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## BLM's wilderness plan doesn't budge on key elements

**BOCC vows to fight for motorized herding, better inventory**

Not everything that ranchers, conservationists and county officials fought nearly

a decade for has shown up in the Bureau of Land Management's final plan for the Owyhee wilderness.

On Monday, the BLM announced the availability of the final Owyhee Canyonlands Wilderness and Wild & Scenic River Management Plan (WMP).

"This Wilderness Management Plan is

founded on years of local collaborative effort," BLM Boise District Manager Jim Fincher said. "It provides for future stewardship and preservation of the treasures of the Owyhee Canyonlands."

The Board of County Commissioners, however, took a different view of the plan, which lays out the framework to manage

the 517,000 acres of wilderness and more than 300 miles of Wild and Scenic Rivers created by the Owyhee Initiative and made into law with the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (OPLMA).

In a joint statement, Commissioners

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HMS uniforms

## Parents get vote Monday

**Parent Night set as introduction to 2015-16 year**

Parents can voice their opinion about a proposal to require Homedale Middle School students to wear uniforms beginning in August.

School officials will kick off Monday's Parent Night with an informational presentation about the school uniform idea.

Parent Night starts at 6 p.m. at the middle school, 3437 Johnstone Road.

Breakout sessions regarding different aspects of the 2015-16 school year for students now in grades 4 through 8 will be held beginning at 6:30 p.m.

According to the 2015-16 school calendar the board of trustees adopted last week, registration for grades 6-8 will be held on Aug. 10, and fifth-graders and new students in grades 5-8 will register on Aug. 11.

The first day of school will be Aug. 24.

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*You know it's spring when ...*



### The Homedale FFA greenhouse opens

*Homedale FFA member Hanna Estes waters flowers in the high school's greenhouse for the upcoming annual sale. For more details on the sale, see Page 10.*



### Prep baseball is in full swing

*Marsing's Hunter Gibson, left, put the tag down late against a Payette base runner in a April 13 game. See story, Page 12*

### Conservation district distributes chemical

*Don Hedges from Bruneau based New Environment LLC pumps Telar XP into a tank sprayer at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds in Homedale. The Owyhee Conservation District sponsored two rounds of free chemical giveaways Saturday.*



## Cemetery tax funds problem remedied

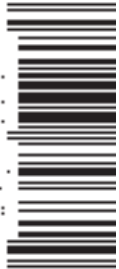
**10 years of missed payments to be made up over nine months**

The Marsing-Homedale Cemetery Maintenance District is finally receiving payments from Owyhee County to refund money that had been mistakenly sent to the Riverside Cemetery District in Grand View for 10 years.

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners (BOCC) sent a letter to the cemetery district's board members last month proposing a payment plan. Cemetery sexton Bruce Benson said as soon as he got the letter on March 29, he posted a 24-hour notice of an emergency meeting on the door of the cemetery's shop where they meet.

The next day he went to board chair Jay Hall's house to have him read the letter and Hall made a motion. Benson then called Director Rick Sherrow, who seconded the motion. Director Val Dines approved it by phone as well.

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# Owyhee County worker retiring after 35 years in Murphy offices

Outgoing court clerk Trina Aman looks forward to being crafty

A longtime Owyhee County employee is calling it quits. District court clerk Trina Aman lives in Murphy, and the 54-year-old has worked for the county for 35 years. Her last day on the job will be April 30.



Trina Aman

Aman has lived in Owyhee County all of her life and said she's part of the Joyce family that settled into the Sinker Creek area 150 years ago. She is the great-great-great granddaughter of Matthew Joyce who founded the Joyce Ranch. Her husband Gary was Owyhee County sheriff for 12 years and now works for the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes as a cultural resource officer. He doesn't have plans to retire anytime soon, "as long as he can work, he wants to do it, he really likes it," Trina Aman said. She started working for the

county in the 1980s in the recorder's office, and she found the position through an employment-training program. "About four months into that position, they had terminated someone in the magistrate court, and I was asked if I wanted the position, so I took it," Aman said. She worked in the magistrate court from 1980 to 1997 when she moved to district court. Over the years, Aman said she's enjoyed the people and the variety of things that they do in the court. She points out that there's always something new every day. However, she admits that some of the cases "really wear on you." Violent crimes and drug cases bother her the most. Aman said crimes "have gotten more violent over the years with the methamphetamine and the drugs in general." She started thinking about retirement about five or six years ago. She started wrapping up her work last month and has spent the past few weeks finishing appeals and putting the final touches on case files. Dorla Stoneman will be Aman's replacement and has already taken over as district court clerk. Stoneman has worked many years for Owyhee County

as a magistrate court clerk. Looking to the future, Aman said she "loves to repurpose furniture and do craft stuff," or make necklaces or bracelets out of old jewelry. As for the furniture, Aman works with anything she can find such as doors, chairs, tables or frames. She got into the hobby partly because her parents collected antiques, Aman said. One of her first priorities is to set up a store on www.etsy.com to sell her creations. She adds that she's sure to stay busy in her retirement years. However, her husband said he's worried that she's going to get bored. The couple doesn't have any travel plans in the near future, but Trina said they have talked about going to Alaska. Aman also said her mother is nearby and she hasn't been feeling well so she'll be helping her, but that wasn't part of her motivation to retire. There are actually three people retiring from the county at about the same time. Diane Kukla in the assessor's office is already gone and chief probation officer Doris Jewett is on her way out. Aman said their coworkers in the courthouse will throw a going-away party on May 9.

— SC

# Sheriff's deputy credited with saving choking man's life

Terry McGrew says he was just doing his job

A 40-year-old Homedale man might not be alive today if not for the quick actions of an Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy. On Sunday at 1:23 p.m., a call came in to dispatch to send a Homedale Ambulance crew to a residence on Homestead Road for a male who was choking. Deputy Terry McGrew said he was in the right place at the right time when the call came in; he was only about four miles away from the home. When McGrew arrived on scene, he found the choking victim unconscious and not breathing. The man's brother, Phil Lootens, was performing chest compressions and mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. McGrew added that it was obvious to him that chest compressions weren't working so he sat the man upright and began doing abdominal thrusts, more commonly called the Heimlich maneuver.

After several thrusts, McGrew said the piece of food the man was choking on became dislodged from his throat and he began breathing on his own. Lootens said if it wasn't for McGrew, the family would have lost his brother. He's thanking the sheriff's office and the Homedale EMTs for their quick response. McGrew, who is a Nampa resident, doesn't see himself as a hero for saving the man's life. He said the victim was just fortunate that people were there to help him and this is just part of his job. It's what he's trained to do. McGrew is also glad for the man's family that it turned out as well as it did. The deputy admits he is a little astonished that he was so close to the man's house when the emergency occurred. McGrew said in a county this size, he could have easily been 20 minutes away, which may have put him at the home too late to make a difference. McGrew has been with the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office for two and a half years. He started in law enforcement about nine years ago.

— SC

# MHS grad night fundraiser slated at Marsing Gun Club

Saturday's Marsing Senior Class Gun Shoot will take place at 10 a.m. at the Marsing Gun Club off Idaho highway 78. Proceeds will help finance the 2015 Senior Class Safe and Sane Drug- and Alcohol-free all-night party at Wahooz in Meridian. Graduation is Friday, May 22. Contestants can shoot all day

for \$25, and there will be prizes in every round. Shells can be purchased at the shoot. A free lunch will be served. There will be a silent auction and a raffle for a cut and wrapped hog and a barbecue grill. Tickets cost \$1 each or six for \$5 and are available at Marsing Hardware on Main Street.

# Homedale stabbing suspect ordered to appear before district court judge

Count dropped; woman's charges dismissed

Most charges have been dropped in connection to the January stabbing of a Homedale father and son.

Miguel Z. Zavala, 36, remains in Owyhee County Jail in Murphy on a \$500,000 bond, however. He was bound over to Third District Court after his preliminary hearing on April 13 before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober. Owyhee County Prosecutor Douglas D. Emery dismissed one of the two attempted murder felony charges Zavala faced. Court records indicate that the teenage son who received wounds

when his father was stabbed near their West Montana Avenue home on Jan. 6 has moved out of state. Zavala is scheduled to appear before Third District Judge Molly J. Huskey for arraignment at 9 a.m. on Friday, May 8. Grober dismissed both felony attempted murder charges against another person arrested in the case, 26-year-old Amber Covert, during an April 13 preliminary hearing.

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# HHS Gates scholar ready for next step in education

## Armenta heading home after acceptance into BSU program

Jarod Armenta's life just keep getting more interesting as the Homedale resident winds down his undergraduate studies in Iowa and prepares to come home.

Saturday, the Environmental Studies major will make a presentation at Cornell College's 19<sup>th</sup> annual Student Symposium. His poster is entitled "Microsatellite Analysis Of Parentage In The Western Burrowing Owl."

The Homedale High School graduate is wrapping up his bachelor's of science degree with a Biology minor. Nathan and Teresa Armenta's son carries a 3.53 grade-point average, and he'll graduate in May.

Armenta enrolled at Cornell College after receiving a Gates Millennium Scholarship, which can provide tuition for college through a doctorate degree.

He has been accepted into the Master's program for Raptor biology at Boise State University, and he is analyzing requirements to see if the Gates scholarship will continue.

"I'm hoping to reconnect to family a bit since I have been away from Idaho for birthdays and holidays," he said. "I'm also looking forward to finding ways to get involved in volunteer work

quite a bit."

He envisions a Ph.D. in conservation genetics after his Masters.

"Through Gates, I have been fortunate to not have student loans looming over my head come graduation unlike many of my friends," he said.

"Because of this, I feel a strong need to give back in some way. ... I know how influential the aid has been that I was awarded, and helping others obtain their goals is an objective at the top of my list."

Armenta immersed himself in college life at the small Iowa college. He has been secretary and sporting events co-chair for the school's Get Outta Town alternative spring break program, and he was an orientation leader for new students last year as well as a student alumni ambassador.

His role as a tour guide and manager in Cornell's admissions office gave him the opportunity to "run into" Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton last week at a local coffee shop called Fuel. He called the encounter "surreal."

"She was very soft-spoken, humble and personable, but quick-witted with wonderful anecdotes and ideas as to how our country should look."



Homedale High School graduate Jarod Armenta, second from left, was among a handful of Cornell College student who met presidential candidate Hillary Clinton in Iowa last week. Submitted photo

Armenta was among five Cornell students who found themselves at the coffee shop.

"I was supposed to be training a fellow student as manger of the Tour Guide team for Admissions, but when a workman who also works at Fuel informed me that Clinton would be at Fuel, the trainee and I rescheduled to "inconspicuously" grab some coffee instead."

Armenta's acceptance into the BSU program continues a relationship that helped spawn Saturday's symposium presentation.

The Homedale High School graduate's mentor, Dr. Jim Belthoff, broke the news of Armenta's acceptance into the pro-

gram. Armenta said Belthoff and BSU colleagues including Dr. Jim Smith and Dr. Muhammad Arshad, a Fulbright Scholar from Pakistan, provided important support and guidance during his western burrowing owl study.

Armenta's research utilized DNA analysis to determine how young owls are related to the adults caring for them in the nest.

"It's common for the birds to implement alternative reproductive behaviors such as promiscuity or parasitize the nest of another same-species female," Armenta said.

Last summer, the research team focused on nest relationships during the 2014 season, and they

started analysis of mating behavior in southern Idaho over the past 20 years, he said.

"Eventually, I would like to see variation in their behavior tied to certain environmental cues such as prey availability, population size, and nesting density in order to better their conservation in light of human activity and human-accelerated climate change," Armenta said.

"But, at the same time, it is important to point out that it would be just as equally interesting to see a lack of variation in their behavior, as this carries significant meaning for conservation as well."

— JPB

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# Sheriff’s office catches another suspicious car fire case

For the second time in three weeks, the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office is investigating a car fire involving a possible stolen vehicle.

The latest case happened April 10 around 10:22 p.m. The 1998 Buick LeSabre was found on fire near the NAPA Auto Parts store on Main Street in Marsing.

Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said Deputy Karl Kingston went to the residence of the vehicle’s registered owner. The woman told Kingston the car was stolen and should have been in the driveway. She actually had the keys to the car in her possession.

She also stated that she had

no idea the car was missing until Kingston knocked on her door. It’s possible that the owner had a double set of keys or a hide-a-key, Bowman said.

The sheriff’s office has no suspects at this time.

OCSO continues to investigate an April 2 car fire that occurred west of the Scorpion Creek

trailhead near milepost 23 on Idaho highway 78. The Ada County resident who owns the black 1999 Acura was going to report the vehicle stolen the morning it was found burning, Bowman said.

There was evidence that the car was deliberately burned, and investigators found two sets

of footprints near the charred Acura. Authorities have persons of interest in the case, but no arrests have been made.

Bowman said there is no new information on the earlier car fire, and he does not think the two cases are related.

— SC

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### ✓ Wilderness: Final plan leaves Crutcher’s Crossing motorized area intact

Jerry Hoagland (District 1), Kelly Aberasturi (District 2) and board chair Joe Merrick (District 3) expressed appreciation for the BLM taking the time to consider the board’s comments, but are still disappointed that elements of the Initiative have yet to materialize. And the board vowed to find other avenues to make sure the Initiative is wholly included in the WMP.

“We gained some resolution to most of our concerns,” the commissioners wrote in a four-paragraph statement.

“Though, the County is not pleased with the fact that two key elements of the Owyhee Initiative Agreement — motorized herding and a comprehensive inventory

— were not allowed in the final plan.”

According to the wilderness plan, use of motorized vehicles or equipment must be evaluated and authorized in a way to minimize impacts on wilderness and wild and scenic river characteristics; however, the Initiative set forth language to grandfather motorized herding — such as that done by rancher Chris Black — as an allowed use that wasn’t subject to any environmental assessment.

While the final WMP discourages motorized herding, Hoagland confirmed that motorized access at Crutcher’s Crossing — the only motorized crossing in a wilderness in the U.S. — was preserved in the final plan.

Officials say the inventory of range improvements in the six wilderness areas governed by the WMP was inadequate.

Furthermore, the BLM’s final WMP doesn’t hold up the spirit of the OPLMA as it pertains to the Initiative, the board said.

“The final Wilderness Plan does not include a complete accounting of the current and customary motorized grazing management activities supported by existing facilities,” the commissioners wrote. “Facilities have a particular function, such as providing access over roads, routes, trails or ways to other facilities such as water developments, private water rights, fences and corrals or structures utilized to support grazing ac-

tivities — activities that were to continue after the legislation was passed into law.”

Commissioners say a proper inventory and preserving motorized grazing as an allowed use are critical to the county’s interest in the Initiative.

The commissioners reiterated that the two elements left out of the WMP were put into the Initiative plan through a consensus of the Initiative board members during meetings at which BLM officials had a seat at the table.

“BLM, working with the OI work group prior to the completion of the OI Agreement, acknowledged the importance of motorized herding within the wilderness and indicated it could be

worked into the Wilderness Plan,” the commissioners wrote.

“In our discussions after the draft BLM Wilderness Plan, the County emphatically pressed BLM to honor the agreement.”

County commissioners hold out hope that the missing elements will be included, though.

“A comprehensive activities and facility inventory has to be done prior to implementation of the Wilderness Plan,” the commissioners said. “Will that happen? With the big push to get this plan out, we doubt it.”

“The County will seek other resolutions to these major problems in honor of the OI Agreement.”

— JPB

### ✓ Cemetery: Directors still on course for May 19 temporary levy election

The cemetery district’s response to the commissioners was sent the day after the telephonic vote. The BOCC approved the redirection of sales tax surplus funds during their regular meeting April 13. The surplus funds come from the state treasury and are shared with the county and other taxing districts, County Clerk Angie Barkell said.

The total sum paid to Riverside Cemetery during the decade of discrepancies was \$13,345. The refund to Marsing-Homedale Cemetery will be delivered in four payments between now and January in the amount of \$3,336 each.

The county will send the checks out this month, July, October and January. Barkell said

the payments will be added to the regular share of sales tax revenue sharing the district has received on a quarterly basis since the accounting mistake was discovered last year.

“The board decided to spread it over four quarters and crossing fiscal years, so the impact should be minimal and more easily absorbed by the (county’s) general fund. We are pretty conservative in our revenue projections during the budget process, so redirecting the funds should have very little impact,” Barkell said.

The sales tax revenue sharing comes from the state, and the amounts are never the same each time, Barkell said. She added that the state tax commission uses a distribution formula based on

statewide collections and county populations.

The ag replacement funding for the district added up over a 10-year period. The state sends the money to counties to compensate for property tax exemptions on farmland. In 2004, a county clerical error led to those funds being given to Riverside Cemetery. The problem continued each year until the error was noticed last year.

“Considering (the time frame from) when they found it to when they paid us, everybody’s pretty happy. I thought they did a pretty good job of getting it taken care of,” Benson said. He added that they never expected the county to pay it back all at once.

Not receiving those funds

contributed to a serious cash flow problem for the district. Its budget was in the red for several months, and the board froze 2015 wages for the directors and Benson. The directors also raised lot prices by \$25 at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. However, lot prices remained the same for the Pioneer Cemetery in the Opaline-Givens area, which is within the jurisdiction of the Marsing-Homedale district.

The replacement funding from the county will help the district’s bottom line, but directors still are relying on a successful temporary tax levy election next month, Benson said.

The district is seeking a two-year, \$60,000 temporary levy. The money would provide

\$30,000 per year in 2016 and 2017, and a simple majority is needed for its passage. Last year, the district twice failed to achieve the super-majority to pass a permanent override levy.

According to the district’s ballot filing, revenue from the temporary levy would be used to purchase or maintain lawn equipment and maintain the cemetery grounds.

Benson also said they have major projects coming up like opening another section of the cemetery and putting in a new road which might be scheduled for next year. He thinks the survey work for the new section could cost as much as \$20,000.

— SC

### ✓ Vote: School tour, 2015-16 changes, peek at high school on agenda, too

The middle school’s leadership team has been working on a school uniform presentation for the parents of fourth- through eighth-graders.

“We will simply have a way for parents to vote and also provide an explanation of how the school will address students who may not be able to afford the uniforms,” HMS principal Amy Winters said.

Parents will be able to vote for or against uniforms, Winters said.

The proposed uniforms would follow these parameters:

- Single-colored, short- or long-

- sleeve polo shirts with no logos
- Any Homedale Trojan apparel purchased to support sports, clubs or other activities.
- Knee-length shorts, skirts or pants in black, white, gray or khaki
- Dark, single-colored jeans without holes meeting the criteria

According to a pricing handout Winters provided The Owyhee Avalanche, various stores have the different elements of the proposed uniform.

Potential prices for a short-sleeve polo shirt range from \$3 to

\$6 at Walmart to \$15 to \$20 at JC Penney. Long-sleeve polos range from \$4 to \$8 at Walmart to \$18 to \$28 at JC Penney. Prices at Old Navy and Target fall between the two other stores.

Depending on the sleeve length, button-up shirts cost \$10 to \$12 at Walmart, \$12 to \$16 at Old Navy and Target, and \$18 to \$28 at JC Penney.

Long pants are \$19 to \$15 at Walmart, \$16 to \$23 at Old Navy and Target and \$15 to \$30 at JC Penney.

Shorts are \$6 to \$10 at Walmart, \$15 at Old Navy and Target and

\$10 to \$24 at JC Penney.

Sweaters and sweatshirts are \$12 to \$13 at Walmart, \$17 to \$25 at Old Navy and Target and \$24 at JC Penney.

After the uniform portion of the Parent Night, the breakout sessions will include:

- A fourth-grade student/parent tour
- An opportunity for fifth-graders to learn about schedule changes heading into sixth grade.
- Jeff Farden of the Idaho Digital Learning Academy will provide sixth- and seventh-graders will

information about the 8 in 6 early graduation program.

- High school student services specialist Debbie Flaming and GEAR UP coordinator Janee Brumfield will introduce eighth-graders to high school.

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# Obituaries

## Richard Dix “Dick” Jayo

Richard Dix “Dick” Jayo, 88, Husband, Father, Cowboy, life-long resident of Owyhee County passed away on Friday, April 17, 2015. Dick was born in Boise, Idaho on December 29, 1926 to Francisco Jayo and Francis Letemendi. He was one of nine children.

Dick was raised on his parents’ ranch in Oreana, Idaho and worked there until he was fifteen when he worked for the Nettleton family. He joined the Army during WWII in the Philippines and was on his way to the invasion of Japan when they dropped the A-bomb. He returned to Idaho and continued to cowboy for the Nettletons and various ranches in the area. Dick rode bareback, saddle-bronc and team roped in numerous rodeos in the area. In 1950, Dick married Barbara Brunzell of Murphy, Idaho. They had two children {Twins}, Rene Jayo Arana (Sam) and Richard “Rich” Jayo.

Recitation of the Rosary will be held at 7:00 PM, Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at the Nampa Fu-



neral Home, Yraguen Chapel in Nampa. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 A.M. Thursday, April 23, 2015 at the Saint Paul’s Catholic Church in Nampa. Interment will be at the Melba Cemetery following the Mass.

Donations may be made to: Owyhee County Museum, Murphy Idaho. Condolences may be left for the family at [www.nampafuneralhome.com](http://www.nampafuneralhome.com)

## Buzz (Rees) Walther

Buzz (Rees) Walther passed away on April 2, 2015, at his home in Melba, Idaho due to natural causes.

He was born June 25, 1938, to Bismark and Eula (Berry) Walther in Winnemucca, Nevada. He was the 8th of nine children. He was preceded in death by his mother, father and three siblings: Edith, Evelyn and Jerry. Buzz is survived by his wife Wendy (Galloway) Walther and his two children: Lisa Flores Walther and Clinton Walther. He is also survived by siblings Katherine (Bob) Deonier, Marion Walther, Juanita Ramsay, Sharon Jenkins and Gloria Robbins along with many nephew and nieces.

Buzz worked in construction and as a horseshoer (farrier) for many years in the Treasure Valley. His last years were spent as a farmer, a vocation he dearly loved. He and Wendy, his wife of 15 years, lived, worked and farmed at Reynolds Creek and Melba. He especially loved working the rodeos as a member of the Idaho



Cowboys Association. His events were calf roping and steer roping. He won many championships and owned and trained champion quarter horses.

A barbeque and potluck will be held in honor of Buzz at 1113 Canyon Road South, Melba, Idaho 83641 on April 25, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. Also, a barbeque and potluck will be held at the Community Hall in Oreana, ID on May 2nd at 1 P.M. Arrangements are under the direction of Zeyer Funeral Chapel, Nampa. 467-7300

# Death notice

**MARY ANN MULDOON**, 86, of Caldwell, who worked in the Owyhee County agent’s office and had ties to Owyhee County, died Friday, April 17, 2015. Funeral services and Family greeted friends on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at Flahiff Funeral Chapel in Caldwell where a prayer service was held. Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, 1122 W. Linden St., in Caldwell. Burial will follow at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery.

*Read all about it  
in the Avalanche!*

## Virginia S. Belknap

Virginia “Ginne” Belknap, 91, of Marsing. She was the fifth child born to Thomas and Lydia Stephen in Springview, Nebraska, on December 2, 1923. She attended school in Springview until her family was uprooted by the dustbowl. Ginne’s family moved to the Caldwell area, where Ginne graduated from Caldwell High School.

While living with her sister and brother-in-law, she met Kenneth R. Belknap, who swept her off her feet and they married December 9, 1947. The young couple homesteaded a farm in the Jump Creek area west of Marsing, Idaho.

Ginne was a true helpmate to Kenny, milking cows, tending chickens and pigs and, shoulder-to-shoulder, created a home for her family. Her son Stephen was born in 1950 and daughter, Jeanne in 1953, with both children delivered by her father-in-law, Dr.



Horace P. Belknap.

Besides farming, Virginia worked thirty-six years for the Marsing Labor Camp and weighed beets at the beet dump every fall. She worked 14 years for the Gem Highway District, retiring at age 84.

Virginia was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Kenneth; a sister, Lucille Lambley; brother, Donald Stephen; and stepdaughter, Susan Wymer. She will be missed by sisters: Iola Stewart, Ilene Dobbin; brother-in-law Bill (Barbara) Belknap; son, Stephen (Nancy) Belknap; daughter Jeanne (Dan) Percifield; grandchildren, Jaime, Clinton, Nick Wood, Toni Belknap-Brinegar and nine great-grandchildren. She will also be remembered by numerous nieces and nephews.

Ginne’s Funeral Service was held Friday, April 17, 2015 at 11:00 AM at the Marsing Community Center, Marsing, ID followed by interment at the Marsing Homedale Cemetery. Services are under the care of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. Condolences may be sent to [www.flahifffuneralchapel.com](http://www.flahifffuneralchapel.com).

## Jacklin Marie Roeser

Jacklin Marie Roeser, 60, of Marsing, Idaho, passed away Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at home with her family after a brief battle with cancer.

Jackie was born on February 5, 1955, in Gooding, ID the daughter of Elmer and Ruth Ellen Parke. Jackie and her younger brother Walter grew up on the family farm in Gooding, attending Gooding Public Schools where Jackie was a cheerleader, riding horses and competing in local events.

Jackie’s love for horses was evident at an early age. As a kid, she showed horses in 4-H and at the AQHA shows in the Magic Valley, while also participating in the high school rodeos. After high school, she attended the University of Idaho and Eastern Oregon University where she graduated with a degree in education. While in college, Jackie was a member of the U of I gymnastics team, but decided to devote her energy to rodeo. She was the President of the EOU rodeo team and qualified for the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Finals in 1976 in the goat tying. Her time spent rodeoing in college, and the friends she made doing it, would always be some of her most cherished memories.

After college, Jackie moved to Filer where she began her teaching career. During that time, she started dating a friend and team-roping partner of Walter’s, Dan Roeser. Dan and Jackie were married on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 1979. Settling in Caldwell, they spent the early years of their marriage training horses and rodeoing together all over the Northwest. While competing in barrel racing and goat tying, Jackie won numerous year-end individual and all-around titles in the Idaho Cowboys Association and the Eastern Idaho Rodeo Association.

During the day, Jackie continued



a career that would span 20 years, teaching Reading, Speech, and English from grades four through college. Her husband Dan spent days starting young horses for the racetrack, and in the evenings they would work on their roping and barrel horses.

Their daughter Annie was born on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 1984. Shortly after, Dan would transition to training reined cow horses and Jackie would begin to focus primarily on barrel horses. Then in 1987, they bought the little place in Marsing that would become their home. Over the next 28 years, with every fence built, pasture or tree planted, and weed pulled, Jackie would build one of her greatest masterpieces. Roeser Ranch, the beautiful house and barns there today are a result of Jackie’s flair for color and meticulous eye for detail.

In all, Jackie trained twenty-two barrel racing futurity and derby champions; several that went on to win at the amateur and pro rodeo levels. She qualified for both the Wilderness and Columbia River Circuit Finals during her career and helped countless individuals with their own horses. She took great pride in the horses she trained and all of the riders that would go on to win on them. Some of Jackie’s

favorite and most accomplished horses include Hula Rap, Azure Bid, Fantastic Rocket, Sovereign Judgment, Circles Top Illusion, Miss Might Flight, Jimmy Some Sugar, and CT Tres (a daughter of Circles Top Illusion).

Over the years as Jackie and Dan built their business, with customers from Washington, Oregon, and Idaho, they would also continue to expand their circle of friends. Stemming largely from Jackie’s warm and infectious sense of family, each person that visited or worked at Roeser Ranch would be quickly adopted. Holidays, weekdays, or any day a party could be found with the type of mixed group that would always make up the Roeser Crew.

Jackie often said, “Our life style of training and showing horses has not always been easy, but it has been rewarding. We have built our business ourselves, we have been our own boss, and we have been rewarded by the true friends we have made along the way.”

Jackie is survived by her husband Dan, daughter Annie (Elissa), Walter’s children Justin, Jared, and Jett, as well as numerous Parke and Roeser family brothers and sisters-in-law, cousins, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, Elmer, her mother Ruth Ellen, and her brother Walter.

Services were held on Monday, April 20, 2015 at 6:30 pm at the Idaho Horse Park in Nampa. Donations can be made in Jackie’s memory to the National Reined Cow Horse Association Crisis Fund or the Idaho Cowboys Association Crisis Fund.

Services are under the direction of Dakan Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. Memories and condolences may be shared at [www.dakanfuneralchapel.com](http://www.dakanfuneralchapel.com)



# Protect yourself against ID theft

Did you know?

- Identity theft is the fastest-growing white-collar crime in the United States
- \$1.7 billion reported paid out because ID theft/fraud
- In 2010, the same percentage of children had their ID stolen as adults aged 60-69
- ID theft is the No. 1 fraud complaint in the U.S.
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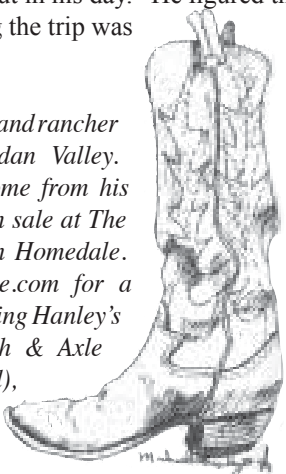

2) Contact your creditor of the affected account; stop payments on checks; Request new ATM and credit cards; Change passwords or PIN numbers; and call your other creditors.

3) Contact the three credit reporting agencies: Equifax, Experian, and Trans Union and add a “victim’s statement” to your file. Request a free copy of your credit report to check for additional affected accounts. Place a fraud alert in your files with caution.

4) Contact the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). The FTC’s hotline for ID theft victims to file complaints is (877) IDTHEFT. Get information to repair credit and visit [www.consumer.gov/idtheft](http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft)

— Surine Greenway is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Family and Consumer Sciences educator. For more information, you can reach the U of I Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104 or [owyhee@uidaho.edu](mailto:owyhee@uidaho.edu). The office is located at 238 W. 8th Ave. W., in Marsing. Source for this week’s column: University of Idaho Extension ID Theft Quick Tips by Luke Erickson and Lyle Hansen.

Owyhee Then & Now



### Tales of the I.O.N. Country Fencing the Public Domain Part II

The effects of Bill Hanley’s conviction had a rippling effect throughout the area. By (the government) winning its case against one of the old ranches and its manager, the point was driven home to others. Tom Turnbull, Alphena Venator and Bill Maher, big operators in their sections, took down their fences, which in turn put their neighbors on notice.

The original punishment for conviction on a fencing charge had been a day in jail at the county seat in which the Federal land lay. The local authorities ignored the order, which prompted President Roosevelt to personally order that the sentence be served in a Federal facility, the nearest in this case being in Portland, Oregon.

Uncle Bill didn’t have to serve his time, but Bill Maher, charged with fencing land in Owyhee County, Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon, had to travel to Portland. Frank Swisher claimed that Bill used this as an opportunity for his honeymoon, and when he got there the Federal Marshal told him he didn’t have to put in his day. “He figured the time and expense of making the trip was punishment enough.”

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

# Calendar

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

**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  
**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  
**Homedale City Council meeting**  
6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641  
**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting**  
6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867

**Friday**  
**Story Time**  
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, afternoons Monday through Saturday  
**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**  
**MHS senior class gun shoot**  
10 a.m., \$25 for all-day shoot, raffle available,

**Marsing Gun Club**, Idaho highway 78 and Trap Shoot Road, Marsing.  
**Free lunches**  
Noon to 1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419

**Sunday**  
**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

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

**Wednesday**  
**Story time**  
10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690  
**Homedale FFA banquet**  
6:30 p.m., Homedale High School cafeteria, 203 E. Idaho Ave. Homedale. (208) 337-4613

**Thursday, April 30**  
**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

## Homedale kindergarten registration scheduled

Kindergarten registration for the 2015-16 school year will be held early next month at Homedale Elementary School.

Parents of children who will be 5 years old before Sept. 1 can register their boys and girls between 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5. The school is located at 420 W. Washington Ave.

Students must accompany their parents to the screening.

The checklist of things parents must bring to the registration:

- Legal, state-issued birth certificate
- Immunization records. No child will be allowed to start school in August without complete and current vaccine records.
- Social Security card
- Proof of residency in the Homedale School District
- A completed and approved out-of-district application for those students living outside the Homedale district boundaries

For more information, call the school at 337-4033.



Our birthday boy can't hold his joy  
The years roll by and time does fly  
For sixty years he's shifted gears  
Now he takes the cake, for Heaven's sake!

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# School menus

## Homedale Elementary

April 22: Orange chicken, steamed rice & broccoli, veggie & fruit bar  
April 23: Chicken patty sandwich, coleslaw, veggie & fruit bar  
April 27: Wiener wrap, corn, veggie & fruit bar  
April 28: Fish nuggets, green beans, veggie & fruit bar  
April 29: BBQ chicken, steamed carrots, roll, veggie & fruit bar  
April 30: Cheese pizza ripper, tossed salad, veggie & fruit bar, fruit rollup

## Homedale Middle

April 22: Spaghetti or burrito, salad & fruit bar  
April 23: Pizza hot pocket or corn dog, salad & fruit bar  
April 27: Popcorn chicken or beef nuggets, cheese stick, salad & fruit bar  
April 28: Sloppy Joe or hot dog, salad & fruit bar  
April 29: Pork chop or chicken tenders, mashed potatoes/gravy, salad & fruit bar  
April 30: Stuffed crust pizza or chicken patty, salad & fruit bar

## Homedale High

April 22: Crispito or hot pocket, salad & fruit bar  
April 23: Cheeseburger, hamburger or chicken patty, potato chips, salad & fruit bar, sherbet cup  
April 27: Personal pepperoni pizza or roast beef sandwich, salad & fruit bar  
April 28: Orange chicken or popcorn chicken, egg roll, steamed rice, salad & fruit bar  
April 29: Spaghetti w/bread stick or corn dog, salad & fruit bar  
April 30: Chicken taco or fish sticks, corn, salad & fruit bar, cookie

## Marsing

April 22: Rib-b-que or macaroni & cheese w/breadstick, buttered corn, salad bar & soup  
April 23: Pepperoni ripper, baked potato w/roll, garden salad, salad bar & soup  
April 27: Sub sandwich or beef taco, chipotle rice & beans, mixed vegetables, salad bar & soup  
April 28: Chicken fajita or chicken sandwich, steamed carrots, cookie, salad bar & soup  
April 29: Teriyaki chicken bowl w/roll or corn dog, buttered corn, salad bar & soup  
April 30: Lasagna w/breadstick or turkey sandwich, potato salad, green beans, salad bar & soup

## Bruneau-Grand View

April 22: Little smokies, scalloped potatoes, green beans, fruit, roll  
April 23: Beef & bean burrito, romaine & tomato, corn, fruit  
April 24: Ham/cheese/bun, potato wedges, broccoli, fruit, rice krispie treat  
April 28: Stromboli, spinach salad, mixed veggies, fruit  
April 29: Cook's choice  
April 30: Corn dog, tots, steamed broccoli, fruit

# Senior menus

## Homedale Senior Center

Milk served with each meal

April 22: Ham/cheese on bun, potato salad, ambrosia salad  
April 23: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, broccoli, bread  
April 28: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, California blend veggies, bread  
April 29: BBQ pork on bun, coleslaw, bread  
April 30: Baked fish, baked potatoes, peas & carrots, bread


## Marsing Senior Center

Milk served with each meal

April 22: Hamburger patty, potatoes, peas, peaches, rice salad, bun  
April 23: Kielbasa sausage, potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit, roll  
April 27: Breakfast special, pancakes  
April 28: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes/gravy, brussel sprouts, carrot raisin salad, bread, pineapple  
April 29: Roasted pork loin, navy bean soup, spring vegetables, stewed tomatoes, oranges, cornbread  
April 30: Chicken, potatoes, carrots, rice salad, pears, roll.


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April 14-20

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SNOTEL report, Owyhee County sensors

	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature		
				Max	Min	Avg
	(measured in inches)			(measured in Fahrenheit)		
Mud Flat						
04/14	0.0	0	11.0	49	28	34
04/15	0.0	0	11.0	44	26	34
04/16	0.0	0	11.0	55	25	41
04/17	0.0	0	11.0	62	29	48
04/18	0.0	0	11.0	59	40	50
04/19	0.0	0	11.0	61	31	47
04/20	0.0	0	11.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
04/14	0.0	0	15.5	49	26	32
04/15	0.0	1	15.5	40	24	32
04/16	0.0	0	15.5	52	27	41
04/17	0.0	0	15.6	62	39	51
04/18	0.0	0	15.6	56	43	49
04/19	0.0	0	15.6	57	40	48
04/20	0.0	0	15.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
04/14	0.1	1	22.0	46	23	29
04/15	0.0	0	22.3	39	20	30
04/16	0.0	0	22.3	51	28	39
04/17	0.0	0	22.3	57	39	48
04/18	0.0	0	22.3	54	39	46
04/19	0.0	0	22.3	57	39	46
04/20	0.0	0	22.3	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 29 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 228 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 13 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 205,390 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

# Soldier with local ties finishes basic

Army Pvt. Kortney J. Burdine graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

The daughter of Richard D. Burdine of Homedale and Janie K. Tuller of Sweet Home, Ore., is a 2013 graduate of Sweet Home High School.

During nine weeks of training, she studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare, bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, first aid and field training exercises.

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# Jordan Valley cleanup gets under way Friday

The City of Jordan Valley will sponsor a citywide cleanup this weekend.

Dumpsters will be on site from Friday to Sunday for local residents to dump trash and clean up their properties.

No tires, hazardous materials, appliances, or large furniture items are allowed the dumpsters.

During the last hour of school on Monday, Jordan Valley seventh-through 12<sup>th</sup>-graders will clean up roadside trash in a community service project sponsored by the high school’s Student Council.

“The trash clean up is a day where students 7-12<sup>th</sup> grades are released from school for the last hour of the day to clean up trash around our community to make it look cleaner and more appealing, especially right before rodeo,” Student Council President Andi Warn said.

“Student Council started this event a couple of years back. The school does it to make our community look nice, and kids are also able to record it as community service hours.”

The 56<sup>th</sup> annual Jordan Valley Big Loop Rodeo is scheduled for May 16-17.

# HHS greenhouse sale on horizon

The Homedale FFA greenhouse will open for its annual sale Thursday.

A variety of plants will be sold from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the opening day, 8 a.m. to noon on Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. between Monday and Thursday, April 30 or until the stock is sold out.

The greenhouse management students have prepared an assortment of hanging baskets, basket stuffers, and bedding plants for sale.

Opening weekend prices are:

- Premium hanging baskets — \$20 and \$25
- One-quart zonal and ivy geraniums — \$2
- Assorted one-quart basket stuffers — \$2. Basket stuffers include grasses, sweet potato vine, succulents, bacopa, surfinia petunias and others.
- Assorted six-packs of annuals, \$2
- Assorted four-packs of annuals, \$1.50

Annuals include swiss chard, cucumbers, tomatoes, peppers, cauliflower, gallardia, portulaca, petunias, verbenas and many others.

Frost-tender plants are still being transplanted for May planting, so shoppers will want to come back, FFA advisor Sue Poland said.

# HSD leaders hear about salaries, initiatives as budget time looms

## Career ladder, anti-bullying legislation provide new challenges

The Idaho Legislature has given Homedale school officials something to think about as the budget season approaches.

During their recently completed 2015 session, legislators enacted the career ladder plan in an attempt to improve teachers’ salary, and they also kicked off a five-year plan to restore state funding to local districts to 2009 levels.

Homedale School District superintendent Rob Sauer heard about some of the changes during the post-legislative tour for school officials, which actually took place prior to *sine die* because lawmakers blew past the tour date trying to hammer out last-minute legislation.

“Where the Legislature wasn’t quite finished yet when we had the post-legislative tour, a few more details would have been helpful, but they weren’t able to drill much deeper for us,” Sauer said.

Sauer will huddle with colleagues from other districts to work out more details on the effects of the most recent Legislature, though.

The most immediate issue is planning for the career ladder salary structure. During their monthly meeting last week, Homedale trustees decided to convene a budget workshop at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6. The public hearing for the 2015-16 budget will be held during the regular board meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 8.

“We’re right in the middle of (budget planning), but it’s trying to figure out that career ladder and what it means,” Sauer said.

“(The legislation is) good for the staff, but we’re just trying to figure out how to place those amounts and what that looks like for the current staff this year and going forward.”

Sauer calls the new compensation system “a positive thing,” and he expects the state Department of Education to provide fiscal support for the higher salaries.

“We don’t have those exact numbers yet, but we’re fairly optimistic that the state will cover at least for the majority of our current salary schedule,” he said.

“The state will cover for sure (teachers) in the beginning years. The question is going to be around those with more experience and where they fall.”

Another budget dilemma trustees will face is rising insurance costs. In his April 13 report, Sauer told board members they could expect a 3.1 percent increase in the premium paid to Blue Cross of Idaho.

The specter of an unfunded mandate may not accompany the new anti-bullying legislation, though, Sauer said.

The new law requires districts to provide professional development regarding bullying awareness and mitigation for staff members. Sauer said the state provides money for professional development in general, and the district will have to figure out how to divvy up the dollars to ensure the anti-bullying aspect is handled.

“I think (the legislation is) a positive, but when we put together our plan for professional development, we have to include something on bullying,” Sauer said, adding that the district already has heard from vendors who provide services on the topic.

Sauer also said that while he hasn’t heard if there will be a specific statewide curriculum for anti-bullying professional development, he does anticipate some guidance from SDE on the subject.

— JPB

# Honor roll Rimrock

<b>Third quarter Seniors</b>	<b>Honors</b> — Sierra Mariah Lawrence, 3.45
<b>Honors</b> — MacKenzie Paige Meyers, 3.267 grade-point average; Diego Elizarraras, 3.143; and Maria de Los An Lino, 3.05	
<b>Juniors</b>	<b>Eighth grade</b>
<b>High honors</b> — Analeise Renee Mills, 3.95; Lin Ariel Lee, 3.914; Amanda Lingle, 3.875; Hailey Sariah Pearson, 3.857; and Sakota Hall, 3.814	<b>High honors</b> — Raichelle Rain Prejean, 3.75
<b>Honors</b> — Darcia Rahe Shaver, 3.714; and Jose Santos Briseno, 3.143	<b>Honors</b> — Ray Donald Draper, 3.729; Samantha Rae Lindquist, 3.3; and Todd Jacoby Marvin, 3.286
<b>Sophomores</b>	<b>Seventh grade</b>
<b>High honors</b> — Taylor Lars Pearson, 3.838; and Jose Rigoberto Lino, 3.8	<b>High honors</b> — Hannah Field, 4.0
<b>Honors</b> — Bailie Marie Jewett, 3.733; and Madison Rayne Burbank, 3.117	<b>Honors</b> — Laura Elizabeth Gaspar, 3.283; D-O Golden Draper, 3.233; and Cedar Cheyenne Hammock, 3.217
<b>Freshmen</b>	<b>Sixth grade</b>
<b>High honors</b> — Valeria Lino, 3.957	<b>Honors</b> — Samantha Rae Jewett, 3.657; Jorge Alcantar, 3.429; Braxton Calvin Crothers, 3.429; Mattie Lea Draper, 3.429; Emma Leigh Eldridge, 3.286; Yesenia Juarez Juarez, 3.471; Justin Riley Lindquist, 3.286; and Sintia Guadalupe Varela, 3.343

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# Woman gets DUI sentence

A Marsing woman has been sentenced for drunk driving.

Jeanne M. Percifield, who was born in 1953, must complete 40 hours of community service by Oct. 15. She also was fined \$1,000 and placed on one year of supervised probation. All but 10 days of a six-month jail term was suspended.

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# Prom 2015



**Homedale king and queen crowned**  
*Homedale High School's prom king Colton Osborn and queen Roni Black were crowned Saturday night during the event at Tamura's on U.S. Highway 95 north of the Snake River. Submitted photo*



**Adrian picks prom court**  
*Adrian High School's Prom Court included, from left: Andrea Catalan-Velez, Xavier Lopez, Queen Jillian Nielson, King Chase Walker, Rebecca Furtado and Pedro Santiago. AHS Photography*

# High school rodeo visits Badiola



*Youth competed at Homedale's Badiola Arena on Saturday and Sunday in the first District 2 high school rodeos of the spring. Top: Marsing High School's Ria Kent placed in the top 10 with a 17-second run in barrel racing. Above: Homedale's Bo Pickett and Jordan Valley's Nick Eiguren had a fourth-place time of 14.64 seconds. Photos by Cherie Rolland / Cherie Rolland Photography*

## P&Z hears Simplot plan Thursday

The J.R. Simplot's plan to build a confined animal feeding operation (CAFO) for wild horses or cattle or both at a former Bruneau Cattle Co. feedlot goes before the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission on Thursday.

The CAFO application seeking an operation on 80 acres of ground 1½ miles west of the Idaho highway 78-Idaho 51 junction near Bruneau is the final order of business during a public hearing featuring a string of permit requests.

The hearings start at 9 a.m., and the Simplot CAFO hearing is scheduled for 1 p.m. inside the county courthouse annex, 17069 Basey St., in Murphy.

For more information on any of the permits going before the P&Z, call (208) 495-2095, ext. 2.

## Marsing schools selected for after-school funds

### Money to be used to prolong 21st Century program

The Marsing School District could receive up to \$760,000 over the next five years for its after-school programs.

The district will receive \$152,000 in special grant money for the next school year from the State Department of Education. Last week, the department handed out \$1.5 million in grants to 10 after-school programs across Idaho.

Those grants are renewable each year for up to five years.

Marsing School District Superintendent Norm Stewart said this will allow them to continue their after-school program at the elementary and re-start another one at the middle school.

A grant for Marsing schools

that expired last year was for kindergarten and the middle school. Stewart said they were able to continue the kindergarten after-school program through a partnership with Hope House.

The "21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers" program is aimed at boosting academic support, cultural enrichment and community involvement.

Program coordinator Karen Hostetter said Marsing already has two 21<sup>st</sup> Century programs and the federal funding comes through the U.S. Department of Education. One of Marsing's grants is about to expire, so the district applied again. A committee found that the district had one of the highest needs for the funding.

Structured, high-quality after-school programs are a key component in preventing gang activity, drug use and delinquent behavior, Hostetter said. She added that 21<sup>st</sup> Century programs

have demonstrated tremendous success in cultivating academic success among low-performing students.

The grants cover the next five years, but "technically, if they're not meeting grant goals, the State Department of Education does reserve the right to withdraw funding," Hostetter said. The district also has to provide an annual performance report to the department.

The \$152,000 that Marsing will receive for 2015-16 is based on the district being a current and return grantee and the number of students proposed to be served, Hostetter said.

The funds will go to programs that are a combination of academic support and enrichment. A few examples include wellness activities, social/emotional support classes and STEM programs, which focus on science, technology, engineering and math.

Stewart said each year they try to "add new opportunities for our kids and new types of instruction, and new types of activities to come into those programs."

Marsing was the only Owyhee County school district to be selected for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century grants. Hostetter said Homedale did not apply for the next fiscal year but has had the 21<sup>st</sup> program in the past. The Bruneau-Grand View district did not apply either.

School districts nearby Marsing, which received some of the funds, include Nampa, Emmett and Weiser. The grants range from \$129,200 to \$190,000.

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Marsing softball finds its offense

Homedale JV softball perfect in 3A SRV

# Avalanche Sports

## Trojans win wild softball doubleheader

Homedale back on track in conference

Tristan Corta's walk-off home run in the bottom of eighth inning triggered Homedale High School softball's sweep Saturday. The junior's three-run shot brought the Trojans from behind

to win Game 1 against La Grande, Ore., 12-10, at Sundance Park. The Trojans (17-1 overall, 5-1 in the 3A Snake River Valley conference) posted a 6-4 comeback victory with two runs

in the bottom of the sixth of the second game of the non-conference doubleheader against the Tigers from the 4A Greater Oregon League. In the opening game, Homedale

owned a 6-0 lead after four innings before the Tigers (6-8) posted seven runs in the fifth inning. Homedale tied the game in the

— See *Softball*, page 15



Senior Casey Yiengst slaps hands with Marsing High School coach Travis Jarvis after his home run last week against Payette. Photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography

## Collett's bat, arm help HHS build baseball win streak

Trojans stay in conference pennant chase

Homedale High School won its sixth consecutive baseball game to spoil Payette's Harmon Killebrew Day matinee Saturday. The teams scored eight runs in a wild ending over the final two innings of the 3A Snake River Valley conference game, but the Trojans held on for a 13-7 win at Killebrew Field. The win helped Homedale (13-4 overall, 5-2 in 3ASRV) keep conference-leading Fruitland in sight as the season winds down. John Collett's solo home run ignited a three-run fourth inning. Collett was 3-for-5 with four runs

scored and two RBI from the leadoff spot. Jake Deal was 4-for-5 with a double and three runs scored, and Connor Carter was 2-for-4 with three runs scored and a double. Gunnar Clapp and Carter each knocked in two runs. Collett struck out four and allowed one hit in 3 1/3 innings of relief as four HHS pitchers handled Payette. **Last Wednesday: Homedale 10, Melba 0 (5)** — A pair of Homedale pitchers teamed for a non-conference no-hitter for the second time this season. Collett struck out nine through four innings, and Jose Ibarra fanned one in relief to complete the Trojans second no-hitter in less

— See *Baseball*, page 13

## Trouble with the (learning) curve

Unearned runs derail Marsing's upset chance

The Marsing High School baseball team is still in learning mode. "We have found out that we have a much larger hill to climb than expected," first-year coach Travis Jarvis said. "Our team's baseball knowledge is very low, and we as coaches are having to teach during games due to the short time to prep leading into the

first game of the season." The Huskies (3-8 overall, 1-3 2A Western Idaho Conference) took it on the chin in a recent run of games, including a 23-4 blowout loss at the hands of non-conference foe Payette on April 13. Marsing's offense perked up in Friday's home conference game against New Plymouth. The 2A WIC-leading Pilgrims (7-5, 4-0) scored 14 unanswered runs in their final two at-bats — including nine in the seventh inning — for a 20-12 come-from-behind win. Through its first 11 games,

Marsing had committed 83 errors, and even with the porous defense, the pitching staff's earned-run average hovered around double-digits. "The pitching staff is very young, not only age-wise but in pitching knowledge as well," Jarvis said. "Most kids don't learn how to pitch overnight or in a full season." Jarvis envisions a three-year building period focusing on the freshmen and sophomores, but he has seen some bright spots.

— See *Curve*, page 14



Homedale's Matt Thatcher slides home with a second-inning run as Weiser catcher Kristian Claudio corrals a throw from one of his infielders during an April 14 game on the Trojans' field.

## Adrian's Walker, Reagan Shira shine at Vale Invitational

Rimrock's Pearson captures three top-10 finishes

Adrian High School athletes Chase Walker and Reagan Shira won multiple events Friday at the Vale Invitational. Walker and Shira teamed up for the

reigning 1A Oregon boys' track and field champion in a victorious 4x400-meter relay effort. Bryson Shira and Jett McCoy were part of the team that ran a 3-minute, 36.41-second race. A junior, Reagan Shira also won the 110 hurdles (16.19) and the 300 hurdles (41.52) and grabbed gold in the triple jump with a 41-foot, 7-inch mark. A senior, Walker swept the sprints with

an 11.32 in the 100 and a 23.03 in the 200. Bryson Shira, another junior, was runner-up in the 200 at 23.82. Freshman Morgan Bayes led the Antelopes' girls' squad with second-place showings in the 100 (13.36) and the 200 (27.8). She was third in the 300 hurdles (53.43) and teamed with Katie Walker, Anna

Hutchings and Andrea Catalan Velez to finish third in the 4x100 relay in 54.33. Hutchings' 78-3 discus throw was good for third. Rimrock also competed in Vale, Ore., with junior Hailey Pearson taking seventh in the girls' 200 at 29.35 and fifth in the triple jump at 30-7¼. Teammate Hailey Sharek was ninth in the 1,500 in 7:02.61.



Sports

HHS athletes win two events in Middleton

Richard Symms and Riley Portwood and a bunch of runners-up highlighted Homedale High School's stay at the Middleton Invitational. Symms uncorked a throw of 134 feet, 3 inches to win the discus at Thursday's 14-team meet. The junior was sixth in the shot put.

Portwood put together a strong day, winning the boys' 1,600 in 4 minutes, 58.45 seconds and finishing second in the 800 at 2:07.2.

The senior's runner-up time in the 800 was one of five second-place finishes for the Trojans.

Homedale's boys were second in the sprint medley relay. Paden Bailey and Nick Agreda ran 200-meter legs, and Saige Wilkerson (400) and Kenny Bassett (800) finished things off for a 3:56.13 time.

The girls' 4x100 relay team also finished second. Ashleigh Yates,

Isabel Contreras, Kayla Hayes and Jessica Ellis ran a 53.88.

Junior Maddie Conant was runner-up in the girls' shot put after a top effort of 34-7.

Carlie Sawyer, a sophomore, finished second in the long jump (14-11).

Senior Jennifer Hernandez finished third in the girls' 100 at 13.42. She was fourth in the 200 in 28.52.

Other top-five finishes included Josh Tolmie placing fourth in the boys' 400 (53.28), Kerigan Morris, who was fourth in the girls' shot put (33-10½), and freshman Ashley Burks, who finished fourth in the girls' triple jump at 31-5½.

Hernandez and Sawyer teamed with Lexie Doss and Lainey Johnson to run a fifth-place time of 2:05.64 in the girls' sprint medley relay.



Richard Symms



Riley Portwood

✓ Baseball: Another no-no for HHS hurlers

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than a month. Only three Mustangs made it to second base, and none went any further on the bases.

Homedale jumped on Melba starting pitcher Forrest Knight with five runs in their first at-bat in the home game. Gunnar Clapp's two-out double chased home Jake Deal with the first of his three runs scored. Bo Jenkins and Nash Johnson also had two-out run-scoring singles in the uprising. Johnson collected two RBI with his hit.

Clapp was 2-for-2 with three RBI.

**April 14: Homedale 4, Weiser 1** — Trojans starting pitching turned in another strong showing as Carter flung a two-hitter in a home game. Homedale avenged an earlier conference loss.

The right-hander was perfect through 3 2/3 innings before he walked Jacks Whitehurst on a full-count pitch. Logan Rowley broke up Carter's no-hitter in the next at-bat, and Whitehurst scored Weiser's only run when Brandon Kropp reached on an infield error.

Carter struck out eight and walked only two. Weiser's run was unearned.

The Trojans needed every ounce of Carter's outing because Weiser ace Matt Pritchard wove some of his own magic, holding his foes to four singles in four innings.

Pritchard couldn't rely on his defense, though. Three of Homedale's runs were unearned as Weiser committed four errors.

The miscues began early for the Wolverines. Collett got on board in the first when catcher Kristian Claudio dropped a third strike. He scored after two passed balls.



Connor Carter tossed a two-hitter vs. Weiser.

Matt Thatcher opened the second inning with a single and then proceeded to slide around the bases. He stole second, went to third on a dropped third strike and scored when Blake Patton chopped a pitch back to Pritchard.

Patton and Colton Osborn hit back-to-back two-out singles and scored on an error in the fourth inning.

Healthier Homedale still chasing 3A SRV golfing leaders

Senior Kyler Landa returned to the lineup, but Homedale High School experienced a familiar result on the golf course.

Coming off a 2½-week layoff because of injury, Landa showed some rust but fired a 47 on Payette's par-36 Scotch Pins

Golf Course Payette on April 13. The Trojans finished third in the nine-hole 3A Snake River Valley conference meet.

"His short game was outstanding, which it should have been because that is all he has been working on the past

2½ weeks," HHS coach Casey Grove said.

Chase Martell fired a 7-over-par 43 to lead Homedale's 185-stroke performance.

Paced by Justin Lundberg's medalist score of 1-over 37, Weiser cleared the field by 23

strokes. The Wolverines put five golfers on the course, and none shot worse than 43.

Homedale was two strokes behind runner-up Emmett, which took a 183 behind Ryan Matthews' 40.

All four Homedale golfers

broke 50 with Kaden Henry shooting 46 and Lawsen Matteson coming in at 49.

"We should have all five varsity golfers back by next week," Grove said. "Our scores are improving a little bit each week. Hopefully they peak at the right time."

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## HHS ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

### Elise Shenk, sr., softball

The Play - The Treasure Valley Community College-bound Shenk continued a strong spring, batting .625 with seven extra-base hits in four victories. She knocked in six of her 13 RBI on the week during a 4-for-4 outing against Payette that included three home runs and a triple (15 total bases). Shenk's slugging percentage for the week was 1.500.

#### Baseball

Varsity  
Thursday, April 23 at Fruitland, 5 p.m.  
Saturday, April 25 at Baker, Ore. (2), 10 a.m. and noon  
Tuesday, April 28, home vs. Emmett, 5 p.m.

Junior varsity  
Friday, April 24, home vs. Fruitland, 5 p.m.  
Saturday, April 25 at Baker, Ore. (2), 10 a.m. and noon  
Monday, April 27, home vs. Nampa Christian, 5 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 28 at Emmett, 5 p.m.

#### Track and field

Friday, April 24 at Skyview Invitational, Nampa, 3:30 p.m.

#### Golf

Monday, April 27 at Baker (Ore.) Invitational (18 holes), Quail Ridge GC, 1:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 29 at 3A Snake River Valley conference meet (nine holes), Rolling Hills GC, Weiser, 3 p.m.

#### Softball

Varsity  
Friday, April 24 at Fruitland, 5 p.m.  
Saturday, April 25 at Baker, Ore. (2), 10 a.m. and noon  
Tuesday, April 28, home vs. Emmett, 5 p.m.

Junior varsity  
Friday, April 24, home vs. Fruitland, 5 p.m.  
Saturday, April 25 at Baker, Ore. (2), 10 a.m. and noon  
Tuesday, April 28 at Emmett, 5 p.m.

#### Tennis

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Saturday, April 25, home vs. Baker, Ore., 11 a.m.  
Tuesday, April 28 at Payette, 4 p.m.

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# Sports

## ✓ Curve: Offense arrives, defense lagging for Huskies

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Clay King was 5-for-6 during a recent two-game stretch, and he held Payette to three runs in a three-inning stint as a starting pitcher.

**Friday: New Plymouth 20, Marsing 12** — Hunter Gibson’s second double in as many at-bats cleared the bases and fueled a four-run third inning that pushed the Huskies into the lead during a wild start at home.

Gibson was 3-for-5 with five RBI (he had a two-run double in the second inning), while teammate Brett Grossman had another big day at the plate, going 4-for-5 with two run-scoring singles. Casey Yeingst was 2-for-5 with a double and a two-run single in the fifth inning.

But the Pilgrims scored 13 unearned runs against Hayden Dines and wiped out Marsing’s 12-6 lead with five runs in the sixth and nine in the seventh. New Plymouth got 14 of its 20 hits in the final two innings. In that stretch, there was only one extra-base hit — a two-run double by Derek Strafford.

Seth Hardy, Grossman and Jayden Kinney also collected singles in Marsing’s four-run fifth inning.

**Last Wednesday: Nyssa, Ore., 14, Marsing 4 (6)** — The visiting

Bulldogs scored four unearned runs in their first two at-bats against starting pitcher Seth Hardy and built on a 4-3 lead with three runs in the fourth inning against reliever Brett Grossman.

King, Hunter Gibson, Hayden Dines and Garret Briggs collected RBI for Marsing, which trailed, 7-4, before Nyssa erupted for seven runs in the fifth inning.

Gibson and Hardy were each 2-for-4, accounting for half of the Huskies’ eight hits. Gibson, Hardy, Jayden Kinney and Casey Yeingst had doubles.

Nyssa (6-3 overall), which plays in the 3A Eastern Oregon League, won its sixth consecutive game as Blake Cleaver doubled, tripled, drove in four runs and stole two bases. Andruw Clark scored four times for the leadoff spot.

**April 13: Payette 23, Marsing 4 (5)** — The host Huskies held a 2-1 lead after two innings and rallied for a 5-3 lead in the bottom of the third inning. Yeingst homered, and King went 3-for-3 with two runs scored.

The Pirates unloaded on Marsing’s relievers, though, scoring 20 runs in two innings for the come-from-behind victory.

Dines (1-for-2) and Briggs knocked in runs for Marsing, while Grossman was 1-for-3 with a run scored. Jayden Kinney also notched a base hit.

Kapen Burke led Payette’s 16-hit attack, going 5-for-5 with a double and six RBI.



First-year Marsing High School softball coach Barry Kendall, second from left, chats with his players during last week’s non-conference game against Payette. Photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography

## Marsing’s softball bats come alive

Ellie Folwell and Sheyanne Glorfield drove in runs Friday in Marsing High School’s 2A Western Idaho Conference softball loss to New Plymouth.

The Pilgrims needed just nine hits to score a 27-7 victory over the host Huskies.

Glorfield was 2-for-2, while Folwell and Ann Quiroz (2-for-3) had doubles for Marsing (2-16 overall, 0-4 in conference).

Bailey Bowman and Carey Dines shared pitching duties for Marsing.

De De Thompson and Audra Kendall also hand singles for home squad.

**Last Wednesday: Nyssa, Ore., 24, Marsing 11** — Glorfield was 3-for-4 with a home run, triple and

three RBI, and Dines was 5-for-5 with a double and two RBI in the non-conference loss.

Quiroz went 4-for-5 with two doubles and two RBI.

The Huskies tied the game, 6-6, with four runs in the bottom of the third inning then took an 11-10 lead in bottom of the fourth. The Bulldogs capped the game with a 12-run sixth inning.

Kendall and Britney Robison drove in runs, too.

**April 13: Payette 17, Marsing 6 (6)** — The Pirates took advantage of 15 errors to post a non-conference win on the Huskies’ field.

Payette held a 12-0 lead before Marsing scored in the bottom of the third inning. The Huskies put

together a five-run fourth inning after Payette had rallied for a 17-1 advantage.

Kendall struck out four for the Huskies. Payette scored just nine earned runs.

Folwell went 1-for-3 with a double, RBI and a run scored. Holly Hobbs scored twice and had another of the Huskies’ eight hits.

Quiroz and Robison were 2-for-3 for the Huskies.

Kendall was 1-for-2 with a run scored and two RBI. Bowman also scored for Marsing.

Haylee Barton and Sophie McGrath were among three Payette batters with three hits each. The Pirates racked up 20 hits on the day.

### MARSING HUSKIES



#### ATHLETE OF THE WEEK Casey Yiengst, sr., baseball

The Play — Yiengst hit his team’s first home run of the season in non-conference loss to Payette on April 13. He batted .444 (4-for-9) in three games, picking up two doubles and thre RBI. He knocked in two runs in a 2A Western Idaho Conference loss to New Plymouth on Friday.

#### Baseball

Varsity

Wednesday, April 22, home vs. Nampa Christian, 5 p.m.

Friday, April 24 at Melba, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, April 28 at Nampa Christian, 5 p.m.

#### Softball

Varsity

Wednesday, April 22, home vs. Nampa Christian, 5 p.m.

Friday, April 24 at Melba, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, April 28 at Nampa Christian, 5 p.m.

#### Track and field

Wednesday, April 22 at 2A Western Idaho Conference meet, Nampa Christian H.S., 4 p.m.

Go Huskies!





Sports



Freshman Dakota Kelly delivers a pitch in Homedale High School's victory over Weiser at Sundance Park.

✓ Softball: Trojans power past pair of conference foes

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bottom of the sixth, but had to knot the score again, 8-8, in the bottom of the seventh after La Grande had taken its second lead.

Corta and Elise Shenk were 3-for-5. Corta added a double to her homer and finished with five RBI and two runs scored.

Shenk had three doubles and two RBI and scored three times.

Ten of Homedale's 14 hits went for extra bases. Dakota Kelly homered and knocked in two runs, while Morgan Nash was 2-for-4 with a triple. Tori Nash, Makayla Aberasturi and Michelle Castro also ripped double.

Freshman Delaney Lester hit a three-run homer for La Grande, and senior teammate Emma Travis doubled.

**Saturday, Game 2: Homedale 6, La Grande 4** — After leading 4-0, the Trojans watched the Tigers tie the game, 4-4, in the top of the sixth inning. Homedale was resilient again, though, scoring twice in the bottom of the frame to get the win.

Shenk knocked in three runs, while Gardenia Machuca (double) and Aberasturi (triple) also collected RBI.

La Grande's Breann Givens hit a two-run double.

Corta went the distance to get the win, striking out three and walking none.

**Thursday: Homedale 12, Payette 0 (5)** — Shenk pounded three home runs and a triple, and Corta and Morgan Nash combined on a one-hitter in a 3A SRV road game.

Machuca hit a solo homer, too, as the Trojans had seven extra-base hits and three singles.

Sydnee Shanley tripled, and Aberasturi doubled. Kendall Nash had two RBI.

**April 14: Homedale 16, Weiser 0 (5)** — Machuca jumped on sophomore pitcher Katie Davis' hard-thrown pitch for a laser-like two-run double to highlight the Trojans' five-run first inning during a 3A SRV rout at Sundance Park.

The junior was 2-for-3, knocking in two more runs during Homedale's 11-run second inning. She also scored three runs.

Aberasturi ripped a home run in the huge second-inning rally, which capped the scoring. She registered three RBI and scored twice.

Kelly allowed three hits and three walks to get the five-inning victory.

Wolverines sophomore catcher Theresa Moyle was 3-for-3 with a double for the only damage Weiser could muster.

The Trojans rocked Davis for 12 hits and took advantage of seven walks. Eleven of the team's runs were earned.

Tori Nash was 2-for-3 with a double, two RBI and three runs scored, while Shenk went 1-for-3 with two RBI and three runs.

Kelly helped her cause with a bases-loaded blooper down the line in the first inning that Weiser's right fielder dropped. Two runs scored on the play.

Castro and Shanley both singled and scored.

Homedale boys take two 3A SRV tennis matches

Hattie Mertz's perfect week leads girls' squad

Andrew Randall and Orion Cardenas won in a tiebreaker Thursday as the Homedale High School boys' tennis team picked up its second conference win of the week.

The No. 1 doubles team, Randall and Cardenas rode a second-set tiebreaker to a 6-3, 7-6 (7-4) victory over Weiser's Haren Tolman and Bridger Bumgarner on the Wolverines' home courts.

Homedale rolled, 5-1, in the 3A Snake River Valley conference dual meet. Weiser triumphed, 4-2, in the girls' meet.

Kincade Kincheloe and Coy Gardner rolled for Homedale in the first two boys' singles matches. Kincheloe beat Mackey Aubrey, 6-1, 6-0, while Gardner eased past Phillip Soulin, 6-0, 6-1.

Dylan Phariss and Ryan Randall ripped Brenan Westover and Logan Tolman in the first set of their No. 2 doubles match then held on in the second set for a 6-0, 6-4 win.

Homedale swept the mixed doubles matches, which accounted for one of the Trojans points in the girls' meet.

The Trojans' top team of Dela-

ney Phariss and Alec Egurrola battled to a 6-4, 6-2 win over Luke Hansen and Marlen Lopez.

Marissa Guzman and Ben Holloway shut out Weiser's No. 2 mixed doubles team of Braulio Viveros and Taylor Colelia, 6-0, 6-0.

Senior Hattie Mertz picked up Homedale's other point in the girls' meet, taking the No. 1 singles match against Maggi Laan, 6-4, 6-1.

**Friday: Homedale girls 4, Ontario, Ore., 2** — The Trojans swept the doubles matches in both the girls' and mixed divisions to get the momentum to beat the Tigers at the Bette Uda City Park courts in Homedale.

Mertz dispatched Audrey Vogt, 6-3, 6-3, for the Trojans' only point in the singles ladder.

Homedale's run through the girls' doubles matches included a 6-3, 6-2 win for Pauline Pilz and Jessica Taylor at No. 1 against Jessica Chow and Haleuna Shaufi. Rosa Linda Alvarez and Lena Westphal posted a 6-4, 6-2 win at No. 2.

Homedale took the mixed doubles matches to help secure the girls' victory and a tie in the boys' meet.

Phariss and Egurrola routed the Ontario No. 1 team of Alicia Maldonado and Michael McLay, 6-1, 6-1. Guzman and Holloway defeated Emily Jaidon and

Augustine Lopez, 6-1, 6-3, for Homedale's win at No. 2 mixed doubles.

**Friday: Homedale boys 3, Ontario, Ore., 3** — Kincheloe drubbed Sage Nakamura, 6-2, 6-0, in the top singles match, while Dylan Phariss and Ryan Randall easily handled Juan Ramirez and Ben Turner at No. 2 doubles.

**April 14: Homedale boys 3½, Emmett 2½** — The No. 2s played a pivotal role in getting the Trojans a conference road victory.

In what proved to be the decisive matches, Ben Holloway beat the Huskies' Matt Pollard, 6-3, 6-4 in the No. 2 singles match, and the No. 2 doubles team of Dylan Phariss and Ryan Randall outlasted Parker Grover and Ben Rooks, 6-3, 7-5.

Senior Kincade Kincheloe picked up the victory at No. 1 singles with a 6-4, 6-1 decision over Paden Bailey.

The Trojans' No. 2 mixed doubles team of Marissa Guzman and Coy Gardner handled Emmett's Andi Earl and Tony Mendiola, 6-1, 6-2, for a half-point.

**April 14: Emmett girls 4½, Homedale 1½** — Hattie Mertz rallied from a tough first set to beat the Huskies' Amanda Elliott at No. 1 singles.

The senior's 7-5, 6-4, victory and the Guzman-Gardner triumph accounted for the only Trojans points in the girls' meet.



Mustangs compete at Ranchers Invite

Jordan Valley High School freshman Wade Stanford finished seventh in the triple jump at 32 feet, 2 inches and 15<sup>th</sup> in the long jump (14-10½) during the Ranchers Invitational held Friday in Crane. Another freshman, TJ Davis, was 12<sup>th</sup> in the long jump at 15-8. Photo by Sharayah Sausser



# A look at what the 2015 Legislature accomplished

## Sage-grouse funding, eminent domain among issues important to Owyhee

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The Idaho Legislature has adjourned for the year after a 90-day session. Here’s a wrap up of just a few of the bills your elected representatives considered this year.

- Legislators set aside \$750,000 for sage-grouse conservation efforts. Two-thirds of the appropriation (\$500,000) will go to Idaho’s Office of Species Conservation, and \$250,000 will go to the Idaho Department of Lands. The money is being allocated with the hopes of preventing the sage-grouse from being listed as an endangered species, which could lead to restrictions and litigation regarding land use in the areas where the grouse live.
- Much of the money will be spent on fire suppression and prevention measures, as wildfires are one of the greatest threats to sage-grouse and their habitat.
- Rules regarding the use of eminent domain were changed in

a bill that prevents the land acquisition tool from being used for the development of greenways. With the change, state and local agencies will no longer be able to enact eminent domain to secure lands for the development of walkways, bikeways, or equestrian and hiking trails.

Proponents of the measure believe that the public need requirement is not met by such paths, and personal property should be protected from seizure for their development. Opponents argued that taking away the ability to use eminent domain could stall or stop future development of paths, such as the Boise Greenbelt, that provide an alternative to driving.

- The career ladder, a teacher salary restructure, was passed by the Legislature and signed in to law by Gov. C. L. “Butch” Otter. Under the new five-year plan, starting teacher salary will rise from \$31,750 to \$32,700 on July 1. By the end of implementation, in 2019, new teachers in Idaho

will be making a minimum of \$37,000 per year. The cost to the state for the teacher pay raise is estimated at \$125 million. Legislators passed the pay raise in hopes of attracting and retaining quality teachers in Idaho. The increase was implemented to keep Idaho teacher salaries competitive with neighboring states.

- The Idaho Education Network fiasco was resolved, for the time being, after the Legislature set aside \$3.5 million to cover the cost of new broadband contracts and issued statements encouraging school districts to seek their own providers. All of Idaho’s schools secured new Internet contracts at a reported total cost of \$1.9 million. The new funding and contracts are intended to be a bridge, covering Idaho schools’ Internet needs until a final statewide broadband plan can be developed.

The scramble for new contracts and service providers came after CenturyLink, which provided broadband to schools under the old IEN contract, threatened to pull the plug over unpaid bills. CenturyLink never carried through with its threat, but still

wants to be paid for services rendered, something the Idaho government cannot legally do because a district court judge deemed the contract void.

- A \$95 million transportation funding measure passed in the final hours of the legislative session. The bill would raise fuel tax by seven cents and increase registration fees on light and passenger vehicles (by \$21) and commercial trucks (by \$25). Additionally hybrid cars will be subject to a \$75 fee while electric cars will have a \$140 fee. The bill also enacts a two-year surplus eliminator plan that will give 50 percent of unallocated surplus revenue to the Idaho Transportation Department for the repair and maintenance of Idaho roads. Although the plan falls short in addressing Idaho’s \$262 million annual road maintenance and repair shortfall, the majority of senators and representatives conceded it was the best they could do.
- The Legislature also voted to fix a federal REAL ID compliance issue that would have made this the last year Idahoans could use their driver’s licenses

to board airplanes. As part of the federal REAL ID Act, identification must meet security criteria to be acceptable for entry to certain secure facilities. In 2015, the list of facilities requiring REAL ID-compliant identification will extend to courthouses, military bases such as Mountain Home Air Force Base and nuclear facilities such as Idaho National Laboratories. In 2016, REAL ID-compliant identification will also be required for boarding airplanes.

The Idaho Legislature originally opposed the act as an unfunded overreach of federal power, and in 2008 the Legislature voted to forbid compliance with the act. This year, however, state legislators voted to allow the Idaho Transportation Department to submit a REAL ID compliance extension, which will allow for Idaho licenses to be acceptable at facilities requiring the enhanced security identification. The request for extension was granted by the Department of Homeland Security but will only be good until October, when Idaho will have to submit for another extension.

# Sports

## Homedale JV softball sweeps Marsing varsity

The Homedale High School junior varsity softball team took two from Marsing’s varsity in a non-conference doubleheader Saturday.

The Trojans outscored the Huskies, 31-2, in two games at Sundance Park.

**Game 1: Homedale JV 14, Marsing 0 (5)** — Cortnee Smith threw a four-hit shutout and put pressure on the Huskies with a 3-for-3 showing from the top of

the order.

Megan Maxwell, Faith Jacobson and Rian Beebe knocked in three runs each for Homedale with Maxwell going 3-for-3 with three runs scored and a double. Jacobson was 3-for-3 with two doubles, and Beebe was 2-for-2 with a double.

Kaylee De Witt went 2-for-2 with a triple, while Lainey Johnson was 3-for-4 with three runs scored.

Five Huskies had singles off Smith, including Ann Quiroz and Audra Kendall back-to-back in the third inning, and Dagmar Thomsen and Britney Robison in the fourth. Bailey Bowman also picked up a base hit.

**Game 2: Homedale JV 17, Marsing 2 (5)** — Jacobson and Kirsten Egurrola had triples to highlight the Trojans’ nine-hit attack.

Thomsen and Angelina Noblet knocked in the Huskies’ runs in the third inning after Homedale had built a 14-0 lead. Destiny Reynolds was 3-for-3, and Ellie Folwell went 2-for-3.

Maxwell drove in two runs for the Trojans, and Johnson and Beebe had two singles apiece.

Alexi Muir, Diana Gonzalez and Beebe scored two runs each.

## Heidt, Draper lead Marsing at Mangum

Two Marsing High School athletes picked up five top-five finishes Thursday in Melba.

Marsing was among 12 schools that sent track and field competitors to the Dave Mangum Invitational.

Junior Alexandre Heidt led the Huskies’ boys’ squad by placing in three events.

He was runner-up in the 100 meters at 11.36 seconds, finished third in the long jump in 18 feet, 3¾ inches, and fourth in the triple jump at 37-10¼.

Hurdler Angie Draper had both top-five showings for the girls’ squad.

At 100 meters, the sophomore was fourth in 19.15, and at 300 meters she was fifth in 56.96.

Freshman Landry Villa (12 minutes, 40.56 seconds) and sophomore Tanner Allen (13:41.43) were seventh and eighth, respectively, in the boys’ 3,200 meters.

Sophomore Sam Galligan captured seventh in the shot put at 39 feet.

## Shenk’s perfect day extends Trojans’ perfect conference run

Homedale High School’s junior varsity softball team is off to an unbeaten start in conference play.

The latest 3A Snake River Valley conference triumph, a 17-3 win over Payette on Thursday, came in the midst of a seven-game winning streak.

The Trojans (13-2 overall, 7-0 in conference) trailed 1-0 after the top of the first inning against the Pirates, but scored 11 runs in their first two at-bats. Homedale’s five-run second inning broke the game open.

Allison Shenk was 4-for-4 with a solo home run and four runs scored.

Winning pitcher Cortnee Smith was 2-for-3 with two runs scored, and Rian Beebe doubled and scored a run. Alexis Muir and Megan Maxwell also scored twice.

Smith struck out five and scattered six hits in five innings.

**April 14: Homedale 22, Weiser 4 (5)** — The Trojans ripped 26 hits as Smith and Kirsten Egurrola limited the Wolverines to five hits and four runs.

Homedale scored 11 times in the first inning and led, 22-0, before Weiser broke through. Only one

of the Wolverines’ runs was earned.

Smith and Kaylee DeWitt clobbered triples, and Smith (4-for-4, three RBI), DeWitt (2-for-2, two runs scored), Faith Jacobson (4-for-4, two doubles, three RBI), Lainey Johnson (4-for-4, four runs), Egurrola (2-for-2 with a double and RBI) and Maxwell (3-for-3, two RBI, three runs and two doubles) were perfect from the plate.

Diana Gonzalez came off the bench to go 1-for-4 with three runs scored, and Rian Beebe was 2-for-3 with two RBI and a double.

**April 10: Homedale 15, Emmett 8** — The Trojans scored six runs in the fourth inning to snap a 5-5 tie in a conference game at Sundance Park.

Jacobson’s two-run triple highlighted the fourth inning, while Maxwell and Beebe ripped RBI doubles. Johnson and Shenk had run-scoring singles in the rally.

Taylor Kerbs’ two-run double fueled Homedale’s four-run first inning. Jacobson and Smith also knocked in runs with singles.

Maxwell and Smith had RBI singles in the Trojans’ four-run fifth inning, while Beebe hit another run-scoring double.

Half of Homedale’s 20 hits went for extra bases.

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# Looking back...

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## 25 years ago

April 25, 1990

### Grand View Elementary map in national finals

A map prepared by some sixth-grade students at Grand View Elementary School is one of three selected to represent Idaho in the national finals of the National Historical Pictorial Map Contest on May 15.

If their map should place first, they and their teacher, Harva Driskell, would win \$5,000 for their school and a trip to Washington, D.C. in June.

Driskell said four students in her 31-member class did the principle work on the map, which was one of three chosen March 30 from 22 competing schools in Idaho for entry in the national finals. The four are: Dennis Merrick, Lee Merrick, Lindsey Martin and Brad Bachman.

Their efforts have already earned \$500 for their school when it was picked as a statewide winner, according to Dr. George D. Gates of Pocatello, contest coordinator.

Driskell, a teacher at G.V. Elementary for 16 years, said she felt the map by her students won statewide “because they did so much research. It was a pictorial map and was very accurate, historically,” she noted. It was prepared to depict the early U.S. in the Revolutionary War era.

Dennis Merrick drew the pictorial representations on it, using a felt pen and color. It showed, among other things, a bear on top of Daniel Boone and a representation of The Liberty Bell. Borders at the top and bottom “represented the colonial flags of the time,” Driskell said.

### Brackett says “Every day is Earth Day”

The Idaho Cattle Association Friday marked the observation of Earth Day by pointing to the cattle industry’s vested interest in a healthy environment, urging cattlemen to plant trees on their land, and citing association members who have been honored for conservation efforts.

President Bert Brackett, Three Creek, in a public statement recognizing last Sunday’s 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the original Earth Day, declared, “Every day is Earth Day for Idaho cattlemen.”

He said cattlemen are good stewards of the land, citing a Bureau of Land Management report last month which indicted that Western rangelands are in the best condition of this century, with 90 percent in stable or improving condition.

### State plans major gravel pit just outside Marsing

An Idaho Transportation Department plan to establish a gravel pit and maintenance building-parking lot on 70 acres adjoining the Marsing Labor Camp area just outside town provoked discussion at a lengthy Marsing City Council meeting Thursday night.

“As far as I can see, it’s a done deal,” observed June Davies, president of the Marsing Chamber of Commerce, in raising questions about traffic, dust, silicosis and other concerns at the meeting. “My feeling is we’ve got a mini-Envirosafe on our hands,” she commented. “Maybe the only recourse is to go to our state legislators.”

Steven Hutchinson, an assistant state highway engineer for Region 3 argues, however, that plans call for the front 10 acres adjoining Highway 78 to be used for a maintenance building and parking area. He said to mitigate any problems, the state also plans to build, in stages, a 10-foot high, 10-foot wide berm set back 50 feet from adjoining grounds. The berm is to be landscaped with trees or plantings, “Our intent is to try to dress this property up,” he stressed.

### Three students earn special certificates

The Tandy Technology Scholars program that recently named Mary Jo Pottenger as one of 100 “Champions of the Classroom” in the U.S. is also awarding three local students special certificates, Sara Cornell, HHS-JHS counselor said Monday. The three are Joe Malmberg, Lori Itano and Kristin Smyth.

Cornell said Malmberg’s special certificate resulted from his participation in Tandy’s nationwide science competition. Itano’s and Smyth’s recognitions resulted from their achievement in placing within the top 2% of their class academically.

## 50 years ago

April 22, 1965

### Lizard Butte services draw several hundred

The 28<sup>th</sup> annual Lizard Butte Easter Sunrise Service Sunday morning at the traditional site near Marsing drew several hundred worshippers who braved threatening weather and threatening temperatures.

A feature of the service was a display by two white-robed young ladies, Patty Tuning and Mary Ann McIntyre, from Riverside school, dressed as angels and posed on the towering Lizard Butte cross. A bugle call and the theme “Christ Arose” was performed by trumpeters Dennis Fulcher and Lonnie Barnhouse of Nampa Christian High School at the foot of the cross.

The service began at 6 a.m. with a flag-raising by Marsing Boy Scouts, followed by the bugle call and Angels at the Cross.

Rev. Walden A. Askren, Caldwell, gave the invocation, and Rev. James McMillan, Deer Flat, president of the sponsoring Lizard Butte Easter Sunrise Service Association, issued a “Welcome” to the worshippers.

Other events of the service included a baritone horn solo, “The Holy City” by Mark Evans, Homedale; a poem recitation, “God of the Open Air,” by Mrs. Lora Altig, Pleasant Ridge; a ladies’ trio composed of sisters Connie, Laree and Cathy Hill of Marsing; and a group reading of Scriptural passages from Matthew 28:1-10 and 16-20, led by Rev. Elmer G. Vevig of Kuna.

### School plant facilities election to be held Apr. 27

A school plant facility reserve fund election will be held Tuesday, April 27, Superintendent of the Homedale school system, Deward Bell, reported this week.

Polling places will be at the Homedale High School and at the Wilder Rod and Gun Club in Central Cove.

Superintendent Bell reported that the purpose of this election is to purchase school buses, remodel and repair existing buildings and schools, and for the purchase of additional furniture.

The amount will be 5 mills for 10 years. Mr. Bell reminded that this was no new levy. It has been in existence for the past 10 years and merely authorizes the board to continue levying as it has been doing in the past.

### Helen Selders wins music scholarship

Helen Selders was one of two winners of college scholarships awarded by the Caldwell Thursday Musicale on Monday, April 19. The scholarship awarded to Miss Selders, who will enter The College of Idaho next fall, is for \$100 and will be matched by the college, making a total of \$200 to be applied to her musical education.

For her audition, Miss Selders sang three numbers: Alleluiah by Mozart; Rencontre by Faure; and Spirit Flower by Tipton.

Also receiving awards were Iris Agawa, voice; Norman Goss, oboe; and Beth Reed, violin.

### Murphy Rodeo nets \$350 for Elks Center at Boise

The annual Tyson Ranch Easter Benefit rodeo Sunday netted approximately \$350 for the Elks Rehabilitation Center at Boise, according to Mrs. Doris Tyson.

Competitors fought a constant rainfall and heavy mud in the event, while about 350 hardy spectators attended at the Murphy arena, Mrs. Tyson said.

Winners were: calf roping, Troy Perkins, Meridian, 1<sup>st</sup>; Bud Ingram, Haines, Ore., 2<sup>nd</sup>; Chuck Tyson, Murphy, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Lloyd Brown, Wendell, 4<sup>th</sup>; team roping, Larry Sisler, Murphy, and Leland Gibbs, Pendleton Ore., 1<sup>st</sup>; Tyson and Bill Ward, Pendleton, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Ward and Dean Longood, Walla Walla, Wash., 3<sup>rd</sup>; and John and Lonnie Wright, Murphy, father and son, 4<sup>th</sup>; girls’ barrel racing, Diane Elam, Eagle, 1<sup>st</sup>; Linda Campbell, New Meadows, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Nelma Muller, Melba, 3<sup>rd</sup>; novice cutting, Wallace Hutchison, Star, 1<sup>st</sup>; Don Douglas, Boise, 2<sup>nd</sup>; 3<sup>rd</sup>, tie between Melvin Davis and Chuck Peterson, Boise; open cutting, Doris Tyson, 1<sup>st</sup>; Glen Stillwell, Eagle, and Linda Campbell, tied; and, named as all around champion, Tyson.

## 140 years ago

April 24, 1875

THE YOUNG lady operator at Summit Station is out visiting to-day, and we are consequently without our usual message from that quarter, giving the list of up-bound passengers.

Mr. Maurice Moyse of the San Jose Glove Factory, the largest establishment of the kind on the coast, is spending a few days with his customers here.

The frost last night was quite mild and in consequence this morning the ground was not frozen hard. This is another good day for the exit of the snow.

The wife of Isaac Wells of this town gave birth to a rattling boy yesterday, weighing 12 lbs. Mother and child are doing well.

The season for wearing calico is approaching. The ladies of Silver City however have another way of getting into print.

The passengers by the Boise stage into town yesterday were treated to an upset a short distance below. No one was injured.

The present is a favorable season for early rising. Get up and hear the little birds singing their songs of praise you know.

Rev. Mr. Dickey is making a laudable effort to get a church bell. There is a scarcity of belles in this community.

THE OWYHEE River at the point where the stages cross is higher than has been known for many years. Even the “oldest inhabitant” has never witnessed such a freshet. Andy Baker’s teams arrived there recently, and every article of freight for this place had to be carried across by boat. The teams will be at Trout Creek to-morrow.

USEFUL RECIPE. Stock raisers who have many sheep are liable to find the animals afflicted with scab at this season of the year and should make a strong mixture of tobacco boiled in water for curing purposes. By plunging the animals into this liquid after it is cooled, or saturating them all over with it, a cure is usually effected. Lambs should be served in the same way.

ANOTHER INMATE FOR THE JAIL. H. B. Bell arrived from South Mountain yesterday with Isaiah Smith, who is about to board at the “Hotel-de-Hays” for a brief period. He is here at the instance of William Gabriel, who recently conveyed a quantity of liquors to South Mountain, the property of Mr. Hunt, with which it is believed that Isaiah had taken an undue liberty. Anyway Mr. Gabriel thinks he has got his man. He left the stock over night at a spot about 500 yards from Smith’s saloon in South Mountain, and the next morning, 2 cases of Cutter whisky, 5 gallons of brandy and some other articles were missing. The brandy was found a short distance from Smith’s place, where it had been traced by footsteps from that point. Smith, it is alleged, was seen during the night in the vicinity of the spot where the goods were deposited, by J. McLafferty and another man, and their arrival, it is supposed, had the effect of preventing a greater loss for Mr. Hunt. Justice Bradley, before whom there was an investigation, considered the evidence as looking bad for Mr. Smith, and fixing his bail at a thousand dollars, required him to make a pilgrimage to Silver City. He will be tried at the next term of court. We are sorry for Isaiah. He has got a good scripture name and might have known that he was on the wrong hunt this time. It is possible that “Gabriel’s trump” or something else may develop some further intelligence concerning other events in the past career of this bad representative of the Smith family.

THE SKATING RINK attracted its usual crowd of spectators and participators last evening. There was considerable merriment at the expense of some of the gentlemen, more especially one of them dressed in gray, whose evolutions on the rollers were quite eccentric.



# Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

## On the edge of common sense Making Ol’ Bay famous



Picture this: a panoramic background, the green Okanogan Valley, pines and quakies with contrasting colors of a splendid autumn springtime. The artistic eye discerns a lone riderless horse, a bay with four white socks and a blaze standing, reins hanging down, and a white flag hooked over the saddle horn. As the flag comes into focus, the mind begins to dissect "... is that a pair of tighty whiteys?"

It was one of those days. Craig spotted an old cow that had been evading them. She was crossing the meadow heading back into the woods. Craig dug the spurs into Ol’ Bay to cut off the uncooperative cow.

The grass was moist, but the meadow was firm ground. The chase was on! She took a turn to the east and disappeared into a drain ditch, then climbed out the other side. Ol’ Bay hesitated at the tip of the lip then slid down to the muddy bottom of the ditch. Craig’s mind was operating on autopilot, processing decisions in milliseconds, enacting them in trilliseconds!

The opposite side was too steep to climb straight up. A trajectory correction was engaged 30 degrees to the starboard, aiming to climb the bank at an angle. The horse went down and rolled back over Craig. Our good cowboy pushed the horse on over his pinned body. Ol’ Bay’s hooves hit the ground, and he fired himself back upright, unintentionally hooking the saddle horn under Craig’s pant leg! Which, of course, in turn, tore itself up through his blue jeans, sliding under his Fruit of the Looms, ripping out the zipper, and pulling the already stretched underwear through the cavernous gash left by his torn jeans.

During the tumult, the saddle horn snagged the elastic waistband and stretched it till it broke and freed the flopping cowboy! As he fell back, he came unhooked, untangled and disrobed and rolled to the bottom of the muddy ditch.

But still clinging to the saddle, the tighty whitey’s fly had thrown itself over the saddle horn and was hanging like a shabby shred of washrag waiting to be wrung out.

Ol’ Bay strikes a pose as time stands still, awaiting the artist or photographer to come along and make him immortal.

And that, my friends, is the essence of western art.

— 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.

### Letters to the editor

All letters to the editor submitted to The Owyhee Avalanche must be no longer than 300 words, signed and include the writer’s address and daytime phone number.

The deadline for submitting letters is noon on Friday. Letters can be submitted in these ways:

- E-mailed to [jon@owyheeavalanche.com](mailto:jon@owyheeavalanche.com)
- Faxed to (208) 337-4867
- Mailed to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628
- Dropped off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale

For more information, call (208) 337-4681.

Jon P. Brown, managing editor

## Eyes on Owyhee Who will take the reins?



John Richard has always answered the call. When he was in high school, Uncle Sam needed him, so he joined the Air Force just as the draft board was getting ready to kick him into the Army.

After high school, he went back to what he knew best — raising cattle and farming — until the Idaho Farm Bureau came calling.

In the past 15 years, the Marsing-area resident has been one of the voices of Owyhee County agriculture.

For the past five-plus years, Richard has served as the Owyhee County Farm Bureau president. He took over from Tim Lowry of South Mountain.

Now, Lowry will take the gavel back as Richard tries to curtail his hyper-active role to tend to his health.

But you can bet that Richard won’t stray too far from the conversations about the state of ranching and farming in Owyhee County and beyond its borders — whether those confabs be over coffee at a local counter or in more formal settings (if one can find a formal setting with the perpetual jeans-and-boots-wearin’ Richard).

Richard will remain on the county Farm Bureau board of directors, returning to his roots in the system, but the fact that it has taken this long to get out of the game and that a former president, Lowry, is coming back has old-timers like Richard a might concerned about the future of activism among the young men and women who are the next generation.

There are a couple of people, such as Homedale’s Travis Hyer, who have stepped up, but his ilk is few and far between, Richard fears.

“It’s for a good cause, and it’s my life and my lifestyle,” the outgoing county Farm Bureau president said recently. “I’d just wish we’d have more farmers and ranchers to step forward.

“Everybody feels they’re busy, but it’s our lifeblood, and if we don’t stay on top of it, I don’t know how long we’re going to be around.”

That’s not hyperbole from a man longing for the eternally sunnier days of his youth. It’s a mover and shaker in the state’s agriculture community trying to seed the growing clouds and prevent a drought of activity.

“It’s our lifestyle, and if we want to keep this lifestyle, we’re going to have to get involved,” he said.

Still, he understands that the younger generation does have a lot of irons in the fire. He was there once, too.

“I wish I could have done it 30 years ago,” he said of his 15-year run as a spokesman for Farm Bureau.

Truth be told, Richard has probably crammed 30 years of work into half that time. You’d be hard-pressed not to see the man at an event related to agriculture.

The former State Star Farmer and FFA district president has been on the point when it has come to handing out financial support to Owyhee County’s FFA programs.

Another round of \$250 donations recently made its way to the Homedale, Marsing and Rimrock chapters.

He has rubbed shoulders with governors and senators, and he even spoke up a few times when no one else had the guts to say what really needed to be said.

He takes on an almost-apologetic tone when talking about his occasional forays off the reservation, but rest assured they were timed for the best impact and effect.

And, yet, there is still a ton of work to do. He’ll do his best to help Lowry keep up the fight.

“There is so much unfinished business, especially with legislation and the way our government is running and the BLM and the Forest Service,” Richard said.

“The reward is sitting on a lot of these committees and going to the delegate convention and setting policy.”

But it’s time to concentrate on the homefront. He and his wife of 46 years, Marylynn, have two grown daughters and four grandchildren (two boys and two girls).

Still, one has to think that Richard won’t be in the shadows for long.

He didn’t shy away from military service, and he hasn’t shied away from standing with his fellow farmers and ranchers.

“I’ve always been a patriot for my country and believed in it,” Richard said. “I think that’s why my roots are so deep in what we do.

“It’s my loyalty to our country and Constitution.”

— The Owyhee County Farm Bureau board consists of president Tim Lowry, secretary/treasurer Ted Blackstock, women’s chair Mary Blackstock, Young Farmers and Ranchers chair Travis Hyer and board members Norm Mason and Paul Nettleton. Richard urges producers to get in touch with them for help with any problems.



### Farm Bureau helps out county ag programs

Owyhee County Farm Bureau president John Richard, center, recently presented \$250 checks to each of the ccounty’s FFA programs. On Richard’s left are Rimrock advisor Alan Schoen and Homedale advisor Sue Poland. On his right are Marsing representatives Warren Dalley and Makenna Renteria. Submitted photo



# Commentary

## Financial management

### Don't let others shame you for achieving financial success

**Dear Dave,**  
My husband and I are 28 years old. We're completely debt-free, and we each have great jobs. We don't talk a lot about this kind of stuff, because we've found it causes other people to treat us differently. We realize how incredibly blessed we have been, so we always try to give God the credit, save, tithe and give regularly, and not brag about these things. How would you recommend handling a situation like ours?

— Amanda

**Dear Amanda,**  
When you start to win with money, build wealth and achieve some of your goals, you discover pretty quickly that there's a very small group of people you can celebrate with. It sounds like you've discovered this already.  
A lot of times there are friends, and even family members, you can't celebrate with because it comes off as bragging — even if you're just happy you've reached

a milestone. So, you learn to keep lots of stuff private and not even share the good things. Still, if you have a nice car or a beautiful home, these things can indicate that you're successful. Even if they're a small percentage of your financial world, it will sometimes generate feelings of jealousy or envy in other people.  
Jealousy is, "I want what you have." Envy is, "I don't think I can have what you do, so I don't want you to have it either." These are two really evil spirits, and they're loose in our country today like never before. Part of the price of making smart decisions and being wise with your money is that some people don't understand when you win, and they don't think it's fair.  
But the truth is that you guys have every right to enjoy the fruits of your labor. You've earned it. You're generous, giving people, and you take care of your family, so the rest of us don't have to pay extra taxes to take care of them for you. That's the truth about



winning with money. You guys are under no obligation to explain your income, net worth or the fact that you're winning. And you're not obligated to be ashamed of it either!

— Dave

**Dear Dave,**  
I got a department store credit card, using my real age at the time, when I was 17. I ran up a

debt of \$150, and the balance has grown to over \$350. This was 10 or 12 years ago, but a debt collection agency started calling again the other day wanting the money. Hasn't the statute of limitations run out by now? What should I do?

— Elizabeth

**Dear Elizabeth,**  
There is a statute of limitations, but there are a couple of other things to consider, too. First, the debt is not collectible because a minor alone cannot enter into a legally binding contract in any state. The second thing is they can screw up your credit report for a very long time, and it sounds like they're in the process of doing that right now.  
Here's my advice. Call them and explain that they are past the statute of limitations, and that you are considering suing them. After that, remind them that you were a minor when someone approved you for the card, which means the store you signed up with can be

sued as well.  
However, since you did take stuff from the store, offer them the original \$150 to settle the deal. Get it in writing that the account is settled in full by this amount, and *don't* give them electronic access to your money. When you get the settlement offer in writing, keep a copy of the letter and a copy of the cashier's check you'll use as payment.  
Pay it because you owe it, Elizabeth. It's a moral issue. And hopefully as a result you can get these kinds of people out of your life for good!

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey has authored five New York Times best-selling books. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 8.5 million listeners each week on more than 550 radio stations. Dave's latest project, EveryDollar, provides a free online budget tool. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.

## Americans for Limited Government

### Republicans surrender on fiscal, national security matters

by Rick Manning

The continued descent of the Congressional Republicans away from the party's fiscal responsibility and strong national security principles were on full display last week in two legislative "wins."  
Republicans were riding high after Sen. Tom Cotton (R-Ark.) led 46 of his colleagues to sign a letter to the government of Iran explaining the role the Senate plays in ratifying treaties. Momentum was building toward a veto-proof majority in favor of strengthening sanctions against the Iranian regime that seeks to develop a nuclear weapon, promises to use it against Israel, and is fomenting successful rebellions in places like Yemen that have thrown the entire Middle East into turmoil.  
President Obama's weak treaty that fundamentally provided Iran a pathway to get a nuke was being pilloried, and hopes ran high that Senate Republicans had finally seized the high ground from the president. However, Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Bob Corker (R-Tenn.) came to the Democrats' rescue just in time, as he negotiated a deal on sanctions legislation that reportedly allows 41 Democrats to block any attempt to

stop implementation of Obama's deal. Given the hammer turned to apparent rubber stamp by the desperate-for-consensus Corker, it's a good thing that he wasn't negotiating with the Iranians.  
Further proof that Senate prerogatives were annihilated under the "sanctions" bill came when President Obama promised to sign it.  
While national security advocates have seen their wings clipped by Corker, the Senate also put a tombstone over the notion that Republicans represent fiscal sanity and balanced budgets as the Senate rejected an amendment by Sen. Jeff Sessions (R-Ala.) that would have upheld federal spending limits on the Medicare doc fix — a common action that Republicans took when in the minority. However, 71 senators voted to opt out of the budget law and eliminate the hard-fought spending limits that were established in the 2011 Budget Control Act. The result is that Medicare spending will be increased an additional \$200 billion in one decade alone and an estimated \$500 billion in the next 20 years.  
At a time when Republicans could rightfully have reclaimed their leadership on smaller government, lower

taxes, deficits, and national security issues, the Senate chose to punt on these fundamental differentiators between the two political parties, with only 29 Republican senators voting to protect the budget law. Idaho Sens. Mike Crapo and Jim Risch were among those who cast yes votes for the bill, which also extended the Secure Rural Schools funding program for two years.  
By rejecting the tough choices, Senate Republicans have guaranteed a future president will face much more difficult budget choices, as they try to explain how their actions support smaller, more responsive government, a claim that those who pay attention will find harder and harder to believe.  
They have also effectively neutered their treaty ratification powers by affirming that President Obama does not have to submit his Iranian agreement to Congress for ratification.  
Consensus has been reached; Republicans surrendered; and the nation is worse off and less safe, both fiscally and militarily, than it was the day before.  
— Rick Manning is president of Americans for Limited Government.

## Contacting your congressmen

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Public notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING



PETITION FOR THE CREATION OF MARSING AMBULANCE DISTRICT

We the undersigned electors in and for the County of Owyhee are in favor of the proposed creation of the MARSING AMBULANCE DISTRICT in accordance with Idaho Code 31-3908, as presented on the attached map and further described by legal description. We understand that the creation of this taxing district may further call for a tax levy upon our property in amounts not to exceed .0004% (\$40.00 per \$100,000) of our market value or as allowed by Idaho Code 31-3908 (4).

Signature of Petitioner	Printed Name	Residence Address	Date Signed
	David L. Green	536 Maple Drive, Marsing, ID 83650	3-25-15
	Elizabeth V. Green	536 Maple Drive, Marsing, ID 83650	3-25-15
	Robert L. Green	536 Maple Drive, Marsing, ID 83650	3-25-15
	Mary L. Green	536 Maple Drive, Marsing, ID 83650	3-25-15
	John L. Green	536 Maple Drive, Marsing, ID 83650	3-25-15

In accordance with Idaho Code 31-3908, AMBULANCE DISTRICT AUTHORIZATION; The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners has received a PETITION FOR THE CREATION OF MARSING AMBULANCE DISTRICT signed by fifty (50) qualified electors as certified by the County Clerk. A public hearing will be held on the proposed Marsing Ambulance District formation on Monday May 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. MDT, at the Marsing American Legion – Community Hall, 126 S 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave N, Marsing, ID. All persons who desire to be heard in regards to the formation of the district are encouraged to attend. Any person needing special accommodations to participate in the above noticed meeting should contact the Owyhee County Clerk’s office 10 days prior to the meeting at 208-495-2421 ext. 142., Owyhee County Courthouse, PO Box 128, Murphy, Idaho 83650.

MARSING AMBULANCE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES 2015

This description defines the revised Marsing Ambulance District boundaries of 2015 and is situated within Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows:

- **BEGINNING** at a point on the boundary common to the State of Oregon and the State of Idaho and marking the southwest corner of Section 23, Township 3 South, Range 6 West of the Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho;
- thence east along the south boundary of Sections 23 and 24 of said Township 3 South, Range 6 West to a point on the west boundary of Section 19, Township 3 South, Range 5 West;
- thence south along said west boundary to the southwest corner of Section 19, Township 3 South, Range 5 West;
- thence east along the south boundaries of Sections 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 of said Township 3 South, Range 5 West to the southwest corner of Section 19, Township 3 South, Range 4 West;
- thence east along the south boundary of Sections 19 through 24 of said Township 3 South, Range 4 West to the southwest corner of Section 19, Township 3 South, Range 3 West;
- thence east along the south boundary of said Section 19 to the southeast corner of said Section 19 and a point on the west boundary of Section 20, Township 3 South, Range 3 West;
- thence south along the west

boundary of said Section 20 to the southwest corner of Section 20, Township 3 South, Range 3 West;

- thence east along the south boundary of Section 20, Township 3 South, Range 3 West to a point on the centerline of the Black Mountain-Power Line Road as it now exists;
- thence meandering northerly along said centerline to a point on the south boundary of Section 5, Township 3 South, Range 3 West;
- thence east along the south boundaries of Sections 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1, Township 3 South, Range 3 West to the southeast corner of said Section 1 and a point on the west boundary of Section 6, Township 3 South, Range 2 West;
- thence north along the west boundary of Section 6, Township 3 South, Range 2 West to the southwest corner of Section 6 of said Township 3 South Range 2 West;
- thence east along the south boundaries of Section 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1, Township 3 South, Range 2 West to the southwest corner of Section 6, Township 3 South, Range 1 West;
- thence east along the south boundaries of Sections 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1, Township 3 South, Range 1 West to the southwest corner of Section 6, Township 3 South, Range 1 East;
- thence east along the south boundary of said Section 6 to a point on the thread of the Snake River and the boundary common to Owyhee and Canyon County;
- thence northwesterly along the boundary common to said Owyhee and Canyon County

to a point on the west boundary of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 4 West;

- thence south along the west boundary of Sections 18, 19 and 30, Township 3 North, Range 4 West to the southwest corner of said Section 30;
- thence west along the north boundary of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 5 West to the northwest corner of said Section 36;
- thence south along the west boundary of said Section 36 to the northeast corner of the southeast ¼ of Section 35, Township 3 North, Range 5 West;
- thence west along the north boundary of said southeast ¼ to the northwest corner of the southeast ¼ of said Section 35;
- thence south along the west boundary of said southeast ¼ to the northwest corner of the northeast ¼ of Section 2, Township 2 North, Range 5 West;
- thence south along the west boundary of the northeast ¼ of said Section 2 to the northeast corner of the southwest ¼ of said Section 2;
- thence west along the north boundary of the southwest ¼ of said Section 2 to the northwest corner of southwest ¼ of said Section 2;
- thence south along the west boundary of the southwest ¼ of said Section 2 to the northwest corner of Section 11, Township 2 North, Range 5 West;
- thence south along the west boundary of Sections 11 and 14 of said Township 2 North, Range 5 West to the northeast

corner of Section 22, Township 2 North, Range 5 West;

- thence west along the north boundary of said Section 22 to the northeast corner of Section 21, Township 2 North, Range 5 West;
- thence west along the north boundary of the northeast ¼ of said Section 21 to a point on the centerline of Poison Creek Road as it now exists;
- thence southwesterly along said centerline to a point on the west boundary of the northeast ¼ of said Section 21 Township 3 North, Range 5 West;
- thence south along the west boundary of the northeast ¼ of said Section 21 to the northeast corner of the southwest ¼ of said Section 21, Township 3 North, Range 5 West;
- thence west along the north boundary of the southwest ¼ of said Section 21 to the northeast corner of the south ½ of Section 20, Township 2 North, Range 5 West;
- thence west along the north boundaries of the south ½ of Sections 20 and 19 to the northeast corner of the south ½ of Section 24, Township 2 North, Range 6 West;
- thence north along the east boundary of said Section 24 to the northeast corner of the south ½ of said Section 24;
- thence west along the north boundaries of the south ½ of Sections 24 and 23 of said Township 2 North, Range 6 West to a point on the boundary common to the States of Oregon and Idaho;
- thence south along said common boundary to the **POINT OF BEGINNING.**

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NOTICE OF FEE INCREASES

The Homedale Jt. School District #370, Canyon and Owyhee Counties, proposes to increase the following fee by an amount that exceeds one hundred five percent (105%) of the fee charged last year. The proposed percentage increase of the fees is listed below.

	Current (2014-15)	Next Year (2015-16)	Percent Increase
Fee	Fee	Fee	
Elementary Lunch	\$1.50	\$1.60	6.67%
M.S. & H.S. Lunch	\$1.75	\$1.85	5.72%

This fee is being increased due to Federal Regulations

All citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the increased fees request. The hearing will be held on May 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Homedale School District Board Room, 116 East Owyhee, Homedale, Idaho.

Faith K. Olsen, Business Manager  
4/15,22/15

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Opaline Irrigation Board Monthly Meeting held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. has changed its meeting location. The new location here forward is at 7300 Opaline Rd. Melba, ID. 83641.

Dan H. Birmingham, Secretary/  
Treasurer, Opaline Irrigation District (208) 896-5273

4/22,29/15

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today’s date: April 6, 2015 File No.: 7023.112652 Sale date and time (local time): August 07, 2015 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 132 E Washington Ave Homedale, ID 83628 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Brett W. McMichael and Carol McMichael, husband and wife Original trustee: Pioneer Title Company Original beneficiary: Wells Fargo Financial Idaho, Inc. Recording date: August 13, 2007 Recorder’s instrument number: 262078 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of April 6, 2015: \$108,869.53 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property’s legal description is: Lots 1 and 2, Block 77, Amended Townsite Plat of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the Official Plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at [www.northwesttrustee.com](http://www.northwesttrustee.com) or [USA-Foreclosure.com](http://USA-Foreclosure.com). The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7023.112652) 1002.279483-File No.  
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# Public notices

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE**

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

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

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

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

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

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

S.88°44’31”W. 987.37 feet; thence,

N.00°19’30”E. 330.79 feet; thence,

N.88°49’07”E. 36.00 feet; thence,

S.58°26’54”E. 26.69 feet; thence,

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

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

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

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

S.06°50’55”E. 62.44 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

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

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

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

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

The balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$61,526.81, excluding interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder or in this sale, as

trustee’s fees and/or reasonable attorney’s fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

Dated: March 23, 2015

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

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

4/1,8,15,22/15

**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 Accredited 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

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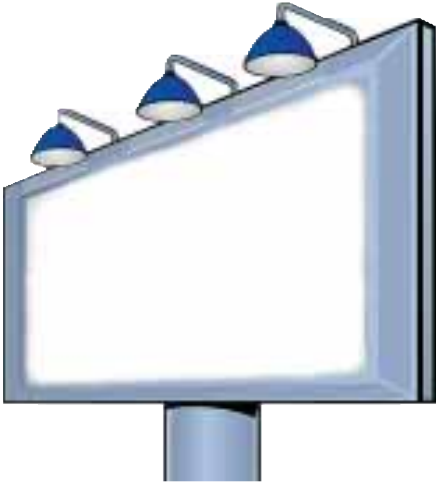
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<b>Assembly of God Church Homedale</b> 15 West Montana, 337-4458  Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Service 6:00pm Wed. Bible Study 7:00pm	<b>Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale</b> 17434 Hwy 95, 337-3464 Sunday 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
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<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
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<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
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# Del Rio owner's new bar targets Latinos

## La Fogata opens in Tango Club's old location

Homedale residents, or people passing through town, now have a new spot to enjoy a beer or a glass of wine.

Manuel Ramos recently opened La Fogata, a bar on the corner of West Idaho Avenue and North Main Street. The 53-year-old has operated the Del Rio Mexican restaurant right across Main Street

from the bar for the past 10 years. La Fogata is on the second floor of the former Tango Club building, accessible above a narrow, and fairly steep, staircase.

Ramos has lived in Homedale for 25 years and said he opened Del Rio after he got laid off from his previous job and "just had to find something else to do." He added that business at the restaurant has been mediocre recently with some good days but an equal amount of bad days. Ramos sums up his revenue from the restaurant as "so-so."

He opened La Fogata simply for another source of income but said he's never operated a bar before. The building has been home to several bars over the years, including the Tango Club

and the Cowboy Up. Ramos said the only thing he knows about the building's history is that it was built sometime between 1946 and 1949.

La Fogata will only sell beer and wine, not hard liquor. The process of obtaining the retail alcohol license wasn't difficult but was very time consuming, Ramos said. The license was approved by the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners on March 2.

Ramos doesn't have any current plans for special events at the bar other than pool table games and live music. He clarified that he doesn't own the building and is only renting the space.

The vision for the bar is to give the local Latino community a place to gather without having

to drive to Caldwell or Nampa, Ramos said. La Fogata means "the fire" in Spanish, and Ramos said he came up with the name from a bar of the same name he used to frequent in California.

His girlfriend, Rebecca Cardenas, said the bar will open shortly after 3 p.m. on most days but will not be open on Mondays. Closing time will be at 1 a.m. as per county law.

Cardenas said right now, Ramos will run La Fogata and serve as bartender by himself, but he might hire additional staff in the future.

Ramos is hopeful that the bar will succeed, and he factors in the local Latino population base for its future growth.

— SC

# BLM groups discuss ION grouse plan

The Bureau of Land Management Boise District Resource Advisory Council and the Southeast Oregon RAC will discuss the proposed Tri-State Project to preserve sage-grouse habitat during a meeting at the Clarion Inn in Ontario, Ore. The meeting is scheduled to run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday

The proposed Tri-State Project covers 3 million acres in the southwest area of Idaho, northwest area of Nevada, and southeast corner of Oregon, which is home to one of the largest areas of contiguous Preliminary Priority Habitat for sage-grouse.

# Jump Creek underage drinkers sentenced

Ten out-of-town males have been sentenced for their roles in an underage drinking party.

The defendants were among 23 people under the age of 21 who were cited for minor in consumption when Owyhee County Sheriff's deputies broke up a party in the Jump Creek area on March 28.

Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober sentenced the 10 on misdemeanor charges on April 13 inside a Murphy courtroom. They range in age from 17 to 20.

Each received probation and driver's license suspensions, and was ordered to pay \$1,000 in fines

and court costs.

In eight instances, the defendants were ordered to serve three months' probation and had their driver's licenses suspended for a month. They also had \$750 of their fine total suspended.

Two other defendants were ordered to serve one-year probation terms each and both had their licenses suspended for six months. One of those defendants had \$350 in fines suspended and the other \$250.

The defendants sentenced last week hailed from Parma, Melba, Caldwell, Nampa, Middleton, Eagle and Boise.



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