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Towns consider pay raises for elected officials

Homedale budget proposal includes hefty pay hike for mayor; HPD requests a sixth officer

Nearly every city employee and elected official could see a pay raise in Homedale's fiscal year 2016 budget.

That plan and a proposal to hire another police officer unfolded during Thursday's first budget workshop. The city also plans to take the full three percent increase in

property tax revenue allowed by state law.

Thursday's workshop wasn't a setting to make final decisions but merely hash out the proposed budget before it is published ahead of the Aug. 12 public hearing.

Under the preliminary budget, Mayor — See *Homedale*, page 5

Establishment of salaries for Grand View mayor, council members to be discussed tonight

Grand View elected officials could start drawing paychecks.

City council members are scheduled to consider an ordinance to establish a salary structure for themselves and Mayor Franklin D. Hart during today's monthly meeting.

The meeting starts at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 425 Boise Ave.

Under the ordinance, each elected official would make \$600 annually. City Clerk Tammy Payne said that the elected officials have never been paid in the

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June's busy beginning weekend



Children flock to Marsing and Murphy

At left: Jason Montgomery reels in the line as Mikayla Sotelo of Homedale looks on during Saturday's 16th annual Leroy Breshears Kids Fishing Day at Island Park pond in Marsing.

See Page 12 for more photos from the fishing at Island Park

At right: Nampa's Brennen Cafferty, left, watches intently as Meridian's Ron Manchester teaches him a firestarting technique during an Outpost Days lost arts demonstration Saturday in Murphy.

See Page 13 for more photos from the weekend at the museum



Car show revs up Grand View Days

Annual festival runs Friday through Sunday

Grand View Days is about more than fun. It's also about fundraising.

Proceeds from Saturday's inaugural car show will benefit another community event, the Halloween celebration for the town's children.

Friday's first-ever fun run will help Grand View PTA continue its elementary school support.

Tickets are on sale for Saturday night's raffle drawing, which will

help the Chamber of Commerce continue to carve out the town's greenbelt along Roosevelt Street/Idaho highway 167.

On Saturday, the Eastern Owyhee County Library will hold a half-price book sale and the Rimrock Senior Center will present its annual ice cream social. Money raised with help in the operation of both entities.

Throw in the Firemen's Pit Barbecue on Friday and the Lions Club breakfast on Sunday — both at Lions Park on River Road — and you begin to understand how much community means to

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Property assessment appeals due June 22

Owyhee County property owners should have received their 2015 property assessments.

The deadline to appeal assessments is 5 p.m. on Monday, June 22.

County commissioners sitting as the Board of Equalization will hear all appeals.

No appeals were filed last year.

A rundown of how property values have changed from 2014 will appear in next week's edition of The Owyhee Avalanche.



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✓ Grand View Days: Plenty of things to see at annual weekend festival



A group of Grand View children pose with Chamber of Commerce treasurer Bob Swenson after presenting more than \$1,000 to help pay for Friday's Grand View Days fireworks display. **Back row, from left:** Swenson, Shyann Carothers and Braxton Carothers. **Front row, from left:** Zelda Hurtado, Zoey Carothers and Becca Collett. Submitted photo

this community and one of the big reasons why Chamber of Commerce president Katy Carothers fell in love with the place.

"I love Grand View," Carothers said. "I'm from Boise, actually. When I moved down here, I didn't know anybody and I thought the way to make a name for yourself is to get yourself out there and volunteer in the community."

"Volunteering helps me personally and it helps my community."

Carothers volunteers the PTA and she also teaches hunters education in addition to heading up the Chamber.

Her children and their friends have gotten in the act, too, raising \$1,002.59 to help pay for Friday's fireworks. Katy and Calvin Carothers' children Shyann, 10, Braxton, 11, and Zoey, 5, joined forces with Becca Collett (the 5-year-old daughter of Chris and Kim Collett) and Zelda Hurtado (7-year-old daughter of Jessica Hurtado) to sell hot dogs and chorizos at the Gus' Gas car wash.

The Carothers children started the fireworks fundraiser five years ago.

Katy has organized a car show

for 11 a.m. Saturday in front of City Park near 2nd Street and Main Street. The entry fee is \$10, and the money will help her in-laws — Terry and Jackie Carothers — continue to put on their big community Halloween party.

Katy said she was inspired by similar car shows in Mountain Home and Melba and also wanted to pay homage to her grandfather, who spent 50 years restoring classic automobiles.

"It's always fun to see what people have and to have them bring their things and check things out," she said.

"I enjoy looking at classic cars. I think it's neat, the creativity that goes into restoring cars."

Carothers sees the car show as another way to keep folks interested in the long-standing Grand View Days celebration, which will include its tradition parade at 10 a.m. Saturday and the water play between the children and the fire department afterward.

There will be vendors and the carnival and midway games in City Park after the parade and during the car show Saturday.

The winning tickets for the Chamber's gun raffle will be drawn Saturday during the street dance. The free event runs from 9 p.m. to midnight on Main Street.

Raffle tickets are \$1 each and six for \$5. The top prize is an AR .223 rifle. Second prize is an AR .22 rifle, and third prize is dinner and a movie in Boise. Tickets are available at Simplot Livestock, Gus's Gas and JC Landing.

Proceeds from the raffle will help the Chamber continue its work on the greenbelt.

Carothers said the next phase of the project is to extend the cement pathway along an area near

Riverside Cemetery. Additionally, the Chamber wants to bury electrical wires all along the tree-lined route to make lighting those trees at Christmas easier.

"We decorate the trees each year, but we haven't had a great source of wire," Carothers said. "We want to run underground wire and put a box at the base of each tree."

There is also a plan to put sod down and plant more trees. Carothers said former Grand View resident George Tortorica helps with the sod through his Cloverdale Nursery and Turf Farm near Kuna. Tortorica's company is also supplying the sod for July's Basque soccer friendly at Albertsons Stadium in Boise.

Steve Gifford has used juniper harvested from the Owyhees to create benches along the pathway, too.

Carothers said the focus of the greenbelt is to provide a better place for people to walk and bicycle because there are few sidewalks in Grand View.

"We want to make the town more welcoming and get families out there to get involved in the community and be more active," she said.

Grand View Days also includes a 3-on-3 basketball tournament Friday inside the elementary school gym and the annual softball tournament across the street from City Park.

Sunday's festivities include the Lions breakfast and church service at 10 a.m. at City Park.

"Not a lot of people know where Grand View is, and if they do, they say, 'Well, I go fishing there,'" Carothers said. "We have a lot more than fishing to offer."

— JPB

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Grand View Days schedule

Friday

All day — Softball tournament
Entry — \$150 per team
9 a.m. — Grand View PTA fun run, American Legion hall
Entry — \$15 per person, \$40 per family
6 p.m. — 3-on-3 basketball, Grand View Elementary gym
Entry — \$10 per person
6 p.m. — Firemen's pit barbecue, Lions Park
Pricing — \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors, and \$5 for children
Dusk — Fireworks

Saturday

All day — Rimrock Senior Center ice cream social; Eastern Owyhee County Library half-price book sale
9 a.m. — Parade lineup
10 a.m. — Parade begins
11 a.m. — Car show, City Park
Entry — \$10 per car. Call (208) 590-9011 or email MZ.KATYMARIE@yahoo.com for information
11 a.m. — Vendors and midway open, City Park
Note — An all-day wristband for unlimited carnival and midway is available for \$16 pre-sale or \$20 on Saturday.
2 p.m. — Horseshoes tournament, Lions Park
9 p.m. — Street dance, Main Street

Sunday

8 a.m. — Lions breakfast, Lions Park (donations accepted)
10 a.m. — Church service, City Park

Note — Call (208) 834-2636 for general information.



The Celebration Fire, which sparked near Con Shea Basin around midnight Saturday, lit up the sky along the Snake River. Photo submitted by Sgt. Jeff Wasson / OCSO

MRW volunteers help contain wildfire

Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson volunteer firefighters were among those who battled a human-caused wildfire late Saturday and early Sunday near Con Shea Basin northeast of Murphy. The Bureau of Land Management Boise District reported that the Celebration Fire burned 7,400 acres on the south side of the Snake River before containment. The smoke

could be seen from Murphy four miles away. MRW crews joined BLM and Melba Fire Department personnel to control the fire Saturday night in the midst of hot, dry conditions, rough terrain along the canyon and rapidly changing winds. Local farmer Jeff Good lost more than half of a 540-acre field of triticale when the wind shifted and blew a back fire lit by the BLM

out of control. He credited MRW and Melba volunteers with saving his house and shop. “It started as a little thing,” Good said of the original fire that started near the river. “The MRW guys were trying to put it out. “They bent over backwards to do stuff. They were the best, but I wouldn’t give so much to the BLM.”

MRW spokesman Louis Monson said agency volunteers went into service at about noon Saturday and cleared 17 hours later at 5 a.m. Sunday. Originally moving east, the fire shifted west toward the Guffey Bridge, but firefighters from Marsing and Melba responded to help with structure protection, Monson said.

—JPB

Tractor driver faces DUI

A man is charged with driving under the influence after allegedly operating a tractor while drunk in Grand View on June 2. Owyhee County Sheriff Perry Grant said 40-year-old Jason Donald Benzie of Mountain Home was using a John Deere to pull a hay baler on Idaho highway 78 shortly after 2 p.m. Benzie allegedly twice failed to stop at a construction zone stop sign. A worker called 911, and Benzie was stopped. In two Breathalyzer tests, he measured .288 and .273 blood-alcohol content (BAC), Grant said. Both readings are more than three times the legal limit of .08. Deputy Scott Snyder booked Benzie into county jail in Murphy. He bonded out Friday. Benzie’s pretrial conference for the misdemeanor DUI is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on June 29 before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober. Grant said Benzie could potentially face a felony “because it was excessive and he has prior drunk driving convictions.” Benzie was scheduled for a plea and sentencing hearing Tuesday after deadline in an Elmore County misdemeanor DUI case stemming from a Jan. 5 arrest.

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Ticket sales begin; Lions derby is near

Tickets are now available for the Homedale Lions Club's Fourth of July Demolition Derby. The derby will take place at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds rodeo arena. Admission is \$20 for A section seats in the covered grandstand. B section seats are \$15 each, and C section tickets go for \$12. Buy tickets at NAPA Owyhee Auto Parts locations in Homedale and Marsing. The derby drivers meeting is set for 7:30 p.m. next Wednesday at the Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant, 18 N. 1st St. W., in Homedale.

The derby rulebook is available online at www.homedalelion-sclub.com. This year's derby will feature the return of the pickup truck heat. To enter a car or for details on the pickup derby, call Jeremy Townsend at Owyhee Auto Supply in Homedale, 337-4668. Car build questions should be directed to Chester Conklin at 989-2014. Josh Love is handling food booth inquiries at 880-8483. To place an ad in the program or for general questions, call Will Pryor at 866-2629.

Homedale Legion members urged to attend meeting

A special meeting for the George D. VanDerhoff American Legion Post 32 has been called. Post Cmdr. Bob Warner urges all Post 32 members to attend the meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. on Monday at the Legion Hall, 14 E. Owyhee Ave. There will be a membership meeting and an executive meeting. For more information about the meeting or details on how to join the American Legion, call Bob Warner at (208) 965-0314.

Cemetery to increase security

Board shopping for surveillance camera system

Marsing-Homedale Cemetery Maintenance District directors are taking steps to halt a disturbing trend. Over the past couple of years, thieves have stolen decorations from gravesites. Solar lights, metal flowers and sports team flags have gone missing. The good news is that cemetery sexton Bruce Benson said he hasn't heard about any new thefts since just before Memorial Day. Now, cemetery directors plan to put in a surveillance system. The idea was discussed at the cemetery board meeting on June 1. Benson introduced the proposal to purchase a surveillance system to the board. He told the directors that security cameras aren't as expensive as they used to be, and he recently saw a system at an area wholesale outlet with eight cameras for just \$400. "I didn't think they were near that cheap. I didn't realize. My


daughter's boyfriend can set it up. He'll come in and help me out," Benson said. The board authorized him to spend up to \$1,000, but Benson told directors he has a lot of research to do before he makes a purchase. Benson is quick to admit that he doesn't know the first thing about surveillance systems. He may or may not buy the system before the board's next meeting on July 6, "because they told me to get on it," Benson said. He's not sure if the cameras will stop the thefts at the cemetery, but he thinks they could make a difference. "It might be enough. If you don't catch somebody, it might be enough to scare them to quit doing it," Benson said. The gravesite thefts are random, but some gravestones for children and teenagers have been picked clean. A few of the cameras will be directed at areas other than gravesites in the cemetery, Benson said. "Plus, I'm tired of people tearing up my parking lot out there and digging trenches and whoever's filling up my garbage bin," Benson said. He went on to explain that people putting their trash in the bin has become a serious problem for the cemetery. If it is full, Benson doesn't have anywhere to put his own garbage from the cemetery, or is forced to take a pickup load of trash to the landfill. Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said anyone seeing suspicious activity should report it to county dispatchers at (208) 495-1154. There was no discussion on incoming funds from a recently passed levy during the June 1 board meeting. "I mean that's just too far away to look at right now, we're just going to wait and see how the year ends out," Benson said. The two-year temporary levy will provide \$30,000 per year in 2016 and 2017. Needing only a simple majority, the measure passed with 73.3 percent of the vote (507 affirmative votes) in the May 19 election. There were 692 votes cast. — SC

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Marsing holds public hearing on zoning regulations

Part of tonight’s meeting to plan for future growth

The Marsing City Council will hear comments from the public on updating the town’s zoning regulations before its regular monthly meeting tonight.

The joint hearing of the council and the town’s Planning and Zoning Commission will begin at 7 p.m. at Marsing City Hall, 425 Main St.

The document to be discussed before the regular council meeting is more commonly referred to as the land use table in Article VII of the Marsing Zoning Ordinance.

City leaders have been working to modify the regulations in order to allow for new business establishments that might be proposed in the future. Those could include things like bowling alleys, dentist offices, pet groomers and dry cleaners.

The final version of the land use table could also clear the way for golf courses, theaters and youth centers in Marsing.

After the hearing on the zoning ordinance, the regular city council meeting will begin.

Council members could hear an update on the town’s methane gas project from public works maintenance superintendent John Larsen.

The agenda for tonight’s meeting indicates the council will also hear a

proposal from Bill Pastoor of Westowns Disposal Inc. to increase garbage dumpster fees.

The agenda also says the council will receive an update from David Barrett with the Idaho Transportation Department on plans to renovate the bridge over the Snake River leading into town. That construction is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2017.

The executive director of the Western Alliance for Economic Development (WAED) is expected to make a budget proposal to the council. Tina Wilson is proposing that the city pay \$1,457 for fiscal year 2016. That is a 50 percent increase of what Marsing contributed to the WAED this fiscal year.

In Mayor Keith Green’s report, he could schedule a budget workshop to be held at 6:30 p.m. next Wednesday. He may also ask the council to approve a donation request of \$100 for the Lizard Butte Library’s summer reading program.

The library’s summer reading program for preschoolers started last week. It will be held each Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. through the end of the month, library director Janna Streibel said. The theme for this year’s preschool program is “Every Hero has a Story.”

The library also has a summer reading program for children in third grade and up. For every 20 minutes that they read, students can enter their name into a raffle to win a prize.

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✓ Homedale: Council split may force mayor to vote on pay raise issue

Gheen Christoffersen’s annual salary would increase 24.2 percent from \$6,762 to \$8,400). Council members could get raises of \$219 each (6.6 percent to \$3,600 annually).

Council member Kim Murray, who attended the meeting by phone from Las Vegas, supported the elected officials’ pay raises.

“I don’t see any problem with the raise for the council to make it an even number from here on out,” the first-term council member said. “I don’t have any problem with keeping it the way it is. I don’t have any problem with raising the tiny bit that it’s being raised if that would be easier.

“As far as the mayor’s salary, I think it should be raised. I have seen the amount of effort and time that (Christoffersen has) put into it and (it’s) probably more than the previous mayors have.

“I don’t see how the public would have a problem with it. As far as selling it to the public on the percentage of a raise, it’s a pretty big one. But it’s a little bit as far as dollar-wise. It’s not really that big of a deal.”

City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram pointed out that only a portion of Christoffersen’s cell phone bill is covered by the city budget, and he claims few miles for reimburse relative to the number he travels for the city.

Vonnie Harkins, another first-term council member, said she

didn’t have a problem with raising the mayor’s pay because she does see how much time he devotes to the position, but she’s OK with how much she makes.

“When I was approached about doing this, I thought it was volunteer anyway, so this is all gravy to me,” Harkins quipped.

Aaron Tines and Steve Atkins disagreed with pay raises for the elected officials, and that could set up a split vote on the issue (leaving the deciding vote to Christoffersen) when the time comes to finalize the budget.

“Mr. Mayor, I believe you do a stellar job. You’ve got my support 110 percent. I just feel we shouldn’t raise (salaries),” Atkins said. “I feel that we all knew what we were getting ourselves into when we took this job.

“I personally would probably do it for free. I’m doing it because of the community not for any other reason.”

Law enforcement employees would get a five percent raise as part of the city’s three-year plan to make Homedale Police Department wages more competitive with neighboring agencies. The pay increase, which is the second in as many years, also makes up for the fact that Homedale officers haven’t received pay bumps for certifications as was promised during previous administrations.

All other city employees — for Planning and Zoning administrator

Sylvia Bahem — would receive three percent raises under the preliminary plan.

Public works supervisor Bret Smith apparently has been asked to become a salaried employee. He questioned how the proposed three percent raise would affect him because he is leaving the ranks of hourly employees.

The council is expected to address Smith’s concerns next Wednesday during an executive session that will accompany a second budget workshop.

A new employee could join the payroll if Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller’s request for a sixth full-time patrol officer is granted.

Eidemiller wants to add another patrol officer to make accommodating the nine-month school resource officer commitment easier in the overall framework of his work schedule.

“It’s getting tougher and tougher to cover the regular shifts because eight months out of the year I’m a four-man staff because I can’t schedule the SRO (currently Sgt. Mike McFetridge) for anything,” Eidemiller said.

Atkins and Christoffersen both agreed that the SRO is a valuable position to retain and fund.

Eidemiller has asked for more support from the Homedale School District to the tune of \$15,000. The school district held its budget hearing Monday after deadline.

“We’ve thrown everything that we can at the SRO position,” Eidemiller said. “We’ve placated and been amicable and did everything we could to keep the school district happy because we want the program to work, and that’s the only way we can do it.

“Keep in mind when we started this, we were looking for a 50/50 partnership, and that just hasn’t been the case.”

In addition to the sixth full-time officer, if approved, the HPD payroll for FY 2016 also is projected to include a full year of compensation for a part-time ordinance enforcement officer at an expense of \$10,000. The city absorbed the ordinance enforcement position wages after the Idaho Department of Labor cut its support for the program earlier this year.

There was discussion Thursday on whether the city should continue with the code enforcement officer primarily because of the loss of state funding.

“I think you’re doing a great job, that’s not even a question,” Atkins told Eidemiller. “The only thing I’m nervous about is before we had grants that were paying for all this, and now we’re absorbing the full hit on it.”

Code enforcement officer Harvey Gist generates about \$400 per month in revenue by issuing abatement warnings that carry a \$25 administrative fee. That’s

less than half of the \$10,000 Eidemiller figures for a revenue number in FY 16, but the police chief said that was an estimate because the city has never charged an administrative fee.

“Our dog calls coming in are few and far between. People are licensing their dogs. They’re keeping their dogs locked up,” Eidemiller said.

“If nothing else we’ve created a position that reminds people that they have to be responsible pet owners so they are taking a little bit of that on themselves.”

Murray disputed that code enforcement would bring in \$10,000 a year, but Eidemiller “whole-heartedly” disagreed saying that over a 365-day span it’s quite possible that Gist would write 400 warning letters for dirty lots, stray dogs and other violations to make that much.

Tines suggested that the SRO and code enforcement position be combined under one employee, but Eidemiller stressed that that would put the dog-catching duties back on his day-to-day patrol officers during the school year.

Eidemiller pointed out that HPD provides more hours of service in relation to the number of employees than any other city department.

“We’re the only ones that are here around the clock and we have the lowest manpower per day,” the chief said.

— JPB

✓ Grand View: Council may replace P&Z member; water report released

44-year history of the city.

Other city council members include board president Donald “Bill” Mead, Marie Hipwell, Linda Araujo and Jim Burnett.

The proposed fiscal year 2016 budget will be reviewed today.

Though in existence for seven months, the city’s Planning and Zoning Commission will go through a change.

The city council must find a replacement for Araujo, who is resigning from the board for health reasons. The candidates

include Michael Lim and Nola Boone, according to the council meeting agenda.

The Planning and Zoning Commission meets again at 6 p.m. on Monday at City Hall.

Work continues on the city’s comprehensive plan.

The commission voted to meet on the third Monday of each month during its March 16 meeting. Dan Thompson is P&Z chair, and other members include former mayor and council person Opal Ward, councilman Jim Burnett

and businessman Bob Swenson.

The council also will hear project updates.

- Roy Mink and Dan Hand from Mink Geohydro Inc., present the city’s geothermal feasibility study results.
- More information on the ongoing Rio Lindo boat ramp reconstruction will be shared.

Payne said the city has made permit applications to the Army Corps of Engineers, the Idaho Department of Lands and the Idaho Department of Water Resources to

maintain the boat ramp loading area. The maintenance will include adding riprap to the toe of the existing ramp and a 16-foot section of dock and removing a small rock island that has formed because of the eddy coming around the jetty and into the boat ramp area.

“The planned maintenance is aimed at making the boat ramp launch area safer for boaters,” Payne said.

City leaders also wanted to thank community members for their patience in light of the public

works crew being down to one person. The other public works employee is out on an extended medical leave, Payne said.

The council also will discuss the availability of the town’s 2104 water system consumer confidence report.

Grand View has no violations listed on the report, which is available for review at City Hall. City Hall is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

For information on the city visit www.grandview.id.gov.

Manage pasture right for best results

One of the most basic needs of pasture plants is the ability to capture solar energy through the process of photosynthesis. This process mainly occurs in the chloroplasts of the leaves.

Plants that have had most or all of their leaves removed whether through grazing or cutting have diminished ability to photosynthesize and must rely on energy reserves from the crowns to generate new growth. Consequently, recovery from short grazing/cutting is much slower. Plant vigor and longevity can be reduced if the plants are regrazed before they have sufficiently recovered. If this process is continually repeated, a thinning or loss of the most desirable species occurs, opening the ground cover for invasion of weeds or less desirable plant species.

The amount of residual (living plant material left after grazing or clipping) also affects the roots of the plant. Plant biomass removal of greater than 50 percent stops

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plant root growth and actually causes the plant to shed roots. This stoppage of root growth not only affects the plant's ability to recover from grazing, but can also lead to an increase in bare soil, weed invasion, and the proliferation of less desirable plant species.

Grazing management is the single most important factor affecting forage quality and production. Pastures should not be grazed until the plants have recovered from the previous grazing or cutting event or dormancy period. For most cool-season grasses, this equates to approximately 8 inches of total growth. Generally speaking, plants should not be allowed to grow beyond 12 inches unless they are going to be cut for hay. If plants are allowed to grow beyond 12 inches, they begin to enter a reproductive phase and growth rate drops, nutritional quality decreases, and the plants require a longer rest period to recover for the next grazing event.

Pasture managers should rotate livestock to leave the necessary residual required for prompt pasture recovery from grazing. The necessary residual will vary

according to the plant species that are being managed for. For example, Orchardgrass, Tall Fescue, and Meadow Brome as well as most other pasture species including legumes require a 3- to 4-inch residual.

While a 4-inch residual might give the appearance of leaving considerable feed ungrazed, it is important to recognize the benefits to both pasture and livestock. Pastures will recover more quickly and require shorter rest periods since they have more photosynthetic area. This will result in increased forage production over the length of the growing season. Livestock will benefit through increased bite size and, thus, increased intake. This translates into better performance of the cattle.

Remember, better management means healthier pastures, few weed problems, and more feed for your livestock.

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



Scott Jensen

Owyhee
Then & Now
Michael F. Hanley

Tales of the I.O.N. Country

Foreword (Part 1)

It has never been easy trying to scratch a living out of Idaho, Oregon and Nevada's High Desert Country. For thousands of years, I.O.N. Country was home range to various tribes of Indians, but they didn't set up permanent camps. They passed through with the seasons, stopping to hunt, dig roots and fish the steams.

Salmon on the tail end of their long journey from the Pacific passed through many of our river and creek valleys, marking them as sites for camps during the salmon runs. The fish were processed to help fill the Indian's bill of fare through the long harsh winters. A network of trade put costal tribes in contact with these inland tribes, and war parties brought home slaves and booty. When they acquired horses, their range was extended and hunting parties frequented the buffalo herds in what is now Montana.

This was the way the I.O.N. Country's inhabitants were living when the first white explorers came, but their way of life didn't last long after that. Within fifty years, most of them were dead or confined to reservations... victims of the White Man's diseases and greed for land. The buffalo were gone and other surviving big game scattered. In time, all the salmon runs were blocked with dams and other obstructions. The hills were scarred from mining and the grass was mostly gone from over-grazing by domestic livestock.

Today, there are few signs of the Indians' long tenure on the land. Artifacts in museums and occasional pictographs chipped into rock are about all that remain to mark their passing.

Several years ago, I was moving cattle down Juniper Mountain's Grasshopper Trail just south of the Northfork Crossing when I noticed a metal object. I dismounted and picked it up. It was a fur company's trade medallion lost long before, probably by an Indian passing through. The Grasshopper Trail was a segment of the Old Buffalo Trail to the north from northern Nevada. My neighbors and I use portions of it as we move cattle from spring to summer range and then back to our home ranches in the valleys. Much has happened and much has changed since domestic livestock were introduced to our ranges. The resulting heritage and way of life that came with the herds is well established, but there are constant pressures threatening it.

First of all, over-grazing was encouraged by a "winner-take-all" attitude. Finally, with the rangelands nearly denuded, Congress, with the encouragement of western livestock producers, passed the Taylor Grazing Act in 1934 to bring conservation to these lands and stability to the livestock industry and communities dependent upon them.

Being dependent upon public land for much of our livelihood has created problems for us. We have always assumed that we had acquired range rights through the priority system established under the English Common Law principle of "first in use, first in right." Our water rights after all are adjudicated on this principle, but we are told that our grazing rights are privileges that can be revoked at any time. Furthermore the public lands administered by the Department of the Interior were destined to be ultimately turned over to the private sector, for the most part, but the Organic Act of 1976 changed this.

From now on, these lands are to remain in government ownership and there will be an attempt to manage them to the satisfaction of the many groups and interest that have taken an interest in them.

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

Calendar

Today

- Coffee club**
9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Homedale Highway District meeting**
Noon, Homedale Highway District office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., Homedale
- Homedale City Council meeting**
6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641
- Grand View City Council meeting**
6 p.m., Grand View City Hall, 425 Boise Ave., Grand View, (208) 834-2700
- Marsing City Council meeting**
7 p.m., Marsing City Hall, 425 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4122
- Homedale FFA Alumni barbecue and softball**
6:30 p.m., dinner; 7 p.m., softball game, Sundance Park, Homedale. (208) 337-4226

Thursday

- Fit and fall exercise class**
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Owyhee Gardeners monthly meeting**
1 p.m., Community Room, Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing
- TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting**
6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867
- Owyhee Conservation District meeting**
8 p.m., 250 N. Old Bruneau Highway, Marsing. (208) 896-4544

Friday

- Story Time**
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, afternoons Monday through Saturday
- Grand View Days fun run**
9 a.m., American Legion Post 134 Hall to City Park, Grand View. (208) 834-2136
- Grand View Lions Club meeting**
11:30 a.m., Grand Owyhee Restaurant, 230 Main

- St., Grand View
- Grand View Days Firemen's pit barbecue**
6 p.m., \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors \$5 for children, Lions Park, Grand View
- Grand View Days fireworks**
At dusk, Grand View

Saturday

- Rimrock Food Pantry distribution**
9 a.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2419, (208) 834-5170 or (208) 834-3199
- Grand View Days parade**
9 a.m. lineup at American Legion Post 134 hall, 10 a.m. parade down Main Street, Grand View. (208) 834-2636
- Grand View Days car show**
11 a.m., \$10 to enter, near City Park, Grand View. (208) 590-9011
- Grand View Days midway and sale**
11 a.m. to 4 p.m., City Park, Grand View. (208) 834-2636
- Free lunches**
Noon to 1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419
- Senior center dance**
6 p.m. to 9 p.m., \$5 plus finger food, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale.
- Grand View Days street dance**
9 p.m. to midnight, Main Street, Grand View.

Sunday

- Grand View Days Lions breakfast**
8 a.m., Lions Park, Grand View.
- Grand View Days church service**
10 a.m., City Park, Grand View
- Bruneau Valley Library board meeting**
2:30 p.m., Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2131

Monday

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

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Homedale Senior Center

June 10: Ham/cheese on bun, potato salad, lettuce/tomato, salad bar, milk
June 11: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, string beans, bread, salad bar, milk
June 16: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, beets, bread, salad bar, milk
June 17: Tuna salad, lettuce/tomato, carrot salad, bread, salad bar, milk

Marsing Senior Center

Salad bar available daily. All breakfast orders come w/meat, eggs, fruit, juice & milk
June 10: Pork ribs, potatoes, peas, salad, apricots, milk
June 11: Sloppy Joes, potatoes, carrot salad, milk
June 15: Breakfast, Biscuits & gravy, eggs
June 16: Chicken & baked potatoes, spinach, fruit salad, milk
June 17: Pork, carrots, potatoes, coleslaw, pasta salad, corn, bread, milk

Rimrock Senior Center

June 11: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, creamed peas, veggie tray, fruit, milk, juice
June 16: BBQ hamburgers & hot dogs, pork & beans, Mexican corn, cake, milk, juice
June 18: Commander kraut casserole, green salad, blueberry dump cake, milk, juice

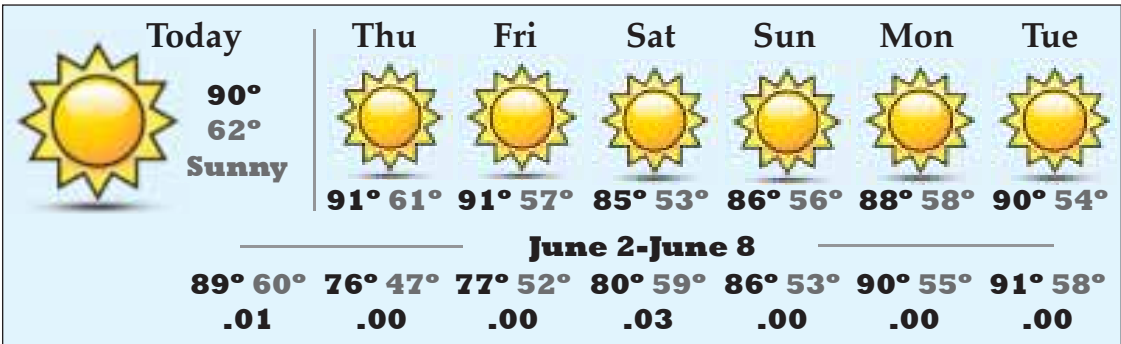
Deadly weed in full growth in county

People are warned about Poison Hemlock

Idaho noxious weed officials are issuing a reminder that this is a bad time of year for a plant that is fatal to humans and all classes of livestock.
Poison Hemlock is now in full growth in Owyhee County and across Idaho. However, Scott Jensen with the University of Idaho Extension Office in Marsing said he’s not sure if this year is much different from any other year as far as how bad the problem is.
People should remember that every part of the plant is poisonous, especially the roots, Jensen said.
“Most of the time livestock avoid eating it, so it isn’t a huge problem from a frequent poisoning standpoint,” he added.
Poison Hemlock is “all over” Owyhee County, Jensen said. The weed commonly grows in stream banks, canals, ditch banks and on pastures. The plant dies

after a two-year life cycle.
“Generally animals that consume it do so more accidentally as they eat other things. Sometimes, though, in a pasture that has no other feed left, it might appear appetizing as it is the only green thing left,” Jensen said.
Poison Hemlock can grow 3 to 8 feet tall and has a smooth green stem, spotted or streaked with red or purple spots. The leaves are finely divided and lacy while the flowers are small, white and clustered.
While it is highly toxic, Poison Hemlock can be easy to control.
“Landowners would be wise to spray it and try to eradicate it from their property,” Jensen said.
He recommends an application of 2,4-D to control it while in the rosette stage. “Although there is some concern that it also makes it more attractive to livestock,” according to Jensen.
He said Glyphosate should be effective for spot-spraying of Poison Hemlock. If you intend to pull the weed rather than spray it, you will need to wear rubber gloves.

— SC



Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 20 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 263 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 106 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 145,684 acre-feet of water on Monday.
— Information compiled from the National Weather Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Helena Chemical in Homedale

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Homedale P&Z could gain a member

Council to hear about Westowns dumpster rate increase

The Homedale Planning and Zoning Commission may get a step closer to fulfilling a mandate tonight.

The City Council is poised to discuss the appointment of city resident Carolyn Grooms. If Grooms is approved, the P&Z would have four members, which is one fewer than what the city's zoning ordinance calls for.

The council's first meeting of the month convenes at 6 p.m. today at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

The P&Z board nominated Grooms during its May 18 meeting. The board will meet again at 7 p.m. Monday at City Hall.

During the May 28 council meeting, P&Z administrator Syl-

via Bahem said she had two people interested in serving on the board, which currently includes three longtime members.

Chair Jim Packer and commissioner Gypsy Jackson live in town, and Reed Batt lives in the area of impact.

State law requires that two representatives live outside city limits but in the impact area.

Westowns Disposal Inc. owner Bill Pastoor is scheduled to unveil a plan to raise dumpster rates in town. City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram said the proposal will not affect customers using residential totes.

The city's contract with Westowns gives the council no official say in whether dumpster rates go up, but Pastoor is required fill the members in on the plan.

The proposed rate increase would range from a 3.2 percent hike for a 1-yard dumpster emptied once a week (\$31.50 to \$32.50) to a 6.9 percent increase for a 6-yard dumpster emptied five times weekly (\$306.75 to \$328).

The Westowns fee schedule also includes prices for 1½-yard, 2-yard, 3-yard and 4-yard dumpsters emptied anywhere from one to five days per week. — JPB



William Cole, a 14-year-old Homedale resident, flips into the pool off the diving board Thursday during the first day of the season at the Homedale municipal pool.

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Homedale pool open for summer

Homedale's municipal pool has opened even as new staff members finish up certifications.

The lifeguard staff will be at full strength once new recruits have completed mandatory training. Reed Jeppe is the pool manager this year.

About 10 boys and girls took advantage of the first day of the pool last Wednesday.

The pool is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Rental hours are 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Swim lessons will be available, too. Ten, 30-minute lessons cost \$20 for residents and \$25 for non-residents.

Swim prices are \$2 per day, but there are season family passes available, too. Those prices are \$45 for one person, \$65 for two people, \$80 for three people, \$100 for four people and \$120 for five.

Rental costs are \$50 for a two-hour time block or \$35 for one hour.

To book lessons or rent pool time, call 505-7596.

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Customers browse the titles during Saturday's book-by-the-pound sale on the lawn of the Homedale Public Library. Submitted photo

Homedale book sale succeeds

The Friends of the Homedale Public Library raised more than \$200 at a spring book sale Saturday.

“Many people walked away with non-fiction books for summer projects or other non-fiction plus some great lightly used fiction as well for those hot summer days,” the Friends said in an emailed statement.

The Friends of the Library thanked patrons who attended the sale on the front lawn of the library.

Canvas book bags were sold, and patrons gobbled up 335 pounds in books for a total

income of \$212.50 for the group’s efforts to improve the library and eventually establish a library district.

Another sale is planned in the fall.

Maritime tale at Story Time

The wonder of a wish coming true is the basis of Story Time. “A Sea-Wishing Day” by Robert Heidbreder will be read at 10:15 a.m. on Friday at the library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

In the story, a young boy becomes captain of his own back yard. He imagines waves

taking them to faraway lands and seashores. He dreams of meeting pirates, mermaids and terrible monsters aboard his ship. He visualizes his dreams so vividly, they come true.

Sea-time songs and a salty snack will be included in this week’s event, and children and their parents or anyone who enjoys a good story are invited.

Call 337-4228 for information.

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

Homedale grad awarded Governor’s Cup scholarship

A recent graduate of Homedale High School was among students who received Governor’s Cup scholarships in a ceremony Monday afternoon.

Sierra Bowman, who will attend The College of Idaho in Caldwell, and 37 other students from around the state were honored at a reception at the Statehouse in Boise.

Bowman is the daughter of David and Debra Bowman.

“If there are two things we can never get enough of — but already have in abundance — it’s talented, committed young people and generous citizens eager to help them achieve their dreams,” Gov. C. L. “Butch” Otter said in a release.

“The Governor’s Cup Scholarship program is honored to have

the support of great sponsors who care about Idaho’s future and understand that it’s in the hands of today’s youth. I’m overjoyed to be able to reward these students with a hand up toward reaching their higher education goals. And I’m equally proud of the sponsors who make it all possible.”

Each student chosen will receive \$3,000 per year. The scholarship is renewable for up to four years for college students, so long as funds are available.

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Breshears event nets fish, fun

Personnel from Idaho Department of Fish and Game, the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office and the sheriff's Posse helped out with Saturday's 16th Leroy Breshears Kids Fishing Day.

- Sponsors included:
- Matteson's
 - NAPA Owyhee Auto Supply (Homedale and Marsing)
 - The Lions Clubs in Marsing and Homedale
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At 9:17 a.m. Saturday, Jasmine Romaine, 5, of Marsing landed the first fish caught by a girl. By 11 a.m., Jasmine had become the first girl to catch her limit of rainbow trout.



It didn't take long to bring in the first fish Saturday. Seven minutes in, Marsing 11-year-old Seth Gaertner won a rod-and-reel package for being the first boy to reel one in.

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Four generations of the Breshears family attended Saturday's 16th annual Leroy Breshears Kids Fishing Day at Island Park in Marsing, and the youngest came away with a fish. From left, Arvella Breshears, who is Leroy's widow, his daughter Charlotte Breshears, granddaughter Erica Summer and great-granddaughter India.



The fishing was fast and furious Saturday at the Leroy Breshears Kids Fishing Day. Middleton 11-year-old Conner Brown needed just 50 minutes to catch his limit. He became the first boy to achieve a limit at 9:50 a.m.



Nikiya Crossley of Caldwell, left, and Tristan Holmes of Caldwell were the boy and girl who caught the whoppers Saturday at the 16th annual Leroy Breshears Kids Fishing Day in Marsing. Nikiya, 9, landed her 2-pound, 4-ounce, 17¼-inch trout at noon, and Tristan brought in a 3-pound, 18-inch fish 58 minutes later.



Idaho Fish and Game Conservation Officer Brian Jack gives instructions on shooting bows to Middleton residents Grace Lee, 11, and Angelina Almarez, 12, during Leroy Breshears Kids Fishing Day on Saturday.

Outpost Days brings the past to the present



Tanner Fisher and Caitlyn Line, both of Marsing, put on a roping demonstration Saturday.



Smoke billows as Homedale resident Jared Casey, left, and fellow Idaho Civil War reenactment volunteer Bruce Vernal of Nampa man at Gatling gun during Saturday's session of Outpost Days on the grounds of the Owyhee County Historical Museum in Murphy.



Andie Wolcott of Meridian tries her hand at throwing an atlatl on Saturday.



Children gathered around for Sunday's horny toad race. Submitted photo



Dave Downum demonstrates a backhand toss for Omar Rios, 10, center, and Joseph Padilla, 11, during Sunday's disc golf clinic at Riverside Park in Homedale.

Disc golf takes flight in Homedale



Janet McCornack finishes her first hole on the Riverside Park disc golf course Sunday during the First Presbyterian Church's clinic. Looking on are, from left, Andrew Nuñez, 9, Rodney Tuttle and John Smith from Canyon County Parks and Recreation, and 9-year-old Matthew Thompson. About 15 children learned the game with help from Tuttle and Smith and Homedale resident Dave Downum, who were instrumental in designing the city's course.

Homedale pastor completes final trip to Japan

Don Bowman reflects on years of missionary service with the church

A Homedale man and his wife recently returned from a 2½-week-long journey to Japan.

Don Bowman, 81, said he and his wife Grace thought they had made all of their overseas trips, but “they were begging us to come back one more time.”

The country is familiar territory for Don. He did missionary work in Japan from 1965 to 1982. He’s traveled to Japan 15 times.

“I have a soft spot in my heart for the Japanese people, having been over there for 17½ years,” Don said.

While he was there last month, Don preached a revival in Iwakuni, where he started his missionary duties 50 years ago. He then led another revival in Okinawa before returning to Idaho.

Members of the Japanese church gathered donations to pay for Don’s airfare. His son-in-law, John Aaron Miller, arranged for an award ticket from frequent flyer miles to cover Grace’s travel expenses.

Miller and the couple’s daughter, who is also named Grace, are currently working in Japan as missionaries. Grace’s middle name Kyoko was inspired by her parents’ time in Japan.

Many church members he saw last month were converted under his ministry, Don said.

The veteran pastor and his parents moved to Wilder from Oklahoma when he was just 8 months old. They relocated to Homedale soon after, Don said.

For a short time during his boyhood, Don lived in Arvin, Calif., near Bakersfield, where he sold newspapers on the street. He frequently saw the printing press while he was picking up the papers.

“One day while I was praying about my future, it seemed like I could see a press but instead of newspapers, it was Bibles. As the Bibles started coming out, I could hear the preaching of my word,” Don said.

He joined the Navy in 1951 right after

high school. Don said he intended to go to college but two of his friends talked him into enlisting instead.

After reaching the rank of seaman, Don left the Navy on Dec. 9, 1954.

He attended a Bible school in Idaho and started pastoring his first church in Kearney, Neb., in 1956, the same year he married Grace. Don would go on to pastor two churches in Washington state and then came to Ontario, Ore.

While he was working in Oregon in 1964, Don said God called him to Japan. He and Grace and their four children arrived in Tokyo on April 15, 1965. They then headed for Iwakuni where Don had served in the Navy for a short time.

On the night of Dec. 8, 1967, the Bowmans and their children left the port of Iwakuni for the island of Atatajima on a small boat.

“The man who built the boat was really kind of a crook,” Don said. Shoddy workmanship on the vessel caused it to take on water and capsize.

The Bowmans’ four children lost their lives because of exposure to the cold water in the early-morning hours of Dec. 9.

“Our 6-month-old baby boy, I kept him in my arms over the top of a life preserver all night, but I don’t believe he made it to the shore. The others made it to the shore but couldn’t get help in time,” Don said.

Exactly one year later, on Dec. 9, 1968, Robert Masaru Bowman was born in Japan. “Masaru” means “victory” in Japanese and was the first name of an assistant to Don who died in the accident as he was swimming to shore after hitting his head on another boat.

The Bowmans came up with Robert’s first name after Lt. Robert Hatcher, who also died in the accident.

“He gave his life for us,” Grace said. She explained that Hatcher fought all night trying to save those on board the boat. Only Don and Grace and Cpl. Herb Christiansen survived.

During the couple’s trip to Japan



Grace and Don Bowman traveled millions of miles in their missionary careers.

last month, their son-in-law arranged a surprise day trip to the island the family never reached. Grace had never been to the island before but Don had during his Navy days. Atatajima is just five miles from Iwakuni.

In 1983, Don was elected as General Foreign Missions Secretary of The Bible Missionary Church.

During his time as secretary, Don traveled to 14 countries. He has been to Nigeria 10 times, Nepal eight times, and New Guinea eight times, “but Japan was just my specialty,” Don said. He guesses he’s traveled several million miles.

Grace has gone with her husband nearly everywhere he’s been.

“He calls me his bodyguard, so, boy,

I’m right there for him,” she said.

Grace added that, “He said he never could afford to take me on a honeymoon. He said, ‘Now I’ve taken you around the world several times, at the expense of the church, you know.’”

Don will resign from his secretary position in August and said it’s time for someone younger to “do the globetrotting.” When his church has its general conference in August, members will vote for five general leaders, including Don’s replacement.

Looking back on his years of service with the church, Don said he wouldn’t have done a single thing differently in all of his missionary work.

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S. Mtn. 4-H preps for fair

by Cassity and Kelsey Gluch
club reporters

The South Mountain Livestock 4-H club got another exciting year after to a great start.

On May 22, one sheep project for the Owyhee County Fair was weighed in at Jordan Valley High School.

The 4-H members had great success selling programs at the Jordan Valley Big Loop Rodeo this year.

On March 7, the club weighed in seven steers at the Gluch Ranch in Jordan Valley. Four of them will become beef projects.

We are preparing for our community service projects and demonstrations. We are all looking forward to another successful year.

BOCC pursues grants for juniper removal

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners (BOCC) is hoping to secure two grants to further the county’s effort to reduce invasive juniper trees.

The BOCC discussed the plan during their regular weekly meeting on June 1.

Tina Wilson, executive director of the Western Alliance for Economic Development, told commissioners she’s been working with U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Rural Development’s (USDA RD) Boise office.

“They have announced there is a rural business development grant that is available for up to \$15,000 for a feasibility study,” Wilson said. The USDA grant requires a match in order to be eligible for the money.

In the past, an Idaho Department of Commerce Gem Grant has been used for matching funds, Wilson said. The county could seek \$15,000 in the Gem Grant.

Gem grants require a 20 percent match, so the county would have to contribute \$3,000 if the grant requests are approved.

The funds would give the county a total of \$33,000 for a feasibility study on how to use harvested juniper. The money from both grants would be made available in September, Wilson said.

The feasibility study would involve three different aspects:

- About \$10,000 would be spent to identify potential markets for juniper along with the quality of those markets. Wilson explained that the trees could be turned into products like timbers for fence posts or furniture, wood chips for landscaping or fuel.
- Around \$5,000 would be used to convene a panel of experts to work with manufacturers that build the equipment used to harvest juniper.
- Nearly \$18,000 would pay to modify a machine that harvests poplar for use in removing juniper.

Wilson has all the paperwork for the grants and told the BOCC she is ready to start filling it out.

She said the Department of Commerce grants have quarterly deadlines and the next one is at the end of June. That is when she will get the Gem grant letter of intent in along with the USDA letter.

“If the State of Idaho sees that the county is seriously doing this with juniper utilization, the chances of us getting state funding down the road will be much higher,” District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi said.

The commissioner added that, “I think this is something we should seriously look at. For \$3,000, it’s not a big investment for the county, and if the grants don’t get approved we don’t have to do anything.

“I think we go ahead because, honestly, it’s going to benefit the whole county if we get rid of some of this juniper,” he said.

Aberasturi also said he plans to go to the Legislature next year. He thinks southern Idaho could get \$250,000 from the state for The Juniper Initiative, and most of that money would be used in Owyhee County.

According to the Idaho Rangeland Resources Commission, juniper trees have been steadily encroaching on meadows and valleys in the greater Owyhee County area over the past 50 years.

The group also says aerial surveys show that juniper density has increased three- to five-fold in Owyhee County, compared to historic levels.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) cites juniper encroachment as one of the top three factors threatening sage-grouse populations in Idaho and across western states. The other two factors are invasive species and wildfire.

The NRCS further explained that when junipers converge on sagebrush rangelands, the conifers crowd out other native plant and animal species, consume untold amounts of water and convert wet meadows to dry landscapes devoid of diversity.

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Change necessitates new waste contract

The Owyhee County Board of Commissioners has approved a contract to remove garbage from the Three Creek area.

Commissioners signed the deal with Western Waste Services of Jerome on June 1.

Triple-A Rental of Jerome hauled Three Creek solid waste under a 2011 agreement, but the company recently changed ownership and became Western Waste Services, making the new contract necessary.

Three Creek trash will be taken to the Milner Butte landfill in Burley.

Owyhee County will pay a

fee of \$400 per dump and \$50 monthly dumpster rental, which are the same costs under the old contract.

Western Waste Services will not be required to haul any toxic, flammable, or other hazardous waste placed in the dumpster.

The contract also says Owyhee County shall not overload the container.

The one-year agreement will automatically renew unless either party gives written notice of termination via certified mail at least 60 days prior to the annual termination date.

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WAED asks for dues increase

The executive director of an economic development organization has asked Owyhee County to increase its contribution by 50 percent.

Tina Wilson of the Western Alliance for Economic Development (WAED) made her request for a dues increase during the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners’ regular weekly meeting on June 1.

Owyhee County, which is Wilson’s sponsor for the Idaho Department of Commerce’s Rural Initiative Program, paid \$5,000 this year.

If the funding increase is approved by commissioners, Owyhee County would pay the organization \$7,500 in the next fiscal year.

Wilson said she believes the Western Alliance was started in 2007 and the group has never asked for an increase in funding.

“Each member city and county are being asked to increase their funding if possible,” Wilson said.

District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland said it is early in the budgeting process.

“From those potential opportunities she is working on, (they) should increase our tax base down the road that will offset the increase we put in now. That is what we’ll have to balance,” Hoagland said.

District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi, who is on the WAED board of directors as the county’s representative, suggested that the county might be able to afford the increase in dues, in part, because the county no longer funds the Idaho Council of Governments (ICOG).

The county stopped contributing \$2,000 annually to ICOG when it ceased service to the county’s senior centers. County Clerk Angie Barkell said the county funded ICOG from fiscal year 2009 through fiscal year 2013.

The Department of Commerce is currently the largest contributor to the WAED and contributed \$30,000 in grant money for fiscal year 2015.

The department will not be affected by the requests for additional funding next year because it gave the organization a three-

year grant. The final year of the grant begins July 1.

Wilson has asked for \$30,000 in FY 2016 dues from Canyon County.

The City of Homedale is being asked to contribute \$3,950 next year while the City of Marsing is facing a request of \$1,475.

Currently, dues is figured on a \$1-per-capita rate. If the entities approve the hikes, they’ll pay \$1.50 per resident.

Wilson is projecting expenses for FY 16 to be \$78,265. Her proposed budget would bring in \$86,017.

Late last month, Wilson reported that Middleton has withdrawn from the WAED. Grand View left the organization a few years ago.

The idea to request increased dues from member governments grew out of the last WAED board meeting, which was held at the Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant in Homedale on May 19, Wilson said. A subcommittee was formed to come up with ideas to boost revenue.

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County courthouse roof work set

Owyhee County is looking for bids to do roofing construction at the courthouse in Murphy.

The project will involve replacing the upper existing roof on the building and installing an overlay on the lower portion of the roof.

Bids for the work must include all materials, installation and disposal of all old materials.

The bids must be mailed or hand-delivered to Owyhee County Clerk Angie Barkell by the close of business on Friday, July 10.


The bid opening will take place during the Board of County Commissioners meeting at 10 a.m. on Monday, July 13.

Anyone interested in bidding must attend a job showing at 10

a.m. on Wednesday, June 25.

For more information, contact Owyhee County Assessor Brett Endicott at (208) 337-5522 or (208) 495-2817.

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Armenta graduates with honors

Homedale High School alum and Gates Millennium Scholarship recipient Jarod Armenta graduated Summa Cum Laude from Cornell College.

Armenta received his Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies and minored in Biology. He graduated with honors in Mount Vernon, Iowa, on May 10.

The son of Homedale residents Nathan and Teresa Armenta has returned to Idaho and will continue his studies at Boise State University.

HHS grad makes MSU Dean's List

Freshman Lydia Aman of Homedale made the spring semester Dean's List at Montana State University.

The daughter of Rob and Bridget Aman is a 2014 Homedale High School graduate.

Majoring in chemical and biological engineering, Aman was among 2,744 MSU students attaining grade-point averages of 3.5 or above during the spring semester at the school in Bozeman, Mont.

Now, she is getting ready for a summer trip to Africa to help engineer drinking water wells for a Kenyan school. She leaves June 29.

Bruneau High Class of 1965 plans reunion

The Bruneau High School Class of 1965 will celebrate its 50-year reunion Saturday, July 11.

A potluck dinner will be held at noon at Bruneau Community Park, and all students who attended Bruneau High School are invited.

Folks should bring a potluck dish and their own drinks.

There were 15 members of the 1965 graduating class.

The last Bruneau High School graduating class was 1969. The Class of 1970 was consolidated with Grand View High School to form Rimrock High School.

For more information, contact Cathy Colyer Sellman, Jeanne Davis Gannon or George Turner.



Another Time Around opens in Homedale

Store owner Michelle Pruett, left, chats with Margaret Davison, center, and Helen Kuster during Thursday's grand opening of the Another Time Around antiques shop at 322 U.S. Hwy. 95 in Homedale. The store, which is located next to A&S Lumber, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Consignments are welcome. For more information, call 249-7269.

Homedale gateway completion nears

Work should be finished by July 4

Officials are about to take the next step on construction around the Welcome to Homedale sign at the town's entrance.

During May's Chamber of Commerce meeting, president Gavin Parker gave Chamber members a progress report.

Members of The Owyhee Gardeners mounded up topsoil under the sign on May 23, Parker said. The City of Homedale donated the topsoil for the flowerbed.

Meanwhile, the three flagpoles that will be installed behind the sign have yet to be ordered. Matteson Family Trust directors have agreed to provide the money to erect the flagpoles, which will cost about \$3,000.

The flagpoles are being ordered from a company in Minnesota and details on how they will

be shipped to Homedale are still being finalized.

More dirt and rocks will be brought in this week. The idea for the rocks is to hide the spotlight and electrical outlet posts, as well as provide extra decoration around the sign, Parker said.

Once the rocks are in place, curbing will be installed. The Chamber has committed to purchasing the curbing as part of the sign project.

The curbing will be a circular or oval shape and will encompass the sign and flowerbed.

"It's going to provide a buffer to contain the plant material and any bark and give the mower an edge to go around," Parker said.

Nolan Taggart and Ned Stokes were scheduled to help city crews place rocks at the site Tuesday after deadline.

The plan is to have the curbing installed next week.

"That gives them about two

weeks to get it all planted and looking good before the Fourth of July," Parker said.

All the landscaping work is being done by The Owyhee Gardeners. Six or eight members will work around the sign, club president Chris Harris said. Most of them are from Homedale but a few come over from Marsing.

The Gardeners also have a plan for the flowers.

"Wanda Ferguson raised a lot of them in her greenhouse this fall, and we do have money in our club to go buy some," Harris said. "So I think we're going to get some perennials so they'll keep coming back each year."

The Gardeners will maintain the landscaping year-round for the city. The group has some money for supplies that was leftover from purchasing welcome signs, which are hanging on lampposts around town. Homedale merchants donated

those funds.

The Gardeners will also use money from membership dues and fundraisers like bake sales that are held throughout the year to maintain the landscaping.

Some of those bake sales will be at baseball games coming up in July, and they will have a booth at the Homedale Farmer's Market but Harris said those details are still being worked out. The market begins its season Thursday, June 18.

The club also typically holds a plant sale but didn't have one this year because the greenhouse they use behind Marsing High School didn't have enough room for them.

The Chamber of Commerce will take the summer off, and reconvene for monthly luncheons at noon on Sept. 22 at the usual location of Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant, 18 N. 1st St. W.

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El-Ada has services for low-income residents

Agency's commodity drive continues

The monthly commodity distribution returns Tuesday from 1-4 p.m. at the El-Ada Community Action Partnership office in Homedale, continuing the agency's service to the community's low-income residents.

Olga Valero is the Owyhee County coordinator for El-Ada and said the organization serves about 300 people a month. She adds that the number is constantly going up, but things do

slow down in the summer while people are busy working in the fields.

The highest area of demand for her office right now is "definitely the food bank," Valero said.

To meet that need, El-Ada has an ongoing food drive for non-perishable food items or grocery gift cards. El-Ada also needs personal care items such as deodorant, shampoo, socks and toothpaste.

El-Ada's energy assistance program runs from November to March, and Valero said that service is the organization's biggest need in the winter.

She pointed out that her office also provides school supplies in

August, and currently her staff is doing seed distributions for families to grow their own gardens.

Another service offered is food deliveries to seniors who don't drive. The Owyhee County office lists more than 100 elderly citizens who use the program, Valero said.

Anyone who would like to make a donation to El-Ada is invited to stop by its location at 15 W. Colorado Ave., in Homedale. Valero said business hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. You can also call the office at 337-4812.

El-Ada has three other locations in Boise, Garden City and

Mountain Home. Most locations, including Homedale's, also offer clothing rooms and assistance in paying telephone bills.

According to the group's website, Community Action Agencies like El-Ada are private, non-profit or public organizations created by the federal government in 1964 to combat poverty in geographically designated areas. Status as a Community Action Agency is the result of an explicit designation by state or local government.

El-Ada was incorporated as a private non-profit Community Action Agency in 1967.

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

June 13, 1990

Cemetery flowers taken

Reports were received again this year of flowers stolen over the Memorial Day period from graves at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery, according to John Matteson of Homedale, cemetery board chairman.

Matteson said the thefts appear to have been scattered. Loretta Hopkins, sexton at the cemetery, received most of the reports about floral tributes removed from the graves of loved ones, he said.

Angie Shelton wins award

Angie Shelton of Homedale won the scholastic achievement award at the Miss American Coed Pageant in Boise earlier this month. The \$300 cash award was based on a combination of her grades and participation in school organizations and sports.

Shelton, daughter of Ken and Janie Shelton, advanced to the semi-finalist round at the pageant in which there were 67 participants from throughout Idaho. It was held at the Red Lion, Riverside, June 1-2, with judging handled by officials from throughout the U.S.

Shelton, who was graduated from high school here last month, was invited to take part, under the sponsorship of local businesses and after nomination by school authorities. She plans to use the award to help defray educational expenses while majoring in accounting at Boise State University this fall.

Homedale landmark for sale

A Homedale landmark, scene of some early community Fourth of July celebrations here, is up for sale. The 14.78-acre island off Riverside Park, known originally as Helton’s Island and in more recent years as Duke’s Island, has been on the market for several months. It’s current asking price: in the neighborhood of \$75,000.

The island has the distinction of being one of only two in the Snake River that lie in Owyhee County.

Harper Saunders, a pioneer telephone company owner here for many years, is one of a handful of the local island’s former owners. Reminiscing about its history recently, he recalled, “I knew Dick Helton really well. He homesteaded it when he was still single, in about 1910. He built a shack on the downstream end because it was on the highest ground.” That was because the Snake River didn’t have a lot of dams then and the river could rise precipitously and flood in periods of heavy rain or snow runoff.

“He told me he would go to bed with his boat tied to the doorknob. He was still batching then.” Saunders laughed. Because there wasn’t any power to be had, Helton had to pump water from the river with a gas engine.

“He planted all those big trees” still standing and watered them by hand through the early days. Saunders recalled. “He tried a water wheel at one time,” too, as an irrigation tool. Eventually, Helton married and he and his wife, Ida, “cleared and farmed about all of it,” Saunders recalled.

Helton also ran the early feed store here, using a big gas engine for grinding feed. Ida Helton was the local postmaster for many years.

Breshears to compete in Tulsa

Jerry Breshears of Homedale is one of 13 secondary and 21 post-secondary students from Idaho scheduled to compete at the U.S. Skills Olympics in Tulsa, Oklahoma June 26-29, according to Elsie B. Funk of Caldwell, state VICA director.

Breshears won the opportunity to compete in the diesel equipment repair competition by winning 1st place and a gold medallion at the Idaho Skills Olympics at BSU in late March. Both events are sponsored by VICA, the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, and cooperating industries, management and labor organizations as well as educational agencies.

Dick Beymer, diesel equipment instructor in Homedale for Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency (COSSA), is expected to accompany Breshears.

50 years ago

June 10, 1965

Homedale ‘A’ Team may work in melon harvest

“A” Team is the designation of a group of athletes being signed up to participate in a summer work program being organized locally by Ken Kellum, who will join the Homedale High School coaching staff next fall.

Designed to promote physical fitness among athletes, the first group of 22 boys of the area, ranging from 16 to 19 years old, will go to Blythe, Calif., to work in melon harvest, Kellum said, if contract details are worked out.

They boys will meet at 7 o’clock Friday evening, June 11, at the high school to learn more about the program. A representative of the Blythe farm labor organization offering to hire the group hopes to arrive by that night to show pictures and acquaint the boys with the set-up.

The “A” team is being sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor, and under the program coaches work through the local employment office at Caldwell. Athletes are signed up for temporary employment as agriculture manpower.

The plan is for summer work, with the program expected to last about four weeks. The Blythe contract is expected to pay \$1.40 per hour, with long work days anticipated. Housing is provided and meals cost each boy \$2.25 per day.

Homer Anderson receives degree in DeMolays

Homer Anderson, manager of the Idaho Power Company, Homedale, received the highest honor that can be conferred upon a member of the DeMolays, Friday evening, June 4, at Meridian’s Masonic Temple when he was awarded the Chevalier Degree.

Anderson has been a member of the DeMolays for 40 years. Many friends from Ontario, New Plymouth and Homedale attended the ceremony.

Others receiving honors were from Emmett, Boise, Caldwell, and Nampa.

Lew Von Basey wins at rodeo

Lew Von Basey, Homedale, was named the all around winner at the Idaho Girls Rodeo Association competition held at Bruneau Sunday. Second-place winner was Jan Klingback, Garden Valley.

The results of events were as follows:

Bareback – Jan Klingback, Merna Boyd, Melba.

Cow riding – Lew Von Basey, Jan Klingback.

Steer decoration – Doris Tyson, Reynolds Creek, Lew Von Basey, Jan Klingback and Julie Hansen, tied to third.

Barrel racing – Diane Elam, Eagle, Merna Muller, Melba, Jan Klingback.

Junior barrel racing – Carrie Alley, Garden Valley, Lew Von Basey.

Jackpot goat tying – Lew Von Basey, Merna Boyd.

52 attend grassman tour at Bruneau

Approximately 52 people attended the annual Owyhee County Grass Tour, Friday, June 4, at the Bruneau Cattle Company. The tour was termed as a success by all, according to Ed Mink of the Marsing Owyhee County agent’s office.

Attending from Homedale were Alfred Curtis, Henry Sweep, Dean Brandon, Ernie Cantrall, Clyde Newman, Don Shaffer and Mr. and Mrs. Perle Davis.

Present from Marsing were Ed Mink, John Malmberg, Rodney Hawes, Meade Cole, County FHA supervisor; Jesse Wilson and R. E. Ireland, deputy director of the Job Corps at Marsing.

Hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Don Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Davis.

Homedale locals

Mr. and Mrs. Poke Henson and family and Mrs. Amy Yost attended the 5th annual Idaho State accordion festival held Monday at the Boise YWCA. Myron Floren, famous accordionist, was one of the judges at the event, in which Virgil and Vernon Henson participated. Vernon took a superior rating with a grade of 93 and Virgil took an excellent rating of 88 with their solos.

140 years ago

June 19, 1875

“BLACK JOE.” Joe Miller, better known as “Black Joe,” who makes his living by blacking boots around town, is quite a character. He is a native of India, having been born within nine miles of Calcutta, in 1808, which makes him 67 years of age, although no one would take him to be so old. He understands several languages, and reads, writes and speaks English fluently, having been educated as a missionary to preach the gospel among his countrymen. He ran away from home and traveled all over the world, finally landing in California in 1849. Joe has been on the Pacific coast ever since, and at times has had plenty of money, but he hasn’t got much now. He feels that he has not many years to live and is trying to lay up money enough for funeral expenses. Let “Black Joe” shine your boots. It will help him pay his fare across the Dark River.

A SAD AFFAIR. Quite a serious and unpleasant accident occurred this forenoon about 10 miles from town on the Flint road towards South Mountain. The stage left here for that place at the usual hour this morning, six horses being attached, with a full compliment of passengers. The regular driver, Ed. Paine, being unwell, Joe Tuttle, who has been laying off here from his regular route for a few days, in consequence of being unwell, took his place. They were getting along well until the stage reached a steep grade on the other side of Flint, when the off hind wheel, from some unknown cause, broke, and the wagon settled over on its side several feet distant from the road, the tongue breaking at the same time, four of the six horses started on the run but stopped at the foot of the hill. The two horses immediately attached to the wagon remained where they were. Ben Cook and Geo. Boyd were on the front seat when the accident occurred, Mr. Cook being on the upperside. The hill being a very slippery condition, the wagon pressed somewhat against the horses, and the driver did his utmost towards the prevention of what might have been a more serious accident. Mr. Cook jumped from the stage and fortunately escaped with a trifling accident, the wheel, as it passed, grazing his foot. Geo. Boyd was not so fortunate, one of the wheels passing over his left leg breaking it between the knee and ankle. Joe Tuttle bravely kept his post, and did not leave his seat until the accident precipitated him to the earth. He fell forward between the horse, receiving either from the passing axle, tongue or some other cause, a serious injury on the right leg below the knee. The extent of his injury is not exactly known at the present writing, but it is believed that but one bone is broken, as he walked some distance after the accident occurred.

Mr. Cook, after doing all in his power on behalf of the sufferers, procured a horse from W. Stevens and rode rapidly back to town. He arrived here at noon, and on conveying the information to Mr. Hays, that gentleman immediately fitted up a four-horse conveyance, and taking with him physicians, and all the requisite implements and medicines for the care of the wounded, departed in haste for the scene of the accident.

SILVER CITY RACE TRACK. We took a ride with Frank Glisan yesterday afternoon behind a lively and handsome pair of greys to inspect the improvements recently made and those in progress on the race-course along Jordan creek about a mile above town. Much more work has been done on it this spring than we had supposed. They will have a splendid half-mile track in time for the Fourth of July races. About 600 yards of it is now completed and in tiptop shape. The old track has been straightened and made wider opposite the Allison dump pile and several other places. It is perfectly straight for over a quarter of a mile at the outcome, and has a slight curve at the other end, but nothing like a round track. The proprietors deserve great credit for the energy displayed in fitting it up, and we hope to see them realize handsomely from the enterprise. We look for lively times on the track this summer.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense Saturday Night

Dang it, someone spilt their coffee on the deck of cards again.

Probably one of the new guys. This place looks like a den of hibernating coyotes. Shoot, they’ve broke another chair! And I’d been countin’ on a little game of solitaire.

Kids. I’ve seen a million walkin’ through this bunkhouse door.

They blow through here like tumbleweeds, I’ve give up keepin’ score.

Tonight they’re down at Mona’s pro’bly spendin’ their last dime ’Cause we pull out on Monday. But way back there was a time

I’d been right in amongst ’em, but I quit goin’ to town. I got a box for pop cans, but they’re scattered all around, It doesn’t seem too much to ask to keep the trash picked up. Matilda whelped another batch. Romero took a pup

To train it. That’s OK, but the corner by his bed Is littered with old papers. So he could learn to read, he said.

I might just go to Mona’s. Show them kids a thing or two. They think I’m old and grouchy, but if they only knew I’m just tired of playin’ wet nurse to a string of buckaroos Who live to ride and rollick, but until they’ve been paid their dues

They won’t get the satisfaction of seein’ me impressed by their endless balface windys or stirrin’ up the nest. They can learn by my example. Maybe even save a buck. And I would go in to Mona’s, but I lent the lads my truck!

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

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
- 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.

Sen. Mike Crapo



From Washington Don’t wait to solve Social Security solvency issue

As active participants in the decisions made in Congress, Idahoans contact me with valuable input about the issues our country faces. Realizing that many may not have the chance to contact me, I post the top five issues of concern from Idahoans and my responses on my website. Idahoans frequently contact me to share their experiences with Medicare and Social Security. The following is my response:

Medicare and Social Security are both in need of comprehensive reforms to better serve the people of Idaho. The Medicare program must undergo holistic, systemic changes in order to protect the current and future enrollees. The Medicare Trustees report the program faces an unfunded liability of nearly \$25 trillion, and the program is currently on track to be insolvent in 2030, if action is not taken to reform the program.

In recent years, over half of the \$1 trillion that the federal government spent on health care went toward Medicare. These numbers are expected to dramatically increase within the next 10 years. While Medicare is essential to seniors on fixed incomes, it is one of the main contributors to the national deficit, and suffers from significant inefficiencies. To ensure that a sustainable and quality Medicare program will be available to America’s aging population, we must address its cost burden now.

Social Security has been an important, successful program for more than 65 years, providing benefits to millions of senior citizens and the disabled. However, I also recognize that Social Security must remain a system on which our children and grandchildren can depend.

In recent years, there has been widespread acknowledgement that the government must address the long-term health of the Social Security system. Accordingly, a national discussion has evolved regarding the future of Social Security. Our first and foremost concern is to maintain the promises made to protect current recipients, while strengthening the system to guarantee benefits for future retirees.

The seeds for the current debate date back to the mid-1970s when it became apparent that changing economic and demographic circumstances would strain the financial condition of the existing system. In 1950, 16 workers paid into the system for every one individual receiving benefits. When our children retire, the ratio will fall to just two workers per beneficiary. In addition, life expectancy has increased. While this is good news, the combination of falling birthrates, increasing life expectancies, and retiring Baby Boomers places tremendous pressure on the Social Security system.

In 2010, Social Security spending exceeded the program’s non-interest income for the first time since 1983. In less than 10 years, spending on Social Security benefits will exceed interest earnings, and trust fund reserves are projected to be exhausted by 2033. After that point, seniors will only be able to receive three-quarters of their scheduled benefits.

Even more pressing, the Disability Insurance Fund will be insolvent by the end of 2016, without necessary reforms. If we wait to address the problem at that point, the only solutions will be substantial tax increases and massive new borrowing or large cuts in Social Security benefits or other government programs. It would be easy to turn away and leave the tough decisions to others, but we owe it to current and future workers to address the problem now. In fact, according to the Social Security Administration, each year of inaction increases the bill to the next generation by more than \$600 billion.

I am committed to protecting the Social Security benefits for all of our current seniors, and am working hard to make the program solvent to assure these benefits will also be available to future retirees.

— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho’s senior member of the U.S. Senate. He is in his third six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman.

Americans for Limited Government The reality of U.S.’s anemic economy

by Robert Romano

The U.S. economy contracted at an inflation-adjusted 0.7 percent in the first quarter, the Bureau of Economic Analysis reports in its latest update.

The bad news flies in the face of economic projections by the U.S. Federal Reserve, which had been predicting 2.6 to 3 percent growth for 2015 in December. That was downgraded to 2.3 percent to 2.7 percent in March.

That had been considered a weak outlook at the time, with the economy not getting above 3 percent any time soon.

And now, just to get to that modest 2.3 percent for the year, the economy will need to grow at an average annual rate of 3.3 percent each quarter for the next three quarters.

There’s only one problem. The U.S. economy has not grown at an annual rate of 3 percent since 2005, and not above 4 percent since 2000. It won’t get out of that losing streak in 2015.

The past 10 years have been a lost decade — amid flattening wages, bottoming interest rates, lower inflation expectations, less borrowing, slowing job creation, aging populations, relatively lower fertility, resulting lower demand, and a financial crisis to boot.

And, whatever tepid growth has been seen since the Great Recession, this may be as good as it gets. At some point, we may have to concede that this is not merely a policy problem, but that there may be something more to the slow growth than whether there is a D or an R next to the economy.

As it is, the economy is practically due for another recession, averaging a recession once every six to seven years.

The impact of slower growth is not merely a benign reading, as it has a direct, negative impact on job creation — a critical issue after the recession.

Consider, according to data compiled by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, since the beginning of 2007, the population of those aged 16 to 64 has increased by almost 10 million to 204 million. Yet the amount of people in that age range with jobs has only increased by 1 million.

As a result, the employment population ratio of working-age Americans has dropped from 71.4 percent to 68.7 percent.

If that ratio had remained where it was in 2007, an additional 5.6 million people aged 16 to 64 would have

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Commentary

Financial management Clean up the mess and never cosign for a loan again

Dear Dave,
My wife cosigned a loan on a 2007 car for her sister. Now, the vehicle is being repossessed, and \$23,000 is still owed on it at 20 percent. What can we do in this situation?
— **Pablo**

Dear Pablo,
Tell the bank or dealer where the car is, and tell them to come pick it up. There’s no way to get out of the rest, my friend. You and your wife are going to be liable for whatever the car doesn’t bring in afterward. Let’s say it sells for \$4,000. That would be subtracted from what is owed, and it will still be up to you guys to pay the rest. You could always try to negotiate to settle it for pennies on the dollar. Based on what you’ve told me, that’s a best-case scenario.
The other thing I would do is demand a full audit on the account from Day 1 to present,

because a 20 percent interest rate doesn’t explain why a car didn’t pay off — especially a \$23,000 car. If this was a \$5,000 car from a tote-the-note car lot, and they were ripping her off charging only interest — and that’s all anyone was paying, and she gave up and punted — that’s fine. You’re just looking for a little understanding of the situation. But \$23,000 cars don’t generally have 20 percent interest.
That’s a pretty freaky deal, and I’d want to know where the money went.
From a bank’s perspective, I don’t see how anyone would think something like this would work out. The car was going down in value the entire time, so it just doesn’t make sense to me. Of course, if you have the cash lying around and it wouldn’t damage your finances, you could just take care of things and call it Stupid Tax.
Cosigning on a loan, especially



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with family, is never a good idea.
— **Dave**

Dear Dave,
I’ve been in my current job for five years. I’ve also had a second job for three of those years, but now I’d like to make a change. Do you have any advice on how to convince a potential employer

that I’m a good hire, even though I had a couple of jobs in the past that I quit after a month or two?
— **Bill**

Dear Bill,
Quitting a job after a month or so isn’t normally some kind of sin that automatically disqualifies you from being hired. It might be with some corporate goober who’s looking at things through some silly, one-size-fits-all hiring paradigm, but that alone wouldn’t be the kiss of death around my office.

Now, would we look at something like that and want to know what happened and what your explanation was? Absolutely! But if it made sense, there wouldn’t be a problem. However, if it made you sound flighty or disgruntled with things in general, we’d probably pass.
My guess is that the fields you’re interested in are like most — there’s a lot of importance put

on who you know. And I don’t mean this in a negative way. Work and try to develop good relationships with people in your field and those associated with it. If that’s in place, they can honestly give out positive references.
Knowing someone within the field or at the company, or being connected to someone with a positive reputation, can help you avoid the résumé slush pile. It can help cut through the mess and achieve clarity!
— **Dave**

— *Dave Ramsey is America’s trusted voice on money and business. He 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.*

✓ Economy: Party in power eventually gets blame for performance

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jobs. Note that that excludes retirees. Even after correcting for the Baby Boomers, the situation still looks dismal.
So it is not merely a matter of fewer Americans entering the work force, resulting in slower job and economic growth. We’re seeing that slower growth is undeniably resulting in fewer opportunities per capita than was seen just eight years ago.
This is the same story being played out in Europe now, plus don’t forget Japan for the past 30 years, where the economy has not grown at all.
What emerges in each case is a demographic time bomb of aging populations and relatively fewer people working. And not just here, but everywhere in the world, where population growth is flattening. Immigration alone will not address the shortfall we are facing.
Overall, we are almost eight years away from the start of the financial crisis in the summer of 2007. By most accounts, the economy should have recovered by now, but it has not. And what the American people are lacking is a narrative explaining why.
For now, it might be convenient for the political parties to trade partisans barbs about the economy, pretending mightily that things will be different with a mere changing of the guard.
But as the Obama administration has learned in its two terms, at some point, the in-party bears responsibility for the state of affairs.

Should Republicans prove politically victorious in 2016, it will once again be their turn to govern. They can prepare now for what will follow, as the economy has been performing well below expectations for a decade now. Can they take account for the change?
For when the economy fails to recover after the GOP wins, they will own that failure, too, and we may well be having another lost decade. Time for some truth-telling.
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Public notices

REQUEST FOR BID
Owyhee County is currently seeking competitive bids to replace the upper existing roof and installing an overlay on the lower portion of the roof at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy.
The bids are to include all materials, installation and disposal of all old materials. A workers compensation certificate, public works license and proof of liability insurance must be provided prior to the start of work. The bids are to be sealed and mailed or physically delivered to the Owyhee County Clerk no later than close of business on Friday July 10, 2015.
All those interested in bidding must attend a job showing on Wednesday, June 25, 2015 at 10:00 am. Bids must be submitted by July 10th. Opening of bids will commence at 10:00 a.m., Monday July 13, 2015 at the Owyhee County Courthouse, Courtroom 2. Owyhee County reserves the right to accept the most appropriate bid or reject any and all bids submitted.
Mailing Address: Angela Barkell, Owyhee County Clerk, PO Box 128, Murphy, ID 83650. Physical Address: 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, ID.
Additional information and specifications may be obtained by contacting Brett Endicott, Owyhee County Assessor at 208-337-5522 or 208-495-2817.
6/10,17/15

NOTICE OF PENDING ISSUE OF TAX DEED
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, AS FOLLOWS: That a delinquent entry was entered as of January 1, 2011, in the records of the County Treasurer as Tax Collector of Owyhee County, State of Idaho, for the following properties:
Parcel RPA00100950040A
Local Motion Transportation
314 E Owyhee Ave
Homedale, ID 83628
Property known as Lot 4 in Block 95 of the City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho
Tax: \$146.08
Late Charge: \$ 2.92
Interest: \$ 78.18
Costs: \$375.00**
TOTAL \$ 602.18
Parcel RP01N05W194800A
Phyllis Kathryn Stanfield
Homedale, ID 83628
Property known as E2SW Section 19, 1st N, 5th W Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho
Tax: \$ 13.58
Late Charge: \$.28
Interest: \$ 7.28
Costs: \$375.00**
TOTAL \$396.14
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED, that if said delinquent entry is not redeemed on or before July 8, 2015, by payment of said unpaid taxes together with late charge, interest and all unpaid costs and expenses up to the date of said payment at my office as Tax Collector, Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, ID, I shall thereupon, as required by law, make application to the Board of County Commissioners of Owyhee County, State of Idaho, for a hearing to be held on July 13, 2015, or as soon thereafter as said application can be heard at the **Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, Idaho,** for tax deed conveying the above described property to **OWYHEE COUNTY,** State of Idaho, absolute title, free of all encumbrances, except any lien for taxes which may have

attached subsequently to the assessment hereinafter referred to. **YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED,** that the record owner or owners or any party of interest as defined by §63-1005, Idaho Code, may appear in person or by counsel, and if appearing, shall have adequate opportunity to be heard for the purpose of protesting the procedures used in taking this tax deed. **NO OTHER TYPE OF PROTEST WILL BE HEARD. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED,** that inquiries and objections concerning this notice of the information contained therein shall be directed to the **OWYHEE COUNTY TREASURER** at 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650; or by calling (208) 495-1158 no later than five (5) working days before the hearing date.
5/20, 5/27, 6/3, & 6/10.
Dated this 1^{5th} day of May, 2015
Brenda Richards, COUNTY TREASURER and EX-OFFICIO TAX COLLECTOR FOR OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO
5/20,27;6/3,10/15

CITY OF MARSING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
In accordance with Idaho Code, title 67, Chapter 65, the Marsing Planning and Zoning Commission will hear comments from the public regarding the Special Use Permit submitted by Hans Nederend for a housing project proposing the building of 32 units (16 duplexes) on eight (8) acres located adjacent to and west of Edwards Street, described as follows:
A parcel of land located in the Southeast ¼ of Section 33, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, City of Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho.
Commencing at a Brass Cap monument marking the South ¼ Corner of Section 33, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian; thence along the South line of the Southwest ¼ of the Southeast ¼ of said Section 33, North 89° 59' 36" East a distance of 955.00 feet; thence leaving said South line North 00° 00' 00" East a distance of 33.00 feet to a ½ inch diameter rebar on the North right-of-way of Main Street (HWY 55); thence continuing North 00° 00' 00" East a distance of 200.00 feet to a 5/8 inch diameter rebar marking the **POINT OF BEGINNING;**
Thence continuing North 00° 00' 33" East a distance of 694.61 feet to a point (from which a 5/8 inch diameter rebar Witness Corner bears South 00° 00' 00" West a distance of 60.00 feet); thence North 85° 50' 30" East a distance of 483.89 feet to a point (from which a ½ inch diameter rebar Witness Corner bears South 00° 00' 33" East a distance of 14.00 feet); thence South 00° 00' 33" East a distance of 744.66 feet to a 5/8 inch diameter rebar; thence North 88° 13' 27" West a distance of 482.97 feet to the **POINT OF BEGINNING.**
The Public Hearing will be held at 7:00 P.M. on June 29, 2015, at the American Legion Hall at 126 2nd St. N., Marsing, ID., a facility that is accessible to persons with disabilities. Comments regarding the development of said property will be taken at the public hearing or may be submitted in writing for consideration. Written comments must be postmarked to the Marsing City Hall, P.O.

Box 125, Marsing, ID., 83639, or delivered to the Marsing City Hall. Written comments will be received until 5:00 P.M. on June 29, 2015. Comments may also be read into the record at the public hearing.
Dated this 5th day of June, 2015
6/10,17/15

INVITATION TO BID
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That the Board of GEM HIGHWAY DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS invites bids for the following:
Furnishing road oil for approximately six (6) miles of seal coating. Gem Highway District will furnish cover material in stockpile. Bids should state cost per mile. Work to be completed before September 1, 2015. All bids must be filed with the Secretary of the Board of Gem Highway Commissioners, P.O. Box 453, Marsing, Idaho 83639-0453, on or before 5:00 PM the 10th day of July, 2015.
The right is reserved to reject all proposals, or to accept the proposal or proposals deemed best for the Gem Highway District, and to waive any technicality. Bid packets are available by calling RICK MEADE, Road Superintendent, Phone 896-4581, Cell phone 880-8215.
Dated May 26, 2015
Stella J. Bush, Secretary-Treasurer
6/3,10/15

LIEN SALE
Unit J-31, Kristen Derossett, 115 Silver Sage Pl, Homedale, ID 83628. 9x16 unit containing washer and dryer, electric cook stove, bed and misc. household items.
Unit J-5, Maria Fernandez, 1404 N Plateau Ave, Caldwell, ID 83605. 9x16 unit containing box spring/ mattresses, vacuum cleaner, and misc. household items.
Sealed bid auction will be held at the Hwy 95 Self Storage located at 3685 Hwy 95, Homedale, ID 83628. Sealed bids will be accepted between 9am-1pm on Saturday, June 13th. All sales are cash only and all sales are final. When you buy a unit you buy everything, all debris must be removed.
6/3,10/15

NOTICE OF GUARDIANSHIP PETITION AND HEARING CASE NO. CV-2015-0569 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
MAGISTRATE DIVISION
In the Matter of the Guardianship of: ELIJAH MEDLIN, a Minor.
Please take notice that on the 27th day of May 2015, JUDY HYATT and HAROLD HYATT, by and through their attorney of record, Robert P. Tilley, filed a Petition for Guardianship. A copy of the petition is attached. The petition has been set for hearing in the Owyhee County Courthouse located in Murphy, Idaho, on the 13th day of July 2015 at 10:45 o'clock a.m.
DATED this 1st day of June 2015.
Angela Barkell, Clerk of the District Court
By: Lena Johnson, Deputy Clerk
Tilley Law Office, PLLC, 8 Sixth Street North, Ste 103, Nampa, ID Phone 208-461-8100

Fax 208-461-8900, Attorney for Petitioners
6/10,17,24;7/1/15

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE, ADULT CASE NO. CV-15-555 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
IN RE: PATRICIA ANN DORE, Petitioner.
A Petition to change the name of Patricia Ann Dore now residing in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Owyhee County, Idaho. The name will change to Iris Hart. The reason for the change in name is for personal reasons.
A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on the 29th day of June, 2015 at the Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, Idaho. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.
DATED this 14th day of May, 2015.
THE HUNTLEY LAW FIRM, PLLC, Kirsten A. Ocker, Attorney for Petitioner, PO Box 2188, Boise, Idaho 83701. Phone 208-388-1230 Fax 208-388-0234
5/20,27;6/3,10/15

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
On October 1, 2015, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock AM of said day, in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, ID, JUST LAW, INC., as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows to wit:
The North 440.00 feet of the East 639.86 feet of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.
EXCEPTING THEREFROM a tract of land lying within the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, described as follows:
BEGINNING at the Center Quarter of Section 19, T3N, R5W, and bearing South 0° 49' 27" East, 220.00 feet along the East boundary of the said Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing South 0° 49' 27" East, 220.00 feet along the East boundary of the said Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter to a point; thence South 89° 58' 43" West, 200.00 feet along a line parallel to the North Boundary of the said Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter to a point; thence North 0° 49' 27" West, 220.00 feet along a line parallel to the East boundary of the said Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter to a point; thence North 89° 58' 43" East, 200.00 feet along a line parallel to the North boundary of the said Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter to the POINT OF BEGINNING.
(Tax 11 less Tax 5 in Section

19 Township 3 North Range 5 West, Owyhee County, Idaho)
The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed the address of **4501 Walker Ln., Homedale, ID,** is sometimes associated with the said real property.
This Trustee's Sale is subject to a bankruptcy filing, a payoff, a reinstatement or any other conditions of which the Trustee is not aware that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, this sale may be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Trustee and the Beneficiary shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.
Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possessions or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Irene Walker, an unmarried woman, as Grantor(s) with Golf Savings Bank as the Beneficiary, under the Deed of Trust recorded October 9, 2009, as Instrument No. 269450, in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The Beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was subsequently assigned to Champion Mortgage Company, recorded October 3, 2012, as Instrument No. 278921. The Beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was subsequently assigned to Bank of America, N.A. recorded April 13, 2015, as Instrument No. 286440, in the records of said County.
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 entire sum owing on the obligation as of June 30, 2014 secured by said Deed of Trust is \$259,964.31 as principal, together with late fees, service charges, attorney's fees, costs of this foreclosure, any and all funds expended by Beneficiary to protect its security interest, and interest accruing pursuant to the terms of the promissory note, together with delinquent taxes until the date of sale.
The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.
Dated this 28th day of May, 2015.
Tammie Harris, Trust Officer for Just Law, Inc., P.O. Box 50271, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83405 (208) 523-9106 Fax (208) 523-9146
For information concerning this sale please contact Just Law, Inc. at www.justlawidaho.com or Toll Free at 1-800-923-9106, Thank you.
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THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION HAS BEEN FILED TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF IDAHO: 55-13927

MICHAEL E STANFORD, GLORIA J STANFORD, 3581 CLIFFS RD, JORDAN VALLEY, OR 97910
Point of Diversion NWSESW S9 T09S R05W OWYHEE County Source SPRING Tributary JUNIPER CREEK
Use : DOMESTIC , STOCKWATER 01/01 to 12/31 0.02 CFS
Total Diversion: 0.04 CFS
Date Filed: 3/4/2015
Place of Use: STOCKWATER, DOMESTIC
T09S R05W S9 SESW
Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. For additional information concerning the property location, contact Western Region office at (208) 334-2190; or for a full description of the rights, please see www.idwr.idaho.gov/WaterManagement/WaterRights/#New_Listings. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-203A. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 Airport Way, Boise ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 6/22/2015. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.
GARY SPACKMAN, Director
6/3,10/15

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Case No. CV 2015-0559
(I.C. 15-3-801)
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

In the Matter of the Estate of JERRY WARREN KEPNER, JR., Deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representatives of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of the Notice to Creditors, or within 60 days after the undersigned mailed or delivered a copy of this Notice to such persons, whichever is later, or said

claims will be forever barred.
Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of Court.
DATED this 2nd day of June, 2015.
Andrea M. Kepner, P.O. Box 2337, Boise, ID 83701
James R. Gillespie, P.A.300 West Myrtle St., Suite 200, P.O. Box 2337, Boise, ID 83701 Phone (208) 344-8400 Fax (208) 344-7100, Attorney for Petitioner
6/10,17,24/15

NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE
CASE NO. CV14-0416
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEWISEES OF HELEN D. SULLENS and RONI M. ATKINS, as Personal Representative of the estate of HELEN D. SULLENS, Defendants.

Under and by virtue of a Decree of Foreclosure and Order of Sale issued out of the District Court of the Third Judicial District of the State of Idaho, in and for the County of Owyhee, against the defendant, the estate of HELEN D. SULLENS, I am commanded to sell that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, located at 200 Reich, Marsing, Idaho, 83639, and situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and bounded and described as follows, to-wit:
A part of SW1/4 SW1/4, Sec. 34, Twp. 3N., Rge. 4 WBM, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly to-wit:
Commencing at the SE comer of SW1/4SW1/4, Sec. 34, Twp. 3N, Rge. 4 WBM; thence South 89°24’ West 500 feet along the South line of said Section 34, to a point in the West line of Reich Street; thence
North 00°36’ West 383 feet along the West line of Reich Street to the INITIAL POINT of this description; thence continue
North 00°36’ West 90 feet; thence
South 89°24’ West 90 feet; thence
South 00°36’ East 90 feet;

thence
North 89°24’ East 90 feet to the INITIAL POINT of this description.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That on the 23rd day of June, 2015, at 10:00 o’clock, a.m., of said day in the main lobby at the Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, Idaho, I will, in obedience to said Decree of Foreclosure and Order of Sale, sell the above described real property, or so much as may be necessary to satisfy the judgment of the plaintiff, with interest and costs, to the highest and best bidder for cash, lawful money of the United States of America. The plaintiff has the right to submit a credit bid.
Further, that the said real property is subject to redemption by the defendants within six (6) months after the date of the sale pursuant to Chapter 4; Title 11 of the Idaho Code. The Sheriff will give possession, but does not guarantee clear title nor continued possessory right to the purchaser.
Dated this 21st day of May, 2015.
PERRY GRANT, SHERIFF OF OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO
/s/Teri Naito, Civil Deputy
SCOTT E. FOUSER, ISB No. 2968, FOUSER LAW OFFICES, P.A., 802 Arthur Street, P.O. Box 606, Caldwell, Idaho 83606-0606 Telephone (208) 454-2264 Fax (208) 454-0136, Attorney for Plaintiff
5/27;6/3,10/15

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION ON COMPLAINT FOR JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE AND DECLARATORY RELIEF
Case No. CV-15-0437
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
v.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS AND DEWISEES OF LAUREANO R. VALDEZ; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS AND DEWISEES OF SANTOS E. VALDEZ; STATE OF IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE AND DOES 1 THROUGH 20, INCLUSIVE INCLUDING ALL PARTIES

WITH AN INTEREST IN PROPERTY commonly known as 116 Patton Street, Marsing, ID 83639 and legally described as:
A part of Government Lot 1 in Section 3, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described to wit:
Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 3, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, thence
South 90° East 179.40 feet along the North line of said Section 3; thence
South 0° 00’ West 108 feet along the East line of Seventh Avenue West to a brass monument; thence
South 81° 41’ East 145.3 feet along the Northerly line of 40 foot Patton Street; thence
South 55° 25’ East 163.63 feet along the said Northerly line, to the Initial Point of this description; thence continue
South 55° 25’ East 88 feet along the said Northerly line; thence
North 34° 35’ East 98.30 feet to a point on the Southerly line of Block 10 of Patton’s Second Subdivision to Marsing, Idaho; thence
North 43° 14’ West 90.03 feet along the Southerly line; thence
South 34° 35’ West 117.30 feet to the Initial Point of this description, Defendants.
TO : **DEFENDANTS THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS AND DEWISEES OF LAUREANO R. VALDEZ; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS AND DEWISEES OF SANTOS E. VALDEZ; and DOES 1 through 20**, inclusive, Including all Unknown Individuals With An Interest In Real Property commonly known as **116 Patton Street, Marsing, ID 83639** and legally described herein:
You have been sued by Federal National Mortgage Association, the Plaintiff, in the District Court in and for the County of Owyhee, Idaho, Case No. CV-15-0437.
The nature of the claim against you is an action for declaratory relief and judicial foreclosure of the real property currently known as **116 Patton Street, Marsing, ID 83639** and legally described as:
A part of Government Lot 1 in Section 3, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described to wit:
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North 43° 14’ West 90.03 feet along the Southerly line; thence
South 34° 35’ West 117.30 feet to the Initial Point of this description
Any time after 20 days following the last publication of this summons, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the Case Number and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at P.O. Box 128, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, ID 83650, (208) 495-2421, and serve a copy of your response on the Plaintiff’s attorney, Elisa S. Magnuson, at PITE DUNCAN, LLP, 950 W Bannock, Ste. 1100, Boise, ID 83702.
A copy of the Summons and Complaint can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for Plaintiff. If you wish for legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.
Dated this 21st day of May, 2015.
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
By: Dorla Stoneman, Deputy

ELISA S. MAGNUSON (ID SBN 8085), PETER J. SALMON (ID SBN 6659), PITE DUNCAN, LLP, 950 W. Bannock St., Ste. 1100, Boise, ID 83702, Phone: (208) 908-0709 Fax: (858) 4122789 Email: emagnuson@piteduncan.com, Attorneys for Plaintiff
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Owyhee County Church Directory

	Golden Gate Baptist Church Wilder Pastor Robert Potter, Jr., CLP Corner of Second and "B" Streets Church time is 11:00 am on Sunday Call (208) 880-4308 for information	Our Lady of Tears Church Silver City For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031
Iglesia Misionera Biblica Homedale Pastor Silverio Cardenas Jr. 132 W Owyhee • 337-5975 Servicios: Vier - 7pm - Oracion Mier - 7pm Predicacion Dom - 10am Esc. Dom y 6:30pm "Una Iglesia Diferente."	Knight Community Church Grand View Pastor Ivan Shetler 630 Idaho Street 208-834-2639 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am	Crossroads Assembly of God Wilder Pastors Ron & Martha Hwy 19 & 95, 890-9132 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Worship 6pm Wed. Bible Study 7pm
Assembly of God Church Homedale 15 West Montana, 337-4458 Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Service 6:00pm Wed. Bible Study 7:00pm Wed. Children & Youth Ministries 7:00pm	Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale 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	Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church Caldwell 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
Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Homedale 337-4248 Sunday Services 10am Pastor Sean Rippey Adult and Children Sunday School 9-9:45am Visitors Always Welcome! Call Church for Prayer requests	Chapel of Hope Hope House, Marsing Look for the Blue Church South Bruneau Hwy at the Hope House Welcoming Families, especially those with special needs children. Keith Croft, Pastor 880-2767 Jake & Alisha Henriouille, Youth Pastors 761-6747 Sunday Services at 10 am	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale 708 West Idaho Ave 337-4112 Bishop Mark Thatcher Bishop Robert T. Christensen Sunday 1st Ward 1pm Sunday 2nd Ward 9am
Homedale Baptist Church Homedale 212 S. 1st W. 841-0190 Sunday School 10am-11am Sunday Worship 11am-Noon Wednesday Evening 7pm Pastor James Huls	 Wilder Church of God Wilder 205 A St. E, 469-7698 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Service 11am Sunday Eve. 6:00pm Wed. Eve. 7:00pm	Mountain View Church of the Nazarene Wilder-Homedale 26515 Ustick Road 337-3151 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm Children's Caravan Program
 MARSING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY Asamblea Apostolica de Marsing 107 W. Main • Marsing, Idaho Pastor Jose Gutierrez 208-461-9016 or 880-6172 Sunday School 10:00 am Sunday Service 1 pm • Wednesday Service 7 pm Bilingual Services/Español	Iglesia Evangelica Wilder 317 3rd st., Pastor Ramiro Reyes 10 am Sunday School 11 am Service 482-7484 Bilingual	St. David's Episcopal Church 1800 Arlington Ave. Caldwell, ID 83605 208-459-9261 stdavids@stdavidscaldwell.org www.stdavid.episcopalidaho.org
Christian Church Homedale 110 W. Montana, 337-3626 Pastor Maurice Jones Sunday Morning Worship 11am Church school 9:45	Bible Missionary Church Homedale West Idaho, 337-3425 Pastor Ron Franklin Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7:30	Assembly of God Church Marsing 139 Kerry, 965-1650 Pastor Rick Sherrow Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am & 6 pm
Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing 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	Nazarene Church Marsing Pastor Bill O'Connor 649-5256 12 2nd Avenue West Worship Services - Sunday 11am and 6pm Sunday School - 9:45am Mid Week TLC Groups	Trinity Holiness Church Homedale 119 N. Main Pastor Samuel Page 337-5021 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Thursday Evening 7:30pm
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Marsing 215 3rd Ave. West, 896-4151 Sunday 1st Ward, 1:00 p.m. Bishop Rowley Sunday 2nd Ward, 9:00 a.m. Bishop McIntyre	Vision Community Church Marsing 221 West Main Marsing, Idaho 208-779-7926 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Adult, Kids & Youth Meetings Wed. 7:00 p.m.	United Methodist Church Wilder <i>Exploring the Bible: Public Invited</i> 2nd & 4th Tuesday: 4-5pm Corner of 4th St. & B Ave. Pastor Dave Raines 208-880-8751 Sunday Service 9:30am
First Presbyterian Church Homedale 320 N. 6th W. Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am 208-473-9331	Calvary Holiness Church - Wilder Corner of 3rd St. & B Ave. • 208-989-0196 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. • Sunday Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday: 6:00 p.m. • Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. Food Pantry hours • 208-989-0226 2nd & 3rd Friday of month 2pm-4pm 4th Friday of month 12-1pm	Seventh Day Adventist Homedale 16613 Garnet Rd., 573-4574 Sabbath School Sat. 10:45am Worship 9:30am Wednesday Prayer Mtg. 7:00 pm
Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale 711 W. Idaho, 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am	Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church - Oreana 2015 Mass Schedule - the following Saturdays at 10:00am Mar. 28 - Apr. 25 - May 23 June 27 - July 25 - Aug. 22 - Sept. 26 Oct. 24 - Nov. 28 - Dec. 26 All are welcome! For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031	Amistad Cristiana de Wilder UMC Esquina de 4 y calle B Domingos Servicio: 12:00 pm El Ropero (Banco de ropa) Miercoles 12- 2pm Martes y Jueves: 6:30 pm Ingles Sabados: 12:00 pm Arte Infantil Todo en Espanol, Inf. 989 7508

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Thursday June 11th	4pm-6:00pm	Music on the Terrace	Old Fort Boise
Friday June 12th	9am-1pm	Lunch at Senior Citizens Center	400 N. 4th St.
Friday June 12th	1pm-5pm	Music and Fire Opns	Old Fort Boise Park
Friday June 12th	7:00pm	Volleyball Tournament	High School Gymnasium
Friday June 12th	8:00pm-11pm	Family Competition Concert	High School
Friday June 12th	8:00pm-11pm	High School Music and more	High School
Saturday June 13th	7am-11am	Senior Club Breakfast	Grade School Lunch Room
Saturday June 13th	8:00am	Fire Opns - 3d Run Walk	High School
Saturday June 13th	9am-1pm	Clack Music Fest	Elementary School Yard
Saturday June 13th	10am-1pm	Art Show (Artists)	Old Fort Boise
Saturday June 13th	1pm-3pm	Clack Show	High School Gym
Saturday June 13th	9:00am	Parade Line-up	High School Parking Lot
Saturday June 13th	10:00am	Parade Judging	High School Parking Lot
Saturday June 13th	11:00am	Parade Begins	See Parade Route
Saturday June 13th	12pm-1pm	Car & Motorcycle Show	Old Fort Boise Park
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Saturday June 13th	1pm-4pm	Charity Raffle	Elementary School Yard
Saturday June 13th	1pm-4pm	Old Fort Boise Family Carnival	Elementary School Yard
Saturday June 13th	1pm-4pm	Bubble Ball Games	Elementary School Yard
Saturday June 13th	1pm-4pm	Cross Pin Wagon	Elementary School Yard
Saturday June 13th	1pm-4pm	Fishing Raffle (Wish Fishing)	Elementary School Yard
Saturday June 13th	2:00pm	Pic Nook Off Contest Judging	Elementary School Yard
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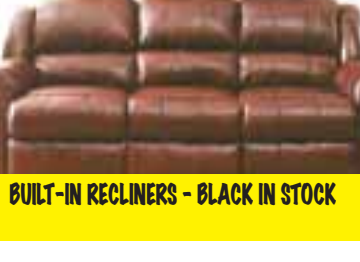
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