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## Easter egg hunts sweeten weekend



*Clockwise from above: The Easter Bunny, a k a 13-year-old Peyton Green, gets things started for the kindergarten division for the Marsing Lions Club Easter egg hunt at the high school football field. A young girl looks for more treats during the Homedale Chamber of Commerce hunt. Lots of candy brought out smiles at the hunt in Murphy. For more photos, see **Pages 12-13***



## Gem plant runs; other irrigators watch, wait

No decision has been made on when water from the Owyhee Reservoir will turn into irrigation canals.

Producers in the older portion of the Gem Irrigation District began receiving water last week after the Gem Pumping Plant began drawing water out of the Snake River.

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## Three races for May 19 election

Two levies also on ballot

Filings are closed for the May 19 elections, which will see three contested races.

Only one of those races, however, will have two names on the ballot. The other two elections will feature write-in candidates.

Friday was the final day to register as a write-in for the taxing district elections coming later this spring.

Patrons in the Marsing School District and the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery Maintenance District also will face levy questions.

As previously reported, Zone 1 incumbent Kurt Shanley faces a challenge for his Homedale school board of trustees position from Jeff Christoffersen.

In the Marsing school board election, write-in candidate Jeff

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## Eagle Scout helps finish Grand View bridge

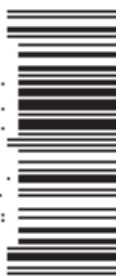
Two-year project aimed to keep students safe along highway

Several community members recently wrapped up work on a new walking bridge in Grand View. It is located over a canal north of Gus's Gas along the Idaho highway 167 and was first proposed two years ago.

Doug Thurman with the Grand View Lions Club helped organize the project and said the bridge was needed to keep pedestrians off the road. Previously, "kids coming to school had to go out on the highway," Thurman said.

Putting the main part of the foot bridge together was the Eagle Scout project of Rigo Lino, a 16-year-old sophomore at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School.

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Steve Henry’s plane rests on the ground between the Murphy airstrip and Idaho highway 78 on Friday after bystanders moved the plane off the highway. Photo courtesy Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office

## Pilot winds up on highway in Murphy

A pilot operating a small aircraft had a rough landing in Murphy on Friday. Nampa resident Steven Henry, 58, was not hurt and walked away from the damaged plane.

Windy conditions are being blamed for the mishap.

According to a witness, Henry was practicing takeoffs and landings at the Murphy airstrip when the incident occurred.

Owyhee County court clerk

Dorla Stoneman said the plane bounced down the runway and went off the side of the strip into the dirt. A wheel came off, and the aircraft spun around and came to a rest facing north on Idaho highway 78.

The northbound lane of the highway was blocked for only a few minutes before county jailers, a court security officer and Henry moved it back to the dirt, Stoneman said.

Sheriff Perry Grant clarified earlier media reports, saying: “it wasn’t an emergency landing but he lost control due to the wind.”

This was the second mishap for Henry in Murphy in the past six months. In October, he lost control after an engine malfunction on takeoff. Henry was unhurt when the plane ran into a barbed wire fence and turned upside down.

— SC

## Authorities: Car fire near Murphy deliberately set

The Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office is investigating a vehicle that went up in flames, and Sheriff Perry Grant said the fire was immediately suspicious.

The owner of the black 1999 Acura was going to report the vehicle stolen the morning it was found burning, sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said.

The car was parked west of the Scorpion Creek trailhead near milepost 23 on Idaho highway 78 around 5 a.m. Thursday. Louis Monson with the Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire Department said the vehicle was “beyond fully in-

volved” when crews got on scene.

The volunteer firefighters didn’t approach the vehicle until sheriff’s deputies arrived to preserve any evidence that might have been around the car, Monson said.

There was evidence that the car was deliberately burned, and Grant said investigators found two sets of footprints near the charred Acura.

The car was still smoldering when investigators combed the scene later Thursday.

Grant said authorities have persons of interest in the case but no arrests have been made.

— SC

## Couple visits Bruneau to talk about Himalayas

A husband and wife with local ties will speak about their time teaching English in the Himalayas next Wednesday in Bruneau.

Jay and Stephanie Janousek will be the guests for the Bruneau and Beyond luncheon at noon at the Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., in Bruneau.

The Janouseks recently returned from a 10-month stint trekking and teaching English at the Royal University of Bhutan in the eastern Himalayas. They’ll talk about their time in Bhutan and Nepal.

The free event features a light lunch before the couple gives their talk. Those planning to attend should RSVP. Call (208) 845-2131 or (208) 845-2282 to ensure a spot.

The Janouseks are in Bruneau vacationing with his mother, Beckie, as they await their next foreign assignment. Jay grew up in Boise and is a lawyer. Stephanie, who is originally from New Hampshire, is a teacher specializing in teaching English overseas.

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## Sheriff to motorists: Stay alert around ag machinery

Drivers in Owyhee County and other parts of the state are being told to watch out for slow moving farm equipment now that irrigation season has arrived.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said this includes implements such as tractors, sprayers, combines, cultivators, balers and excavators. Those pieces of equipment are moving a lot slower than you think, and giving yourself time to stop and properly judging distance are critical to avoid an accident, Bowman said.

Authorities suggest that drivers slow down immediately when they see the orange triangle on farm equipment that indicates a vehicle moving much slower than the speed limit.

Bowman also is reminding

farmers to watch exactly where they're irrigating because it's illegal to put water on a roadway. Officers will only give a couple of warnings to offenders before they start issuing citations, he said.

This is also the time of year for Bowman to remind Owyhee County parents to keep their children away from canals.

Irrigation canals are cold, deep and swift, and they often have nearly vertical banks, making it difficult for anyone who falls in to escape. They also have dangerous undertows and turbulence.

According to the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, canals and irrigation ditches are the second-leading places for drowning deaths in the state. Only rivers, creeks and streams ranked higher for drowning deaths.

## Homedale council to slate budget hearing

The Homedale City Council tonight could set a date to receive public input on the next budget. The first regular meeting of April is scheduled to start at 6 p.m. today inside City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave. The council is scheduled to set Aug. 8 as the date for the public hearing on the fiscal year 2016 budget. Council members also will hear departmental updates.

## Marsing council to set budget hearing

The Marsing City Council will schedule a date to collect public input on the town's budget for the next fiscal year at its meeting tonight.

The council meets at 7 p.m. inside City Hall, 425 Main St.

The agenda includes an item on Mayor Keith Green's report to set a budget hearing date for fiscal year 2016 on Aug. 12. That resolution will then be sent to Owyhee County Clerk Angie Barkell for certification.

Other items on the agenda are an update on the reconstruction of the bridge leading into town, an update on the methane gas project and a report from public works superintendent Jonathan Jarboe.

## Grand View council meets tonight

The Grand View City Council holds its monthly meeting today. The meeting starts at 6 p.m. inside City Hall, 425 Boise Ave. Council members will hear from Civil Dynamics representatives on the city's sewer lagoon facility plan.

City Clerk Tammy Payne will give an update on attempts to get the Board of County Commissioners to prioritize the Rio Lindo boat launch rehabilitation project in county waterways funding.

In a Monday meeting with city officials, county commissioners and Sheriff Perry Grant agreed to write letters supporting the city's efforts to improve the boat access to the Snake River.

The council could also consider making changes to the city's personnel policy.

The council also will be reminded of the city Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, which will take place at 6 p.m. on Monday, April 20 at City Hall.

The council also has planned a fiscal year 2016 budget workshop for 9 a.m. on Thursday, May 21 at the Eastern Owyhee County Library.

## Hwy 78 CDR plans \$1,000 raffle

Owyhee County Hwy 78 Community Disaster Relief fund organizers have started preparations for their third annual family festival and car show.

The benefit will take place on Saturday, Oct. 17 at the Owyhee County Historical Museum in Murphy.

In the meantime, the CDR is selling raffle tickets for a chance to win \$1,000 in cash. There are 300 tickets available for \$10 each, and the winner will be announced on Sunday, June 7 at Outpost Days at the museum in Murphy.

Call Denise Lacy at (208) 495-1578 to obtain tickets or to make a tax-deductible contribution to the disaster relief fund.

Earlier this year, the CDR presented the family of the late Bill Hackler with \$1,910. An Owyhee County resident, Hackler died in a Canyon County farming accident in February.

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**Above:** Rigo Lino, far left, leads the foot work with fellow Scouts as part of his Eagle Scout project. **Below:** Looking back toward Idaho highway 78. Submitted photo

✓ **Bridge:** Several community members band together to finish project

Thurman is one of his scoutmasters and suggested the idea.

When the school district levy didn't pass last year, Lino said he had considered moving the playground equipment from the grade school at Grand View to an area behind the high school for his Eagle Scout project. That didn't happen because a smaller supplemental levy passed in August, and the district was able to keep the elementary school open.

Finishing the painting on the bridge was the most difficult part of the project because weather conditions kept setting volunteers back, Lino said.

Nine other scouts helped with the project along with three or four troop leaders, and Lino "had enough people to get everything done pretty easily."

He learned a lot of leadership skills from putting the bridge together, and it was hard for him to direct others, rather than just do all the work himself, Lino said.

Now that the pedestrian bridge is finished, he thinks "it looks awesome," and he's gotten really good feedback from people

about its appearance.

C-2 Construction did the concrete work on the side of the bridge, and Skyline Construction contributed for the finishing details on both ends of the bridge. The Simplot Co. provided a crane to help set the beams.

The original plan for the bridge would have cost \$80,000, but bridge builder John Falk of Murphy redesigned it to cost just \$25,000. After all the donations of labor and materials, the Lions Club only had to pay \$20,000, Thurman said.

Owyhee County donated I-beams for the bridge, Falk donated labor and metal for the decking, and Oreana residents Cal and Suzie Low of Low's Concrete gave the Lions Club 34 yards of concrete.

Falk, 85, has lived in Owyhee County since about 1997, after relocating from Utah. He was a sub-contract bidder to a general contractor on the original plan for the bridge.

Falk has built bridges all over the country in states including California, Washington, Mon-



tana, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah and Idaho. He even helped rebuild the bridge that leads into Homedale in the 1960s and said the only type of bridge he hasn't built is a suspension bridge.

He read that the county was renovating a structure on Reynolds Creek and they hauled beams from the old bridge to the county yard in Murphy. He looked at them and said, "They

might do for that canal crossing." However, it took him a while to figure out how to configure the beams to work for the bridge, Falk said.

Ironically, he may have actually made those beams back in the 1950s, but he can't recall it.

He decided that two beams would be more than enough to support the pedestrian bridge and would probably support a small

truck.

"So, you know, it was a little bit of this and a little bit of that and, by gosh, it turned out to be a pretty good-looking bridge."

A special thank you goes to Shona Tonkin, Jeramie Gregory and Jim Morrison with the Idaho Transportation Department for their patience in working on the project, Thurman said.

— SC

✓ **Election:** OCSO deputy jumps into race

Wasson, an Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy, will challenge current Zone 4 trustee Michelle Jacobi.

Marsing Elementary School teacher Dorothy Hutchings will seek a spot on the Lizard Butte Library District board of directors. She'll be joined on the ballot by incumbent Neal Durham, while Julia Burham has launched a write-in campaign.

After seeing a permanent override levy fail twice last year, Marsing-Homedale Cemetery directors have decided to ask for a two-year temporary levy that would raise \$30,000 in revenue from property taxes in 2016 and

2017.

The Marsing school board has placed a two-year, \$800,000 supplemental levy question on the ballot. If patrons approve, the district would receive \$400,000 per year over the next two years to pay operational expenses.

Both levies require simple majorities to pass.

The rest of the elections are uncontested:

- **Homedale school board** — Shane Muir, Zone 5 incumbent
- **Homedale Highway District** — Larry Prow, Subdistrict 1, and Scott Salutregui, Subdistrict 3, both incumbents

- **Gem Highway District** — Jay Hall, Subdistrict 3 incumbent
- **Bruneau-Grand View school board** — Scott McNeley, Zone 4 incumbent, and Billie Rutan, Zone 2 candidate
- **Bruneau Valley Library board** — Elizabeth Ogg and Judith Erwin, incumbents
- **Eastern Owyhee County Library board** — Marilyn Dean, incumbent, and Tamy Noffz-Wilson, candidate
- **Pleasant Valley school board** — Incumbents Sean Burch (Zone 1) and Doug Rutan (Zone 2)
- **Three Creek Highway district** — Incumbent Jake Brackett

✓ **Irrigators:** Reservoir release still undetermined

During a March 30 meeting, the Joint Board of the Owyhee Project set the 2015 allotment for gravity flow irrigators at 1.4 acre-feet, which is slightly higher than the preliminary calculations discussed last month.

The Joint Board has yet to set the date when water will begin flowing from the reservoir into the South Canal.

No decision was made at this week's meeting, but more discussion will be held Monday when the Joint Board meets again in Nyssa, Ore.

South Board of Control officials have said that irrigators in the older part of the Gem district that receives river water will have a full 4.0 acre-feet allotment this year.

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# Obituaries

## Carolyn M. Francke

On April 2, 2015 we lost our loving family member, Carolyn M. Francke. She is now with her parents and her granddaughter Emily M. Lambright. Mom was born on April 17, 1942 in Camas, Washington to James Earl Blevins and Edith Marie Blevins (Stringer). They lived in Pocatello and Boise, before purchasing a ranch on Mann's Creek outside of Weiser, Idaho. She graduated from Weiser High School in 1959 and then attended and graduated from Links School of Business.

Carolyn married John G. Hollenberg in 1961 and they moved to Petaluma, CA where John was enlisted in the army. They had one child from that union, Michelle (Shelly) R. Lambright. They were subsequently divorced and Carolyn returned to Boise, ID where she began her career in accounting at KIDO Radio. She became the financial director for the Republican Headquarters for the state of Idaho and eventually a postal carrier for the Eagle Post



Office. While Carolyn worked at KIDO radio she met and married Lee Johnson. They were happily married until January of 1992, when Lee passed away.

Mom became reacquainted with her high school friend, Darrel Francke, whom she later married in December of 1992. Once she married Darrel, she sold her home in Boise and moved

to Jordan Valley, OR where he resided. Like any small town, it was difficult to make friends, but Mom persisted and became very good friends with several people in Jordan Valley, in particular Opal Ackerman.

She would not have traded time with Darrel in Jordan Valley for anything. Mom was always telling us of deer and other wild critters

which would show up in the yard at night. She loved the rural, small-town atmosphere and it reminded her of her childhood, growing up in the country. Mom enjoyed all aspects of the outdoors to include hunting, fishing, horseback riding, camping and bow shooting. If Mom was not outside enjoying nature, she would be curled up reading a novel, completing a crossword puzzle or trying to beat Darrel at cards.

Mom and Darrel temporarily moved to Peck, ID in 2002 to provide hospice care for her stepfather, James E. McCormick. Darrel would make small trips back home to Jordan Valley to check on their home, but Mom never left Peck and continued to stay until grandma, her Mom, Edith M. McCormick, passed away in 2003. She treasured her time with her Mom.

Mom is survived by her daughter, Michelle Lambright and son-in-law, Ralph Lambright of Middleton, ID; her two granddaughters, Jessica and

Julianna Lambright of Middleton, ID; her sister, Janice Keithly of Eagle, ID; step-sister, Olivia Geidt of Lewiston, ID; step-brother, Richard McCormick of Lenore, ID; nephew, Travis Keithly of Midvale, ID; stepchildren, Sharon Cuslidge, Tammy Jo Slagle, Terri Lynn Stolz, Phillip Darnell Francke and Darrel Dudley Francke, various step-grandchildren and many wonderful cousins.

Mom's quiet and loving nature will be missed by all. We will especially miss her willingness to hear us tell her about our day (good or bad) and her special ability to never give advice but gently encourage us to make our own decisions. She will be deeply missed by all who loved her.

Funeral Services for Carolyn will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at 1:00 PM at Flahiff Funeral Chapel in Caldwell. Viewing will be one hour prior to service, at 12:00 PM. Condolences may be given at [www.flahifffuneralchapel.com](http://www.flahifffuneralchapel.com).

## Dolores Lee

Dolores has found her peace in Heaven on April 4, 2015 at the age of 79. She was born October 21, 1935 in Live Oak, CA, to Howard and Mary Dowdin. She raised her 7 children in Santa Barbara, CA: Bobby, Wayne, Carol, Lynne, Rick, Richard, and Michael. She spent Sundays with her kids in tow, playing piano and organ, and teaching Sunday school.

She married Bob Lee in 1994. They moved to Idaho in 1998 where Bob was born and raised. In 2001, her son Rick relocated to the area and together they went in search of a church and found Mountain View Church of the Nazarene. This became their church home where Dolores loved being their greeter and served in the Open Heart Ministries with women who were her dear friends. They touched the hearts and lives of so many people.

She was welcomed to Heaven by her husband, Bob Lee, her son Wayne Stewart & daugh-



ter Lynne Stewart. She will be missed by her daughter Carol Robert of Lompoc, CA, her sons Rick Stewart of Homedale, Richard Burritt and wife Cyndi of Lompoc, Bobby Stewart of Houston and Michael Burritt of San Diego; also 11 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and 2 on the way.

We want to say thank you to Mountain View Church and Treasure Valley Hospice for their loving care for mom.

Memorial Services were held

Tuesday April 7, 2015, at 1:30 PM at Mountain View Church of the Nazarene. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial be given to Treasure Valley Hospice. [8 6th St N, Nampa, ID 83687] Condolences can be given at [www.flahifffuneralchapel.com](http://www.flahifffuneralchapel.com)

## Judy E. Tolmie

Judy E. Tolmie, 79, passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 4, 2015 at home.

Judy was born on September 21, 1935 in Homedale. She attended grades 1 through 12 in Homedale and graduated in 1953. She then went to St. Luke's School of Nursing in Boise until 1956. After graduation, she worked as a nurse in Spokane for several months and then moved back to Boise and married Hal Tolmie on September 6, 1957.

She worked for Drs. Merrill and Mack in Boise from 1957-1968 and after one year in Payette, moved to Homedale with Hal to open Tolmie's Furniture and Appliance store in 1969. Before retiring from the store in 1997, Hal and Judy took many G.E.-sponsored trips to such places as Mexico, Jamaica and Europe.

Judy was involved in many organizations in the community including the Homedale Public Library and the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. She spent much time involved in crazy antics with her dear friend, Lydia Duncan. She loved playing cards with friends and family, especially Bridge and Pinochle. Some of her favorite things to do were fishing, camping and enjoying the great outdoors. She loved spending time in Silver City, Owyhee Reservoir, Warm Lake and Easter at Succor Creek Canyon.



Judy was preceded in death by her father and mother, George (Jig) and Ada Thomas, and her sister, Jane (Kenny) Ivey. She is survived by her husband, Harold Tolmie, two sons: Brett (Lauri) Tolmie of Nampa, Dirk

(Robyn) Tolmie of Homedale; five grandchildren: Lindsey and Erin Phelps and Zach, Jake and Josh Tolmie; her sister Shirley Law of Eagle and brother, Jack Thomas of Royal City, WA.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Cher Atkins and Donna Fisher for taking such loving care of Judy.

Judy's viewing will be held at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale, on Thursday, April 9, 2015 from 5:00-8:00 PM and a Funeral Service and Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, April 10, 2015 at 11:30 AM at Flahiff (27 E. Owyhee), Homedale followed by graveside at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery and a gathering at the Homedale Basque Center.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Homedale Public Library (125 W. Owyhee Ave). Condolences may be given at [www.flahifffuneralchapel.com](http://www.flahifffuneralchapel.com)

# Death notices

**TERRENCE "TERRY" N. REITER**, 76, of Caldwell, died Friday, April 3, 2015, at home of natural causes. Arrangements are under the care of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-0833.

**CHARLES ANTHONY WEST**, 78, of Jordan Valley, died April 1, 2015 at his home. Services pending with Lienkaemper Chapel, Ontario. Condolences may be made to the family at [lienkaemper-thomason.com](http://lienkaemper-thomason.com).

## TVCC releases winter term honor roll

Local honor students at Treasure Valley Community College are:

**President's List (4.0 grade-point average)**— Meagan Nicole Fillmore, Jordan Valley; and Katie

Jo Johnson, Grand View

**Dean's List (3.75 to 3.99)** — David Abraham Ayotte, Marsing; Lacey Jean Usabel, Marsing; and Mariza Fernandez,

Wilder

**Honor Roll (3.50 to 3.74)** — Joshua James Gamble, Adrian; and Opal Michelle Larzelier, Homedale



# Livestock event has something for everyone

University of Idaho Extension along with other partners will be hosting the Idaho Range Livestock Symposium in Marsing on Thursday and a tour on Friday. This will be a great opportunity to get updated on important topics for livestock producers.

The Marsing portion of the symposium begins at 8 a.m. at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. N.

Dr. Bob Weaber from Kansas State University will speak on the subject of genomics. Producers are often told about all the great things that genomic selection can do for them by the companies that stand to profit from conducting the testing. Dr. Weaber will focus on practical, applied uses for genomic selection and share unbiased research results.

Jessica Sampson from the Livestock Marketing Information Service will try to give us a look from her crystal ball. We have certainly seen some record-setting cattle prices! What does the future hold? Will those prices be



Scott Jensen

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sustainable over the long term? What factors will affect market conditions over the next few years?

How can you put together a grazing plan that will meet your needs as well as Bureau of Land Management's needs? The symposium will feature a producer/BLM panel focused on answering that question. That should provide for some interesting discussion!

Have you set the wheels in motion for passing your ranch on to other family members? I know many folks haven't yet started to eat that elephant. Estate planning attorney Pete Volk will speak at the symposium about the various options for passing the ranch on to family or others. Pete comes from a production agriculture background and understands our industry. You will be sure to gain some valuable insight into planning for the future of your ranch as you listen to Pete.

Just what are the economic impacts of managing grazing to benefit sage-grouse? Dr. Neil Rimbey will share some research results from a multi-state study that he was involved in. Neil has a long history of working to help public lands ranchers in Owyhee

County and across Idaho. Neil also currently serves on the Boise District BLM Resource Advisory Committee.

This is just a sampling of who will be speaking. The symposium really has something for everybody. There is no cost to attend, but an RSVP will guarantee lunch for you.

The symposia series will conclude with a tour on Friday. The tour will include an opportunity to visit the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) in Boise. This is a rare opportunity for members of the general public to visit the inner workings of NIFC. Tour stops will also focus on fire breaks across the Owyhees, rangeland monitoring, and a tour of Simplot Livestock in Grand View.

The tour will begin at 9 a.m. sharp at NIFC at 3833 Development Ave. in Boise. RSVP by Thursday morning for the tour is mandatory in order to tour NIFC. We hope you can join us.

— For more information, contact Scott Jensen at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension at [scottj@uidaho.edu](mailto:scottj@uidaho.edu) or (208) 896-4104 or visit [rangecenter.org](http://rangecenter.org) or call (208) 885-6536. Jensen is the U of I county extension educator, and he welcomes questions on livestock care.

Owyhee Then & Now

### Sagebrush and Axle Grease

#### Stage Drivers, Part 2

One of the famous drivers that had a route across the Sierras was a quiet individual named Charlie Parkhurst. Charlie “was a good a driver as could be found.” Driving a six-horse team over the Sierras was no problem for Charlie.

Once he was driving across the Tuolumne River in high water when he sensed that the bridge was going down. He sharply plied the whip to his frightened team and reached the other side just as the bridge was swept away. One time, Charlie was held up and said, “The next time you come to rob me, I’ll be fixed for you.” Several weeks later, he was held up again, but this time, pulled a shotgun from the boot instead of the box. Charlie shot the leader and escaped without harm. Later, the body of the highwayman was found near the scene of the shooting.

After reaching the age of 60, Charlie decided to quit the road. Staging was a hard life, and Charlie’s hands could no longer hold the line as before. In 1879 on a ranch above Watsonville, Calif., Charlie died alone in a cabin. Then they learned Charlie’s secret, a secret kept so carefully for many years. Charlie Parkhurst, one of the finest whips in the West, was a woman!

— Local historian, author and rancher Mike Hanley lives in Jordan Valley. Excerpts in this column come from his various books, which are on sale at The Owyhee Avalanche office in Homedale. Visit [www.owyheeavalanche.com](http://www.owyheeavalanche.com) for a list of available titles.

# Calendar

- Today**

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

**Homedale Highway District meeting**  
Noon, Homedale Highway District office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., Homedale

**Christian Life Club**  
4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Homedale Elementary School cafeteria, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4757, (208) 353-6024 or (208) 337-3464

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

**Grand View City Council meeting**  
6 p.m., Grand View City Hall, 425 Boise Ave., Grand View, (208) 834-2700, Monday through Thursday

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

**Thursday**

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

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

**Owyhee Gardeners monthly meeting**  
1 p.m., Community Room, Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing

**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting**  
6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867

**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

**Owyhee Conservation District meeting**  
8 p.m., 250 N. Old Bruneau Highway, Marsing. (208) 896-4544

**Friday**

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

**Grand View Lions Club meeting**  
11:30 a.m., Grand Owyhee Restaurant, 230 Main St., Grand View.

**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

**Saturday**

**Rimrock Community Food Pantry distribution**  
9 a.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2419, (208) 834-5170 or (208) 834-3199

**Free lunches**  
Noon to 1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419

**Senior center dance**  
6 p.m. to 9 p.m., \$5 plus finger food, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

**Marsing Lions bingo**  
6:45 p.m., early bird game, 7 p.m. regular game, \$15 for one set, \$5 for each additional set, \$5 early bird game, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing

**Sunday**

**Bruneau Valley Library board meeting**  
2:30 p.m., Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St.,
- Bruneau. (208) 845-2131

**Young Life meeting**  
6 p.m., open to high school-aged youth, transportation available with notice, 15777 Quartz Lane, Homedale. (208) 764-1048 or (817) 229-6850

**Monday**

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

**Homedale Fire District commissioners meeting**  
Noon, Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale.

**Owyhee Watershed Council meeting**  
3 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (541) 372-5782

**Homedale School board meeting**  
7 p.m., district office board room, 116 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4611

**Tuesday**

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

**Marsing Senior Center board meeting**  
12:30 p.m., Marsing Senior Center, 218 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4634

**Senior center pinochle**  
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 968-5430 Tuesdays and Thursdays

**Ridgeview Irrigation District board meeting**  
1 p.m., South Board of Control office, 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

**Gem Irrigation District board meeting**  
1:15 p.m., South Board of Control office, 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

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# School menus

## Homedale Elementary

April 8: Crispito, corn, veggie & fruit bar  
April 9: Pepperoni pizza ripper, tossed salad, veggie & fruit bar, fruit rollup  
April 13: Corn dog, potato wedges, veggie & fruit bar  
April 14: Chicken nuggets, mixed vegetables, veggie & fruit bar  
April 15: Chicken burrito, corn, veggie & fruit bar

## Homedale Middle

April 8: Chicken or beef nuggets, salad & fruit bar, cookie  
April 9: Mini corn dogs or fish nuggets, salad & fruit bar  
April 13: Crispito or PB&J, cheese stick, salad & fruit bar  
April 14: Hot dog or hamburger, salad & fruit bar  
April 15: BBQ chicken or pork chop, mashed potatoes/gravy, salad & fruit bar, roll

## Homedale High

April 8: Enchilada, burrito, or toasted cheese sandwich, salad & fruit bar  
April 9: Spicy chicken, cheeseburger or hamburger, potato wedges, salad & fruit bar  
April 13: Stuffed crust pizza or fish sandwich, salad & fruit bar  
April 14: Orange chicken or chicken nuggets, steamed rice, egg roll, salad & fruit bar  
April 15: Lasagna w/breadstick or rib-b-que, green beans, salad & fruit bar

## Marsing

April 8: Cheeseburger or chicken nuggets w/roll, potato wedges, salad bar & soup  
April 9: PB&J w/chips or pepperoni ripper, garden salad, salad bar & soup  
April 13: Hot dog w/baked beans or egg roll w/fried rice, mixed vegetables, jello w/topping, salad bar & soup  
April 14: Spaghetti or meat loaf & potatoes, Italian breadstick, green beans, salad bar & soup  
April 15: Orange chicken w/rice or ham/cheese sandwich w/chips, steamed carrots, salad bar & soup

## Bruneau-Grand View

April 8: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, romaine tossed salad, peas, breadstick, fruit  
April 9: Chicken taco, romaine & tomato, seasoned black beans, fruit  
April 10: Pig in a blanket, sweet potato fries, broccoli, fruit  
April 14: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, steamed broccoli, roll, fruit  
April 15: Lasagna, spinach salad, steamed carrots, fruit

# Senior menus

## Homedale Senior Center

Milk served with each meal

April 8: Sausage & biscuits, mashed potatoes/gravy, spinach  
April 9: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, California blend veggies, bread  
April 14: Salisbury steak w/onion & mushrooms, mashed potatoes/gravy, carrots & peas, bread  
April 15: Chicken salad, lettuce & tomato, carrot salad, bread

## Marsing Senior Center

Milk served with each meal


April 8: Chicken, carrots, rice, pears, roll  
April 9: Pork roast, potatoes/gravy, apple salad, peas, garlic bread  
April 13: Breakfast special, waffles  
April 14: Hot pork sandwiches, potatoes/gravy, broccoli, cauliflower & carrots  
April 15: Fish, or chef’s choice, coleslaw, potato salad, green beans, bread, fruit cocktail



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SNOTEL report, Owyhee County sensors

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<b>Mud Flat</b>						
03/31	0.0	0	9.8	58	31	45
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04/02	0.0	0	9.8	42	22	32
04/03	0.0	0	9.8	51	21	37
04/04	0.0	0	9.8	50	31	40
04/05	0.0	0	9.9	45	31	38
04/06	0.0	0	10.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Reynolds Creek</b>						
03/31	0.0	0	13.8	56	28	44
04/01	0.0	0	13.8	41	24	30
04/02	0.0	0	13.9	40	24	31
04/03	0.0	0	13.9	47	25	37
04/04	0.0	0	13.9	44	35	38
04/05	0.0	0	13.9	46	31	35
04/06	0.2	0	14.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>South Mountain</b>						
03/31	0.0	0	19.2	54	25	42
04/01	0.0	0	19.4	40	23	29
04/02	0.0	0	19.4	37	21	29
04/03	0.0	0	19.4	47	27	37
04/04	0.0	0	19.4	45	31	37
04/05	0.0	0	19.5	40	29	33
04/06	0.0	0	19.8	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 210 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 14 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 195,814 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



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**Fitting selection for preschool reading at library**  
*Cat Hardy reads to a group of youngsters from “The Easter Bunny’s Assistant” during story time at the Lizard Butte Library in Marsing last Wednesday.*

# Republican women’s group seeks Owyhee members

A Republican Women Tuesday Club that welcomes Owyhee County members will hold a membership drive Tuesday.

Homedale resident Joan Mason serves as president of the Canyon County Women Tuesday Club (CCRWTC), which will hold a dinner to drum up membership at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the home of Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden and his wife Tracey, 811 Heartland Drive, Nampa.

A light supper and drinks will be served, and Republican men are invited to accompany the Republican women.

“We believe it is important for women to engage in informed discourse,” club secretary Theresa Bradford said. “When joined with other like-minded individuals, our state and country can move forward by the will of the people.”

The group normally meets at noon on the second Tuesday of the month at the Golden Dragon Restaurant, 703 Main St., Caldwell.

The club regularly schedules local and state officials to speak on current events.

For more information, call Mason at (208) 249-1199, email ccrwte@gmail.com, visit idahofrw.org or find the group of Facebook.

Mason, Bradford and other CCRWTC members Kay Bradford, Symone McKenzie and Melinda Smyser recently attended the Idaho Federation of Republican Women annual spring meeting at the Idaho Capitol. During Red Jacket Day, federation members met with Gov. C. L. “Butch” Otter, Lt. Gov. Brad Little, Secretary of State Lawrence Denney, state Sens. Patti Anne Lodge and Abby Lee and Reps. Wendy Horman, Kelley Packer and Julie Van Orden.

The CCRWTC delegation attended trainings, observed the House and Senate in action and toured the Capitol.

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# Homedale library plays host to senior project

Nathan Harris’ familial tie to the Homedale Public Library made his senior project a no-brainer.

The younger brother of Teens and Tweens coordinator Teasha Harris will promote children’s literacy at the library over the next two weekends. The programs are open to boys and girls ages 5-9.

The programs, which will use humor to promote literacy, are part of Nathan Harris’ senior project at Homedale High School. Library director Margaret Fujishin has served as his mentor for the project.

The first event is “Silly Saturday,” which will be held at 4 p.m. on Saturday at the library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

Children will learn about parts of speech by playing the game Mad Libs. They will learn about word categories by playing Outburst Junior.

Each child will receive a list of funny books that Harris prepared and printed. The children will be able to enter a contest to see who can read the most books on the list in seven days.

Pizza will be served at the end of the hour-long event Saturday.

At 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 18, Harris will continue his senior project with “Laughing in the Library.”

Children will bring back their list of funny books with check marks on all the ones they read during the past seven days. Whoever has read the most will receive a giant Hershey bar. The children will celebrate their success with hot dogs and cupcakes.

## Librarian’s Challenge continues this week

Boys and girls ages 10-17 are invited to attend the next Teens & Tweens program at 4 p.m. on Friday to participate in several literary games.

The youth will play Hangman, Unscramble and Mad Libs.

The Librarian’s Reader Challenge continues throughout the month, giving youth a chance to win prizes. The challenge expands the library’s observance of National Library Week, which begins Monday and runs through April 19.

## Story Time to observe National Siblings Day

The Story Time program will mark National Siblings Day on Friday when “What Out! Big Bro’s Coming!” by Jez Alborough is read. The program begins at 10:15 a.m.

As always, there will be songs, treats and crafts.

For more information on any library program, 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.

# Library Friends to meet

The Friends of the Homedale Public Library holds its monthly meeting Saturday.

The group will meet at 10 a.m. on Saturday at the library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

The Friends of the Library formed to help promote and assist the library.

Anyone interested in joining can contact Friends president Ned Stokes at 337-3851.



*From left, Homedale Middle School teacher Debby Turner and essay contest placers, including Katy Tejeda, third; Leord Martinez, second; and Tea Uranga, first. Submitted photo*

# Farm Bureau essayists excel at district contest

Three Homedale Middle School fifth-graders have advanced to the state level in this year’s Farm Bureau essay contest.

Tea Uranga, Leord Martinez and Katy Tejeda place first through third, respectively, in the Owyhee County and district judging, and won cash prizes in both rounds.

All Owyhee County fifth-graders could enter that essay contest that required a 250-word essay on the theme “How Agriculture Affects Me.”

HMS fifth-grade teacher Debby Turner asked the students to write their feelings and understanding of agriculture and its often-forgotten connection to today’s world.

“It was a joy to real them all,” Turner said. “I am thrilled for the winning entries.”

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# Potential Les Bois closure could impact local horseman

## Governor’s veto may not save horse racing

Although Gov. C. L. “Butch” Otter vetoed it, a bill to ban instant horse racing machines still may succeed, directly affecting one Owyhee County businessman’s bottom line.

Opponents of the bill say its passage would end the horse racing industry at Les Bois Park.

Otter shot it down, and a Monday vote in the Senate failed to get the two-thirds majority necessary for an override. Still, lawmakers might choose to meet again in the waning days of the session.

In his veto, Otter placed a moratorium on new gaming machines and asked a special investigator to look into the legality of the existing devices.

“A beleaguered industry eager to get back on its feet financially expanded historical horse racing too quickly and without adequate safeguards to withstand inevitable scrutiny and criticism,” Otter wrote in a letter to lawmakers.

Earlier, John Sheldon, president of Treasure Valley Racing, which operates Les Bois Park, informed employees that if the machines are removed, the track will shut down for good at the end of June, taking live horse racing with it.

Jerry Eckhout lives just outside of Homedale and started breeding racehorses 45 years ago. The 71-year-old moved to Owyhee County from Canyon County eight years ago and also does most of the veterinary work on his horses. He only recently stopped training his horses because of some medical issues.

If Les Bois closes, he could stand to lose in excess of \$60,000 this year alone, Eckhout said. He adds that at a big race, not necessarily at Les Bois, if the purse were \$150,000 he would get 55 percent of that.

Eckhout just bought a new six-horse trailer for \$34,000 but said wouldn’t have made the purchase he had known the track might close.

Eckhout currently has two racehorses, Str Money Train and Karime Tothemountain, and he said he fully intended to run both

of them at Les Bois this summer. Instead, he will take his horses to tracks in Kennewick, Wash., and Evanston, Wyo.

He does agree with Idaho legislators who voted in support of the bill because he thinks the gaming devices do look too much like slot machines, which are illegal in the state. He also believes Sheldon will be forced to close the track without the extra revenue the machines bring in.

Eckhout said he can’t begin guess how many races his horses have won overall, but he knows he’s won at Les Bois six to 10 times.

Jeff Haylett also raises horses just outside of Homedale and is disappointed about the move to remove the gaming machines as well. He doesn’t like it because he’d “like to have some horses over there, and it puts hundreds and hundreds of people out of work,” Haylett said, but he doesn’t have a horse to run at Les Bois this year.

He also agrees with Eckhout that this isn’t scare tactics on the part of Sheldon. Haylett adds that, “(state officials) told them they could put them in there, they remodeled that building.



Jerry Eckhout and jockey Darlene Braden with his winning horse Knicker Bockers at a race track in Burns, Ore. in 2003.

I have no idea how much money they spent.” He said in the end, the whole situation is just bad for business.

The plan to eliminate the gaming machines at Les Bois is backed by the Coeur d’Alene Tribe, which runs gambling casinos of their own. Their gaming is allowed under the state constitution.

The tribe said in a written statement that Otter “turned his back on the legislature and Idahoans in order to protect his friends and financiers.” — SC

# Governor signs \$125M plan to boost teachers’ pay

by Jeff Myers  
The Owyhee Avalanche  
legislative correspondent

While signing HB 296, the career ladder bill intended to attract and retain quality teachers in Idaho schools, Gov. C. L. “Butch” Otter pledged to support it in future years.

“I am committing that I will be proposing full funding, within our means,” Otter said. He signed the bill in a ceremony Thursday.

The career ladder establishes a new teacher salary structure and lays out a plan to raise teacher salaries in Idaho over the next five years. It also strives to provide fiscal stability for school districts and outlines a system for the review of the evaluation measures upon which teacher salary increases would be based.

“Today we meet after a long arduous journey. Through the (Task Force for Improving Education), through Props 1, 2, and 3, and through a big effort on behalf of the schools and the future of education in Idaho,” Otter said before signing the bill.

Under the new career ladder system, starting teacher salary would rise from \$31,750 to \$32,700 beginning July 1. Over the next five years, that number would climb to \$37,000. The cost of the pay increase to the state for

those five years is expected to be \$125 million.

During Thursday’s ceremony, several officials expressed gratitude for the support of the measure:

- Otter thanked the Idaho State Board of Education, the State Department of Education and the private sector.
- “They were constant partners and constant champions,” Otter said, “of telling us we have absolutely got to do this so that we can build the workforce that we need, so that we can build the future of our education system.”
- Penni Cyr, Idaho Education Association president, thanked the Legislature, the School Board Association and the State Board of Education.
- “They listened to the teachers, which is the most important thing, I think, for our members. We had hearings back in summer and fall and we had hearings again at the House Education Committee, and they took to heart the things that teachers were telling them, that were coming directly from the classrooms and we really appreciate that work.” Cyr said.
- “We know we have some more work to do on it, but we’re pleased that this is in place and that teachers will be able to start working with their districts to increase their compensation.”

Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra thanked the Legislature and governor for involving the state Department of Education career ladder development.

Ybarra said the SDE will be responsible for implementing the plan, and a team will be assembled to answer questions and help with the transition.

- Dist. 14B Rep. Reed DeMordaunt (R-Eagle), chair of the House Education Committee where the bill was first heard, said: “I want to specifically thank those that are probably unsung, and those are those folks in the Department of Education and those folks in the State Board of Education and those staff folks who for have years been the unsung heroes here ... I want to really acknowledge all of their efforts.”

DeMordaunt said that he believes that, now that this stage of the process is complete, the hopes and goodwill of those involved will continue as “the process of making this reality takes hold.”

DeMordaunt also issued a challenge, “... for our educators to do what they do best, to innovate to go out there and touch the minds and hearts of our kids, and I’m confident that because of the framework that we’ve established that the expectations that have

been set for this piece of legislation will far be exceeded.”

The bill swept through the House and Senate drawing no opposing votes.

Under the career ladder, teachers would progress through a series of rungs, beginning in the residential tier, which contains three salary levels. After three years, they would be eligible to enter the professional tier, which has five pay grades and a provision for renewable contracts.

In order to reach professional teacher status, educators would be required to teach for three years and receive a professional endorsement. This endorsement would be based, in part, on effectiveness evaluations developed locally within the districts.

Professional-tier teachers could also qualify for increased pay based on continued education and excellence in the classroom. Teachers with a bachelor’s degree and 24 additional credits would earn \$2,000 more per year, while teachers holding a master’s degree would qualify for \$3,500 more per year. Teachers who have proven themselves to be the best and brightest and have worked in the field for at least eight years could qualify for a master premium (an extra \$4,000 per year).

“This is meant to award those superstar teachers, or groups of teachers, that are getting tremendous results in the classroom,” Otter senior special assistant for education and government services Marilyn Whitney said.

According to a National Education Association report, only Mississippi and South Dakota rank below Idaho in average public school teacher salary. Dist. 30 state Sen. Dean Mortimer (R-Idaho Falls), who sponsored the bill, characterized the dire situation that Idaho’s K-12 schools face.

“According to the (SDE), the total number of certified teachers in Idaho has dropped by 1,259 teachers in the last six years,” he said. “The number of students in Idaho schools, however, has increased by 14,481.

“The number of students has increased by about 5 percent while the number of teachers has decreased by 7 percent.”

Mortimer also cited a survey conducted by Idaho State University assistant professor, Dr. Patti Mortensen:

- 27 of 54 districts left positions unfilled and increased class size.
- 22 of 55 districts cancelled classes or programs because of lack of teaching professionals.
- 23 of 55 districts started the school year with a substitute teacher while hoping to make a permanent hire.

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Adrian FFA members Mike Griffin, left, and Ed Munoz took top honors in the Talent Career Development Event. Submitted photo

# Adrian FFA receives slew of state honors

by Lauren Barraza  
chapter reporter

The Oregon FFA held its 86<sup>th</sup> annual FFA state convention this past spring break. The Adrian FFA was happy and thankful to make the long haul over it Silverton to be recognized at the state level for their accomplishments and enjoy a wonderful convention put on by this year’s state officers and the state organization.

Adrian chapter members Mike Griffin and Eduardo Munoz lit up the state Talent Career Development Event at the final sessions with their piano and drum duet. They returned with the state champion talent banner and an unforgettable experience.

Four Adrian members — Tyler Reay, Jett McCoy, Michael Griffin

and Thayne Schulties — were awarded their State Degrees, which is the highest honor the state can bestow.

Adrian FFA received a silver honor on their secretary’s book, which was compiled by Kellie Barraza. This book included the chapter minutes, agendas, and rosters from throughout the year.

Carlee Morton, the chapter historian, completed and submitted a technology scrapbook, which received honorable mention.

Adrian’s Farm Business Management Team consisted of seven students: Xavier Lopez, Thayne Schulties, Carlee Morton, Marcus and Becca Furtado, Mike Griffin and Nicole DeHoog. After months of studying, their hard work paid off with a fourth-place banner.

# HOSA students ready for state conference

Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency’s Health Occupations Society of America chapter members are heading to Boise today for the state leadership conference, which runs through Friday.

During the conference, local HOSA members will compete in several contests, including HOSA Happenings (chapter newsletter), Medical Math, Medical Terminology, Forensic Medicine, Health Care Display, Prepared Speaking and Researched Persuasive Speaking.

Advisers Aundra DeWitt and Kelli Korn will accompany the following students to the conference:

- Meriah Mahler, Homedale,

president from the morning class who attends COSSA Academy

- Kaylee Shallberg, Parma, treasurer from the afternoon class

- Diana Gonzalez, Homedale, a morning class student

- Nathaly Jimenez, Homedale, morning vice-president

- Cassandra Gomez, Marsing, a morning class student

- Raquel Palacios, Homedale, morning secretary

- Isabella Cook-Garza, Parma, afternoon president

- Mackenna Ireland, Notus, afternoon parliamentarian

- Christina Grubaugh, Notus, afternoon vice-president

- Jenna Lantz, Notus, an afternoon class student

# Marsing Lions start another year



Easter egg hunt winners, clockwise from above: **Aubry Cawagdan**, 2, (parents: Caldwell’s Alisha Cawagdan and Marsing native Shane Barenberg); **Marcus Bean**, 2, (Caldwell’s Barry and Karen Bean); **Janessa Cegnar**, 9, (Marsing’s Annie Munoz and Alex Ramirez), and **Cristian Cuellar** (Nampa’s Cyndy and Gilberto Cuellar); **Addy Chadez**, 7, (Marsing’s JW and Amy Chadez); **Isaac Lagunas**, 2, (Marsing’s Yvan and Elizabeth Lagunas); **Aiden Kobi White**, 4, (Caldwell’s Noemi and Tom White); **Bel Wood**, 4, (Marsing’s Nicholas and Shasta Wood); **Sophia Adams** (left), 6, (Jessica and Rex Adams of Marsing), and **Kevin Espejel**, 5, (Rosa and Christian Espejel of Marsing).

# Final Lions bingo night planned

## Search for new members ongoing

The Marsing Lions Club holds its final bingo night of the season Saturday, capping a period of brisk activity.

The Lions hosted an Easter egg Saturday at the Marsing High School football field and recently celebrated their 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a charter party.

Saturday’s bingo begins at 6:45 p.m. with an early bird game. The regular series of games launch at 7 p.m. The fundraiser takes place at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. N.

The price to play is \$5 for the early bird game, and \$15 for the first set of cards for the regular session. Each additional set costs \$5.

There is free popcorn, while snacks and coffee or soda can be purchased.

The Lions Club continues its membership drive as well.

The club has an offer to spon-

sor a new member, which entails paying their dues and any fees in the first year if the prospective member pledges to work at least eight hours during year at one of the club’s community projects and bingo.

Community projects include the Easter egg hunt and breakfast, serving a barbecue during the city’s Third of July Celebration of Our Nation, flipping burgers at the Percifield Coed Softball Tournament, testing elementary schoolchildren for eyeglasses and creating Christmas baskets.

The Lions also enter a float in the night light holiday parade each November.

The Lions meet on the third Tuesday of every month. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. at the Marsing Senior Center, 218 Main St.

Membership is open to men and women, and in a few instances married couples serve.

Annual dues is \$60 per person or \$90 for a couple. The \$25 membership fee is a one-time cost.

For more information on be-

coming a member of the Marsing chapter, contact Jolyn Green at 318-3982, Jim Briggs at 880-9467 or Roman Usabel at 896-4511 or call any Lions Club member.

During the charter party, which was held on St. Patrick’s Day at The Spot, Green was voted Lion of the Year. She will receive a plaque during the club’s officer installation in June.

The party, including a no-host bar catered by The Pour House, celebrated the service club’s 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Idaho District 39W Gov. Stevie Beehler and her husband, Doug, were guests.

Vocalist Jeannie Marie, a Marsing Lions Club member, and Bruce Greenhalgh, performed Irish songs such as “Danny Boy,” “Power of Whisky,” “Garyowen,” “Green Fields of France,” and “Crank,” a song originally written to be played on one hand while holding a mug of beer in the other.

Cole Martin, nephew of Lions David and Sharon VanWassenhove, helped with the raffle.



# More Owyheean's on Easter hunts



**Left:** This boy has no problem carrying his Easter egg haul during the Homedale Chamber of Commerce hunt at Sundance Park. **Right:** One child puts away another egg, and one looks for her next discovery Saturday at Sundance.



**From left:** Mer Bilyeu, Jolee Bilyeu and Briggs Bilyeu during the Homedale Chamber of Commerce Easter egg hunt at Sundance Park. Briggs later won a prize basket. Photo by Sherry Oliver

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## Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy



Jess Fuquay shows off his Easter egg hunt success during the event on the Owyhee County Courthouse grounds in Murphy on Saturday. Submitted photo



Murphy's annual Easter egg hunt attracted a huge group of children from surrounding communities. Submitted photo

## Jordan Valley High School



Children hunted for 400 eggs and won prizes at Saturday's Jordan Valley community Easter egg hunt at the high school. The children were also treated to a petting zoo and photo opportunities with the Easter bunny. Breakfast was served at the event sponsored by Delamar Mine, Pat and Danice Payne, the Rockhouse and Jordan Valley High School. Submitted photo



Trojans wrestlers  
earn team awards

HHS golf, tennis  
meet 3A SRV's best

# Avalanche Sports

## Homedale Invitational brings county athletes to Bell

Trojans welcome  
7 schools, including  
Marsing, Rimrock

Track and field fans will get to see an intra-county showcase at Friday's Homedale Invitational.

The eight-school meet at Deward Bell Stadium is the first under the direction of second-year Trojans coach Heidi Ankeny. Marsing, Rimrock, Greenleaf Friends Academy, Melba, Fruitland, Weiser and Idaho City are scheduled to compete. The field events begin at 4 p.m., with the running events pushing off 30 minutes later.

Ankeny's hoping that with enough support she'll be able to provide some guidance to her athletes rather than spend the entire meet "At many meets that we go to, the attending schools have to bring volunteers or have coaches available to run a field event or help with timing. It's hard as a coach to not be available for your athletes

because of these jobs," Ankeny said. "My goal for this meet is to have enough volunteers to cover all events and free up our guest coaches and parents to just watch the meet. I've got quite a few staff already who have offered to help, but will still need a few more to make it run smoothly."

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Trojans' Bo Jenkins knows no-no

Homedale High School pitcher Bo Jenkins delivers a pitch during the second inning of a tandem no-hitter he threw against McCall-Donnelly with the help of Matt Thatcher on Saturday. For the story, see **Page 15**

## New SRV member becoming familiar foe fast

First place for  
HHS vs. Emmett

Homedale High School's softball team continues its march toward what could be a new rivalry. The Trojans trounced a pair of 3A Snake River Valley conference opponents last week and travel to Emmett to meet the equally hot Huskies in an early battle for the top. Homedale and Emmett play at 5 p.m. on Friday in Gem County. It'll be the Trojans' only 3A SRV game of the week. The Trojans and Huskies finished last week tied for first with 3-0 conference records. Emmett beat Fruitland, 24-0, on Friday for its 10<sup>th</sup> win in 11 outings. Homedale pounded Parma, 14-0, to extend its season-opening win streak to 12 games.

Emmett's only loss this season was a 14-0 setback against Eagle in the Idaho Sporting Goods tournament. The Huskies took on Payette on Tuesday after deadline, while Homedale plays host to Vale, Ore., in a non-conference game today. **Friday: Homedale 14, Parma 0 (5)** — The Trojans erupted for eight runs in their first at-bat during a conference game on the road. Makayla Aberasturi led an 11-hit barrage, going 3-for-4 with two doubles and a home run. She knocked in five runs. Elise Shenk also honored for Homedale, which scored four runs in the fifth inning to invoke the 10-run rule. Tristan Corta pitched a two-hitter. She struck out 10 and

— See *Foe*, page 15



Marsing High School catcher Brett Grossman, left, puts the tag down against a McCall-Donnelly base runner Friday. Photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography

## Huskies edge Vandals to even baseball mark

Marsing holds off  
McCall's  
last-inning rally

Marsing High School dodged 10 errors and held off another late rally to salvage a win in what otherwise was a rough beginning to the conference baseball season. The Huskies held on for a 6-5 victory at home Friday against McCall-Donnelly after the Vandals scored the final three runs in the 2A Western Idaho Conference battle. Marsing (3-3 overall, 1-1 in

conference) surged ahead, 3-2, with two unearned runs in the bottom of the third inning. Center fielder Seth Hardy and third baseman Hunter Gibson reached on errors and then scored on Vandals' miscues. Brett Grossman had a two-out single in the inning, but was forced out at second. The teams combined for 17 errors, and only six of the 11 runs scored were earned. "We are hitting the ball in every game, just not for base hits, or extra base hits, to score more runs," first-year MHS coach Travis Jarvis said. "Errors

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**Tennis**  
Thursday, April 9, home vs. Payette, 4 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 14 at Emmett, 4 p.m.



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✓ Huskies: Coach still searching for answers in the field

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continue to allow the opponents free runs, and requiring our pitchers to throw to more batters.”

Marsing scored four unearned runs, including Clay King’s two-out insurance score in the fourth inning and Garret Briggs’ run in the fifth on Jayden Kinney’s single. Kinney finished with two RBI, while Hayden Dines and Hunter Gibson also knocked in runs.

Three Marsing pitchers — Dines, Gibson and Dakota Hardy — scattered four hits. Dines struck out two and allowed a pair of hits in his five innings of work as a starter.

“We are working hard at practice in hopes that the team slowly becomes better as the season progresses,” Jarvis said. “Getting the win against a much-improved McCall team should give our team a vote of confidence.”

**March 31: New Plymouth 18, Marsing 1 (5)** — The Huskies met one of the two teams that first-year coach Travis Jarvis figured would be tough to handle in the conference season. Boy, was he right.

“We were simply outplayed,” Jarvis said. “Errors, and only two hits in the game — Jacob Larson, and Clay King — just doesn’t result in very many wins in baseball.”

Larson’s RBI single in the top of the fifth inning accounted for Marsing’s only run and also one of the visiting team’s two hits against the Pilgrims’ band of four pitchers.

King also singled for Marsing, which fell behind 9-0 after two innings. Only two of the Pilgrims’ first nine runs were earned. The Huskies committed nine errors.

Tyler Powell’s home run highlighted New Plymouth’s 12-hit attack.

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Marsing High School senior Carey Dines takes a cut Friday against McCall-Donnelly in a 2A Western Idaho Conference game on the Huskies’ field. Photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography

Offensive shortage hurts MHS softball

Marsing High School couldn’t muster offense Friday in a 2A Western Idaho Conference softball loss.

Ellie Folwell and Ann Quiroz were the only Huskies to get hits at home in an 8-1 loss to McCall-Donnelly.

The Vandals scored the game’s first eight runs. Two of the runs off Audra Kendall were unearned as the Huskies committed five errors.

Folwell was 2-for-3 with a double. She crossed the plate in the bottom of the sixth inning as Marsing (0-8 overall, 0-2 in conference) scored its only run.

Kendall gave up 10 hits in her complete-game effort.

**March 31: New Plymouth 23, Marsing 3 (5)** — Folwell and Quiroz both had singles as the Huskies came up with timely hits in the fifth inning to break up Kenzi White’s shutout bid in both teams’ conference opener.

Thea Ugland and Bailey Bowman scored on Folwell’s bases-loaded single to left field to start the rally on the Pilgrims’ field. Audra Kendall scored from third on Quiroz liner to right.

The Pilgrims pounded 24 hits in the win, including Brittany Verigan’s grand slam during the team’s 10-run second.

Kendall, Quiroz and Sheyanne Glorfield were 2-for-3 for the Huskies. De De Thompson also singled.

MARSING HUSKIES



ATHLETE OF THE WEEK  
Hayden Dines, sr., baseball

The Play — Dines started and pitched five innings in a 6-5 win over McCall-Donnelly in 2A Western Idaho Conference action Friday in Marsing. Dines struck out two while scattering two hits and allowing two runs (one unearned). He was 1-for-4 with an RBI.

Baseball  
Varsity

Saturday, April 11 at Wilder (2), 1 p.m.  
Monday, April 13, home vs. Payette, 5 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 15, home vs. Nyssa, Ore., 5 p.m.

Softball  
Varsity

Saturday, April 11 at Wilder (2), 1 p.m.  
Monday, April 13, home vs. Payette, 5 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 15, home vs. Nyssa, Ore., 5 p.m.

Track and field

Friday, April 10 at Homedale Invitational, 4 p.m.

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Sports

Trojans win three times at Parma meet

Homedale High School pulled off a couple of fourth-place finishes Friday during the 18-team Lynn Behrman Invitational in Parma.

The Trojans' track and field teams notched three event championships against competition that included three 3A Snake River Valley conference teams.

Josh Tolmie won the boys' 400 meters with a time of 53.89 seconds, and fellow junior Jeffery Carrillo brought home the triple jump championship with an effort of 38 feet, 1½ inches.

Homedale won the girls' sprint medley in 2 minutes, 1.48 seconds. Senior Jennifer Hernandez and junior Lexie Doss ran 100-meter legs, sophomore Carlie Sawyer ran 200 meters, and freshman Lainey Johnson anchored the effort for the final 400 meters.

Tolmie was part of the Homedale boys' runner-up showing in the 4x200 relay. He joined senior Brady Brown, freshman Max Mertz and junior Manny Baltierrez.

Mertz finished second to Carrillo in the triple jump at 37-7.

Runner-up performances for the girls included freshman Ashley Burks in the long jump (13-11½), junior M a d d i e Conant in the shot put (32-6), Doss in the 200 (29.08) and the 4x100 team of Hernandez, Doss, Burks and Sawyer (53.57).

Junior Hailey Pearson had Rimrock's strongest showing with a second-place effort of 29-5½ in the triple jump. She was fifth in the 200 (29.88) and sixth in the 100 (14.5). Homedale athletes also brought home a slew of bronze medals:

**Boys** — Senior Colton Grimm in shot put (40-8¾), junior Richard Symms in discus (127-4) and Baltierrez, Carrillo, Brown and Grimm in the 4x100 relay (48.24).

**Girls** — Hernandez in the 100 (13.65), Johnson in 400 (1:05.41), Conant in the discus (95-7) and Sawyer in the triple jump (29-4).



Josh Tolmie

✓ Invitational: Volunteers help meet logistical challenge

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The volunteer jobs include measuring and keeping track of distances in the field events, timing running events and moving hurdles.

They'll also enter scores into the computer and check in athletes prior to events.

"I would love for the kids to be proud of our home meet, our spectators, our volunteers and their efforts. I hope they will learn about being a welcoming, gracious host school and make the other teams feel comfortable," Ankeny said. "I also think that they will recognize that 'home field advantage' and their performances will give them a boost in confidence."

Practicing on the all-weather surface at Deward Bell every day may have its perks for the Trojans, the coach said.

"These kids know this track very well and are extremely comfortable running on it," she said.

"They will also have a few other meets under their belts before this home meet, and that will put them more at ease and give us a better idea of what they are capable of."

The Trojans competed in two meets over three days last week, including last Wednesday's New Plymouth Invitational that gave them a glimpse of five of the

seven teams that will visit Friday, including Marsing.

Homedale's boys finished fifth in the 18-team meet, while the girls were sixth.

Senior Colton Grimm and the Homedale boys' sprint medley team topped the Trojans' performances in New Plymouth.

Grimm was runner-up in the shot put with an effort of 42 feet, 6 inches.

The sprint medley team of Max Mertz, Manny Baltierrez, Josh Tolmie and Riley Portwood notched a second-place time of 3 minutes, 59.88 seconds. Mertz and Baltierrez ran 200 meters each, while Tolmie covered 400 and Portwood closed with 800 meters.

Top Homedale finish on the girls' side came from senior Jennifer Hernandez, who finished third in the 100 meters at 14.24 seconds.

Tolmie finished third in the 400 at 53.69, and Portwood's 10:45.97 in the 3,200 brought bronze.

The best finish for a Marsing athlete last week in New Plymouth was Sam Galligan's eighth-place showing in the boys' shot put. The junior covered 38-6 with his best effort and finished 10<sup>th</sup> in the discus at 102-11.

Angie Draper finished ninth for the Marsing girls in the 100 hurdles with a time of 19.28.

Parma ends short-handed HHS tennis team's fast start

The opening week of the conference tennis season was a study in contrasts for Homedale High School's boys' team.

The Trojans fell, 6-0, on Thursday to 3A Snake River Valley conference powerhouse Parma, two days after routing Weiser, 5-1, behind a whitewash sweep in the singles matches.

The girls went 9-3 with a split against Weiser before the Panthers swept them in Parma.

Three HHS boys still held unbeaten records at the end of the week, including Coy Gardner and Alec Egurrola (both 3-0) and Ben Holloway at 2-0. Ryan and Andrew Randall are both 3-1.

On the girls' side, Delaney Phariss, Marissa Guzman and Sarah Jones have won two matches each.

"I have been impressed by the success of our first-year players, especially against the schools with middle school programs," Trojans coach Scott Michaelson said.

**Thursday: Parma boys 6, Homedale 0** — Senior Kincaide Kincheloe's season-opening winning streak ended with a 6-3, 6-2 loss to No. 1 Mitch Nielsen. Kincheloe finished the week 3-1 for the season.

No. 2 singles player Dylan Phariss battled but fell, 6-4, 6-4, to Daniel Loya.

Homedale's boys' doubles

teams played tough with No. 1 Andrew Randall and Orion Cardenas forcing a second-set tiebreaker against Logan Rohrbacher and Hayden Fuller before losing, 6-3, 7-6 (8-6). The No. 2 team of Miller DeMark and Jose Uriarte challenged Mitchell Chandler and Benji Compas before falling, 6-4, 6-3.

Homedale played one of the top teams in the state with many players out of action.

"We were missing seven players in the Parma match due to scheduling conflicts, but they did sit some players because they schedule more than the maximum number of matches a player can play," Michaelson said.

**Thursday: Parma girls 6, Homedale 0** — Senior No. 1 singles player Hattie Mertz fell to Madison Beck, losing her first match of the season after three consecutive victories.

Tanis Lentfer won a second-set game against Jamie Hudson at No. 2 singles, but lost 6-0, 6-1.

Homedale players couldn't win a game in any of the remaining matches in the girls' meet.

**March 31: Homedale boys 5, Weiser 1** — Kincheloe picked up his third win of the season, kicking off three 6-0, 6-0 triumphs in the singles ladder by beating Luke Hansen in the 3A SRV opener at the Bette Uda City Park courts.

Homedale lost a team point for the first time this season in boys' action, ending the day 16-1 after three meets.

Rounding out the dominant singles action for the Trojans were No. 2 Holloway over Porter Walker and No. 3 Gardner against Forest Walker.

Andrew Randall and Cardenas swept Weiser's Jaren Tolman and Phillip Soulen, 6-2, 6-1, in the top boys' doubles match, while Homedale's top mixed doubles team of Delaney Phariss and Egurrola rolled, 6-1, 6-3 past Brenan Westover and Marlen Lopez for the final point counted in the boys' meet.

**March 31: Homedale girls 3, Weiser 3** — Homedale's girls' singles players found themselves in tough battles to start the conference slate.

Mertz needed extra games in both sets for her third victory to start the season. She dispatched Maggi Laan, 7-6, 7-5. Third-seeded Jones rallied from a second-set rout to beat Bekah Johnson, 6-4, 1-6, 6-4.

At the No. 2 spot, Lentfer took Camille Weldon to a third set before losing, 6-1, 4-6, 6-4.

Weiser swept the girls' doubles matches, while Guzman and Ryan Randall got the No. 2 mixed doubles point for Homedale with a 6-2, 6-1 victory against Hayden Hoopes and Taylor Colella.

Golfers battle ailments, elements

Homedale High School golfers struggled through wind and pain last week.

The Trojans played without Kyler Landa and Kaden Henry during the March 30 Emmett Invitational at River Birch Golf Course.

Homedale finished in the second half of the 11-team tournament, shooting 409 as a weather front rolled in during the final third of the contest.

"Conditions were extremely windy the last two hours of the tournament," HHS coach Casey Grove said. "The first four hours, it was good weather."

Noah Frelove fired a 92 to lead the Trojans, who were forced to call up freshman Scott Matlock from the junior varsity to round

out the team because of the absence of Landa and Henry.

"Not only were we missing Kyler due to injury, but Kaden Henry missed due to the flu," Grove said.

Chase Martell was the only other HHS golfer to break 100 with a 95. Lawsen Matteson shot 108, and Matlock carded a 114 in his varsity debut.

The Trojans got a good, long look at who might be one of the best in the 3A Snake River Valley conference this season.

Playing on his home course, Emmett's Ryan Matthews picked up the first of back-to-back medalist titles with an 81 during the 18-hole contest at River Birch.

Emmett and Nampa Christian

tied for the team lead at 353.

**March 31: 3A SRV meet at Scotch Pines GC** — Matthews was at it again less than 24 hours later in the 3A Snake River Valley conference nine-hole meet in Payette.

His 2-over-par 38 helped the Huskies win the meet at 176. Homedale finished third behind Weiser (184) at 203.

Martell fired the low round for Homedale at 46, while Matteson came in at 47. Henry returned to action with a 52, and Noah Frelove scored 58.

Landa remained sidelined, but Grove expects him back in the lineup today when the Trojans play host to the 3A SRV meet at River Bend Golf Course in Wilder.

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense  
Take care of yer friends

Friend is a word that I don’t throw around  
Though it’s used and abused, I still like the sound.  
I save it for people who’ve done right by me  
And I know I can count on if ever need be.

Some of my friends drive big limousines  
Own ranches and banks and visit with queens.  
And some of my friends are up to their necks  
In overdue notes and can’t write a check!

They’re singers or ropers or writers of prose  
And others, God bless ’em, can’t blow their own nose!  
I guess bein’ friends don’t have nothin’ to do  
With talent or money or knowin’ who’s who.

It’s a comforterbul feelin’ when you don’t have to care  
’Bout choosin’ your words or bein’ quite fair  
’Cause friends’ll just listen and let go on by  
Those words you don’t mean and not bat an eye.

It makes a friend happy to see your success.  
They’re proud of yer good side and forgive all the rest.  
And that ain’t so easy, all of the time  
Sometimes I get crazy and seem to go blind!

Yer friend just might take you on home  
Or remind you sometime that you’re not alone.  
Or ever so gently pull you back to the ground  
When you think you can fly with no one around.

A hug or a shake, whichever seems right  
Is the high point of givin’, I’ll tell ya tonight,  
All worldly riches and tributes of men  
Can’t hold a candle to the worth of a friend.

— Visit Baxter’s Web site at [www.baxterblack.com](http://www.baxterblack.com) for more features and to purchase Baxter Black merchandise, including his newest release, “Cave Wall Graffiti from a Neanderthal Cowboy,” other books and DVDs.

Letter to the editor  
Hwy. 78 CDR grateful for community support

Thanks to our community for your generous donations for the Bill Hackler fund.  
The combination of both the Owyhee County Highway 78 Community Disaster Fund (CDR) and the funds raised by friends and neighbors of wife Sara and their children donated through our organization raised \$1,910.  
Our organization will only exist through your support. Please continue to encourage and support us.  
Owyhee County Hwy 78 Community Disaster Relief Wilson

Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington  
More water regulations, less federal assistance pinch cities



The importance of having clean water cannot be overstated. The fact that we can turn on the tap in most places of our country and know that the water we drink will not make us sick happens because communities across our nation invest in the infrastructure necessary to ensure high water quality. This is not easy, especially with often rigid and increasingly stringent federal mandates and limited pools of resources to meet them. My hat goes off to the towns across Idaho and our nation that deliver clean water while facing unfunded, new federal mandates and growing pressures on our water resources.  
Federal agencies levying hefty fines on small communities struggling to fund water quality improvement projects is counterproductive to achieving higher water quality. Such heavy-handed tactics deplete the limited resources the communities have to improve water quality. Working with the communities and leveraging resources to make any needed improvements is a far more productive path. That is why I have long been a proponent of requiring the federal government to step up to the plate and assist local communities with meeting their water treatment needs.  
As a member of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works (EPW), I recently had the opportunity to question Obama administration officials on why they would choose to cut water quality assistance in the president’s recent budget request for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The federal government has an overspending problem, and we must cut deficit spending

to get our nation on a sustainable economic path. However, as we work to decrease the deficit, assistance with ensuring a life essential — clean water — is an unreasonable target when the administration is proposing increasing funding for programs and initiatives that remain controversial.  
Despite the EPA asking for \$8.6 billion in spending, a 6 percent increase, the EPA calls for a reduction in funding for the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Funds. Revolving funds, such as these, combine federal, state and local resources to make improvements while loan repayments fund additional water projects and maintain a continued funding source. For every federal dollar invested in the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Funds, community wastewater systems have received \$3 in assistance, and \$1.75 in assistance for every dollar invested in the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Funds. Unfortunately, the administration’s proposed reduction will shrink the available resources for small communities needing assistance to ensure their water systems meet state and federal environmental regulations.  
According to the U.S. Conference of Mayors, cities are spending \$115 billion a year to provide water and wastewater services and meet federal mandates. Communities are investing nearly 50 times more in these services than the federal government invests in the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds. Taking a

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Idaho Freedom Foundation  
State of this year’s state Legislature is indeed weird

by Wayne Hoffman

There comes a point, usually around the end of March or early April, when random people (legislators, lobbyists and reporters) will stop me in the hallway of the Statehouse and proclaim, “This is one really weird legislative session!”  
Weirdness is defined by the attributed that most defines the session: Length of time legislators are in town; the complexity of the subject matter under consideration; the volume of bills. Yes, this legislative session is weird. But that’s not so weird. They all are.  
This legislative session is weird for the way it has strained the usual political paradigms. This session, you’ll find the names of conservative Republicans on bills to expand government, and liberal



Democrats on bills to curtail it.  
Republican Rep. John Vander Woude, Nampa, not known to be a flaming liberal, successfully championed and got the governor to sign legislation to restrict parental rights — legislation that had been previously sponsored unsuccessfully by minority Democrats.  
One of the most liberal members of the Legislature, Sen. Dan Schmidt (D-Lewiston) proposed a bill to eliminate a dysfunctional occupational licensure board. The bill passed the Legislature with my blessing, but with opposition from several of my conservative friends.  
Several lawmakers who generally support free enterprise joined with liberals to support a bill that would eliminate historical horse racing, even though that action would mean the end of an entire industry and the waste of millions of dollars in capital investment after just a year in business.  
This year, I supported a bill to eliminate the sales tax on groceries and dramatically lower income taxes. The bill,

as a political concession, included a 7-cents-per-gallon increase in the gas tax. It’s the only time in my life I have ever supported legislation that included a tax increase, but the bill, on the whole, provided ongoing net tax relief and significant tax reform. Yet some of my conservative friends didn’t hesitate to snipe me on social media. And liberal Senate Democrats, once the bill was dispatched, announced that they had valiantly and successfully “opposed a tax hike” on “hard-working Idahoans and their families.”  
Meanwhile, some of my legislative allies are peddling a bill that includes \$20 million in transportation fee increases. That bill cleared a Senate panel on Thursday with the support of Republicans and Democrats, but is on its way for amendment where it is likely to be stuffed with even higher fees with even more money coming out of the pockets of Idahoans.

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Commentary

Financial management  
The logic of paying cash for house is simple

Dear Dave,  
Let's say you have \$1 million in the bank. Why would you take out \$300,000 to buy a house, instead of just making a 20 percent down payment and keeping the rest of the money in mutual funds to make more money? If need be, I could still pay off the house.  
— Alex

Dear Alex,  
Interesting question. OK, I'm game.  
The spread that you'd make between even a high-interest rate mortgage — let's say six percent — and mutual funds at 11 percent or so, is about five percent. And that's assuming nothing goes wrong, and you can get your mutual fund out if needed.  
What you're talking about is theory, and what I'm talking about is actual life. In your theory, you've left out two major issues: 1) paying taxes on the mutual fund, which

would make your yield less, and 2) risk. You've compared a zero-risk investment with a risk investment, and you shouldn't do that. You must factor in risk so you can accurately compare one investment to another.  
Every time you pay off a mortgage, the bank no longer charges you interest. That's zero risk compared to a mutual fund, which does have risk. Remember, if your house was paid for, you wouldn't borrow \$300,000 against it to invest in mutual funds!  
— Dave

Dear Dave,  
My parents are going through a divorce, and money issues are a big part of the problem. My dad bought several rental properties and poured money into them. Then, he lost them to foreclosure and isn't making a lot in his new, commission-based job. How can I, as a 25-year-old kid, tell him



that his career choices aren't working?  
— Ryan  
Dear Ryan,  
I'm sorry to hear about your mom and dad. Divorce is never an easy thing, no matter how old you are.

You've probably heard lots of old sayings about how winners never quit. Well, in many cases those are false statements. Winners and successful people quit all the time; they quit doing things that aren't working. This doesn't have to mean that you quit on a dream, but it could mean you change the methodology you're using — especially if it's not getting you anywhere.  
Part of being a successful entrepreneur is having the ability to recognize when something isn't working and change it. You sound like a smart, caring young man, but there's little chance that a 20-something with very little life experience will be able to convince his father of these things. I mean, he's probably in his 50s, right? Plus, he's going through a divorce, and it sounds like he's broke and emotionally worn out.  
You've got a great heart, and I'm glad you care enough about your

dad to try and help him. But in this scenario, I think he needs to talk to someone like a pastor, or even an older relative or good friend closer to his own age — a guy with a little more life experience. Maybe you could talk to someone like this and explain what your dad is going through. Ask them to talk to him, and see if he'll open up to some new ideas.  
In the meantime, just be there for him and show all the support you can. You're a good son, Ryan.  
— 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.

Americans for Limited Government  
It's not delusional to expect officials to be constitutional

by Rick Manning  
Peter Frampton once asked in a time not too long ago, "Do you feel like we do?" While the context of this song that led the Frampton Comes Alive climb up the charts is different, it is a question that I often find myself wondering.  
In a Facebook response to an article I wrote for FoxNews.com on March 3 in the aftermath of Speaker Boehner's capitulation on the executive amnesty funding issue, a guy who I know from my short time as House leadership staff back in 1999 asked if I was delusional for thinking the House should fight the issue.  
I chose not to reply because sometimes it is best to tame the tongue (or in this case, the keyboard).  
Now with a few weeks of retrospection, I will answer. No, I'm not.  
It is not delusional to expect elected officials to keep their word. When a politician says they will fight tooth-and-nail for something, it is reasonable to expect that they will.  
It is not delusional to expect an elected official who put his or her hand on a Bible and swore an oath to defend and protect the Constitution of the United States to do that.  
And it is not delusional to expect elected officials to assert their own constitutional authority in a dispute with the executive branch.

However, what would be delusional would be to continue to hold out hope that this Congress would do any of the three things enumerated above.  
Do you feel like I do?  
For this reason, I am going to focus upon what this Congress can do based upon the real-life conditions up on the Hill.  
It is reasonable to think that this Congress can play small ball, pushing amendments to appropriations bills that tie the Administration's hands as President Obama rushes to finish his mission to collapse America's heritage of individual freedom.  
It is reasonable to believe that this Congress can limit spending increases rather than pass budget-busting measures, such as the \$140 billion doc fix deal, that institutionalize Obama's growth of government as having bipartisan support.  
And it is reasonable to expect that elected officials and presidential candidates can tell the public the truth about how they would fix this mess created by the past six years of a level of government expansion not seen since Lyndon Johnson's Great Society.  
This should not be viewed as giving up on demanding that our elected officials stand up for freedom, I just won't

expect them to hold the line when the chips are down.  
It is every freedom-loving American's job to hold their elected representatives accountable and to provide them the political spine, so it takes an act of betrayal to oppose individual liberty.  
I won't expect these elected officials to use every power at their disposal to fight tyranny, sadly, but instead will continue to do my darnedest to expose the fights that should be fought and spotlight those who are lions for freedom and those who lie down like lambs.  
America deserves men and women in Congress whose first response will be to defend liberty, the God-given inalienable rights that are enumerated in the Constitution, and the constitutional separation of powers.  
The task over the next 18 months is to separate the wheat from the chaff, and elect those who can honestly quote Barry Goldwater saying, "I would remind you that extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice! And let me remind you also that moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue."  
The only two questions that remains are, is this an impossible dream and do you feel like I do?  
— Rick Manning is president of Americans for Limited Government.

✓ Regulations: Cities need more help to meet federal standards

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hard look at how we are asking cities to spend their citizens' money, and especially absent sufficient federal funding, examining the mandates themselves are important steps. To truly make progress, the federal government should not simply overwhelm communities with unfunded mandates. Water infrastructure investments safeguard public health and support jobs. Enabling these projects, rather than undercutting them, must be a priority.

✓ Legislature: Conservatives acting like liberals and liberals acting like conservatives

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Republicans have started cheering tax and fee increases as "conservative" because, they say, it means less deferred highway maintenance and eventually much higher highway and bridge construction costs. Their view might be somewhat believable if you ignore the fact that the Legislature has built a budget blueprint that contemplates \$135 million in new spending as well as an additional \$98 million available but unused.  
I used to say that each legislative session is unique like a

snowflake. But at least when you have enough snowflakes, you can make a pretty awesome snowman. I'm not sure what you can build with a pile of legislative sessions. But I will say this: Just as snowmen shouldn't be around in April, the same is true for legislators.  
— Wayne Hoffman of Nampa is president of the Idaho Freedom Foundation, which on the IFF website is described as a non-partisan educational research institute and government watchdog.



# Looking back...

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

## 25 years ago

April 11, 1990

### Larzelier resigning

Trustee Doug Larzelier announced at the Homedale School Board meeting Monday night that he will not seek another term in the upcoming school board elections on May 15. Larzelier represents the Canyon County portion of Homedale Joint School District No. 370, covering Central Cove, part of the Fargo community and other residents on the north side of the Snake River across from Homedale. His section of the district is called Zone 3.

The elected term of one other local school board member, Trustee Frank Haylett, is also expiring. Haylett represents Zone 4 covering all of Homedale lying south of the center line of Montana Avenue. Haylett said during a break in Monday’s board meeting that he intends to seek re-election.

### Couple from Korea honored

A local high school employee and his wife, who recently achieved their U.S. citizenship, were honored at special ceremonies at Homedale High School Thursday, as their two sons looked on proudly from the student cheering section.

Bok Chun Park and his wife, Young Ho, brought their children here from Korea 10 years ago. Neither could speak or write English. But they persevered and on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> their struggle paid off when they passed all requirements and were awarded their citizenship papers.

Their sons, Han, a sophomore, and Han Ung, a 7<sup>th</sup> grader, appear to be following in the family tradition. Both are reported to be straight A students.

During the ceremonies, the Parks received an American flag presented by Superintendent of Schools Ed Marshall and a pair of red and white Trojan jackets presented by Lori Itano, student body president. The jackets bore large “U.S.A.” lettering on the back. The gifts were from, respectively, the board of trustees and the student body.

Ned Stokes, media center director, and HHS-JHS Principal Nolan Taggart also spoke. Janet Brown, a junior, sang the National Anthem.

Stokes pointed out that to get a driver’s license in Samoa, “all you had to do was pay \$1. You never had to prove you could drive a car.” He also said that all news reports came from Australia and were presented “from Australia’s point-of-view ... There are a lot of things in this country that you don’t appreciate until you don’t have them anymore,” he observed.

Taggart stressed his pride to be an American and to be part of a school population that is caring of the country and of other people. Mentioning the turmoil in South Africa where his son, Scott, is currently located, Taggart observed, “we need to think about the freedoms we now have.”

Park thanked those present, indicating that he and his wife had been surprised by the event. Mrs. Park gave a lengthier response, describing bluntly the problems the couple had in passing the U.S. citizenship exam administered by an apparently unsympathetic official.

“We have hard time, but stay,” Young Ho said. “I forget about bad times, remember good times. You guys keep trying, someday you’re going to win,” she concluded, addressing the students.

Other beaming onlookers at the event, incidentally, included Wallace McDowell, a history-geography teacher at the junior high level and a 12-year veteran teacher in the Homedale school system. McDowell is married to Nam Yon, a sister of Bok Chun Park.

### Marsing student honored

Andy Percifield, a senior at Marsing High School, was chosen to attend the 1990 Idaho All-State Honor Choir Meet April 4-7 in Rexburg. Selections for this honor are based on vocal auditions from students throughout Idaho. The group will participate in intensive choral rehearsals culminating in a Gala Finale Concert on Sunday.

Percifield was also a recent participant in the American Choral Directors Association All Northwest Honors Meet, which was held in Boise in March.

## 50 years ago

April 8, 1965

### City council discusses sewer bond election

The Homedale City Council held its regular monthly meeting, Monday evening, April 5 at City Hall, according to Kenny Downing, clerk. Bills amounting to \$3,423.94 were paid.

The council authorized the Homedale Junior Chamber of Commerce to install flag poles in front of each place of business in town. They will also be in charge of raising the flags on every occasion that it is called for.

Members also discussed the coming sewer bond election, and a work meeting was held Wednesday evening for working on the brochure.

A special meeting of the City Council will be held Monday evening, April 12, at 8 p.m. at City Hall, at which members plan to complete the brochure.

Downing also reported that the council was authorized to start proceeding to close the north half of the North and South alley in block 59.

### Trojans place 2<sup>nd</sup> in Adrian track meet

Homedale scored 25½ points to place 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Adrian Invitation track meet last Thursday. Fruitland was first with 44; North Powder, 22; Kuna, 20; New Plymouth, 12; Grand View, 12; Melba, 11; Greenleaf 10½; Middleton, 10; Wilder, 5; Adrian, 1, Huntington, 0.

### Community improvement is Arock Grange plan

To improve their community and its surroundings, and to give service to all, are no small plans. Arock, Ore., Grange members have six major projects, nine continuing projects, and 12 miscellaneous projects, plus plans for more, to aim high at a better, more attractive place to live. Other local organizations and non-grangers are encouraged and included to help in this truly American work, according to Mrs. Hazel Fretwell, chairman of CPP.

Community progress projects are sponsored by the national grange and Sears Roebuck Company.

The adult education course in this small rural community has just completed a “Preventative Veterinary Medicine” class for 22 registrants. The next course sponsored by Arock Grange under the supervision of Treasure Valley Community College will by “Farm Records & Income Tax Procedure” to begin April 22. Fall classes will include “Welding.”

Arock Grange first began its enthusiastic entry in this national contest a year ago when they completely renovated and redecorated the main assembly room of their hall.

Other projects completed or started include cleaning and hauling refuse away from the town area and establishing a new dump area, adding rest rooms and new entrance steps to the Grange hall, cleaning up the town center, Home Extension service, charity, finance projects, safety programs, “Go to Church” Sunday, library service, and help to the local schools.

### Boise sophs erupt in 7<sup>th</sup> inning to top Trojans, 10-6

Boise High School’s sophomore squad erupted for nine runs in the top of the 7<sup>th</sup> inning to post a 10-6 victory over the Trojans in a Monday afternoon warm-up baseball game. It was the first start for the Trojans.

### Births

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Kershner of Flint Creek are parents of a son born March 21 at the Caldwell Memorial hospital. He weighed 7 lbs. and 3 ozs. and was named Kenneth Robert. Paternal grandmother is Mrs. Charlotte Pierce. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gluch of Jordan Valley, Ore.

### Homedale locals

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bergeson spent the weekend in Blackfoot where they visited his brother, A. F. Bergeson, who has been ill for some time. They also visited with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Kent Bergeson and family, while there.

## 140 years ago

April 10, 1875

SCHOOL ELECTION. At the election for School Trustees in Silver City District yesterday afternoon there were 91 votes polled, of which A. J. Stucker, R. H. Leonard and G. I. Greathouse each received 89. These three gentlemen will therefore constitute the Board of Trustees in this District for the ensuing year. As there were but two dissenting votes their election may be considered as unanimous. They all have children of their own to send to school and will make an excellent Board of Trustees. We will have the result of the elections in other districts of the county in a day or two.

THE ROAD from Fairview has improved recently and quartz hauling was resumed this morning. There will soon be enough quartz at the N. Y. Mill to keep it running several weeks.

THR PRIZE RING. We were to-day shown the lady’s ring to be given to the best waltzing couple next Wednesday night. It cost \$15 and is a handsome amethyst beautifully set in gold. The question now is, who will get it?

THERE are from 16,000 to 20,000 head of Texas cattle grazing on the lands between the mouth of Sucker Creek and the head of Bruneau. One man, Mr. Miller, owns some 5,000 and the ownership of the balance is divided between several parties. It takes usually about 6 months to drive cattle from Texas to this country. Their cost in that state is from \$2½ to \$5 each, and they are worth from \$15 to \$20 after their arrival here. The calves dropped on the route are usually killed.

THE BAKER CITY Herald advocates a division of the State of Oregon on the natural line of the Cascade Mountains and the union of the eastern section of that State with portions of Idaho and Washington Territories. The reasons given are that the interests of the two parts of Oregon are diametrically opposite, one being mineral and the other agricultural, while in point of climate too there is a great diversity and from other causes, laws suited to one section are not applicable to the other.

THE CASE of People vs. Dallas failed to “stick” in Judge Wickersham’s court Saturday afternoon. From the way the law was construed it seems that the sheriff has no right to arrest an individual for shooting off a gun or pistol in our streets. A person can shoot and kill as many people as he chooses so long as he “laughs” and isn’t “mad” when he does it! Next!

SOUTH MOUNTAIN JOTTINGS. About 10 o’clock on Wednesday evening Mrs. Dougherty of kleptomaniac notoriety returned to her dwelling after a brief absence to find missing \$40 in cash which she had left in the house. She immediately gave the alarm and, ascertaining that Gus. Percheron had been seen to enter the house during her absence, Justice Fox and Jack Fly were soon on his trail. Gus was found in possession of \$40 or \$50 bucking at “Twenty-one.” They called aside and accused him of the theft which he acknowledged and gave up the money. A warrant was subsequently issued for his arrest, but he has not been found, and it is thought he has decamped.

Some time ago, two or three gentlemen discovered at the upper end of Main Street a volume of water issuing from a crevice. The flow only continued for a few minutes and then suddenly stopped. One of the gentlemen succeeded in catching a hatful of it, for the purpose of analyzing, but, before the vessel could be obtained that would hold water, it had leaked out, leaving an alkaline or saline odor about the hat that leads to the conclusion that a mineral spring of some importance may yet be discovered about there. The discovery has been kept quiet, but a few in on the secret have been quietly sinking shafts in the vicinity in the hopes of turning up something rich.



# Public notices

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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015  
4/1,8/15

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,

CITY OF HOMEDALE  
Quarterly Revenue/Expenditure Report  
2nd QTR. FISCAL YEAR, FY 2015

FUND	BUDGET AMOUNT	Expended to Date	% of Budget Expended	Revenue to Date	% of Budget Revenue
01 General	\$ 724,428.00	\$ 261,219.00	36.1%	\$331,804.00	45.8%
03 Parks	\$ 96,045.00	\$ 28,125.00	29.3%	\$28,125.00	29.3%
04 Library	\$ 68,508.00	\$ 27,004.00	39.4%	\$27,003.00	39.4%
05 L I D	\$ 42,757.00	\$ -	0.0%	\$2,844.00	6.7%
06 Law Enforcement	\$ 433,809.00	\$ 210,125.00	48.4%	\$210,710.00	48.6%
30 Airport	\$ 110,025.00	\$ 9,254.00	8.4%	\$9,366.00	8.5%
Sub-Total	\$ 1,475,572.00	\$ 535,727.00	36.3%	\$609,852.00	41.3%
02 Streets & Highways	\$ 309,765.00	\$ 48,647.00	15.7%	\$52,713.00	17.0%
60 Irrigation	\$ 129,450.00	\$ 62,268.00	48.1%	\$97,850.00	75.6%
25 Water	\$ 798,321.00	\$ 197,006.00	24.7%	\$124,640.00	15.6%
26 Sewer	\$ 712,230.00	\$ 163,309.00	22.9%	\$160,142.00	22.5%
27 Sanitation	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 35,995.00	31.3%	\$60,766.00	52.8%
<b>TOTAL (all funds)</b>	<b>\$ 3,540,338.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,042,952.00</b>	<b>29.5%</b>	<b>\$1,105,963.00</b>	<b>31.2%</b>

The General Public is invited to inspect all supporting documents for the above Financial Statement at City Hall during regular business hours.

Publish: April 8, 2015

Signed: Alice E. Pegram  
City Clerk/Treasurer

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

TRUSTEE’S NOTICE OF  
SALE

Reference is made to that certain trust deed made by Luis R Oliveira, a married man, as grantor, to Lawyers Title as trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems,

Inc. (MERS), solely as nominee for Aegis Wholesale Corporation, as beneficiary, dated April 4, 2006, recorded April 11, 2006, in the mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho, as Document No. 255929, and assigned to Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee for Residential Accredit Loans, Inc., Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-QS5 by assignment recorded on April 30, 2013 in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho, as Document No. 280796, covering the following described real property situated in said county and state, to wit:

LOTS 6, 7, 8 OF BLOCK 81 OF THE HOMEDALE TOWNSITE AS SHOWN ON THE AMENDED PLAT THEREOF FILED AUGUST 9, 1911 AS NO. 7284 ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 102/112 East Wyoming Avenue, Homedale, ID 83628

There is a default by the grantor or other person owing an obligation or by their successor in interest, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, or by their successor in interest, with respect to provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of default of such provision. The default for which foreclosure is made is grantors’ failure to pay when due the following sums: monthly payments beginning February 1, 2013 through February 1, 2015 in the total amount of \$18,972.91; together with title expense, costs, trustee’s fees and attorney’s fees incurred herein by reason of said default; any further sums advanced by the beneficiary for the protection of the above described real property and its interest therein; and prepayment penalties/premiums, if applicable.

By reason of said default, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said trust deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to wit: \$84,794.67 with interest thereon at the rate of 7.37500 percent per annum beginning January 1, 2013; plus escrow advances of \$2,915.46; plus other fees and costs of \$1,384.00; together with title expense, costs, trustee’s fees and attorney’s fees incurred herein by

reason of said default; any further sums advanced by the beneficiary for the protection of the above described property and its interest therein; and prepayment penalties/premiums, if applicable.

WHEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the undersigned trustee will on July 24, 2015, at the hour of 11:00 AM, at Owyhee County Courthouse Lobby, 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650, in the City of Murphy, County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the real property described above, which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by grantor of the trust deed together with any interest which the grantor or grantor’s successors in interest acquired after the execution of the trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of the sale, including reasonable charges by the trustee.

In construing this notice, the singular includes the plural, the word “grantor” includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the trust deed, and the words “trustee” and “beneficiary” include their respective successors in interest, if any.

Robinson Tait, P.S., 710 Second Ave, Suite 710, Seattle, WA 98104

4/8,15,22,29/15

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Owyhee County Church Directory		
	<b>Golden Gate Baptist Church Wilder</b> Pastor Robert Potter, Jr., CLP Corner of Second and "B" Streets Church time is 11:00 am on Sunday Call (208) 880-4308 for information	<b>Our Lady of Tears Church Silver City</b>  For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031
<b>Iglesia Misionera Biblica Homedale</b> Pastor Silverio Cardenas Jr. 132 W Owyhee • 337-5975 Servicios: Vier - 7pm - Oracion Mier - 7pm Predicacion Dom - 10am Esc. Dom y 6:30pm "Una Iglesia Diferente."	<b>Knight Community Church Grand View</b> Pastor Ivan Shetler 630 Idaho Street 208-834-2639 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am	<b>Crossroads Assembly of God Wilder</b> Pastors Ron & Martha Hwy 19 & 95, 890-9132 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Worship 6pm Wed. Bible Study 7pm
<b>Assembly of God Church Homedale</b> 15 West Montana, 337-4458  Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Service 6:00pm Wed. Bible Study 7:00pm	<b>Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale</b> 17434 Hwy 95, 337-3464 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Services: 10:45 am Sundays Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 5:30 pm Wednesday CLC: 3:15 pm	<b>Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church Caldwell</b> 1122 W. Linden St. 459-3653 Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:30 am Spanish Mass: Saturday 7:00 pm Spanish Mass: Sunday Noon
<b>Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Homedale</b> 337-4248 Sunday Services 10am Pastor Sean Rippey Adult and Children Sunday School 9-9:45am Visitors Always Welcome! Call Church for Prayer requests	<b>Chapel of Hope Hope House, Marsing</b> Look for the Blue Church South Bruneau Hwy at the Hope House Welcoming Families, especially those with special needs children. Keith Croft, Pastor 880-2767 Jake & Alisha Henriouille, Youth Pastors 761-6747 Sunday Services at 10 am	<b>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale</b> 708 West Idaho Ave 337-4112 Bishop Travis Kraupp Bishop Robert T. Christensen Sunday 1st Ward 1pm Sunday 2nd Ward 9am
<b>Homedale Baptist Church Homedale</b> 212 S. 1st W. 841-0190 Sunday School 10am-11am Sunday Worship 11am-Noon Wednesday Evening 7pm Pastor James Huls	<b>Wilder Church of God Wilder</b> 205 A St. E, 469-7698 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Service 11am Sunday Eve. 6:00pm Wed. Eve. 7:00pm	<b>Mountain View Church of the Nazarene Wilder-Homedale</b> 26515 Ustick Road 337-3151 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm Children's Caravan Program
<b>MARSING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY</b> Asamblea Apostolica de Marsing 107 W. Main • Marsing, Idaho Pastor Jose Gutierrez 208-461-9016 or 880-6172 Sunday School 10:00 am Sunday Service 1 pm • Wednesday Service 7 pm Bilingual Services/Español	<b>Iglesia Evangelica Wilder</b> 317 3rd st., Pastor Ramiro Reyes 10 am Sunday School 11 am Service 482-7484 Bilingual	<b>St. David's Episcopal Church</b> 1800 Arlington Ave. Caldwell, ID 83605  208-459-9261  stdavids@stdavidscaldwell.org www.stdavid.episcopalidaho.org
<b>Christian Church Homedale</b> 110 W. Montana, 337-3626 Pastor Maurice Jones Sunday Morning Worship 11am Church school 9:45	<b>Bible Missionary Church Homedale</b> West Idaho, 337-3425 Pastor Ron Franklin Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7:30	<b>Assembly of God Church Marsing</b> 139 Kerry, 965-1650 Pastor Rick Sherrow Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am & 6 pm
<b>Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing</b> Pastor David London 116 4th Ave. W., 859-2059 Sunday worship: Morning: 11am-Noon• Evening: 6-7pm Sunday school 10 am-10:55am Wednesday evening 6pm-7pm	<b>Nazarene Church Marsing</b> Pastor Bill O'Connor 649-5256 12 2nd Avenue West  Worship Services - Sunday 11am and 6pm Sunday School - 9:45am Mid Week TLC Groups	<b>Trinity Holiness Church Homedale</b> 119 N. Main Pastor Samuel Page 337-5021 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Thursday Evening 7:30pm
<b>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Marsing</b> 215 3rd Ave. West, 896-4151 Sunday 1st Ward, 1:00 p.m. Bishop Rowley Sunday 2nd Ward, 9:00 a.m. Bishop McIntyre	<b>Vision Community Church Marsing</b> 221 West Main Marsing, Idaho 208-779-7926 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Adult, Kids & Youth Meetings Wed. 7:00 p.m.	<b>United Methodist Church Wilder</b> <b>Exploring the Bible: Public Invited</b> 2nd & 4th Tuesday: 4-5pm Corner of 4th St. & B Ave. Pastor Dave Raines 208-880-8751 Sunday Service 9:30am
<b>First Presbyterian Church Homedale</b> 320 N. 6th W. Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am	<b>Calvary Holiness Church - Wilder</b> Corner of 3rd St. & B Ave. • 208-989-0196 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. • Sunday Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday: 6:00 p.m. • Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.  Food Pantry hours • 208-989-0226 2nd & 4th Friday of month 2pm-4pm 3rd Friday of month 11am-1pm	<b>Seventh Day Adventist Homedale</b> 16613 Garnet Rd., 573-4574 Sabbath School Sat. 10:45am Worship 9:30am Wednesday Prayer Mtg. 7:00 pm
<b>Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale</b>  711 W. Idaho, 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am	<b>Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church - Oreana</b> 2014 Mass Schedule - the following Saturdays at 9:30am Jan. 11 - Feb. 8 - Mar. 22 - Apr. 26 - May 10 June 14 - July 12 - Aug. 23 - Sept. 27 Oct. 25 - Nov. 22 - Dec. 27 All are welcome! For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031	<b>Amistad Cristiana de Wilder UMC</b> Esquina de 4 y calle B Domingos Servicio: 12:00 pm El Ropero (Banco de ropa) Miercoles 12- 2pm Martes y Jueves: 6:30 pm Ingles Sabados: 12:00 pm Arte Infantil Todo en Espanol, Inf. 989 7508

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**Hope House Yard Sale.,** Saturday, April 11, 8am-3pm, 7696 Old Bruneau Hwy, Marsing, 4 miles south of Family Dollar

**THANK YOU**  
Thank you, from David and Sue McBride, to all our friends and relatives that helped us celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. It was great but most of all a big thank you to all our children, DJ McBride, John & Suzanna Pearson, Paul & Cassandra Page, Richard & Tracy McBride, Jeremy & Davina Jackson, Matthew & Melissa McBride, Kathleen McBride & Kenny, and our numerous grandchildren. Thank you so much, you all did an awesome job. Love you with all our hearts, Dad and Mom



**HELP WANTED**  
**House Parenting/ Direct Care Staff.** Direct care involves caring for youth during all aspects of their daily life. The right person for this position loves the Lord and has a servant's heart. Compassion toward hurting and non-trusting children, as well as possessing the ability to show grace when it is difficult. The right person will be a team player who can follow administrative direction but can also act proactively, who enjoys being active and willing to hike, fish, camp or stay in camp watching over the belongings. All applicants must be in good physical health, able to pass a criminal background check, have a clean driving record. Ages 25-50+ are encouraged to apply. This ministry is without state funding, come and give your all in assisting kids grow up healthy-happy and with the knowledge of who Jesus is. Please contact: Hope House Home for Children, PO Box 550, Marsing, ID 83639. Attn: Donnalee Velvick-Lowry, [onefaithmom@frontier.com](mailto:onefaithmom@frontier.com) 208-896-4673 office 208-890-5000 cell

**Hope House, Marsing, Idaho.** Teachers: Middle School/ High School Special Education/ Industrial Arts. Middle school teacher/ paraprofessional will have up to 12 youth with 2-8 grade ability level. The majority of education loss is due to English/ reading skills not being taught in orphanages in third world countries/ many foster home/ multiple abandonment issues – no drug or alcohol involvement; High school LD teacher: Classroom with up to 8 youth, the teacher for this classroom will have much freedom to develop preparation skills for completion of high school with jobs as the main goal along with state requirements being met; Industrial Arts Teacher combined with dorm life assisting, this position is a genuine opportunity to serve. We have a beautiful wood shop/ greenhouse/ tools and equipment. This fulltime position with our boys will allow you to teach skills and also work with the boys in their house assisting them to learn daily life skills from mature men of faith including cooking/ laundry/ recreation and if you are interested camping fishing and so forth. Our school, Hope Christian Academy is fully accredited K-12. Monthly stipend/ health insurance – humble private housing- spouse/ children/ animals welcome – your children are welcome to attend our accredited school. Position would start within two weeks of hiring. We are not looking for someone merely seeking a job. Only those who are called to serve should apply. Please call 208-896-4673 office or 208-890-5000 cell.



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