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Hope House in running for national recognition

Marsing
children's home
wins WORLD
magazine award

Hope House is a finalist for a national award recognizing its role in changing the lives of the children that call the 56-acre Marsing-area campus home.

The children's home is a finalist for WORLD magazine's 2015 Hope Award for Effective Compassion. The national award

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County launches emergency alert system

Service provided
at no cost to
taxpayers

Owyhee County citizens are invited to sign up for a new service to receive emergency alerts from the county on their cell phones.

Alert Sense is the name brand of the company the county uses for reverse 911 notifications.

"Now we want to bring the public on, where they can put their information right into the

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Owyhee County Fair begins



4-H Horse showmanship accolades kick off week

Above: 4-H horse judge Hailey Hall Fuquay, left, reviews her notes before awarding the Junior 2 showmanship award Monday morning. From left: Karli Jo Griggs, Chloe Heitz and eventual champion Fallon Wasson await the results. **Below:** Tanner Fisher leads his horse Cutie out of the Owyhee County Rodeo Arena after receiving the Senior showmanship ribbon from judge Butch Mowdy, right.

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Lootens to lead parade

Longtime fair
board member
named Saturday's
grand marshal

4-H programs and competitions are a big part of the Owyhee County fair every year.

So it's only fitting that a 30-year 4-H leader be grand marshal of this year's Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Parade.

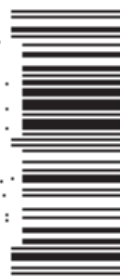
Mary Lootens, 80, has lived in Marsing since 1955, the same year she married Cy Lootens after the two met at a church function.

She'll lead Saturday's parade, which starts at 9 a.m. and travels through downtown Homedale west on Idaho Avenue.

Mary has been on the fair board for almost 19 years. Her role as a 4-H leader is how she ended up being on the board.

"I was working over at the fair. I was sewing and cooking, and I was asked if I wanted to be on the fair board," Mary said. "I didn't really know anything about what they did, but I did say yes."

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Homedale Assembly of God Church interim pastor Jim Dunn, right, watches as Micah Rickman of Caldwell pours cooking oil into a deep fryer at the Christian Faith Center food booth at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds on Monday.

County fair focuses on children

Owyhee youth “Shoot for Stars” before hitting books again

As the last big event before school, the Owyhee County Fair always has plenty for children to do.

The 2015 edition, which hits its stride today with the theme Shooting for the Stars, is no different with junior livestock shows, 4-H exhibits and contests.

The fair opens at 8 a.m. each day at the fairgrounds at 420 W. Nevada Ave., in Homedale.

The youth exhibits continue today and include the 4-H ranch horse show in the rodeo arena and small animal shows at the Tumbleweed Theatre.

The Armory Exhibit Hall opens at 2 p.m. after judging, revealing a wealth of youth exhibits from 4-H Family Consumer Sciences to photography and the 4-H club’s yearbooks.

Today’s Livestock Barn schedule includes the animal dress-up show at 11 a.m. Traditionally the costume party has wrapped the week, but organizers have moved the fun to the beginning of the fair. The first of the junior livestock shows begins at 1 p.m. with the goats heading into the show ring.

Children up to 12 years old can enter the fair’s coloring contest. This year’s illustration is available at the Armory Exhibit Hall, and boys and girls have until Thursday night to color it and return it to the hall. The pictures will be on display for judging today through Friday when the winners are announced.

Children and adults alike can compete in the cow pie contest, which will be held at noon today near the refurbished Goat Barn. Prizes are donated by Marsing store Buckaroo Bunny.

Another competition with a country feel is the roping contest set for 4 p.m. today on the grass area near the Tumbleweed Theatre. Ropes donated by Western Stockmen’s are up for grabs in the competition open to both children and adults.

Marsing FFA sponsors the tractor driving contest at 1 p.m. on Thursday in the rodeo arena parking lot. There are categories for FFA, 4-H and adults. Youth competitors younger than 18 must have a parent of club leader present to participate.

Another contest for children is the veggie creature contest. There

are three age groups for boys and girls who want to try their hand at turning produce into a person at 11 a.m. Thursday near the Tumbleweed Theatre.

Children also are invited to take part in the annual pedal tractor pull at 1 p.m. Friday at the Tumbleweed Theatre. Burks Tractor and Campbell Tractor donated prizes for the contest, which is open to boys and girls ages 5-11.

Folks have until 2 p.m. Thursday to enter baby pictures in the fair’s photo contest. Categories are open for ages 30-45, 46-60, 61-75 and 76 and older, and the winner receives a free family photo session from Buckskin and Blue Photography.

Participants of all ages are encouraged to enter the Owyhee County’s Got Talent! Show, which will take place at 6 p.m. today. The finalists return to the Tumbleweed Theatre on Friday for the championship round.

The focus shifts back to the children on Saturday for the Owyhee County Junior Livestock Auction. The auction, which takes place at the Livestock Barn after the noontime Buyers Lunch, has seen more than 4,000 animals sell for more than \$3 million in the past 25 years.

Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo schedule

Today

- 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. — Buckaroo Breakfast, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.
- 7:45 a.m. — Ranch horse show, rodeo arena
- 7:45 a.m. — Flag salute
- 8 a.m. — Calf roping on foot, Level 2 and Level 3; ranch rodear sorting; Cloverbud dummy roping; awards
- 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. — Leafy vegetables, flowers and sugar beets Open Class exhibitor check-in; judging to follow, Armory Exhibit Hall
- 9 a.m. — Rabbit and Cavy show, Tumbleweed Theatre
- 10 a.m. — Bird show, Tumbleweed Theatre
- 11 a.m. — Animal dress-up show, Livestock Barn
- Noon — Cow patty toss, Goat Barn
- 1 p.m. — Goat show, including Cloverbud, meat, dairy and pygmy divisions, Livestock Barn
- 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. — Armory Exhibit Hall open to public
- 4 p.m. — Dairy show, Livestock Barn
- 4 p.m. — Roping contest, near Tumbleweed Theatre
- 5 p.m. — 4-H Style Revue practice, Tumbleweed Theatre
- 6 p.m. — Owyhee County’s Got Talent Show, Tumbleweed Theatre
- 7 p.m. — Howlin’ Coyotes band, Tumbleweed Theatre
- 7 p.m. — ICA rodeo slack, free, rodeo arena

Thursday

- 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. — Buckaroo Breakfast, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.
- 8 a.m. — Beef show, Livestock Barn
- 9 a.m. — Cat show, Tumbleweed Theatre
- 9:30 a.m. — Dog show, Tumbleweed Theatre
- 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. — Armory Exhibit Hall open
- 11 a.m. — Small animal round robin, Tumbleweed Theatre
- 11 a.m. — Veggie People contest, near Tumbleweed Theatre
- 1 p.m. — Tractor driving contest, rodeo arena parking lot
- 2 p.m. — Sheep show, Livestock Barn
- 4 p.m. — Watermelon eating contest
- 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. — Switcher band, Tumbleweed Theatre
- 7:30 p.m. — County rodeo pre-rodeo, rodeo arena
- 8 p.m. — County rodeo, first go-round, rodeo arena
- 10 p.m. to midnight — Buckin’ Country, Tumbleweed Theatre

Friday

- 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. — Buckaroo Breakfast, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.
- 8 a.m. — Swine show, Livestock Barn
- 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. — Armory Exhibit Hall open
- 1 p.m. — Pedal tractor pull, Tumbleweed Theatre
- 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. — Dancing Divas, Tumbleweed Theatre
- 3 p.m. — Relay race, near Tumbleweed Theatre
- 4 p.m. — Al Lampkin Entertainment!, Tumbleweed Theatre
- 5 p.m. — Owyhee County’s Got Talent Show final round, Tumbleweed Theatre
- 6 p.m. — 4-H Fashion Revue, Tumbleweed Theatre
- 7 p.m. — 4-H awards ceremony, Tumbleweed Theatre
- 7:30 p.m. — County rodeo pre-rodeo, rodeo arena
- 8 p.m. — County rodeo, second go-round, rodeo arena
- 10 p.m. — Buckin’ Country band, Tumbleweed Theatre

Saturday

- 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. — Buckaroo Breakfast, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.
- 8:30 a.m. — Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Parade registration, Homedale High School parking lot (East Idaho Avenue) and Deward Bell Stadium football field (Riverside Avenue)
- 9 a.m. — County fair and rodeo parade judging
- 9:30 a.m. — County fair and rodeo parade, downtown Homedale
- 10 a.m. — Large animal round robin, Livestock Barn
- Noon — Buyers lunch, Livestock Barn
- After lunch — Owyhee County Junior Livestock Sale, Livestock Barn
- 4 p.m. — Al Lampkin Entertainment!, Tumbleweed Theatre
- 5 p.m. — Idaho Junior Jammers, Tumbleweed Theatre
- 6 p.m. — Al Lampkin Entertainment!, Tumbleweed Theatre
- 7 p.m. — Miller Band, Tumbleweed Theatre
- 7:30 p.m. — County rodeo pre-rodeo, rodeo arena
- 8 p.m. — County rodeo, third go-round, rodeo arena
- 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. — Jeff Palmer Band for dancing, Tumbleweed Theatre

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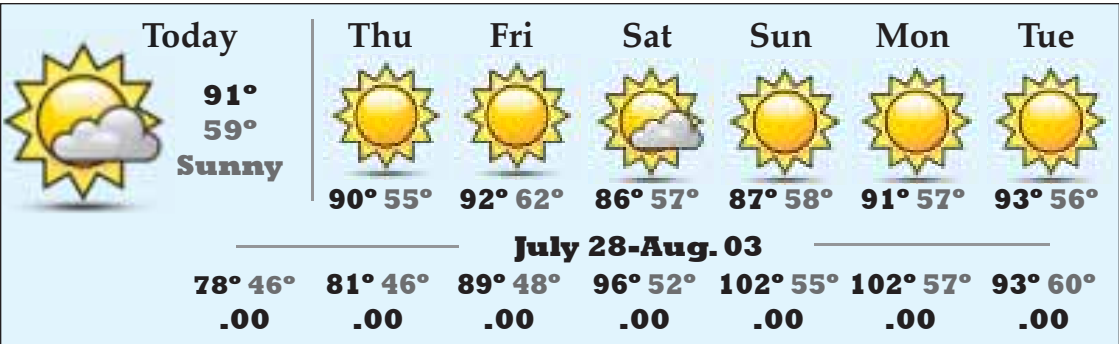
South Board water could run out by month's end

Level of usage will dictate shutoff date

There could be only a few weeks left in the irrigation season in the Homedale-Marsing area. South Board of Control watermaster John Eells is running the same schedule as last year, so area farmers can expect their water to last about as long as it did in 2014. But if water orders increase, the season could be cut even shorter. "If the usage goes up, it'll be earlier, but if it stays where it's at, it'll be around the latter part of August for the South Canal," Eells said. In 2014, the last day of water delivery at any significant level was Aug. 18. Eells explained that the water was completely out by

Aug. 23. He thinks he might be able to stretch the season as far as Aug. 28. "The problem is, nothing is definite," Eells said. "It depends if usage goes up." The SBOC directors will likely talk about the shutoff date during their regular monthly meeting Tuesday. The South Board meets at 7:30 p.m. downstairs at the SBOC office at 118 W. 1st St. S., in Homedale. The Ridgeview Irrigation District and Gem Irrigation District board meetings precede the South Board confab at 7 p.m. and 7:15 p.m., respectively. In September, the directors will return to their normal meeting schedule, convening at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month.

— SC



Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 6 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 76 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 156 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 42,395 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 provided by Helena Chemical Co., Homedale and Accuweather.

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✓ **Lootens:** Marsing woman to step away from fair board in September

She has gotten along well with the other fair board members but will resign in September. It isn't easy for her to walk away from the board.

"I did it because my health is not the best right now, and hasn't been for a while," Mary said. "I just decided (I'm) too old. Let somebody else do it."

She finds it odd to be in the spotlight as grand marshal after working behind the scenes to ensure that everything goes smoothly at the fair.

She also was surprised to be named grand marshal.

"I didn't have a clue. I didn't really ever think about it," Mary said.

Her biggest accomplishment while she has been on the board was putting in a row of evergreen trees at the fairgrounds.

"By the big food booth, between the booth and the livestock (barn)," Mary said. "I planted them myself, dug the holes, and they're doing great."

She added that she has gotten to know a lot of people over the past 19 years through her service on the board.

"I've been close to some of them since we've done some work together. It's been quite the history. We've done a lot to fix up the grounds," Mary said.

Her husband Cy died of a heart attack 18 years ago. The couple adopted four children: Liz, 57, Irene, 54, Joe, 52, and Helen, 49.

Being the wife of a lifelong farmer, Mary did lots of work around their property but did have other jobs.

"I worked at the bank in Marsing for nine years," Mary said. She also was an Emergency Medical Technician for the Marsing Ambulance Service for about 10 years in the 1970s and '80s.

She enjoyed her time on the fair board saying it "went pretty good most of the time."

Despite not being entirely comfortable in the spotlight, she is trying to be optimistic about her role as grand marshal.

"I just hope everything goes well," Mary said.

— SC

✓ **Emergency:** Folks can sign up to receive alerts at the fair this week

system and we can notify them based on their location," sheriff's dispatch supervisor Christine Ballard said. "So we can let them know of events happening right there in their area."

The new service is being financed for three years by a state grant. Sheriff's dispatch supervisor Christine Ballard said more state funding could be provided after the initial three-year period, keeping the expense off the backs of the county's taxpayers.

To illustrate how useful the service can be, she gives an example of someone who owns property near Givens but is on vacation in Florida. Despite their distance from Idaho, that person would still be notified of an emergency around their property in Owyhee County.

The alerts would include information such as missing children, weather events, fire warnings or hazmat evacuations.

"Currently, if you're not signed up for this service, unless you're physically in that area, you won't be notified of a problem," Ballard said.

The website to join the emergency alert call list is <http://public.alertsense.com/SignUp>. People can remove themselves from the service through the same website.

Folks can also complete online registration during the Owyhee County Fair in Homedale this week.

"We're going to have a little booth down at the fair," Ballard said. "We'll have tablets where people can just walk by and sign up real quick."

She added that there's nothing complicated about the service's website.

"It's super simple. There's no passwords or anything like that. It's just your name, your address and your (cell) phone number," Ballard said.

No fee is associated with the service but standard text message rates may apply depending on a person's cell phone plan.

County personnel previously had to go door-to-door to provide people with emergency information for affected areas.

"Or if it was big enough, we could call the state and they would put something out on a regional basis, something like an AMBER Alert, but you have to meet certain qualifications," Ballard said.

Such a notification was made on June 9 when a wildfire threatened homes in Sunrise Skypark off Idaho highway 78 in Givens.

The county has been working on the program for more than a year. A grant from the Idaho Emergency Communications Commission will pay for the service at a cost of about \$5,000 per year for the next three years. The county won't have to shell out money after the three-year period either, Ballard said.

"If they don't renew it, the Bureau of Homeland Security has actually verbally committed to paying for it after that," Ballard said.

She invites anyone who has questions about the alert service to call her at the sheriff's office, (208) 495-1154, ext. 101.

— SC

✓ **Hope House:** Non-profit honored for its ministry to disadvantaged kids

carries a \$25,000 award for the advancement of Hope House's ministry. The national winner will be announced in September.

Founded by Donnalee Velvick-Lowry, Hope House already has earned \$4,000 as the West Region finalist for the award. The magazine's staff has selected four other regional finalists, too.

The annual Hope Award goes to an organization that demonstrates the power of effective compassion by fostering life change through personal, Christ-centered help to those in need.

WORLD magazine selected Hope House as the Hope Award West Region winner for its strengths, including an "overwhelming" spirit of servanthood. Self-sacrificing staffers work 60 hours per week, and although they receive free housing they are paid little and receive few thank-yous from the traumatized children they serve.

"We shudder to think what would happen to many of the children if Hope House did not exist," WORLD magazine representatives wrote in a press release announcing the next step in the award process.

Through Hope House, the 73-year-old Velvick-Lowry and her staff strive to restore and embody a biblical meaning of "home" and "family" for its children.

There are 67 boys and girls, ages 6 and older, at Hope House, which is distinguished on Old Bruneau Highway by its giant arched sign carrying the organization's mantra: "A Home to Come To."

Hope House welcomes children whose parents gave up on treating their behavioral, mental, and emotional issues or children who were lost in the system.

Many grew up in orphanages overseas, where they developed a guerrilla-style mentality of fending for themselves, even battling for their next meal. After years of abuse and neglect, most Hope House children have severe attachment disorders or post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and several have significant developmental and/or cognitive disabilities.

Because of their experiences, many of the children arrive at Hope House with a cynical view. Born in a now-defunct orphanage in Los Angeles, Velvick-Lowry has a first-hand understanding of this sentiment.

She spent years in foster care, but life began to change when at the age of 11 the promise of cookies Kool-Aid and new friends lured her to a vacation Bible school where she found her heavenly father.

"It was the greatest joy," Velvick-Lowry said. "I knew then that as long as I have a heavenly dad who loves me, I could be successful."

That's what Hope House tries to show its children: no matter how dysfunctional their previous families, they now have an ever-perfect, ever-faithful "daddy" in God and a messy but accepting family at Hope House where they do everything together.

Roman, an 18-year-old from Russia who has lived at Hope House five years, epitomizes what some boys and girls endured in their previous situations.

He remembers with pain the last words his adoptive father said to him: "I don't ever want to see you again, ever." But he also remembers the first time staff told him he has a heavenly father who's always there for him: "If not for Hope House, I would have never known Christ," Roman said. "Hope House gave me the biggest family I can ever have."

As with most big families, Hope House celebrates every milestone with passion — from graduations to birthdays to Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Velvick-Lowry started Hope House 42 years ago in a small farmhouse with seven children.

As Velvick-Lowry received calls from adoptive parents, social workers and juvenile courts seeking a place for "failed" children, Hope House grew. Today, it covers 56 acres near the Snake River with dormitories, a chapel, school gymnasium, athletic fields, goat farm and on-campus lodging for staff members and volunteers.

Toni Middlebrook is one of those volunteers. The 71-year-old stays despite her doctor's advice to retire.

"It's the kids. I just can't leave them," the eight-year girls' dormitory supervisor said. "I don't want to be another person in their life who walks in and walks out."

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Busy August planned at Marsing Sr. Center

Free foot exams available Thursday

The Marsing Senior Center’s monthly free foot clinic has a bit of a twist Thursday.

Representatives from the nearby Terry Reilly Health Services clinic will be on hand as part of their promotion of National Community Health Center Week.

Foot exams are available at the senior center, 218 Main St., from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 896-4634 to set up an appointment.

National Community Health Center Week runs Aug. 9 through Aug. 15, but Terry Reilly reps will get a jump on things in Marsing.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Troy Landus, a physician’s assistant at the Marsing clinic, will be on hand. Free medical screenings

and foot examinations will be available. There will be information available on how to maintain one’s health as well as a raffle.

Blood pressure, glucose and dental checks will be part of the screening.

The senior center’s monthly board of directors meeting is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The Marsing Senior Center is open Monday through Thursday.

Breakfast is served from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Monday, and lunch buffets are available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday inside the Red Door Café.

The Hub portion of the senior center will play host to a town hall meeting for Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 13. The public is invited, and the senators will take questions.

Legrand Leavitt, 98, of Homedale, died July 31, 2015, at Owyhee Health and Rehab in Homedale. Legrand was born to Franklin Ernest Leavitt and Martha Barnum in Mesquite, Nevada on June 26, 1917. He grew up in that area and farmed there. He married his sweetheart, Mattie Bowler on April 11, 1934 and over time they had six children.

In 1941, he went to work as a railroad construction supervisor at the naval ammunition depot near Hawthorn, NV. At the end of WWII, he bought a farm near Homedale and moved there with his family in 1948. While farming, he ventured into the dairy business, raised beef cattle and did some row cropping. In 2000, he turned the operations over to two of his sons Tim and Kelly through a purchase agreement. Legrand lost his wife Mattie in 1974. He later married Louise Bowler Hicks on April 4,

Obituary

Legrand Leavitt



1975. They continued to reside on the farm and Legrand spent much of his time repairing equipment and irrigating for his sons. He was constantly working in his shop or in his garden.

He lost Louise in 2012 and with declining health, moved into the Owyhee Health and Rehab

Center the same year. While a resident there he “created” his own little workshop in his room — he had to keep busy.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters and brothers, his wives and his son Michael. He is survived by his daughter Martha Bergeson, his sons Ted, Tim, Brian and Kelly, and his much younger brothers Duane, Ronald, Bobby, Norman, Eldon, Dale, Lister, and Frank. He is also survived by many, many, many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

A Visitation was held on Monday, August 3, 2015, from 5:00 – 7:00pm at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. Funeral services were held Tuesday August 4, 2015 at 1:00pm Homedale LDS Church [708 W. Idaho Ave.]. Interment followed at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. Condolences can be given at www.flahifffuneralchapel.com

Buckaroo Breakfast returns

There are four more days to enjoy the Buckaroo Breakfast at the Homedale Senior Center before heading off to the Owyhee County Fair.

Breakfast will be served from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. each day between today and Saturday in the senior center parking lot at the corner of West Idaho Avenue and North 3rd Street West.

The menu includes pancakes, sausage and eggs with coffee and orange drink. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children younger than 7. Milk or orange juice and bottled water will be available for \$1 each.

In addition to the breakfast, the senior center will hold a raffle for a quilt and some paintings.

Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. They will be sold during the breakfast. The drawing takes place at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Senior center volunteer Romona Andrus has created another quilt that will be given away.

There are no other senior center activities planned during the week. The daily luncheon and Thursday’s exercise class have been suspended because of the breakfast.

The senior center will present its monthly dance from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday. The event features live music and is open to everyone. Admission is \$5, and folks are asked to bring finger food to share.

Things get back to normal for the senior center next week.

A free blood pressure clinic will be presented on Tuesday, and the exercise class returns from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The blood pressure clinic and exercise class will be offered on Tuesday, Aug. 25, too.

The senior center’s board of directors meets at 1:30 p.m. next Wednesday. The meeting is open to the public.



Homedale Senior Center board member Sandy Ledford, who also volunteers at the center, poses with the Romona Andrus quilt that will be given away Saturday.

The monthly fundraiser breakfast returns on Saturday, Aug. 15. Breakfast will be served from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. inside the senior center. The price is \$6 per plate for adults and \$3 per plate for children younger than 8. Juice is available for an additional cost, and proceeds from the breakfast go toward the operation of the senior center.

The monthly foot clinic will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 18. Appointments are necessary and can be made by calling the senior center at 337-3020. An examination costs \$12.

The senior center and its thrift shop are usually open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday. Congregate luncheons are served each day.

For more information on the senior center, call (208) 337-3020.

Death notice

MARILYN J. SOLLARS, 70, of Caldwell, died Sunday, Aug. 2, 2015 at home of natural causes. Arrangements are under the care of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-0833

Senior menus

- Homedale Senior Center**
(Salad bar and milk available daily)
- Aug. 5-8: Closed. Buckaroo Breakfast served 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.
 - Aug. 11: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, beets, bread
 - Aug. 12: Sausage & biscuits, potatoes/Country gravy, carrots
- Marsing Senior Center**
(Salad bar available daily, green salad, vegetables, fruit etc.)
- Aug. 5: Chicken w/ham & cheese, potatoes, peas, melon, pasta salad, bread, milk
 - Aug. 6: BBQ ribs, carrots, potatoes, applesauce, corn bread, milk
 - Aug. 10: Breakfast, biscuits & gravy, eggs, juice, milk
 - Aug. 11: Chicken fried steak, potatoes, spinach, peaches, bread, pasta salad, milk
 - Aug. 12: Sweet & sour pork, rice, carrots, pears, potato salad, bread, milk
- Rimrock Senior Center**
(Milk and juice available daily)
- Aug. 6: Swiss steak, scalloped potatoes, summer squash, roll, jello dessert
 - Aug. 11: Roast beef w/gravy, garlic potato wedges, peas & carrots, fruit, lemon wedges
 - Aug. 13: Macaroni & cheese, green beans & bacon, veggies sticks, orange slices, raspberry dump cake

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Fair’s livestock projects rich with lessons

The purposes of 4-H and FFA market animal projects are to help teach children responsibility, teach the value of hard work, and to give them some “real world” experience raising livestock. Now some may argue the point of “real world” experience when kids’ animals sell for more than actual market value at the Owyhee County Junior Livestock sale, but market livestock projects do provide some excellent learning opportunities for kids.

The shows began Wednesday afternoon with the goats. Thursday morning will be the beef show with the sheep show following that afternoon. The swine show will get underway first thing Friday morning.



Scott Jensen

University of Idaho Extension

On Saturday, the Owyhee County Junior Livestock Sale will begin about 1 p.m. A buyers’ lunch at noon precedes the sale. The youth exhibitors pay for this lunch from the proceeds of the sale of their animals.

There are three ways that you can support youth at the sale.

First, you can purchase the animal outright to have it butchered for your personal consumption. The sale committee will see that it is delivered to the custom butcher of your choice.

The second option is to purchase the animal and then “turn it back to the floor.” You would then pay the difference between the bid price and the floor price. The animal is then sold/delivered to the floor buyer.

The third option is to do an “add-on.” To add on to a youth, you simply complete an add-on

form for one or more children and submit the form along with payment to the sale committee.

Last year’s Junior Livestock Sale brought in \$263,675. Add-ons brought the total to \$339,514.

Since 1991, more than 4,000 animals have been sold for a grand total (including add-ons) of more than \$3.7 million.

The sale committee disperses funds to the children when all the funds have been collected. The sale committee collects a small commission from the sale of each animal and from each add-on to cover the expenses of putting on the sale and buyers’ lunch. The county sale committee includes Travis Kraupp, Dan Mori, Matt Tindall and Tyler Blackstock.

Market livestock projects provide an excellent learning opportunity for our youth. I encourage you to show your support during the Junior Livestock Shows at the fair and at the Junior Livestock Sale on Saturday.

Calendar

Today

- Buckaroo breakfast**
7 a.m. to 10 a.m., \$6 adults, \$3 children 7 and younger, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Owyhee County Fair**
8 a.m., Owyhee County Fairgrounds, 420 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3888
- Military veterans coffee**
9 a.m., Phipps-Watson American Legion Hall and Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing
- Coffee club**
9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Thursday

- Buckaroo breakfast**
7 a.m. to 10 a.m., \$6 adults, \$3 children 7 and younger, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Owyhee County Fair**
8 a.m., Owyhee County Fairgrounds, 420 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3888
- Foot clinic**
9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., free, appointments necessary, Marsing Senior Center, 218 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4634
- 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., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690
- TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting**
6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867
- Homedale Rod & Gun Club meeting**
7:30 p.m., Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant, 18 N. 1st W., Homedale. (208) 921-6578 or (208) 283-0431

Friday

- Buckaroo breakfast**
7 a.m. to 10 a.m., \$6 adults, \$3 children 7 and younger, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Owyhee County Fair**
8 a.m., Owyhee County Fairgrounds, 420 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3888
- Story Time**
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, afternoons Monday through Saturday

Saturday

- Buckaroo breakfast**
7 a.m. to 10 a.m., \$6 adults, \$3 children 7 and younger, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Owyhee County Fair**
8 a.m., Owyhee County Fairgrounds, 420 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3888
- Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Parade**
8:30 a.m., registration; 9 a.m., judging; 9:30 a.m., parade, downtown Homedale. (208) 318-3982
- Rimrock Food Pantry distribution**
9 a.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2419, (208) 834-5170 or (208) 834-3199
- Veterans of Foreign Wars meeting**
9 a.m., Samuel Phillips III Post 11065, 208 3rd St., Wilder. (208) 896-4465
- Senior center dance**
6 p.m. to 9 p.m., \$5 plus finger food, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

Sunday

- CARE-ousel Team Roping Fundraiser**
1 p.m., free admission, Badiola Arena, 402 State Hwy. 95, Homedale. (208) 989-8082
- Bruneau Valley Library board meeting**
2:30 p.m., Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2131


Monday

- Board of County Commissioners meeting**
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421
- Homedale Fire District board meeting**
Noon, Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale.
- Homedale School board meeting**
7 p.m., district office board room, 116 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4611

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
- Homedale Public Library board meeting**
11 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, afternoons Monday through Saturday
- Marsing Senior Center board meeting**
12:30 p.m., Marsing Senior Center, 218 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4634

Owyhee Then & Now



Michael Affen

Sagebrush and Axle Grease

20th century stage ride

Over the weekend of June 2nd and 3rd, 1973 my mother, Hazel Hanley, sister Alice, her husband Dave Armstrong, nephew Billy Johnson, Don Waldhelm, and I drove my stagecoach “Mudwagon” from our ranch in Jordan Valley, Oregon to Murphy, Idaho. I had been issued a special “two-day” permit to carry the U.S. Mail by the U.S. Postal Service from Jordan Valley to Murphy for Owyhee County Historical Society’s Outpost Day. All told, there were some 600 letters in the pouch that I delivered, and they were stamped with special commemorative stamps.

It was an enjoyable trip for the four-horse team I drove worked well and even though they weren’t as well matched and perhaps too heavy for the typical stage horses, they gave us the feel of what it was like to travel over the old stage roads in a mail coach. My mother had the foresight to take along a pillow to sit on, and the other passengers improvised additional cushions on the trip. Contrary to popular belief, stagecoach travel isn’t comfortable, but is instead a bone-jarring experience.

We followed the old Skinner toll road over the Trout Creek Grade, up Jordan Creek to the junction of the Reynolds Creek road at the site of old Booneville. There, we stopped and ate dinner before proceeding over the summit that took us to Reynolds Creek.

Along the sides of the road, we saw many old horse and mule shoes and an occasional piece of wagon iron or rough lock chain. The old Democrat Station was a lonely spot since the old buildings had been gone a long time. In fact, the road itself is only used occasionally, since most of the traffic now goes into Silver City by a route to the east.

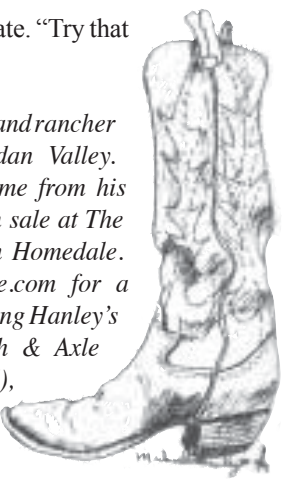
After traveling some 35 miles, we pulled into the Nettleton Ranch on Reynolds Creek, where we spent the night in the comfort of the Nettletons’ hospitality. After an ample breakfast prepared especially for us by Mrs. Nettleton, we continued on to Murphy. Taking the Rabbit Creek road on to Murphy was a thrill for it was packed hard and smooth and we traveled it most of the remaining 12 or 15 miles at a fast trot. About two miles out of Murphy, I discovered that I would have to go a little faster if we were to make it on time — which was 1 p.m.

When we drove into Murphy, the street was lined with people, and they began to crowd in around the horses. Even though they had come 50 miles or better in the last day and a half, they acted like they might spook, so I hit the leaders with the whip remembering well that the old-time stage drivers always started their trips with a flourish and ended with one.

The museum, where the mail was to be delivered, lay at the top of a rather steep hill. I galloped the horses up the hill and pulled them down to a stop right in front of the museum at which time I handed down the mailbag. The way the horses and coach performed in the last 300-yard spurt was the highlight of the trip for me, and I’ll never forget it.

We were only one minute late. “Try that with today’s mail service!”

— 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.



Owyhee County Fair

Bruneau girl goes above and beyond to participate at fair

Most youngsters in the 4-H Cloverbuds program only have one project in the Owyhee County Fair, and many don't do a project at all. That is not the case for 8-year-old Ainsley Erwin of Bruneau.

Ainsley is the daughter of Deidre and Russel Erwin and by 4-H years, is 7 years old.

"4-H declares your year by January 1st. So, as of January 1st, she was 7, she actually turned 8 in June," Deidre said.

The fairgrounds in Homedale are becoming very familiar territory for Ainsley. She started going to the fair when she was a month-and-a-half old.

Ainsley will do three projects for this year's fair: a goat, a chicken and a sewing project. The first year she was a Cloverbud, Ainsley showed a goat and a sewing piece. Last year, she also brought a goat, a chicken and a sewing project.

Her mom pointed out that Ainsley wanted to show a goat at the fair when she was just 2.

Deidre said Cloverbuds aren't required to take anything to the fair, keep record book interviews or do county demonstrations. However, Ainsley has done all of those things each of the past three years.



Ainsley Erwin, left, and her brother Mitchell groom her goat ahead of fair. Submitted photo

Believe it or not, Mom and Dad don't help out very much with Ainsley's projects.

"I've found that Cloverbuds will prefer to do most of it themselves. It's when they get older they don't want to do all the work," Deidre said. "I think Cloverbuds deserve more recognition than they get."

Cloverbuds also don't win awards at the fair. All participants receive the same ribbon.

"It's very encouraging. We try not to tell them they're doing anything wrong. We're glad they're there," Deidre said.

This will be Ainsley's last year as a Cloverbud because the program is only for 5- to 7-year-olds. Next year, she will be a full-fledged 4-H member.

Activities that are similar to 4-H projects happen every day on the Erwin property.

"My husband and I have a goat herd of over 100 goats," Deidre said. "We work for my in-laws, and they have 3,000 acres. We have pasture and farm it, and we have a cow herd, too."

Ainsley is the youngest of the Erwins' four children. Her sister Kaitlin turns 20 this month, and she has two brothers: 17-year-old Travis and 11-year-old Mitchell.

At this year's fair, Travis will show a goat for the FFA, and Mitchell will show a chicken and two types of goats.

Deidre fully expects that Ainsley will be a 4-H lifer, participating in the organization until she is 19 years old.

— SC



Hayden Dines tends to his swine. Submitted photo

Showing pigs a Dines family tradition

After years of 4-H competitions at the Owyhee County Fair, one Marsing family knows a thing or two about swine.

This will be the final year that 18-year-old Hayden Dines will show a pig at the fair. His older brothers and his dad also showed animals at the 4-H competitions.

Craig Dines, his father, began showing sheep but switched to swine, and Hayden's brothers have always shown pigs.

"My dad used to do sheep, but we've never really gone into that," Hayden said. "I don't know why, we just really like pigs. They're low maintenance and fun to be around."

The son of Barb and Craig Dines, Hayden graduated from Marsing High School this spring. He got involved with 4-H 10 years ago and is a member of the Owyhee Gems club.

At this year's fair, he will compete with a pig named "Tank." Hayden has won several awards with his pigs at fairs in the past.

"I haven't gotten anything too big, just blue ribbons and red ribbons, nothing spectacular," Hayden said.

He thinks most people don't know how much time goes into raising a pig to compete with at

the fair.

"We have a feeder that we have to put in two bags of feed every week. Then every day you have to go out and water them or get a mud puddle for them," Hayden said. "I don't start walking them until two weeks before the fair, that takes 45 minutes or an hour to work with them (every day)."

Raising pigs is just a hobby for him, not something he plans to make a career out of. However, he points out the cash boost from fair week has always been nice.

"The money also helps out when we sell our pigs," Hayden said.

His younger brother, 12-year-old Brady, will continue the family tradition of showing pigs at next year's fair. The brothers each raised a pig this year along with a spare pig.

Hayden has spent the summer working for Valley Construction in Cascade, but he's back in the area to attend the fair.

This fall, he will begin attending classes at The College of Western Idaho where he will focus on general studies. He received an Opportunity Scholarship from the State Board of Education to help his pay for tuition at the college.

— SC

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1994	215	\$123,742	\$126,536
1995	125	\$89,029	\$89,029
1996	133	\$85,399	\$91,315
1997	131	\$86,320	\$86,320
1998	122	\$86,365	\$86,365
1999	135	\$100,070	\$109,218
2000	129	\$98,369	\$98,369
2001	146	\$102,672	\$112,948
2002	150	\$95,576	\$95,576
2003	145	\$109,954	\$123,379
2004	139	\$117,219	\$138,698
2005	142	\$121,425	\$153,697
2006	171	\$158,064	\$191,429
2007	188	\$160,480	\$213,166
2008	180	\$146,850	\$201,290
2009	182	\$130,375	\$181,812
2010	199	\$141,975	\$194,991
2011	215	\$184,950	\$234,716
2012	183	\$199,525	\$278,833
2013	205	\$207,500	\$287,147
2014	218	\$263,675	\$339,514
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Gunfire triggers 33-acre wildfire near Marsing

People shooting firearms reportedly caused a fire near the Boy Scout camping area outside Marsing on Saturday.

The 33-acre Scout fire was reported at 11:30 a.m. Saturday.

While people shooting firearms is being blamed, the exact cause is still under investigation, Bureau of Land Management Boise District fire information officer Jacque Link said.

The fire, which burned in steep, rocky terrain, was contained by 8 p.m. Saturday and controlled by 6 p.m. Sunday, Link said.

BLM resources on the scene included three engines, one water tender, personnel, and an incident commander.

The Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District responded at the request of BLM with three brush trucks, a 3,000-gallon water tender and crews.

MRW public information officer Louis Monson said the district's volunteers were on the fire for about five hours.

The Eagle Fire Department provided one bulldozer and a hand crew to fight the Scout fire.

Aircraft working on the blaze included one air attack, a helicopter and two single-engine air tankers (SEATs).

With high temperatures and dry fuels, the BLM encourages people to pay attention when out shooting on public lands. — SC



This 1999 Ford F-150 pickup caught fire on the Silver City Road on Sunday. OCSO photo

No one hurt in separate vehicle fires

Separate fires destroyed a pickup truck and a piece of farm equipment last week.

The pickup is a total loss after a fire broke out shortly after 3 p.m. on Sunday on Silver City Road on milepost 18.

The 1999 Ford F-150 belongs to Rocky Conner of Homedale, who was driving it when the fire started, Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said.

The fire did not spread to nearby brush along Silver City Road.

Another fire around 1 p.m. Saturday involved a combine in a field at Howard Road and Idaho highway 78 in Marsing.

No injuries were reported in either incident, Bowman said.

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Cities' budget hearings slated

The Fiscal Year 2016 budgets for Owyhee County's three incorporated cities are subject to public hearings next Wednesday.

Homedale's proposed budget of \$3,625,967 is 2.4 percent larger than the FY 15 budget. The total increase is \$85,629 over FY 15, and that includes employee raises as well as a 24.2 percent salary increase for Mayor Gheen Christoffersen. A separate public hearing will be held on Christoffersen's pay increase next Wednesday.

If approved, Marsing's FY 16 budget will be 29.5 percent larger than this year's budget.

With a \$2,961,731 proposed budget, the city is poised to spend \$673,864 more than in FY 15.

Grand View's FY 16 budget of \$614,816 is about \$40,000 more than FY 15, but includes proposed salaries for Mayor Franklin Hart and the council. Elected officials have never been paid in Grand View's 40-year history.

Same haystack keeps MRW volunteers busy

Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson volunteer firefighters responded to a pair of fire calls involving the same haystack last week.

The second call came in at 5:30 a.m. Monday on Jeff Good's property off Idaho highway 78. MRW public information officer Louis Monson said that some of the hay set aside during a July 28 call caught fire. It took three trucks and crew about two hours to extinguish Monday morning's repeat.

Spontaneous combustion of the hay was blamed for the first fire on July 28, which turned out to be a busy night for MRW firefighters.

Unrelated fires burned two miles apart near Idaho 78 that night, keeping district personnel at work for about four hours, Monson reported in an email.

A wildland fire on private land near milepost 24 was reported at 7 p.m. The fire burned about 20 acres and threatened one structure on the east side of the highway.

Monson said it is believed the fire sparked when a passing truck had a tire blowout and threw sparks when the rim hit the pavement.

MRW supplied a command truck, three brush trucks, two water tenders holding 2,000 and 3,000 gallons, respectively, and a wildland/urban interface engine.

Melba Fire provided assistance with two brush trucks and a command vehicle.

As MRW crews were mopping up on the early fire, when the call at Good's property came in. Fire Chief Wes Anderson responded with heavy trucks, while Monson remained at the first fire to oversee mop-up.

Good used a crawler tractor to dismantle the burning haystack as MRW crews watered down the crawler and the smoldering hay.

MRW firefighters also dealt with a small fire on Murphy Flats on July 26. Monson said a hawk hit power lines above a drain ditch and was in flames when it hit the ground, sparking the fire.

MRW's Quick Response Unit also rolled on two calls in Murphy on Sunday. Neither incident was life-threatening as QRU volunteers responded to a private residence for a lift assist and then to the county jail on a medical call.

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Special events planned for Homedale Farmers Market

Vendor, customer numbers up after changes

This week’s Homedale Farmers Market will look a little different than recent installments. Thursday’s market occurs in the midst of National Farmers Market Awareness Week, which began Sunday and runs through Saturday. The Homedale market is open from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. each Thursday at Bette Uda City Park through Sept. 24. Homedale Farmers Market president Denise Dixon said several special events are planned to celebrate National Farmers Market Awareness Week. “We will have a National Farmers Market cake to share with our vendors and customers,” Dixon wrote in an email. “We are having a kids project. They will be making vegetable

people, like a Mr. Potato Head or a squash person.” She also said there will be a coloring project for children to work on as well as the weekly book exchange. The Idaho Farmers Market Association provided ideas to mark the awareness event, and Homedale Farmers Market vice-president Kirsten Mast helped Dixon put it together. Dixon also said that the market has seen sizable growth over last year. She believes changing from a Saturday market to a Thursday event was a wise move for several reasons, including eliminating the competition with other markets for vendors. In 2014, the market averaged about nine vendors per week. That compares to an average of 15 vendors per week since this year’s market opened on June 18. The average number of customers at the market has increased as well, Dixon said. “Our customer count has been between 80-90,” she wrote. “Last year we were in the 50-60 range.” She said a Thursday evening market is also more convenient for shoppers. “The customers can catch us

on the way home from work, and there is not a lot of other things going on Thursdays at that time,” Dixon said. “We also are not competing with other community events on Saturdays. It has been a win-win for everyone.” She and her volunteers are constantly looking for new vendors. “There are forms, costs to be a vendor and anything you might need to know about the market at www.homedalefarmersmarket.weebly.com,” Dixon said. She will give the Homedale Chamber of Commerce an update on how the market has done this year at the Chamber’s next meeting at noon on Sept. 22 at Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant. “I have gained lots of great suggestions and ideas from the Chamber, and I really appreciate their input and interest in the market,” Dixon said. She added that anyone who hasn’t heard about the market should come check it out. Dixon also reminds people that the market can now accept EBT (electronic benefit transfer) cards for food stamps. For more information, contact Dixon at ddixon@msn.com or call (208) 840-0440. — SC



Another change seen since the Homedale Farmers Market opened this season is the reconfiguration of the Bette Uda City Park monument. Uda’s friends have installed rock, and more landscaping is planned.

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Homedale man’s drug arrest turns into federal case

A two-time felon arrested on a felony drug and weapons charges in May is facing federal charges.

Danny Mercado entered a not guilty plea to two counts of methamphetamine possession and one count of a felon in possession of a weapon during a July 21 hearing in federal court in Boise.

His federal trial before U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge is slated to begin at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 22 in Boise.

He has been transferred to Idaho Department of Correction custody.

A federal grand jury indicted the 28-year-old Homedale resident on July 14.

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery dismissed the state’s case against Mercado after he entered a plea to the federal charges. Emery said the U.S. Attorney’s case would result in stiffer penalties.

Mercado was arrested with two other people on May 21 after Idaho State Police investigators raided his house in the 500 block of White Cloud Circle.

Mercado was charged with felony gun and drug charges and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia under Idaho law.

Two other individuals arrested in the same action await the next hearings in their cases.

Quinton James Cornia’s attorney has filed a motion to suppress evidence in his case. The hearing is set for 9 a.m. on Sept. 11 before Third District Judge Molly J. Huskey. Huskey will also preside over a Nov. 17 jury trial.

Cornia has been charged with two felonies (weapon possession by a felon and controlled substance possession) and misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession.

Amber Seal faces felony drug possession and misdemeanor paraphernalia possession charges. She also has a Nov. 17 trial date.

In separate 2006 cases, Mercado was convicted on charges of second-degree kidnapping and attempted strangulation, both felonies.

Delgadillo sentenced on drug charge

Homedale resident Ida Delgadillo will spend a year in a rider program after a Friday sentencing for a felony drug charge.

Delgadillo was transferred to the Idaho Department of Correction’s South Boise Women’s Correctional Center after Third District Judge Thomas J. Ryan imposed a sentence in Murphy after she entered a guilty plea to one felony count of obtaining a controlled substance by fraud.

Delgadillo is the significant other of Owyhee County Coroner and Homedale City Councilman Aaron Tines, and she is the mother of one of his children.

Ryan levied a prison sentence of one to two years and fined the 26-year-old Delgadillo \$1,000 before retaining jurisdiction for 365 days.

Delgadillo will serve her Owyhee County sentence concurrently with the penalty related to a Canyon County conviction.

Delgadillo was sent to prison earlier this year after violating her probation on a 2012 theft by receiving, possessing or disposing of stolen property conviction in Canyon County. She originally had judgment withheld, but that was removed after her probation violation.

That conviction stemmed from Delgadillo stealing checks from the resident of a Homedale nursing home where she worked and then attempting to cash forged checks in Canyon County. Two counts of forgery were dismissed when she entered a guilty plea in November 2012.

— JPB

Community service for DUI plea

A Wilder man can avoid jail time for misdemeanor driving under the influence if he completes community service within the next three months.

Myron Frost was originally charged with a misdemeanor for his second DUI offense after Homedale Police arrested him on April 5.

The charge was amended to misdemeanor DUI when he agreed to plea guilty prior to his July 15 sentencing.

Magistrate Judge Gary D. Demeyer ordered Frost to serve 72 hours of community service in lieu of a nine-day stint in Owyhee County Jail. Frost has until Nov. 15 to complete his community service.

Demeyer placed Frost on two years’ probation and suspended the man’s driver’s license for six months. Frost also must pay \$1,272 in fines and court costs.

He received credit for one day spent in jail after his arrest. Demeyer suspended all but nine days of a six-month jail sentence.

Idaho court repository records show Frost served three days in a work release program after his misdemeanor DUI conviction in Ada County in 2009.

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District chief: BLM Owyhee office won't leave Marsing

Lack of personnel bogs down range monitoring

The Bureau of Land Management is taking steps to make sure that its Owyhee Field Office stays in Marsing.

Acting Boise District manager Jenifer Arnold has announced that a new solicitation has been submitted seeking only building space in the Marsing area.

“Last time, we were told to open the solicitation for a wider area, but that was pulled,” Arnold said while appearing at last month’s Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association summer meeting in Silver City.

Previously, it was learned the federal agency had wanted to move from its field office on 1st Avenue West in Marsing. Some feared the field office would move out of Owyhee County just as the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency office had.

Arnold shared other BLM developments, including the transfer of former Boise District manager Jim Fincher to the state office as branch chief of lands, minerals and water rights.

State director Tim Murphy has returned to his post after serving a four-month detail in Washington D.C.

Michelle Ryerson has been serving as the acting Owyhee Field Office manager after Loretta Chandler transferred to the state office. Arnold said the selection process for a permanent field manager is ongoing.

Another change in the Owyhee Field Office is the departure of rangeland management specialist Tina Ruffing. Arnold said a replacement has not been found.

“It’s frustrating on our side as far as just to look at all the workload and have to work that one in and still be looking at three or four years out before we can turn a wheel as far as documentation on that,” McDaniel said.

Reynolds Creek rancher Brenda Richards said she noticed the manpower shortage was a problem in many BLM offices in the West.

Arnold pointed out that each year district officials have to submit workforce plans to comply with a BLM national office directive to reduce the number of employees. She said that sometimes the local offices are unable to fill “key and critical positions” because of the directive.

Personnel shortages hamper monitoring

Michele McDaniel of the Owyhee Field Office reported that the agency is preparing to conduct range monitoring for two groups of allotments.

Monitoring in the Silver City and Rockville allotments, which are part of the Battle Creek group, continues. The deadline for a permit renewal decision is no later than 2017.

McDaniel also said the monitoring for Succor Creek group allotments is in its infancy. Several allotments in the Homedale area are on that list.

“We’ve had some participation, and we definitely encourage those permittees on those allotments to come out with us a get a feel for what we’re doing and understand the process early on,” McDaniel said.

The decision deadline for the Succor Creek group is 2020.

“The one thing that’s awesome about us being here (at the OCA meeting) and us working with permittees in the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association is the relationship,” she said.

“And we want to get to a place where we talk and work through things and come up with solutions that we both can live with so we don’t get taken to court.”

— JPB

County opposes F&G’s intervention on wardens’ monument appeal

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners (BOCC) has sent a letter to the Bureau of Land Management opposing a motion by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Fish and Game is asking to intervene in the county’s appeal of the state BLM director’s decision to allow a monument in a wilderness area where two Fish and Game officers were shot and killed in 1981.

The county previously sent a letter to BLM Acting Owyhee Field Office Manager Michelle Ryerson calling for the removal of the Bull Basin monument to Bill Pogue and Conley Elms.

Fish and Game claims a right to intervene as a party because the agency made an application for use of public lands.

In the latest letter, also sent to Ryerson, county commissioners said photographs of the installation ceremony conducted by Fish and Game show that the stone marker was placed prior to the date of approval of the application by the state director.

The BOCC also said placing the stone prior to the approval was essentially a trespass action, which BLM chose to rectify by an after-the-fact approval of the application.

The commissioners assert that placing the stone prior to the approval makes Fish and Game not a party to a permit, but rather, an agency in violation.

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

The county’s appeal, if granted, would require BLM staff, not Fish and Game, to remove the marker until such time as a proper approval process can be conducted.

In their appeal, county commissioners ask BLM to meaningfully involve the county, the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes and more than one member of the “interested public” in any subsequent scoping process.

The county’s most recent letter says the result of that process could mean an alternative location for the marker not considered in the BLM’s original scoping process.

The letter opposing the motion to intervene was sent to Ryerson by email on July 20, the same day commissioners signed the letter in their weekly meeting in Murphy.

The letter also states that granting Fish and Game’s motion to intervene would disadvantage the rights of the existing parties or unduly delay adjudication of the appeal.

In the letter, commissioners reiterated that Owyhee County does not oppose memorials to fallen officers and their appeal was on the flaws in BLM’s approval process.

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Evan Miller got some air during the bareback competition at last year's Owyhee County Rodeo in Homedale. Photo by WT Bruce Photography

Owyhee County Rodeo returns to classic format

Queen will be named during Saturday's event

The Owyhee County Rodeo gets back to its roots this year.

Gone are the recent phenomena of championship night and television coverage and the Sunday slack.

But the Idaho Cowboys Association professional rodeo and local events aren't going anywhere. And that means some of the best cowboys and cowgirls from the Northwest and beyond will visit Homedale for a shot at glory.

In February, the rodeo board decided to return to the classic long-go format.

There will be a free slack

performance tonight followed by long-go performances on Thursday, Friday and Saturday night. Only timed events will be contested tonight.

The gates open at 7 each night. Thursday through Saturday, pre-rodeo festivities start at 7:30 p.m. with the rodeo action hitting the arena floor 30 minutes later.

Tickets are available at the gate or in advance at Mattesons in Homedale and D&B Supply locations in Caldwell and Nampa.

General admission tickets are \$10 on Thursday and \$12 each night on Friday and Saturday. Admission is \$7 for youth Thursday through Saturday. Senior citizens can get in for a discounted price of \$7 for Thursday's performance.

The week's top performers

in each event will win the championships.

In recent years, the top performers from the first three nights of rodeo had to return on Saturday to compete in the short-go championship round. Rodeo organizers felt that the draw of other summer rodeos kept some of the busier competitors from returning to go for the buckle on Saturday night.

A change in the format means a bigger purse, though.

The local rodeo events haven't changed. There will be mutton busting each night in the pre-rodeo with boys and girls ages 5 to 7 and weighing up to 55 pounds taking their shots.

Other local events include steer riding, open to ages 8-13, wild cow milking on Saturday night,

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Rivercats' first trip to Legion state tournament ends

Boise Gems eliminate Owyhee at A tourney

The Owyhee Rivercats left the bases loaded and the tying run on second base in their final at-bat Sunday.

The 2-0 loss to the Boise Gems ended the Rivercats' season in an elimination game of the American Legion A state tournament in Orofino.

The Gems carded three of their five hits against Connor Carter during a two-run first inning.

"It was a great game," Rivercats coach Burke Deal said. "Their guy pitched well, and Connor pitched well."

Owyhee (28-14) had eight hits against the Gems. The Rivercats, the third seed out of Area B, loaded the bases with two outs in the seventh inning, but couldn't break through as the Gems'

center fielder chased down John Collett's shot to the fence to end the game.

"They put their heart into it, and it was good," Deal said. "I think it was really great for our program, and we had a lot of fun up there."

Boise benefitted from two double plays, including one on Drew Deal's ball back to the mound in the seventh inning. Owyhee rallied with two walks sandwiched around Charlie Chapman's base hit from the No. 9 spot in the order before the Gems got the final out of the game.

The Gems would lose to the Nampa Braves, who beat the Wood River Wranglers twice to win the state championship.

Rivercats first baseman Gunnar Clapp reached base in all three plate appearances against the Gems, going 2-for-2 with a walk.

— See *Legion*, page 2B

Marsing volleyball team has new coach

Bittick leaves after 13 seasons; kickoff dinner set

For the first time in 13 seasons, someone new will lead the Marsing High School volleyball program when practice begins later this month.

Loma Bittick has resigned her post, and high school math teacher Jenny Carper succeeds her.

Cara Duckworth, a former athletic standout at Melba High School, will coach the junior varsity squad. Duckworth was an assistant coach for the Huskies' softball team in the spring.



Jenny Carper



Loma Bittick

Volleyball practice begins Aug. 14, according to the Marsing School District website.

The remaining fall coaching positions remain the same with Brad Hill returning for his second year as the head of the football program and Robin Simpson back as cross country coach.

The football team begins fall camp on Monday, while the cross country team begins workouts on Aug. 17, which is also the first day of the school year in Marsing.

The Booster Club will hold its Fall Sports Kickoff Dinner at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 22 inside the school district cafeteria on 8th Avenue West.

For more information on the dinner, contact MHS principal and athletic director Tim Little at (208) 896-4111, ext. 297.

Little assumes AD duties from Johnathon Cossel this year.

The football team opens the season on Aug. 28 with a home game against Parma.

Carpenter makes her on-court debut with the Huskies the same day in the Kuna Klassic.

The cross country team begins its season Sept. 2 at the New Plymouth Invitational.

Sports

HHS fall sports parents meeting scheduled

Baseline concussion tests will be available for Homedale High School fall athletes after Tuesday’s parents meeting. The meeting takes place at 6 p.m. inside the HHS cafeteria, 203 E. Idaho Ave. Parents will be able to complete all the necessary paperwork to get their son or daughter enrolled to participate in Trojans fall sports. The baseline concussion tests will be administered in the school’s computer labs after the meeting. HHS co-athletic director Casey Grove said the baseline tests aren’t mandatory, but the school is offering athletes the option to take them. Practice for football, volleyball and cross country begin Friday, Aug. 14. The football team, led by coach Matt Holtry, will hold its annual intrasquad Red and White Scrimmage at 10 a.m. on

Saturday, Aug. 22. The Trojans play host to a jamboree at noon on Saturday, Aug. 29 at Deward Bell Stadium. The season opener is set for 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 4 when Class 2A Melba visits Deward Bell Stadium. Diana Asumendi’s second season as volleyball coach begins with the Melba Jamboree at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 25. The Trojans open the season at home on Thursday, Aug. 27 against New Plymouth before making their annual trek to the Kuna Klassic on Aug. 28-29. The cross country team, which is being fully funded by the school district this season for the first time since the program was reinstated three years ago, starts its season on Thursday, Aug. 27 at the Dash and Splash in Vale, Ore. Heidi Ankeny is back for her third season at the helm.

Rimrock teams start practice next week

Fall sports are around the corner at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School. The high school teams begin practice next week with the football team starting Monday and the volleyball team hitting the court on Friday, Aug. 14. The volleyball season opens on Aug. 27 at Glenns Ferry. The football season begins at 7 p.m. on Aug. 28 at Garden Valley. Junior high football and volleyball practice begins on Aug. 20. The first junior high games will be played Sept. 8 in Idaho City for both football and volleyball. Call Rimrock at (208) 834-

2260 for information on the sports programs. Participation fees are charged on a per-sport basis with high school athletes paying \$50 and junior high athletes paying \$25. Athletes entering the sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and 11th grades are required to have a new physical on file before participating in a sport. Grand View’s Valley Health Clinic provides physicals, and appointments can be made by calling (208) 834-2929. All sports forms are available at the school or online at www.sd365.us by clicking the Rimrock Jr./Sr. High School Athletics Sports Forms tab.

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Owyhee Rivercats teammates congratulate Gunner Clapp, third from right, as he crosses home plate after his game-tying, three-run homer against the Lewis-Clark Cubs. Submitted photo

✓ Legion: Clapp’s HR triggers comeback

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Third baseman Blake Patton went 3-for-3 Carter and Clapp had back-to-back singles with two outs in the sixth inning, and the Rivercats got John Collett to second base before an inning-ending double play in the fourth. The Rivercats played without pitcher and leadoff man Austin Williams, who skipped the state tournament to compete in rodeos, Burke Deal said. **Saturday: Rivercats 12, Rigby 1 (5)** — Owyhee put six consecutive batters on base and unloaded on the Trojans for six runs in the second inning to stay alive in the state tournament. Carter blasted a two-run double in the decisive second-inning rally, and Patton doubled to ignite a four-run fifth inning that forced the 10-run rule. Clapp was 3-for-3 with a two-run single in the fifth and a run-

scoring double in the first. Jake Deal struck out seven to get the win. Rigby’s only run came on a one-out home run in the fourth inning. **Friday: Wood River 9, Rivercats 1** — The Area C champion Wranglers moved into the state title game with their 10th consecutive victory. Wood River built a 4-0 lead against Collett before the Rivercats broke through for their only run. Drew Deal beat out an infield hit with one out and scored on Wyatt Dorsey’s base hit in the bottom of the second. Dorsey was 2-for-2 with a fifth-inning double as the Rivercats were limited to just four hits. Carter singled in the opening inning for the Rivercats’ first hit. **Thursday: Rivercats 8, Lewis-Clark Cubs 7** — Clapp tied the game with a three-run home run, and Jake Deal scored the go-ahead run on a wild pitch as Owyhee

scored six times in the pivotal fifth inning. The Rivercats took advantage of three errors and four walks to seize control of their tournament opener. Batting immediately after Clapp’s shot to center field, Deal walked and moved to third as the Cubs walked the bases full. Lewis-Clark, which entered the game as the Area A champion, scored four times in the top of the second against Connor Carter to snag a 5-2 lead. An error sandwiched between a leadoff single from Matt Thatcher and a base hit by Carter helped the Rivercats take a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the first. Clapp picked up the first of his four RBI with a ground ball in the rally. Lewis-Clark pounded out 15 hits. The Rivercats had only five hits, including Thatcher going 2-for-4 and a fifth-inning single by Charlie Chapman.

✓ Rodeo: Usual local events scheduled, too

From Page 1B
the wild horse race on Friday and local team roping during every performance. The local team roping will feature teams with at least one person who either resides in Owyhee County or within the boundaries of the Homedale, Marsing or Bruneau-Grand View school districts. Adrian and Jordan Valley residents are eligible, too. ICA events on the slate this week include timed events such as tie down roping, team roping, steer wrestling, breakaway roping and barrel racing. The rough stock events include bull riding, saddle bronc riding, ranch bronc riding and bareback. The King Cattle Co., of Homedale is the stock contractor for this year’s rodeo. Jordan Valley’s Pat Stanford returns as the announcer. In addition to the local events and ICA competition, the Owyhee County Rodeo has become known

for its Thursday night Ridin’ to Kick Cancer fundraiser. Everyone, from competitors to spectators, is encouraged to wear pink. A 50/50 drawing is held, and the rodeo board makes a donation to local efforts to fight cancer. In another format change, the next fair and rodeo queen coronation will take place Saturday night. Previously, the queen was crowned Friday night. Melba’s Jaycee Engle is this year’s queen, and four young women have entered for the chance to succeed her. The rodeo has a history of local competitors rising to the occasion against a strong group of out-of-towners. Last year, Marsing cowboys Austin Williams and Lorenzo Lankow finished first and second, respectively, in bareback. At the end of the season, Williams wound up sixth in the ICA standings, and Lankow was eighth. Fellow Marsing competitor Kirby Cook finished in a dead heat

with Wyatt Williams for the tie down roping championship. Williams has been concentrating on American Legion baseball so far this summer, but he took a break from the mound late last month to win the Council bareback championship. Lankow placed in rodeos in Weiser and Grangeville last month. The Owyhee County Rodeo often has given fans a glimpse at how the ICA season will shake out. Cameron Hopper was a top performer in bareback a year ago in Homedale, and he wound up winning the ICA title and finishing second to Shane Erickson in the pro rodeo circuit’s all around standings. Adrian steer wrestler Carl Seiders, a former Owyhee County champion, pulled off the ICA title in the event a year ago. Rugar Piva won last year’s bull riding championship in Homedale and went on to finish third in the ICA standings as a rookie.

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Team roping benefits Marsing horse riding therapy

A team roping fundraiser will be held Sunday at Badiola Arena at 402 Hwy. 95 in Homedale to benefit the CARE-ousel Therapeutic Riding program.

The organization's stable is located in Marsing and serves the physically and mentally challenged community. The method of equine therapy is also known as Hippotherapy, which is derived from the Greek word *hippos* for horse.

Money raised during the benefit roping will make it easier for CARE-ousel staff to position clients on horses. Spectator admission for the roping is free, and the event starts at 1 p.m.

"This particular fundraiser will be dedicated for a lift," CARE-ousel organizer Nancy Lapin said. "We have riders that can't walk, and can't get up on the



This sign marks the Marsing location on Idaho highway 78 for CARE-ousel Therapeutic Riding.

horse. The lift will allow us the opportunity to easily lift them onto the horseback, versus all of

the wear and tear on the volunteers."

There will be two competitive

categories at the fundraiser. One group is for ropers with a handicap of above or below 5.5. The other group is only for ropers under a 5.5 handicap.

The entry fee is \$40 per person or \$80 per team for four head.

Every team that ropes all four of their steers comes back at the end of the competition for a high team run.

People who don't rope are invited to come watch and help contribute to the fundraiser. A number of booths will be set up with a variety of items for sale.

"Things like handmade quilts, etched jars filled with candles, etched jars with candies, T-shirts that we're having embroidered, and we will have a silent auction," Lapin said.

Silent auction items include a breast cancer awareness-themed

purse and leather bags.

Five CARE-ousel participants and their families will be at the fundraiser so people can see whom they are supporting for the fundraiser.

"We support riders from 2 years old to 70 years old, so there's no age limit in our program," Lapin said.

More information on the fundraiser can be found at www.badiolaarena.com.

People can learn more about the CARE-ousel program at www.care-ousel.org. The Marsing chapter is located at 8803 Idaho highway 78 south of Meininger Road.

The group's mission statement is: To enrich and enhance the lives of children and adults with special needs through equine-related activities. — SC



Participants at the recent Mental Health First Aid training course held at the Owyhee Human Development Center learned to listen non-judgmentally, give reassurance and utilize community mental health support resources. Submitted photo

Duck Valley Reservation residents learn how to help during mental health crisis

Fourteen participants completed a mental health first aid training course Thursday and Friday on the Duck Valley Indian Reservation.

The course, which took place inside the Owyhee Human Development Cener, was the ninth Idaho session presented by The Speedy Foundation and Optum Idaho.

The session equips people with the tools needed to recognize and respond appropriately to friends, family members and colleagues who are suffering from mental health, emotional or substance use issues. The partnership likens the skills learned to those obtained

by people trained to administer CPR or the Heimlich maneuver in emergency situations.

"Knowing what to do when an individual is experiencing a mental health or substance use issue increases the chances that they will access professional care," Optum Idaho executive director Becky diVittorio said. "Mental health first aid teaches participants what to look for, how to respond and where to find support when someone needs help."

The Speedy Foundation, an organization dedicated to preventing suicide through education and outreach in the community, partnered with Optum Idaho in

2014 to deliver free Mental Health First Aid training courses to rural communities throughout the state. The partnership provides qualified leadership, logistical support, printed course materials and awareness campaigns for the session, which last eight hours over 1½ days.

"Signs of mental illness can be difficult to detect, and even when we know something is amiss, we may not know what steps to take to help someone get the support they need," The Speedy Foundation co-founder and president Shannon Decker said. "We are committed to working with Optum Idaho to increase aware-

ness about suicide prevention and assist people throughout the state who are affected by mental illness."

Since 2014, nearly 200 participants from local communities, law enforcement agencies, parishes, and political and health organizations have attended free Mental Health First Aid training courses held in Shoshone, Montpelier, Weiser, Boise, Salmon, Sandpoint, Idaho City and Grangeville.

The next course is scheduled for Sept. 17-18 in Challis. For more information or to register, contact Optum Idaho at (208) 914-2013 or amanda.lehto@optum.com.

Terry Reilly staffers offer free health screenings Thursday

Free medical screenings will be offered in Homedale and Marsing on Thursdsy as part of the Terry Reilly Health Services observation of National Health Center Week.

Troy Landus, a physician's assistant with the TRHS clinic in Marsing, will be on hand at the Marsing Senior Center, 218 Main St., between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Foot examinations will be offered at the senior center, and the medical screenings will cover blood pressure, glucose and dental.

There will be staff on hand to answer questions, and health information will be available as well.

A raffle will be held, too.

TRHS staff will attend the Homedale Farmers Market in the afternoon.

From 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Bette Uda City Park on East Idaho Avenue, the staffers will provide medical screenings, answer questions and provide health information.

Another screening and foot exam day is planned at the Melba Senior Center from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 13. There also will be a raffle.

National Health Center Week actually begins Sunday and runs through Saturday, Aug. 15.

TRHS has other promotions planned for Boise, Caldwell and Nampa. The organization operates 16 clinics Owyhee, Canyon and Ada counties dealing with medical, dental and behavioral health.

Terry Reilly Health Services also operates a detox and mental health facility in Ada County.



Marsing sixth-graders orientation slated

A Marsing Middle School boot camp to get students ready for the year has been scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. next Wednesday.

Incoming sixth-graders are invited to meet teachers, advisors, and principal Jacob Skousen.

The students will have an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the building’s layout, get their schedules early, practice

their timing for travel between class periods and obtain their computer login names and passwords.

MMS personnel will sign people up for lockers and students will have a chance to practice opening the locks.

Students will also learn about rules and what to expect on the first day of school.

School starts on Aug. 17.

Registration for new Bruneau-GV students scheduled Tuesday

School year begins Aug. 25; pre-K offered

The Bruneau-Grand View School District is preparing for another school year.

New student registration takes place after Tuesday, and information on fall sports at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School is available now by calling the school.

New student registration will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday at all three schools — Bruneau and Grand View elementary schools and the high school. Proof of immunization and a birth certificate is required upon enrollment. Sixth-graders who were fifth-graders in the district last year needn’t pre-register.

Open houses will be held at all three schools:

- **Rimrock** — 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., on Wednesday, Aug. 19.

Information: (208) 834-2260

- **Bruneau Elementary** — 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., on Wednesday, Aug. 19. Information: (208) 845-2492
- **Grand View Elementary** — 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., on Thursday, Aug. 20. Information: (208) 834-2775

The school year starts on Tuesday, Aug. 25. Schoolchildren will attend class Tuesday through Friday with the school day starting at 8 a.m. Elementary school students will be released at 3:50 p.m., and the Rimrock students get out at 3:39 p.m.

The school district will have free breakfast for all students this year.

The district’s pre-kindergarten program will begin on Sept. 2 at the elementary schools, and it will be held on Wednesday and Friday mornings.

For more information on the upcoming school year, visit www.sd365.us.

Weight-loss group plans open house

The local TOPS chapter is planning an open house for folks to learn more about the weight-loss organization.

Homedale’s Taking Off Pounds Sensibly chapter will hold its open house at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday at the First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W. Questions about the organization will be answered at that time.

The local chapter is dedicated to self-improvement through healthy eating, exercise and a support system to help people achieve a better lifestyle.




The group celebrates successful weight loss, and members offer encouragement when someone has a weight gain. The group has lost a collective 30 pounds since January.

The local TOPS chapter has 11 members, and three of them have achieved their physician-approved goal weight. Current Chapter Queen Kathy Jensen has lost more than 12 pounds to her goal.

TOPS organizers say the group is right for a person who wants to lose 10 pounds or much more weight.

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Assembly of God Church Homedale 15 West Montana, 337-4458 Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Service 6:00pm Wed. Bible Study 7:00pm Wed. Children & Youth Ministries 7:00pm	Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale 17434 Hwy 95, 337-3464 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Services: 10:45 am Sundays Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 5:30 pm Wednesday CLC: 3:15 pm	Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church Caldwell 1122 W. Linden St. 459-3653 Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:30 am Spanish Mass: Saturday 7:00 pm Spanish Mass: Sunday Noon
Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Homedale 337-4248 Sunday Services 10am Pastor Sean Rippey Adult and Children Sunday School 9-9:45am Visitors Always Welcome! Call Church for Prayer requests	Chapel of Hope Hope House, Marsing Look for the Blue Church South Bruneau Hwy at the Hope House Welcoming Families, especially those with special needs children. Keith Croft, Pastor 880-2767 Jake & Alisha Henriouille, Youth Pastors 761-6747 Sunday Services at 10 am	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale 708 West Idaho Ave 337-4112 Bishop Mark Thatcher Bishop Robert T. Christensen Sunday 1st Ward 1pm Sunday 2nd Ward 9am
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First Presbyterian Church Homedale 320 N. 6th W. Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am 208-473-9331	Calvary Holiness Church - Wilder Corner of 3rd St. & B Ave. • 208-989-0196 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. • Sunday Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday: 6:00 p.m. • Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. Food Pantry hours • 208-989-0226 2nd & 3rd Friday of month 2pm-4pm 4th Friday of month 12-1pm	Seventh Day Adventist Homedale 16613 Garnet Rd., 573-4574 Sabbath School Sat. 10:45am Worship 9:30am Wednesday Prayer Mtg. 7:00 pm
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A spicy new take on cheesy pasta

FAMILY FEATURES

If cooler days have you wishing for savory dishes, give your menu a boost this fall with a bold, spicy twist on your favorite comfort foods. Rich, creamy dishes featuring pasta and a kick of spicy heat will warm you up from the inside out.

A traditional pasta and cheese is the perfect foundation for a delicious skillet dish, one-pot pleaser or casserole that blends familiar flavors with new ones to make an easy and complete weeknight dinner. Packaged options such as *Velveeta* Shells & Cheese can help shave preparation time, and with new bold Jalapeño and Chipotle flavors, you can bring the heat to a whole new level.

These recipes show how easy it is to combine simple proteins, such as chicken or beef, in addition to your favorite cheesy pasta and spices for a cozy dish in minutes. Find more recipes at Velveeta.com.

Perfect Your Pasta

No cheesy pasta is complete unless it's perfectly prepared. Follow these dos and don'ts to get your pasta just right:

Do use lots of water. The ideal amount is 4 to 6 quarts per pound of pasta. This allows the pasta enough room to cook without sticking together.

Don't add oil. If you have enough water, you won't need to add oil to prevent sticking.

Do stir pasta when you first add it to the water to prevent it from sticking together and to the bottom of the pot.

Don't throw pasta against the wall. Instead, use the cooking time on the package as a guide, then try a piece to see if it's the right texture. Italians like their pasta "al dente" (a little chewy), but you might like it softer.

Don't rinse cooked pasta; you'll rinse away the starch, which actually helps the sauce stick. Only rinse pasta if it will be used cold, such as in a salad.



Smoke and Spice Chicken Shells and Cheese

Servings: 3

- 1 package *Velveeta* Shells & Cheese Bold, Chipotle
- 3/4 pound chopped, cooked chicken

Boil 6 cups water in saucepan. Stir in shell pasta; cook 8-10 minutes or until tender, stirring occasionally. Drain pasta. Do not rinse. Return to pan. Add cheese sauce and seasoning; mix well. Add chicken to prepared pasta.



Jalapeño-Bacon Shells and Cheese

Servings: 3

- 1 package *Velveeta* Shells & Cheese Bold, Jalapeño
- 4 slices cooked and chopped bacon

Boil 6 cups water in saucepan. Stir in shell pasta and jalapeños; cook 8-10 minutes or until tender, stirring occasionally. Drain pasta and jalapeños. Do not rinse. Return to pan. Add cheese sauce; mix well. Add bacon to prepared pasta.



Beefy Nacho Shells and Cheese

Servings: 3

- 1 package *Velveeta* Shells & Cheese Bold, Jalapeño
- 1/2 pound lean ground beef
- 2 teaspoons taco seasoning mix
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/2 cup crushed tortilla chips

Boil 6 cups water in saucepan. Stir in shell pasta and jalapeños; cook 8-10 minutes or until tender, stirring occasionally. Drain pasta and jalapeños. Do not rinse. Return to pan. Add cheese sauce; mix well. Meanwhile, brown ground beef in skillet; drain. Add taco seasoning mix and water; simmer until most of the water is cooked off. Add meat mixture to cooked pasta with cheese sauce; mix well. Top with tortilla chips.

GARDENERS MAKE GOOD NEIGHBORS

Group selects year's best landscaping

The Owyhee Gardeners have chosen their 2015 Good Neighbor Award-winning landscapes for Homedale and Marsing.

Jerry and Vicki Anderson — Homedale city
Steve and Trudy Webb — Homedale rural
US Bank — Homedale business
Patti and Tom Johnston — Marsing city
Fox Canyon Vineyards, George and Mica Wilson — Marsing business and rural



Above: The Owyhee Gardeners “Garden of the Year” sign on George and Mica Wilson’s Fox Canyon Vineyards property in rural Marsing. *Below:* The Wilsons’ landscaping that caught the judges’ eyes. Submitted photos



Jerry Anderson, left, and his wife Vicki accept the Homedale city Good Neighbor Award from Owyhee Gardeners president Chris Harris in front of their home in the 200 block of West California Ave. Looking on are club members Wanda Ferguson, Donna Haylett and Charlene Johnston. The Anderson have zinnias and petunias in their front yard and an extensive vegetable garden and another landscaping patch designed by their son-in-law out back.



Homedale US Bank branch manager Sal Villegas, second from right, accepts a certificate from Owyhee Gardeners president Chris Harris as, from left, universal banker Roger Haines, teller Susan Pfeifer and teller coordinator Griselda Morales stand near the sign and among the landscaping. The South Main Street location features Blue Mountain Sage and Cistena Plum among others.



Steve and Trudy Webb pose with the sign they received in recognition of the landscaping at the Old Sullivan Lane home southwest of Homedale. The Owyhee Gardeners took note of their terraced gardens that incorporate wildflower bunches, roses and lavender. Judges also pointed out the Webbs’ meticulously groomed lawn.



Patti and Tom Johnston’s Butte Court home in Marsing features a colorful display with a windmill and an American flag. Submitted photo

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

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Centerians to lead parade

In a special tribute to Idaho’s ongoing Centennial celebration, two local women celebrating their 100th birthdays this year have been named to lead the Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Parade that will roll through downtown Homedale this Saturday morning, Aug. 11th.

Anna Mae Emery and Golda Stansell were tapped to serve as parade marshals by the three local chapters of Beta Sigma Phi, the parade’s sponsors. Emery turned 100 May 5. Stansell will celebrate her 100th birthday this Nov. 22nd.

Four compete for ’91 queen

Four contestants, including one from Homedale, will begin their try-outs tonight in the rodeo arena at the fairgrounds in their quest to be named Saturday as Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Queen for the 1991 year.

The girls vying to replace current OCF&R Queen Tina Fuller of Nampa are: Dion Parker of Caldwell; Cindy Roe of Homedale; Shawna Roberts of Caldwell and Kristie Becken of Boise.

Tristan, Homedale teacher, resigns

Dan Tristan, Homedale High School science teacher and head basketball-baseball coach, was released from his contract for the coming school year by members of the Homedale School Board during a special meeting Thursday night.

Tristan resigned to accept a graduate assistant’s coaching position under Bobby Dye, head basketball coach at Boise State, which will allow him to work towards a master’s degree in guidance counseling, according to Ed Marshall, superintendent of schools here. Tristan’s letter requested that he be granted a two-year leave of absence to pursue the opportunities offered.

On a motion by Trustee Frank Haylett, local trustees accepted Tristan’s resignation with the understanding that his return to the school system will be subject to whether there is a suitable job opening available at that time that he is qualified to fill. Other trustees present were Dick Freund, Ron Geertson, Petra Rose and Doug Stowell.

Jordan Valley Days is this weekend

The three-day Jordan Valley Days celebration set to start this Friday will include arts and crafts exhibits, a Saturday parade, team penning-branding events, Pony Express race and Saturday night dance.

The events are to help raise revenue for the Jordan Valley Health Clinic, a nonprofit enterprise, as well as for the community’s emergency ambulance service and its EMT personnel, according to information provided by Bobbi Stoddart of rural Jordan Valley.

Zero to 60 in 8.9 seconds

The Gluch Racing Team returned Monday from the Northwest Nationals held in Seattle over the weekend. Todd Gluch drove his dragster in three time trials and one run. His father, Tom, and brother, Dan, served as pit crew during the event.

Drag racing isn’t always two cars going head-to-head down a quarter-mile of asphalt. The Gluch team competes in a style of race in which the winner cannot come in under a time of 8.9 seconds. Although Todd beat his opponent in heads-up racing, he overshot the target time of .05 seconds.

“That is quite an accomplishment,” said his father, Tom Gluch, a longtime cattle-rancher in the Pleasant Valley area. “The big names in racing have computers to accelerate their cars and to shift gears. We just can’t afford the thousands of dollars necessary to make these modifications.” So Todd races against electronic brains and ultramodern transmissions. Those other drivers just hang on and pray.

Racing is a Gluch family tradition. Tom drove top fuel dragsters, fuel funny cars, and rear-engine dragsters during the ’60s and ’70s, Dan has raced the same places that Todd has. He recently sold his car and is currently building a new one.

50 years ago

August 12, 1965

Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo plans materialize

Candidates vying for Queen of the Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo are, Cheryl Baalson, Marsing, and Paula Johnston of Oreana.

Cheryl, is the 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Baalson of Marsing. She will be a sophomore at Marsing High School this fall where she participates in pep club, pep band, Y-Teens, and in student government. Her interests are sewing, swimming, horseback riding, and tennis. Cheryl is being sponsored by the Marsing Chamber of Commerce.

Paula, is the 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Johnston, of Oreana. She will be a junior at Grand View High School this fall. Paula is an active member of 4-H in Owyhee County as a member and Junior leader of the Tailoring Ten 4-H club in Oreana. She will display her projects at the Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo this year for the third time.

Bestway Building Center begins remodel

Remodeling of the Bestway Building Center office and yard was commenced last week with movers jacking up the building and moving it to a new foundation with the front now facing Idaho Avenue and the building extending south along 2nd Street West to the company’s warehouse.

Office and store contents have been moved to the warehouse behind the store where business is being conducted as usual while the remodeling is in progress.

Plans call for facing the store north with entrance to the yard alongside the building on the north, off Idaho Avenue. The scales will remain on 2nd Street West.

Edward Chadez receives FHA appointment

Edward Chadez has been appointed to the Owyhee County committee of the Farmers Home Administration.

The appointment was effective July 1 and is for a three-year term. He replaces John J. Cegnar of Homedale, who had served since July 1, 1962.

Mr. Chadez joins Timothy Nettleton of Grand View and Joe Churruca of Marsing on the committee.

Fair importance is stressed at Kiwanis meeting

Jess Wilson, Owyhee County Fair manager, discussed the forthcoming fair and what it means to Homedale and Owyhee County at the regular Wednesday noon meeting of the Homedale Kiwanis Club at Bicandi’s Café.

He said 92 head of steers, 50-60 hogs and 25 lambs will be sold at the fat stock sale this year, perhaps the largest auction of its kind in the state. This has grown from about 85 steers last year and 66 in 1962. Last year’s sales amounted to \$28,000.

He stressed that the 4-H program in the county is important to all. Grand View will bring 26 steers and Bruneau 21, nearly half of the total. This assures of countywide participation and is perhaps one of the greatest programs for promoting county unity.

An addition to the swine barn, new restrooms in the fair office and an intercom system are improvements noted this year at the fairgrounds, he said.

Arvin Millwork Co. selects Homedale for new plant

Tom Arvin has advised the Homedale Development Company by telephone that the L. H. Arvin family has selected Homedale as the site for their proposed millwork plant to be located in Idaho.

The L. H. Arvin family owns and operates the L. H. Arvin Millwork Company whose head offices are located at Reno, Nev. This firm for many years has done a national business in millwork products, enjoying an excellent business reputation.

Mr. Arvin estimates that the new plant, when constructed, will employ approximately 35 employees on a one-shift basis, but pointed out that the plant will be designed to operate on a two-shift basis, and as demand develops for the product, an additional shift will be added thereby substantially increasing the number of people employed.

140 years ago

August 7, 1875

A MINING MUDDLE. A bill has been filed in the Fourth District Court by Charles Forbes and six other stockholders against the Mahogany Mining Company, President and Board of Trustees. The complaint alleges that the President and Trustees purchased secretly a piece of property adjoining the mine, from Colonel D. Fogus, for \$160,000, which ground is really not worth more than \$20,000. The stock was increased and the President was authorized to sell it at not less than \$2 a share. All the moneys in the treasury were appropriated to pay the new purchase, and the company soon found itself completely impoverished and owing \$100,000. The stock dropped below \$2 a share, and an assessment of that amount was levied on the shareholders. Judge Morrison has issued a temporary injunction restraining the Trustees from disposing of the new stock or paying the balance due on their recent purchase. Sharp & Lloyd and Henry E. Highton are the attorneys for the plaintiff. The case is set for hearing August 6th. *San Francisco Post, July 29th.*

THE FLAGS AT John Grete’s and Major Brook’s place of business are at half-mass to-day on account of the death of ex-President Johnson.

YESTERDAY’S RACE. Yesterday was the day set for the matched race between “Dancing Charley” and the “Wright colt,” single half-mile dash, on the Silver City Track, for \$500 a side. Jeff Kingsbury rode the former, and Charlie Hymer the latter. The attendance was not so large as was expected, nor the excitement so great as had been anticipated. After some preliminary jockeying, the horses got off about half-past four o’clock and ran through, “Dancing Charley” coming in about eighteen feet ahead. The owner and friends of “Dancing Charley” claimed the stakes, but the owners and backers of the “Wright Colt” refused and still continued to refuse to give up the money on the grounds that it was a false start. It was what is known as an “ask and answer” race, viz.: one of the riders must say “ready?” and the other, “go!” both of which words must be pronounced before the horses cross the score. It appears to have been arranged that Kingsbury should ask “ready?” Hymer answer, “go!” It seems however, that, when the horses were on the score, that Kingsbury made a mistake and said, “go!” while Hymer said nothing, at least, such we understand is the decision of the judges, who were at the starting point. Hence, the claim that it was a false start, and the refusal to give up the money, although there is no doubt but that “Dancing Charley” would have won the money, had the send-off been all right, John Springer holds the original stakes, amounting to \$1,000, besides which there were outside bets to the amount of \$700 or \$800. Whether the stakes will be drawn, the race run over again, or the matter remain in status quo indefinitely, we are unable to say.

WHEN RAILROADS ARE completed to a point nearer Idaho, there will be a great deal of summer travel in this direction. There is no more delightful spot in creation than the vicinity of these mountains, from the tops of which a magnificent view of the country can be obtained in some places, for a distance of hundreds of miles. This country will in time be properly appreciated as an attractive resort for tourists.

DEWEY & COLE’S NEW STABLE. The new stable on Jordan Street near Second is well stocked with horses, carriages, buggies and hacks. The proprietors have recently opened the business here and the indications are that they will do well. They have a number of fine saddle horses and very choice turn-outs adapted to the tastes and progressive ideas of those ladies and gentlemen who can appreciate what is first-class. They have almost unlimited accommodations for taking care of horses and mules, having a large stable with abundance of hay and grain always on hand. The establishment is well equipped in every respect and amply deserving of a liberal patronage.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense Rodeo Mom



His mother was glad he wasn't hurt worse.
As it was he went out on a stretcher.
She sat in the stands and swallowed a curse.
Holding her heart and trying to catch'er
Breath that was sucked from her very being.
She rose like a wraith, guided by loving
Eyes wide open but not really seeing.
Floating, she thought, but pushing and shoving
To get to his side as others gave way.
Close calls flashed through her mind as she hurried,
He'd always survived but each night she'd pray
Seeking an ally. God knew she worried.
Dreams. Horns as heavy as railroad ties,
Battleship hooves that smoked and tore black holes
In the flesh of her babies. Terrorized
She'd wake, shaking until she gained control.

She'd signed permission in his younger years.
"NOTE: WE TAKE NO RESPONSIBILITY"
Signed it. Released him into atmospheres
Uncharted. Knowing his mortality.
She hasn't had to sign for quite a while
She thinks as she reaches the ambulance.
He's grown. She takes his hand and tries to smile.
And reminds herself this is what he wants.
He squeezes her hand and grins sheepishly.
"Sign this form," the driver is declaring.
Once more she signs her name. An irony
That spares not the mother of the daring.

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Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee Money matters, so does your voice at city budget hearings



Civic involvement, specifically getting involved in the process of government, has been ballyhooed in this space numerous times over the years.
It's a lament folks should never grow tired of hearing.
The most basic and direct form of democracy hits another spin cycle in November when municipal elections are held in Homedale, Marsing and Grand View.
The first gyrations of this latest go-round actually begin next Wednesday when members of all three city councils sit for the towns' annual budget hearings.
But don't expect those spins to be agitations. Chances are no citizens will show up.
It's a shame, really. After all, the City of Homedale is all but begging residents to come out to talk about the proposed 24.2 percent pay increase for Mayor Gheen Christoffersen.
Christoffersen is the only Homedale elected official poised to get a pay raise come January if the proposed budget is adopted.
The council voted, 2-1, to put Christoffersen's salary increase in the proposed FY 16 budget. On the night of the vote, Councilman Steve Atkins said no, and Aaron Tines was unavailable.
Christoffersen's pay raise of nearly \$1,700 to \$8,400 annually accounts for less than one percent of the overall increase in Homedale's FY 16 budget, which is set at a

tick north of \$3.6 million. But the proposed mayoral salary bump is probably the most tangible increase, and the city should be commended for putting the matter before the public — even if it is just to get input that probably won't change the outcome.
That's the sad part of the equation, though. Folks don't think their voices will matter in the long run, so they don't bother to show up — for public hearings, for general meetings, for general elections.
It's the flaw in the system that creates disdain for the system, and people have a golden opportunity to fix it by spending a few minutes inside a booth on a Tuesday in November. Several council members are up for re-election.
The first echoes of that seemingly long-off election will reverberate at next week's budget hearings, and how those people whose terms are drawing to a close react to the public's concerns should be noted.
Overall, Homedale's budget has increased only 5.2 percent in the past two years, including a 2.4 percent hike between the current budget and the proposed FY 16 appropriations.
That puts the county's largest city in the middle of the pack among Owyhee municipalities and their spending habits.

— See *Hearings*, page 11B

Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington Medicare, Social Security reforms are critical necessities



Thursday was the 50th Anniversary of the creation of Medicare, which has been of considerable importance to many Americans. Medicare's anniversary should serve as a call to action for achieving the reforms needed to prevent Medicare from becoming insolvent.
To protect current and future Medicare enrollees, comprehensive reforms of the Medicare program must be enacted. The Medicare Trustees report the program faces an unfunded liability of nearly \$25 trillion, and the program is currently on track to be insolvent in 2030, if action is not taken to reform the program. Additionally, the federal government is expected to dramatically increase Medicare spending over the next decade, increasing the program's already enormous contribution to the national deficit. Social Security and Medicare together accounted for 42 percent of federal program expenditures in Fiscal Year 2014, according to the recent Medicare and Social Security Trustees report. We must address its cost burden now to ensure that it is sustainable.
Earlier this year, Congress passed and the President signed into law H.R. 2, which made substantive reforms to Medicare. This law repealed the flawed Sustainable Growth Rate formula and contained needed adjustments and reforms to our Medicare system. For the first time, the law included structural reforms to the program intended to help reduce deficit spending and improve Medicare's solvency. These include Medigap reform and modest means testing. However, more work is needed to ensure the program's long-term solvency.
On July 30, 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Social Security Amendments of 1965 into law, creating Medicare. Medicare was initiated to address the deficiency of health insurance coverage of America's senior citizens, and was later expanded to assist the permanently disabled.

The non-partisan Congressional Research Service reports that in Fiscal Year 2015, the program will cover approximately 55 million persons (46 million aged and 9 million disabled) at a cost of about \$632 billion.
While I have focused this column on Medicare, as this program recently reached a significant milestone, the Social Security program, which turns 80 years old in August, is also in need of reform to ensure that it does not become insolvent. In less than 10 years, spending on Social Security benefits will exceed interest earnings, and trust fund reserves are projected to be exhausted by 2035. The disability insurance portion of Social Security is expected to be depleted in late 2016. At that point, beneficiaries will see a 19 percent reduction in benefits.
Reforming these programs requires tough decisions, but decisions that need to be made now. The need for reforms has been discussed for decades, and it is time to act. If we wait to address the problem, the only solutions will be substantial tax increases and massive new borrowing or large cuts in benefits or other government programs. As I continue to work for reforms, the foremost objective will continue to be maintaining the promises made to protect current recipients, while strengthening the system to guarantee benefits for future retirees. We must use this significant milestone as a call to action to bring about the reforms necessary to shore up Medicare.

— 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. Crapo will hold a series of town meetings in Idaho next week, including three on Thursday, Aug. 13 in Homedale, Marsing and Murphy.

Commentary

Financial management

Lifestyle adjustments lessen burden of taking care of Mom

Dear Dave,
My husband and I are both 50, and we make about \$50,000 a year. We have a little bit of debt, and recently my mother-in-law moved in with us because of health issues. We've always gotten by, but now we're struggling with the additional expense of having her with us. We love her, but we're unsure what to do financially. Do you have any suggestions?
— Jen

Her moving in tightened things up, and that's understandable to a point. But it has shone a spotlight on the fact that you're going to have to start doing a written plan and behaving. Chances are you're going to have to cut back on some stuff, because you've chosen to take care of her. This is an honorable choice and a wonderful thing you're doing, by the way.



to make a mess out of this, and it's going to get bad fast.
— Dave

Dear Dave,
What percentage of your total net worth should your personal residence be during retirement?
— Sue

Dear Sue,
Honestly, I don't have a set percentage for this kind of thing. The larger your net worth, the smaller the percentage would be. Let's say you're worth \$5 million. In this scenario, you wouldn't want to have 50 percent in your home. But if you're worth \$150,000, you're probably going to have more than 50 percent in your home.

Dear Jen,
Anytime things get tight and something like that happens, it's your wake-up call. It's the phone ringing, so I'm going to tell you to pick up the phone. It's telling you that you've been kind of sloppy and disorganized with your finances in the past, but you've made just enough money to get away with it.

With this added responsibility you've taken on — and many Americans are facing the same thing — you're going to find yourselves on one end of the Sandwich Generation. They're sandwiched between taking care of their parents and taking care of their grown kids. And the way you handle it is with a written budget.

The good news is that with a detailed plan, you can analyze

whether you need extra income, if you need to cut some expenses or both. You've got to create a little margin to have a clear picture of your future. If you just wander along without a plan, you're going

reasonable, and it's one way you can look at. If you're in the million-dollar range of net worth, I don't think I'd want to have half or more of it in my house.

But I think you see how I'm looking at that. You want to try and have as small a portion as possible, but you also have to have a home that's suitable for your needs.
— 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

Trumpmania may scare establishment into keeping promises

by Rick Manning

Mid-summer is supposed to be a relatively quiet time in Washington, D.C., but alas not this year.

Trumpmania has struck the Capitol, but not in a good way. Political operatives and pundits are running around town like their hair is on fire trying to get in front of each other attacking the real estate magnate. What they apparently are too myopic to understand is that every time a Washington, D.C. know-it-all attacks Donald Trump, he goes up in the polls.

Memo to D.C., when you read polls that say that people hate politicians, believe them. People, particularly those who have been Republican voters in the past, have had enough of being played for fools by the political class. People really don't like or trust you. Now, they tolerate their existing Member of Congress the way a new dog owner accepts that a puppy is going to mess on the floor.

Anyone who doesn't understand that basic truth should have their consultant card revoked.

When you run for office again and again promising that you are going to repeal Obamacare, yet you never really planned on taking the hard but necessary steps to do it,

people are going to feel betrayed.

When you run for office saying you are going to fight tooth-and-nail against Obama's executive amnesty, and then cave in when the President shockingly threatens a veto, don't expect the people you convinced to give you one more chance not to turn away in disgust.

And when you run promising to rein in Obama and then give him "an enormous grant of power" through fast-track trade authority, the people who believed you get even more incensed.

So, yes, believe the polls that say the people don't just dislike politicians in D.C., but in fact find them to be loathsome.

Donald Trump may be a lot of things, but one thing he is not is a fool.

When a wannabe presidential candidate attacks him, he will hit back harder and in a much more personal way, and the public will cheer, because Trump is their proxy, punching in its collective nose the D.C. establishment that has broken faith with the voters.

How can the Republican establishment class win back the voters?

Pick some big important fights with Obama and legitimately fight them to win. Be unrelenting in your attacks on Obama's out-of-control Environmental Protection Agency, Iran nuke deal, Internet giveaway, and Housing and Urban Development regulation that threatens to put low-income housing into suburban neighborhoods because Obama thinks they look too white on the census map. Defund these and dozens of other programs and regulations that Obama is using to fundamentally transform the country. But not only fight, win some of these important issues to show it isn't all just a play-acting fraud perpetrated on the nation.

If the Republicans in Congress and, by inference, the Republican establishment as a whole gets the public rooting for them to win again, it will do wonders to restore faith in our system of government and those who are stewards over it.

If it takes a brash New Yorker to shake up D.C. enough to get them to fight for their survival, then The Donald will have made a huge difference without a ballot ever having been cast.

— Rick Manning is the president of Americans for Limited Government.

✓ Hearings: Citizens should keep an ear out for motives behind increases

From Page 10B

On the same night that Homedale holds its budget hearing, Marsing will invite public input on its proposed \$2.96 million budget. That city's appropriations have skyrocketed 43.5 percent (\$897,293) in the past two years, including 29.5 percent between the current budget and the proposed FY 16 expenditures.

A good chunk of the \$673,864 increase that will be discussed next week appears to be for parks, roads and streets and water and sewer.

The city has bumped its parks budget nearly 278 percent to \$513,597 to pay for improvements to both Island Park and City Park. Most of the money will come from grants, but the city must put up \$56,000 in cash or in-kind matching funds.

It's hard to argue with work that will improve the look of the town, but it's a sure bet that residents who are seeing their hard-earned tax dollars pour into the projects are curious what the end game is.

If the aim of Marsing's improvements is to make the town's open spaces more attractive to residents and visitors, perhaps the expenditure would be wise. But if the town's businesses don't reap benefits, the next large-scale project could be a hard sell.

Part of the roads and streets money will go toward safety upgrades on 8th Avenue West near the schools complex, so it's difficult to speak out against keeping children out of harm's way.

Grand View's proposed budget is 6.9 percent (\$39,963) higher than the current budget, but in a twist that is rare

for governments these days, the city's FY 16 budget is actually 20.5 percent (\$158,816) lower than the money the city used in FY 14.

The biggest reason for the drop-off from two years ago is the city used a street improvement grant and had a bulked-up water fund in FY 13.

Still, tighter government budgets are always nice to see.

And it's also nice to see citizens turning out to stick up for the wise use of their tax dollars.

Hopefully, there will be solid public involvement next week.

Likewise, if the citizens turn out to be heard, hopefully their elected leaders will have open ears, closed mouths and open minds.

Let your voice be heard. Write a letter to the editor

Public notices

BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

On August 26, 2015 beginning at 10:00 am the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hear testimony in the Annex Building of the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy, Idaho on the following matters at the times listed below.

Beginning at 10:00 am, the Commission will hear a request for a conditional use permit filed by Tyson & Michelle Stimmel seeking to establish a single-family residence on a 5.3 acre parcel of land, parcel number RP04N06W364810A. The property is in an agricultural zone and is accessed off Gulley Road in Homedale. The property is located in a portion of the N½ of the SW¼ of Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 6 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 11:00 am, the Commission will hear a request for a conditional use permit filed by Brackett Livestock Inc. seeking to establish a single-family residence on a 440 acre parcel of land, parcel number RP15S10E250001A. The property is in an agricultural zone and is accessed off Three Creek Highway in Rogerson Idaho. The subject property is located in Section 25, Township 15 South, Range 10 East, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 1:00 pm, the Commission will hear a request for short plat approval filed by Wyatt & Kelsie Shippy for a one lot subdivision on a 2.25-acre parcel of land, parcel number RP03N04W330700A. The property is in a multi-use zone, located off Willow Lane in Marsing, Idaho. The subject property is located in the NWNWNE ¼ of Section 33, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 1:30 pm, the Commission will hear a request for a conditional use permit filed by Richard Waltz seeking to establish a 10 space RV park on a 1.4 acre parcel located at 405 State Highway 78 in Grand View City limits, parcel number RPD00000223002A. The property is in a multiuse zone, located in the N½ N½ of the NW¼ NW¼ of Section 22, Township 5 South, Range 3 East, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Copies of the proposed projects are available for review in the Planning and Zoning office. For additional information please contact the Planning and Zoning office at 495-2095 ext. 2.
8/5/15

CITY OF HOMEDALE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that a public hearing will be held before the Council and Mayor of the City of Homedale on the 12th day of August, 2015 at 6:00 p. m. or as soon thereafter as possible at Homedale City Hall, 31 West Wyoming, Homedale, Idaho. The subject matter of this hearing is a proposed wage increase for City of Homedale Mayor. Individuals desiring to comment on the proposed increase with an effective date of January, 2016 may appear and be heard. Written comments will also be accepted at Homedale City Hall until 5:00 p.m. August 10, 2015. Alice E. Pegram, City Clerk/Treasurer - City of Homedale (208-337-4641)

Any person needing special

accommodations to participate in the above noticed meeting should contact Homedale City Hall 2 (two) days prior to the meeting.
7/29;8/5/15

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

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today’s date: July 13, 2015 File No.: 7037.106825 Sale date and time (local time): November 16, 2015 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 409 West Montana Avenue Homedale, ID 83628 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Jacob G. Hyer & Kacey Hyer, Husband and Wife Original trustee: Pioneer Title Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for MetLife Home Loans, a Division of MetLife Bank, N.A., its successors and assigns Recording date: 04/29/2009 Recorder’s instrument number: 268038 County: OWYHEE Sum owing on the obligation: as of July 13, 2015: \$83,190.46 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property’s legal description is: Lots 5 and 6 of Block 20 as shown on the amended plat of the Homedale Townsite on file and of record in the Office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the

Notice of Public Hearing FY2016 PROPOSED BUDGET

Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 (FY2016)
CITY OF HOMEDALE
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 Homedale City Hall, 31 W Wyoming at 6:00 p.m. on August 12, 2015.** Copies of the proposed city budget with details are available for review at Homedale City Hall during normal business hours. All interested persons are invited to appear.

Funds EXPENDITURES

01 General
02 Streets & Highways
03 Parks
04 Library
05 Local Improvement District
06 Law Enforcement
25 Water
26 Sewer
27 Sanitation
30 Airport
60 Irrigation

TOTAL EXPENDITURE (all funds)

Property Tax Levy REVENUES

General Fund
Park & Rec

Total Property Tax:

Revenue Other Sources

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Total Other Sources

TOTAL REVENUE (all funds)

Alice E. Pegram
Homedale City Clerk/Treasurer

sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7037.106825) 1002.281832-File No.
8/5,12,19,26/15

NOTICE

Salmon River Electric Cooperative continually posts a public list of unclaimed capital at <http://www.srec.org/MembInfo/UnclmdCC.pdf>.
8/5/15

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF WATER PERMIT

Dennis and Arline Huhtala of 8148 Hwy 95 Marsing, ID filed Application No. 80217 to amend a water permit with a 2009 priority from ground water totaling 0.04 cfs for heating, domestic and stockwater use . The permit provides domestic and stock water for property located three miles SW of Marsing. The applicant proposes to amend a condition of the permit which requires primary beneficial use of the water’s heat value for heating before domestic and stockwater use, to heating use is in conjunction with domestic and stockwater uses.

For additional information concerning the property location, please contact Western Region office at 208-334-2190; or for a full description of the right(s) or proposed amendment(s), please see www.idwr.idaho.gov/WaterManagement/WaterRights.

FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
ACTUAL	ACTUAL	PROPOSED
\$672,317.00	\$724,428.00	\$753,855.00
\$324,180.00	\$309,765.00	\$272,600.00
\$95,295.00	\$96,045.00	\$127,345.00
\$66,986.00	\$68,508.00	\$70,111.00
\$42,757.00	\$42,757.00	\$42,567.00
\$400,195.00	\$433,809.00	\$458,625.00
\$818,031.00	\$798,321.00	\$794,026.00
\$625,630.00	\$712,230.00	\$728,413.00
\$100,000.00	\$115,000.00	\$120,000.00
\$161,025.00	\$110,025.00	\$110,000.00
\$139,750.00	\$129,450.00	\$148,425.00
\$3,446,166.00	\$3,540,338.00	\$3,625,967.00
\$331,105.00	\$341,000.00	\$351,230.00
\$16,130.00	16,700.00	17,250.00
\$347,235.00	\$357,700.00	\$368,480.00
\$341,212.00	\$383,428.00	\$402,625.00
\$324,180.00	\$309,765.00	\$272,600.00
\$79,165.00	\$79,345.00	\$110,095.00
\$66,986.00	\$68,508.00	\$70,111.00
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\$139,750.00	\$129,450.00	\$148,425.00
\$3,098,931.00	\$3,182,638.00	\$3,257,487.00
\$3,446,166.00	\$3,540,338.00	\$3,625,967.00

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING
The Commissioners of the **Marsing Rural Fire Protection District** have tentatively adopted the 2015-2016 budget for said district as set forth below. A public hearing for the adoption of such budget will be held at fire station at 303 Main St., Marsing, Id. at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2015. Such budget may be examined at the above-mentioned fire house prior to the hearing.
MARSING RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, MARSING, IDAHO 83639
Proposed Budget October 1, 2015 to September

30, 2016 ANTICIPATED EXPENSES:	
Insurance	\$ 5,000.00
Gas, Oil & Tires	9,500.00
Propane	7,000.00
Equipment & Repairs	22,000.00
Operating & Office Expense	5,000.00
Heat, Water, Power	5,800.00
Telephones	1,400.00
Wages	11,500.00
Legal & Audit	7,000.00
Building Repair, Maintenance & Remodel	20,000.00
Fire School	1,800.00
New Truck Fund	103,064.00
New Building & Land Fund	97,150.00
Uniforms/Personnel Equipment	17,000.00
Air Ambulance	2,500.00
Dues	4,500.00
Misc.	4,500.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 324,714.00
RECEIPTS:	
Tax Levy	69,327.00
Ag. Equip. Replacement	17,239.00
Carry Over Funds	238,148.00
Total Receipts	\$ 324,714.00
8/5/15	

Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-211. Any protest against the proposed change(s) must be filed with the Director, IDWR Western Region, 2735 Airport Way, Boise ID 83705-5082 together with a

protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 8/24/15. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.
GARY SPACKMAN, Director
8/5,12/15

Public notices

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That a public meeting will be held on the 20th day of August, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Bruneau Valley Library in said Library District at Bruneau, Idaho, at which meeting there will be a public hearing on the maintenance and operation budget for the forthcoming year. The budget hearing is called pursuant to Section 33-2713A Idaho Code as amended. A regular meeting of the Board will follow.

Budget Bruneau Valley District Library Oct. 1, 2015 – Sept. 30, 2016		
	2014	2015-2016
Balance to be levied on	\$12,097	\$12,616
Sales Tax Revenue	2,000	2,000
AEPTR	936	936
Unencumbered Funds	7,500	5,000
E-Rate Reimbursement	1,200	1,200
Personal Property Repi. Tax	116	116
Foregone Amount	516	0
Pacific Corp. Settlement	124	0
Budget	\$24,489	\$21,868
Payroll Expenses	9,000	9,000
Utilities	1,650	1,750
Insurance	1,070	1,122
Continue Ed/mileage	100	100
Legal ad	200	200
Expendable/supplies	500	500
Postage	100	75
Maintenance/repairs	500	500
Books	534	491
Dues/subscriptions	35	30
Internet Fees/Phone	1,900	1,700
Child Read/Sp. Prog.	1,400	1,400
Emerg. Repair/Cap. Proj.	7,500	5,000
Total Expenditures	\$24,489	\$21,868
Dated this 12 th day of July 2015		
By Order of the Board of Trustees, Bruneau Valley District Library		
Ginny Roeder, Clerk – Kathy L. Mori, Chair		
8/5,12/2015		

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

PUBLIC NOTIC IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT THE Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District Commissioners will meet Tuesday, August 11, at 7:00pm, at the Owyhee County Museum, Murphy ID, to consider the proposed budget for 2015-2016. Such budget may be examined prior to such hearing by contacting the treasurer at (208) 495-2154.

Louis Monson, Treasurer

MURPHY-REYNOLDS-WILSON FIRE DISTRICT
PROPOSED BUDGET

October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016

EXPENSES:

Administration:

Building R & M	\$9,022.00
Dues (SRV, IVESFA, IFC, etc)	\$1,200.00
Insurance(ICRMP)	\$2,575.00
Insurance(Work Comp)	\$338.00
Office	\$600.00
Taxes	\$200.00
Utilities	\$5,500.00
Air St Luke’s	\$720.00
Phone & Internet	\$1,095.00

EMS:

Auto R & M	\$800.00
Fuel	\$700.00
Supplies	\$5,500.00
Training	\$2,500.00

Fire:

Auto R & M	\$9,000.00
Fuel	\$5,000.00
Supplies & Equipment	\$5,600.00
Training	\$1,500.00
Total Expense	\$51,850.00

RECEPTS:

Tax Levy	\$40,952.00
Prop Tax Replacement	\$2,098.00
Cash Balance Forward	\$8,800.00
Total Receipts	\$51,850.00

8/5/15

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Homedale School District is accepting applications for full time custodian, with benefits. Applications available at www.homedaleschools.org or at the District Office, 116 E. Owyhee, Homedale or call 337-4611. Open until filled

Wanted Milker. Experience preferred. Homedale area. 208-860-7998

The Owyhee County Sheriffs Office is accepting applications for a Peace Officer opening and would like to keep this position open for CERTIFIED peace officers only. Applicants from other jurisdictions within the United States who can challenge the Idaho Peace Officers Standards and Training Academy for certification are also encouraged to apply. Other requirements for applicants include: 1. Must be at least 21 yoa 2. Drug free 3. Must be able to pass P.O.S.T. physical standards and employment standards contained within IDAPA Rule 11.11.01 4. This job closes on August 10, 2015. Starting pay will be between \$15.94 - \$16.26/hr DOE with many other benefits included. Owyhee County is an EOE. To apply, go to owyheecounty.net or pick up an application packet at the Sheriffs office at 20381 State Hwy 78 in Murphy, ID.

Now hiring for Clerks/Deli. We are looking for motivated individuals who enjoy working with people. Part-time with flexible hours. Interested individuals may apply at Matteson’s in Homedale or Wilder. Applications may be mailed back to: PO Box 66, Homedale, ID 83628



HELP WANTED

The City of Marsing is now accepting applications for a full-time maintenance position. 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. Applications will be accepted through August 14, 2015.

Owyhee County is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Building Inspector/ Code Enforcement. This position is full time, 37.5 hours a week. Salary range of \$15.94 – \$18.00 depending on experience. All applicants will be subject to a background check. Job description and applications are available at the Owyhee County Clerk’s Office in Murphy, Idaho. Applicants must be able to read and interpret building plans and construction drawings, and possess knowledge of building codes. Applicants must have the ability to work independently under general policy direction; work effectively with staff at all levels; possess excellent written and verbal communication skills; ability to exercise independent judgment when appropriate; and knowledge of current office software systems. Applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on August 31, 2015. Owyhee County is an equal opportunity employer.

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