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### Plenty of fun and games at weekend celebrations

*Above:* Children compete in a stick horse race during the Joyce Ranch's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration Saturday. About 450 people attended the festivities. *Below:* Simplot's second baseman tries to hang on to the ball and avoid a collision with an Owyhee County Sheriff's Office base runner during the Grand View Days softball tournament. The OCSO team won the championship. Submitted photos



## Compliance issues push residential assessments higher

Marsing,  
Homedale areas  
see big jump

Residential property net values rose 11.6 percent this year in part because the Owyhee County Assessor's Office was out of compliance with Idaho State Tax Commission guidelines.

Overall, Owyhee County's

net market value increased 17.4 percent to more than \$626 million over last year's assessments.

Net value is the property assessment figure after all exemptions are applied.

State Tax Commission consulting appraiser Kathlynn Ireland notes that the 2015 assessments won't be finalized until after any Board of Equalization appeals are heard.

— See *Assessments*, page 5

## Marsing Ambulance district wins approval

Plan must now be  
OK'd by state tax  
commission

A taxing district will be formed to save Marsing Ambulance.

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners (BOCC) approved the proposal Monday.

Ambulance commissioners said if the taxing district didn't go through, the service would go bankrupt.

"I think now we can just keep moving forward," ambulance

service administrator Betty Ackerman said.

She added that, "This will be sent to the Idaho State Taxing Commission, and they will look it over and make sure that everything on the taxing district is correct."

The state tax commission will then send its findings back to the county commissioners, who will decide when the taxing district will officially be formed. Ackerman thinks that process could take about two months.

"Next we will have to get together and we need to realign

— See *Ambulance*, page 5

## With hot weather comes outdoor events in Homedale

### Mus added to annual Basque picnic

Jaialdi returns to Boise in late July, but if you want an early taste of Basque culture and competition, drop by the Txoko Ona Picnic on Sunday.

The ninth annual summer

festival takes place at the Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., in Homedale.

All aspects of the celebration

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### Farmers' Market opens Thursday at City Park

When the Homedale Farmers' Market opens Thursday, shoppers will notice a few changes.

The biggest is the new schedule. The market will be held at Bette Uda City Park on East Idaho

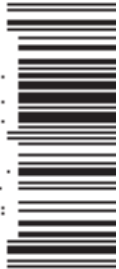
Avenue from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. each Thursday until Sept. 24. Vendors had gathered on Saturdays for two summers.

Vendors will offer fresh, local produce, handmade items and

home-baked goods each week.

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# HPD searching for new officer

## Council signs off on dumpster rate hike, Art in the Park

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller hopes to start winnowing down candidates soon in his search to replace one of his officers.

Chris Jacob, who had been on the force since February 2013, left the Homedale department on June 16. Eidemiller announced Jacob's departure during last Wednesday's city council meeting.

Eidemiller said he planned to accept applications until Friday. In the meantime, city councilman Steve Atkins, who has maintained his law enforcement certification since leaving HPD, will help fill in as an unpaid volunteer reservist.

Atkins' time on the job will help him keep his certification up, too. Atkins points out that he will be just another police officer on the force during his time on patrol, and that there is no conflict with his position as city councilman.

In addition to Atkins, Eidemiller has four other reservists who fill in, including Chris Steed, Moses Montes, Bob Goodwin and Ramiro Heredia.

Eidemiller also presented the school district's signed memorandum of understanding

regarding the 2015-16 school resource officer contract, but the council took no action because it wasn't an agenda item.

The council meets again at 6 p.m. today for the second of its fiscal year 2016 budget workshops.

**P&Z member added**

The council appointed Carolyn Grooms to the Planning and Zoning Commission, bringing the membership up to four in time for the June meeting, which took place Monday after deadline.

Neither Grooms nor P&Z administrator Sylvia Bahem attended last week's council meeting.

Council members approved the appointment, 3-0, with Kim Murray absent.

**Council agrees with dumpster increase**

Westowns Disposal Inc. owner Bill Pastoor sought the council's blessing on his plan to raise garbage dumpster rates in town.

The rate increase, which is believed to be the first of its kind since 2008 for Westowns, won't

affect residential customers who use the 96-gallon rollaway totes.

"We try to keep most increases pretty modest," Pastoor said.

Pastoor said that going forward he may seek alternating increases between residential and commercial service.

All three council members present for last Wednesday's meeting — Atkins, Vonnice Harkins and Aaron Tines — agreed that an increase was in order because of the rising cost of doing business. Atkins pointed out that the cost of tires and fuel have increased since the last time Pastoor sought a rate increase.

**Woman proposes Art in the Park**

Homedale resident Charlotte Breshears received permission to use Bette Uda City Park next month for an inaugural Art in the Park event.

The event will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 11. Original artwork and crafts are expected to be on display and for sale.

"I think it's a great idea, personally," Mayor Gheen Christoffersen said. "I think we need to use our facilities to bring our community together more."

— JPB



Marsing resident Michelle Jacobi, right, stands with Mrs. Idaho United States Natalie Jangula, center, and second runner-up Suzanne Sibblett. Submitted photo

# Marsing woman second at beauty pageant

**Jacobi seeks to continue MS awareness**

Contact Jacobi at (208) 283-9832 or michelle@michellejacobi.com for more information on how to get involved.

Local sponsors that helped Jacobi get to the Mrs. Idaho United States pageant were McIntyre Farms, Brant Schorr of Agri-Service and R Lucky Star Ranch.

During the pageant at the Powerhouse Events Center, Jacobi competed as Mrs. Owyhee County United States. In addition to finishing second to pageant winner Natalie Jungula, Jacobi was voted Audience Choice, Most Appearances and Happily Married the Longest. She also won the Interview Award.

Michelle and her husband, Justin, have been married 19 years.

During the taping of her Seven's Heroes feature for Channel 7, Jacobi ran across another person with Marsing ties. Marsing High School graduate Deren Martinez, a longtime cameraman for the Boise-based NBC affiliate, shot and edited the piece that aired during the 10 p.m. newscast on June 9 and again during the morning show last Wednesday.

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**Experience prevails in FFA softball game**  
Recent Homedale High School graduate Brady Brown pitches to Kyler Landa in the top of the first inning of last Wednesday's alumni vs. students Homedale FFA softball game at Sundance Park. Brown and Landa would up on the winning team as the alumni beat the students, 20-12.

# BOCC wants F&G marker removed

## Commissioners demand proper coordination first

Owyhee County has called for the removal of a monument to fallen Idaho Department of Fish and Game officers recently placed in wilderness.

The Board of County Commissioners sent a six-page appeal letter last week, emphasizing that the objection wasn't to the sentiment to honor Bill Pogue and Conley Elms, but that officials had a strong aversion to the way the Bureau of Land Management handled the scoping process.

The county commissioners asked that BLM officials remove

the monument until the proper coordination process can be carried out.

By not consulting with the county during the assessment process, BLM violated federal law and failed to follow its own handbooks on coordination, the commissioners wrote.

The stone was placed in Bull Basin in southernmost Owyhee County on May 13, one day before the BLM issued its formal record of decision on the Fish and Game request.

The commissioners urge the federal agency to use the same methods to remove the stone. Fish and Game officials trucked the marker in on an administrative trail then several men used a sling device to carry it down a canyon ridge into the wilderness to the spot where Pogue and Elms were fatally shot in January 1981.

County commissioners decried the lack of public involvement in the environmental assessment and scoping for the monument.

They pointed out that the only notification the county received was Ryerson's "casual" mention of a plan during the April coordination meeting between Owyhee County and the BLM Boise District Office.

The Shoshone-Paiute Tribes also have complained about the BLM's handling of Fish and Game's request.

The county's appeal was sent to Ryerson by email on June 8, the same day the commissioners signed the letter in their weekly meeting.

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# Farmer voices displeasure with BLM’s fire response



**Clockwise from left:**  
The burned winrows of triticale are visible beyond a scorched irrigation pivot.  
Volunteer firefighters were able to stop the fire before it overtook two homes next to the field.  
Jeff Good reckons this spot near the Snake River is where the human-caused fire began.

## Half of crop lost, but local agencies save house

Jeff Good’s Con Shea Farm lies across a road from Bureau of Land Management-run land, and that turned out to be a big problem earlier this month.

The Murphy-area resident lost more than half of his triticale crop June 6 when the Celebration fire roared through the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area, jumped a road and then plowed across his 550-acre field.

Three pivots were damaged, and the fire burned a fence line and came dangerously close to one of two houses on the property before volunteer firefighters from local agencies stopped the flames’ advance.

In addition to being frustrated by the BLM’s response to the fire that caused \$500,000 in damage to property and crops, Good feels helpless.

“We’re forced to let them protect us, and they won’t let us protect ourselves,” he said as he looked over a scorched landscape littered with burned irrigation pivots and fence line.

Good said that he would have probably faced some type of discipline had he tried to put the fire out while it still burned on

public land and before it reached his property. As it was, his son and other people worked with hand tools early into the morning of June 7 in an attempt to minimize the crop loss.

The fire began burning around 12:30 p.m. on June 6 near a riverside pump on the opposite side of the canyon from Good’s farm.

“It started as a little thing,” Good said. “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 crews had fought the fire for about five hours before the BLM arrived. Marsing and Melba volunteers also helped.

Good credits MRW with saving the houses on the property. The fire burned so hot and so close to one of the dwellings that the grass in the adjacent yard died.

Good said BLM crews set a backfire on his property, but when the wind shifted the fire took off again. Fence line was cut as crews created a fire line, he said.

He said federal firefighters tore up roads around his place and even ran over irrigation pipe with their dozers. The roads probably will remain rough until winter when some moisture will allow them to be shaped again, Good said.

“We’re going to be cleaning this mess up for years,” he said.

— JPB

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# Local dairyman proposes Marsing housing project

Public hearings are set in the coming weeks regarding a new housing project in the works for the city of Marsing.

The Marsing Planning and Zoning Commission will hear public comments on Monday, June 29 regarding a special use permit submitted by Hans Nederend of Nederend Dairy.

He is proposing to build a 32-unit housing project, with 16 duplexes, on eight acres located near the corner of Edwards Street and Main Street. The lot is to the west of Edwards Street and north of Main Street.

The public hearing will begin at 7 p.m. in the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion

Community Center, 126 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. N.

Comments regarding the development may also be submitted in writing and must be received by 5 p.m. on June 29. Comments must be addressed to Marsing City Hall, P.O. Box 125, Marsing, ID 83639. Written comments can also be hand-

delivered to City Hall at 425 Main St., during normal business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Marsing City Hall is closed from noon to 1 p.m. for lunch on weekdays.

The Marsing City Council will hear public comments on the proposed project during a hearing scheduled for 7 p.m. on

Wednesday, July 8 at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center.

The same rules apply for submitting written comments for the city council's hearing as for the P&Z hearing. The written comments for the council hearing must be received by 5 p.m. on July 8.

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### ✓ Assessments: Residential valuations didn't jibe with fair market value

Monday is the last day for county property owners to appeal their assessments with the county BOE. As of Friday, the county had yet to receive any appeals.

Assessments won't be finalized until sometime in July when the BOE appeal season ends. Property tax bills based on this year's assessments will go out in November.

Residential property values were adjusted after the state tax commission's annual analysis, or ratio study, revealed that 2014 appraisals by Assessor Brett Endicott's office were too far off the mark when compared to market value.

The tax commission compared property assessments to real estate sales between Oct. 1, 2013 and Sept. 30, 2014 to compile the analysis to ensure that the houses were assessed at market value as required by state law.

An assessor is in compliance with the assessed value of a property category falls within 90

### Deadline looms for final property tax payments

Balances on Owyhee County property tax bills are due Saturday.

Treasurer Brenda Richards said that her office will accept any payments postmarked June 22 as on time because of the Saturday deadline. A June 23 postmarked payment will be considered late.

Payments can be made online by credit or debit card or by e-check by visiting [www.owyheecounty.net](http://www.owyheecounty.net). A 2.75 percent non-refundable fee charged by service provider Access Idaho will be added to all such payments.

The treasurer's office mailed notices for second-half payments on May 18.

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percent and 110 percent of the market value.

If there are compliance issues, the tax commission orders adjustments to make the assessments reflect market trends as closely as possible.

Ireland's latest ratio study showed that the county appraised vacant residential lots at only 71.41 percent of market value. In a sample size of 13 properties, one

lot was assessed \$31,000 below its sale price and another was assessed nearly \$7,900 higher than its sale price.

The county fared better on improved residential lots, but the assessments were still nearly eight points below the bottom end of compliance. Assessed values were 82.55 percent of market value. Both properties studied sold for far less than they were assessed. One was assessed nearly \$40,000 more than its \$25,500 sale price, and the other was sold for nearly \$16,000 less than its assessed value.

Residential properties weren't the only categories that saw jumps in assessed values between 2014 and 2015.

Rural residential tracts assessments jumped nearly \$7 million or 29.2 percent.

Rural commercial tracts valuations increased \$6.2 million or 30.5 percent.

Irrigated ag land assessments rose nearly \$20 million or 13.9

percent (or just under \$10 million or 16.4 percent in net value).

The areas in the county with the largest increase in property assessments included:

- The Homedale area, which encompasses the Homedale fire, school and highway district, saw an increase of about \$40 million, including an 11.9 percent jump in residential valuations and a 61.9 percent spike for rural residential subdivisions. Another large increase was seen in rural industrial tracts.
- Property valuation in the Marsing School District skyrocketed 20.3 percent to \$249 million with the largest increase coming with 43 percent increase in the valuation of rural residential lots, which gained about \$2.2 million in assessed value.

Conversely, property values in the Bruneau-Grand View School District only went up 14.3 percent this year.

— JPB

### ✓ Ambulance: Property tax revenue won't be available until 2017

our administration because we no longer have Canyon County as part of our district," Ackerman said. "We will have to redesign our administration because we have commissioners from the Canyon County side because (the service's current coverage area) encompasses those areas."

Commissioners Rich Dines and Simon Landa both live in Canyon County.

Ackerman isn't sure when the ambulance commissioners might meet to discuss the changes but said new commissioners for the

taxing district will be appointed by the BOCC.

The county commissioners spent more than a month deciding whether to approve the formation of the taxing district.

"It is a tough deal. You're adding another tax burden onto the people plus the other thing is, it's a necessary deal they can't survive without going this route," District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland said.

"It's sad that we're at this point that volunteerism hasn't stepped up. It's 200 hours for an (Emer-

gency Medical Technician) to get up to speed," District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi said. He explained that most people simply don't have the time to obtain the certification.

With volunteerism dwindling, the service had started offering stipends to its staff. The service lost \$19,000 last year, and projections showed the financial impact could be worse in 2015.

Besides a small amount of money raised through the Marsing Disaster Auction, the only funds the service receives comes

from ambulance runs or donations; it doesn't get any money from public entities.

The taxing district will generate about \$50,000 annually. The service currently brings in about \$60,000 a year, so the tax levy will nearly double the service's operating revenue.

A property owner in the district will pay approximately \$40 per year on \$100,000 of net taxable property value.

The new taxing district will include all properties within the Owyhee County portion of the

Marsing Fire District plus properties in the Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District east to a point near Silver City Road.

Marsing Ambulance covers about two-thirds of the MRW area. Grand View Ambulance responds to calls in the rest of the district.

Although the Marsing Ambulance District could be formed within a matter of months, it won't see any tax money until 2017 because the levy won't go on the tax rolls until next year.

— SC

### ✓ Basque: Food, dancing, games all part of annual Txoko Ona festivities

are open to the public. Admission is free, and lunch is available at a price of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children younger than 12.

The event begins at 10:30 a.m. with Holy Mass celebrated by Aita Antton Egiguren Iraola, a Franciscan priest who has served as Basque chaplain in Idaho since late 2014. He is parochial vicar at St. John's Cathedral in Boise.

Harkening to the recent national

mus tournament, two card tournaments will be held during Sunday's picnic.

The junior mus tournament at 3:45 p.m. carries a ticket to the North American Basque Organizations national tournament for the winning team. The national tournament will be held July 31 in Boise during Jaialdi, which is a large Basque festival held once every five years in the capital city.

The junior tournament is open to

children ages 13-17 who have a parent who is a Txoko Ona member.

An 8-King mus tournament will open at 3:30 p.m.

Other competitions Sunday include Txingak, or weight carrying, at 3 p.m. and a horseshoe contest at 4 p.m.

As has been a tradition since the Txoko Ona Picnic began in 2007, Homedale resident Gloria Lejardi will present her Herribatza Dantzariak youth dancing troupe and the Boise-

based Oinkari Basque Dancers will perform.

The dancing starts at 1:30 p.m. Lunch will be served from noon to 1:30 p.m. The menu includes solomo with pimientos, a roll, salad, French fries, beans and rice pudding.

A shepherd's bread-making exhibition will be held, too. Participants will be able to watch the technique of baking bread in the ground over hot coals.



Aiton Egiguren

# Death notices

**VANESSA MARIE GONZALEZ**, 30, a resident of Marsing and Bryan, Texas, died Friday, May 15, 2015.

**JAMES “JIM” J. HICKS**, 77, of Homedale, died Monday, June 8, 2015 at home of natural causes. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

**SHANNON KAY STEWART**, 45, of Marsing, died Thursday, June 11, 2015. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel.

# Senior menus

## Homedale Senior Center


- June 17: Tuna salad, lettuce/tomato, carrot salad, bread, salad bar, milk
- June 18: Baked fish, baked potatoes, broccoli, bread, salad bar, milk
- June 23: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, California blend veggies, bread, salad bar, milk
- June 24: Chicken salad, lettuce/tomato, ambrosia salad, bread, salad bar, milk
- June 25: Salisbury steam w/onions, mashed potatoes, carrots, bread, salad bar, milk

## Marsing Senior Center

- Salad bar available daily. All breakfast orders come w/meat, eggs, fruit, juice & milk*
- June 17: Pork, carrots, potatoes, coleslaw, pasta salad, corn, bread, milk
  - June 18: Beef pot roast, potatoes, tossed salad, carrots, milk
  - June 22: Breakfast, Bacon & eggs, hashbrowns
  - June 23: Assorted meat & cheese sandwiches, salad bar, potato, fresh fruit, milk
  - June 24: Chicken pot pie, broccoli, beets, pork & beans, jello w/ fruit, rice salad, milk
  - June 25: Pork, peas & carrots, peaches, potatoes, roll, milk

## Rimrock Senior Center

- June 18: Commander kraut casserole, green salad, blueberry dump cake, milk, juice
- June 23: Chicken tacos, lettuce, tomato, etc., Mexican rice, mango salsa, flan, milk, juice
- June 25: Beef roast, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, bacon & onions, vanilla wafer banana pudding, milk, juice
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# Homedale grad back in town to sign her new romance novel

Author Jacquie Rogers returns to her hometown next week for a book signing.

The 1969 Homedale High School graduate will promote her new romance novel “Much Ado About Mustangs” in an appearance at Moxie Java Bistro near the corner of U.S. Highway 95 and Industrial Road in Homedale on Thursday, June 25.

The signing runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

“Much Ado About Mustangs” is the fourth novel in the Hearts of Owyhee series. Previous books in the series include “Much Ado About Marshals,” “Much Ado About Madams” and “Much Ado About Mavericks.”

Rogers now lives in Seattle.

She was in Deadwood, S.D., last week to kick off her book-signing tour.

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# Waging war against garden weeds

Probably one of the worst aspects of keeping a garden, is keeping the weeds at bay. Unless you can obtain weed-free dirt to start a container garden or raised bed, you will likely have weeds amongst your vegetable crops, edibles, and other ornamentals.

Letting weeds go unattended can hinder the growth and productivity of your desired plants. They will compete for water, space, and vital nutrients. Weeds will choke out and take over gardens and beds if they are left along with vegetables and other garden crops. There are several ways to keep weeds under control this gardening season. Here are some ideas:

For the least-invasive method not involving herbicides and chemicals, manual weed removal is



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effective but tedious. When “weeding” gardens, be sure to remove the entire root system to ensure that the weeds do not come back. Simply plucking the foliage above the soil isn’t effective. If space allows, cultivating and tilling the weeds under can also be very successful. Be sure that the weeds being turned under do not contain seeds yet, as those have a chance to germinate and produce more weeds later.

Herbicides can be helpful and effective at controlling weeds in the garden, but caution must be used. Most herbicides will not only kill the weeds, but also the desired plants in the garden. Application must be precise, and you must follow the directions on the label. There are both organic and synthetic/mainstream chemical herbicides for use on weeds.

Prevention is another method of controlling weeds in the garden. If you plan to not plant seeds, and

purchase and plant “starts,” weed barrier fabric and pre-emergent both can be very helpful.

Weed barriers are laid down and fastened with landscape staples then holes are cut where each plant will be planted. It works by smothering the weeds so that they cannot grow and compete with plants in the garden.

Pre-emergent is applied to the soil and once watered in, prevents seeds from germinating and growing. The trick here is that vegetable seeds will also not grow.

Keeping up on weeds in the garden ensures that the plants you want to be successful will have all the water, space, and nutrients they need.

— Sarah Perkins is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension 4-H coordinator. You can reach the U of I Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104 or [owyhee@uidaho.edu](mailto:owyhee@uidaho.edu). The office is located at 238 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. W., in Marsing.

# Calendar

## Today

### Coffee club

9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

## 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

### TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting

6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867

### Bruneau-Grand View school board meeting

7 p.m., Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School boardroom, 39678 State Hwy. 78, Bruneau (unless otherwise listed at [www.sd365.us](http://www.sd365.us)). (208) 834-2260

## Friday

### Story Time

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

## Saturday

### Senior center fundraiser breakfast

7 a.m. to 11 a.m., \$6 per plate, \$1 for orange juice, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

### Friends of Homedale Public Library meeting

10 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

### Free lunches

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

## Sunday

### Txoko Ona Picnic

10:30 a.m., Mass, lunch and entertainment, Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., Homedale.

## Monday

### Board of County Commissioners meeting

9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421

## Tuesday

### 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

### Senior center pinochle

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

## Wednesday

### Coffee club

9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

## Thursday, June 25

### 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

### Homedale City Council meeting

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

### TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting

6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867

## Friday, June 26

### Homedale mobile food pantry

10 a.m. to noon, Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4033

### Story Time

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

## Saturday, June 27

### Free lunches

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

## Monday, June 29

### Board of County Commissioners meeting

9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421

You can find a comprehensive listing of local events online at [www.theowyheeavalanche.com](http://www.theowyheeavalanche.com). Click on the “Calendar of Events” link on the left-hand side of the page.

Submit information on upcoming fundraisers, meetings, reunions or community events to The Owyhee Avalanche by noon Fridays for inclusion in the calendar. Drop off press releases at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale, mail them to P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628, fax them to (208) 337-4867 or e-mail them to [jon@owyheeavalanche.com](mailto:jon@owyheeavalanche.com) (an e-mail link also is available on our Web site). For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.

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## Tales of the I.O.N. Country

### Foreword (Part 2)

Range improvement practices that were structured under the Taylor Grazing Act’s emphasis on conservation and livestock use have been dramatically altered.

There is now the (Federal Land Policy and Management Act) of 1976 to contend with that threatens to lock up millions of acres of range land. The threat under the act isn’t from protection to the environment but from the very real possibility of attempts to either reduce livestock from designated wilderness or eliminate it entirely. The Forest Service certainly did it under the mandate it received from Congress with the Wilderness Act of 1964. I certainly can’t help but believe the Bureau of Land Management will be pressured to do the same with lands designated as wilderness under its mandate.

Then there is the Wild Horse and Burro Act of 1971 to further confuse the issue, and there are attempts by advocates called collectively Environmentalists to not only establish what I just mentioned, but to take away our life blood ...WATER.

Before any range project can be permitted, it has to be studied and analyzed by another product of anti-grazing fervor, upon livestock’s effect on the land and is often biased against that use from the start. Land managers within the managing agency, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and ranchers themselves planned and conducted range improvement projects in prior times, but now management is often decided in the political arena or by judges ruling on issues they are ill-qualified to access.

Not all Environmentalists are fanatics or nature worshippers. Most are sincere even though often uninformed, which presents a problem that we face when we care about something as important as the Environment. I’m an Environmentalist myself and very concerned about conservation. I often feel frustrated when dealing with conservation problems that are complicated by forces I can do little of nothing about, be they man-caused or natural. The real threat from the environmental movement comes from those who use the environment as a forum for furthering their political philosophies. Just as bad and bordering on fraud are those who fan the flames of dissent for purpose of lining their own pockets. Serving as paid executing officers or legal counsel, they stir controversies to keep donations coming in.

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

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A Bureau of Land Management air attack spreads retardant on the Poison fire Saturday. Photo courtesy OCSO

# Man burned after truck sparks fire near Jump Creek Rec Area

One man was burned in a fire that broke out around noon Saturday near the Jump Creek Recreation Area.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said the unidentified man suffered burns to one arm.

The victim was airlifted to a local hospital, most likely one with a burn center, Bureau of Land Management fire information officer Kevin Moriarty said.

Moriarty added that the man had second-degree burns and had been released from the hospital by Monday afternoon.

The 350-acre blaze started when the man's truck caught fire. The man believes the blaze was started by an electrical short in the camper shell that was on the vehicle, Moriarty said.

The fire caused a propane tank in the truck to explode which started the brush fire. The victim was injured while trying to put



An unidentified man was burned when his pickup truck caught fire and a propane tank exploded, sparking a brush fire. Photo courtesy BLM

out the fire in the vehicle.

The Poison Creek fire was located eight miles southwest of Marsing.

Crews battled the blaze from the air and ground. BLM resources included five engines, two bulldozers, two water trucks and an air attack jet. The U.S. Forest Service also supplied two

handcrews in assistance.

The fire was contained by around 8 p.m., according Moriarty. He added that the Jump Creek Recreation Area was evacuated for a short time as a precaution.

The exact cause of the vehicle fire is still under investigation, Moriarty said.

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The Givens fire came extremely close to homes in the Sunrise Skypark subdivision before fire crews could turn the tide.

# Fire gets within yards of Skypark homes

## MRW leads volunteers; Marsing also responds to shed fire

The busy fire season continued for Owyhee County volunteer firefighters last week.

A fire one mile south of Givens Hot Springs threatened homes in Sunrise Skypark on Idaho highway 78 last Wednesday.

Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District public information officer Louis Monson said flames were within 20 feet of the subdivision, putting three or four homes in immediate danger, when volunteer crews began fighting the fire.

"It was the first thing we did," Monson said of focusing on protecting the property.

The fire apparently was sparked when a controlled burn got away from a homeowner. It eventually scorched 419 acres and the hillside behind the subdivision.

County dispatch sent out a text message alert asking residents to prepare to evacuate, but Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said the need to leave the homes dissipated as firefighters got a handle on the blaze.

"The rest (of the structures) were in the path, but the fire never got close enough to cause evacuation," Monson said.

The fire was reported as a brush fire out of control, and county dispatch called out MRW firefighters shortly before 11:30 a.m. About 30 minutes later, an agency assist call went out to Marsing Fire. Volunteers from

Melba also responded.

Later in the day, Marsing firefighters were called out to battle an unrelated shed fire, volunteer Tim Dines said.

Bureau of Land Management dispatched resources to the Givens fire as well, including eight engines, three dozers, two water tenders and a Type 1 and Type 3 helicopter. A single-engine air tanker and an air attack also were dispatched.

"Our communication with BLM fire crews has never been better," Monson said. "We are on (a first-name basis) with the battalion commands and division supervisors."

"They are learning our capabilities and equipment. We have BLM radio frequencies in our radios and we use them."

Monson said the BLM-MRW relationship grows better with each incident.

"A couple times a year, they come to our training meetings and we work on communications," he said.

"On the Givens fire, the battalion command called me on my cell to tell me what was on the way and to get a situation report."

Monson said MRW is part of the monthly meetings that other regional fire chiefs hold with federal fire officials from the BLM Boise and Vale Districts and the Payette National Forest.

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The Givens fire burns on the edge of farm ground near the end of Sleepy Hollow Road. Photos by MRW Firefighter Heidi Jensen

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John Ruiz of Marsing takes advantage of the town's new recycling container.

# Marsing receives new recycling container

## Council votes to modify P&Z rules

Recycling plastic, cardboard and aluminum cans just got a lot easier for residents of Marsing. Mayor Keith Green recently asked Westowns Disposal Inc. president Bill Pastoor to make a recycling bin so people could drop those items off.

During the June 9 city council meeting, Green said the recycling container is now in place in City Park, next to a city shop, right behind White Automotive at 112 W. Main St. Pastoor and his crew installed about two weeks ago.

"It's really nice. He (Pastoor) built it, and Homedale has one like it," Marsing City Clerk Janice Bicandi said.

She describes the container as being long and bright green with lids on three separate sections for recyclables.

"It's a big deal for us because we had a lot of people asking. They said they take their stuff to Homedale, and they were wondering about having one here," Bicandi said.

She added that, "The council thought it would be nice to try one here. A lot of times people dump other stuff in them, but that's normal, I think."

During the meeting, the council approved Pastoor's request to raise dumpster fees.

Westowns hasn't asked for a dumpster rate increase from the city since 2008. Pastoor clarified that the fee hikes will only be for dumpsters and will not apply to residential trash totes.

The rate increases will 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 Disposal fee schedule also includes prices for 1½-, 2-yard, 3-yard and 4-yard dumpsters emptied anywhere from one to five days per week.

Prior to the regular meeting, a public hearing was held on updating zoning regulations.

The document 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.

After only a couple of comments from one citizen, the council agreed to the changes in the land use table with a few minor adjustments. Those small modifications included allowing realtors to operate an office by special use in agricultural zones and not allowing ice cream shops to operate in industrial zones.

An ordinance will now be drafted, and the council will formally approve the new regulations at its July 8 meeting.

The council also heard an update from Idaho Transportation Department project coordinator David Barrett on plans to renovate the bridge over the Snake River leading into town.

Barrett told council members the plan is still in a preliminary stage but construction will begin as scheduled in the summer of 2017. The renovation will take two years, Barrett said.

He said the existing bridge is 37 feet wide and the new bridge will be 42 feet wide. The existing bridge was built in 1951, according to an ITD project summary.

One lane of the bridge will remain open at all times during the construction work with portable stoplights installed at each end of the bridge. A similar concept was used earlier this year when soil testing was done in preparation for the replacement project.

A public hearing with ITD on the work will be held sometime in August, Barrett said.

The council reconvenes at 6:30 p.m. today for the first fiscal year 2016 budget workshop.

Council members also approved a donation of \$100 for the Lizard Butte Library's summer reading program for preschoolers, which continues at 10:30 a.m. today and next Wednesday.

The library also has an ongoing 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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# More water on way for irrigators

## SBOC to pursue more measuring devices

Owyhee County agriculture producers will get a little more water than originally expected for this growing season.

The allotment has been raised from 1.5 acre-feet to 1.6 acre-feet. The Joint Board of the Owyhee Project made the change during a meeting last Wednesday.

The directors also moved back the last day to file for water transfers. It was previously set for Monday, but irrigators now have until July 1 to make a transfer.

Meanwhile, South Board of Control (SBOC) directors intend to take further steps to ensure that irrigators have measuring devices to show exactly how much water they're using.

"We ought to make a date, whether it's 2016, 2017, 2018, that all headgates will have a weir blade or a check blade on the amount of water," Ridgeview district vice-chair Harold Bruning said during the SBOC's June 9 round of meetings.

SBOC manager Clancy Flynn said he needs to do more research on how many water users in the Ridgeview and Gem

districts don't have measuring devices on their systems. He told directors he can't set a target date right now, but he isn't opposed to the idea.

To help reach the goal of more closely watching water measurements, the SBOC agreed to spend about \$1,800 to purchase a portable flow meter.

If the district is going to require users to have measuring devices, "We're going to have to see if they're correct, and ours is going to have to be calibrated so that we can call foul or we can say everything's fine. We're going to have to have it to check the meters that are in place," Gem district Div. 3 Director Dennis Turner said.

Flynn will begin shopping around for the new portable flow meter.

The SBOC manager told directors that his new four-wheel-drive pickup truck has been ordered and should arrive next month.

He also said he added a few items to the truck that made sense to him. Those included power windows, upgrading the audio system for Bluetooth to make mobile communication easier and installing all-terrain tires. The upgrades added up to just under \$1,000, Flynn said.

"The reason why we're purchasing the new one is, because we're a non-profit organization, we need to pass down the pickup down the line, and it seems to be cheaper than buying one used," Turner said.

Div. 5 Director Chris Landa has previously said that it's important to have a logical rotation of SBOC vehicles to make it easier to declare the oldest ones as surplus.

"We're buying the new pickup because the used ones are going for \$18,000 and \$19,000 and this one, even after I upgraded it, we're buying for \$21,000 so you get the warranty and longer life out of it for essentially the same price," Flynn said.

The manager also proposed to surplus a backhoe that the board bought more than 10 years ago for \$1,500. The machine's transmission went out recently and directors approved a motion to sell it.

Flynn is waiting for titles on a few other surplus items before they can also be handed over to Pickett Auction Co., for sale.

The SBOC is moving its regular monthly meeting to nights during the summer months. The next meeting is set for 7 p.m. on July 7.

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# Homedale FFA honors members

by Riley Haun  
chapter reporter

The Homedale FFA chapter wrapped up its year April 29 with its annual banquet. More than 150 people attended as scholarships were awarded, degrees and pins were handed out, and members received special awards to recognize their year’s work. The banquet marked the end of ag advisor Sue Poland’s successful first year.

The new 2015-16 officer team was installed, including Michael Lejardi as president, Jennifer Bautista as vice-president, Madison Fisher as secretary, Jacob Christensen as treasurer, Riley Haun as reporter, and Tylee McKay and Lauryn Fisher as co-historians.

Idaho FFA vice-president Dustin Winston commended Homedale FFA on a year of great success.

**Discovery Degree** — Annie Kraupp, Tell Morse, Edgar Navarrete, Jaeger Rose, Janae Volk, Clayton Wolfe, Kari Woods

**Greenhand Degree** — Anthony Beckman, Ashley Burkes, Lindsey Burkes, Cobey Christoffersen, Kaylee DeWitt, Wyatt Dorsey, Lauryn Fisher, Veronica Flores, Dakota Kelly, Payton Kerbs, Tanis Lentfer, Tylee McKay, Meryssa Oakley, Jesse Packer, Jordan Packer, Lyndsey Salutregui, Allison Shenk, Kayden Turner, Wyatt Wolfe

**Star Greenhand** — Production: Cobey Christoffersen and Tylee McKay, Placement: Jordan Packer

**Chapter Degree** — Connor Carter, Garrett Carter, Trace

Cline, Wylee Cooper, Ryan Criffeld, Andrea Greeley, Hanna Estes, Riley Haun, Derek Pfof, Ryan Randall

**Star Farmer** — Riley Haun

**Star Placement** — Trace Cline

**Star Agribusinessman** — Derek Pfof

**State Degrees** — Jennifer Bautista, Riley Christoffersen, Jacob Christensen, Madison Fisher, Michael Lejardi, Justine Rose, Samantha Woods

**Work Horse Award** — Jacob Christensen

**Top Shop Student** — Ryan Criffeld

Proficiency awards included:

**Sheep** — Lauryn Fisher

**Diversified Livestock Entrepreneurship** — Lyndsey Salutregui

**Turf Grass Management** — Trace Cline

**Floriculture** — Madison Fisher

**Wildlife Management** — Wylee Cooper

**Forage Crops** — Riley Christoffersen

**Beef** — Devin Fisher

**Veterinary Science** — Samantha Woods

Scholarships included:

**Monsanto DeKalb** — Devin Fisher

**Steven Harrison Memorial** — Samantha Woods and Devin Fisher

**Conner Landa Memorial** — Samantha Woods and Devin Fisher

**Tamura Memorial** — Samantha Woods and Devin Fisher

**Apex Electric** — Samantha

Woods and Devin Fisher

**Scholarship Award** — Jennifer Bautista, Connor Carter, Garrett Carter, Jacob Christensen, Wylee Cooper, Devin Fisher, Madison Fisher, Michael Lejardi, Derek Pfof, Justine Rose, Samantha Woods

Letter awards included:

**First year** — Anthony Beckman, Ashley Burkes, Lindsey Burkes, Cobey Christoffersen, Kaylee DeWitt, Wyatt Dorsey, Lauryn Fisher, Veronica Flores, Dakota Kelly, Payton Kerbs, Tanis Lentfer, Tylee McKay, Meryssa Oakley, Jesse Packer, Jordan Packer, Lyndsey Salutregui, Allison Shenk, Kayden Turner, Wyatt Wolfe

**Second year** — Connor Carter, Garrett Carter, Ryan Criffeld, Andrea Greeley, Hanna Estes, Riley Haun, Derek Pfof, Ryan Randall

**Third year** — Jennifer Bautista, Trace Cline, Riley Christoffersen, Madison Fisher, Michael Lejardi, Justine Rose, Jacob Christensen, Wylee Cooper

**Fourth year** — Devin Fisher, Samantha Woods

Other awards included:

**Honorary Degrees** — Dwayne and Tracy Fisher, Kenny and Stacy Woods, Chris Landa, Lori and Greg Idsinga, and Mary Blackstock

**Slave Auction Top Buyer** — Travis Kraupp

In July, Homedale FFA will hold an officer retreat, and three members will attend the Washington Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.



Homedale FFA’s state championship marketing plan team includes, from left, Lindsey Burks, Lauryn Fisher and Jacob Christensen. Submitted photo

# Homedale marketing reaches FFA nationals

## Championship highlights state CDE performance

by Riley Haun  
chapter reporter

Homedale FFA’s Marketing Plan Team secured a trip to nationals during the June 2-5 state contests at the University of Idaho in Moscow.

The team of Lindsey Burks, Lauryn Fisher and Jacob Christensen won the state title after presenting a plan developed for The Owyhee Avalanche to judges in Moscow.

The victory qualifies the chapter members as Idaho’s representative in the contest at the National FFA Convention set for Louisville, Ky., in late October.

The Food Science team missed a trip to nationals by just two points, finishing second in the state competition. Justine Rose and Jennifer Bautista led the team, finishing fourth and eighth, respectively, in the individual standings. Also competing on the team were Michael Lejardi and Madi Fisher.

The Veterinary Science team improved over last year, finishing fourth. Team member Riley Haun placing seventh individually. Samantha Woods, Tylee McKay and Hanna Estes rounded out the team.

Homedale placed 10th in Environment and Natural Resources with a team of all first-year competitors, promising great things for upcoming years. Members were Tanis Lentfer, Cobey Christofferson, Jaegar Rose and Anthony Beckman.

Also competing at the Career Development Events state contests earlier this month were:

- The Ag Mechanics team of Derek Pfof, Wyatt Dorsey and Kayden Turner
- The Dairy Foods team of Devin Fisher, Jordan Packer, Kayden Turner and Garrett Carter
- The Dairy Cattle Evaluation team of Clayton Wolfe, Wyatt Wolfe, Kayden Turner and Ryan Criffeld
- The Livestock Evaluation team of Lyndsey Salutregui, Jesse Packer, Andrea Greeley and Cobey Christofferson.

Andrea Greeley also received a certificate for her participation in Dairy Showmanship.



The Homedale FFA chapter members who received third year letter awards were, from left: Trace Cline, Madison Fisher, Riley Christoffersen, Michael Lejardi, Justine Rose, Jacob Christensen and Wylee Cooper. Submitted photo

# Marsing FFA chapter announces year-end awards

by Zoe Kish  
chapter reporter

The Marsing FFA chapter held its annual awards banquet on April 30 to celebrate the success of its members.

The Taylor Sauer Workhorse Award was awarded to Cecilia Aguilar and Riley Bryant. Both students are two-year members of the FFA.

The Little Red Wagon Award is given to a Marsing School District staff member who has been a great help to the chapter. This award was given to high school English teacher Lenore Freeman.

The Friend of the FFA Award is given to someone who has gone above and beyond in his/her efforts of helping the chapter. This award had three recipients: Tanner Fisher, Erin Rhodes and Ryan Kish.

The chapter awarded Alan Davis an

Honorary Chapter Degree. Kenny Sevy was recognized for receiving an Honorary State Degree at the state convention in Twin Falls earlier in April.

Each year, the Marsing FFA likes to recognize students who have gone above and beyond in their chapter. This year, The Star Greenhands (first-year members) were Krista Mayer, Brooke Labit, and Lena Metcalf. The Star Chapter Farmers (second-year members) were Zoe Kish, Makenna Renteria, and Justin Hiatt.

The DeKalb Award is given to an outstanding senior, and went to Garret Briggs. He was also recognized for receiving his State Degree.

The Inspiration Officer Award is given to a chapter officer who was very inspiring and encouraging to his/her fellow officer team members. This year’s recipients are

Garret Briggs, Ethan Aponte, and Warren Dalley.

The Marsing FFA chapter also recognized its members who participated more activities than anyone else. This year, the Greenhand Participation Award went to Krista Mayer. The Upperclassmen Participation Award was given to both Zoe Kish and Justin Hiatt. Both Zoe and Justin have been members of the FFA for two years.

The 2015-16 chapter officer team was announced at the banquet, too. The group includes Adrianna Salutregui (president), Rosalba Jacobo (vice-president), Krista Mayer (secretary), Esmeralda Robles (treasurer), Zoe Kish (reporter), Wyatt Grim (sentinel), Dana McGee (historian), and Justin Hiatt (alumni relations).

Marsing FFA is looking forward to another year of success.



The Marsing FFA 2015-16 officer are: **Top row, from left:** Wyatt Grim, sentinel; and Justin Hiatt, alumni relations. **Middle row, from left:** Krista Mayer, secretary; Rosalba Jacobo, vice-president; and Dana McGee, historian. **Bottom row, from left:** Adrianna Salutregui, president; and Zoe Kish, reporter. Submitted photo



# Grand View Days



Children were outmatched during Saturday's post-parade water fight against a fire truck.



Spectators got plenty of candy from passing floats during Saturday's parade.



The Lawson's Emu-Z-Um's horse-drawn carriage — albeit carried on a trailer — was among the distinctive parade entries Saturday.



The 3-on-3 basketball tournament champions claim their cash prize at the elementary school. **From left:** Bailey Jewett, Ally Pennington, Sam Richardson, and Ricardo Araujo.

## Submitted photos



The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office captured the softball tournament championship Saturday.

# 4-H program at HES promotes lessons for healthy living

Through a partnership with the University of Idaho, the Food Smart Families program has launched its summer initiative.

The classes at Homedale Elementary School started last week and will continue today, Monday, Tuesday and next Wednesday.

There are two different classes each day. The morning class runs from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and the afternoon class is from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Participants in the classes are involved with the Homedale migrant summer school program.

Topics revolve around three areas: healthy living, science, and citizenship.

Each area uses research-based curriculum from the U of I's extension system.

Idaho was selected as one of seven states nationwide to take



University of Idaho extension office intern Brenda Vega leads a Food Smart Families class Monday at Homedale Elementary School.

part in a community healthy living initiative.

To implement the program, 4-H has partnered with U of I Eat Smart Idaho nutrition advisors.

Amber Bucknell, a U of I undergraduate in agricultural education, is coordinating the classes at Homedale elementary.

In a letter Bucknell wrote about the program, she said 4-H Food Smart Families has a special interest in reaching limited-income families and communities.

Six college interns are teaching the 10 healthy living lessons in Homedale. The lessons include: proper food handling hygiene,

grocery budgeting, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's MyPlate recommendations and the importance of being physically active.

The MyPlate program emphasizes the fruit, vegetable, grains, protein and dairy groups.

The program, and its compan-

ion website, [www.choosemyplate.com](http://www.choosemyplate.com), provides information to individuals, health professionals, nutrition educators, and the food industry to help consumers build healthier diets.

A group of Marsing Elementary students learned about the MyPlate recommendations during several classes that were held during Friday Enrichment programming in January.

Six U of I interns are representing the Food Smart Families program in the Treasure Valley this month. Teen advocates are also enlisted to co-teach alongside the interns, Bucknell said.

The interns, teen advocates, and Eat Smart Idaho advisors will visit 13 different youth programs around the valley this summer.

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# No change in Homedale schools’ resource officer contribution

## Trustees OK budget, work projects

Homedale school trustees approved the 2015-16 budget with the same level of support for the school resource officer program as this year.

District superintendent Rob Sauer said trustees approved a memorandum of understanding and sent it to the City of Homedale for consideration. The city council received the MOU from Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller last Wednesday, but didn’t take action during the meeting.

Under the MOU, the police department would provide an SRO for four hours a day during the 142-day school year.

School board members allocated \$14,033.11 to pay for the SRO. That’s the same amount of funding the school district provided during the 2014-15 school year.

The money could come from the district’s allotment of school safety funding provided by the state Department of Education, Sauer said.

There are several other school safety initiatives on the agenda for the district, too, some of which were discussed during last week’s meeting that accompanied the annual budget public hearing. Only two people — both district employees — attended the hearing, Sauer said.

The district is set to spend \$4,800 to install new locks at Homedale Middle School this summer. New locks already have been installed at the elementary school, and a similar project is planned later at the high school, Sauer said.

The sidewalk in front of the elementary school also will be replaced at a estimated cost of \$6,000, according to transportation and maintenance supervisor Tom Muir’s report to the school board on June 8.

Muir’s checklist of improvement

work also includes an \$8,300 project to repair the athletic track and Deward Bell Stadium.

“That should get us down the road for a couple more years, and we realize we have to balance multiple needs in the district,” Sauer said.

Trustees chose the crack repair option after Muir presented three plans. The other two included a \$35,000 project for crack repair and spraying on a latex binder to hold the track together. The top-dollar option was a \$74,000 rebuild that included a quarter-inch layer of new rubber, crack repair and the latex binding.

The district will spend just over \$22,000 to reseal the parking lots at the middle school and high school as well as patch pavement at the middle school.

Nearly \$10,3000 will be spent to carpet five high school classrooms, and another \$4,000 has been earmarked to install lights at the elementary school.

Muir is still awaiting bids on a plan to replace the roof at the high

school annex building.

## Principal post solidified

Trustees had to send a declaration of need to the state Department of Education to finalize Matt Holtry’s appointment as high school principal.

Sauer said the move, also termed an alternative authorization, was necessary because while Holtry had obtained a master’s degree he is still taking courses to nail down his administrative credentials.

Sauer said another declaration of need probably will have to be issued next spring because it takes about 18 months to complete the administrative credential classes.

“You have to reapply each year, but from the state’s perspective and ours, the sooner the better, so it will be done in two years,” Sauer said, adding that he had already spoken to the SDE about the situation before Holtry was hired.

## Personnel changes afoot

High school math teacher

Valentin Samano has resigned to accept a position at Nampa High School, Sauer said.

Stacy Holton, who will start her second year in the Homedale district in August, will move from the middle school to the high school.

Randee Garrett will return as the elementary school’s full-time counselor after trustees hired Brooke Winston to reinstated full-time middle school counselor position.

John Zieske has been hired to direct the secondary school music program.

Andrea Ratkowski will teach middle school math come August.

Brennen Davis, the nephew of former HHS math teacher Kim Higer, has been hired as a middle school social studies teacher.

HHS grad Darren Uranga will move into an eighth-grade football coaching position in the fall. He coached the seventh-grade team last year.

— JPB



### Outpost Days Horny Toad race winners announced

The top competitors from the 2015 Outpost Days Horny Toad Races held June 7 in Murphy included, clockwise from bottom: Champion Amelia Boyce, 3, the granddaughter of Murphy’s Paul VerHagen with Hubert, who is named after former Joyce Ranch owner Hubert Nettleton; third-place Ryan Johnson, 5, of Nampa with Swisher Mountain Sweet; Kate Hipwell of Murphy, who brought home the best name trophy for horse racing Triple Crown-inspired American Pharoah; and runner-up Rob Brown, 10, of Eagle with “Colonel Dewey.” Submitted photo

# HHS student chosen for state program involving NASA facility

## Michael Lejardi to visit Ames Research Center

A Homedale High School student will head to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration’s Ames Research Center in Sunnyvale, Calif., this summer.

Michael Lejardi has lived in Homedale his whole life and will be a senior at HHS this fall.

His trip to the NASA facility is part of the Idaho Science and Aerospace Scholars program of the State Department of Education.

Lejardi’s brother Esteban went through the same program two years ago.

“My ambition is to go into engineering or the computer science field, I’d like to see maybe what kind of careers there are,” Michael said.

Michael is one of 88 students invited to participate in one of two weeklong summer academies at Boise State University. Michael’s academy at BSU will be held July 12-18.

The students and 10 teachers were selected for the summer program based on their performance in an online course on space exploration developed by NASA and offered by the Idaho State Department of Education through the Idaho Digital Learning Academy.

During the course, students have worked on planning a simulated human mission to Mars. During the summer academy, they’ll get to meet researchers who are planning the real-life

mission.

In the middle of each academy week at BSU — July 14-15 or July 28-29 — the participants will visit the Ames Research Center.

“This program focuses a lot on the engineering side of things and NASA’s kind of the application that they are in. There’s a lot of astronomy and NASA history,” Michael said.

His parents, Margaret and Steve, found out he was selected for the summer academy before he did because they were home when the letter arrived.

“They were proud of me. I mean, my brother did the same thing, and so I was kind of expecting that I would be able to match what he’s done and hopefully do as well as he did. My brother thought it was an amazing experience,” Michael said.

All of the Aerospace Scholar program participants also have the opportunity to take part in a series of regional capstone celebrations. The events offer interactive, hands-on, Idaho-based science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) activities. The celebrations are being held at the Idaho National Laboratory’s Center for Advanced Energy Studies in Idaho Falls, Gowen Field in Boise and the University of Idaho in Moscow.

Michael is looking forward to the Gowen Field event.

“We’re going to tour the facili-



Michael Lejardi

ties and talk a lot about it, what we’ve done in class and what the program stands for,” he said.

During the BSU portion of the academy, Michael is hoping to learn more about engineering in the aerospace field.

He expects the trip to the Ames Research Center to be the highlight of his summer.

“I think it would be really cool to see kind of that side of NASA and see a lot of the stuff that they’re working on. It’s really interesting to see how far we’ve advanced in aerospace and experience new technologies, it will be an awesome trip experience,” Michael said.

The NASA online course has two units devoted to a Mars mission and one of the projects for Michael’s team was to design a mission of its own.

“Our team was following the trend of the whole Mars craze. I think we’re gaining the technology to get there, and so in the future I think it will be possible, very possible, to see it in my lifetime. It just depends on how big of a push we have and what they want for the future of NASA,” Michael said.

The Idaho Aerospace Scholars program arose out of the NASA High School Aerospace Scholars program in Texas, created 14 years ago in partnership with the Johnson Space Center. Idaho’s program was launched in the fall of 2009.

Applications for next year’s Idaho Aerospace Scholars program will be available after the start of school this fall. They can be found at [www.sde.idaho.gov/site/science/ISAS/](http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/science/ISAS/).

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# Nampa man cited for DUI

A 30-year-old Nampa man is suspected of driving under the influence in Owyhee County.

Owyhee County Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said Jesus Mendoza-Rodriguez was driving a 2005 Dodge Magnum on Edison Street in Marsing around 2 a.m. on Sunday.

Someone following Mendoza-Rodriguez called 911 to report the suspected drunk driver.

Deputy Chris Even pulled the driver over on Edison and administered a field sobriety test.

A breath analysis revealed an alleged blood-alcohol content of .173 and .175, more than two times the legal limit of .08.

In addition to misdemeanor DUI, Mendoza-Rodriguez also faces a charge of failure to purchase a driver’s license.

As of late Monday morning, Mendoza-Rodriguez was still being held in county jail in Murphy, Bowman said.

According to the Idaho courts repository, Mendoza-Rodriguez is due in court today for a pre-trial hearing on a felony controlled substance charge in Canyon County.



# Avalanche Sports



**Above:** Homedale High School football coach Matt Holtry takes a photo of the finished product shortly after the crew finished installation Thursday. **Below:** With Coca-Cola advertisement from the top of the old scoreboard visible in the background, Terry Hunter from Ace Signs examines some of the components for the new scoreboard.

## New HHS scoreboard goes up

A new football scoreboard went into place Thursday at Deward Bell Stadium. A three-man crew installed the giant scoreboard in sections as part of a \$21,500 project. Homedale High School principal Matt Holtry, who oversaw the fundraising as athletic director and football coach, said the scoreboard alone cost \$18,500. Several sponsors have signed contracts of varying lengths to help finance the project. The scoreboard was placed behind the old scoreboard, and the dedication signs for Poke

Henson and Johnny Krzesnik will be transferred to the steel supports of the new scoreboard, Holtry said. The baseball scoreboard was moved and anchored on the same supports as the new football scoreboard. Ace Signs and Bickford Signs and Awnings pulled off the football scoreboard installation. Terry Hunter and Jason Bickford fastened the signs to the new posts while Jeff Bickford operated the crane to put each of the scoreboard's four panels in place.



## Locals called to jr. high national rodeo

### Finals begin Sunday in Iowa

A Marsing seventh-grader rides into the National Junior High School Rodeo Finals on Sunday as a champion. State bull riding champion Wes Ireland is also eligible to compete breakaway roping during the national finals, which runs through Saturday, June 27 in Des Moines, Iowa. Homedale's Grace King also has qualified for nationals after her fifth-place finish in barrel racing during the Idaho state finals rodeo last month in Filer. Ireland won the state bull riding championship with 136 points. He

won the first go-round with a 72-point ride, and was second in the second go with a 64-point ride. The son of Paige Kaufman and the late Samuel "Buford" Ireland also finished third in boys' breakaway roping with a combined time of 38.75 seconds on three head. He and team roping partner Sylais York were fifth at State with a 31.97 time on two head. King finished fifth in barrel racing with a 54.984 cumulative time on three runs. She is the daughter of Gene and Stephanie King. Rimrock's Anthony Herrera finished seventh in bull riding at the state finals, but didn't qualify for nationals.



Braden Fillmore, center, signs his letter of intent to play football at Pacific University in Oregon. He's flanked by Jordan Valley High School coaches Bryce Kershner, left, and Silas Skinner. Submitted photo

## Jordan Valley athletes commit to colleges

Two recent Jordan Valley High School graduates have signed letters of intent to join collegiate athletic programs. All-1A High Desert League football player Braden Fillmore has committed to play at Pacific University in Forest Grove, Ore. Andi Warn, an all-league girls' basketball player, will continue her career at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande, Ore.

Fillmore has agreed to play at the same college that his final high school coach played. Bryce Kershner returned to coach at his alma mater after playing for the Boxers. "Braden has been an outstanding student-athlete at Jordan Valley, and it has been a privilege to be his coach this past year," Kershner

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As her Jordan Valley High School girls' basketball teammates look on, Andi Warn, center, signs her letter of intent to play for Eastern Oregon University. Submitted photo



# Sports

## HHS football camp



Xavier Uranga lunges as he outruns coverage applied by Homedale High School football player Josh Tolmie during the June 9 session of the youth football camp at Deward Bell Stadium.



Homedale High School football player Jake Deal throws a pass to Jacy Parker, the only girl in last week's camp, during a June 9 receiving drill at Deward Bell Stadium.



### IdahoSports.com tabs Mertz for honor

Homedale High School's Hattie Mertz returns a shot during the 3A tennis state tournament last month. The high school sports website IdahoSports.com honored the recent HHS graduate as the 3A girls' student-athlete of the year. A question-and-answer with the daughter of Jamie and Zel Mertz appears at IdahoSports.com. Photo by Machele Randall

## Owyhee Rivercats build winning streak

The Owyhee Rivercats entered the week on a four-game American Legion baseball winning streak.

The Single-A Rivercats took a 6-2 record into a busy week that includes a home game at 6 p.m. Friday against Rocky Mountain.

**Last Wednesday: Rivercats 8, Nampa Indians 7** — Playing at home, the Rivercats scored five times in their final two at-bats, including a game-winning two-run rally in their final at-bat.

Matt Thatcher's walk-off single plated Gunnar Clapp with the decisive run in the seventh. Marsing High School graduate Austin Williams led off with a triple and scored on Clapp's single.

**June 9: Rivercats 3, Nampa**

**Braves 1** — Owyhee strung together five consecutive hits to ignite a three-run fifth inning on the road. Blake Patton smacked a two-run double, and Kendall Freelove also knocked in a run.

John Collett scattered five hits and pitched out of a sixth-inning jam with the tying run at second base for a complete-game win.

**June 10: Rivercats 6, Middleton Marauders 0** — Connor Carter struck out 10 and pitched a four-hit shutout at home.

Collett went 2-for-3 with two RBI and two runs scored, while Williams doubled and knocked in a run. Jake Deal and Clapp also had RBI as Owyhee scored all its runs in the first two innings.

## ✓ Athletes: Warn, Fillmore stay in Oregon for college

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said. "As a football player he will bolster the roster at Pacific, and I know he will be extremely competitive."

"Pacific has a tradition of utilizing eight-man football players, especially from smaller schools that do not get as much attention as they should. The program is fresh off a conference championship season, and Braden will ensure their continued success. As an alum, I am proud to welcome Braden to the Boxer family."

Kershner was the last of three different head coaches that Fillmore played under for the Mustangs.

Fillmore was a first-team all-league selection as a punter and

linebacker, and he was a second-team running back, kicker and kick returner.

In 2014, Fillmore had 75 solo tackles and 40 assists on defense. He rushed for 60 yards and eight touchdowns and scored two other TDs while racking up 300 yards receiving.

Warn heads to EOU after an all-league career with the Jordan Valley girls' basketball team.

"I am super excited for her, and I know she will be a huge asset to the team," Mustangs coach Kelsi Skinner said.

Warn helped the Mustangs capture a berth in the 1A Oregon state playoffs last season. Jordan Valley lost in the first round to Trinity Lutheran.



# Looking back...

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

## 25 years ago

June 20, 1990

### Outpost Days profits “higher”

Outpost Days held in Murphy earlier this month should net the Owyhee County Historical Society a little more profit than last year. Nick Ihli, treasurer as well as one of the directors of the OCHS, estimated Thursday.

The latest figures show the two-day event grossed \$10,338.64, nearly \$1,000 higher than last year, but with more bills still expected to come in for payment, Ihli said. It grossed \$9,495 last year.

The net profit last year, used to help operate the OCHS Museum at Murphy, was \$5,916. Once all the bills have been paid, Ihli said he anticipates the net profit “will be a little higher this year.”

He added that the airplane rides offered by Jerry Wilda of Nampa and one or more other pilots had proved quite popular this year. “The gross on that was nearly double over last year.” Ihli said.

### Bruce feted on ‘grad day’

Family and friends from Jordan Valley and other area communities were present at The College of Idaho in Caldwell on June 2 for the graduation of Andrea Kathleen Bruce. She was graduated cum laude with degrees in political science, business education and management.

Among those present were her parents, Bob and Carol Bruce, brothers, Ryan and Josh and sister, Jenney. Both grandmothers, Delphine Staples and Cathlene Bruce, attended along with Robert Telleria, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Jaca and Mrs. John Jaca.

All of the above, including Bill and Max Bruce of Homedale and their daughters, Kala and Kasey, feted Bruce at a dinner following commencement. Other relatives from Weiser, Payette and Nampa also were present.

The new graduate plans to leave soon for San Francisco, where she will join Julia Ross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ross of Jordan Valley.

### Council discusses response time of law enforcement

The Marsing City Council met Wednesday, June 13, at city hall. Those in attendance were Mayor Gene Showalter, Roger Howard, Bob Malmberg, Harvey Grimme, Jim Thomas and Janice Bicandi.

The first matter of business was discussing complaints involving the response time of the police department. It was decided that Sheriff Tim Nettleton would be contacted for the July 11 City Council meeting to discuss the issue.

The parks department denied grants for the Island Park boat ramps and R.V. dump station and hookup facilities. A special meeting was set to reconsider opening the budget.

Gene Jayo, from the city Planning and Zoning, expressed concerns about the State’s proposal to put in a gravel pit equipped with rock crusher and hot plant near the labor camp. His main concern was the safety of the children. The motion was made to approve the gravel pit on the conditions that there would be no hot plant (for producing tar), and a 6-foot-high chain link fence with barbed wire along the top would be erected between the labor camp and the gravel pit and also extending 150 feet down each side.

### Homedale firemen re-elect officers

Kenne Metzger was re-elected as chief of the Homedale Volunteer Fire Department for a new one-year term at a meeting of local firefighters June 11.

Other officers re-elected to new terms of office were: Ric Uria, assistant chief; Tim Downing, secretary-treasurer; and Dan Parrill, fire marshal. Alphonso Salutregui was appointed training officer at the session.

Local firemen utilized part of the evening, participating in “a practice hose burn” at the old Peterson place south of town on Highway 95, Downing reported. Two abandoned residences were at the site, and teams of firefighters practiced entering and suppressing the deliberately set blazes. “It was a good training exercise,” Downing said.

There are about 15 active members in the fire department at the current time.

## 50 years ago

June 17, 1965

### Marsing passes sewer bonds on third attempt

Marsing has been congratulated by the state health administrator for passing a \$40,500 sewer improvement bond issue on the third attempt.

The bond issue was approved Tuesday, June 8 by a 97-32 vote after two previous attempts failed to get the necessary two-thirds majority.

Dr. T.O. Carver said construction on the treatment facility will prevent raw sewage from being discharged into the Snake River.

Carver wired Marsing Mayor R. E. Birmingham the improvement would “hold rewards proving to be of inestimable value in the growth and welfare of the Marsing area.”

### Sewer system started in Homedale in year of 1938

The year of 1938 when Homedale was still a village, the village board initiated a sewage program that covered 25 blocks and a septic tank near the river. The total cost to the Village of this project was \$6,000.00 and was paid for by General Obligation Bonds.

Then years later, in 1947, the city council realized the need for more sewer facilities in the city. The public voted to add 18 more blocks to the present system at a cost of \$16,515.00. This was also paid for with General Obligation Bonds.

The septic tank that was originally built near the river has been in use for 28 years and is not functioning at all. The State Dept. of Health has been discussing the need for better disposal facilities for the city sewage.

After many discussions with Federal and State authorities, the Mayor and city council have decided to propose to the citizens of Homedale a new sewage program. This will extend sewage facilities to all of the residents in the city limits of Homedale.

The city purchased 27 acres of land from Mrs. Lena Metzger for \$9,500.00 under the guidance of Cornell, Howland, Hayes and Maryfield Engineering Firm from Boise. After carefully exploring five other sites, this was considered the best suited for a disposal pond.

The Metzger property was purchased with funds accumulated in the city sewer fund paid by patrons in past years.

The City of Homedale has paid in full both of the pervious sewage expansion facilities. Many citizens have expressed a desire to have the city expand the sewer to all parts of the city.

This project is necessary for the health and welfare of all citizens in Homedale.

### 102 bee colonies poisoned southeast of Homedale

The deliberate poisoning of 102 bee colonies in a bee yard about 7 miles southeast of Homedale was reported this week by Jim Powers, manager of the Parma Apiaries.

About half the colonies were killed outright, and the balance decimated until no honey crop is expected this year, Mr. Powers said. The yard was located on the John Landa farm on Upper Jump Creek.

A poisonous spray was injected directly into each hive about June 9 or 10. Mr. Powers reported to the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office. A representative of the state agriculture department has taken samples in an effort to determine what poison was involved in causing the bees’ death.

A \$1,000 reward has been offered by the Parma Apiaries for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the persons responsible for the poisoning, and the reward will also apply to any subsequent incidents of like nature, Mr. Powers said.

Mr. Powers told The Chronicle that his father, Irvin Powers, had kept bees in Owyhee County for close to 45 years, originally crossing the river by ferryboat and using a team and wagon.

He estimated the loss in honey which would normally be harvested in late July as between \$700 and \$1,500.

## 140 years ago

June 26, 1875

DAILY STAGETO SOUTHMOUNTAIN. TheNorthwestern Company, true to its promise, commenced running a daily stage to South Mountain today, and will hereafter leave the two places every morning until further notice. This will be a great accommodation to the citizens of both places, especially to those of South Mountain. That growing camp has long felt the need of a daily stage, and we are glad that their patience is now being rewarded. Our subscribers there will now get the Avalanche regularly the day after publication. Johnny Beggs drove out the stage this morning with four horses. There were several passengers, among whom was Jerry Phillip, who has gone to South Mountain with an outfit for the establishment of a branch office of Wells, Fargo & Co. there. We understand that Charles Furey will have the agency there. It could not have fallen into better hands.

CHARGE OF THE BROOM BRIGADE. We have obtained the following poem at an enormous expense. It is from the pen of the poet-lariat of England, and gives a glorious description of the descent of the crickets upon Silver City, and their repulse by the Broom Brigade.

From the West, down the gulch,  
Half a league onward,  
Into the doomed town  
Came they by millions.

“Forward, the Black Brigade!”  
“Charge on the town” they said:  
Down on the doomed town  
Came they by millions.

“Forward, the Broom Brigade!”  
Let no one by dismay’d,  
E’en though the fact is known,  
Some one has blundered.

Shut down the windows tight,  
Close up the doors and fight –  
Fight them till fall of night,  
Welcome them to their graves,  
Kill them by millions.

Crickets to the right of us,  
Crickets to the left of us,  
Crickets in front of us,  
Jumping and crawling.

Up guards, and at them well!  
Given them particular h—I,  
Welcome them to their death,  
And let non escape to tell  
The tale of the slaughter.

Flashed all the broomsticks bare,  
Flashed as they turned in air,  
Mashing the crickets there,  
Charging them everywhere  
And giving them thunder.

Plunged in the dusty smoke  
Right for the creek they broke;  
Cricket on cricket  
Reeled from the broom-stick stroke,  
Shattered and sundered.

Then they jumped in the creek,  
And met a watery grave,  
All that was left of them  
Left of the millions.

O that brave Broom Brigade!  
When can the glory fade  
Of the wild charge they made?  
Everyone wondered.  
Long live the Broom Brigade!  
Honor the charge they made,  
At which the world wondered.



Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense  
Agricultural ignorance

The editor of the Delmarva Farmer made the observation that Americans as a whole have reached the Age of Agricultural Ignorance. This stage in our civilization is a direct result of the lack of “kids growing up on the farm.” There are many reasons for them leaving, one of the greatest being that farming requires manual labor. As our country has progressed, each generation was drawn to professions that demanded less and less physical exertion. A perfect example is the importation of foreign labor to do the grunt work. Grandparents and parents crossed the border to work in the fields. They were close to the land and understood farming, but when they raised their children, they deliberately discouraged them from working in agriculture.

In the past five generations in the U.S., we have whittled down the percent of the population engaged in production agriculture from 25 percent in 1933 to less than 2 percent today. So what? Using modern agriculture practices, the reality is 2 percent is enough to feed everyone else. It’s an amazing accomplishment that is now taken for granted. However, there is an accompanying negative progression that has contributed to the Age of Agricultural Ignorance. It is the expanding ignorance of science. Today in the U.S., 50 percent of all post-graduate degrees in science-based curriculums are earned by foreign-born students. “Science-based” fields include subjects like math, chemistry, engineering, medicine, physics and agriculture. Political science and economics are not sciences.

What those of us in agriculture find hard to believe is, according to popular culture, we are not doing a good job. The community of denigrators accuse farmers of misuse of animals and land and our environment. They are innocently supported by an ignorant media (journalism is not a science) that is incapable of evaluating information like statistical significance, withholding times, FDA requirements and the writing on the back of a bottle.

I grant that they get a disproportionate amount of the front-page scares and the denigrators stir up contributions to their anti-farming causes and the gutless media-sensitive politicians (lawery is not a science) and pop stars are no help, but ...

Dwarfing their squealing, the landslide of food production roars down through the planting, harvest, transportation, preparation and consumption of what we choose to eat. The food chain never stops. It is feeding 320 million people in the U.S. daily, plus furnishing \$45 billion worth of food exports (according to 2013 figures).

One might conclude that America’s horn of plenty will survive as long as foreign-born students help us continue to technically and biologically streamline farming. And as long as foreign-born laborers who are willing to pick up a shovel or drive a tractor keep immigrating, one might conclude we will not go hungry. A sad conclusion.

Then again, there might be a renaissance of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Agricultural Awareness, where farmers and ranchers will be recognized for their contribution and treated like royalty! In the league of astronauts, Heisman trophy winners, or even Oscar winners!

Hey, you never know. Hunger is a powerful influence.

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

Reader’s rebuttal  
Targeting sugar an oversimplified approach to complex problem of obesity

by Courtney Gaine, PhD, RD  
Vice President of Scientific Affairs,  
The Sugar Association

The dilemma of the low-hanging fruit has plagued mankind since the beginning of time. But history has proven that while it is tempting to address a problem by focusing on the most attainable goal, rather than the most appropriate, it just doesn’t pan out in the long run.

We would be well-advised to remember this as we search for solutions to the ongoing obesity epidemic.

Currently, many purported health advocates are targeting all-natural sugar as public enemy No. 1 in the fight against obesity. And while this tactic might result in a quick win, especially given the negative coverage of all-natural sugar in recent years, it’s an oversimplified approach to a complex problem and simply not supported by scientific evidence and solid data.

Take for example, the World Health Organization’s recent guidance on “added sugars.” The WHO recommends “free sugars” (“added sugars”) intake be less than 10 percent and ideally 5 percent of caloric intake. Similar guidance for 5 to 7.5 percent of calories from “added sugars” was put forth by the American Heart Association in 2009.

The primary driving force for these intake recommendations is the current obesity epidemic and the assumption that “added sugars” play a significant role in the cause and solution to obesity.

But the data tell us otherwise. In fact, using National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) data, researchers observed the highest body mass indexes (BMIs) in persons consuming 0-5 percent of calories from “added sugars.” Also of note, the lowest BMIs are seen when “added sugars” intake is between 15 and 35 percent of calories. Additionally, for each 5 percent increase in “added sugars” above 15 percent,

U of I columnist ignores other obesity factors

In regard to the scurrilous article by our County Home Agent on sugar and obesity, here is my answer.

Obesity is a combination of genes, will power and diet. Sugar has very little to do with obesity. Will power or self-control and diet are the two largest factors.

If Surine is really concerned about obesity, I would suggest she spend most of her time teaching people to cook from scratch as well as using lots of healthy vegetables.

P. T. Rathbone  
Marsing

and obese individuals, with the exception of more than 35 percent energy from “added sugars” (only 2.9 percent of population were in this range). By no means are we suggesting that if you eat more “added sugars” you will have a lower BMI. We are simply reporting these data as provided by NHANES.

Given that the highest BMIs are seen in those consuming the least amount of “added sugars,” clearly there are other dietary and lifestyle factors that should be considered.

It is important to point out that this study was not designed to distinguish between the different caloric sweeteners, and instead addressed the broad category called “added sugars.” The human body reacts differently to different

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Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington  
Father’s Day reminder: Men must focus on their health



This year marks the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the official awareness period of Men’s Health Week. This year’s observance, which began Monday, runs through Friday and coincides with the week of Father’s Day.

Men often pay too little attention to their health until a serious problem emerges. As the Men’s Health Network reports, women are 100 percent more likely to visit the doctor for annual examinations and preventive services than men. During this Father’s Day holiday that was established to honor fathers for what they have done for their families, we can encourage men to also take care of themselves.

Despite advances in medical technology and research, men continue to have a shorter lifespan than women; African-American men have the lowest life expectancy among men. Men live an average of almost five years less than women. Interestingly, this lifespan gap among men and women has widened over the past nearly 100 years despite increasing lifespans overall. The Men’s Health Network reports that in 1920, women lived on average one year longer than men. In the 10 leading causes of death, men lead in every category. More men die of heart disease and cancer than women.

Additionally, according to the National Cancer Institute, an estimated 220,800 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer and more than 27,540 will die in 2015 alone. Prostate cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer death in American men, behind only lung cancer. Approximately, 1 man in 38 will die of prostate cancer.

Many of these deaths are preventable — and many of the diseases which adversely affect men are treatable with early detection. Men’s Health Week and the entire month of June, which signifies Men’s Health Month, were designated to provide opportunities to raise awareness of preventable health issues and promote prevention and early detection. Health fairs, health education and outreach activities in communities across the nation are some of the efforts meant to promote men’s health throughout the week and month.

We all have a stake in improving men’s health. When men struggle with preventable illnesses, their families and loved ones who depend on them and employers impacted by medical care costs and lost productivity also suffer. Men’s health issues can also create burdens on federal and state governments that absorb the costs of premature death and disability, including the costs of caring for dependents left behind.

By taking care of themselves, men in turn care for their loved ones. Through healthy nutrition choices, and staying active, we not only have a better chance of catching problems early, but also we hopefully pass on healthy practices to our children.

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



# Commentary

## Financial management

### There is a way to stop debt collection harassment at work

**Dear Dave,**  
I have a debt with a collection agency and they have started calling my office. Last week, I made an agreement for monthly payments, along with an initial payment. All of a sudden, they were calling me again this morning at my office. Can I legally demand that they not call me at my place of employment?

— Joelle

**Dear Joelle,**  
Yes, you can. I'm glad you're keeping in mind that you have a legal and moral obligation to pay your debts. But collectors have rules they must follow, too. They're governed by law just like everyone else.

If they call you at work again, simply remind them of the terms of the payment agreement already in place and demand that they never call you at your office again. Also, send them a certified

letter, return receipt requested, so that you'll have proof you sent the letter and they received it. In the letter, let them know that according to guidelines set forth in the Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are formally demanding that they not call you at your office again.

If they call you at your office after you demand that they stop, they'll be in violation of federal law. And if that happens, let them know that you'll be talking to a lawyer and you will sue them!

— Dave

**Dear Dave,**  
We're debt-free including our home. My husband is a man of faith, but a bit of a dreamer. He has written several inspirational books that haven't sold, but he feels this and public speaking are his calling. He wants us to sell the house, and live on the proceeds for a year, while he pursues this



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dream. What do you think of the idea?

— Christy

**Dear Christy,**  
It sounds to me like your husband has a good heart, but I think it would be a huge mistake for you guys to sell your home

when he hasn't proven that he can sell anything he writes or says. I understand where his head is at right now. He wants to help people, and that's a noble cause. But being a motivational writer and speaker can be an addictive thing. For some folks, signing books and being on stage are almost a high; they can make you feel alive. But the whole idea can draw you into the land of financial stupidity if you're not careful.

My advice would be for him to keep his day job, and work his tail off nights and weekends to try and make this dream a reality. Let's draw up an Internet strategy to get some exposure for the books he has already written. He could contact local civic groups, and offer his services as a speaker for their meetings, too. In the process he might sell a few books from a table in the back of the room, and I know he'd get lots of valuable experience while building his

name.  
It may take longer than he'd like, but that's a much better idea than the one he has now. It allows him to work toward a goal and not put his family in financial danger. Then, once he's making a nice income on the side from writing and speaking engagements, you guys can look at the numbers and see if it's feasible for him to dive in on a full-time basis!

— 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](http://daveramsey.com).

## Letter to the editor

### Former HHS athletic director looks forward to transition

As many of you already know, we will have some new faces leading the Homedale High School athletic department this coming school year.

I am excited for Casey Grove and Dan Holtry as they transition into their new roles in the shared athletic director responsibilities. I have great confidence that they will do a fantastic job taking care of the athletic department and our student/athletes in particular.

As I pass the torch onto them I just wanted to say thank you to all the parents, teachers, and staff that have helped me over the past three years in this role. I would like to thank the school board and administration for their support and those that encouraged me in the role as AD. I also want to thank the Booster Club for all their efforts the past three years and what we have been able to accomplish working together.

I am excited about the future of Homedale athletics as well as the Homedale School District as a whole. I will obviously still be very involved with athletics here in Homedale, but as we move forward Casey and Dan will be the AD contacts for high school athletics here in Homedale.

Trojan Pride!  
Matt Holtry  
Homedale High School principal

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## ✓ Sugar: Proper dietary analysis must focus on more than one nutrient

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types of sugars. Of note, based on U.S. Department of Agriculture availability data, sugar/sucrose consumption is less than half of all "added sugars" intake.

Despite these NHANES findings, and the fact that comprehensive reviews of published science have failed to support a causal link between sugar consumption and lifestyle diseases, the inaccurate targeting of all-natural sugar continues.

The Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee recently made it clear "added sugars" is the newest dietary target, with over 300 mentions in its report. The 2015 Committee, despite weak science, is now telling the American public that many of our health woes are caused by "added sugars" intake.

This targeting of sugar is not only misguided, but problematic at its core. A hyper-focus on one nutrient without thinking about what calories will replace that nutrient is shortsighted. Were any lessons learned from the

low-fat reformulation of foods in the 1990s? Did we see improved health outcomes? No. In fact, obesity increased dramatically over the same time period.

— Marsing resident P.T. Rathbone submitted this commentary, originally published in *The Daily Caller* on April 10, 2015 and reprinted here with permission, as a rebuttal to Surine Greenway's University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office column "Beware of sugar in disguise" published June 3 in *The Owyhee Avalanche*.



# Public notices

**SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES**

**May 4, 11, 18 and 26**

**May 4**  
Pail all outstanding bills from the following funds:

Current Expense \$30,426 Road and Bridge \$1,117 District Court \$13,328 Probation \$688 Health District \$4,531 Indigent and Charity \$10,863 Revaluation \$1,610 Solid Waste \$5,392 911 \$31 County Vessel \$1,321 Waterways \$5 Taxing District Election \$2,316 Economic Development \$1,879

Approved an amendment to an agreement regarding electronic transaction and access to the Owyhee County Treasurer.

Approved Resolution 2015-09, relating to the decision on proposals submitted for security proposal published.

Approved Retail Alcoholic Beverage License for Jacksons Food Stores in Homedale. Approved a proxy for Commissioner Aberasturi to vote at the SWDH budget hearing. Approved 2 Certificates of Residency to CSI for Hannah Radford and Jonathon Villarreal. Approved a Certificate of Residency to CWI for Jacky King.

Approved Retail Alcoholic Beverage License for the One Stop in Bruneau. Approved an award to M2 Automation and Controls for the courthouse security bid. Placed a lien on Indigent & Charity case 15-11. Approved a letter to FEMA regarding floodplain management. Approved a letter to IDFG regarding the Wildlife Action Plan development. Approved a letter to Jarbidge BLM in response to a Consistency Review.

**May 11**  
Approved Resolution 2015-10; Opening Silver City and Bachman Roads. Approved 2015 audit commitment with Zwygart and Associates. Approved a grant letter of support for Murphy Reynolds Wilson Fire District.

Approved the following Retail Alcoholic Liquor License: Owyhee Motor Sales, Gus’ Gas, Grand View Store, Alejandro’s Mexican Restaurant, Moxie Java/Tango Saloon/Arena

Approved a Certificates of Residency to CSI for Andrew Martinez.

Approved an Agreement for Utility Easement Modification with the City of Grand View.

Approved a radio repeater site with Richard and Stephanie Kincheloe.

Approved a letter to P. Davina in response to her road information request.

A public hearing was held to take comments on the formation of a new taxing district for the Marsing Ambulance District.

**May 18**  
Paid all outstanding bills from the following funds:

Current Expense \$36,158 Road and Bridge \$6,820 District Court \$1,246 Probation \$408 Historical Society / Museum \$310 Indigent and Charity \$2,399 Revaluation \$5,342

Solid Waste \$9,056 Weeds \$750 911 \$1,308 Waterways \$600 Taxing District \$82 Economic Development \$2,342

Approved new hire Teri Naito to the Sheriff Office as admin. Assistant at \$13.95 per hour.

Approved new hire Mike Rayburn to the Sheriff Office as waterways employee at \$14.00 per hour.

Approved new hire of Rachelle Fahey to the Clerk’s Office at \$13.04 per hour.

Approved the following Retail Alcoholic Liquor Licenses: Idaho Hotel, Raiders Café, Logan’s Market, Cowboys Pastime, Farmers Inn, Caba’s Lounge

Approved an Idaho Parks and Recreation grant in the amount of \$133,881.00 for Black Sands facilities.

Approved a Certificate of Residency to CWI for Robyn Richardson. Denied Indigent and Charity case 15-11.

Approved a letter to Office of Species Conservation regarding the Sage Grouse Annie Basin Phase 2 Request for Funding.

**May 26**  
Approved letters to Homedale, Gem #3 and Three Creek Highway Districts.

Approved Richard Roberge as SWDH physician rep. appointment.

Approved a quote from ESRI for ARCGis license for elections in the amount of \$135.00.

Approved Retail Alcoholic Beverage Licenses for Murphy Store and Café, Jumbo’s, Last Chance Saloon, Pour House.

Approved a Certificate of Residency to CWI for Tyler Cowger. Approved Catering Permits for Y-Bar for Murphy Outpost Days and Grand View Days.

Approved a pay increase for Toni Gruenwald from grade 8, \$14.76 per hour to grade 9, \$17.26 per hour.

The complete minutes can be viewed online at [www.owyheecounty.net](http://www.owyheecounty.net) or in the Clerk’s office.

**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 10<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015

**CITY OF MARSING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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The Public Hearing will be held at 7:00 P.M. on July 8, 2015, at the American Legion Hall at 126 2<sup>nd</sup> St. N., Marsing, ID., a facility that is accessible to the 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 July 8, 2015. Comments may also be read into the record at the public hearing.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015

**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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 2015 at 10:45 o’clock a.m.

DATED this 1<sup>st</sup> 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

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE**

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today’s date: May 28, 2015 File No.: 7233.24789 Sale date and time (local time): September 28, 2015 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 1 Mile North North Canal Road Marsing, ID 83639 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Randy E. Hanson and Heather M. Hanson, Husband and Wife Original trustee: Pioneer Title Company Original beneficiary: Washington Mutual Bank Recording date: 02/18/2003 Recorder’s instrument number: 242537 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of May 28, 2015: \$49,059.66 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property’s legal description is: That part of the SW 1/4 NE 1/4 Section 33, Township 3 North, Range 4 West of The Boise Meridian, lying North and East of the Gem Irrigation District “C” Canal. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at [www.northwesttrustee.com](http://www.northwesttrustee.com) or [USA-Foreclosure.com](http://USA-Foreclosure.com). The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7233.24789) 1002.257826-File No.

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# Public notices

**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](http://www.justlawidaho.com) or Toll Free at 1-800-923-9106, Thank you.**  
**6/10,17,24;7/1/15**

**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 DEVEISEES OF LAUREANO R. VALDEZ; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS AND DEVEISEES 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.

**T O : D E F E N D A N T S THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS AND DEVEISEES OF LAUREANOR. VALDEZ; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS AND DEVEISEES 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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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

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North 43° 14’ West 90.03 feet along the Southerly line; thence

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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.

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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](mailto:emagnuson@piteduncan.com), Attorneys for Plaintiff  
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<b>Homedale Baptist Church Homedale</b> 212 S. 1st W. 841-0190 Sunday School 10am-11am Sunday Worship 11am-Noon Wednesday Evening 7pm Pastor James Huls	<b>Wilder Church of God Wilder</b> 205 A St. E., 469-7698 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Service 11am Sunday Eve. 6:00pm Wed. Eve. 7:00pm	<b>Mountain View Church of the Nazarene Wilder-Homedale</b> 26515 Ustick Road 337-3151 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm Children's Caravan Program
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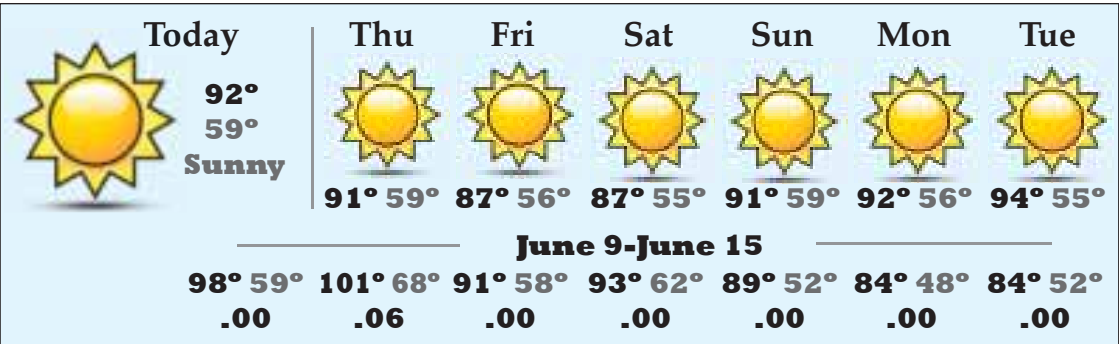
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**Note** — Weather statistics are gathered from a weekly report from Helena Chemical Co., and website sources.



Homedale’s Story Time to honor dads

A book inspired by singer/songwriter Judy Collins and honoring fathers will be featured at this week’s Story Time at the Homedale Public Library.

Story Time takes place at 10:15 a.m. on Friday at the library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

Written by Collins, the children’s book “My Father” carries the same name as one of her songs.

Set in Ohio, the book tells of three girls who listen every night to their daddy’s dreams of one day moving to Paris.

From drifting lazily on the Seine River to dancing vigorously in the French ballet, all three girls dream of the romantic city. However, only the youngest and smallest girl truly feels the

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Story Time will also include songs and snacks.

For information, call the library at 337-4228. The library is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday through Wednesday, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Bruneau-Grand View trustees salute volunteers

Budget hearing set Thursday

A Volunteer Appreciation Night will precede Thursday’s school board meeting at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School.

Bruneau-Grand View school board chair Lori Bennett said the trustees want to recognize and thank all the volunteers that give their time to help and support the district’s students.

The appreciation night will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday inside the school cafeteria.

Rimrock is located at 39678 State Hwy. 78 in Bruneau.

“We will be serving Italian sodas and saying a few remarks before our regularly scheduled board meeting,” Bennett said.

Anyone who helped the school district and its students in the past year is invited to attend. Bennett said many volunteers hail from the Rimrock Boosters, Grand View PTA and Bruneau PTO.

The trustees meeting starts at 7 p.m. inside the Rimrock library.

The trustees also will hold their 2015-16 budget hearing. The trustees will take comments on the district’s proposed \$5.26 million budget, which is more than \$280,000 larger than the current budget (an increase of 5.7 percent over the current \$4.97 million budget).

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