including a double, a knocked in four runs.

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Friday, April 3 at Parma, 5 p.m.
Saturday, April 4, home vs. McCall-Donnelly (2), noon and 2 p.m.
Tuesday, April 7, home vs. Fruitland, 5 p.m.
Wednesday, April 8, home vs. Vale, Ore., 5 p.m.

Junior varsity
Friday, April 3, home vs. Wilder, 5 p.m.
Tuesday, April 7 at Fruitland, 5 p.m.
Wednesday, April 8 at Vale, Ore., 5 p.m.

Track and field
Wednesday, April 1 at New Plymouth Invitational, 3:30 p.m.
Friday, April 3 at Lynn Behrman Invitational, Parma H.S., 3 p.m.

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Golf
Wednesday, April 8, home for 3A Snake River Valley conference meet, River Bend GC, Wilder, 3 p.m.

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Sports



Dane Stevens of Boise came in third during Saturday's Owyhee Off-Road Challenge men's half-marathon. in Adrian. Submitted photo

✓ Race: Adrian High School team resumes season Friday at Nyssa meet

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• 5K, male: Gavin Bayes, Wilder	March 17 with the Ontario Ice Breaker. The boys' team, which won the 1A Oregon state championship last spring, got off to a good start	with senior Chase Walker taking a role in three victories. Walker swept the sprints at 100 and 200 meters and ran the first leg for the Antelopes' victorious	4x400 relay team. Wes White, Jett McCoy and Reagan Shira also ran one lap. Shira also won the triple jump and the 400 meters.	On the girls' side, freshman Morgan Bayes won the 100. Adrian is scheduled to compete in Friday's Don Walker Invitational in Nyssa, Ore.
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MARSING HUSKIES MHS top performers

Baseball Record — 2-2 Hitter — Seth Hardy, sr., .706 average (12-for-17), .773 on-base pct. Pitcher — Hunter Gibson, sr., 5.40 ERA, 17 strikeouts in 11 2/3 innings	Softball Record — 0-6 Top performer — Carey Dines, sr., .667 (10-for-15)	Track and field Boy — Alexandre Heidt, jr., third statewide in 2A 100, 11.55 seconds; just out of the top 10 in the long jump at 19 feet, 4 inches Girl — Angie Draper, so., team's top marks in 100, both hurdles and long jump
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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

April 4, 1990

Three county officials to face challengers

Three incumbent Owyhee County office-holders, Harold Tolmie of Homedale, Harvey Grimme of Marsing and Larry Bachman of Grand View, face challengers in the May 22 Republican primary election.

The passage of Idaho’s Friday filing deadline for candidates revealed that Homedale Mayor Paul J. Fink has filed for the 2nd District county commissioner’s seat currently held by Tolmie. Lester M. Buck of rural Homedale has filed for the county coroner’s job currently held by Grimme. Bachman, the incumbent county assessor, is being challenged for that position by Ernie Bahem of Murphy, an appraiser in his office.

No Democrat has filed for any county government job open to election this year. All the primary contests will be on the Republican ballot. (County Democrats will have choices to make on their ballot involving U.S. Congressional races and in the race for State Senator from Legislative District 12.)

Two other county government incumbents with expiring terms, Owyhee County 1st District Commissioner Richard Bass of Reynolds Creek and Owyhee County District Court Clerk Barbara Jayo of Murphy, face no opposition to their bids for re-election.

Barbara Wright of Murphy, who has filed for the seat of retiring Owyhee County Treasurer Joan Bachman, also has no opposition. Conceivably, however, write-in candidates for any office opening up this year could still surface, if they officially file their declarations of intent to run at the county courthouse by or before the May 17 deadline set by the state.

Pinewood derby races held

Using model cars they had built and designed themselves, with paternal help, Homedale Cub Scouts in three dens of Pack 509 took part in the annual Pinewood Derby at the Homedale LDS Church earlier this month.

First place winners were Steven McRae, Wolf Den, in the time of 3.00596; Scott Neil, Bear Den, in the time of 3.08520 and Brett Findlay, Webelos Den, 3.13568. They and other entrants raced their models on a computerized track loaned for the event by Andy Hansen of Boise.

Other participants from the Wolf Den, for 8-year-olds were Michael Ethington, Matthew McBride, Ruben Cortinas, Nathan Brown, Omar Garcia and Kordell Anderson.

Others competing from the Bear Den, for 9-year-olds, were Jason Brown and Brock Findlay. Additional competitors from the Webelos Den, for 10-year-olds, were: Steven Ethington, John McRae, Fon Anderson and Miguel Ocamica. Den leaders for the pack are Debbie McRae, Vicki Anderson and Ken McRae.

Local man on Friday television show

At least two Homedale families, and possibly many more, will be glued to the television sets come 8 p.m. this Friday to watch a former Homedale man turned professional actor, Alan Echeverria, portray a killer in a new national network television drama, Nasty Boys. The hour-long program is scheduled to air on Channel 7, NBC’s area affiliate. The title of the episode is “The Candidate.”

It’s probable that the two local people most interested in watching Alan’s performance will be his mother, Frances Echeverria, who taught in the Homedale elementary school system for 20 years, and his sister, Nancy Belknap, now a teacher in the Marsing school system.

In the upcoming episode, Frances said, Alan plays “an assassin who shoots the Governor of Nevada” and then gets shot to death by the Lieutenant Governor. “If you miss the first 15 minutes, you miss Alan,” she advised. The episode was filmed on location in Las Vegas and marks Alan’s first-time appearance on the program. The series is about young adults who help a special police unit “get rid of crime, drugs and racketeering,” according to Frances.

50 years ago

April 1, 1965

Eidemiller is Valedictorian of Homedale Class of ‘65

Elaine Eidemiller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Eidemiller, has been named Valedictorian of the Class of 1965 at Homedale High School.

She maintained a grade-point average of 3.97 during her high school course.

Her activities include: Member of Thespians, Honor Society, F.T.A., Pep club. Member of Student Council for 3 years; Student Body Historian, junior year; Student Body Vice-President, senior year; Member of band for 3 years; school paper and annual staff during senior year; Homemaker of Tomorrow; Girls State delegate; participant in summer Honors Program at I.S.U. last summer; and Junior Prom decorations chairman.

Jemmett named Salutatorian at Homedale High

Doralee Jemmett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Jemmett, was named salutatorian of Homedale High School 1965 graduating class.

Miss Jemmett has maintained a 3.83 grade-point average during her high school course.

Her school activities include: Band, 9-11; Thespian, 10-12; Honor Society, 11-12; Future Teachers of America, 12; Pep Club, 9-11; SRV Honor Band, 9-11; Pep Band, 9-11; Jr. Class Student Council Rep., 11; Honor Society President, 12; Girls State alternate, 11; School play, 11, 12; Debate squad, 12; Paper staff, 10; prom server, 10; Librarian, 11-12; Librarian president, 12.

Don Bowmans to leave for Japan

Rev. and Mrs. Don Bowman and three children, Teresa, 7; Garry, 5, and Joel, 3½, will leave from Seattle, Wash., on April 15, by plane for Tokyo, Japan, where they will serve as missionaries for the next five years. Rev. Bowman is under the Bible Missionary Church and had pastored for several years in churches throughout the Northwest.

He and his wife, Grace, are both former graduates of Homedale High School. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Bowman, and her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Challen Watson of Central Gem community.

They arrived in this area last week to visit friends and relatives in Homedale before leaving on their mission.

Snake River to irrigate desert near Murphy, Oreana

Progress wears a yellow “hard hat” these days in the area of fertile but thirsty land stretching west of the Snake River between Murphy and Oreana in Owyhee County.

It’s there that builders of Idaho Power Company, wearing the protective headgear by which they are recognized throughout the Snake River Valley, are helping to set the stage for another development that some observers believe may well lead to a “boom” opening up as many as 100,000 acres to productive use in the area.

This “key” development is Pacific Land Company’s progressive undertaking to transform the desert plateau above the Snake (Murphy Flat) into a garden by the “high-lift” method of pumping that recent experience has found to be economically feasible.

Under Pacific Land’s farsighted plan, huge electric pumps will draw water from the reservoir created by Idaho Power’s Swan Falls Dam and literally “push” it some 600 feet up to the high plateau rim and into a storage pond.

From there, the water will be distributed by concrete-lined ditches and other electric pumps to sprinklers that will rain it on the land.

Providing the lift from the reservoir to the plateau rim will be big pumps totaling several thousand horsepower in a plant located about 3½ miles upstream from Swan Falls. Other pumps will be dispersed atop the plateau in a total of three relift stations and 15 sprinkler booster stations.

With this array of pulsing pumps, Pacific Land expects to irrigate some 4,500 acres in the first year of operation.

To help Pacific Land bring its ambitious development to reality, Idaho Power is investing nearly \$393,000 in new service facilities.

140 years ago

April 3, 1875

MARKS AND BRANDS. We shall in a day or two publish a list of the marks and brands adopted by stock owners throughout this county in designation of their animals. This will be a great convenience and advantage to butchers and those interested in stock, and we ask in return that if any of these gentlemen are not subscribers to the Avalanche, they will give us a helping hand.

ATTEMPTED ESCAPE. Miller, who is in jail awaiting the action of the next grand jury for drawing a pistol on night-watchman Haas last August, made an unsuccessful effort to escape about 4 o’clock on Saturday evening. Deputy Sheriff George Stoddard had let Miller out to bring a bucket of water from an adjacent spring, while he (Stoddard) busied himself throwing some wood out of the shed in the rear of the jail. The prisoner not returning in due time, Stoddard looked out and saw him traveling about halfway up the mountainside behind the jail. He immediately alarmed the Sheriff, who was at the Idaho Hotel, and both of them started in pursuit. They rapidly gained on the fugitive and, when within a couple of hundred yards of him, called out to him to halt, which being unheeded, they fired five or six shots from their revolvers at him, causing him to stop and cry out, “Don’t shoot any more; I will go back.” He did come back, too, and will probably be more strictly guarded hereafter.

THE PASSENGERS by the South Mountain stage yesterday from that place were treated to an entertainment “not down on the bill.” When about two miles out, the veteran driver, Mr. Vincent, was overtaken by a man on horseback who had an account to settle with the “old man.” Quite a dispute arose between the two, and it looked very squally at one time, weapons making their appearance, and work for the undertaker being promised. The breeze however blew over in a short time and the stage proceeded on its way, the passengers having much sport over the matter and one of them who is a rural poet “shot off” any amount of doggerel on the occasion.

THE LATEST reliable intelligence from the Silver City Nimrods reports them shipwrecked near the stage company’s ranch in Jordan Valley. One of the wheels of their wagon had broken down, and Dave Edgerton was flying a signal of distress from an adjacent mountain peak, while the balance were firing minute guns. They were short of provisions, each man being put on an allowance of a quart of whiskey, a plug of tobacco and one “hard tack” per day. Tom Walls, of Wagontown, went to their rescue this morning.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY. A disturbance occurred at the Miners’ Hotel early this morning. W. B. Knott had some dispute with Mr. Anderson at the bar, regarding the raising of a sum of money. Knott is indebted to Mr. A it seems, and they had some warm talk about the matter when the lie was passed. Mr. Knott struck at the landlord who parried off the blow. The latter picked up a stick and dealt his assailant a smart blow upon the head, ordering him out of the house. He was not dangerously injured.

THE MOUNTAINS of Idaho Territory abound in valuable trees, such as pine, fir, hacmatack, &c. The abundant water power will give all the facilities for the establishment of numerous saw mills, and these in turn ought to give employment to a large number of mechanics and laboring men. The building of railroads would develop the lumbering interests and create an immense business in this great staple of itself.

THE IMPORTANCE of improving the roads throughout the Territory cannot be too strongly impressed upon the people just now. The delay in the transportation of freight has a tendency to discourage merchants. A movement from the right quarter might accomplish something.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense East Coast West Coast



I was back in New York last winter speaking to the Beef Producers Association. I have been on the East Coast often and have developed a good sense of how their urban neighbors look at the ag industry.

In turn I have spoken 200-plus times to ag producers on the West Coast, and have got an idea how their urban consumers, especially those from L.A., San Francisco, Portland and Seattle treat their farming neighbors.

East Coast urbanites seem to have a no-nonsense attitude about producers. The diversity in cultures in New York allows them to be tolerant to other’s taste. They are not squeamish about the slaughter of animals from veal to lobsters, or sushi and beef tongue. They’re busy, and count on farmers to do our part humanely and safely within realist standards. They are wary of animal rights groups that get goofy. Most Yankees have an idea where their food comes from and have confidence in the process.

My experience with modern urban California consumers is that they are suspicious of any food process or description that includes scientific words like chemicals, hormones and antibiotics. Those words scare them even though they have no real knowledge of what they mean.

They are comforted by the words organic, all-natural, hydroponic, Omega 3, sustainable farming or home-grown. Their fear and lack of knowledge makes them gullible to vague claims made by pills and powders and heart-wrenching accusations of animal rightists and enviromites. Their whole impression of ag producers is tainted by the barrage of Chicken Littles who usually make a living maligning modern agriculture. They never get a chance to find out where their food comes from, they can’t get through the professional distracter’s blizzard of buzzwords.

In the geographical part of the country where the rest of us live, there seems to be a common sense that doesn’t exist on either coast. The Midwest, South and Mountain Time zone produces the vast majority of the food Americans eat. Granted, ag producers in the fly-over remain a tiny portion of the population, but they still have a chance to mingle with urbanites.

Even in cities like Minneapolis, Omaha, Denver, Atlanta and Dallas, the urban population is overwhelming, but 10 miles outside of town you begin to see corn growing, cows grazing, plowed fields and farm machinery. These urbanites have a lot of opportunity to see where their food comes from.

I see these geographical differences as stages in a maturation of our civilization; California is bombarded by Mexican and Asian food ... what’s next? Midwesterners will take portion control more seriously? New York Citified may take a Farm Tour upstate?

But regardless of our differences, no one doubts that the American farmer will be able to keep your plate full, be it a Karaoke salad, a thinner pork chop, or a pizza with organic sardines.

— Visit Baxter’s Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features and to purchase Baxter Black merchandise, including his newest release, “Cave Wall Graffiti from a Neanderthal Cowboy,” other books and DVDs. Baxter plans to take a break from live performances in April. One of the final performances before his hiatus is a benefit for the Trailing of the Sheep Festival in Hailey. He’ll appear at the Limelight Room at the Sun Valley Resort in Sun Valley on Saturday. Tickets are available online at www.trailingofthesheep.org.

Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee On the right course



For all the economic development chatter that arises (without much progress, it seems), if Homedale merchants experience any surge in sales this spring and summer, they may have a simple game to thank.

That game is disc golf, and don’t call it Frisbee golf unless you want to feel an economic Wham-O (read: lawsuit) from the company that holds the trademark.

Back in June, former city councilman Dave Downum asked the city to consider building a disc golf course at Riverside Park.

Nine months and \$3,400 in economic development funds later, a nine-hole course is in place and ready to challenge anyone who wants to learn or wants to find a new place to play.

That’s where the economic development really could pay off.

Outside of New Plymouth, Homedale is the smallest town in the Treasure Valley to have its own disc golf course. There are several courses in Boise, and Caldwell and Nampa have them, too.

But, like those who play the sport from which disc golf derives its name, disc golfers are always looking for a new challenge.

That means, with a little word of mouth, enthusiasts

(if golfers are “duffers” are disc golfers “flingers?”) from all over the valley could flock to the heretofore seldom-used Riverside Park to take their best shots at the funny-looking chain baskets stretching from behind the municipal swimming pool to various locations across the park. There’s even a hole tucked up on an outcropping behind the city well.

The elevation changes for this course could put it higher on the list of must-play courses than some of the better-established haunts in the valley.

And, yes, there is a website listing nearly every course in the state.

More improvements are planned. City public works supervisor Bret Smith told the council last week that he has yet to put in tee boxes and corresponding descriptions for each hole.

In the meantime, that gives aficionados like Downum plenty of time to get the word out about the latest attraction in Homedale.

And that could result in a stream of folks cruising to Homedale and stopping in at the town’s stores before or after a round (or two) for a round (or two) of refreshments.

Sounds like a perfect drive.

Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington Army Corps rules must align with Second Amendment



Some lands and water managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) are open for hunting, and there are a small number of authorized shooting ranges, but much of the millions of acres managed by the Corps are off limits to lawful possession of firearms. Not only is this a violation of the intent of the Second Amendment, but also it is inconsistent with laws and regulations governing lands managed by other federal agencies. This problem must be fixed to uphold Americans’ Second Amendment rights.

Legislation I introduced to resolve this issue and align the firearms laws governing Corps-managed lands with those governing other federal lands recently advanced in the U.S. Senate. My legislation, S. 263, which would restore Americans’ fundamental right to bear arms on lands managed by the Corps, was included in the Bipartisan Sportsmen’s Act of 2015. A Senate Environment and Public Works Subcommittee recently held a hearing to discuss the Sportsmen’s Act, which is expected to soon head to the Senate floor. But, I need your help in keeping this legislation in the Sportsmen’s Act.

According to data compiled by the nonpartisan Congressional Research Service, the Corps is responsible for 12 million acres of land and waters, including 422 lake and river projects with recreation, 92,844 campsites, 7,700 miles of trails, and 3,544 boat launches. Under current law, a person may carry a weapon in a National Park as long as that act is consistent with the firearms laws of the surrounding states. However, those very same rights are not extended to Americans who hunt, camp or fish on land controlled by the Corps. This effectively denies citizens their Second Amendment freedoms when on Corps-managed lands.

Enabling Americans to carry firearms on land managed by the Corps will allow law-abiding citizens to protect themselves and provide needed consistency across federal lands that will reduce the complication of tracking where one federal agency’s land management jurisdiction ends and another begins.

The Idaho case

U.S. District of Idaho Judge B. Lynn Winmill’s October 2014 ruling in a case now known as *Nesbitt v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers* lifted a 1973 ban on firearms on the Army Corps of Engineers-administered lands. The government has filed an appeal.

According to www.recreation.gov, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has jurisdiction over the following recreational sites in Idaho:

- Lucky Peak Lake
- Lake Pend Oreille near Sandpoint in the Idaho Panhandle
- Dworshak Reservoir north of Orofino

The Supreme Court, in *District of Columbia v. Heller*, affirmed that the Second Amendment is an individual right and the right to an operable firearm for self-defense. This right should apply on all lands managed by the federal government. Moreover, a federal district judge in Idaho agrees. *Morris v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers* was brought by plaintiffs in western Idaho who use Corps managed lands for recreation, including camping. The plaintiffs challenged the regulation as being an unconstitutional violation of the Second Amendment. In October, the court found that the regulation was unconstitutional and banned the Corps policy, unfortunately, only in Idaho.

Burdening law-abiding citizens of this country with additional Second Amendment restrictions is not the answer to safeguarding the public. Americans’ Second Amendment rights must be restored to lands managed by the Corps, and my legislation included in the sportsmen’s package achieves this necessary goal. However, during the EPW Subcommittee hearing, it became clear that the

Commentary

Financial management Money for good grades teaches value of hard work

Dear Dave,

What's your opinion on rewarding kids with money for getting good grades in school?

— Joe

Dear Joe,

Honestly, I don't have a strong opinion about it one way or the other. We didn't pay our kids for good grades, but I can't really think of a strong argument not to pay them for success in school. You could say you shouldn't pay them because it's something they're expected to do anyway, and that's somewhat valid. But you could also make the same point where chores around the house are concerned, too.

We paid our kids to do some chores, but really the point is not about the economic value. It's the fact that you want your kids to associate work with money. I still meet people my age and older who haven't made that con-

nection. Work creates money, and that's an important thing to teach your kids. Once they've created some money by working, then you want to use those moments to teach them to save, spend and give wisely.

You can do this around the subject of grades if you want. There's probably a valid case to be made that getting an "A" takes a lot more work than getting a "C." You're certainly not obligated to pay them for work or grades, but if you don't do some of this — and teach them the proper ways to handle the money they earn — you'll miss out on a lot a fantastic teachable moments.

— Dave

Dear Dave,

My husband and I are on Baby Step 2 of your plan. We've got our starter emergency fund of \$1,000 in the bank, and we're busy paying off credit cards



and unpaid taxes from previous years. He thinks it's OK to take trips and save up for other fun things while we're doing this, but I disagree. I want to cut out all extra spending and pay off our debt as fast as possible. What's your opinion?

— Laura

Dear Laura,

It's OK to do those things in the general philosophy of life. Unfortunately, that's not what I teach when it comes to getting out of debt and gaining control of your finances. The reason people are successful following my plan is because I teach common sense combined with an unbridled, scorched-earth kind of intensity.

Let's take a closer look at this. You have unpaid taxes, not to mention credit card debt hanging over your heads, and he's talking about going on a trip and saving up for toys? I'm sorry, but that's completely irresponsible. Remember when we were kids, and Mommy and Daddy wouldn't let us go outside and play until we had cleaned up our mess? That's the kind of thing I teach.

There's a process here. There's an idea and a concept behind what I teach, and when you plug into it,

you're going to start moving in a positive direction. In short, behaviors have to change, Laura. The more dramatically they change, the better results you get and the faster you fix things. But if you don't plug into it — if *he* doesn't plug into it — you guys are going to keep getting the same results you've been getting, which basically stink!

— 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. Dave's new book, The Legacy Journey, is now available. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 8.5 million listeners each week on more than 550 radio stations. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the Web at daveramsey.com.

Americans for Limited Government Congress' unprincipled stance endangers GOP ideals

by Rick Manning

It is a real head-scratcher.

At a time when the American public is identifying the government as the No. 1 problem in America, Congressional Republicans are increasingly embracing big government solutions. It is as if Republicans don't want to win.

The latest cool movement in Republican circles is to be something called a Reformicon. A Reformicon basically believes that the push for limited government is passé, and Republicans should instead make the case that they can manage government better. This management, for example, includes having their acolytes pick different winners and losers using the tax code than their liberal counterparts would.

Essentially this new fad is little more than playing a resource allocation battle between opposing special interests, rejecting the old-fashioned idea that cutting the size and scope of government helps everyone succeed in a more vibrant free market.

This battle is typical in Washington, D.C. where industries grapple with each other for larger pieces of the pie, and the resulting non-ideological fight creates millions in campaign cash. It is the official Washington, D.C. dream where both sides load up on lobbyists, hire consultants to run public relations campaigns and politicians linger for years over decisions until the last bit of cash is extorted from the private entities whose entire businesses hang in the balance.

The Reformicon idea is that if you want families with

children to vote for you, and to encourage them to have more children, you should dramatically increase the child tax credit, and by doing so, get the support of the millions of families who benefit. This solution makes more sense to this new/old breed of Republican than to lower the overall tax rate that benefits everyone.

But this is about much more than a group of "young" thinkers who have discovered that it is much more fun to run a government where you pick winners and losers rather than hog-tying government so people can win or lose based upon their own initiative, ingenuity, and hard work. After all, letting the actions of millions of Americans determine who succeeds and who goes bust is too random for this new breed that wants to game the system toward the end they prefer.

Politically it is hard to argue that these new, post-Constitutional thinkers don't have a handle on what levers to pull to manipulate the right micro-targets through sophisticated government action. And their acceptance of the government dependency state fits nicely with the desires of the corporate class which is agnostic between Hillary Clinton and Jeb Bush, but hates a potential candidate like Ted Cruz, so their effort to grab hold of the Republican Party apparatus should be well-funded.

The challenge is that should they succeed, the GOP will have philosophically abandoned the concept that government is the chokehold on free market innovation, and in doing so will have ceded the mantle of being the limited government political party.

Once that plumb line core principle is lost, the Republican Party will devolve into a non-stop resources bidding war with the Democrats hoping to woo the affections of an avaricious public seeking their piece of the "free" government pie, and the party of Lincoln will be dead.

Americans don't want government managing their lives and manipulating their decisions, and they certainly distrust government to have their best interests at heart when it is nothing more than a battle between competing lobbyists.

Five months after voters swept Republicans into power, Gallup confirms that the limited government message is a powerful one. It is a cudgel that Republicans of a bygone era would have wielded aggressively, particularly as they ostensibly control the House and the Senate.

In the meantime, you can count on the political messages from the official Republican Party offices reflecting the Party platform of reducing the size and scope of government.

However, the question is whether you can count on the Republican majorities in Congress to fight to win on these fundamental principles or will they surrender to the powerful temptation to "manage" big government to help those who support them.

Based upon the five months since their big November win, the Magic 8-Ball says, "party prospects not bright." For the sake of the nation, let's hope it is wrong.

— Rick Manning is the President of Americans for Limited Government.

✓ Align: More work required to ensure rights are protected on public lands

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bill faces intense opposition from Senate Democrats who want to strip the Second Amendment protections from the underlying bill.

Please help me in stopping this legislation from being stripped from the Sportsmen's Act. I encourage all those

who are interested in this issue to sign the petition at http://www.crapo.senate.gov/contact/second_amendment.cfm to end the ban on firearms possession on millions of acres of federal land and pass along information to all you know about actions to protect our Second Amendment rights. Together, we can push this legislation that would end this

unconstitutional ban and safeguard Americans' Second Amendment rights across the finish line.

— 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.

Public notices

BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
On April 23, 2015 beginning at 9:00 am the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hear testimony in the Annex Building of the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy, Idaho on the following matters at the times listed below.

Beginning at 9:00 am, the Commission will hear a request for a conditional use permit filed by Kelly and Robin Aberasturi seeking to establish a second single-family residence on an approximately 5.9 acre parcel of land, parcel number RP04N05-W313752A. The property is in an agricultural zone located at 2504 Northside Road in Homedale. The subject property is located in a portion of the NWSW ¼ of Section 31, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 10:00 am, the Commission will hear a request for a conditional use permit filed by Gloria Stanford seeking to establish a second single-family residence on a 160-acre parcel of land, parcel number RP09S05W096000A. The property is in an agricultural zone, located at 3581 Cliffs Rd in Pleasant Valley Idaho. The subject property is located in a portion of the south half of Section 9, Township 9 South, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 11:00 am, the Commission will hear a request for a variance filed by Stacey Buckingham seeking a reduced setback from State Highway 78/51 on a 7.6-acre parcel of land, parcel number RPE00000196450A. The subject property is located in the Bruneau Townsite in a multiuse zone located in the SWSWSW ¼ of Section 19, Township 6 South, Range 6 East, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 1:00 pm, the Commission will hear a request for a Confined Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) filed by J.R. Simplot Co. seeing to establish an eighty-acre facility to feed a maximum of 3,500 BLM wild horses, or alternatively 3,500 cattle, or a combination of the two species. The proposed eighty-acre site is located on portions of two larger parcels of land totaling 498 acres; parcel numbers RP06S05E280601A, and RP06S05E211801A. The subject property is in an agricultural zone located off Jacks Creek Road in sections 21 and 28 of Township 6 South, Range 5 East, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho

Copies of the proposed projects are available for review in the Planning and Zoning office. For additional information please contact the Planning and Zoning office at 495-2095 ext. 2.

4/1/15

NOTICE
The City of Marsing is soliciting sealed bids for the Marsing Island Park Project. Sealed bids for

the City of Marsing Island Park Project will be received at the City of Marsing, City Hall, 425 Main Street, P.O. Box 125, Marsing, Idaho 83639, until 4:00 pm Local Time on April 17, 2015. Sealed bids will be publicly opened at 4:05 pm Local Time that same day. Bids received after the time specified above will not accepted or opened.

This project will consist of furnishing all labor, materials and supplies to excavate, grade and shape then install 3/4 roadmix in the Marsing Island Park parking areas, install approximately 440 feet of 2 inch SCH 80 PVC pipe, install approximately 450 feet of 1 inch IPS Pressure PVC pipe, remove existing sewer manhole and septic tanks, install new lighting, install signage, install new ADA compliant 40' X 130' boat dock, refurbish existing boat dock, install ADA compliant boat dock gangways, prepare stormwater pollution prevention plan, traffic control and testing of all work in accordance with the project plans, specifications and ISPMC.

Plans and Specifications are available for \$25 from: Civil Dynamics, PC, Att. Kirby Cook, 422 S 9th Avenue, Caldwell ID 83605

If you need more information, contact Kirby Cook, EIT, Civil Dynamics, PC, (208) 453-2028.

4/1.8/15

**CITY OF MARSING
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
JOINT PUBLIC HEARING
WITH CITY COUNCIL
& PLANNING AND ZONING
COMMISSION**

In accordance with the Idaho Code, Title 67, Chapter 65, the Marsing City Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission, in a joint effort, will hear comments from the public regarding the updating of the Official Schedule of District Regulations (Land Use Table) in Article VII of the Marsing Zoning Ordinances.

The Public Hearing will be held at 7:00 P.M. on April 21, 2015 at Marsing City Hall, 425 Main Street, Marsing, ID., a facility that is accessible to persons with disabilities. Comments regarding updating the Official Schedule of District Regulations will be taken at the public hearing or may be submitted in writing for consideration. Written comments must be postmarked to the Marsing City Hall, P.O. Box 125, Marsing, ID., 83639, or delivered to Marsing City Hall. Written comments will be received until 5:00 P.M. on April 21, 2015. Comments may also be read into the record at the public hearing.

Dated this 27th day of March, 2015

4/1,8/15

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the members of the MARSING COMMUNITY DI-SASTER FUND, an association will be held at eight (8:00) o'clock p.m., Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at

the MARSING COMMUNITY CENTER for the purpose of electing (3) directors for a term of three years. One (1) each from the communities of Lakeview Area, Jumpcreek Area and (1) for Director at Large from within the Association boundaries, for the election of officers for the Association and any other business relative to the Annual Meeting. Deb Holzhey, Association Secretary

4/1/15

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CASE NO. CV2015-0447
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT OF THE
STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND
FOR THE COUNTY OF
OWYHEE
MAGISTRATE DIVISION**

In the Matter of the Estate of, OLLIE LOETA DOBYNS aka LOETA DOBYNS, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above entitled estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to DOROTHY MARCELLA ARCHER, the Personal Representative of the estate at the office of Fouser Law Offices, P.A., Attorney at Law, 802 Arthur Street, Caldwell, Idaho, 83605, this being the place fixed for the transaction of the business of said estate, and filed with the Court.

Dated this 9th day of March, 2015.

/s/Dorothy Marcella Archer, Personal Representative, 12399 Riverside Rd., Caldwell, Idaho 83607

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
On July 23, 2015 at the hour of 11:00AM, of said day, on the steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650.

Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashiers check, certified check or tellers check, (from a bank which has a branch in the community at the site of the sale), money order, State of Idaho check or local government check, or cash equivalent in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the same time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit:

A parcel of land being a portion of the SE Quarter of Section 16, T5S, R3E, B.M., Owyhee County, Idaho, said parcel being more particularly described under Record of Survey Instrument Number 247412, records of the Owyhee County Recorder, Murphy, Idaho, said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Aluminum Cap marking the ¼ corner common to Sections 16 and 15, T5S, R3E, B.M., Owyhee County, Idaho; thence

S.00°13'00"E. 2660.71 feet to the Brass Cap marking the corner common to said Sections 16 and 15, and Sections 22 and 21; thence,

N.02°38'56"W. 1330.53 feet to an iron pin on the West right of way line of State Highway No. 67, and the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence along the following courses and distances to iron pins:

S.88°44'31"W. 987.37 feet; thence,

N.00°19'30"E. 330.79 feet; thence,

N.88°49'07"E. 36.00 feet; thence,

S.58°26'54"E. 26.69 feet; thence,

N.88°35'24"E. 904.74 feet to said West right of way line of State Highway No. 67; thence along said right of way the following courses and distances to iron pins:

S.00°09'14"E. 18.22 feet to a point of spiral curve; thence along a 2°30' spiral curve,

S.00°59'40"E. 101.74 feet to a point of curve; thence along a curve to the left, said curve having a delta of 01°41'41", a radius of 1185.92 feet and a long chord of 35.08 feet which bears

S.03°30'04"E. to a point of spiral curve; thence along a 2°30' spiral curve, S.06°00'29"E. 101.74 feet to a point of tangent; thence,

S.06°50'55"E. 62.44 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE, SECTION 60-113, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE STREET ADDRESS OF: 608 Roosevelt, Grand View, ID 83624, MAY SOMETIMES BE ASSOCIATED WITH SAID REAL PROPERTY.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by Albert L McGee Jr. and Patricia A McGee, husband and wife, as Grantor to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of Kathy S Knight and Bennie L Stauffer as Beneficiary, recorded April 15, 2004 as Instrument No. 247443, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is failure to:

Make principal and interest payments as set forth on said

Deed of Trust and Promissory Note. The original loan amount was \$175,000.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of 6.0% per annum, as evidenced in Promissory Note dated April 13, 2004. Payments are in default for the months of April 2014 through and including February 2015 in the amount of \$1,476.75 per month and continuing each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance as of February 25, 2015 is \$61,526.81 together with accrued and accruing interest thereon at the rate of 6.0% per annum plus default interest at the rate of 5.00% per annum. The per diem is \$18.5423. In addition to the above, there is also due delinquent real property taxes for 2011, 2012, 2013 and part of 2014, together with penalty and interest, and any other real property taxes that may become delinquent during this foreclosure, any late charges, advances, escrow collection fees, attorney fees, fees or costs associated with this foreclosure.

The balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$61,526.81, excluding interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder or in this sale, as trustee's fees and/or reasonable attorney's fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

Dated: March 23, 2015

Alliance Title & Escrow Corp.,
By: Melissa Ambriz, Trust Officer, Phone 877-947-1553 File No.: 261757 / Customer Ref No. 10900110030440

This communication is on behalf of a debt collector and is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

4/1,8,15,22/15

**NOTICE OF HEARING
ON NAME CHANGE
CASE NO. CV2015-480-H
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
FOR THE STATE OF
IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE
COUNTY OF OWYHEE**

IN RE: Enrique Jimenez

A Petition to change the name of Enrique Jimenez, a minor, now residing in the City of Marsing, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Owyhee County, Idaho. The name will change to Enrique Quebrado.

The reason for the change in name is: I would like him to have his fathers last name.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on April 15, 2015 at the Homedale Court Owyhee County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

Date: March 4, 2015
Clerk of the District Court
By: Cindy Chaves, Deputy Clerk

3/11,18,25;4/1/15



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