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Homedale Jacksons robbed

HPD has Frontier break-in suspect

Homedale Police are searching for a suspect in a rare instance of presumed armed robbery.

Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said that around 1:30 a.m. on Sunday a Hispanic male walked into Jacksons at the corner of East Idaho Avenue and North 1st Street East and, with one hand thrust into a pocket, demanded the cash out of all the registers.

The store attendant complied, handing over an unspecified amount of cash. The male, believed to be 20 to 25 years old, fled on foot northbound.

"We do have video," Eidemiller said. "It's the first robbery in a long, long time."

The suspect is believed to be between 5-foot-2 and 5-foot-6 and medium build. He was wearing

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Youth still searching for summer fun

Kodey Childress of Parma does a back-flip off the Homedale municipal swimming pool's diving board Friday. The pool is in the final month of its 2015 season.

Substantial projects ongoing at fairgrounds

The Owyhee County Fair Board will end the current fiscal year with a roughly break-even budget allotment from the county.

Two fair board reps gave the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners (BOCC) an update on their finances during a July 13 meeting in Murphy.

County Clerk Angie Barkell asked fair board chair Lath Callaway and board secretary/fair manager Ginger Loucks if they are going to spend all of the \$80,000 given to them by the county for this fiscal year.

Together, Barkell and the fair board members decided they would get very close to that dollar figure.

"I have in here (the Fiscal Year 2016 budget) \$80,000 again for next year," Barkell said. "I thought if there was carryover we could increase that a little bit so you could spend it next year, but

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A new state law intends to keep agricultural run-off water as clear as possible.

New law aims to cut irrigation sediment

Fees could be assessed against negligent users

A new law that went into effect July 1 gives irrigation districts authority to issue fees against water users who contribute silt into irrigation ditches.

The South Board of Control (SBOC) suggested to the Idaho Legislature the bill that Gov. C. L. "Butch" Otter eventually signed into the law.

Since the law took effect, no enforcement actions have been taken in the district; however, SBOC directors want water users to know that they will be watching for people who

contribute too much sediment into the water supply.

"We are going to communicate with them, but basically, hopefully they'll work with us to try to clean it up," SBOC manager Clancy Flynn said.

A special assessment would be given to a water user who doesn't resolve a silt runoff problem. The money would pay for whatever measures the South Board has to take to solve the problem on the property.

By state law, irrigation districts have a legal duty to meet minimum water quality requirements. Sediment-laden water also reduces crop yields and damages pumps and other equipment

Many irrigators in the Homedale-Marsing area have already taken steps to mitigate silt issues.

"There's a lot of guys out there that are doing stuff, so it's better than it has been," Flynn said. "There is still a problem, but for the most part the district and the farmers have done a good job in working together."

He added that pivots that put out water too quickly can also lead to silt build-up.

"Especially if you have a pivot that stops in a certain spot and the water is still going, it can erode if it's on a hill," Flynn said.

Furrow irrigation is much more prone to silt

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Percifield tourney back in Marsing for another year

Forty softball teams participating this weekend

Forty coed softball teams will be at Marsing High School this weekend for the annual Percifield Memorial Tournament.

There will be between 85 and 90 games played on fields at MHS from Friday to Sunday. Teams come from throughout Southwest Idaho, and there will also be a squad from Longview, Wash., this year.

The tournament began 32 years ago and is named for brothers Mike and Tim Percifield. The games were first played under the Marsing Coed Softball Tournament banner in 1983.

JW Chadez, who coordinates the tournament with his wife Amy, said Amy's dad, Tim Percifield, died of a heart attack in the middle of a baseball game at the age of 30.

Years later, Tim's brother Mike also passed away, so organizers decided to simply call the annual

fundraiser the Percifield Memorial Coed Softball Tournament.

Games on the MHS diamonds start at 5 p.m. Friday.

"The last game is scheduled for around 10, so it might go to 11:30, midnight," Chadez said.

There will be three different divisions this year, upper, middle and lower. That is a change from last year when there were four divisions.

"The lower one is still kind of a family bracket with teams that are kind of thrown together or only play a couple of times a year," Chadez said.

All three 2014 championship teams are back for this year's tournament.

Last year the A Division champions were Bear's Bombers. Signature Roofing won the B Division while team NC-17 were the champions of the C Division.

The tournament is very simi-

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Marsing High School graduate Joe Blackstock has been playing in the Percifield since the inception of the tournament in the early 1980s.

lar to how Homedale's Conner Landa Memorial Coed Softball Tournament is run.

"They're both pretty popular tournaments. People love them, and they're kind of both along the same mold," Chadez said. "They're both fundraisers and meant for fun."

The home run derby will begin at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. It is named after Elias Villanueva, the child of a tournament participant. Elias died about seven years ago and was handicapped since birth.

The derby lasts about two hours.

"There's 25 to 50 people in it depending on who stays out," Chadez said.

Each player in the derby gets seven pitches and whoever hits the most homers wins. If there is a tie, they are put in another round.

The derby entry fee is \$5. Participants are typically players from teams in the tournament but anyone can enter.

"So if there's a fan who just wants to get out there and take some cuts, they'll get in after," Chadez said.

The derby winner will receive half of the money from entry fees and a trophy named in Villanueva's memory.

Three other awards will also be handed out after the tournament ends Sunday. They are named for Kim Panzeri, J.R. Kent and Chris Salove.

The Panzeri award goes to the athlete deemed the best overall player in the tournament. It has been awarded since 1991 in memory of a tournament participant who died at age 19 in a car accident.

The Kent award is given to a

big supporter of the games. Kent died in 2011.

The Chris Salove Community Award goes to a person who provides tremendous help for the tournament. It's named for the former Marsing businessman and Owyhee County commissioner who died in 2012.

"We usually think of someone when it starts because sometimes it's different people. Sometimes some people help more than others," Chadez said. "We try to give it to someone who hasn't gotten it before."

In past years, proceeds from the fundraiser have provided equipment and pitching machines for the Marsing Rec youth baseball and softball program and financed construction of a visitor's dugout at the MHS baseball field.

Donations have also been made to high school athletic programs, and some money has been used to sponsor athletes at football camps.

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Police chief becomes firefighter

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller, who is also a member of the town's volunteer fire department, was the first emergency responder at the scene of a controlled burn that got out of control on Kansas Avenue on Thursday afternoon. The fire threatened structures but was quickly contained before any buildings or fences were burned. Homedale residents are asked to get a free permit from City Hall whenever they want to ignite a controlled burn.

Small fire breaks out in Bruneau vicinity

Bureau of Land Management fire crews helped extinguish a grass fire in the Crane Falls area outside of Bruneau on Thursday.

The Twin Cranes Fire was reported at 6 p.m. and burned four acres. BLM Boise District fire information officer Jacque Link said it was contained and controlled in three hours.

Exactly what sparked the blaze is under investigation, but Link said the fire was human caused.

No structures were reported to be threatened.

Bruneau Fire supplied personnel and equipment to fight the blaze. BLM provided a water tender and an investigator to determine how the fire started.

Link reminds folks that all BLM-administered lands in Idaho are under a Fire Protection Order, which prohibits:

- Discharging, using, or possessing fireworks
- Discharging a firearm using incendiary or tracer ammunition
- Burning, igniting or causing to burn any tire, wire, magnesium, plastic or explosive material (including exploding targets) that may cause a fire

The Fire Protection Order is in effect until Oct. 20.

For more information on fire restrictions, and fire information, visit www.idahofireinfo.blogspot.com.

— SC

Open burning banned in Marsing

City can't fine violators

A burn ban is now in effect for the City of Marsing, but officials have no authority to fine violators.

In response to a rash of fire calls, the city council initiated the ban during its July 8 meeting.

"There for a while our fire whistle was going off all the time," deputy city clerk Annie Campbell said. "One day, for sure, there was four calls in one day. They had to be exhausted, that fire department."

She added that conditions improved last week because of rain

and far fewer calls came in.

No monetary penalty is associated with the ban, but Campbell said it will be strongly enforced.

If someone does conduct a burn during the ban, city code enforcement officer Mike Shimkus would be sent to that location.

"If there was something going on, then he would have to go give them a notice," Campbell said.

She also said if Shimkus was unavailable, a city maintenance worker would be sent to the site of the burn to tell the person involved to put it out.

At press time Monday, no warnings had been issued for burns being conducted around the city.

“But so far, so good. Open burning right now is not good until this fire season’s over,” Campbell said.

Under normal conditions, property owners are encouraged to call Owyhee County Sheriff's dispatch to inform authorities of their intentions to conduct a controlled burn.

There is no fire ban right now in Homedale but people must obtain a permit from the city before making a controlled burn. There is no ban in Grand View at this time either.

Outside city limits, people are required to get a permit from the Idaho Department of Lands in order to conduct a controlled burn.

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Marsing budget to rise nearly 30%

Roads, parks improvements slated next year

The City of Marsing’s Fiscal Year 2016 budget will be nearly \$675,000 larger than the spending plan under which the municipality is operating this year.

The city council held a final workshop on the proposed \$2,961,731 budget on July 13. The city is poised to spend 29.5 percent (or \$673,864) more next year than was budgeted for FY 15.

“We’re going to spend a lot of money this year,” Mayor Keith Green said.

The city council will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 12 inside City Hall, 425 Main St.

Roads and streets account for \$170,450 of the total dollar figure, up from the current appropriation of \$136,678.

There will also be upgrades for pedestrians passing through Marsing.

“ITD is onboard with \$118,000 for sidewalk improvements on both sides of Main Street,” Green

said.

The proposed parks line in the budget is \$513,597. That compares to \$135,954 for the last fiscal year.

The reason for that increase is because of major improvements planned for both Island Park and City Park.

The city council originally planned to transfer \$100,000 from the general fund into the parks fund but during the budget workshop, a motion was passed to increase that to \$175,000.

Grant money from the Idaho State Department of Parks and Recreation will pay for the bulk of the improvements. However, the city will have to supply at least \$56,000 in matching funds for the projects.

The work at Island Park will include new bathroom facilities.

During the budget workshop, council members also discussed plans to improve road signs around Marsing.

“ITD is committed to providing \$30,000 in the next fiscal year to replace street signs through town,” Green said.

The council also decided to leave \$18,000 in the general fund, which could be transferred into

capital improvements if the mayor makes a motion to do so at any council meeting during the 2015-16 period. Green did not explain what those capital improvements might involve.

Other details hashed out during the budget workshop included raising the city’s water allotment line to \$886,060 from \$780,600. The council did not discuss raising water user rates during the meeting.

The irrigation line would also increase by \$1,900. The city will benefit for infrastructure improvements to water systems through town next year thanks to the recently approved Nederend housing development.

The duplex project will include 32 housing units (16 duplexes) and should bring in about \$208,000 from water and sewage hookups.

Another item in the proposed new budget is for sanitation. It is set to be \$87,050. For the 2014-15 period, the city spent \$85,150 on sanitation services.

The council has not discussed increasing residential rates for trash services.

— SC

Hearing scheduled to examine disbanding Homedale P&Z board

Council hears infrastructure updates Thursday

Public comment is sought on whether the City of Homedale should disband its Planning and Zoning Commission.

The city announced a public hearing at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 27 to hear input on whether the city council should repeal Chapters 2.16 and 17.12 of the city code and disband the P&Z commission.

Repeal of those tenets would also eliminate the position of P&Z administrator, which Sylvia Bahem has held since 2001.

In addition to comments during

the public hearing, written comments will be accept at City Hall until 5 p.m. on Aug. 26.

An executive session, presumably to discuss the personnel implications of dissolving the P&Z, was scheduled for Thursday’s city council meeting but has since been cancelled.

The council holds its second regular meeting of the month at 6 p.m. on Thursday at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

Representatives from Riedesel Engineering Inc.’s Meridian office are scheduled to give updates on the development of the city’s water facility plan and a planned project at the municipal airport.

The usual departmental reports are also planned.

Adrian schools All-Alumni Reunion slated Saturday

The annual Adrian All-Alumni Reunion will be held Saturday. Registration begins at 11 a.m. with a potluck picnic starting at 12:30 p.m.

The festivities take place at the school cafeteria on High Street.

Participants are asked to bring a dish to share, their own beverages and table settings.

For more information, contact Kathy Price of the Adrian All-Alumni Association at (541) 339-3531.

Grand marshal deadline looms

Monday is the final day to nominate someone to ride as grand marshal in next month’s Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Parade.

The parade begins at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 8 and travels through downtown Homedale.

Nomination forms can be

found in the fair book or people can send a nomination letter to parade coordinator Jolyn Green at 250 S. 8th Ave. W., Marsing, ID, 83639 or by email at jolynegreen@gmail.com. Contact Green at (208) 318-3982 for more information.

The letter should include

contact information of the person submitting the nomination as well as who the nominee is and why they are worthy of serving as grand marshal as well as the nominee’s contact information.

The fair will run from Monday, Aug. 3 to Saturday, Aug. 8 at the fairgrounds in Homedale.



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✓ Fairgrounds: Electrical upgrades among future plans

it sounds like you’re going to use that up.”

The fair board recently finished putting a new roof on the goat barn at the fairgrounds in Homedale.

“We needed to put in some lights, and some fans, and then we had to get some welding done on the pens because it was a little too spacious for the goats,” Loucks said.

Callaway told commissioners that the total cost of the goat barn renovation would be about \$25,000.

Loucks then informed the BOCC about a new fence being installed around the entire rodeo grounds. Callaway thinks they’ve spent about \$15,000 on the project so far.

“The rodeo board has kicked in (\$5,000) and the Lions Club has kicked in \$2,500, and they’re going to do another \$2,500 whenever we ask for it. It’s going to cost us another (\$13,000) to go all the way to the back gate, and then 50 foot to the other side of it,” Callaway said.

He added that, “Until everybody starts graffitiing it, it’ll be real pretty.”

The outside fence will cost \$28,000 once complete. Most of that dollar figure is from county money totaling \$18,000. The fence is metal with a vinyl top.

The fair board also recently tore

out the old chain-link fence in the back of the fairgrounds around the camping area and replaced it at a cost of \$3,500. It will cost an additional \$3,500 to extend the chain link to the property line.

One plan for next year is to put in more recreational vehicle electrical posts at the fairgrounds.

“Because we’re running into the problem of not having enough power for everyone, come time for camping, come time for the fair,” Loucks said.

Callaway said they haven’t gotten any estimates on costs to make those electrical improvements, but some other wiring work at the fairgrounds in December cost \$8,000.

Loucks also told the BOCC that they don’t have enough sheep pens, and last year they had to borrow some from Canyon County.

Barkell also told commissioners that she has a lead on a couple of grants for the fair board.

“As soon as the fair is over, Ginger and I are going to get together and start doing that. Hopefully we can do something,” Barkell said.

The fair runs Aug. 3 to Aug. 8 this year.

— SC



Above: The Owyhee County Fairgrounds goat barn recently received a new roof and other renovations. Below: The new vinyl fence along the rodeo arena is just part of the fair board’s perimeter plans.



✓ Robbery: Homedale officers involved in several arrests over last week

brown shorts, a black Nike jacket, a dark-colored beanie and brown, jersey-type gloves, Eidemiller said.

The suspect never displayed a weapon, but should be considered armed.

Probationer suspected in break-in

Eidemiller said he plans to charge Joshua Foster in connection with the July 6 break-

in at the Frontier Communications office at the corner of North Main Street and West Owyhee Avenue.

HPD assisted when Third District Probation and Parole personnel arrested Foster on a felony warrant after 10 a.m. on July 13 in the 700 block of West Oregon Avenue.

Foster is on probation for a 2013 conviction on a felony drug charge.

Man arrested for domestic battery

Nicky Dean Wilkes, 46, was arrested on a misdemeanor charge of domestic battery after 10:30 p.m. on Thursday in the 300 block of West Washington Avenue.

Man picked up on Ada warrant

A Homedale resident was arrested at the corner North 6th Street West and West

Oregon Avenue on a \$10,000 bench warrant out of Ada County.

Daniel Sanchez, who was arrested on Friday, was wanted for a failure to appear on misdemeanors of driving without privilege and a failure to appear from June 11, 2014.

— JPB

✓ Sediment: South Board has program to help farmers with silt mitigation

problems than pivots irrigation.

Many area farmers have set up silt ponds, which are an existing pond or a hole that has been dug at the low point of a field. The ponds have an outflow pipe near the top of the hole and silt settles underneath that pipe.

“We work cooperatively with them. We’ll even dig the pond if they want, and we will come in and clean them out when we have time,” Flynn said. “We charge for it, but our rates are a lot lower than what an excavation company would charge.”

Sediment is also an issue for cities around Owyhee County.

“As far as silt goes, we have that creek that runs through town. It’s pretty silty, it’s pretty dirty,” Marsing city maintenance superintendent Ed Lowder said.

He went on to say that sediment has been a pretty bad problem for the past five or six years. The is-



Irrigation water flows out of bubbler near an agricultural field northwest of Homedale.

sue may have gotten worse around 2010 when farmers around Marsing changed their crops.

off. Then all of a sudden (came) the corn boom, so they started raising lots of corn and got more runoff,” Lowder said.

Sediment buildup around Marsing varies widely from neighborhood to neighborhood.

“Some people, their irrigation lines, the screens get plugged up a lot faster. As far as our pipes go, we don’t have a lot of problem with the silt,” Lowder said.

In Homedale, early in the season, the water that comes to the city carries more silt in it than any other time of the year.

“Usually mid-season we see it kind of even out and then as harvest comes back on we typically see it come back up,” Homedale public works supervisor Bret Smith said.

He added that the water flowing through the city’s irrigation system seems to have more silt in it than usual right now, but he’s

not sure why.

“We’re not talking major differences here, but it’s just been more persistent in the middle (of the growing season) than usual. But other than that, I think it’s been a typical year,” Smith said.

Flow issues with sprinklers in city parks are commonly indicators of silt problems as well as complaints from citizens about their irrigation water in Homedale.

“Even at times there’s delivery issues where perhaps there’s a silt buildup in a main line that either slows or doesn’t allow enough water to get to people,” Smith said.

Dealing with silt issues is a weekly task for the city as Smith’s crews are checking sprinklers.

“As far as outright outages, blockages, it’s less frequent than that — every couple of weeks or every month,” Smith said. — SC

Death notices

LESTER WILLIAM STACY JR., 72, who attended school in Adrian, Ore., died Friday, July 17, 2015 at his Caldwell home. A graveside service will be held at noon on Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at Canyon Hill Cemetery, Caldwell. Services are under the care of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell.

LONNIE RAY VANOSDALL, 52, of Caldwell, died Sunday, July 19, 2015. Arrangements are under the care of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale.

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

(Milk served every day)

- July 22: Pasta primavera, bread, (lettuce, tomato, boiled eggs, apricots)
- July 23: Hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes/gravy, carrots, bread, (lettuce, tomato, boiled eggs, apricots)
- July 28: Salisbury steak w/onions & mushrooms, mashed potatoes/gravy, California blend veggies, bread, (lettuce, tomato, boiled eggs, carrot salad)
- July 29: Tuna salad, lettuce & tomato, carrot salad, bread, (lettuce, tomato, boiled eggs, carrot salad)
- July 30: BBQ chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, beets, bread, (lettuce, tomato, boiled eggs, carrot salad)

Marsing Senior Center

(Milk served with lunch every day)

- July 22: Tuna casserole or chef’s choice, potatoes, carrots, noodles, salad, orange juice, bread
- July 23: Roast beef, potatoes/gravy, mixed vegetables, coleslaw, pears, roll
- July 27: Breakfast, pancakes
- July 28: Beef stroganoff, pasta, broccoli, bean salad, fruit, roll
- July 29: Hot pork sandwiches, potatoes/gravy, cauliflower, applesauce, coleslaw
- July 30: Oven fried chicken, potatoes/gravy, copper Penney salad, fruit, bread

Rimrock Senior Center

(Milk and juice served every day)

- July 23: Sweet & sour meatballs, steamed rice, cookie veggies, mixed fruit, cookie
- July 28: French toast, sausage or bacon, scrambled eggs, melon fruit boat
- July 30: Finger steaks, french fries, 3 bean salad, fresh made toast, strawberry pie

School menu

Bruneau-Grand View

- July 22: Little smokies, scalloped potatoes, green beans, fruit, roll, milk
- July 23: Lasagna, steamed broccoli, fruit, milk
- July 24: BBQ pork/bun, sweet potato fries, seasoned black beans, fresh fruit, milk
- July 28: Chicken nuggets, roll, veggie, fruit, milk
- July 29: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, peas, fruit, milk
- July 30: Teriyaki chicken, oriental rice, veggie, fruit, milk
- July 31: Hamburger/bun, fries, fruit, milk



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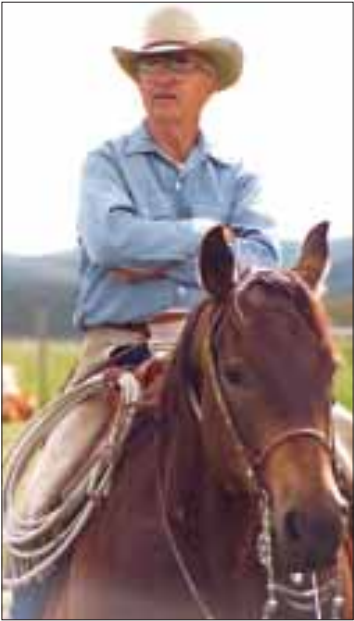
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Obituary

Bob Kelly



Bob Kelly passed away July 13th following a short illness. He was born August 25, 1918 in Owyhee County, Idaho to C. F. (Fred) and Ana Kelly. After graduating eighth grade, he went to work in the cattle business.

At the outbreak of World War II, he enlisted in the Army and served in Europe as a sergeant with the 807th Tank Destroyers. He commanded a tank squad nicknamed “The Kelly Ridgerunners,” receiving the Bronze Star for his service.

After the war, he married his sweetheart Lena May Carothers of Oreana. They ranched near Given Springs until 1952 when they moved to Grangeville, Idaho where he began his saddle-making career with Ray Holes, a highly regarded saddle maker at that time. They raised their family of four children on a cattle ranch, which he managed. He also lent a hand to his brother-in-law, Bob Carothers, who managed a big Salmon River ranch. He was known for his expert horse shoeing and training. Co-founding a 4-H horse club enabled him to pass his knowledge of horsemanship onto the next generation.

After building over 1,700

saddles for Ray Holes, they moved to Tres Pinos, California, and began building saddles and braiding rawhide under his own name. They enjoyed the local ranching culture, helping out with the riding and at the brandings.

In 1982, they returned to Owyhee County, settling near Homedale where he continued his career. He enjoyed roping at the local brandings and working on the family ranch on Hardtrigger. They enjoyed traveling and reunited with many old friends.

Bob was recognized for his work when he was invited to display one of his saddles at the Museum of Western Art in Flagstaff, and when in 2003, he was inducted into the Buckaroo Hall of Fame. He also received the Don King Lifetime Achievement Award from the Academy of Western Arts.

He was preceded in death by his wife Lena, his daughter Kay, and brothers James and Creighton. He is survived by sisters Nathelle and Barbara, son Tom and wife Julee, son Milt and wife Martha, son Bill and wife Kathy, son-in-law Floyd Breach, grandson Frank Hendry and son Wyatt, grandson Cory Kelly and wife Sheri and daughter Paris and son Cade, and grandson Robert Kelly and wife Danylle and sons Robert and Lane. Bob also had an “adopted” family of which he was very fond, the Shenk and Miranda families.

Bob leaves behind many friends, the Carothers clan, Betty Lacy, Ellen Barker, and many others too numerous to mention. Special thanks to his good friend Teri Nielsen, who looked out for him toward the end along with Stacy Kelly.

It was Bob’s wish that no services be held.

Bruneau Valley Library work makes wheelchair access easier

Thanks to some community donations, including some made in memory of a former library director, The Bruneau Valley Library is showing off several improvements.

Among the capital improvements is a handicap-accessible parking space just outside a new back door.

In a press release announcing

the changes, library board member Judith Erwin said the new parking lot improves access.

“We have always been able to get wheelchairs into the library, but getting them through gravel to the sidewalk was difficult,” Erwin wrote.

The back door and parking lot upgrades were funded with memorial donations made in

honor of past librarian Clara Morris.

“Clara hated the old door with a passion, so getting it replaced would have pleased her immensely,” Erwin said.

With a \$1,000 grant from the Bruneau Booster Club, the library has replaced its worn-out copier with a new multipurpose office machine.

GV City Hall closed next week

Grand View City Hall will be closed next week.

City Clerk and Treasurer Tammy Payne will be on vacation, so the city council approved closure of the city office during its July 8 regular meeting.

City Hall’s final day of business for July is Thursday. The office will be closed Monday through Thursday, July 31. City Hall is always closed on Friday.

Payne will be back to work and the office open again at 9 a.m. on

Monday, Aug. 3.

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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
Lizard Butte Library board meeting
4 p.m. 111 3rd Ave. W. Marsing
Homedale City Council meeting
6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)
6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church,

320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867

Friday

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

OCA summer meeting
9 a.m., registration; 9:30 a.m., meeting,

Silver City Schoolhouse, Silver City
Adrian All-Alumni Reunion
11 a.m., registration, 12:30 p.m., potluck picnic, Adrian schools cafeteria, High Street, Adrian, Ore. (541) 339-3531
Free lunches
Noon to 1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419
OCA social hour
5 p.m., Silver City Schoolhouse
OCA dinner
6 p.m., \$12.50 adults, \$6 10 and younger, Silver City
OCA dance
9 p.m., \$7 per person, \$12 per couple, Silver City Schoolhouse, Silver City

Monday

BOCC 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
— Call 337-4681 to make a submission.

Keep an eye out for moldy hay

Repeated rain showers coupled with cool temperatures and high humidity forced many producers to leave cut hay lying in the field for two or more weeks before it could be baled. These conditions allowed for field growth of mold on the hay. Here are some frequently asked questions and answers on the subject of moldy hay.

What is the “black dust” on the hay in the windrow, and coming out of my baler or forage harvester?

The dust is partially fungal spores that have been produced at any point prior to harvest; but most likely, spores were produced after mowing in the windrow, under high moisture levels. Another source of the dust is pulverized and decomposed plant material after drying.

How can you prevent further mold growth in harvested hay and silage?

Hay preservatives such as propionic acid products and other mold inhibitors can reduce or stop further mold growth in hay and silage, at least temporarily, when applied at baling or chopping. These products will not reduce the damage done before harvest; they merely stop new growth.

What effects do molds have on animals?

The spores can produce undesirable physical responses from humans and livestock from the physical dust and an allergic response of animals. Horses and other non-ruminants are generally more susceptible to this problem

University of Idaho Extension



Scott Jensen

than cattle. Feed intake is reduced. The spores indicate a possibility of mycotoxin producing organisms. A mycotoxin is a toxic secondary metabolite produced by an organism of the fungus kingdom, including mushrooms, molds, and yeasts. Molds commonly found in hay include *Alternaria*, *Aspergillus*, *Cladosporium*, *Fusarium*, *Mucor*, *Penicillium*, and *Rhizopus*. These molds **can produce spores that cause respiratory problems**, especially in horses or other animals fed in poorly ventilated areas and, **under some conditions, will produce mycotoxins**.

There is much confusion about mycotoxins in forages because several mycotoxins may be present, diagnostic methods are not consistent, and treatment and control recommendations lack needed research.

While most molds do not produce mycotoxins, the presence of mold indicates the possibility of mycotoxin presence and animals being fed moldy hay should be watched carefully for mycotoxin symptoms. If you suspect the hay has mycotoxins, consult your veterinarian or nutritionist.

Strategies for the utilization of moldy hay:

If hay is dusty (from mold spores) avoid feeding it to sensi-

tive animals and those in areas with poor ventilation. If mycotoxin symptoms are observed, check with a nutritionist to make sure the ration is properly balanced and possibly with a veterinarian to eliminate other disease/health problems. Some forage-testing laboratories will provide mycotoxin tests.

Often, the best strategy is to remove a suspected mycotoxin-contaminated feedstuff from the diet and see if symptoms disappear. If mycotoxins are present, the feedstuff can often be fed at a diluted rate and/or with approved feed additives. Dilute the suspected feed by starting with a small amount, gradually increase the proportion, and observe animal behavior and health closely. Allow animals to sort through the hay and reject molded forage, and then remove the rejected forage.

In summary:

Most molds are harmless — not producing known mycotoxins. Many of the commonly diagnosed mycotoxins are produced in the field prior to harvest. The physical dust problem associated with moldy forage can be reduced by ensiling, mixing with a high-moisture feed or wetting the hay, but these actions will not reduce mycotoxins if present.

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

Homedale library showcases zoo animals

The zoo is a popular destination for children out on summer vacation, but the Homedale Public Library will bring a little bit of the attraction closer to home.

Over the next month, Story Time will focus on different countries and their animals

through children’s literature.

The first installment comes at 10:15 a.m. on Friday with the reading of “What Happens at the Zoo” by Judith Rinard.


Songs and snacks will be included in the program.

For more information, call

337-4228.

The library is located at 125 W. Owyhee Ave. It’s open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

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Mail by stage

There were priorities in stagecoach travel. First priority went to the mail that had to be delivered for fear of losing the valuable mail franchise. Second was the team, third the driver and coach, and fourth the passenger, who had paid in advance.

Mail franchises were valuable, and the mail had to go through regardless of risk or the company stood a good chance of losing its contract.

In the June 3, 1893, issue of the *Idaho Daily Statesman* the following article appeared:

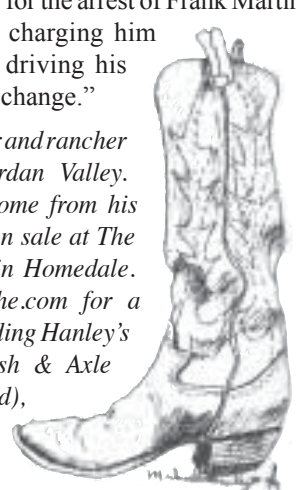
“United States Commissioner Brown yesterday, upon complaint of United States Attorney Wood, issued a warrant for the arrest of Ed Moss, a farmer living on Succor Creek, Owyhee County. The charge against Moss is interfering with the carrying of the U.S. Mails.

“It seems the stage that runs between Caldwell and Jordan Valley, via DeLamar, carrying the U.S. Mails has, since the line was put in operation, passed through the place that is now Moss’s ranch. Moss recently objected to a further use of the road as a public highway, and Thursday when the stage approached, he hailed the driver, John Mason, and ordered him to go back and pass around his farm. The driver refused to comply and, after some hot words had passed between the men, Moss secured a Winchester rifle and informed the driver if he did not vamoose, and do that mighty suddenly, he would lose the top of his head. Mason went.

“He turned around and by a circuitous route regained the road, after nearly drowning his horses and himself while fording the creek. Upon reaching DeLamar, he informed the stage agent what had happened, and the latter telephoned the facts to the district attorney.”

In the Dec. 31, 1914, issue of the DeLamar Nugget, it was reported that “a warrant was sworn out at Grasmere, before Justice of Peace Irons, for the arrest of Frank Martin, the Grasmere mail carrier, charging him with cruelty to animals in driving his teams all the way without a change.”

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



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Other district happenings

The Homedale School District office will be closed next week.

Superintendent Rob Sauer said office staff will be on vacation. He shared the news during the school board meeting on July 13.

Elementary school registration for returning first- through fourth-graders takes place from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 3. Parents of kindergarteners and students new to the elementary school can register their children from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 4. Homedale Elementary School is located at 420 W. Washington Ave.

School district transportation and maintenance supervisor Tom Muir told the trustees that a new sidewalk was installed recently in front of the elementary school.

Longtime Homedale teachers depart

School board leadership remains the same

After more than a decade, Homedale High School art students will have a new instructor when school begins on Aug. 24.

The school board accepted Katy Belanger's resignation at its July 13 meeting. Superintendent Rob Sauer said Belanger is moving on to teach art at Middleton High School.

Kelly Schamber also has left the Homedale district. She resigned her fifth-grade teaching position at the middle school to become the assistant principal at Kuna Middle

School, Sauer said.

Both positions were filled during the July 13 meeting, and Sauer said the district is fully staffed for the upcoming school year.

Danielle Forsberg, who was a student-teacher with Belanger in the 2013-14 school year, has been hired to replace her mentor. This will be her first teaching job.

Rebecca Alamilla, whose mother-in-law is a custodian at Homedale Elementary School, will succeed Schamber as a fifth-grade teacher. This is also the first teaching job of her career.

Several coaches were retained during last week's meeting, including: Larry Corta (varsity softball), Casey Grove (varsity boys' basketball), Joe Betancourt

(varsity girls' basketball), Luke Ankeny (junior varsity boys' basketball), Craig DeMark (fresh-soph boys' basketball), Taryn Corta (JV girls' basketball) and Tony Sifuentes (JV softball).

FFA advisor's contract hours expanded

Sauer announced that the district has received a State Department of Education grant to expand the vocational-agricultural teaching contract for second-year FFA advisor Sue Poland.

The \$8,600 grant is part of the increased ag education funding approved by the Idaho Legislature earlier this year.

Homedale will use the money to add days to Poland's contract to cover FFA events on Saturdays

and during the summer, Poland said.

Shanley retains chairmanship

Trustees reappointed Kurt Shanley and Shane Muir as board chair and vice-chair, respectively.

Shanley, who is from Zone 1, defeated Jeff Christoffersen in May to earn another four-year term on the board. Muir ran unopposed for another term as Zone 5 trustee.

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Probation for man who skipped felony drug sentencing

A California man caught with a controlled substance has been placed on probation.

Jorge Ernesto Villarreal, 42, of Traver, Calif., was sentenced to four years' of supervised probation last month, nearly one year since he failed to appear for his first sentencing hearing.

He entered a guilty plea to felony possession of a controlled substance. Owyhee County Third District Court Molly J. Huskey suspended a state prison term of between two and five years and imposed the probation during a June 26 hearing. She also ordered Villarreal to pay

\$100 in restitution.

Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery dismissed a misdemeanor charge of drug paraphernalia possession.

A \$100,000 bench warrant was issued on June 27, 2014 when Villarreal failed to show up for his sentencing hearing at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy. He was arrested earlier this year.

Idaho State Police charged Villarreal with the drug offenses after his Oct. 12, 2013 arrest. The date coincides with a multi-agency saturation patrol held on U.S. Highway 95.

Two sentenced for DUI

An Eagle man has been sentenced for driving under the influence and assault after an October incident.

Edward M. King, who was born in 1957, was sentenced July 13 before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober in an Owyhee County courtroom in Murphy.

Grober sentenced King to time served and ordered him to undergo 32 hours in a treatment program for the misdemeanor conviction on a second DUI offense. He was placed on two years' probation.

King spent 34 days in jail after his Oct. 10 arrest. Grober suspended the remainder of a six-month jail term.

King was ordered to pay a

\$157.50 fine for two counts of misdemeanor battery.

Marsing man receives probation for second DUI

Richard H. Allen of Marsing had his driver's license suspended for a year following his sentencing for misdemeanor second-offense DUI before Grober on July 13.

Grober suspended the rest of a 180-day jail sentence. Allen served 13 days behind bars after his April 11 arrest. He was placed on two years' supervised probation.

Allen was ordered to pay fines and court fees totaling \$1,000 for the DUI conviction, and a \$197.50 fine for misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia.



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County re-establishes building inspector post

Application deadline is Aug. 31;
previous inspector’s lawsuit still pending

Owyhee County is looking for qualified candidates for a new, full-time building inspector/code enforcement position.

Owyhee County Clerk Angie Barkell doesn’t think the county has ever had a full-time building inspector before. The help wanted ad appears in the classified section of this week’s edition of The Owyhee Avalanche.

The county contracted with Elmore County for a while and then Canyon County for inspection services. They’ve been using Canyon County for the past full year. Before contracting services, the county had a part-

time building inspector in house.

The contractual setup wasn’t economically feasible for the county or its citizens, Barkell said.

“Our citizens were having to go to Canyon County to buy their building permit, and they were keeping 80 percent of the proceeds and sending us 20 and then we had to pay for the inspection,” Barkell said.

She also said the pricing structure in Elmore County was very different than Canyon County.

“It really wasn’t fair for our citizens to have to pay Elmore

County prices for a building permit and Canyon has kept theirs lower. They have a lot more volume,” Barkell said.

She also said the county has paid out \$16,441 for building inspections so far this year.

When the recession began in 2008, Owyhee County’s building inspector position was no longer paying for itself because the county wasn’t selling many building permits. Now the situation has turned around, Barkell said.

“I’ve estimated the revenue for building permits next year to be at \$80,000. We’re now at a position

where the building department can pretty much support itself,” Barkell said.

She added, “Our citizens aren’t very happy about dealing with Canyon County. It’s cumbersome. We need our own guy.”

A tort claim filed against the county by its last part-time building inspector still has not been settled.

Mark Ottens stepped down from the position in spring of 2012 and accepted a job with Ada County. He alleges county officials and others representing Owyhee County deprived him of due process and violated his right to privacy. Ottens also claims he was uncompensated for time worked above his weekly threshold of 24 hours.

He was employed by Owyhee County from March 2011 to late April of 2012.

No specific amount of damages is listed in the tort claim.

On June 25, Owyhee County Prosecutor Douglas Emery was dismissed from the case but was originally named as a defendant. Ottens’ claim also names Owyhee County, Planning and Zoning Administrator Mary Huff, Les Tibbals, who was the part-time building inspector who succeeded Ottens, the State of Idaho and the Idaho Division of Building Safety as defendants.

A jury trial for the lawsuit filed by Ottens is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 29 before Third District Judge Thomas J. Ryan.

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3 people flee wreck

A Sunday night crash sent three people to West Valley Medical Center in Caldwell.

A 2003 Ford Ranger rolled several times and was found on its side at 8:50 p.m. at Pershall and Jump Creek roads outside Marsing.

Owyhee County Sheriff Perry Grant said alcohol may have been involved in the wreck.

The vehicle’s occupants ran into a nearby cornfield and hid from responders. Homedale Police Cpl. Atanacio Montes said they eventually emerged one-by-one out of the field.

The driver of the vehicle, Jose Carlos Esparza-Reyes, 28, of Nampa, had head and hand injuries. Montes requested blood alcohol content information on Esparza-Reyes from West Valley.

The other two people in the vehicle were Carlos Saucedo-Prado, 20, and Philipe Reyna, 18, both of Caldwell.

All three men were taken to the hospital to be checked out for injuries.

At press time Monday, no charges had been issued against any of the men.

Truck total loss after fire

A vehicle is a total loss after a Saturday night fire.

The truck fire happened around 5:30 p.m. on Upper Reynolds Creek Road near Bailey Road south of Idaho highway 78.

Dolores Lopez lives nearby and reported the fire to the Owyhee County Sheriff’s dispatch center.

The Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District responded to the scene and put out the fire.

Owyhee County Sheriff Perry Grant said the 2005 Chevy Silverado’s transmission may have overheated and caused the fire.

No one was injured.

— SC

Man leads deputies on foot chase

A Marsing resident led Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office personnel on a foot chase for about a city block.

Around 11:39 a.m. on July 14, Deputy Cody Hammond was trying to serve a felony probation violation warrant on 25-year-old Scottie Medlin. The suspect lives at a home on Old Bruneau Highway with his grandfather.

Other OCSO lawmen arrived at the scene when Hammond called in for backup.

“He snuck out the back without them knowing, but (Sgt. Kenny Hoagland) and I went to the residence next door because there was a lady standing outside, she was pretty distraught. She said, ‘He’s behind the house,’” Sheriff Perry Grant said.

When Hoagland and Grant spotted Medlin, the wanted man took off running. Grant caught up with Medlin as he was trying

to jump a fence.

“Just right when I got to him, he dropped down to the ground and put his hands up,” Grant said.

After being taken into custody, Medlin was charged with misdemeanor disturbing the peace. “Because he did scare that lady, this witness,” Grant said.

Medlin also faces another misdemeanor charge of resisting and obstructing officers.

The felony warrant stemmed from Medlin allegedly violating his probation from a 2011 felony drug conviction.

At press time Monday, Medlin was still being held in the Owyhee County jail.

Warrant arrest turns into drug charge

Also July 14, a 41-year-old Caldwell man wanted for not appearing in court was arrested on a more serious drug charge.

Already charged with misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession, Charles Dennis could be facing a felony charge after Sheriff’s Sgt. Jeff Wasson found a glass pipe in the man’s pocket while booking Dennis into Owyhee County Jail. Wasson reported that the substance inside the pipe turned up a presumptive positive test for methamphetamine.

“He got charged with paraphernalia and (is) probably looking at charges for possession of methamphetamine,” Grant said. “If there’s enough to test in a pipe, then it’s possession.”

Wasson served a misdemeanor warrant on Dennis at the corner of Homestead Road and Graveyard Point Road outside Homedale shortly after 1 p.m.

Dennis has since posted bail and has been released.

— SC

Familiar face back in OCSO fold

James Doucet
returns as jailer

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners has approved another hire for the sheriff’s office.

Sheriff Perry Grant received permission to rehire a former employee during the July 13 commissioners meeting.

James Doucet was hired as a new detention deputy. He left the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office three months ago to work for Ada County, which offered him a higher wage.

“He decided that we were more of a family environment and he missed working for me,” Grant said.

Doucet was rehired at \$14.38 per hour — the same pay rate he earned when he departed.

Grant also said Doucet hasn’t gone through the Idaho Peace Officer Standards and Training detention deputy academy, but will do so within the next year. All deputies lacking POST certification must complete the academy course within a year of being hired. The next POST detention academy runs Oct. 5 through Nov. 13, and there is another academy from March 7 to April 15 next year. Grant is unsure whether he must file a waiver for Doucet to receive an extension or if he is considered new again to POST, which would restart his certification clock.

“He’s a fan favorite here,”

Grant said. “We all love this kid, love him to death, and we’re so happy to have him back.”

When Doucet left three months ago, he was replaced by Patrick Williams. However, Grant still had openings from the departures of Courtney Gates and Cody Hammond. Gates returned to the military while Hammond was moved to patrol. Grant plans to fill the remaining vacancy soon.

Despite being one detention deputy short, Grant’s jail is still in compliance with state law. Former Owyhee County Commissioner Dick Freund is working part-time at the jail, and Grant can serve as a jailer himself if need be.

— SC

Duck Valley man wrecks twice, charged with DUI

An Owyhee, Nev., man has been charged with driving under the influence after an incident in Bruneau.

Owyhee County Sheriff’s Deputy Scott Snyder was called to the scene of an accident at milepost 14 on Highway 51 at 9:41 p.m. on July 14. He was joined by personnel from Grand View Fire, Grand View Ambulance and the Bruneau Quick Response Unit.

They found a Chevy Impala with damage to the front fender and headlight. The vehicle was being driven by 42-year-old Duck Valley Indian Reservation resident Dirk Roa.

“He advised he was traveling home from Boise to Duck Valley and a deer jumped out, and Dirk hit the deer with his vehicle,” Sheriff Perry Grant said.

However, Snyder wrote in his report that he did not observe any blood or hide that would indicate impact with a deer. The deputy

did notice a sign nearby was knocked down and lying in the roadway.

In fact, Grant said Roa had earlier also apparently hit an enclosed trailer being pulled on the roadway about 10 miles away from where Snyder found him.

The driver of the vehicle pulling the trailer called 911, and Snyder met him in Grand View before he tracked down Roa.

The suspect told Snyder he had drank two Bud Lights earlier in the day. Grant said breath test revealed his blood alcohol level to be .126, which is nearly .05 above the legal limit.

Roa was taken to Elmore County Medical Center in Mountain Home to be checked out.

While at the hospital, Roa was given misdemeanor citations for DUI and reckless driving.

Roa was found guilty of a DUI charge in March 2004 in Elmore County.

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Soil health becoming a priority for cattlemen

New science changing old ranching traditions

Some Owyhee County ranches are well over 100 years old and with that history comes long-standing beliefs about how to run a cattle ranch.

Still, cattlemen have come a long way since the pre-Taylor Grazing Act days when some would allow cattle to graze forage down to the dirt.

Nowadays, ranchers are increasingly turning their attention to holistic management using things like cover crops to improve soil health.

Jason Nettleton’s family ranch is in the Oreana area but he currently lives on the family’s newer ranch in Elmore County. He has 200 cows on primarily Bureau of Land Management ground covering 50,000 acres.

“We changed our operation to grazing intensive management. We essentially quit haying, and to be able to park a swather/baler and not use it, and not put fuel in it, was a huge step and not traditional,” Nettleton said.

He hoped to learn a few new tricks or techniques at a sustainability seminar held last month at McIntyre Farms in Canyon County. Nettleton tries to take advantage of all the agriculture education opportunities he can.

“The first time I was in a class, I called one of our friends and it really hit me — I’m here, and at the time, my mom and dad (Nick

and Betty Ann) as managers. My point is the entire management of our ranch left the ranch and could leave for two or three days to go to a class. (His friend) can absolutely not afford, in his opinion, to leave that day of haying,” Nettleton said.

He also said he’s always ready to consider new ideas on how to operate his ranch. Nettleton thinks his father had the same mindset of listening to new science and trying something different.

“I talk to my other ranchers and peers that are of my age. I talk to them about what they’re doing at their ranch, and it disappoints me because so many of them are in that tradition of doing things as they always have been. My dad doesn’t let me do that,” Nettleton said. “Tradition overcomes a lot of common sense.”

Sean Cunningham of Cunningham Ranch on Succor Creek in Jordan Valley has also been changing the way his operation runs.

Sean is a fourth-generation farmer on the ranch and has 500 head of cattle this year. He said improving day-to-day business at his ranch is a never-ending learning process.

“Right now, I’m wanting to learn a lot more about intensive grazing management. Holistic management really piques my in-

USDA soil health tips

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resource Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) website has an official definition for soil health: “Soil managed to its maximum potential through a system of conservation practices, including no-till, cover crops, advanced nutrient and pest management, and buffers and drainage systems where appropriate.”

The agency gives tips for managing soil health:

- Minimize soil disturbance
- Maximize the diversity of plants in rotation or cover crops
- Keep living roots in the soil as much as possible
- Keep the soil covered with plants and plant residues at all times

terest,” Cunningham said. “I’ve been reading a lot of books, and I just want to get to some nitty-gritty stuff.”

He added that a typical ranch in his area will feed hay to its cattle for three or four months in the winter. Cunningham has never had to feed hay for more than two months.

Cunningham leaves six to eight inches of residual vegetation on his property, and he says that leaves the soil virtually undisturbed by foraging animals.

“During the growing season, we left all that residual so the grass recovers quickly. When you hay it, you have to shut the water off for two or three weeks or at least 10 days to get it dried out enough so you can get hay equipment across it,” Cunningham said.

He also said soil completely dries out during haying season because the soil is exposed to the sun after the harvest.

Cunningham thinks that separating the livestock business from the farming side of agriculture would really hurt soil health and sustainability on anyone’s ranch.

“It doesn’t have to be every year, but you know, grazing a cover crop once in three years or even once in five years can make a huge difference on building that soil biology and starting to store carbon in the soil and recycle nutrients,” Cunningham said.

He clarified that farmers don’t necessarily need to get into the livestock business because he thinks there are plenty of people in livestock that are more than happy to bring cattle onto farmland.

Ben McIntyre of McIntyre Farms agrees with Cunningham’s thoughts on ground cover.

“In our area, it takes a lot of water to grow crops, and so where you graze, you can do it with less water,” McIntyre said.

McIntyre Farms has been making a number of changes in recent years, including the reintroduction of cattle into the business.

“We used to have a lot of cows and then we started doing so much custom work, we didn’t have time for them,” McIntyre said.

Pam Holloway makes a living from explaining the principles of soil health to ag producers. She was one of the featured speakers at the sustainability summit at McIntyre Farms.

The Deary resident co-owns Tourmaline Farms & Feed. The 1,280-acre regenerative agriculture farm focuses on maximizing nutrient density through soil and animal management, Holloway said.

“With Idaho grazing lands experiencing ever-increasing drought and the demand for grass-finished products dramatically on the rise, we are at a critical juncture in time where we have to change not just what we do, but how we think about what we do in agriculture,” Holloway wrote in an email prior to the sustainability summit.

She also wrote, “With improvements in technology come culture changes and new challenges.”

Holloway encourages ag producers to learn about holistic management to help them assess, improve and maintain their success.

— SC

ITD’s five-year plan includes several Owyhee projects

Airports, bridges on list open for comment

The Idaho Transportation Department plans several infrastructure projects in Owyhee County over the next five years.

The state agency will take public comment through July 30 on its draft Idaho Transportation Investment Program (ITIP) for fiscal year 2016 through FY 2020.

According to the interactive roadmap on the ITD website (www.itd.idaho.gov/itip/draft.htm), projects planned for Owyhee County include:

FY 2016

Idaho highway 167 bridge, Grand View — Rehabilitation, \$2.5 million

Idaho 19 Succor Creek bridge, Homedale — Construction, \$3.8 million

Idaho 51 bridge, Owyhee and Elmore — Replacement, \$8.8 million

Murphy airport runway — \$25,000 rehabilitation (county will finance)

FY 2017

Idaho 55 bridge, Marsing — Replacement, \$7.42 million. ITD also lists \$140,000 in expenses for FY 16 to cover right-of-way acquisition and development and engineering.

Idaho 45 Walters Ferry bridge — Rehabilitation, \$5.94 million. This bridge connects Owyhee County to Canyon County over the Snake River near Idaho 78.

Idaho 19 resurfacing — \$1 million for work from North 4th Street East in Homedale to the Oregon state line.

Idaho 55, Marsing — \$3.804 million to resurface, restore and rehabilitation roadway from the U.S. 95 junction west of Marsing to the Snake River.

Idaho 78, Marsing — City-sponsored \$160,000 project to construct sidewalks from Bosma Lane to the Labor Camp along a route also known as 8th Avenue West.

U.S. 95 south of Marsing — \$4 million for construction and development for project to resurface, restore, rehabilitation and grade the surface from Elephant Butte

to Swelling Clay. Drainage also will be installed.

Homedale Municipal Airport — City-sponsored \$250,000 project for installation of a segment circle, wind cone and fencing.

FY 2018

Murphy airport runway — County to pay \$15,000 to rehabilitate runway and apron.

U.S. 95 Oregon line to milepost 16.7 — \$62,000 for engineering of FY 20 sealcoat project

FY 2020

Homedale airport — City-sponsored \$550,000 apron rehabilitation

U.S. 95 Oregon line to milepost 16.7 — \$2.928 million sealcoat

No date specified

Other Murphy airport projects, totaling \$66,000 and to be funded by Owyhee County, also are listed, but no specific schedule is available.

The work includes installing a wind cone, constructing an apron and automobile parking and building a restroom.

Public comments will help determine if proposed projects meet the department’s three main objectives of improving safety, mobility and economic opportunity.

Comments can be e-mailed to comments@itd.idaho.gov or mailed to ITIP – Comments, Attn: Adam Rush, P.O. Box 7129, Boise, ID 83707-1129. Paper or CD copies of the ITIP will be provided upon request by contacting Adam Rush at (208) 334-8119 or by e-mail at comments@itd.idaho.gov.

A request for a paper copy or CD also can be mailed to: Idaho Transportation Department, Adam Rush, P.O. Box 7129, Boise, ID 83707-1129.

A printed copy can be reviewed at the ITD district office in Boise.

All comments on the draft will be reviewed after July 30. After approval by the Idaho Transportation Board, the ITIP is submitted to the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency.



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West Nile-infected mosquitoes found in Bruneau testing pools

West Nile Virus has apparently reached Owyhee County.

Southwest District Health has announced that mosquitoes found in several traps in the Bruneau area have tested positive for the virus.

No human cases have been reported in Idaho, but samples testing positive have been found in traps in Owyhee, Canyon, Ada, Washington and Payette counties.

SWDH has distributed a flyer in the Bruneau area listing precautions people can take to avoid mosquito bites.

- If possible, avoid activities between dusk and dawn when disease-carrying mosquitoes are most active and feeding. If you must be outside between dawn and dusk, cover exposed skin and dress appropriately by wearing long sleeves, pants, and loose-fitting clothing.
- Use insect repellent containing an EPA-registered active ingredient, such as DEET,

Picaridin, or Repel's Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus (apply it according to manufacturers' instructions.) Parents are advised not to apply repellent on their children that contains more than 10 percent DEET.

In addition, certain products that contain permethrin are recommended for use on clothing, shoes, bed nets, and camping gear. Follow the directions on the package.

- Make sure you have good screens on your windows and doors to keep mosquitoes out. Also consider using mosquito netting on infant carriers.
- Don't over-irrigate your lawns, gardens, or pastures. Make sure there is no standing water on your property. Even the smallest amounts of standing water can provide the habitat for mosquitoes to breed. Get rid of mosquito breeding sites by draining standing water from flower pots, buckets, and barrels. Change the water in pet dishes and

replace the water in bird baths and watering troughs at least twice weekly. Drill holes in tire swings or old tires so water drains out. Keep children's wading pools empty or on their sides when not in use.

- Get your horses vaccinated against West Nile

People with West Nile may experience symptoms including fever, headaches, body aches, fatigue, nausea, vomiting, eye pain, and sometimes swollen lymph glands or a skin rash typically occurring two to fourteen days after the bite of an infected mosquito. In some cases the virus can cause severe illness, especially in people over the age of 50. Anyone experiencing these symptoms should consult their medical provider.

For more information, call Southwest District Health at (208) 455-5400 or visit West Nile Virus on the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare website at www.westnile.idaho.gov.



Back row, from left: Cassity Gluch, Garret Youren and Don Youren. Front row, from left: Shailee Rutan, Kelsey Gluch. Submitted photo

S. Mtn. Livestock 4-H prepares for fair

Submitted article

The South Mountain Livestock 4-H Club is getting ready to Shoot for the Stars at the Owyhee County Fair in Homedale the first full week in August.

According to leader Tonya Stanford of Jordan Valley, members Garret Youren, Cassity Gluch, Kelsey Gluch, and Shailee Rutan show steers at the fair, while Don Youren will show his sheep.

This year's South Mountain Livestock 4-H Club officers are president Garret Youren, vice-president Don Youren, secretary Cassity Gluch, treasurer Kelsey Gluch, and tail twister Shailee

Rutan.

The club has been very active in the community this year. As a fundraiser, club members sold programs at the Jordan Valley Rodeo, and as a community project, they painted the goal posts at the Jordan Valley High School football field.

At this time, these 4-H members are busy finishing up their record books, planning their decorations, and clipping their animals for the upcoming fair. Just a few more weeks, and these young people and their projects will be seeing the fruits of their labors as they Shoot for the Stars.

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No previous week's weather available

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 9 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 117 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 152 cubic feet per second. The reservoir

held 64,844 acre-feet of water on Monday.

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

Weather statistics from AccuWeather.

Wilson Butte 4-H club keeps busy ahead of fair

Submitted article

An already hectic year will get busier for the Wilson Butte 4-H club as it readies for the Owyhee County Fair, themed "Shootin' for the Stars."

Members have been practicing up and attending plenty of activities.

For community service projects, members assisted with the HWY 78 Community Disaster Relief fundraiser in October and the Melba and Marsing community auctions earlier this year.

Club members cleaned the Wilson, Reynolds and the Pioneer cemeteries and assisted the Marsing Senior Center along with helping at the Joyce Ranch

150 year celebration.

A yard sale and raffle for half a pig cut and wrapped was held, and Debbie Neider was the lucky winner. Top ticket sales were Tyler Roberts, Taylor Ann Fisher and Hannah Moos. We appreciate everyone who supported us.

We've attended meetings, had 100 percent participation at county demonstrations and worked on record books.

The sheep, swine, beef, rabbit and horse projects have attended clinics, workdays and shows to prepare for the fair.

We are all looking forward to a memorable week and hope to see you at the Owyhee County Fair, which takes place Aug. 3-8.

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Avalanche Sports

Trustees agree to fund HHS cross country program

Athletes paid own way for two years

After two years of growth and self-sufficiency, the Homedale High School cross country program will be funded with school district money this year.

Trustees decided to appropriate more than \$5,100 to finance the team's 2015 season at a July 13 meeting.

Season openers

Cross country — Aug. 27 at Dash and Splash, Vale, Ore.
Volleyball — Aug. 27, home vs. New Plymouth
Football — Sept. 4, home vs. Melba

Heidi Ankeny will start her third year as cross country coach in August

when workouts begin.

“Cross country has grown quite a bit, and Heidi has done an outstanding job of recruiting athletes and getting kids involved that wouldn’t maybe participate in athletics,” district superintendent Rob Sauer said.

For the past two seasons, the cross country athletes have had to raise money on their own for transportation and meet entry fees. The athletes will still pay the high school athletics

participation fees, Sauer said.

The transportation cost could be slightly higher than the 2014 season because the 3A state meet will be held on Oct. 31 at Farragut State Park in Coeur d’Alene this year.

Ankeny anticipates a roster of between 20 and 25 athletes again this fall. The season starts Aug. 27 with the Dash and Splash in Vale, Ore. The Homedale Invitational will be held on Oct. 7.

— JPB



Heidi Ankeny

Rivercats rally, take district opener

Owyhee plays small ball to win regular-season finale

The Owyhee Rivercats opened the American Legion A District Area B West Division with a win Sunday.

John Collett’s two-out single in the bottom of the fifth inning helped the second-seeded Rivercats beat the Caldwell Bobcats, 2-1, in their opener Sunday at Rodeo Park in Nampa.

Owyhee (23-10 after the win) played the third-seeded Rocky Mountain Avalanche on Tuesday night after deadline with a berth in the winners’ bracket final of the double-elimination tournament on the line.

The Rivercats rallied from an early 1-0 deficit Sunday against the No. 10 seed Bobcats. Connor Carter held Caldwell in check on four hits after surrendering an unearned run in the top of the opening inning.

Owyhee tied the game in the second inning. Gunnar Clapp led off with a double and scored on an error.

Blake Patton scored the go-ahead run in the fifth inning after drawing a leadoff walk.

July 13: Rivercats 5, Rocky Mountain 2 — Owyhee used small ball to wrest control of its final league game in Meridian.

Austin Williams stole home and Collett scored on Clapp’s squeeze bunt as the Rivercats snapped a 1-1 tie in the fifth inning against the Avalanche, who entered last weekend’s postseason tournament as the No. 3 seed.

Williams had an RBI single as Owyhee added two more runs in the sixth inning. Matt Thatcher led

off the inning with a base hit and scored on Drew Deal’s fielder’s choice before Williams’ single.

Owyhee tied the game in the fourth inning when Connor Carter led off with a walk and later scored on an error.

Williams and Collett had two hits apiece from the top of the order.

July 12: Asotin, Wash., 11, Rivercats 7 — Owyhee saw a seventh-inning lead slip away in its final game of the Clancy Ellis Tournament at Harris Field in Lewiston.

The Asotin County (Wash.) Blues scored four times in the top of the seventh inning to break a stalemate on the Lewis-Clark State College field.

The Rivercats had knotted the score, 7-7, in the bottom of the fifth inning when Drew Taylor ran home on Austin Williams’ sacrifice fly.

Owyhee’s two-run rally closed a wild two-inning stretch in which the teams scored 13 runs.

The Rivercats led, 1-0, in the first inning after Williams stole home. He had led off the inning with a single.

After Asotin scored four times in the top of the fourth, Owyhee struck back to regain a 5-4 advantage. The rally included singles from Drew Deal and Wyatt Dorsey to start things and a squeeze bunt from Connor Carter to get Williams home with the go-ahead run.

Deal was 2-for-3 with two runs scored, while Collett knocked in a pair of runs.

Marsing grad a big supporter of Percifield tournament

Joe Blackstock was there when the tradition began

A Marsing High School graduate will be playing in the Percifield Memorial Coed Softball Tournament for the 32nd time this weekend.

Joe Blackstock has played in every one of the tournaments since the fundraiser began in 1983, the same year he graduated from MHS. He thinks he’s played on five championship teams over the years.

He remembers wearing jeans to those first games in the ’80s.

“Levi’s basically, full jeans. And I know a lot of the teams that played at the time (played in them),” Blackstock said.

He added that the first 10 tournaments were totally composed of family teams.

“I mean it was almost all families around the Marsing area, and Homedale actually, too. That’s probably the biggest change. You just don’t see that many anymore,” Blackstock said.

He also said the tournament itself has grown dramatically, and it is difficult for other teams to get into the games.

Support for the Marsing community is the primary reason that keeps him coming back year after year.

“And the Percifield family, that’s probably the second,” Blackstock said.

Years ago, the tournament was the only time of the year that he played softball.

“We play in Nampa now. I’ve played in Nampa for the last 20 or so (years), I mean just in the league over there.”

Blackstock, 50, now lives in Kuna and has been married to his wife Shannon for 27 years. The couple has three sons, Travis, 27, Jacob, 26, and Brett, 21.

Blackstock also said his sister’s husband, Tim Miller, ran the tournament with Mike Percifield starting in the mid-1980s before JW Chadez and his wife Amy

took over as coordinators.

All three of Blackstock’s sons are playing in the tournament this year along with his wife, his daughter-in-law, and his nephew.

Blackstock and his family will be on the C.K. Trucking team again this year. They’ve been on the team for about 10 years. Prior to that, Blackstock was on the Coors Extra Gold team, among others.

He is quick to admit that he has a special place in his heart for the memorial softball tournament.

“It’s just an activity that we put on our calendar early on and make sure we schedule around. It’s kind of gotten to a point where we just plan on it,” he said. “I appreciate the people that are putting it on.”

Blackstock is now an agriculture teacher at Kuna High School.

“I grew up on a ranch in Marsing there, the Blackstock Ranch. So I fell in love with agriculture and then started teaching and I loved it, so I haven’t quit,” Blackstock said.

— SC

Locals miss H.S. rodeo short-go

Local competitors didn’t make it out of the long go at the National High School Finals Rodeo.

Homedale High School graduate Bo Pickett and Jordan Valley’s Nick Eiguren finished tied for 16th in team roping in the first go-round at the national finals in Rock Springs, Wyo. The action wrapped up Saturday.

The pair pulled off an 8.31-second run, and they finished 18th in the average.

Adrian’s Quincy Pendergrass finished tied for 27th in the first go-round of goat tying at 8.18 seconds. She finished 47th in the average.



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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense Pride



I'm closin' in on sixty with a vengeance, Mister Jim, And I wouldn't ask no favors if I weren't out on a limb But it seems like no one's hirin'? Cowboyin's all I know And I worked for you a couple times, the last, not long ago.

It's been 10 years? Oh, really? Well ... I run into Buster Cole And he said you might be lookin' so I gathered up my roll And bummed a ride off Buster. That's him a'waitin' in the car. I could go back to Brawley, but that seems so dadgum far!

Yeah, I know I quit ya last time but the winter froze me out. My knees were always achin'. Think I had a touch of gout But now I'm sound and solid as horseshoe, Mister Jim. You've got the place fixed up real nice, all lookin' neat and trim.

You painted the ol' bunkhouse! Man, I really liked it there. Do ya still have Peg and Molly? Now, they were quite a pair. They could drag that big ol' hay sled through the snow just like a plow! Oh, she did? I'm really sorry. Guess ya feed with tractors now.

Ain't that Rocket! Good a young horse as I started anywheres. Who's ridin' all yer green stuff? Oh, you sold off all yer mares? If ya wanted we could git a couple yearlin's, split the cost. I'd be more than glad to ... oh, sure. I just thought ... Well, yer the boss,

But you still work cows a'horseback 'cause there ain't no other way And fer that you need a cowboy, even one that's turnin' gray, And I'm yer man! You know me! You don't need my resume, Can ya put me in the bunkhouse, Mister Jim, whataya say?

A baler? Not on purpose ... Me, I've always chased a cow. Well, I 'preciate the offer but I think I'll pass for now. Give my best to your good missus. Yer divorced? The heck you are? I guess things are tough all over. C'mon Buster, start the car!

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

Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee Fair's condition improving



The biggest celebration of Owyhee County's summer is just around the corner, and organizers are making sure the party place is in tip-top condition. When the majority of the county's youth and their parents descend on the fairgrounds in Homedale next month, there will be a refurbished goat barn to greet them, and that's only the beginning. Fair board chair Lath Callaway joined board secretary and fair manager Ginger Loucks to bring the Board of County Commissioners up to speed on improvement plans at the fairgrounds at 420 W. Nevada Ave. The future is bright if the board is able to follow through with the plans it has. A new perimeter fence is planned, and electrical upgrades in the camping area will hopefully make life on the road for fair week more bearable for those folks who have to travel to Homedale. It's nice to see the improvements coming, although there apparently isn't anything new to report on the long-standing effort to replace one of the restroom buildings on the fairgrounds.

The renewed focus on improvements — and the participation of tenants such as the Homedale Lions Club and the Owyhee County Rodeo Board — is a welcome sight for the site of one of the longest fairs in the state of Idaho. Consider this: The Owyhee County Fair runs for six days during the first full week in August. The Canyon County Fair, supported by a much larger population and with a much larger budget, only runs four days. That fair in Caldwell will begin Thursday and wrap up Sunday. The Western Idaho Fair, which really is a state fair in its scope, will be held from Aug. 21 to Aug. 30 at Expo Idaho in Garden City. Granted, the Canyon County Fair and Western Idaho Fair attract big-name musical acts, but that never has been the Owyhee County Fair's bread and butter. Nor should it be. The biggest musical acts to hit the Tumbleweed Theatre stage in recent years have been the local top-40 band

— See *Fair*, page 15A

Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington Veterans coping with PTSD have several avenues for help



An astounding number of people — nearly 7.7 million — are affected by Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in the U.S. While progress is being made in recognizing and treating PTSD, unfortunately, far too many cases go undiagnosed. Greater awareness of PTSD can help ensure that more who suffer from PTSD get the help they need. I joined 22 fellow senators in introducing a bipartisan resolution that designated June as National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month and June 27, 2015, as National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day. The objective of the resolution, which the Senate passed unanimously, is to raise awareness about PTSD-related issues, reduce the stigma associated with PTSD and help ensure that those suffering from the invisible wounds of war receive proper treatment. As reflected in the resolution, the U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) reported that in 2014 alone more than 535,000 of those who sought care at a VA medical facility received treatment for PTSD. While military trauma can cause PTSD, a psychological response to a traumatic event, there are a number of other traumatic experiences that can lead to PTSD. The VA provides four categories of symptoms:

- Reliving the event (Examples: nightmares, flashbacks);
- Avoiding situations that prompt reminders of the event (Examples: avoiding crowds, because they feel dangerous);
- Negative changes in beliefs and feelings, which include changes in the way a person thinks about themselves and others because of the trauma (Examples: not having positive feelings toward other people and staying away from relationships);
- Feeling keyed-up (Examples: being jittery, always on the lookout for danger, sudden anger or irritability, having trouble sleeping and concentrating).

PTSD symptoms can start soon after the traumatic event, not happen until months or years after the trauma or come and go over many years. The Department of Veterans Affairs suggests keeping track of symptoms, talking with someone you trust about them and seeking professional help from a doctor or counselor.

Resources are available in Idaho to assist with PTSD:

- All VA **Medical Centers** provide PTSD care — <http://www.boise.va.gov/>.
- The Boise VA Medical Center hosts the **Trauma Symptom Management (PTSD) Group** weekly to assist veterans with managing symptoms associated with exposure to traumatic events — http://www.boise.va.gov/docs/Group_Guide4-15.pdf
- **Vet Centers** in Boise and Pocatello help with the transition from military to civilian life.
- **PTSD Coach mobile app** is a free download for iPhone or Android devices to help Veterans manage PTSD symptoms.
- Through the **Veterans Crisis Line**, veterans are able to receive confidential support 24/7. Chat online at <http://www.VeteransCrisisLine.net>, or call 1-800-273-8255 (Press 1), or Text 838255.
- **Veteran Combat Call Center** is a 24/7 line to talk to another combat veteran. Call 1-877-927-8387.
- **U.S. Department of Defense Centers of Excellence** provides information and helps locate resources. Call: 866-966-1020; Live Chat: realwarriors.net/livechat; Email: resources@dcoeoutreach.
- **National Center for PTSD** <http://www.ptsd.va.gov/>.
- **PTSD Consultation Program** <http://www.ptsd.va.gov/professional/consult/index.asp> is for providers who treat veterans with PTSD.

These are just some of the resources available to assist with PTSD, and often the assistance is provided at no financial cost to veterans. A number of non-government organizations also offer PTSD assistance. Those who serve our nation more than deserve access to high-quality services to ensure their well-being. Awareness of the symptoms and resources available to the millions of Americans struggling with PTSD can help ensure that more Americans do not suffer in silence.

— 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
Ensure family’s safety before taking needy man into home

Dear Dave,
Recently, I met a young man who was put out on the street when he turned 18. He lives on food stamps and \$10 a week. My wife and I are on Baby Step 7 of your plan and have a great income, and our whole family feels called to help this kid — maybe even taking him into our home. Do you have any advice?
— Mitch

Dear Mitch,
You guys obviously have loving hearts and are doing great financially. But let’s take a look at few important factors in a decision like this.

If you’re thinking about actually taking him in under your roof, you need to remember that your first responsibility is to your family. You have to make sure they’re safe, and that would include finding out everything there is to know about this guy. Talk to his past teachers, coaches or even family members if you can find them. Spend some time

just talking to him, too, and find out more about his background, attitude, habits and goals. Then, if you still feel led to open your home to him, make sure everyone involved signs an agreement with really clear rules and guidelines about what is expected, what will not be tolerated and the rewards and consequences of each. Helping him with food and clothing alone would be a generous act, but what you’re considering is absolutely amazing. Just make sure, if you go this route, to do it not just with love, but with lots of forethought and wisdom.
— Dave

Dear Dave,
My husband broke a few ribs and his collarbone a couple of years ago when he flipped our ATV. He’s fine now, but we still have about \$20,000 in medical bills because we were both between jobs and didn’t have medical coverage when the accident occurred. We also have two credit cards, one with



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a \$1,000 balance and the other a \$7,000 balance. We only have \$200 a month we can put toward debt, so where should we start?
— Sandy

Dear Sandy,
Not having health insurance at any time of your life is not smart, regardless of being between jobs or not. Ouch, what a mess! You didn’t tell me what you guys make,

but I can tell you a few things. No. 1, you’re probably going to have to get your income up. You may have to take on a couple of part-time jobs or work some overtime. My grandmother used to say, “There’s a great place to go when you’re broke — to work!” If you only have \$200 a month to put toward your debt, you’ve got to create some margin, and that may be on the income side of things. The other thing I’ve found is this: Most people seem to be able to magically find money when they feel it’s a life-or-death situation. “Magically” means that you do a budget. You make a written game plan where every dollar has a name before the month begins. When you write down every dollar, and you and your husband sit down and agree on where every dollar is going to go, you’re going to have an *ah-ha* moment that feels like you got a raise. If you’re normal, you waste a bunch of money because you don’t budget and have a written

plan. And normal pretty much sucks! So, here’s the drill. Start living on a written budget, extra work, start working the debt snowball and pay off those debts from smallest to largest and don’t even think about a vacation or anything else that’s not necessity-based until you clean up this mess. When you start living with a scorched-earth idea — beans and rice, rice and beans — I’ll bet you’re going to find a lot more than \$200 in your budget to put toward killing off this debt!
— 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.

Americans for Limited Government
Iran nuke deal perfect opportunity to fight for Constitution

by Robert Romano

When is a treaty not a treaty? Apparently, whenever the president says so, according to Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.). In an interview with the Daily Caller asking why the Senate was not treating the Iran nuclear deal as a treaty and defeating it, McCain responded, “It’s not a treaty, though. That’s the problem. They’re calling it an agreement. If it were a treaty, then it would require two-thirds vote of the Senate in a positive fashion ... [But] [n]ot when the administration doesn’t call it a treaty — OK? They’re the ones that label it. It is not a treaty. We can’t designate it. They have the ability to call it an agreement. We do not. Those are the facts.” And just like that, a prominent U.S. senator — whose job it would otherwise be to ratify or reject treaties — ceded one of the most important checks on presidential power in the Constitution. Never mind that Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution requires treaties to be adopted by a two-thirds majority of those present in the Senate. If a president does not want to bother with that onerous process, he can apparently just skip it. But, in truth, this is nothing new. Presidents have been entering into legally binding executive agreements with foreign nations for decades. And, apparently, the Senate can no longer be bothered to do anything about it, per McCain.

In *United States v. Belmont* (1937), the Supreme Court found that international compacts, even ones that are not treaties (i.e. executive agreements) are not only legally binding, but the supreme law of the land. Wrote Justice George Sutherland in the court’s majority opinion: “[W]hile this rule in respect of treaties is established by the express language of clause 2, article 6, of the Constitution, the same rule would result in the case of all international compacts and agreements from the very fact that complete power over international affairs is in the national government and is not and cannot be subject to any curtailment or interference on the part of the several states.” The question was whether an executive agreement with the Soviet Union that was never ratified by the Senate trumped state law, invoking the supremacy clause. In that case, remarkably, it did. Fast-forward 78 years, and the Senate hardly ratifies treaties any more. But there have been more than 17,000 executive agreements with foreign nations. Interestingly, more than 93 percent of executive agreements with foreign nations have been concluded since 1939, according to data compiled by the Congressional Research Service. Comparatively fewer occurred prior to the New Deal. So, not only are these foreign agreements binding, they are the supreme law of the land, and like so many other post-constitutional abominations, depend on the New Deal

Supreme Court for their existence. That is why Obama does not feel like he needs to go to the Senate to ratify his Iran nuclear deal — even though it imposes legal requirements on the U.S., like lifting economic sanctions and repealing certain executive orders. The real mystery is why the Senate continues to put up with it. The least members could do is try to wage the battle, deem the Iran nuclear deal to be a treaty, take it up, and defeat it — even if it was a battle that would ultimately fail. Let the Supreme Court rule that the treaty clause is optional once again. What has the Senate got to lose that the presidency and the Supreme Court has not already taken away? What we know for certain is that if Congress does not fight for its own prerogatives, then the battle is already lost. And members who refuse to fight are little more than dead weight. If they don’t see their jobs as defending the Constitution, what are they good for? Clearly, and the Iran nuclear deal is a perfect example — it is touching off an arms race in the Middle East and risking war — that U.S. interests are no longer served by the presidential system we have now. And at every turn, for the sake of our liberty, it must be combated until Congress’ rightful powers are restored, starting with the Senate’s treaty ratification power. — Robert Romano is the senior editor of *Americans for Limited Government*.

✓ Fair: Familiarity breeds comfort with this year’s fair entertainment lineup

From Page 14A
Straightaway and a blues band called Freight Train. While both put on great shows, the entertainment Loucks has booked again this year is more in-line with the sensibilities of Owyhee County’s listening audience. Howlin’ Coyotes will perform on Wednesday night this year, and Buckin’ Country is slated for Thursday and

Friday night. The Bob Miller Band returns in the early slot Saturday night, and the Jeff Palmer Band hits the stage for the post-rodeo party at 10 p.m. You can throw in the return of the Owyhee County’s Got Talent! show to ensure more local flair. Just about anyone who has heard a note of live music anywhere in the county in the past few years knows most

of the bands that will provide the entertainment this year, and familiarity is a good thing. In short, the Owyhee County Fair is exactly what a county fair is supposed to be. Plenty of local flavor at a comfortable location and a comfortable price (free). Now, if only the weather will cooperate with comfortable temperatures.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

June 25, 1990

Silver City group elects new officers, changes name
The Silver City Taxpayers Association met last Saturday at the Silver City schoolhouse, electing officers for the coming year, and adopting new bylaws, which included changing the name of the association.
The name change, prompted by the recent acquisition of land from the BLM, “reflects more accurately the status of our association,” outgoing president Paul Nettleton said.
The new name is “Silver City Property Owners, Inc.” The change was part of a complete new set of bylaws, also adopted by the membership.
Elected new president, replacing Nettleton, was Doug Hyslop, vice-president is Grant Danner, secretary Jan Beckwith, and treasurer June Bowman.
In addition to the officers, other board members are Harold Curt, Joe Aman, Sue Laible, and Jim Barnes.
In other business, the board announced that it is searching for a winter-time watchman. Former watchman Delbert Eytcheson has resigned, as he and his wife Evelyn will be moving to Boise.

Storage facilities OK’d
Joseph Wozniak of Fruitland received an approval from the Homedale City Council July 18 to build commercial storage facilities in a vacant area near the intersection of Idaho Avenue and 2nd Street West.
The units are to be built 20 feet east of J & C Upholstery and Specialties and across Idaho Avenue from the Vance Corporation building supply center.
Wozniak reported later that he plans two wood-framed, metal-covered structures at the site that will house 40 storage units. The buildings will be white with blue trim.

Riddle descendents present program
The Owyhee County Historical Society honored the descendents of Reuben and Uretta Riddle at its monthly program in the courthouse in Murphy on Friday.
Peggy King of Bruneau presented Pioneer Family certificates to a large number of the assorted Riddle clan, maintaining, “these people and their history belong in our museum just as much as the artifacts.”
Kristi Riddle Bruins of Roswell, a great-great-granddaughter of the pioneer couple, traced their journey from Michigan to California during the Gold Rush of the early 1850s and 1860s and Reuben’s work as a justice of the peace, surveyor, lumber and sawmill operator before founding the White Rock ranch near Elko, bordering Owyhee country, in 1874.
After his death at age 51 the following year, Bruins described Uretta’s struggle to raise her family while ranching, and the family’s eventual move to the Duck Valley-Riddle area after the winter of 1889-90 wiped out 110,00 cattle and 82,000 sheep in northeastern Nevada, decimating the family’s herds.
Uretta became the first postmaster in Riddle, before dying during the trip east in 1899. Her children included Cassius, Eleanor, Frank, Harry, Fred, George, Grant and Grace. The surviving sons went on to forge a ranch empire in that region.

“Jo Ford’s Gang” entertains at PM convention
Three Homedale women, dubbed “Jo Ford’s Gang,” provided entertainment at the recent convention of the Idaho state branch of the National League of Postmasters.
Linda Woodhall and Karen Burke joined Jo Ford in presenting four comedy acts at a dinner at the Red Lion Downtowner on June 25, according to Homedale Postmaster Joyce Turner. The slapstick acts included a costumed “caveman” presentation, a postmaster’s skit done to the tune of “Hey Mr. Postman,” an Arabian skit that included a “camel” and belly dancer, and a skit involving an elephant and big fly swatter.
“It was something else,” said Turner, who was entertainment chairman for the convention. Turner was elected statewide vice-president of the organization.

50 years ago

July 29, 1965

Seedmen of three states visit in Homedale area
Approximately 150 legume seed growers and agricultural Extension Service personnel of three states visited farms in Canyon, Owyhee and Malheur counties Friday to study bee beds and leaf cutter bee installations.
Among those on the tour were George Folkman, Malheur County Interstate Seed Council president; John Marlet, delegate to the Certified Alfalfa Council; Roland Portman, University of Idaho extension service entomologist; County Agents Leeds Bailey of Malheur, Ed Mink of Owyhee and C. D. Bechtolt of Canyon.
Also in the group were seedmen from Walla Walla, Touchet and Centralla, Wash.; Canyon, Owyhee and Malheur Counties.
At the Jim Yamada farm near Wilder they were shown a 15,000-square-foot bee bed built at a cost of 25 cents per square foot.
Results of pollination were studied in a Long Meiler alfalfa field on the Bill Paulsen farm, also near Wilder.
Improvement of natural bee beds by salting and good cultural practices was shown at the Louis Breshears farm southwest of Homedale. Breshears reported that the work increased the alkali bee population.
Housing for leaf cutter bees was shown at the Dave Phelps farm near Homedale. Phelps has put old refrigerators, sheds barrels and boxes at various places in his fields to house the pollinators.

C. of C. lists ‘Old Timers Day’ co-chairmen
Co-chairmen of the 1965 beef barbecue and Old Timers Day will be Chamber of Commerce President Jim Duncan and Secretary Kenneth Downing, it was announced at the noon luncheon meeting of the Chamber Tuesday. Committee assignments will be announced soon.
Doyle Symms, chairman of the state highway board, and Bill Sacht, district engineer, attended the meeting. Mr. Symms said design of the new Snake River bridge is expected to be completed next year and right-of-way acquisition will then commence.
He expressed optimism that the Homedale bridge would be pushed to completion in an orderly manner and according to schedule.
Don Shaffer reported on the meeting of Homedale men with officials of the Arvin company at Reno, Nev., two weeks ago. He said information had been supplied and he was optimistic that the site proposed by Homedale men will be given every consideration. He said Caldwell has offered a site which is also being considered, with company officials weighing advantages of each site.
Mayor Soper also discussed the great need for tourist facilities in Homedale. He said many travelers are using campers and trailers and need a place to stop overnight with shower facilities and water-sewer hookups.
The petitions for appointing a deputy sheriff at Homedale will be collected soon and presented to the county commissioners. President Jim Duncan urged anyone having a petition to turn it in to Paul Zatica.
No report was made on the swimming pool project pending a letter from John Medford of the National Gunitite Co., with more information.

Berry is assigned to advisor’s post
S.F.C. Melvin E. Berry, formerly of Homedale, has been assigned to Viet Nam as advisor to the U. S. government troops. He arrived in Saigon July 5. Prior to leaving for that area, Sgt. Berry had been stationed at Fort Polk, La. Mrs. Berry and sons will make their home in Leesville, La., after a short visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hetrick at Homedale.

Homedale locals
Leaving Tuesday for their home in Madras, Ore., were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Barnes and family, who were completing a five-weeks’ trip to the New York World’s Fair and visiting with relatives on route. They visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alta Ulrich in Homedale.

140 years ago

July 24, 1875

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE. Guy Newcombe, who resigned the foremanship of the Stockton (Cal.) Leader to take a position in the type-setting department of the Avalanche, arrived here on Saturday and went to work this morning. We will anticipate the curiosity of the Silver City girls, and say that Guy is good looking, unmarried, and a tip-top fellow generally. We are not given to bragging, but will venture to say that the Avalanche printers, under the foremanship of W. D. Palmer, can get away with more work than the same number of typos in any other newspaper office in the country.

MEXICAN WAR VETERANS. Judge Jas. Lynam has handed us a pamphlet containing the proceedings of the second annual re-union of the National Association of Veterans of the Mexican War, held last February in Washington. Judge Lynam took a hand in the little unpleasantness with Mexico, and expects to get quite a handsome dab of “back pay” one of these days.

NOW IS THE TIME to rustle. Get up at 5 o’clock in the morning and watch the sun as his rays gradually steal over the mountaintops and hillsides that surround us. The length of the days and the balmy temperature are favorable for getting in work and the season should be improved. Soon the days will shorten and the snows of winter may invade our domain, before we have time to think much of the subject.

THE PRESENT STYLE OF DRESS is just a little trying to thin girls. No matter how they pad, the murder will out, and angular womanhood sails along in all the glory of misshape. Divest the ordinary girl of the period of her zephyr bosom pads, her false hair, teeth, powder-paint, striped stockings and bustle, and what have you left? Why, about six freckles, a few dozen hairs, and a scrawny caricature of old mother Eve.

OUR DAILY OBSERVATIONS among the humans of creation convince us that talking men are useful in their particular sphere, but the men who keep their mouths closed are the more sensible and make the most money in the long run.

SLUICE ROBBERY. Some thief or thieves cleaned up Dr. Newsom’s sluices in his placer diggings, at the head of Slaughterhouse Gulch night before last, but they didn’t get much of a haul, as the sluices had just been set and a small amount shoveled in the evening before. The Dr. says that a second attempt of the kind will call for a dose of the shot-gun.

CAPTURED. C. W. Lord, referred to in last evening’s Avalanche as having stolen a trunk and other valuables from M. Stars, at Buttimar’s boarding house, new to the Mahogany mine, on Wednesday night, was captured by Under Sheriff J. D. Springer, yesterday afternoon, in the brush across the creek, opposite Tom Wall’s place at Wagontown. He was evidently concealing himself with the intention of getting aboard the Winnemucca-bound stage in the evening. In his possession was found the \$80 that he had obtained for the stolen check, and also the two watches, a derringer and a revolver, which he had taken from the trunk. The prisoner is now in jail and will undergo an examination before Justice Wickersham this evening. He is charged with burglary, which will doubtless be sufficient to hold him till the next term of the District Court, when it is likely that he will also be indicted for forgery, because of having endorsed Mr. Stars’ name on the back of the check when he sold it.

ITEMS. A huge squirrel invaded Fred Grete’s store yesterday and created quite a commotion. He was finally captured by a Chinaman.
P. McMahon, foreman of the Oro Fino Mine, is about to make an addition to his residence, his present accommodations being insufficient for his growing family.

Public notices

<div>Notice of Public Hearing</div> <div>FY2014 PROPOSED BUDGET</div> <div>Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 (FY2016)</div> <div>CITY OF MARSING</div>			
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing pursuant to Idaho Code 50-1002, will be held for consideration of the proposed budget for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016 (FY2016). A proposed Budget Hearing will be held at Marsing City Hall, 425 Main Street 7:00 pm on August 12, 2015. Copies of the proposed city budget with details are available for review at Marsing City Hall during normal business hours. All interested persons are invited to appear.			
	FY2014 2013-2014	FY2015 2014-2015	FY2016 2015-2016
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	PROPOSED
Funds	EXPENDITURES		
01 General	\$451,571.00	\$593,140.00	\$655,859.00
02 Roads & Streets	\$171,930.00	\$136,678.00	\$170,450.00
03 Parks	\$23,162.00	\$135,954.00	\$513,597.00
05 Planning & Zoning	\$23,500.00	\$23,500.00	\$35,500.00
25 Water	\$800,700.00	\$780,600.00	\$886,060.00
29 Irrigation	\$60,925.00	\$45,925.00	\$43,015.00
30 Sanitation	\$85,150.00	\$85,150.00	\$87,050.00
35 Sewer	\$447,500.00	\$486,920.00	\$570,200.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES (all funds)	\$2,064,438.00	\$2,287,867.00	\$2,961,731.00
Property Tax Levy	REVENUE		
General Fund	\$105,661.00	\$104,176.00	\$109,985.00
Roads & Streets	\$27,530.00	\$28,356.00	\$29,206.00
Park	\$13,082.00	\$13,474.00	\$13,878.00
Total Property Tax:	\$146,273.00	\$146,006.00	\$153,069.00
Revenue Other Sources			
01 General	\$345,910.00	\$488,964.00	\$545,874.00
02 Streets & Highways	\$144,400.00	\$108,322.00	\$141,244.00
03 Parks	\$10,080.00	\$122,480.00	\$499,719.00
05 Planning & Zoning	\$23,500.00	\$23,500.00	\$35,500.00
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35 Sewer	\$447,500.00	\$486,920.00	\$570,200.00
Total Other Sources	\$1,918,165.00	\$2,141,861.00	\$2,808,662.00
Total All Funds	\$2,064,438.00	\$2,287,867.00	\$2,961,731.00
Janice C. Bicandi Marsing City Clerk-Treasurer			
7/22,29/2015			

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Commissioners of GEM HIGHWAY DISTRICT, Marsing, Idaho, Owyhee County, Idaho have tentatively adopted the 2015-2016 budget for said district as set forth below. A public hearing will be held for the adoption of the budget at the Office of the District at 1016 Main Street at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, August 11, 2015. The budget is available for public inspection at the District Office between the hours of 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday. Call 896-4581 for an appointment.

Dated this 15th day of July, 2015

Stella J. Bush, Secretary-Treasurer

Proposed Budget Oct. 1, 2015 – Sept. 30, 2016

Anticipated Beginning Balance:	483,140
Anticipated Revenue:	
County and Local Revenue:	
Property Tax including penalties & interest	50,000
Ag Equipment Replacement Tax	2,112
Sales Tax	10,000
Interest	250
Miscellaneous	10,500
State Revenue:	
Highway Users Fund	300,000
Total Anticipated Revenue:	\$ 372,862
Anticipated Budget Balance:	\$ 856,002
Anticipated Expenditures:	
Gas, Oil & Tires	20,000
Insurance & Bonds	15,000
Labor & Salaries	110,000
Lease	10,000
Office Expense	7,500
Payroll Taxes & Benefits	26,500
Legal & Accounting	8,000
Repair & Maintenance	10,000
Roads & Bridges	250,000
Shop Expense	4,000
Utilities	8,500
Weed Control	20,000
Contingency	100,000
Total Anticipated Expenditures:	\$ 589,500
Anticipated Ending Budget Balance:	\$ 266,502

7/22,29/15

ORDINANCE NO. A-188	Idaho:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARSING, IDAHO, ADOPTING A LAND USE CHARTWHICHPROVIDESFOR ALLOWED, CONDITIONAL AND PROHIBITED USES WITHIN THE CITY’S ZONING DISTRICTS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCE(S) IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.	SECTION 1: The City of Marsing hereby adopts the Land Use Chart, as set forth in Exhibit A, as attached, to provide for the prohibited, allowed, and conditional uses within each zoning district of the City.
	SECTION 2: It is the intention of the Marsing Council that all prior ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.
	SECTION 3: Severability: If any part--of any provision to these regulations or application thereof to any person or circumstances

CITY OF GRAND VIEW			
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016			
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing, pursuant to Idaho Code 50-1002, will be held for consideration of the proposed budget for the fiscal year from October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016. The public hearing will be held at City Hall, 425 Boise Ave, Grand View, Idaho at 6:00 pm on Wednesday August 12, 2015. All interested persons are invited to appear and show cause, if any, why such budget should or should not be adopted. Copies of the proposed City budget in detail are available for current charge per copy at City Hall at 425 Boise Ave. in Grand View, ID during regular office hours 9:00 am to 3:30 pm - Monday through Thursday. City Hall is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone desiring accommodations for disabilities to the hearing, please contact City Hall at 834-2700 at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing. The proposed FY 2016 budget is shown below as the FY 2016 proposed expenditures and revenues.			
EXPENDITURES			
Fund Name	FY 2014 Actual Expenditures	FY 2015 Budgeted Expenditures	FY 2016 Proposed Expenditures
City General Fund			
Administration	\$73,967	\$57,406	\$72,676
General Fund Total	\$73,967	\$57,406	\$72,676
Parks	\$8,863	\$9,285	\$7,050
Grants	\$40,220	\$0	\$0
Sewer	\$189,279	\$185,800	\$186,513
Street	\$45,467	\$38,030	\$44,092
Street Grant	\$100,000	\$0	\$0
Water	\$315,839	\$284,332	\$304,485
Grand Total All Funds	\$773,635	\$574,853	\$614,816
REVENUES			
Fund Name	FY 2014 Actual Revenues	FY 2015 Budgeted Revenues	FY 2016 Proposed Revenues
Property Tax Levy			
General	\$31,620	\$30,171	\$34,044
Street	\$14,756	\$14,872	\$18,951
Total Tax Revenue	\$46,376	\$45,043	\$52,995
Other Revenues			
City	\$42,347	\$27,234	\$38,632
Grants	\$40,220	\$0	\$0
Parks	\$8,863	\$9,285	\$7,050
Street	\$30,711	\$23,158	\$25,141
Street Grant	\$100,000	\$0	\$0
Sewer	\$189,279	\$185,800	\$186,513
Water	\$315,839	\$284,332	\$304,485
Other Revenue	\$727,259	\$529,810	\$561,821
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Tammy M. Payne City Clerk / Treasurer Publish 07/22/2015 Publish 07/29/2015			

is adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the part, provision, or application directly involved in all controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered and shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of these regulations or the application thereof to other persons or circumstances. The City hereby declares that it would have enacted the remainder of these regulations even without any such part, provision or application.	Grand View School District No. 365, Grand View, Idaho for the purchase of one (1) 72-passenger school bus.
SECTION 4: This Ordinance shall be effective upon its adoption and publication.	Bid documents and detailed specifications are available at the District Office, 39678 State Highway 78, Bruneau, Idaho 83604, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday until day of bid opening.
PASSED BY the City Council and approved by the Mayor of the City of Marsing, Idaho this 8th day of July, 2015.	Bids must be submitted on or before 5 p.m. on Thursday, August 13, 2015 at the District Office in Bruneau, Idaho or hand delivered by 7 p.m., August 13th at Rimrock Jr. Sr. High School for the Board meeting. At the stated time and place, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.
CITY OF MARSING, Keith Green, Mayor ATTEST: Janice Bicandi, City Clerk 7/22/15	The Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject or to select any portion thereof any or all bids and to waive any technicality. No bidder may withdraw a bid after the opening of such bids unless the awarding of the bid is delayed for a period exceeding thirty days.
CALL FOR BID FOR SCHOOL BUS	JayDene Aquiso, Assistant Business Manger, Bruneau-Grand View Jt. School District No. 365 7/22,29/15
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Public notices

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a special meeting of the qualified voters of the Eastern Owyhee County Library District will be held on the 11th day of August 2015 at 5:00 PM at the Eastern Owyhee County Library in said library district at 529 Boise Avenue, Grand View, ID at which meeting there will be a public hearing on the maintenance and operations budget for the forthcoming year. This special meeting is called pursuant to Sec. 33-2713-A IC as amended

Dated this 13th day of July 2015
Eastern Owyhee County Library
Kermit Tate, Chairman of the Board; Tammy Gray, Clerk of the Board

BUDGET EASTERN OWYHEE COUNTY LIBRARY OCTOBER 1, 2014 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2015		
REVENUES	2014-2015	2015-2016
Property Taxes	35,371.00	36,706.00
Personal Property	350.00	350.00
Sales Tax	10,000.00	8,000.00
Equipment Replacement	2,616.00	2,616.00
Memorials, Gifts, & Grants	285.00	100.00
Fund Raisers		
Pacific Corp Judgment	290.00	
Cash Forward Balance	10,925.87	28,020.03
TOTAL	59,837.87	75,792.03
EXPENDITURES		
Salaries	23,000.00	21,416.04
Books	8,109.00	9,000.00
Supplies	1,528.87	2,400.00
Technology	2,500.00	2,500.00
Contingency	8,000.00	22,775.99
Equipment	1,000.00	1,000.00
Fixed Charges	3,500.00	4,000.00
Insurance	1,700.00	1,700.00
Legal Service	200.00	200.00
Maintenance	2,600.00	2,600.00
Operation of Plant	6,500.00	7,000.00
Travel & Training	1,200.00	1,200.00
TOTAL	59,837.87	75,792.03
7/22,29/15		

**SUMMONS-MARLENE H. CALLEY SIMPSON
CASE NO. CV-15-509
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
STATE OF IDAHO, COUNTY
OF OWYHEE**

VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, Plaintiff, vs.
THE HEIRS OF NORMAN R. SIMPSON, Deceased; MARLENE H. CALLEY SIMPSON, an individual; OWYHEE COUNTY TREASURER; GEM IRRIGATION DISTRICT, STATE OF IDAHO, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION, JOHN DOES I-X, Defendant.
TO: MARLENE H. CALLEY SIMPSON.
NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SUEDBYTHEABOVE-NAMED PLAINTIFF. THE COURT MAY ENTER JUDGEMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN TWENTY (20) DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW.

The nature of the claim against you is for judicial foreclosure and granting plaintiff possession of real property described in the Complaint, and more commonly described as 5641 Country Estates Dr., Marsing, ID

Any time after 20 days following the last publication of this summons, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form. An appropriate written response requires compliance with Rule 10(a)(1) and other rules of the Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure, including the Case No., and pay any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy, Idaho, 83650, (208) 495-2421, and serve a copy of

your response on the Plaintiff's attorney to Amelia A. Sheets at P.O. Box 50271, 381 Shoup Ave., Ste 211, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83405-0271. 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 legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this District Court, and dated this 18th day of June, 2015.

CLERK OF THE COURT
Dorla Stoneman, DEPUTY CLERK
CHARLES C. JUST, ESQ. – ISB 1779, AMELIA A. SHEETS, ESQ. – ISB 5899, JUST LAW, INC., 381 Shoup Avenue, P.O. Box 50271, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83405 Phone (208) 523-9106 Fax (208) 523-9146, Attorneys for Plaintiff
7/1,8,15,22/15

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CASE NO. CV-2015-621-H
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 RICHARD DEWAYNE DREES, Deceased

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the undersigned in care of Russell G. Metcalf, Metcalf Law Office, P.O. Box 385, Homedale, Idaho

83628, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 8th day of July, 2015.

Jeanette A. Drees c/o Russell G. Metcalf, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 385, Homedale, ID 83628 (208) 337-4945, Attorney for the Petitioner
7/22,29;8/5/15

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Front desk activity coordinator. Includes general office duties, computer experience a must, minimum 3-4/hours a day 4-days a week, \$7.25/hr. Marsing Senior Center 896-4634 ask for Alana

Owyhee Publishing Co. is now accepting applications for a part-time bindery position. Some heavy lifting required. Please apply in person, 19 East Idaho, Homedale.

The City of Marsing is now accepting applications for a full-time maintenance position. Certifications needed for water treatment/ distribution and waste water collection and treatment, mechanical and welding skills a plus. Responsibilities include all city and park maintenance, road repair, irrigation upkeep and construction, meters and on-call duty. Must interact and communicate well with the public and coworkers. Applications may be picked up at Marsing City Hall, 425 Main St., Marsing, ID. Applications may be dropped by or mailed to City of Marsing, P.O. Box 125, Marsing, ID 83639. City of Marsing is an EOE.

Jordan Valley School District #3. We are seeking dynamic, high energy teacher candidates to teach Math in our Jr/Sr high school. The successful applicant will need a current Oregon Teaching License, or be able to obtain one before August 1, 2015. Salary DOE. Start date 8-10-15. Open until filled. Oregon Teaching License required. Age Range/ Instructional level 7th-12th. For application or if you have any questions contact Sharon Terry, District Secretary, 604 Oregon Ave, PO Box 99, Jordan Valley, OR 97910, 541-586-2213. email: sharon.terry@jordanvalley.k12.or.us



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Library Clerk and Youth Services Assistant, Homedale Public Library. Part-time position (19 or less hours per week). No benefits. Wednesday through Saturday including evening hours. Clerk duties include shelving returned items, checkin/ checkout, processing new items, other routine clerical tasks, helping the public with computers, helping patrons find books and movies in the library. Youth Services duties include planning, publicizing and carrying out programs for children ages 5-17. Strong computer skills required including Word, Excel, Publisher and email. \$10.80 per hour. Applications and job description may be picked up at Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale ID. Accepting applications through Friday, July 24

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