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County budget focuses on human element, infrastructure

Appropriations up;
building change
will allow noontime
office hours

Shoring up morale, customer service and the county courthouse's crumbling infrastructure was at the top of the list Monday when commissioners approved the fiscal year 2016 budget.

No citizens showed up for the public hearing in Murphy as the Board of County

Commissioners and department heads reviewed a \$9,247,328 budget that is more than \$450,000 larger than the current appropriations.

Revenues are up, too, with the county anticipating more compensation for the tax-exempt public lands (Payment in Lieu

of Taxes) from the federal government, and the state Legislature's decision to raise fuel taxes and vehicle registration fees.

The bulk of the 5.1 percent increase will be aimed at three percent pay raises for most employees and elected officials

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Homedale takes input on P&Z Thursday

Citizens can weigh in on the future of the Homedale Planning and Zoning Commission on Thursday.

A public hearing will be held during the city council's 6 p.m. meeting to gather input on the idea to repeal the piece of Homedale city code that created the P&Z commission.

The council is scheduled to discuss the outcome of the hearing later in the meeting and possibly take action.

Disbanding the P&Z commission would eliminate the city's P&Z administrator position, currently held by Sylvia Bahem. Because a personnel matter is part of the equation, the council also has scheduled an executive session Thursday.

Council members also could ratify the city's Fiscal Year 2016 budget.



Homedale Elementary School principal Terri Vasquez points a second-grader toward her playground prior to the start of the first day of school Monday.

Parking change provides new lessons on first day of school

Homedale PTO holds
first meeting Tuesday

Parents and officials unexpectedly had to learn a new way to park during Homedale Elementary's first day of school Monday.

Apparently without much communication with the school district, city crews installed signs authorizing only parallel parking on the south side of West Washington Avenue. It's thought that the signs went up Friday, and HES principal Terri Vasquez said she was taken aback by their

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Soda Fire

Ranchers, neighbors take look ahead

While an Idaho-based crew of federal firefighters continued to mop up the Soda Fire, officials and ranchers shifted into recovery mode.

Meetings were held last week to map out stabilization and recovery strategies as elected officials toured some of the area devastated by the 283,686-acre fire.

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Several taxing district slots could appear on ballot

City offices aren't the only positions up for grabs in the Nov. 3 election.

The candidate filing deadline for this fall's election is 5 p.m., Friday, Sept. 4.

The positions that will appear

on the ballot and the incumbents now in office include:

City of Homedale — Councilmen Aaron Tines and Steve Atkins

City of Marsing — Mayor Keith Green and Councilpersons

Stella Bush and Chris Even

City of Grand View — Councilpersons Marie Hipwell (Seat 2), Linda Araujo (Seat 3) and Donald Mead (Seat 4)

Marsing-Homedale Cemetery — Sub-district 3 commissioner

and board chair Jay Hall

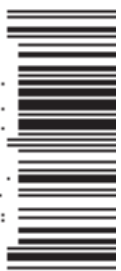
Riverside Cemetery — Robert Servis, vice-chair, and Marie Hipwell, director

Bruneau Cemetery — Chet Sellman, vice-chair

Homedale Fire — Zone 1

Commissioner Mick Woodburn and Zone 3 Commissioner Gregg Garrett, who was appointed earlier this year to complete Steve Zatica's term

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New director to add to Homedale library offerings

A new director is now in place at Homedale’s Public Library.

Sharla Jensen takes over for Margaret Fujishin, who retired on Aug. 11. Jensen’s first day on the job was July 24, prior to Fujishin’s departure.

Jensen has been married to her husband Scott for 26 years. The couple lives four miles outside of Homedale towards Marsing and has eight children, Ken, 29, Jessica, 26, Samantha, 24, Shad, 22, Tyler, 20, Logan, 18, Lauren, 13, and Shea, 11.

Jensen read about the open position at the library in The Owyhee Avalanche, and has never worked in a library.

In fact, she never even had much to do with the library.

“We tend to read a lot and have quite a few books at home,” Jensen said. “They usually read what we have on the shelf at home, and we have quite a few shelves.”

She went on to explain that the reason she applied for the library job is because she’s a huge proponent of education and loves to read.

“One of the easiest ways a person can educate themselves is through reading. I think reading is a dying art,” Jensen said. “I think being the library director will give me the opportunity to

encourage more people to come to the library and to read more. I think having a community that reads more, and has a higher level of education also builds a stronger community.”

She isn’t sure how much competition she had for the position, and only knows the library board had narrowed it down to two candidates.

However, she does think she’s a good fit for the job.

“I like to manage, but in a good way,” Jensen said. “I mean, I like to help people out, I’d like to see more people get involved in the library, and get the library more involved in the community, and possibly expand a little bit down the road in some of the things we offer.”

She added that she has spent most of her life practicing how to budget, a trait the library board was looking for.

“Having eight children, you have to have a lot of management skills,” Jensen said. “You also have to have a lot of people skills to be able to work with that many personalities.”

Jensen will continue the weekly Teens & Tweens program along with Story Time for preschoolers at 10:15 a.m. each Friday. Teens & Tweens typically has been held at 4 p.m. on Friday at the library

during the school year.

She also plans on adding a new educational service at the library.

“I am in the process of getting a program called Microsoft IT (Academy), people can come in that want to brush up on their resumes, and they can get certified in Powerpoint, and Excel, and Word, and various Microsoft programs,” Jensen said.

Microsoft IT Academy is free for the library to download and offer, but Jensen thinks patrons might have to pay a small fee to use it the program. She isn’t sure when the service might be up and running.

Jensen is also thinking about putting together some Spanish language classes at the library.

After taking classes online, she graduated from Brigham Young University a year ago with a bachelor’s degree in general studies with an emphasis in business management. She attended BYU before marrying Scott but left before graduating.

Now Jensen is happy to return to the workforce.

“For the past two years, I’ve just been home taking care of my family,” Jensen said. “Before that, I was a manager at All Valley Animal Resort in Meridian.”



Homedale Public Library director Sharla Jensen arranges books.

She managed the business for three years but worked there for seven years.

Jensen noted that getting up to speed at the library wasn’t difficult, and she got a lot of help from Fujishin in learning the ropes.

Jensen thinks library patrons

can expect to see her around for a while.

“I don’t know that I’ll make Margaret’s 26 years, since I’m a little bit older than (when) she started, but I don’t plan on going anywhere,” Jensen said.

— SC



Megan Lowder

Another new face joins Homedale library lineup

Sharla Jensen isn’t the only recent addition to the Homedale Public Library.

Megan Lowder, a 2011 Homedale High School graduate, is following in the footsteps of former library clerk and youth programs coordinator Teasha Harris. Lowder’s first day on the job was Aug. 5.

She currently lives in Homedale with her husband Zac, and 1½-year-old daughter

Peyton. The Lowders got married in 2013, Megan’s maiden name is Barraza.

Megan’s grandmother read about the open position at the library in The Owyhee Avalanche. Megan doesn’t know how much competition she had for the job and applied on the last day applications were being accepted.

She thinks her college degree and her work with children

helped her land the position.

“I’ve been a nanny for, I think it’s been six or eight years,” Lowder said.

She graduated from Nampa’s Northwest Nazarene University last year with a Bachelor’s degree in psychology.

The 21-year-old knows her predecessor did some great work for the library.

“I’m probably not going to be able to live up to Teasha’s shoes right now, but I hope to do as good of a job with Teens & Tweens as

she did,” Lowder said.

For the time being, she’s just trying to get up to speed with what her new job entails.

“Catch up with everything that she did, like I said, I have big shoes to fill,” Lowder said.

The Teens & Tweens program at the library will resume on Oct. 9. It will begin at 4 p.m. but activities for the afternoon are still being discussed, Lowder said.

— SC



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MRW volunteers unwind from fire duty with fundraiser

About a week after working hard to help keep the Soda Fire away from area homes, folks from the Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District relaxed a little Saturday.

Even with the stress of the massive wildfire, district officials worked to organize the annual barbecue and auction fundraiser.

The community showed its appreciation by turning out in big numbers Saturday at Givens Hot Springs.

District treasurer Louis Monson reports that nearly 400 meals were served during the event, and about 450 people turned out.

There were 49 vehicles entered in the car show ("50 if you count the John Deere tractor," Monson said), including a 1966 Shelby Cobra registered in Alaska.

Monson, who also serves as public information officer for the fire and quick response unit district, said more information on how much money was raised from the auction won't be known until later.

Bottles of wine were awarded to the owners of the cars that scored high in the People's Choice voting.

Bob Graves of Nampa, who showed his 1958 Oldsmobile

Holiday Coupe, and Kathy Newsome of Melba, who drove a 1974 Pontiac Grand Am, shared top billing in the People's Choice balloting.

Nathan Armenta of Homedale was second for his 1956 Chevrolet pickup.

Clint Doney of Alaska was third for his 1966 Shelby.

Nampa resident David Ransier took fourth in the voting with his home-built Model T.

Monson said Jim Nimmo of Boise won the quilt raffle.

Other money-makers included a bake sale and a sale of knitted products.

Bill Lacy of Wilson, owner of Lacy Hay Grinding, served as volunteer auctioneer. During the live auction, several lots of hay, some of Lacy's whimsical stone sculptures, barbecue smokers and other items were sold.

Monson said many people approached the volunteer firefighters to offer thanks throughout the day. One hot-rodder showed up well before the event was to start and, saying he couldn't stay for the show and shine, dropped off a \$20 donation before leaving.

— JPB



Above: Organizers say about 400 meals were served Saturday. **Below:** Kathy Newsome of Melba, left, and Bob Graves of Nampa split the People's Choice Award at the car show. Newsome showed a 1974 Pontiac Grand Am, and Graves drove a 1958 Oldsmobile Holiday Coupe.



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Gas tax, car fee hikes give highway district more money

The Homedale Highway District hasn't seen an increase in its property tax levy in 99 years, but thanks in part to the Idaho Legislature, commissioners have a larger budget for fiscal year 2016.

The board will hold a public hearing on a \$770,160 budget at noon today at the highway district office, 102 E. Colorado Ave.

The Idaho Legislature increased vehicle registration fees and the fuel tax during the last session.

The hikes went into effect on July 1, and the Homedale Highway District anticipates \$130,000 more in revenue than it received from highway user fees in FY 15. In all, commissioners have budgeted \$540,000 in revenue from

user fees, or 31.7 percent more than the \$410,000 anticipated a year ago.

Overall, the highway district budget will increase \$123,777 or 19.1 percent over last year's \$646,383 budget.

Commissioners anticipate a \$145,000 carryover from the current budget, which is a 11.5 percent larger fund balance than was expected heading into FY 15. Commissioners have planned an increase in personnel costs of about \$9,000 with employee raises and a hike in insurance costs.

Director of Highways Stewart Constantine recently told the commissioners that the district should see nearly \$4,000 in revenue for

the budget. The money would come from payments received from the South Board of Control for work on two pipe crossings. The crossing work took place on Johnstone Road at West Thompson Road and Cemetery Road. The district plans to take the full three percent property tax revenue increase allowed by law.

The commissioners also recently gave the go-ahead to team up with Marsing-based Gem Highway District on a seal-coating project that will cover two miles on East Market Road and Pioneer Road. Constantine said it would cost \$40,000 to complete the project, which has been contracted to Winn & Co., of Buhl.

— JPB

Homedale church takes its message outside on Sunday

Public invited to worship, barbecue Sunday at City Park

Luke Ankeny grew up in Homedale, and a childhood memory has influenced the pastor's idea for an outdoor worship service.

On Sunday, he'll preside over Worship in the Park. An outdoor outreach of his Homedale Friends Community Church, it starts at 10:45 a.m., at Bette Uda City Park. The community is encouraged to attend, even if folks aren't members of Ankeny's church.

Ankeny remembers going to similar services organized at City Park by the town's different

churches when he was growing up in Homedale.

He said the idea was cemented in his mind when he heard how good his church's musical group sounded during last month's Art in the Park. The way the music and songs held up in the park convinced Ankeny that he could hold a full service at the park.

There will be fellowship, prayer and music during the service. People are encouraged to dress casual and wear a hat for protection against the sun. Although some chairs will be provided, Ankeny says folks should bring their own, too.

There will be fun children's activities afterward. Beginning at 12:15 p.m., hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided.

For more information, call the church at (208) 337-3464.

North county CWMA gets back to work

After a two-month break, the Northern Owyhee Cooperative Weed Management Area resumes meetings next Wednesday.

The CWMA will meet at 7 p.m. inside the U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center, 250 N. Bruneau Hwy., in Marsing.

Kent Curtis is NOCWMA chair, and Elmon Thompson serves as vice-chair. Paddy Doyle is treasurer, and numerous community members serve on the board, according to administrative assistant Tammie Hedges.

The NOCWMA meets on the

first Wednesday of each month, but takes July and August off.

At next week's meeting, the board will discuss chemical purchase and the budget.

The NOCWMA was established in 2009 to promote weed awareness in the community in the ongoing effort to control noxious weeds. Part of that campaign is the annual spray day — typically held in April — at which property owners can obtain free herbicide to combat weeds.

Board members have purchased a set of seed drills that are available for rent to landowners

throughout the communities in the NOCWMA. The drill helps reseed to establish proper vegetation and further combat the introduction of noxious weeds.

In the wake of the massive Soda Fire, board members of NOCWMA as well as the Eastern Owyhee and Jordan Valley CWMAs are examining opportunities to fund post-fire rehabilitation projects. The objective is to re-establish native grasses and forbs the absence of which would encourage the growth of invasive noxious weeds.

Correction

David Reed, who was recently hired to help out the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office on a part-time basis, remains a full-time patrol deputy with the Canyon County Sheriff's Office. He has been employed by CCSO for about five years.

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Public input sought on plans for Marsing’s Snake River bridge

The Idaho Transportation Department will present plans for the replacement of the Snake River bridge in Marsing during an open house Thursday.

The open house will run from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126

W. 2nd St. N.

The public is invited to view and comment on preliminary design plans for the new bridge. The Snake River bridge in Marsing was built in 1955 and is the primary river crossing in the area.

Approximately 6,500 cars cross the

bridge every day. It has reached the end of its design lifespan and needs to be replaced, according to ITD.

The project will also include rebuilding Idaho highway 55 from the bridge to the U.S. Highway 95 junction west of town.

The Idaho 55 improvements will

involve updating and adding Americans with Disabilities Act pedestrian ramps and reconfiguring lanes in Marsing to improve safety.

The project is currently in the design stage, and construction is expected to begin in 2017.

Oregon man back in jail after alleged violation

A 24-year-old Oregon man is back in jail after allegedly violating his probation in the wake of a drug conviction.

Canyon County Sheriff’s

personnel arrested John Michael Baker on a \$10,000 felony warrant out of Owyhee County on Aug. 18.

Owyhee County Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said the

24-year-old Scappoose, Ore., man is still behind bars in Murphy awaiting a Friday arraignment on the probation violation.

Originally arrested in February

on a felony controlled substance charge and other misdemeanors, Baker was given 30 months’ probation in May. He also was credited for 13 days served in jail

when sentenced for misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia and a driver’s license violation.

The probation violation warrant was issued in late June.

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✓ Budget: Prosecutor, coroner denied requested pay raises for FY 2016

and a renewed focus on keeping the courthouse roof and HVAC system modernized.

A \$76,000 increase (to \$116,000) in the building and grounds budget will pay for the courthouse upgrades as well as relocating Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery’s office into the Bachman House that the county bought years ago for expansion.

“We feel pretty good,” BOCC chair and District 3 Commissioner Joe Merrick said of the decisions. “We’re not sticking our neck out too far and just going goofy, but we’re trying to take care of some of the problems that have been let go for maintenance and the replacement of things that have been let go for years.”

The commissioners pointed out that previous boards had avoided needed upgrades and maintenance to the roof and HVAC system.

“We can’t be doing all those emergency things with roofs and things,” District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi said. “We had 20- to 25-year-old furnaces that we couldn’t get parts for any more.”

“That’s not being good stewards for the citizens of Owyhee County. The can gets pretty beat up when it gets kicked down the road, and you

Meeting changes

- The BOCC won’t meet Monday because it’s the fifth Monday of the month
- The first September meeting has been moved to 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 9 because of Labor Day and a scheduled tour of US Ecology Idaho in Grand View on Tuesday, Sept. 8

pay for it in the long run anyway.”

The commissioners say energy cost savings realized through the heating and cooling upgrades justify the expenditure.

“It’s not going to take very long to offset the cost,” Merrick said.

Another portion of the building and grounds budget increase will pay for a new workstation at the Marsing Division of Motor Vehicles office.

Emery’s move out of the PA’s office in the courthouse will allow the county to establish a conference room for defendants and their attorneys. Right now, attorneys meet with their clients with little privacy in the lobby across the hall from Courtroom 1.

There also will be computers installed in the old PA office for defendants to do research.

Another benefit of moving Emery’s office into the county-owned house is office hours throughout the courthouse that are more customer-friendly.

“(Emery’s office) will be the county lunchroom, breakroom, and we will be able to stay open during the noon hour because people will be able to rotate lunch hours,” County Clerk Angie Barkell said.

Emery requested his office be moved into a larger space, but he didn’t get everything he asked for.

The second-term PA sought a 7.9 percent salary increase to nearly \$96,500, but commissioners approved \$89,362 for FY 16, which is actually \$1 less than what Emery is making this year, according to a comparison provided by the county. Commissioners also rejected Emery’s request to more than double his deputy PA salary line to \$59,500, opting to leave it at \$27,000.

According to an Idaho Association of Counties salary survey furnished by the county, Emery is among the top-paid PAs in the state. Only 12 other

prosecuting attorneys—including some with staffs substantially larger than Emery’s—earned more in FY 15.

Coroner Aaron Tines also requested a large pay increase, but the commissioners locked in a three percent raise to \$16,232. Tines asked for a raise of more than 150 percent from \$15,759 to \$40,000.

Essentially, the commissioners said, Tines sought full-time compensation for a job in which the hours worked don’t justify the move.

“What he is being paid is comparable to other coroners of similar-sized counties—and even bigger counties—with the same workload,” Aberasturi said.

Meanwhile, the commissioners will fund a full-time position for a building inspector for the first time in nearly five years. With salary and personnel costs, the move will add \$50,000 to the county budget.

Aberasturi said building permit applications are up 700 percent over last year, and the move away from contracting with Canyon County for inspection services will keep all the fee revenue in Owyhee’s coffers. Canyon had been collecting 80 percent of all fees to provide the service.

The commissioners also approved a large increase in the county’s reserve fund. The fund was set at nearly \$174,000 for FY 16, and state law allows the county to set aside five percent of its overall budget for contingency.

Aberasturi said the ongoing septic system issues led the BOCC to increase the line by more than \$108,000 compared to FY 15.

Replacement of the septic system, which has run better of late with dry conditions, Aberasturi said, could cost between \$425,000 and \$550,000.

“Even if we get grants, we still have to have some money set aside because you always have some matching grants,” Aberasturi said.

Equipment purchases are planned in several departments.

The sheriff’s office plans to buy two new patrol pickups in the coming year, and Sheriff Perry Grant could push for a third pickup if the sale of retired vehicles at the annual spring auction in Homedale brings in enough revenue.

A heavy-duty backhoe that will double as a loader is scheduled for Road and Bridge District 1. District 3 will get snow removal equipment and a new pickup.

—JPB

✓ Ballot: Fire districts, cemetery districts to hold commissioner elections

Marsing Fire — Zone 2 Commissioner 2 Jim Bower

MRW Fire — Zone 3 Commissioner 3 Doug Hipwell

Grand View Fire — Commissioner Terry Carothers

Bruneau Fire — Zone 2 commissioner Trampes Prow and Zone 3 commissioner Dan Mori

The deadline to run as a write-in candidate is 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 18.

All candidacy papers must be turned into the clerk/secretary of the respective taxing district.

✓ School: PTO to hold first meeting of year

presence Monday as staff and parents found parking spaces prior to the start of school.

Homedale Police Sgt. Mike McFetridge and officer-in-training Casey McGrew were on hand to make sure that no one clogged the drop-off lanes in front of the school. Both seemed reluctant to tag any cars that parked incorrectly across the street, though. Some vehicles were parked correctly, while others were parked the old-fashioned way — nose-in.

Vasquez pointed out that parking is at a premium to begin with at the school and that changing the parking structure from nose-in to parallel across the street wipes out some of those parking spaces.

The parking situation couldn’t take too much of the shine off the first day of school as children eager to get into the class were ushered to their respective playgrounds before the school doors opened.

A new electronic readerboard, which the Parent-Teacher

Organization will officially unveil later, welcomed children to the first day of the school year in English and Spanish and also advertised upcoming events.

The PTO holds its first meeting of the year at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday inside the HES library. Anyone interested in joining the school support organization is invited to attend. Contact PTO president Nikki Christensen at nchristensen@homedaleschools.org for more information.—JPB



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Homedale Elementary

Aug. 26: Orange chicken, steamed rice & broccoli, veggie & fruit bar, milk
Aug. 27: Chicken patty sandwich, coleslaw, veggie & fruit bar, milk
Aug. 31: Corn dog, potato wedges, veggie & fruit bar, milk
Sept. 1: Fish nuggets, green beans, veggie & fruit bar, milk
Sept. 2: Chicken burrito, corn, veggie & fruit bar, milk

Homedale Middle

Aug. 26: Pork chop or chicken tenders, mashed potatoes w/gravy, roll, fruit & salad bar, milk
Aug. 27: Pepperoni pizza ripper or PB&J, tossed salad, fruit & vegetable bar, milk
Aug. 31: Toasted cheese sandwich or crispito, taco salad, fruit & salad bar, milk
Sept. 1: Hot dog or chicken patty, fries, salad & fruit bar, milk
Sept. 2: Chicken nuggets or orange chicken, steamed rice, broccoli, salad & fruit bar, milk

Homedale High

Aug. 26: Orange chicken or popcorn chicken, steamed rice, cookie, salad bar, fruit choice, milk
Aug. 27: Enchilada or toasted cheese sandwich, salad bar, fruit choice, milk
Aug. 31: Chicken stir fry w/rice & egg roll or rib-b-que, fortune cookie, salad bar, fruit choice, milk
Sept. 1: Chicken tenders, roll & butter/herb potatoes or corn dog, salad bar, fruit choice, milk
Sept. 2: Chicken nuggets or fish sticks, macaroni & cheese, salad bar, fruit choice, milk

Marsing

Aug. 26: Spaghetti w/Italian breadstick or beef nuggets, green beans, salad bar & soup
Aug. 27: Chicken fried steak or bbq roasted chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, corn, roll
Aug. 31: Chicken nuggets w/roll or fish sandwich, mixed veggies, salad bar & soup
Sept. 1: Spicy chicken & rice w/roll or super nacho, steamed carrots, salad bar & soup
Sept. 2: Rib-b-que or mac & cheese w/breadstick, buttered corn, salad bar & soup

Bruneau-Grand View

Aug. 26: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, spinach salad, breadstick (Rimrock), fruit, milk
Aug. 27: Haystacks, tortilla chips/salsa, refried beans, fruit, milk
Aug. 28: Pig in a blanket, tots, fresh broccoli, fruit, milk
Sept. 1: Pepperoni pizza, romaine salad, baby carrots, fruit, milk
Sept. 2: Lasagna, romaine salad, green beans, roll, fruit, milk

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

(Salad bar and milk available daily)

Aug. 26: Ham & beans w/corn bread, carrots
Aug. 27: BBQ pork, baked potatoes, California blend veggies, bread
Sept. 1: Beef & noodles, broccoli, bread, salad bar, milk
Sept. 2: Tuna salad, carrot salad, lettuce/tomato, bread, salad bar, milk

Marsing Senior Center

(Salad bar available daily, green salad, vegetables, fruit etc.)

Aug. 26: Stuffed bell pepper, potatoes, mixed veggies, fruit salad, bread, milk
Aug. 27: Chicken, potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit salad, roll, milk

Rimrock Senior Center

(Milk and juice available daily)

Aug. 27: Potato bar w/bacon, cheese plus carrot salad, fruit cobbler, cheese bread

Story Time ends look at animals

The Homedale Public Library Story Time world tour of animals concludes at 10:15 a.m. Friday as children will discover three different continents and three different animals: Australia, and the Parma Island wallaby; Europe, and the European hedgehog; and Antarctica, and the Megallanic Penguin.

In the old library behind the public library, a zoo-like theme will be represented. The library is located a 125 W. Owyhee Ave. To represent Antarctica, children will hear “Tacky’s Christmas” by Helen Lester. For more information, call the library at 337-4228.

McDermitt, Nev., native returns to rural roots as new JV schools boss

The Jordan Valley School District is welcoming a new superintendent for the 2015-16 school year. Rusty Bengoa’s hometown is McDermitt, Nev., where he grew up learning to rope and work cattle with his dad at the Lucky Seven Ranch. Bengoa is thrilled about the opportunity to take on his new position in Jordan Valley as superintendent and principal of all three schools. “I grew up in a small, rural community, and have been wanting to make my way back into one,” Bengoa said. “I was informed that the superintendent position was going to be opening, so I applied and was awarded the opportunity to become Jordan Valley’s superintendent. I’m looking forward to an exciting year, academically and athletically.” He currently lives in Melba on the Canyon County side with his wife Carmen. The couple has been married for six years and have two daughters, Mia, 11, and Camilla, who will turn 5 on Sunday. His parents are LaRena (now deceased), and Chris Bengoa, and he has a brother named Kelsey. Rusty’s great-grandfather on his dad’s side of the family co-owned a ranch with his brother Domingo on Jackson Creek, north of McDermitt. Bengoa previously worked at Lone Star Middle School in Nampa as the technology depart-

ment head, yearbook advisor, eighth-grade dean of students, football coach, boys’ basketball coach, and girls’ basketball coach. “Before that I worked in Las Vegas for a marketing and consulting company,” Bengoa said. His educational background includes a bachelor’s degree in business administration, a master’s in teaching, and a specialist certification in Educational Leadership. He studied at Eastern Oregon University, George Fox University in Eagle, and Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa. He brings a simple philosophy to the role of superintendent and principal. “With community/parent involvement, communication and accountability, anything is possible,” Bengoa said. He added that his biggest challenge is not being able to offer students much of a variety of classes outside of their required courses. “Being a small school, we only have a certain amount of teachers and curriculum that we’re able to utilize, and that unfortunately doesn’t allow students many options,” Bengoa said. “It’s frus-



Rusty Bengoa

trating, but the nice thing about this community is that everyone takes things in stride, and doesn’t stress over things that are out of our control.” Prior to moving into administration, his favorite subjects to teach were computer applications and math. “I love seeing a student’s face when they finally get a tough concept, and a smile that just lights their face up,” Bengoa said. Being a principal for the elementary, middle and high school might be difficult for some from a time management perspective, but not for Bengoa. “It really isn’t that bad. I just prioritize, and make sure that I accomplish what I have planned, and spread myself around after that,” Bengoa said. “So far it has worked well.” His Jordan Valley predecessor, Jennifer Johnson, is now in Eddyville, Ore., (a town between Newport and Corvallis) as superintendent/principal of Eddyville Charter School. Jordan Valley’s new administrator isn’t shy about how happy he is about his new leadership position. “The community has been wonderful, and I really enjoy working with the teachers and students,” Bengoa said. “There is nothing more fulfilling than educating young people.” — SC



Buckaroo Breakfast quilt winner Georgia Nelson, left, accepts her prize from Homedale Senior Center volunteer Romona Andrus.

Breakfasts bring seniors \$5,000

An Ontario, Ore., woman won the Homedale Senior Center’s annual Buckaroo Breakfast quilt raffle. Georgia Nelson received the quilt from its creator, Romona Andrus, three days after her win-

ning ticket was drawn on the last day of the breakfast, which was held each morning from Aug. 4 to Aug. 8 to coincide with the Owyhee County Fair. The breakfast brought in just over \$5,000 to help operate the

center. Raffle ticket sales accounted for nearly \$2,000 of that total. Andrus thanked Ontario resident Shirley Stilles provided the quilting machine and labor to finish the bedcover. Andrus donated the materials.

Calendar

Today
Coffee club
9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
Owyhee County P&Z public hearings
10 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse Annex, 17069 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2095, ext. 2

Thursday
Fit and fall exercise class
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
Marsing Snake River bridge public meeting
4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N.
Homedale City Council meeting
6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting
6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867
Adrian City Council meeting
7 p.m., Adrian High School library, 305 Owyhee St., Adrian. (541) 372-2179

Friday
Homedale mobile food pantry
10 a.m. to noon, Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4033
Story Time
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

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

Sunday
Community worship service
10:45 a.m., led by Homedale Friends Community Church, picnic to follow, Bette Uda City Park, East Idaho Avenue, Homedale. (208) 337-3464 or luke.anken@gmail.com

Tuesday
Blood pressure clinic
10 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
Fit and fall exercise class
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
Senior center bridge
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 968-5430 Tuesdays and Thursdays
Marsing P&Z meeting
7 p.m., Marsing City Hall, 425 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4122, ext. 1

Wednesday
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
Northern Owyhee CWMA meeting
7 p.m., Owyhee Conservation District office, 250 N. Bruneau Hwy., Marsing. (208) 896-4544, ext. 101

Thursday, Sept. 3
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, Sept. 4
Story Time
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Saturday, Sept. 5
Free lunches
Noon to 1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419

Tuesday, Sept. 8
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
Senior center pinocle
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 968-5430 Tuesdays and Thursdays

Fire rehabilitation includes resource and ranchers’ well-being

The past few weeks have held a little more excitement than most folks really care for. The Soda fire burned more than 283,600 acres, taking with it cattle, horses, wildlife, fences, and other structures. Now come the monumental tasks of rehabilitating the ground and rebuilding.



Scott Jensen

First concerns during and post-fire are obviously for the livestock. Ranchers have been working long hours gathering cattle, treating burned or injured animals, euthanizing those too badly burned, and counting the dead. It will be important to keep a close eye on the surviving livestock over the next several months as the effects from the stress, burns, and smoke inhalation might not be immediately noticeable. I recommend working closely with your veterinarian.

The scorched landscape is another concern. The Bureau of

University of Idaho Extension

Land Management has already assembled a team tasked with creating a plan to stabilize and rehabilitate burned federal lands. Rehab of private lands that were burned will be left to the landowner. Landowners should not feel like they are alone, however. The local and state Natural Resources Conservation Service offices, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Owyhee County’s three Cooperative Weed Management Areas, and the University of Idaho Extension Office can all provide technical expertise and, in some cases funding, seed, and equipment to get the job done.

Timing will be critical to the success of reseeding efforts. This fall beginning around the first of October until snowfall is the most ideal window of time. This will allow the seed to catch fall rain and benefit from winter moisture but is late enough that the seed shouldn’t germinate and then suffer frost kill on the new seedling.

In order for seed to germinate,

it must have contact with the soil. Drilled seedings are usually more successful than broadcast seedings. Broadcast seedings are much easier to accomplish on rough terrain. If possible, a broadcast seeding should be followed by light harrowing or rolling to improve seed-to-soil contact. As the seedlings start to grow next spring, be on the lookout for invasive weeds and take appropriate action.

This huge fire has brought people together, united in a common effort. One last piece of advice is to continue to watch out for each other. Many individuals and families lost years up to a lifetime of hard work and effort. As the adrenaline subsides, some of our friends and neighbors might really be struggling personally. Let’s stay vigilant and continue to help those in need.

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

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CURIOSITIES OF THE DESERT. On the Owyhee River, about one mile south-west of the crossing, is situated what is known to travelers as “Castle Ruins.” At a distance one might imagine himself standing viewing the arches, curves, spires, steeples and columns of the vast deserted city, of the most magnificent splendor, whose crumbling columns Time was gradually leveling to the dust. There is a large area of country on the Owyhee covered with the moldering columns — some standing above and some attached to sides of high table mountains — altogether presenting one of the most interesting and weird-live views to be seen anywhere in the land of deserts and sagebrush which borders on the northern rim of the Great Basin.

In October last, we passed over the road from Owyhee, via Queen’s River, to the Humboldt, and after leaving the Owyhee ferry, had a continuous desert of forty miles without water. We noticed the bed of an old dry creek, about midway, but found not a drop of water in it, and no sign of there having been for years. When visiting the same place some two weeks ago, we found in this same old creek bed, a fine stream as large as the Jordan Creek at Ruby, and fishes were sporting and playing in the eddies.

WE STATED LAST week that a rumor prevailed of the death of Col. McDermit, and gave all the particulars we could get concerning it. We are sorry now to have to confirm the report, as was given. He had been out five or six miles from camp, with a small squad, examining an Indian track and taking observations of the country, when he was shot down by an unseen and unsuspected foe. In him California loses a good citizen, and the army a gallant and meritorious officer.

— Lt. Col. Charles McDermit, commander of the Military District of Nevada, is the namesake of the town McDermitt, Nev., although it’s unknown why the extra “T” has been added. The colonel was honored when Fort McDermit was established on Aug. 14, 1865, a week after his death.

— Ed.

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Meet Marsing’s new teachers

Carissia Boice

This is the best time of the year for Marsing Elementary School’s newest kindergarten teacher.

“It’s meeting my kids,” Carissia Boice said.

This is her second year of teaching, and she has also taught fourth and fifth grade.

“Before that I was a paralegal, and before that I taught sign language through the Boise Community Education Program for

10 years,” she said.

Boice has been married to her husband Darren, who works in digital forensics, for 1½ years. The couple has three children, Daniella, 11, Ethan, 5, and Myla, 3. Boice is happy to say that Ethan will be in



her class this year.

Her family moved to Marsing a little over three weeks ago.

“I grew up in Idaho (Boise), but we moved here from Texas,” Boice said. “We were living in Texas for the last year and a half.”

She said she ended up in Texas because there weren’t any teaching jobs in Idaho when she graduated.

Boice recently applied for teaching jobs in Meridian and

Boise before she heard about the position in Marsing.

“My sister-in-law actually grew up in Marsing, and I’ve always loved this area and living out in a small town,” Boice said. “I’m hoping to be here for the next 30 years.”

She first became interested in teaching when she was 12 years old, and her favorite thing about being a teacher is watching her students grow.

“From the beginning of the

year to the end of the year, (seeing) how much they have learned, and how much they have grown. You’re shaping, and helping shape their personalities,” Boice said.

She also isn’t shy about telling people how much she loves kindergarten.

“Because they love you, and when you leave the room and come back they hug you, and make you feel so special,” Boice said.

Deidre Brown

It isn’t difficult for Marsing High School’s new government, economics and world geography teacher to tell you her favorite thing about teaching.

“I love just interacting with the kids,” Deidre Brown said.

She has been teaching for 15 years, most recently at Greenleaf Friends Academy where she taught all three of her children. She changed

schools because she “wanted a new adventure,” she said.

Prior to her teaching career, she was an assistant manager in retail sales.

Her position as a government, econ, and world geogra-



phy teacher was a natural fit for Brown.

“I really liked history so I kind of got into the social studies, and then was given certain teaching assignments, and just fell in love with the subjects,” Brown said.

Another reason why she enjoys being a teacher is the time it allows her to spend with her family during the summer.

Brown admits there is one thing that frustrates her about be-

ing a teacher.

“It feels like you can never quite get everything done that you want to get done,” she said.

Despite that possible flaw in the profession, Brown is looking forward to adventures the new school year might have in store.

“I have absolutely loved it so far. I love my new boss (principal Tim Little). I love the people here in the high school,” Brown said. “The whole district just is

very community-oriented, and I really like that.”

Brown has been married to her husband Randy for 19 years. The couple’s son is Keegan, 24. Their daughters are Larell, 18, and Lily, 16.

When asked where they live, “the middle of nowhere,” was Brown’s response. Their home address is in Parma, but their phone has a Wilder number while their mailbox is in Oregon.

Shari Meuser

Marsing Middle School’s new eighth-grade English Language Arts and reading teacher brings some experience as a world traveler to her new job.

Shari Meuser has been teaching for eight years.

“I’ve taught in private school, did some student teaching in there, and I taught overseas for four years in Ecuador,” she said.

She also taught in China for

one month and in Africa where she worked as a teacher’s aide for three months. It was in Africa that she discovered her love of working with children.

After college, Meuser did some construction work, and was em-



ployed in a family business before landing her first teaching job.

She recently extended her certification into English Language Arts and previously was only certified for general K-12 education.

“I really wanted to focus in on that because it’s something that I love, and I really feel that I can relay that to the kids; just teach them a love of learning from books and stories,” Meuser said.

She added that Marsing Mid-

dle School seems to be a perfect fit for her.

“It was the first school that I interviewed with,” she said. “I was really impressed with the staff here, really impressed with the mission and the focus, and was just drawn to accept the job when they offered it.”

Her favorite thing about teaching is when students “get it.”

“Like when they actually understand the message I’m trying to give them, whether it’s a love

of books or learning something about themselves,” she said.

Meuser has been living for the past two years in Meridian where she also spent some time as a child. While she doesn’t know if she’ll move closer to Marsing, she does know that she’s excited to see where the year goes and to meet her students.

“I haven’t met a lot of them, but I have heard that they are just excellent kids, and I’m going to love working with them,”

Monique Smart

One of the new teachers in the Marsing School District will split her time between two different buildings.

Monique Smart is the new health teacher at the high school, and physical education teacher at the elementary.

This will be her second full year of teaching. She previously taught P.E. at Kuna High School last school year.

“Before teaching, I was a full-time stay-at-home mom with odd jobs, substitute teaching,

paper routes, you name it,” Smart said.

She also has a degree in criminal justice, but went back to school at Boise State University to finish her physical education and health endorsement.

She explained that physical education is really her passion.

“Law enforcement, that was more of an interest,” Smart said.



“I originally wanted to be a probation officer, and got married, and took another route.”

Smart has been married to her husband Keven for 22 years. They moved to Meridian from Utah 16 years ago. The couple has three daughters, Tiffany, 20, Brittany, 19, and Nicole, 16.

Smart learned about the open position in Marsing while watching for new opportunities on Internet job boards.

“My interest in Marsing really came after I read through the superintendent’s strategic five-year plan,” Smart said. “I

read through that, and I was impressed that their focus was on quality education, curriculum, and community and school relations involvement.”

She added that she wanted to become a teacher for the “ah-ha” moment that she sees in her student’s eyes.

“When you teach them a new skill, and now they’ve got something they can use for their lifetime,” Smart said.

There are aspects of the education field that she finds troubling. It challenges her that teachers can’t connect with every single

one of their students.

“Because I don’t give up easily, and I want to reach every student, of course,” Smart said. “There was one student where I felt like I just didn’t get him. That’s my biggest challenge there.”

Looking forward to the new school year, she’s excited about helping her students find their individual connection with physical activity.

“Find something that they personally connect with, then they’re going to be physically active and healthy throughout their lives,” Smart said.

Wes Tankersley

The new physical education and health teacher at Marsing Middle School thinks he will be a perfect fit for the job.

Wes Tankersley has learned that teaching P.E. comes naturally to him because he was an athlete in high school.

“I really liked it, and there was a lot of people that did not. So, I kind of wanted to get back in that and there’s reasons why kids don’t like being physically active,” Tankersley said. “I wanted

to be able to make a difference and change the way they look at that.”

This will be his first year of teaching, and he is the only P.E. and health teacher at the school.

He played varsity baseball and football for four years in Ontario where he grew up. Tankersley likes the idea of working at a



small school and believes teaching is a great way to give back to the community.

“Preparing someone to be able to be successful in society is a great way to do it, and what better way than to teach?” Tankersley asked.

“You reach so many more people because you’re involved in that.”

However, he admits to sometimes becoming frustrated that P.E. is often the first program that gets reduced when school districts need to flash funding.

“There are studies that show that people who are physically active are more intelligent, and they learn things better, so I think it’s an important part of it. If we didn’t have physical education, kids wouldn’t know how to move,” Tankersley said.

He attended the University of Idaho after high school and later finished his degree at Boise State University. Tankersley has worked for Les Schwab Tire for the past 11 years at several of the chain’s locations in Boise, Moscow, Ontario and Winnemucca,

Nev.

He has been married to his wife Kristine for 15 years. The Middleton couple has a 2-year-old daughter, Tatum.

Now that he’s onboard with Marsing Middle School, Tankersley is pretty excited about the people he gets to work with.

“I love the fact that all three schools are right here, and I can go bounce ideas off the high school teacher or off the elementary teacher,” he said. “We’ve already done a whole bunch of that.”

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Trustee Ackerman now leads Marsing school board

Former board chair Sauer moving to Canyon County soon

The Marsing School District Board of Trustees has reorganized itself. The move was necessary because Zone 5 Trustee, and now former chairman, Clay Sauer will soon move to Middleton. Until Sauer moves out of the Marsing area, he can remain on the board as a trustee. During last month's Board of Trustees meeting, Zone 3 Trustee Betty Ackerman took over as chairman and Zone 4 Trustee Michelle Jacobi moved into the vice-chair position to replace Ackerman.

"Clay felt he could help Betty and Michelle more as a trustee, and then when his house sold and they moved, it would be seamless," district business manager and clerk Deb Holzhey wrote in an email. She added that Zone 1 Trustee Michael Lankow took over for Sauer as the district's Canyon-Owyhee School Services Agency board liaison. Zone 2 Trustee Chad Showalter rounds out the Marsing board. When Sauer sells his house and makes



Betty Ackerman

the move to Middleton, the remaining trustees will publish an advertisement in The Owyhee Avalanche seeking patrons from Zone 5 who are interested in filling out the remainder of Sauer's term, which expires in 2017. Zone 5 straddles the Snake River with portions in both Owyhee and Canyon County. The zone's northern boundaries include an area north of East Thompson Road in Owyhee County and Symms Road. The southern boundary is 4th Street South inside the Marsing city



Clay Sauer

limits. The western border is Old Bruneau Highway. The eastern border is in the area east of Lloyd Lane in Canyon County. The board will then interview those candidates and make an appointment. The trustee election will be held in May 2017, at which time the temporary trustee may run for the next term to represent Zone 5. No board positions are up for re-election in 2016. The Zone 1, Zone 3 and Zone 5 trustees will face re-election in May 2017. — SC



Michelle Jacobi

Meet Marsing's new teachers

Steven Morton

Marsing High School's new social studies teacher is happy about returning to the classroom. Steven Morton moved to Caldwell two weeks ago from Bonners Ferry after three years of working in administration for that school district. He's thrilled about joining a smaller school district and getting back to teaching. "You know, I've been away

from it for three years, so I'm really excited about being back in the classroom," Morton said. He has been in education for 14 years and went straight into teaching after college. Morton has been married to his



wife Tana for 18 years. The couple has four children, Trajan, 16, Halle, 13, Noah, 11, and Shiloh, 5. Morton saw the position with Marsing schools on Internet job boards. "I just wanted to get back into teaching, and we wanted to move to the Treasure Valley for quite some time," Morton said. "My wife's family is in Utah. My family is in Oregon." He thinks that it was simply time for him to get out of admin-

istration. "I just missed kids," he said. "I missed being in the classroom." Teaching social studies comes naturally to Morton because it was his favorite subject as a child. However, he didn't always want to be a teacher and originally thought about becoming a lawyer. "I had somebody tell me once, 'When you choose a profession you should choose something that you like, something that you're good at, and something

where you can help other people,'" Morton said. "For me, teaching checked off all three of those." His favorite thing about teaching is creating relationships with his students. He added that he enjoys teaching high school because the students are on the cusp of adulthood. "They're at kind of a difficult time for some kids, an exciting time for others. I just like this age group of kids. I feel like I relate well to them," Morton said.

Mary Beth Prince

Teaching is something of a family tradition for Marsing High School's new art and speech teacher. This will be Mary Beth Prince's first year as a certified teacher. "My aunt and uncle, I thought I would be following her footsteps as a kindergarten teacher. My uncle (was) an art teacher for 30 years, retiring at 52," Prince said.

"I'm kind of picking up his slack. My goal was to get an art job by the time I'm 52, and I turned 52 in May." Her dream of becoming an art teacher almost didn't come true. Prince applied for six other



art teacher positions in the area over the summer. She eventually gave up and sold all her art education materials. "Four days later, my son came to tell me that the art teacher retired, and so I went and applied and the rest is history," Prince said. Fortunately, Marsing's previous art teacher, Carmen Magart, left all of her art supplies behind.

Prince moved from Nampa to Marsing in 2012. She has been married to her husband Terry for 26 years. The couple's son Austin, 24, works at Marsing's Whitehouse Drive-Inn restaurant. Even though this is her first year as a certified teacher, Prince has been in the education field since the early 1990s. She previously worked as a bus driver and as an elementary art teacher

in a classified position. Prince also taught in some after-school programs. "I worked in there three years as an art coordinator for 12 different sites, both elementary and middle school," Prince said. Seeing her students fully understand subject matter is her favorite part of being a teacher. "To see their eyes light up, that light bulb go off, and that passion ignite," Prince said.

Brian Trujillo

Marsing High School's new English as a Second Language and Spanish teacher credits his father for his new career. This will be Brian Trujillo's first year of teaching. His father was a helicopter pilot in the Army who later went into officer training. Trujillo thinks that was a factor in his desire to become a teacher. "He started doing lots of stuff with teaching. He was my Boy Scout leader growing up," Trujillo said. "He was a really big influence in showing me the impact that a teacher could have on people." Trujillo just moved back to Kuna three weeks ago after spending time in New York in the area where his wife Heather is from. He met his future wife while attending Brigham Young

University of Idaho in Rexburg, and the couple has been married for three years. He had a number of other jobs before taking his teaching position in Marsing, including as a substitute teacher and tutoring in New York. "I've done framing," Trujillo said. "I served a mission with the LDS church in Connecticut speaking Spanish." Despite his last name, Trujillo didn't grow up speaking Spanish. "It wasn't until my mission that I really got into Spanish and I really liked it, learning it, and I really love the culture and the people," Trujillo said. "When I tried to decide what I wanted to do, I knew I really like to teach, so, Spanish obviously." While working as a student teacher, Trujillo admits that he sometimes became frustrated by the lack of support that some of his students had at home. Looking ahead to his first year of teaching, Trujillo says he's most excited to meet his new students.



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ITD puts Marsing sidewalk project on its to-do list

The Idaho Transportation Department has put an item involving Marsing on its District 3 highways project list. Sometime in 2017, ITD intends to install sidewalks along Idaho highway 78 from Bosma Lane to the Marsing Housing Authority labor camp. ITD public involvement coordinator Adam Rush said the sidewalk work is a Fiscal Year 2017 Community Choices project. There is currently \$170,000 set aside to pay for the project. The breakdown is \$153,000 in federal aid and a \$17,000 match from the City of Marsing, which is the local sponsor for the project, Rush wrote in an email. Construction of the sidewalks will actually cost \$160,000. The design work, which will begin next year, has an estimated price tag of \$10,000. The federal aid will go into ITD's rural transportation alternatives fund. ITD has two other Owyhee projects on its District 3 list. A resurfacing project on Idaho 78 is scheduled for 2018. It will involve a 10-mile stretch of the roadway from milepost 42 to milepost 52. The work has an estimated cost of \$1.32 million with \$1.22 million coming from federal aid. The money will go into ITD's transportation plans fund. Another \$97,000 will be provided by the state. Next year, ITD will begin a structural rehabilitation project on the Succor Creek Bridge west of Homedale. The work has a price tag of \$749,000, and the bulk of it will also come from federal aid of \$694,000. The money will be deposited into ITD's bridge restoration fund. The state will cover the remaining \$55,000 for the project. All of the projects are subject to revision for reasons such as funding, obligation limitations, project scope, cost, and policy, regulation, or rule changes. — SC

Car break-ins reported in Marsing

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office is investigating a string of vehicle burglaries in Marsing. Around 5:30 a.m. last Thursday, a resident on the 500 block of Morning Dove Way reported that binoculars and a folding knife had been taken from his 2006 Jeep Wrangler. The man's wife told Deputy Cody Hammond that her purse was also stolen from her 2003 Land Rover. The purse contained several forms of identification, credit cards, debit cards, and gift cards. The victims told Hammond that the vehicles were not locked, and the items were taken between 10:30 p.m. last Wednesday and 3 a.m. Thursday. Around 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, another vehicle on Morning Dove Way was burglarized. Hammond reported that a large jar of pocket change was taken from the vehicle. At 3:08 p.m. on Thursday, Hammond responded to a call from a home on the corner of Morning Dove Way and Bobwhite Drive where two purses were stolen from a vehicle. Sheriff Perry Grant had no other information on the two most recent burglaries, but he thinks there is a good chance that the same person or group is responsible for all of the thefts. There are no suspects at this time, Grant said, and the cases remain under investigation. — SC

RV park proposed for Grand View

A proposed RV park inside the Grand View city limits goes before the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission today. Dick Waltz has filed a conditional use permit to build a 10-space RV park on 1.4 acres off Idaho highway 78. The City of Grand View still is in the process of creating a comprehensive plan and zoning ordinances, but county P&Z coordinator Mary Huff said until that time the county — through a long-standing agreement — will handle all CUPs filed on parcels within the city. Waltz's hearing, which is scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m., is the final order of business for the P&Z commission during its meeting inside the Owyhee County Courthouse Annex building, 17069 Basey St., in Murphy. Throughout the day beginning at 10 a.m., the P&Z board will hear a series of CUPs to establish residences in agricultural zones. Waltz's RV Park is proposed for a vacant lot that's zoned the multiple use. The RV Park, which would have full hookups, would be situated between Idaho 78 and the Snake River southeast of Roosevelt Street (Idaho 167). It would be located across Idaho 78 from the Y Bar Café, according to Waltz's CUP application.

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MRW looking for replacement vehicle after Soda Fire wreck

ISP cites fire chief after accident

A Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District pickup truck is a total loss after a crash during Soda Fire suppression efforts. Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said the wreck happened at 8:20 p.m. on Aug. 14 in the Wilson Creek area on Idaho highway 78 at milepost 17.5. There were no injuries. Level 1 reserve deputy Samuel Huff, 41, was driving a 2008 Chevy Silverado sheriff's pickup truck in front of the MRW vehicle, a 1999 Chevy C35 pickup. Huff was attempting to make a left turn when the MRW pickup

truck struck the OCSO rig in the rear quarter panel. MRW Fire Chief Wes Anderson, 51, was driving the district vehicle at the time of the crash. An Idaho State Police trooper cited him for following too close, which is an infraction, according to ISP public information officer Teresa Baker. Huff didn't receive any citations. Huff has been with the sheriff's office for a couple of years and was working road closures in the Wilson Creek area, Sheriff Perry Grant said. The sheriff's truck is still drivable. "We will decide later whether it is worth repairing the truck," Grant wrote in an email.

The MRW vehicle was totaled, according to the fire district's Facebook page. Idaho Power donated the truck to MRW several years ago. The Facebook page also states that MRW is looking for another rig to replace the fire chief's command truck. The posting says their minimum needs are a four-wheel-drive extended cab or crew cab truck in good condition that works well. The Facebook message says the truck is a vital tool for MRW's fire and emergency service needs. Anyone who has a truck that they would like to donate to MRW is asked to call Louis Monson at (208) 495-2154. — SC

Forest Service truck rolls, man unhurt

A Wisconsin man on assignment because of the Soda Fire escaped injury last week when he rolled his pickup into Jordan Creek. Leonard Kemp, 64, of Park Falls, Wis., was driving a U.S. Forest Service pickup when it rolled off Jordan Creek Road, down an embankment and into the creek, Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said.

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Fire restrictions in place for part of county

With the threat of wildfire danger increasing throughout south-west Idaho, local wildland fire management agencies have put Stage 1 fire restrictions in place. The restrictions, which went into effect at midnight Friday, apply to all of Owyhee County west of the Bruneau Canyon. These acts are prohibited on public land, roads, and trails:

- Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire or stove fire except within a designated recreation site and only within a fire structure provided by the administrative agency.
- Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.

Violation of the above, prohibited acts is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000 and/or imprisonment for not more than 12 months, according to United States Code and State laws. The restrictions will remain in place until further notice, according to the local wildland fire management agencies. Exemptions include:

- Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the oth-

erwise prohibited act.

- Persons using fire fueled solely by liquid petroleum or liquid petroleum gas fuels.
- Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
- Any federal, state or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- Other exemptions unique to each agency.

An exemption does not absolve an individual or organization from liability or responsibility for a fire started by the exempted activity. While Stage 1 fire restrictions are in place, people are also advised to take extra caution when working or recreating outdoors to prevent wildland fire starts. Other tips during times of high fire danger include ensuring that your vehicle has a properly installed spark arrester that is operational, and stop and park only in areas clear of vegetation. Anyone who causes a wildland fire intentionally, or through negligence, will be held accountable for damage and suppression costs. For information, call the Idaho Fire Restrictions Hotline, 1-844-ID-FIRES or 1-844-433-4737.

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Congressman, commissioners tour devastation

Labrador, Hoagland have changes in mind

Elected officials began the search for solutions by touring areas affected by the Soda Fire.

U.S. Rep. Raul Labrador (R-Idaho) met with ranchers Ted Blackstock, Ed Wilsey and Chris Johnstone on Aug. 18.

Labrador and District 2 County Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi watched as several people used railroad ties to rebuild the Blackstock corral that had been torched by the wildfire during its march of destruction across 400 square miles of Owyhee County rangeland.

According to spokesman Dan Popkey, Wilsey told the congressman that irrigation improvements carried out by ranchers probably helped save a lot of sage-grouse habitat.

Labrador also stopped in at the incident command post in Homedale and heard about the role the local Rangeland Fire Protection Associations played in helping fight the flames.

“(Incident commander) Todd Pechota was impressed with the Owyhee Rangeland Fire Protection Association’s work,” Popkey said.

After visiting the Clearwater Complex fire Thursday in North Idaho, Labrador praised community members for their efforts.

“I couldn’t be more proud of



U.S. Rep. Raul Labrador (R-Idaho), left, and Chris Johnstone listen to Ted Blackstock. Submitted photo

Idahoans who rallied together to protect their communities and help their neighbors,” he said.

“I’m also grateful to local officials, from county commissioners to sheriff’s deputies and firefighters, who put themselves in harm’s way. That spirit gives me confidence that we’ll recover and rebuild.”

Popkey said work is under way to find out what help is available for ranchers who lost a substantial portion of their grazing land and also suffered cattle loss.

But the congressman also supports efforts of his House of Representatives colleague, Mike Simpson, and U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) to ensure that the

aftermath of wildfires is viewed in the same manner as other natural disasters.

“One thing he’s committed to doing is getting legislation passed that gets fire suppression funded in the same manner as tornados, hurricanes and floods because it’s the same natural disaster,” Popkey said.

One bill introduced in both chambers of Congress would prohibit “fire borrowing,” which is the practice of taking money out of other funds, including those dedicated to fuels reduction, to pay for an active wildfire.

The Board of County Commissioners toured the devastated area Saturday.

Even before the weekend tour, District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland had an idea of what was needed — quick re-seeding and flexible grazing periods. He pointed to the comparison between the private and public grazing round used by former Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association and Idaho Cattle Association Charlie Lyons, who has used different techniques on the ground in the wake of the Prairie Fire in Elmore County.

“It’s like night and day,” Hoagland said.

The commissioner, who ranches in the Reynolds Creek area, explained that early grazing on the private ground has led to

seed distribution and a diversity of plant life. On the BLM allotment, though, extended rest has robbed the ecosystem of that opportunity.

“It’s kind of an eye-opener,” Hoagland said.

But he holds out hope that a sensible plan can be developed for the Soda Fire rehabilitation. Adding a diversity of the animals feeding on the emerging plant life would help, too, he said.

“Under this plan, I think there’s room for flexibility so you’re not stuck in the two-year rest,” he said. “There are proper times to grazing that, and that’s what they to recognize to enhance the seedings that they’re doing.” — JPB

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✓ Ahead: Commissioner says flexible management best for rehabilitation

by the wildfire huddled with the burned area emergency response (BAER) team assigned to the Soda Fire during a Friday afternoon meeting at the Homedale Senior Center. Saying that the meeting was closed, a BLM official asked The Owyhee Avalanche to leave the building soon after most of the permittees had arrived.

The meeting gave permittees the opportunity to show the BAER team which areas of their allotments had been affected and also to provide an inventory of infrastructure loss, such as burned or cut fences. District 3 County Commissioner Jerry Hoagland, who ranches in Reynolds Creek but dodged the fire’s wrath, said he was on hand to make sure the federal officials listened to the producers, “because they’re the ones on the ground.”

While the BAER team began coordination with ranchers, the BLM’s Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation met at the state Natural Resource Conservation Service office in Boise last Wednesday to begin its assessment through aerial and ground analysis. The team includes more than 40 natural resources special-

ists from across the West.

Acting BLM Boise District Manager Jenifer Arnold is overseeing the ES&R team’s collaboration with other agencies.

“We have an immense task and opportunity in front of us to develop the best possible strategy for mitigating the fire’s devastating effects, and we look forward to working with staff and our partners in the coming months to make that happen.”

University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Educator Scott Jensen attended the meeting at which officials from several agencies aimed to develop a recovery plan. He said that the Farm Service Agency will reach out to ranchers with information on what help is out there.

On Thursday, the ES&R team went into the field to examine post-fire conditions for a variety of elements in the area, including vegetation, roads, soils, wildlife, cultural resources and geology. The work was supposed to end by Monday with team members taking the next two weeks to design treatments.

The recovery effort stretches across several federal, state and

local agencies from the BLM and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to the Idaho Department of Fish and Game to conservation districts.

“We are committed to working hand-in-hand with producers and partnering in a collaborative and effective way,” Idaho State Conservationist Curtis Elke said. “The human element is very important to us, and we will strive to help families during this difficult time.”

District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi said that as rehabilitation efforts go forward Owyhee County is committed to having a seat at the table as is required under coordination requirements set for by the Federal Land Policy and Management Act.

“I’ve already told Jenifer Arnold that the county will be sending them a letter requesting that we be in the middle of that planning, and the state plans on being there also,” Aberasturi said.

Hoagland said the BOCC will stay on top of the process to ensure the ranchers’ rights and well-being are looked after.

“There’s a lot of potential opportunities to stabilize that range and actually keep it stable for a

longer period of time, and we’re going to try to make sure that that happens,” Hoagland said.

“It’s going to take time, for sure, but we want to make sure that there’s some flexible management out there that they can do to kind of prevent another fire right away and hold back some of the invasives (grasses and weeds).”

Ranchers are still tallying up their losses, and will be for some time as the after-effects of the searing fire catch up with cattle in their herds.

Jensen said the probability that more cattle will die from developing respiratory problems, putting a number on the loss is difficult.

The loss of grazing ground is as devastating as it is simple to calculate, Jensen said.

“By BLM’s count, the fire was 283,686 acres in size,” he said. “Pretty much all of it was grazable.”

A wide portion of the community has come forward to donate hay and offer pasture. By Thursday, Jensen had reported more than 200 tons of hay had been pledged and that the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Heritage Foundation had received in excess of \$12,000

in cash donations. Jensen said the Heritage Foundation committee will review ranchers’ losses and needs and distribute relief funds accordingly.

Donations for the Owyhee Cattlemen’s fund can be made at any US Bank branch.

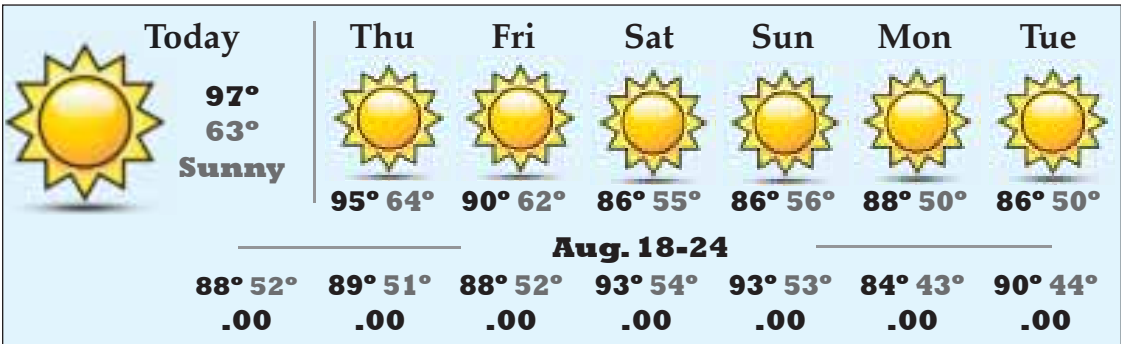
Early last week, the Boise ATV Trail Riders Club, whose members spend a lot of time sharing Owyhee’s multiple-use public lands with ranchers, decided to use some of its trail rehabilitation fund to help livestock producers rebuild fence and spread seed.

The riders also agreed to buy a ton of hay, but also provided rancher Ed Wilsey with nearly a ton of alfalfa and timothy hay pellets, according to the BATRC website.

The Boise Co-Op has announced it will match fundraising up to \$10,000 in another drive that is aimed to help Ed and Debbie Wilsey’s Homestead Natural Foods, through which they market beef at the Co-Op.

The Boise Farmers Market started the fundraising drive at gofundme.com/u6sptnxs.

— JPB



Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 2 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 73 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 139 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 12,188 acre-feet of water on Monday.

Note — Local weather recap provided by Helena Chemical Co., Homedale. Forecast from Accuweather.com.

South Board shuts off irrigation water

The irrigation season is now over for the Homedale-Marsing area.

South Board of Control (SBOC) watermaster John Eells closed the season Monday morning. The SBOC managed to run one day longer than last year, when the gates were closed on Aug. 23.

South Board directors have previously said this year’s water supply only lasted as long as it did mainly because May rains reduced demand and improved inflows into the reservoir slightly. Irrigators were allotted 1.7 acre-feet at the start of the season.

In years past, area farmers could count on receiving irrigation from the SBOC system into October during normal years, but the water has run out in August the past three years because of the lingering drought.

As far as the forecast for the 2015-16 winter, the SBOC has only looked at data provided by the National Weather Service.

The information so far suggests the likelihood of about as much snow as there was last winter.

In June, the weather service announced that an El Niño pattern exists for this winter. That typically means warmer temperatures and wetter conditions for portions of the United States.

However, El Niño patterns in the western United States typically impact the West Coast, Washington, Oregon and California the most. Elizabeth Padian in the National Weather Service’s Boise office says El Niño storms have a lesser effect in Idaho compared to those other regions.

She also had an update on what the weather service is expecting for this winter.

“Right now the outlook for Idaho is a maximum probability of 45 percent chance for a drier than normal winter,” Padian said.

The irrigation directors’ next series of meetings begins at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 8 downstairs at the SBOC office at 118 W. 1st St. S. in Homedale. The Ridgeview Irrigation District directors meet at 1 p.m., followed by the Gem directors at 1:15 p.m. and the South Board of Control at 1:30 p.m.

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Agriculture reserve grand champion Ella Lootens, 18-month-old daughter of Amber and Travis Lootens of Marsing, sits among some of her award-winning produce inside the Armory Exhibit Hall during the fair. Ella's grandfather, Joe Lootens, was Ag grand champion.

Owyhee County Fair Open Class winners

Agriculture
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Grand champion — Bonnie Minder. **Reserve grand champion** — Tammy Aeverman
Superintendent's choice — Bonnie Minder

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Needlecraft
Grand champion — Dane Foster. **Reserve grand champion** — Samantha Titus
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Judge's choice — JoAnn Schoonover

Arts
Grand champion — Julie Cloud. **Reserve grand champion** — Lita Thomas
Superintendent's choice — Linda Fuquay
Judge's choice — Deb Hall

Photography
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Superintendent's choice — Heidi Pearson
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Superintendent's choice — Rya Buckingham
Judge's choice — Shelbi Ward
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Grand champion — Jerry Holloway. **Reserve grand champion** — Lyle Vanosdall
Superintendent's choice — Blake Titus
Judge's choice — Christina Titus

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Superintendent's choice — Ruth Clapier
Judge's choice — Carol Murphy
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Marsing offensive linemen, from left, Mason Hall, Ben Gerthung, Sam Galligan, AJ Burtchett and Karl Isert, jog up to the ball during Saturday's scrimmage against Fruitland in Parma. Photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography

Luggin' the load

Inspired Huskies look to rebound with mix of size, speed

Marsing High School has plenty of inspiration coming off a winless 2014 football season.

Seven two-way starters return, and honorary captain Oseas Arriaga is back to lead the Huskies onto the field for each game.

But the biggest inspiration could be the return of Connor Rhodes after he lost his junior season to a bout with leukemia.

Rhodes was on the sidelines for practice

and games a year ago, but the illness sapped his energy and muscle mass.

As the Huskies look toward Friday night's season home against visiting Parma, Rhodes will be in uniform along with four other key seniors. Kickoff against the Panthers, who played in the 3A state playoffs a year ago, is 7 p.m.

"We will see how much our returning players have improved," second-year coach Brad Hill, a 20-year veteran of Treasure

Valley prep football, said.

The Huskies got an early, non-contact peek at the Panthers on Saturday during a four-team scrimmage in Parma. Marsing squared off against Wendell and Fruitland during the workout.

Two skill players — quarterback Brett Grossman and running back Rodrigo Acuña — are among the Huskies' returners. The pair swapped the QB job midway through last year's 0-8 campaign.

"Rodrigo brings great athleticism and experience to both sides of the football to our team," Hill said.

"Brett brings a positive attitude and willingness to learn. He will have to cut down on his interceptions for us to improve offensively."

Even with the loss of 2015 graduate Noah Grossman, Hill says the athletes

— See *Huskies*, page 5B

Grades, graduation have Rimrock coach in holding pattern

Short-handed team forfeits football opener

With only seven players eligible, the Rimrock High School football season is in limbo.

Third-year coach Alex Meyers already has been forced to forfeit the Raiders' season opener, and next week's scheduled home opener against Glenns Ferry is in jeopardy.

"I hope to get enough boys that we can begin our out-of-

conference games and that they stay healthy through the season," Meyers said. "If that happens, I think we will have some close games."

With eight returning players sidelined because of academic ineligibility, Meyers is still looking for bodies to round out the roster for an eight-man team. School started Tuesday, so the coach was hoping for some late arrivals.

Rimrock will begin the season at least 0-1 because the Raiders

— See *Rimrock*, page 3b



Trojans' fall ball winds down

Homedale High School receiver Connor Carter leaps to catch a pass from quarterback Lawsen Matteson, far right, during Saturday's Red-and-White Scrimmage at Deward Bell Stadium. After the intrasquad matchup, the Trojans will get a chance to hit an opponent Saturday with the annual jamboree back on their home field. For more on the jamboree, see *Page 2B*

Sports

Jam-packed jamboree planned in Homedale

State travel fund benefits from series of football scrimmages

Deward Bell Stadium in Homedale will be the center of the high school football universe for some fans Saturday. And Trojans fans will get a peek at one of their team’s 3A Snake River Valley conference foes to boot. Homedale plays host to varsity and junior varsity teams from four different schools beginning at 11 a.m. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. Proceeds from the jamboree benefit Idaho’s Youth Endowment for Activities Foundation. The 3½-hour jamboree will feature Class 4A Oregon schools Ontario and Baker City, Class 3A rivals Homedale and Weiser and Class 2A Cole Valley Christian. HHS coach Matt Holtry said the team rotation has been set up so that the Trojans and Wolverines avoid one another in light of their Sept. 25 play date for Homedale’s Homecoming. The varsity and junior varsity teams will work out at the same time on opposite ends of the field. The schedule includes:

- 11 a.m. — Cole Valley vs. Ontario
- 11:40 a.m. — Weiser vs. Cole Valley
- 12:20 p.m. — Homedale vs. Ontario
- 1 p.m. — Weiser vs. Baker City
- 1:40 p.m. — Homedale vs. Baker City

The Trojans will begin their non-conference season at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 4 at home against Melba. The YEA is a non-profit foundation of the Idaho High School Activities Association. Interest from the YEA fund helps pay travel expenses for schools that send qualifiers to IHSAA-sponsored state athletics activities.



A couple of third-year starters — quarterback Lawsen Matteson, left, and running back Josh Tolmie — will get more home work in Saturday.

HHS fall sports start Thursday

Homedale High School’s fall sports season gets going Thursday with volleyball and cross country competition. Diana Asumendi starts a busy first week to her second season as the Trojans’ volleyball coach when New Plymouth visits for a non-conference season opener. The tripleheader features at 4:30 p.m. frosh-soph match, a junior varsity match an hour later then the varsity tilt at 6:30 p.m. Meanwhile, Heidi Ankeny’s cross country squad travels to Oregon to compete in the Dash and Splash in Vale. This is Ankeny’s third season at the helm of the fall distance running program. The cross country meet is scheduled to push off at 6 p.m. The volleyball team will see action three consecutive days. After the New Plymouth opener, the Trojans hit the road for the Kuna Invitational, which begins Friday with pool play and concludes Saturday.



Homedale Trojans



FOOTBALL



Head Coach
Matt Holtry,
Seventh season
Assistant coaches
Football
Chris Wright, 7th year
Dave Hart, 7th Year
Nick Ketterling, 6th year
Dan Holtry, 3rd year
Hayden Wright, 3rd Year
Alex Willson, 2nd Year
Fletcher Kelly, 1st Year

Volleyball



Head Coach
Diana Asumendi,
Second season
Assistant coaches
Jessica Willson,
varsity assistant, 1st year
Erica Dines,
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Football Varsity
Saturday, Aug. 29, home for jamboree featuring Weiser, Ontario, Ore., Baker City, Ore., and Cole Valley Christian, Deward Bell Stadium, noon
Friday, Sept. 4, home vs. Melba, 7 p.m.
Junior varsity
Saturday, Aug. 29, home for jamboree featuring Weiser, Ontario, Ore., Baker City, Ore., and Cole Valley Christian, Deward Bell Stadium, noon
Thursday, Sept. 3 at Melba, 6 p.m.

Cross country
Thursday, Aug. 27 at Dash and Splash, Vale, Ore., 6 p.m.

Volleyball Varsity
Thursday, Aug. 27, home vs. New Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 28 at Kuna Invitational, times and opponents TBA
Saturday, Aug. 29 at Kuna Invitational, times and opponents TBA
Tuesday, Sept. 1, home vs. Melba, 6:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Aug. 27, home vs. New Plymouth, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 1, home vs. Melba, 5:30 p.m.
Frosh-soph
Thursday, Aug. 27, home vs. New Plymouth, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 1, home vs. Melba, 4:30 p.m.



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Sports

Dinner helps Ducks Unlimited preserve wetlands

County fundraiser
slated Friday
in Marsing

Harold Denney is ready for another Owyhee County Ducks Unlimited fall barbecue and party.

But the chair of the county chapter and state sponsor chair is quick to point out that Friday's event wouldn't be possible without the help of volunteers.

The barbecue and party begins at 6 p.m. on Friday at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., in Marsing. Early bird drawing registration has passed, but folks can still attend the party and get entered into the regular drawings for guns and several other donated prizes.

Denney says there are 105 members in the Owyhee chapter. The group has had as many as 145 people who call Owyhee County home in the fold.

"We've got some really forward-thinking leadership trying to look far enough down the road so that they can get ahead of the



Ducks Unlimited Owyhee County chapter president Harold Denney stands among the wide array of prizes up for grabs during Friday's fall barbecue and party.

game," Denney.

Preserving wetlands and waterfowl habitat, such as the massive Boreal Forest that straddles the U.S.-Canadian border, is DU's primary goal. Through conservation, Denney points out, DU hopes to preserve waterfowl as well as the tradition of hunting. The objective is about more than preserving

birds to shoot, he says.

Prior to 2015, DU had spent more than \$16 million on Idaho projects. The group raised more than \$400,000 in Idaho through 56 fundraisers in 2014. More than 7,000 Idahoans are DU members.

Unlike some other fundraisers, volunteers will prepare Friday's meal, which allows Denney to

keep costs down and send more money to "Mama Duck," or the national organization that helps fund conservation efforts in Idaho and around North America.

Kenny Woods, Steve Webb and Barbara Denney are among the folks who are teaming up to prepare the meal of pork roast, baked potato, fresh corn and rolls.

Denney said that Caba's, through the generosity of owner Ruthie Caba, will supply beverages for Friday's shindig.

Denney asks that folks pre-register so organizers can prepare enough food and to guarantee they get a meal. You can pre-register through www.ducks.org/idaho until Thursday. Call (208) 921-6733 for more information.

Ticket packages include:

- Single tickets are \$40, a couple can attend for \$60, and a youth ticket costs \$25.
- A single ticket and \$100 worth of raffle tickets costs \$110.
- A couples ticket and \$100 in raffle tickets costs \$125.
- A single sponsorship is \$275, and a \$100 raffle ticket package with sponsorship costs \$335.
- A couple sponsorship is \$295; a \$100 raffle ticket package with sponsorship is \$365.
- A table for eight can be reserved for \$800. That package includes eight dinners and eight \$50 raffle packs. Denney also said that one person in the group is guaranteed to win a gun.

Every sponsorship will help DU conserve one acre of wetlands.

Carper returns to coaching as MHS volleyball chief

Nucleus
of upperclassmen
greet new coach

A new coaching regime has inherited a strong nucleus as the Marsing High School volleyball season gets going.

Varsity coach Jenny Carper takes over from Loma Bittick, who stepped down after 13 years, and she brought former Melba High School standout Cara Duckworth along for the ride.

"She assisted the Marsing softball team last spring, and she has been great to work with," Carper said of the junior varsity head coach. "I am very excited to have her as my assistant."

Although Carper has five returning players from last year's team, she senses that the squad

has its own identity heading into the Kuna Invitational on Friday and Saturday.

"We have a fresh start, and I hope to have a very positive yet competitive season," she said. "I have such a great group of girls. We have already bonded so well, and I'm very excited for us to get the season going."

Facilitated by the return of 5-foot-4 seniors Holly Hobbs at middle hitter and Adrianna Salutregui and Jordan Goins at setter, the transition from the Bittick era was smooth.

Carper called her setters solid, adding that Salutregui has a strong serve, and Goins makes her hay as a blocker.

"(Hobbs) has a solid hit/spike, is our main blocker and has naturally taken the role as team leader," Carper said.

Other returning players include

juniors Avery Villa (a 5-4 outside hitter) and LeAnn Garcia (a 5-1 libero).

"(Villa) is a good motivator on the team," Carper said. "She has a very positive, upbeat attitude and is also a natural team leader."

Garcia will make her mark as a back-row hitter and with solid passing, the new coach said.

"Her and Avery, as the only juniors, make a solid pair," Carper said.

Alex Grant, a 5-4 freshman outside hitter, is a well-rounded newcomer.

"We are very excited to welcome her to the Husky volleyball squad," Carper said. "She is very coachable, positive and competitive."

Attitude is a team strength in the new coach's mind.

"We have a highly motivated, highly positive team this year,"

she said. "I have been very pleased with the level of intensity and excitement on the court already."

A quick look at the stature of the individual players, however, paints a clear picture of the Huskies' weakness.

"We clearly do not have much height, so we are going to have to find ways to work around that," Carper said. "We also don't have numbers, with a roster of nine girls, so these girls are going to have a lot of playing time and will hopefully be conditioned and ready."

Armed with her own pedigree as the member of a state championship track and field team while competing in three sports at Kuna (girls' basketball and volleyball, too), Carper has her own objectives heading into a return to high school coaching.

"My goal is for girls to build character, self-confidence and gain a sense of accomplishment by the end of the season," she said. "I have already seen the girls work hard, make improvements, and I hope their dedication will pay off as the season progresses."

Carper coached subvarsity volleyball and basketball at Centennial and Kuna. After starting a family, she has decided to get back to coaching to take her first varsity gig.

"I took the job because I have always loved athletics," she said. "I loved coaching for the many years that I did, and I have really missed it."

"It is so rewarding to build relationships with your student-athletes outside of the classroom, and be able to serve as a mentor and role model for them."

— JPB

✓ Rimrock: Coach hopes to get enough players to salvage part of season

From Page 1B
had to forfeit Friday's upcoming game with Garden Valley. Next up is a Sept. 4 game against Glenns Ferry, which is the first of four consecutive home dates scheduled.

"Our biggest strengths are explosiveness and conditioning," Meyers said of the seven players he has in camp. "Weaknesses are size, both participation-wise as well as physical size, and experience."

In addition to the players who are out for academic reasons,

Meyers is missing four other players from last season's squad that went 1-8 overall (1-3 in 1A Western Idaho Conference) but made the 1A, Div. I District III play-in round.

Tight end/linebacker Chan So, halfback/linebacker Emilio Araujo and lineman Zai Lowe graduated in the spring. Another lineman, Eduardo Sierra, moved out of the district.

Even with just one returning lineman — sophomore Lewis Rutan — Meyers is thinking smash-mouth football is the way

to go.

"We plan to run the ball inside, not really try anything fancy. We are still learning fundamentals," the former Rimrock player said.

"On defense, we plan to run a 3-3-2. Hopefully our nose guard and middle linebacker will be able to stop anything up the middle and make other teams beat us outside."

Key returners include:

- Sophomore lineman Lewis Rutan — "Our only returning lineman from last year will have to be the anchor," Meyers said.

- Junior halfback/linebacker Rigo Lino — He's the Raiders' only returning running back. "He has made great gains in his quickness as well as his strength."

- Sophomore fullback/linebacker Devan Morrison — "He moved around a lot last year," Meyers said. "I will be looking to him to fill any hole that is needed."

Two freshmen have migrated from Rimrock's championship junior high team:

- Quarterback/cornerback Todd

Marvin — "(Marvin) started on the junior high team, and comes in with some knowledge of the plays already," Meyers said.

- Lineman Dalton Allison — Another starter in junior high, Meyers said he's "one of the bigger kids on the team. (He's) very knowledgeable about the offensive line positions."

Freshman Tyrel Lowe, a tight end and outside linebacker, and sophomore wide receiver/safety Tyler Williams round out the starters.

— JPB

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

August 29, 1990

101 years of service

The three current “senior” members of the Homedale Fire Department, caught in the camera lens during the big Saturday night barbecue party at the fire station, were: Mark Stimmel, 27 years; John Matteson, 50 years and Floyd Breach, 24 years of service.

Kick-off breakfast draws 250 fans

At least 250 people packed the Homedale High School multi-purpose room early Saturday to get an early peek at this fall’s Trojan football and volleyball teams, their cheerleaders and coaches.

Homedale Pride Fan Club sponsors reported afterwards that the breakfast had drawn an unusually large turnout and termed it a success.

Jo Ford of Homedale drew a number of appreciative laughs from the audience with a humorous talk aimed at local football players. She told them due to equal rights requirements, she had been hired as a new football coach. “Look at me like a good dose of Milk of Magnesia, just call me Mom,” she advised.

Because of new environmental requirements, she continued, a football can no longer be called a “pigskin,” and must from now on be referred to as “an artificial, man-made material-covered projectile.”

Cupp named all-around cowboy

Cory Cupp, 16, of Homedale was named all-around cowboy, junior division, at the Gem State Rodeo Assn. finals near Star earlier this month. But for the rodeo-minded Cupp family, it may have been almost a ‘ho hum’ achievement. It was, after all, the third straight year Cupp has captured the all-around cowboy title.

Beyond that, Cupp’s younger brother, Matt, 13, won the all-around title the last two years and placed third this year in the GSRA’s pee wee division. Their sister, Allyson, 11, capped off the family showing at the K-2 Arena near Star by winning first in the barrel racing competition.

Cory, a sophomore at HHS this year, took the latest top title by winning calf tying and flag race events, and achieving high-place finishes in the other two events: team roping (with Traci McDaniel of Parma) and breakaway roping. Matt, an eighth-grader this fall, won the team roping event with his partner, Todd Moffis of Nampa, and also fared well enough in the other competitions to come in third.

Between them, the Cupp boys have won five new saddles at the statewide GSRA event. They’ve picked up about 30 fancy belt buckles while competing in the prelims.

New teachers join JV elementary staff

Jordan Valley Elementary has three new teachers this year. Becky Hammer will be teaching first grade, Sara Miles is the fourth-grade teacher and the seventh- and eighth-grade students will be taught by Jamie Rice.

Summer ends with Arock Junior Rodeo

The weather was great for the Arock Jr. Rodeo held Saturday, August 25. 107 contestants ranging in ages from 2 to 17 participated. Winners in the 26 events were:

Mini Mite Girls Goat Tail Untying – Vikki Elordi; Flag Race – Megan Maher; Barrels – Keeley Parker; Mini Mite Boys Goat Tail Untying – Con Medford; Flag Race – Elias Eiguren; Barrel Race – Ryan MacKenzie; Pee Wee Girls Goat Tail Tying – Ramey Maher; Pole Bending – Jackie Hasenyager; Barrel Racing – Jackie Hasenyager; Pee Wee Boys Flag Race – Sammy MacKenzie; Pole Bending – Timmy White; Barrels – Sammy MacKenzie; Junior Girls Goat Tying – Angie Marts; Pole Bending – Ruth Childers; Barrel Racing – Ruth Childers; Junior Boys Goat Tying – CJ Lequerica; Breakaway Roping Casey Fretwell; Calf Riding – CJ Lequerica; Senior Girls Breakaway Roping – Marie Caskey; Pole Bending – Angelina Vasquez; Barrel Racing – Angelina Vasquez; Senior Boys Calf Roping – Jeff Garijo; Steer Stopping – Ryan Bruce; Cow Riding- Casey Coleman; and Team Roping – Cody Gillihan and Jeff Garijo.

50 years ago

September 2, 1965

Football squad prospects told at Kiwanis meeting

Head football coach Marshall Jones discussed his Homedale High School football squad at the regular Wednesday noon meeting of the Homedale Kiwanis club held at their new meeting place in the Masonic hall basement, with members of the Eastern Star serving the meal.

Coach Jones and Assistant Football Coach Ken Kellum were introduced by School Supt. Deward Bell, a former coach.

Jones said two-a-day practice has been in effect since Aug. 20, with about 40 youths reporting for workouts, and the squad now numbering about 35.

A scrimmage was held at Meridian Saturday morning, and he reported the coaches were pleased especially with the performance of younger members of the squad.

The coach said well over half the squad is composed of sophomores and juniors and he anticipates that half the team will be made up of sophomores when the first game is held with Adrian there Sept. 10.

Backfield has experience

The backfield will have the most experience, with Jimmy Jackson, a good passer and potential leader, at quarterback.

Big Tom Morris, 190-lb. junior, will be at fullback. Kenny Kushlan shows good ability as a running halfback. Ron Roland will serve as flanker, with freshman Eddie Louder a good prospect.

Jones said Craig Nash showed good tackling ability at Meridian.

Enrollment reaches 780 at Homedale

Supt. Deward Bell reports this week that a total of 780 students have enrolled in the Homedale schools, to date, but more are expected.

Number of students enrolled in each grade is as follows: 1st, 72; 2nd, 60; 3rd, 77; 4th, 78; 5th, 52; 6th, 69; 7th, 73; 8th, 73; freshman, 66; sophomore, 55; junior, 54; and senior, 51.

A total of 408 pupils are enrolled in the grade school, 146 in the junior high, and 226 in the high school.

Last year’s opening enrollment was 785 with 232 students in high school and 553 in grade school. This was a drop from 820 reported during the first week of 1963.

Unusual feature of last year’s enrollment was the sharp drop of first-graders, with only 46 enrolled.

High school enrollment was 227 with 62 freshmen, 65 sophomores, 53 juniors and 52 seniors.

In grade school there were 46 beginners; 84 2nd; 83 3rd; 53 4th; 71 5th; 69 6th; 78 7th and 69 8th.

Two Boys Thriftway Mkt. to hold grand opening

Grand opening of Two Boys Thriftway Market will be held this weekend, Sept. 2, 3, and 4 in Homedale, according to Les Carter.

Mr. Carter and his partner, Verdis Wilson, started in business in Homedale in October 1947. They have enlarged their store three times since then, and their present location in the Jackson building has 8,000 square feet of selling space.

License photo law effective this month

All driver’s and chauffeur’s license applicants must have their pictures on their driver’s license beginning Sept. 1, according to Sheriff Al Barberis.

Due to the change, it is necessary that there be a change in the dates that the office will issue the license. In the Homedale and Marsing area, licenses will be issued every Tuesday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., at the Marsing Driver’s license office next to the drug store, until further notice.

Licenses will be issued every Wednesday at Murphy, and on Thursday, for the Grand View and Bruneau areas at the Walt Biladeau office in Grand View.

New policeman begins duties

Dennis Merrell began duties this week as relief man on the Homedale Police force, according to Kenny Downing, city clerk. Mr. Merrell and his wife have lived in Homedale for approximately a year.

140 years ago

August 28, 1875

BEER THIS SUMMER is not pronounced as good as usual. This may be the result of the fluctuations of the hop crop.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN MINERS. A correspondent of the San Francisco Mining And Scientific Press writing from South Mountain says: “The Mono and Scandia have prospect shafts down about fifty feet, with fine bodies of ore in sight, and from fifteen to twenty-five tons of ore on the dump. These mines, and other equally as good, can be bought cheap for cash or bonded on reasonable terms. I believe those three mines (including the Disappointment) would supply ore sufficient to keep a fifty-ton furnace running steadily. I believe that if these mines that are undeveloped, owing to the want of capital, were under the management of a good substantial company ‘that meant business,’ they would pay dividends in a short time and prove a ‘bonanza’ to the stockholders.”

TWO MINERS WERE yesterday holding a lively debate on Jordan Street relative to the future prospects of camp. One of them said he thought it was “going down.” The other replied, “I thought so three years ago, and went away and came back again. The fact is I have found this the best camp on the coast when a man once gets established here.” He was right.

COUNTY FINANCES. Yesterday was the day fixed for the opening of proposals for the purchase of County Scrip. The amount in currency in the Redemption Fund thus made available for the redemption of county warrants was \$1,129. Joe Short was the purchaser at 64 1/2 cents for scrip, make the proceeds equivalent to \$1,735 in scrip, which shows a very healthy condition of county finances and a general confidence in the capacity of Owyhee to meet its indebtedness. A small balance of \$25.68 was purchased by J. S. Hallenbeck at the rate 66 1/2 cents for scrip. Last year the purchase was made at 74 cents and bids were as high as 82 1/2. The Expense and Hospital Funds of the County are both in a healthy condition. The latter is paid up in full and has money on hand. The Expense Fund owes a balance of over \$1,800 with \$2,500 to come in, which will leave a surplus of about \$700. The taxes this year will exceed the amount collected last year by nearly \$5,000, and there are ample resources to meet the current expenses of this year promptly. The General County Fund is in good condition. The scrip finds a ready sale at 60 cents coin, and altogether the showing of the County finances and their condition is quite satisfactory.

GONE FOR GAME. A party consisting of Frank Hunt, Joe Short, Russ Carter and A. J. Stucker left this morning for the Cow Creek lake intending to be absent for several days. They intend to scour the woods in the vicinity for game and exhaust the streams of their supply of fish. They are well equipped for an extensive campaign, having the following commissary outfit with them viz: four gallons Cutter whisky, three bottles of cock-tail, one bottle Hostettler’s Bitters, a demijohn of ale, two dozen Seidletz powders, one bottle old Cognac, half gallon of gin, two boxes cigars, one box of sardines, a half dozen crackers, one dozen lemons, six bottles mineral water, one loaf of bread, a sandwich and nothing else. Joe Short will run the commissary department and do the measuring for the party. Russ Carter will superintend the piscatorial operations, and Frank Hunt will be boss of the game district. Stucker will hold himself in readiness to fill either one of the positions and expects to be constantly occupied by reason of the indisposition that is liable to prevail among the trio.

A FORMER RESIDENT. Lafayette Lane, now running for Congress in Oregon, formerly lived in the vicinity. He ran a small pack train in here twelve years ago and had his headquarter at Boonville.

Sports

F&G, DU team up for free waterfowl hunting class

Ducks Unlimited and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game are teaming up for a free clinic. Participants of all ages are can attend an Introduction to Waterfowl Hunting Clinic at the C.J. Strike Wildlife Management Area near Bruneau on Saturday, Sept. 5. The clinic is designed to give new hunters an introduction to important skills to enjoy waterfowl hunting. Activities will include duck identification, decoy spreads, hunting equipment, calls,

and dog training tips. Owyhee County Ducks Unlimited chair Harold Denney said that a handful of DU members will be on hand to provide instruction on calls and decoys. The goal is to help develop lifelong connections and interests in outdoor recreation and wildlife. Instructors are knowledgeable and skilled hunters from Fish and Game and Ducks Unlimited. The clinic will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the C. J. Strike

WMA, which borders the Snake River and includes portions of Owyhee County south of the river and Elmore County to the north. To sign up or for more information, contact Katie Oelrich at (208) 465-8465, katherine.oelrich@idfg.idaho.gov or Josh White joshua.white@idfg.idaho.gov. Excluding Zone 1 in Southeast Idaho, most of the state will open for waterfowl hunting on Oct. 17 and run until Jan. 29, and the youth hunt will be Oct 3-4.

The season will open a week later than the 2014-15 season in response to hunters who want to hunt as late into winter as possible to take advantage of flights coming out of the north. The youth hunt and general waterfowl season in Zone 1 in Southeast Idaho in the Fort Hall area, will have earlier opening dates than the rest of the state. The youth hunt will run Sept. 26-27 and general season will open Oct. 3 and run through Jan. 15. See rules

booklet for boundaries for Zone 1. The statewide daily bag limit will be seven ducks; but not more than two female mallards, three scaup, two redheads, two pintails, and two canvasback. Scaup season will be shorter than other duck species because of a smaller population. The daily goose bag limit will be four Canada geese; 10 white-fronted geese; and 20 for light geese (Snow and Ross' geese). The possession limit will be three times the daily bag limit.

✓ Huskies: Strong, agile front anchors a squad still looking for weapons

From Page 1B providing the senior backfield's protection could be the Huskies' strength. The linemen include (with Hill's comments):

- 295-pound junior Sam Galligan (tackle and defensive line) — "Sam will bring us leadership and size."
- 250-pound senior AJ Burtchett — "AJ will bring experience and size."
- 200-pound junior Nick Lankow — "He brings experience and toughness."
- 185-pound sophomore Mason Hall — "Mason brings athleticism."

Hill said Marsing is still trying to develop passing targets for its spread offense. Fleet-footed Andy Saenz, a 150-pound senior, returns at wide receiver, and he'll

see time at defensive back. Joseph Ineck, a 150-pound sophomore, is listed as a running back and linebacker, but could be a Swiss Army knife-type addition. "Joseph is an extremely hard worker who can play multiple positions," Hill said. Jaden Kinney is another sophomore newcomer, who at 170 pounds, will play on the offensive line and at linebacker. "Jaden should brings us some quickness and toughness to our offensive line," Hill said. "He's going to have to grow up fast at the inside linebacker position." Kinney and Ineck will be the leaders for a linebacker corps that Hill admits is one of the Hukies' thin spots.

— JPB



Senior wideout Andy Saenz flashes down the sideline during the Marsing High School scrimmage against Wendell on Saturday in Parma. Photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography

MARSING HUSKIES

Football
Coach — Brad Hill,
Second season
Assistant coaches
Dale Doan, 4th year
Johnathon Cossel, 3rd year
Wes Tankersley, 1st year

Volleyball
Coach — Jenny Carper,
First season
Assistant coaches
Cara Duckworth,
JV teams, 1st year

Cross country
Coach — Robin Simpson,
Third season

Football Varsity
Friday, Aug. 28, home vs. Parma, 7 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Aug. 27 at Parma, 6:30 p.m.

Cross country
Wednesday, Sept. 2 at New Plymouth Invitational, 4:50 p.m.

Volleyball Varsity
Friday, Aug. 28 at Kuna Invitational, times and opponents TBA
Saturday, Aug. 29 at Kuna Invitational, times and opponents TBA
Tuesday, Sept. 1 at Adrian, 6 p.m.
Junior varsity
Tuesday, Sept. 1 at Adrian, 5 p.m.

Go Huskies!

896-4162

896-4815

896-4331

337-4041

The Owyhee Avalanche

337-4681

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense Team tying

I happened to be at the National Finals Rodeo in 1988 when Leo Camarillo and partner roped their steer in five seconds flat! It ranked in my mind with John Alden pitoning up Plymouth Rock or Neil Armstrong making angels in the moon dust! I was there when history was being made! It didn't matter that Leo's time only took third in the go-round.

I have watched team roping evolve. Thirty years ago, it was called team tying.

In team tying, both the header and the heeler were tied hard and fast. The header roped the horns and rode off to the west. The heeler would rope the hind legs, fall back to his left and head south. They'd form a "V" with the steer at the northernmost point. The steer would flop to the ground then the header would leap off, brandishing a piggin' string and tie the steer's heels with a square knot ... Time!

Ron said Vern had come from Squaw Gap to the ropin' north of Medora, N.D. He entered up in the team tying. When his turn came, he and his partner bailed outta the box and built to the steer. Halfway across the arena, Vern cast his loop. Now it should be noted for followers of modern rodeo, neither Vern nor his horse, Whittier, were professional cowboys, they just did it for a living! Both right off the ranch, where they'd be back on duty the next morning.

His rope sailed out and settled 'round the steer's horns. Vern turned the corner, and the slack snapped outta the line like a barkin' dog hittin' the end of the chain!

Then ... his good ol' pony stuck his nose in the dirt and commenced to bawl and pitch! Tipparary had nothin' on him. He wallowed across the arena and up the grandstand fence, boggin' and firin', bellerin' and buckin', generally throwin' a fit and draggin' that steer behind him! Vern sat tall in the saddle, solid as Teddy Roosevelt crossin' the Little Missouri! He looked good. 'Course the rope runnin' from the saddle horn across his right leg held him tighter'n rubber horn wrap! The crowd cheered as he made the ride of the day!

At the northwest corner of the arena, his horse took a hard right. The rope came slack as the steer caught up. Vern saw his chance, made a beautiful flying dismount and lit square on his feet! The horse bucked by on his left. Vern was just rearin' back to sail his hat in the air when the steer, still connected to the horse by a 40-foot rope, thundered by on his right!

His double backflip scored five 9s and a 10, with a difficulty rating of 2.5. Ben Gay immediately signed him for endorsements.

— Visit Baxter's Web site at www.baxterblack.com.

Daniel Richards, OCA president



Soda Fire Outpouring of compassion buoys recovering ranchers

On behalf of the ranchers and communities affected by the recent devastation from the Soda Fire, the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association would like to extend a public note of heartfelt gratitude for the countless acts of support we have received over the past several days.

After witnessing first-hand the catastrophic nature of this fire, which was beyond anyone's control and certainly beyond belief, we cannot emphasize enough the valiant efforts of the local volunteer firemen, the Rangeland Fire Protection Associations, and the local law enforcement in their efforts to fight the fire across its vast swath.

The outpouring of support displayed in the numerous calls, the offers of help to evacuate if needed, the promises of food for both people and livestock, and the various proposals for anything else that could be thought of, was truly beyond our comprehension. These offers came not only from local Owyhee County people but extended far and wide from neighboring communities and states. For this, we would like to offer our thanks.

In particular, we would like to thank the Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service, and Hot Shot crews, and all others that were working on the fire. These firefighters have proven themselves heroes in their knowledge and dedication. The Rangeland Fire Protection Associations, composed of local ranchers who have undergone thorough BLM fire training, were invaluable in their assistance in local knowledge of the area, roads, terrain, and land behaviors.

There are not sufficient words that can truly express the gratitude from those of us out here living among the ashes. However, we hope that this letter will help to convey some of those feelings of gratefulness that we would like to send out to each one of the literally thousands of people who offered help, support, thoughts, and prayers. We are enormously appreciative and this outpouring of support will continue to buoy us up as we move forward to regroup, rebuild, and restore this wonderful area and resource of Owyhee County.

— Wilson rancher Daniel Richards recently began his year-long term as Owyhee Cattlemen's Association president.

Soda Fire letters to the editor Anti-grazing policies contributed to massive fire

I would like to comment on the recent fires.

First, thank you for the excellent article on last week's front page.

I heard the BLM spokespersons blame the Soda Fire on the heat and wind. You can have high wind and heat, but if there is no fuel, you have no fire.

Grazing is not only the best way to cut the fuel load, it's the only way. The failed policies of the BLM have destroyed not only the sage-grouse habitat they claim to be preserving but also the ecology and economy of Owyhee County.

Their failed firefighting techniques are too numerous to mention in this letter. They could take lessons from Boise Fire Department on the grass fire they had the same week

as the Soda Fire.

The U.S. Forest Service and the BLM do not have the authority to own or manage open land. (Reference: Article I, Sec. 8, Paragraph 17 and the 10th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. Also reference: *Mock/Printz v. United States* decision of the U.S. Supreme Court, June 27, 1997).

Please encourage our state and county elected officials to take back our land and send the BLM and the Forest Service back to Washington, DC. Maybe they can find something to burn back there.

Ernest Breuer
Oreana
Los Angeles (Calif.) County Fire Department, retired

Residents grateful for help from community, volunteers

To all the family, friends, neighbors, volunteer firefighters and sheriff's office, thank you so very much for all you have done to help during this fire.

The Hayes-Morris Family
Hardtrigger Road
Givens

We would like to thank the Marsing, Melba, Murphy, Deer Flat, Caldwell, Homedale, and Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson fire departments, Owyhee County dispatch

and sheriff's deputies along with the Owyhee Rangeland Fire Protection Association members for their assistance with protecting surrounding residents with the recent Soda Fire.

You were a welcome sight to see. We appreciate everyone's support and offers for gathering, hauling, food and drinks, which was so greatly appreciated.

Thank you.
Ted and Mary Blackstock
Marsing

From Washington Congress working on sensible chemical regulation update



by Sen. Mike Crapo

As active participants in the decisions made in Congress, Idahoans contact me with valuable input about the issues our country faces. Realizing that many may not have the chance to contact me, I post the top five issues of concern from Idahoans and my responses on my website. Idahoans have contacted me regarding Chemical Safety and the Toxic Substances Control Act. The following is my response:

Sen. Tom Udall (D-N.M.) introduced S. 697, the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st

Century Act on March 10. This legislation seeks to overhaul the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) of 1976, which governs how chemicals are regulated by the federal government, in addition to setting record-keeping and testing requirements. Specifically, S. 697 seeks to identify and prioritize the screening of chemicals actively used in commerce, and assess the safety of chemicals strictly based on their impact to human and environmental health. Further, this legislation would facilitate greater cooperation between federal, state and local municipalities

in regulating chemicals in commerce. I am a co-sponsor of the legislation. On April 28, S. 697 was favorably reported out of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee with my support by a vote of 15-5. The legislation now awaits further consideration by the full Senate.

TSCA is the only environmental statute never to receive a significant congressional update. Absent necessary reform, outdated regulations have created uncertainty for state and local regulatory bodies and the American public's confidence that

— See **Chemical**, Page 7B

Commentary

Financial management

Don't let parents' financial hypocrisy affect relationship

Dear Dave,
My wife and I really got serious about your plan. We even sold our house to become completely debt-free. Now, we're trying to help my mom and dad. They liked your plan at first, and even taught *Financial Peace University* (FPU) at their church. Then, everything changed. They went out and leased a new car, bought another one on payments, and picked up a bunch of credit cards. They're trying to tell us that you really do this stuff too. How can we help them?

— Michael

Dear Michael,
What you're describing is so inconsistent it's hard to grasp. I mean, how do you go teach FPU and then come back and claim Dave uses credit cards and does all those other dumb things? How do you do that then go lease a car and buy a new car and argue

against what you've been teaching in a class? I don't know. But I do know that I don't mess with any of that stuff!
They're not really asking for your opinion. So, I don't think they can be helped until there's some kind of an opening. It's like the old adage says: "Those convinced against their will are of the same opinion still." I'd just tell them you're on different pages about this stuff. Let them know you love them, but that you're in complete disagreement on this topic and you're not going to argue about it with them.
There are always things you disagree about in families from time to time. But the truth is they went on a financial bender. When they wake up with a hangover, you might be able to help them, but right now they're drunk. They're financially drunk. They're buying everything in sight, and they're rationalizing



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it and justifying it.
Just pray for them, love them, and be in their lives. Continue to do what's smart, and try to avoid arguments. See where it goes from there. Maybe, when they sober up financially, they'll ask for some help.

— Dave

Dear Dave,
I own a small business specializing in cell phone repair. Sometimes I buy phones and parts on eBay. I can make sure the phones are not stolen by running a check on the serial numbers. However, I cannot be certain about the individual parts. Is there a way I can ensure I'm not dealing with stolen parts?

— Gordan

Dear Gordan,
I would try to deal only with reputable sellers. eBay, I believe, has a ratings system and you have power sellers and so forth. Try to find someone who has a steady stream of cell phone parts, someone who's a reputable, long-time seller and doesn't appear to be a fence. eBay doesn't tolerate that kind of stuff if they can find it.
I would also do a reasonable amount of due diligence in terms

of research. But at the end of the day, you can't completely guard against that unless it's a serial-numbered item. I wouldn't say never buy anything on places like eBay, but I would try to use some common sense and judgment.
I used to say I had a bad gut feeling. Then, a pastor friend of mine told me not to call the Holy Spirit a gut. It's not a *gut* feeling; it's God's spirit — listen!

— 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.

From the Statehouse
Job of strengthening Idaho education just beginning

by Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter

Students all over Idaho are returning to classrooms with high expectations for the new school year. Our job as educators, parents, policy makers and citizens is to ensure they have high-quality opportunities to pursue and support to succeed.
I can report to you that our state is making tremendous strides in improving education K through career. As we continue to implement the comprehensive five-year plan developed by my Task Force for Improving Education, we will be better able to recruit and retain great teachers, offer more individualized and advanced opportunities for students and create schools that reflect the needs of the future. Our state will have a better prepared workforce, higher postsecondary degree and credential attainment and a more robust economy.
School districts now are getting significantly more money for teacher salaries through the career ladder. This new framework of increased funding for teacher pay establishes clear expectations while rewarding exceptional work by educators. When fully implemented, the career ladder will allocate more than \$213 million in new funds for districts' personnel costs — their largest annual expenditure. That kind of ongoing financial commitment from Idaho taxpayers will help ensure school districts have



the ability to attract and retain great teachers.
With additional funding for operations, districts will be able to restore services and educational opportunities pared during the Great Recession. The Task Force recommended a five-year plan to responsibly and sustainably restore discretionary funding, and with this year's \$38.6 million investment we have restored more than \$63 million, well ahead of the implementation plan. I appreciate the Legislature for joining me in keeping our promise to restore public school and education funding first as Idaho's economy recovers.
The Legislature also approved more funding for teacher training, specifically covering the cost of more job-embedded professional development and teacher collaboration. And we took another step toward getting caught up with funding for classroom technology so that students learn in 21st century classrooms as they prepare for 21st century jobs.
As we enable Idaho public schools to keep improving in response to rising academic standards and the needs of individual students, we are working with educators and national experts on implementing a mastery-based education system in which students move at their own pace through content areas. This will give students more ownership and control of their education and help teachers identify struggling students to provide quick, individual support. We are fortunate to have top-notch teachers from around the state working on how to make this happen.
In our progress toward the goal of having 60 percent of Idaho citizens ages 25-34 with a postsecondary certificate or degree by 2020, we continue to work closely with higher education leaders on providing opportunities for students to

earn college credits in high school. State support for these opportunities is growing. In the coming year, I will ask the Legislature for funding to provide more college and career advising for students to help them identify opportunities that best meet their interests and needs.
While we are making significant progress in addressing the most critical challenges facing education, there is much more work to be done in order to achieve and maintain the kind of education system of which we all can be proud. Various stakeholder committees are refining the Task Force recommendations and advancing implementation plans. I thank all the teachers, administrators, school board members, legislators and education organizations for continuing to give their time and expertise to create a world-class educational experience for Idaho students.
Idaho's economy is growing. Our education system must grow with it. We owe it to those who want to make a living and a life in Idaho. We owe it to all those Idahoans who wish their children and grandchildren could live closer to home while pursuing higher education and a career. But most of all we owe it to the children in whom we put our hopes and dreams for a brighter future.
The coming year will require another major investment in education. I remain committed to continued implementation of the Task Force recommendations, and I will work with the State Board of Education, Superintendent Ybarra, the Legislature and all education stakeholders to ensure that we keep K-through-career education in Idaho moving in the right direction.
— C. L. "Butch" Otter is in his third term as Idaho governor.

✓ Chemical: Congress must bring needed reforms with bipartisan effort

From Page 6B
the chemicals in commerce are being used safely.
Achieving TSCA reform will require Congress to work in a bipartisan manner and with all affected stakeholders. Broad agreement has existed for many years, by both public health advocates and chemical manufacturers, that the law is in need of an update, and I am encouraged by the support this compromise legislation has enjoyed thus far. I am committed to protecting the health and safety of

Americans and support efforts to improve the framework for regulating chemicals within the U.S. It is important that we effectively target our efforts to produce a workable regulatory regime that protects health and safety and does not compromise competition, innovation and job creation. As such, please be assured that I will continue to work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to achieve these goals.
To view responses to the top five issues of interest, please

visit my website at: <http://crapo.senate.gov>. The messages you send me help to shape my approach on a number of important matters. Please continue to keep me informed of your views.
— 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.

Public notices

NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that declarations of candidacy for the following Cemetery and Fire positions must be filed with the political subdivision clerk / secretary no later than 5:00 p.m. Friday September 4, 2015 (Sec. 34-1404, Idaho Code). Such declarations are available at the political subdivision office addresses listed below, or at Owyhee County Courthouse located at 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho or at www.owyheecounty.net.

Individuals who run as a write-in candidate have until 5:00 p.m. Friday September 18, 2015 to submit their Declarations of Intent to the political subdivision clerk / secretary. (Sec. 34-1470, Idaho Code)

CEMETERY DISTRICT	POSITION(S)	ADDRESS
Riverside Cemetery	Vice President & Director	645 Idaho Street Grand View, Idaho 83624
Marsing – Homedale Rural Cemetery	Sub-District #3	4410 Cemetery Road Marsing, Idaho 83639
Bruneau Cemetery	Vice President	30073 Hot Springs Road Bruneau, Idaho 83604

FIRE DISTRICT	POSITION(S)	ADDRESS
Bruneau Fire Protection	Zone #2, #3	31286 Highway 51 Bruneau, Idaho 83604
Grand View Rural Fire	Commissioner #1	720 Roosevelt Avenue Grand View, Idaho 83624
Homedale Rural Fire	Commissioner #1, #3	19 E. Wyoming Avenue Homedale, Idaho 83628
Marsing Rural Fire	Commissioner #2	303 Main Street Marsing, Idaho 83639
Murphy Reynolds Wilson Fire	Commissioner #3	12647 Trail Drive Road Melba, Idaho 83641

NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINE City of HOMEDALE, Idaho

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the general election to be held in and for the City of Homedale, Idaho, will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2015. The election will be held for the purpose of electing the following offices for the specified terms:

- Councilmember, Four (4) Years
- Councilmember, Four (4) Years

Candidates for city elected office are required to file a Declaration of Candidacy specifying the office sought and affirming that the individual is a qualified city elector, meaning: at least 18 years of age, a U.S. citizen, the candidate’s primary residence must be within the city, the address of the candidate’s voter registration must match the residence address provided on the candidate’s declaration, and the candidate must have resided in the city for at least 30 days prior to submitting their declaration. The Declaration of Candidacy must be accompanied by one of the following: (1) a nonrefundable filing fee of \$40 or (2) a Petition of Candidacy signed by at least five qualified city electors with the signatures verified by the county clerk’s office. The deadline for filing Declarations of Candidacy is Friday, September 4 at 5:00 p.m. Declarations of Candidacy are available at City Hall in the office of the city clerk at 31 West Wyoming, Homedale from the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Alice E. Pegram, City Clerk
8/26/15

NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINE CITY OF MARSING, IDAHO

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the general election to be held in and for the City of Marsing, Idaho, will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2015. The election will be held for the purpose of electing the following offices for the specified Term:

- Mayor 4 year term
- Two Council seats 4 year terms

Candidates for city elected office are required to file a Declaration of Candidacy specifying the office sought and affirming that the individual is a qualified city elector, meaning:

at least 18 years of age, a U. S. citizen, the candidate’s primary residence must be within the city, the address of the candidate’s voter registration must match the residence address provided on the candidate’s declaration, and the candidate must have resided in the city for at least 30 days prior to submitting their declaration. The Declaration of Candidacy must be accompanied by one of the following: (1) a nonrefundable filing fee of \$40 or (2) a Petition of Candidacy signed by at least five qualified city electors with the signatures verified by the county clerk’s office. The deadline for filing Declarations of Candidacy is Friday, September 4 at 5:00 p.m. Declarations of Candidacy are available at City Hall in the office of the city clerk at Marsing City Hall From August 21, 2015- August 28, 2015 the hours of 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Janice C. Bicandi, City Clerk
8/19,26/15

CITY OF MARSING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho, will hear comments from the public concerning the proposed amended Comprehensive Plan for the City of Marsing at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at Marsing City Hall, 425 Main Street, Marsing, ID. Marsing City Hall is a facility that is accessible to persons with disabilities. Copies of the proposed amended Comprehensive Plan are available at City Hall. All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing to express their views regarding this proposal. Oral testimony may be offered at the hearing. Written comments will be received until 5:00 P.M. on September 15, 2015. Mailed written comments must be postmarked to the Marsing City Hall, P.O. Box 125, Marsing, ID., 83639, by 5:00 P.M. on September 15, 2015.

Dated this 21th day of August, 2015
8/26;9/2/15

NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINE CITY OF GRAND VIEW, IDAHO

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the general election to be in and for the City of Grand View,

Idaho will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2015. The election will be held for the purpose of electing four City of Grand View City Councilpersons: Seats #1 and #2 for two year terms and Seats #3 and #4 for four year terms.

Candidates for elected city office are required to file a Declaration of Candidacy specifying the office sought and affirming that the individual is a qualified city elector, meaning: at least 18 years of age, a U.S. citizen, the candidate’s primary residence must be within the city, the address of the candidate’s voter registration must match the residence address provided on the candidate’s declaration, and the candidate must have resided in the city for at least 30 days prior to submitting their declaration. The Declaration of Candidacy must be accompanied by one of the following: (1) a nonrefundable filing fee of \$40 or (2) a Petition of Candidacy signed by at least five qualified city electors with the signatures verified by the county clerk’s office. Candidacy forms are available from August 24 through September 4, 2015, during regular business hours, at City Hall, 425 Boise Ave., Grand View, from the city clerk. The deadline for filing the Declarations of Candidacy is Friday, September 4 at 5:00 p.m. The last day to file as a write-in candidate for the city election is October 6th.

Tammy M. Payne, Grand View City Clerk
8/26/15

NOTICE TO CREDITORS THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION HAS BEEN FILED TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF IDAHO: 57-11842

JONATHAN SKINNER, 5000 NW 1ST AVE, NEW PLYMOUTH, ID 83655
Point of Diversion NENW S13 T06S R01W OWYHEE County Source GROUND WATER
Use: IRRIGATION 03/15 to 11/15 1.48 CFS
Total Diversion: 1.48 CFS
Date Filed: 9/11/2013
Place of Use: IRRIGATION T06S R01W S12 SESW SWSE
T06S R01WS13 NWNE NENW NWNW
T06S R01W S14 SENE
Total Acres: 74

Annual Appropriation Ordinance City of Grand View Ordinance 12 - 2016

An ordinance entitled the annual appropriation ordinance for the fiscal year beginning October 1st, 2015, appropriating the sum of \$614,816.00 to defray the expenses and liabilities of the city of Grand View for said fiscal year, authorizing a levy of a sufficient tax upon the taxable property and specifying the objects and purpose for which said appropriation is made.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Grand View, Owyhee County, Idaho

Section 1: That the sum of \$614,816.00 be, and the same is appropriated to defray the necessary expenses and liabilities of the City of Grand View , Owyhee County, State of Idaho for the fiscal year beginning October 1st, 2015.

Section 2: The objects and purposes for which such appropriation is made, and the amount of each object and purpose is as follows:

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	
General Fund:	
Administration	\$ 72,676
Total General Fund	\$72,676
Special Funds:	
Streets & Roads	\$ 44,092
Parks	\$ 7,050
Sewer	\$186,513
Water	\$304,485
Total Special Funds:	\$545,140
Total Estimated Expenditures:	\$614,816

Section 3: That a general levy on all taxable property with the City of Grand View be levied in an amount allowed by law for general purpose for said City, for fiscal year beginning October 1st, 2015.

Section 4: All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 5 : This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force upon its passage, approval and publication in one issue of the Owyhee Avalanche, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Grand View, and official newspaper of said City.

Passed under suspension of the rules upon which a roll call vote was duly taken and duly enacted an Ordinance of the City of Grand View, Idaho at a meeting of the City of Grand View City Council held on the 12th day of August 2015.

Franklin D. Hart, Mayor

Attest: Tammy M. Payne, City Clerk/Treasurer
August 26th, 2015

Water bearing zone to be appropriated is from 200 to 250 feet.

Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. For additional information concerning the property location, contact Western Region office at (208) 334-2190; or for a full description of the right(s), please see www.idwr.idaho.gov/WaterManagement/WaterRights. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-203A. Any protest against the approval of the application(s) must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 Airport Way, Boise ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 9-7-2015. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

GARY SPACKMAN, Director
8/19,26/15

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 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

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE UNDER WRIT OF EXECUTION AND GARNISHMENT Consolidated with: CV 12-2595-M Case No. CV 12-2571-M
IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
EARLL EXCAVATION, INC., Plaintiff, vs. SILVER FALCON MINING, INC., JOYCE LIVESTOCK COMPANY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, Defendants.
SILVER FALCON MINING, INC. Plaintiff, vs. EARLL EXCAVATION, INC., WILLIAM EARLL, Defendants.
BY VIRTUE of Judgment and Writ of Execution and Garnishment issued out of the District Court for the Third Judicial District of the State of Idaho, in and for the County of Owyhee, in the suit of Earll Excavation, Inc., Plaintiff, against Silver Falcon Mining, Inc., Defendant, Case No. CV 12-2571-M (Consolidated with: CV 12-2595-M), on the 14th day of October, 2014, duly attested the 3rd day of August, 2015, I have levied upon all the right, title and interest of Silver Falcon Mining, Inc. (Defendant) as of the 3rd day of August, 2015, in and to that real property situate in Owyhee County, Idaho, legally described as follows:
1. All mineral, mining and access rights in and to the Cumberland Lode Patented Load in the French Mining District, Owyhee County, Idaho, containing an area of 5.927 acres, more or less, surveyed October 14, 1897, Mineral Survey No. 1263, United States Patent No. 1074 on War Eagle Mountain. More particularly described as: From Corner No. 1, the True Point of Beginning, it is South 43 degrees 31 minutes West a distance of 4,183 feet to the common corner of Sections 8, 9, 16 and 17 of Township 5 South, Range 3 West Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.
From Corner No. 1, the True Point of Beginning, thence North 7 degrees 25 minutes West a distance of 1,500 feet to Corner No. 2; thence North 85 decrees 30 minutes East a distance of 180 feet to Corner No. 3; thence South 7 degrees 25 minutes East a distance of 1,500 feet to Corner No. 4; thence South 85 degrees 30 minutes West a distance of 180 feet back to Corner No. 1; except property included in South Oro Fino Lode Claim, United States Patent No. 1369 according to the records of Owyhee County, Idaho.
2. All mineral, mining and access rights in and to the Louisiana Lode Patented Load Mining Claim in the French Mining District, Owyhee County, Idaho, containing an area of 12.950 acres, more or less. Surveyed by Mineral Survey No. 1415, United States Patent No. 1217 on War Eagle Mountain. More particularly described as: From Corner No. 1, the True Point of Beginning, it is South 37 degrees 32 minutes West a distance of 4850.5 feet to the common corner of Sections 8, 9, 16 and 17 of Township 5 South, Range 3 West Boise Meridian, South, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian,
From Corner No. 1, the True Point of Beginning, thence North 7 degrees 25 minutes West a distance of 694 feet to Corner No. 2; thence North 85 decrees

30 minutes East a distance of 116 feet to Corner No. 3; thence North 4 degrees 30 minutes West a distance of 449.5 feet to Corner No. 4; thence North 74 degrees East a distance of 460 feet to Corner No. 5; thence South 7 degrees 25 minutes East a distance of 1116 feet back to Corner No. 6; thence South 74 degrees West a distance of 600 feet to Corner No. 1.
3. Sinker #1, a mill site location, as recorded in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho and the State of Idaho office of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management under IMC 172885 in Section 3, Township 5 South, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Idaho.
4. Sinker #2, a mill site location, as recorded in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho and the State of Idaho office of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management under IMC 172884, located on War Eagle Mountain in Owyhee County, Idaho in Section 3, Township 5 South, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Idaho.
5. Sinker #3, a mill site location, as recorded in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho and the State of Idaho office of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management under IMC 172883, located on War Eagle Mountain in Owyhee County, Idaho in Section 3, Township 5 South, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Idaho.
6. Sinker #4, a mill site location, as recorded in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho and the State of Idaho office of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management under IMC 172882, located on War Eagle Mountain in Owyhee County, Idaho in Section 3, Township 5 South, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Idaho.
7. Sinker Tunnel #1, a Tunnel Site Location, as recorded in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho and the State of Idaho office of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management under IMC 172886, located on War Eagle Mountain in Owyhee County, Idaho in Section 3, Township 5 South, Range 3 West, Boise, Meridian, Idaho.
More in depth descriptions are available for the sinker tunnels upon request. Please call the Owyhee County Sheriff’s office at 208-495-1154 for that information.
Pursuant to I.C. §60-113 the real property described above is believed to be located on War Eagle Mountain in Owyhee County, Idaho, and information concerning the location of the property may be obtained from Paul J. Augustine, 1004 West Fort Street, P.O. Box 1521, Boise, Idaho 83701, telephone: (208) 367-9400, attorney for Plaintiff Earll Excavation, Inc.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on the 8th day of September, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. of said day, at the following location, Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, Idaho, I will sell all the aforementioned property interest at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash in legal currency of the United States, to satisfy said execution and all costs.
Given under my hand, this 3rd day of August, 2015.
Perry Grant, Sheriff
By: Teri Naito, Civil Deputy
8/12,19,26/15

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
On Thursday, December 3, 2015 at the hour of 11:00AM, of said day, in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 20381 Highway 78,

Murphy, ID 83650, Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashiers check, certified check or tellers check, (from a bank which has a branch in the community at the site of the sale), money order, State of Idaho check or local government check, or cash equivalent in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the same time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit:
All that part of Government Lot 6 lying South and West of State Highway No. 78 in Section 17, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.
THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE, SECTION 60-113, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE STREET ADDRESS OF: 10977 State Hwy 78, Melba, ID 83641, MAY SOMETIMES BE ASSOCIATED WITH SAID REAL PROPERTY.
Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by Scott D. Jensen a single person , as Grantor to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Selene Finance LP as Successor Beneficiary, recorded January 20, 2009 as Instrument No. 267246, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.
The default for which this sale is to be made is failure to:
Make principal and interest payments as set forth on said Deed of Trust and Promissory Note. The original loan amount was \$120,772.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of 5.5000% per annum, as evidenced in Promissory Note dated January 15, 2009. Payments are in default for the months of August 2012 through and including June 2015 in the amount of \$834.81 per month and continuing each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance as of June 16, 2015 is \$114,534.55 together with accrued and accruing interest thereon at the rate of 5.5000% per annum. In addition to the above, there is also due any late charges, advances, escrow collection fees, attorney fees, fees or costs associated with this foreclosure.
The balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$114,534.55, excluding interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder or in this sale, as trustee’s fees and/or reasonable attorney’s fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.
Dated: July 30, 2015
Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., By: Bobbi Oldfield, Trust Officer Phone: 208-947-1553 File No.: 274305/ 1509 JENSEN

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This communication is on behalf of a debt collector and is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
8/12,19,26;9/2/15

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
On December 9, 2015, at the hour of 11:00 o’clock AM of said day, in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, ID, JUST LAW, INC., as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows to wit:
That part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 9, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, lying between the McDowell ditch and the section line, described as follows:
BEGINNING at a point 412 feet East of the Southwest corner of Section 9, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian; thence East 883 feet to the Southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter; thence North 260 feet; thence in a Westerly direction along the McDowell Ditch 878 feet; thence South 1° 56’ West 200 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.
AND COMMENCING at the Southwest corner of Section 9, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho and thence running on a course East 412 feet; thence running on a course North 1° 56’ East to the centerline of the McDowell Lateral; thence in a Westerly direction along the center line of the McDowell Lateral to a point in the West boundary line of Section 9; thence on a course South, to the Southwest corner of Section 9, the POINT OF BEGINNING.
EXCEPTING THEREFROM any portion lying within the boundaries of the McDowell Lateral.
The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed the address of **3432 Pioneer Rd., Homedale, ID**, is sometimes associated with the said real property.
This Trustee’s Sale is subject to a bankruptcy filing, a payoff, a reinstatement or any other conditions of which the Trustee is not aware that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, this sale may be null and void, the successful bidder’s funds shall be returned, and the Trustee and the Beneficiary shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.
Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possessions or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Tyrel Stevenson, a married man as his sole and separate property, as Grantor(s) with MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. (MERS) is

a separate corporation that is acting solely as a nominee for America’s Wholesale Lender as the Beneficiary, under the Deed of Trust recorded May 31, 2006, as Instrument No. 256603, in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The Beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was subsequently assigned to The Bank of New York Mellon fka The Bank of New York, as trustee for the Certificateholders CWALT, Inc., Alternative Loan Trust 2006-19CB, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-19CB, recorded November 24, 2014, as Instrument No. 285301, in the records of said County.
THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4) (a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.
The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay the amount due under the certain Promissory Note and Deed of Trust, in the amounts called for thereunder as follows:
Monthly payments in the amount of \$1052.30 for the months of September 2014 through and including to the date of sale, together with late charges and monthly payments accruing. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$133494.28 as principal, plus service charges, attorney’s fees, costs of this foreclosure, any and all funds expended by Beneficiary to protect their security interest, and interest accruing at the rate of 6.875% from August 1, 2014, together with delinquent taxes plus penalties and interest to the date of sale.
The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.
Dated this 4th day of August, 2015.
Tammie Harris, Trust Officer for Just Law, Inc., P.O. Box 50271, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83405 (208) 523-9106 FAX (208) 523-9146
For information concerning this sale please contact Just Law, Inc. at www.justlawidaho.com or Toll Free at 1-800-923-9106, Thank you.
8/26;9/2,9,16/15

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (I.C. 15-3-801) CASE NO. CV-2015-638-A 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 CLEO JEAN KUBOSUMI, 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 23 day of July, 2015.
Kim Kubosumi c/o Russell G. Metcalf, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 385, Homedale, ID 83628 (208) 337-4945
8/19,26;9/2,9/15

Owyhee County Church Directory		
	Golden Gate Baptist Church Wilder Pastor Robert Potter, Jr., CLP Corner of Second and "B" Streets Church time is 11:00 am on Sunday Call (208) 880-4308 for information	Our Lady of Tears Church Silver City For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031
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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
Homedale Baptist Church Homedale 212 S. 1st W. 841-0190 Sunday School 10am-11am Sunday Worship 11am-Noon Wednesday Evening 7pm Pastor James Huls	 Wilder Church of God Wilder 205 A St. E, 469-7698 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Service 11am Sunday Eve. 6:00pm Wed. Eve. 7:00pm	Mountain View Church of the Nazarene Wilder-Homedale 26515 Ustick Road 337-3151 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm Children's Caravan Program
 MARSING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY Asamblea Apostolica de Marsing 107 W. Main • Marsing, Idaho Pastor Jose Gutierrez 208-461-9016 or 880-6172 Sunday School 10:00 am Sunday Service 1 pm • Wednesday Service 7 pm Bilingual Services/Español	Iglesia Evangelica Wilder 317 3rd st., Pastor Ramiro Reyes 10 am Sunday School 11 am Service 482-7484 Bilingual	St. David's Episcopal Church 1800 Arlington Ave. Caldwell, ID 83605 208-459-9261 stdavids@stdavidscaldwell.org www.stdavid.episcopalidaho.org
Christian Church Homedale 110 W. Montana, 337-3626 Pastor Maurice Jones Sunday Morning Worship 11am Church school 9:45	Bible Missionary Church Homedale West Idaho, 337-3425 Pastor Ron Franklin Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7:30	Assembly of God Church Marsing 139 Kerry, 965-1650 Pastor Rick Sherrow Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am & 6 pm
Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing Pastor David London 116 4th Ave. W., 859-2059 Sunday worship: Morning: 11am-Noon• Evening: 6-7pm Sunday school 10 am-10:55am Wednesday evening 6pm-7pm	Nazarene Church Marsing Pastor Bill O'Connor 649-5256 12 2nd Avenue West Worship Services - Sunday 11am and 6pm Sunday School - 9:45am Mid Week TLC Groups	Trinity Holiness Church Homedale 119 N. Main Pastor Samuel Page 337-5021 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Thursday Evening 7:30pm
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Marsing 215 3rd Ave. West, 896-4151 Sunday 1st Ward, 1:00 p.m. Bishop Rowley Sunday 2nd Ward, 9:00 a.m. Bishop McIntyre	Vision Community Church Marsing 221 West Main Marsing, Idaho 208-779-7926 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Adult, Kids & Youth Meetings Wed. 7:00 p.m.	United Methodist Church Wilder <i>Exploring the Bible: Public Invited</i> 2nd & 4th Tuesday: 4-5pm Corner of 4th St. & B Ave. Pastor Dave Raines 208-880-8751 Sunday Service 9:30am
First Presbyterian Church Homedale 320 N. 6th W. Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am 208-473-9331	Calvary Holiness Church - Wilder Corner of 3rd St. & B Ave. • 208-989-0196 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. • Sunday Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday: 6:00 p.m. • Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. Food Pantry hours • 208-989-0226 2nd & 3rd Friday of month 2pm-4pm 4th Friday of month 12-1pm	Seventh Day Adventist Homedale 16613 Garnet Rd., 573-4574 Sabbath School Sat. 10:45am Worship 9:30am Wednesday Prayer Mtg. 7:00 pm
Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale 711 W. Idaho, 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am	Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church - Oreana 2015 Mass Schedule - the following Saturdays at 10:00am Mar. 28 - Apr. 25 - May 23 June 27 - July 25 - Aug. 22 - Sept. 26 Oct. 24 - Nov. 28 - Dec. 26 All are welcome! For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031	Amistad Cristiana de Wilder UMC Esquina de 4 y calle B Domingos Servicio: 12:00 pm El Ropero (Banco de ropa) Miercoles 12- 2pm Martes y Jueves: 6:30 pm Ingles Sabados: 12:00 pm Arte Infantil Todo en Espanol, Inf. 989 7508



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Family's decades-old dream realized with return to riverfront

Kathy Cunningham is finally home, and Wanda Ferguson can go home again.

The house is on land where Wanda grew up. She and her husband, Bill, built the dwelling Kathy and her five siblings called home more than 40 years ago.

Now, after a three decades' absence, a member of the Ferguson family is back at the kitchen table.

And little Alyssa Cunningham, the 2-year-old daughter of Kathy and her husband Shannon, will get the opportunity to catch her first fish off the bank of the Snake River and, later, hunt just as her mom did, right in her own backyard.

"It was always a distant dream that was never going to be a reality," Kathy said of the hopes that someone from the Ferguson family would have the opportunity to get the house back in the fold. "A lot of us kids have had the same thought.

"It's like a birthright. I think all of us, in our own way, we went through a key rite of passage in this place."

The house at the bend in River Road wasn't always the 2,700-square-foot tri-level on which Kathy and Shannon signed closing papers July 20 — 27 years since her mom sold the place.

From Wanda's perspective, it started as a shack of a house on six acres purchased by her father, Lawrence Mitchell, on Sept. 26, 1944.

Twenty-two years later, Wanda and her first husband, Bill, bought the place in the type of whirlwind that was repeated this year when the property went on the block in an estate auction.

"My parents just called up one day and asked, 'Do you want to buy the place? We're leaving,'" Wanda said. "They were going to Idaho City to work in the resort up there."

Almost immediately, Wanda and Bill set out to turn that small house into the sprawling home it is today. Kathy and her siblings helped rip apart the original house,

and friends and family mined and hauled in rock for the fireplace and the exterior accents.

Part of the old shack remains in the house, Wanda said. As does the creaky oven that Kathy grew up with.

"There is very little about this house that's changed from when we moved out in 1988," Kathy said. "It's like a time capsule in here."

Some rooms have the same wallpaper and carpet. The Cunninghams even moved Wanda's old dresser back to the same spot in the master bedroom that it had occupied every day between 1966 and 1988.

"We have a list a mile long of things we want to do inside and out, but we're not in a big hurry to get them done," Kathy said. "We have 20 or 30 years to change."

Then Kathy stops and embraces continuity and tradition.

"There are some things we'll change, but other things won't change as long as I'm alive."

Although he only knew of the house through stories from Kathy's childhood, Shannon feels the same way.

"I was probably attached (to the place) before we even got the house," Shannon said. "Kathy has said she always wanted to get the house back, and I wanted to make it happen."

The large shop — dubbed Shannon's "Garage Mahal" — didn't hurt negotiations, Kathy said.

"The first night sleeping here, it was home," Shannon said.

The tradition of fun — fishing, hunting, waterskiing and parties with friends — will return, too.

The family plans an open house from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday. All old and new friends and neighbors are welcome, and refreshments will be served.

"It was a real good place to grow up, and we didn't really know that until we left," Kathy said.

"And we want Alyssa to have some of (those memories), too," Shannon added.

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The Cunninghams, from left, Alyssa, Shannon and Kathy, stand near the front door of the house that Kathy grew up in and Alyssa with grow in.



Kathy and Shannon haul in a dresser, purchased by her mother in 1950s, that had been a fixture in the house when Kathy and her siblings were growing up. Submitted photo



A scrapbook page of the construction of one of the home after Wanda and Bill Ferguson took ownership. Clockwise from top: Bill and his mother near the last remaining room of the original house. Bill, left, and his father examine floor joists. Wanda pitches in. Bill's father works on the roof framing. Submitted photos