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Cows find shade around a lone tree in an area scorched by the Soda Fire. Photos courtesy BLM

## Extent of Soda Fire damage itemized

Rehab plan due Sept. 13;  
seeding in October

After five days in the field, the Soda Fire emergency stabilization and rehabilitation (ES&R) has begun designing a plan to restore the natural resources and habitat.

The size of the fire was revised downward, too, after satellite imaging showed that 279,144 acres were affected.

Bureau of Land Management public information officer Karen Miranda said that 41 natural resources specialists were on the job as the Burned Area Emergency Response team that will develop the ES&R plan. Seventy percent of those personnel from the BLM, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, Idaho Department



This fawn survived the fire, but now has no forage. Several thousand acres of wildlife winter forage was destroyed along with 41 grazing allotments.

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## City code repeal abolishes Homedale P&Z commission

City council to  
hear land use  
issues directly

The Homedale City Council disbanded the Planning and Zoning Commission on Thursday.

City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram said Sylvia Bahem, who had served as the city's P&Z administrator for nearly 15 years, turned in her city-owned cellphone and files after the city council voted unanimously to

repeal the sections of code that created the P&Z commission and the administrator post.

The responsibilities of the administrator now will be handled by city staff, City Attorney Paul J. Fitzer explained after the council's vote.

"After looking at it, the things coming before the P&Z board should be coming before the council," Councilman Aaron Tines said. "It's like we're doubling up. Something is heard by the P&Z, the city attorney reviews it and

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*"If the city were growing and changing a lot, I could see the need, but I don't see that."*

— Kim Murray  
Homedale city councilperson

## HPD loses patrolman to sheriff's office

Patrol deputy  
moves to jail;  
court clerk hired

Former Homedale Police Cpl. Atanacio "Nacho" Montes is the newest deputy to join the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office.

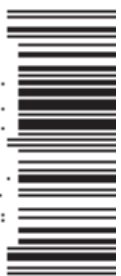
The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners approved the employment of Montes and a court clerk at its Aug. 24 meeting. Montes' was hired, effective last Wednesday, at a pay rate of \$16.26 per hour.

Montes will work patrol and replaces Karl Kingston, who has been reassigned as a detention deputy in the county jail. Sheriff Perry Grant said Kingston's transfer fills an open position in the jail.

The county hired Montes as a full-time detention deputy in 2005. Two years later, he moved to the Homedale force.

Now he returns as a patrol deputy, and Grant said Montes really wanted to come back to work for the county.

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# Labor Day means BOCC meeting shifts

Schools, government offices closed Monday

All city and county government offices in Murphy, Grand View, Homedale and Marsing will be closed Monday in observance of Labor Day.

The closures will include all Owyhee County DMV offices.

The Board of County Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. next Wednesday inside Courtroom 2 at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy.

Here's how other public buildings will be affected by the holiday:

- The University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office in Marsing is closed.
- Post offices in Homedale, Marsing, Grand View, Murphy and Bruneau are closed.
- US Bank branches in Homedale, Marsing and Grand

View are closed.

- The Adrian School District will be closed on Friday and Monday.
- Schools will be closed on Monday in Homedale, Marsing, Jordan Valley, and Pleasant Valley.
- The Bruneau-Grand View School District will be closed as part of its regular four-day schedule.
- All four public libraries in the county — Homedale, Lizard Butte in Marsing, Eastern Owyhee County in Grand View and Bruneau Valley Library is closed every Monday.
- The Owyhee Avalanche will be closed. Classified ad deadline is 5 p.m. Friday and display ad deadline is noon Friday.
- Senior centers in Homedale, Marsing and Grand View will be closed.
- Paul's Market in Homedale will be open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. The pharmacy will be closed.
- Logan's Market in Marsing will be open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- The Owyhee County Historical Museum is always closed on Mondays. Its regular hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Jackie Moreno, 8, of Marsing, plays with one of the new iPads in the Lizard Butte Library children's area Thursday.

## Marsing library places iPads in children's area

Marsing's Lizard Butte Public Library is showing off four new Apple iPads recently installed in its children's area.

Library director Janna Streibel wrote a grant to the Troxel Fund last year. She received \$5,000 to buy five of the tablet computers along with four tabletop holders to secure the iPads. The fifth iPad will be used during Story Time and in conjunction with other activities, Streibel said.

The iPads cost \$2,790, and the holders had a price tag of about \$1,700. The rest of the grant was used to buy apps, headphones and other accessories, Streibel said.

The library actually received the tablets in January, but an ordering problem with the mounting system delayed their debut. After Streibel finally received the properly sized holders, the iPads

were installed on Aug. 5.

The library announced the final winner in its weekly summer reading program drawings, which were open to third- through 12th-graders who read for 20 minutes a day during the program.

Marsing 9-year-old Brant Bowers of Marsing won a \$100 check donated by the City of Marsing. Streibel said Bowers bought LEGOs and a BB gun with some of his winnings and saved the rest of the money.

Local merchants donated other prizes, including a Marsing High School football T-shirt from Marsing Chiropractic; an ice cream gift certificate from Essence of Life; a candle from the Sleepy Hollow Quilt Shop; and a library book bag donated by the Friends of the Lizard Butte Library.

—SC

## U of I starts phone poll for BOCC

University of Idaho researchers are conducting a telephone survey this week as part of a larger study commissioned by the Owyhee County Commissioners.

The survey will encompass responses from the general public in Owyhee, Elmore, Canyon and Ada counties.

It's part of a larger three-year study to assess social and economic impacts that a variety of natural resource management issues, including ranching, have on Owyhee communities.

Researchers will contact randomly selected households in the four counties based on both landline and cellphone numbers. They urge folks to participate.

Individual responses won't be reported, and no identifying information will be used in the results.

The U of I Institutional Review Board approved the methodology to protect confidentiality of participants. The Social Science Research Unit (SSRU) at U of I will conduct the survey.

For questions about the survey or to get more information, contact one of the project co-investigators: J.D. Wulforst at (208) 230-7333, Scott Jensen at (208) 896-4104, or Neil Rimbey at (208) 454-6566.

## Grand View church schedules events

Children and families are the focus of upcoming events at Grand View's Knight Community Church.

The church will hold a free movie night open to the public at 6 p.m. on Sunday.

"Mark Lowry Goes to Hollywood" is a movie featuring music and comedy with a Christian flair, according to a press release from the church. The movie will be shown in the church's social hall. Free popcorn will be served, and folks can bring their own soft drinks.

The church is located at 630 Idaho Ave., in Grand View. Pastor is Ivan Shetler. For more information on any church activity, call (208) 834-2639 and leave a message.

Next Wednesday, the church will start an after-school program that will run through Memorial Day. The program is open to all youth from Grand View and

Oreana.

The fall session will take place from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the church, and Jerry and Lot Shetler coordinate the program.

Knight Community also offers a Children's Church each Sunday during the adult services, which take place from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Fellowship and refreshment follow the service.

Jerry Shetler also teaches a class for junior high and high school students during this time.

Knight Community Church will hold a Sunday Fun Day in City Park on Sept. 20. The event will include worship and a children's carnival. Worship will begin at 10:30 a.m., followed by the carnival from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Everything is open to the public and free.

For more information on the Sunday Fun Day, contact Jerry Cunningham at (208) 834-2287.

## Silver Falcon assets set for auction block

Property owned by Silver Falcon Mining, Inc., will be sold in a sheriff's sale Tuesday to satisfy a court judgment.

According to court records, Silver Falcon Mining, Inc., owes nearly \$640,000 after Earll Excavation Inc. won a lawsuit against the mining company in May 2014.

The Bradenton, Fla.-based company, which owns the Diamond Creek Mill complex on Silver City Road, has failed to pay the judgment, and the sheriff's sale was ordered earlier this summer.

The public auction will take place at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy.

According to a legal notice published previously in The Owyhee Avalanche, the sale will include all rights to mining claims covering nearly 19,000 acres on War Eagle Mountain.

Also on the auction block is several mill site locations on War Eagle.

Third District Court records show that Silver Falcon Mining and other defendants also have been ordered to pay more than \$46,000 in a lawsuit brought by Drake Mechanical in June 2013.

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The Homedale Police Department radar wagon measures the speed of a passing pickup Monday on North Main Street. The speed limit is 20 mph, but there is no permanent sign alerting motorists to that fact. All streets not marked by a specific speed limit sign are 20 mph in the Homedale city limits.

# Motorists could see another speed limit sign in Homedale

## Council passes FY 16 budget

Homedale motorists are being reminded that the speed limit on North Main Street is 20 mph. Police Sgt. Mike McFetridge asked city public works supervisor Bret Smith to install a speed limit sign somewhere south of Washington Avenue or Oregon Avenue to drive the point home. The request came in the same city council meeting Thursday at which Smith told city fathers that the Golden Gate Highway District crew had completed a chip seal in conjunction with the city. Chip-sealing also took place on Riverside Avenue, and Smith wants to keep the speed of traffic down to ensure that the rock chips adhere to the oil and work to preserve the road surface. But McFetridge fears motorists are unaware of the actual 20 mph speed limit on North Main

because of the lack of a sign. “They thought the limit was 25, so they’re doing 30,” McFetridge said. The police department’s radar wagon has been stationed on the street facing north to remind drivers. The city recently installed a 20 mph speed limit sign on West California Avenue adjacent to North Main Street, but McFetridge pointed out that there is no speed limit sign anywhere on the north side of Main Street to reinforce the continuation of that speed limit. In other public works matters, Smith told the council that the municipal airport will be closed to air traffic this week as a pavement rehabilitation project begins. Smith also said that local electrician Jeff Haylett completed installation of an LED spotlight to efficiently bathe the U.S. flag at the Welcome to Homedale sign with light 24 hours each day.

### Council OKs budget

With a 3-1 vote, the city council approved the fiscal year 2016 appropriations ordinance, which set the upcoming budget. Councilman Aaron Tines, who has opposed the salary increase for Mayor Gheen Christoffersen that’s included in the budget, voted against the appropriations ordinance. Councilman Steve Atkins, who is against any type of pay raise for the city’s elected officials, cast a yes vote for the appropriations ordinance. Later, he said he voted yes because, while he is still disagrees with pay increases for elected officials, he didn’t oppose funding the operation of the city. Atkins joined Tines to vote against the resolution establishing Christoffersen’s pay raise, which is effective in January, during the council’s Aug. 12 meeting. The mayor was forced to cast the deciding vote that established the salary hike. — JPB

# Meridian man hurt in Idaho 51 crash

A 40-year-old Meridian man was pulled unconscious from the wreckage of his car after a single-vehicle rollover last Wednesday morning on Idaho highway 51. Cy Garner was bleeding from the head when emergency crews arrived at the crash scene at milepost 27.3 near Riddle, Owyhee County Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman confirmed. According to Idaho State Police, which investigated the crash, Garner overcorrected after the blue 2004 Honda Accord he was driving went off the right shoulder of the road on a curve. The vehicle then went off the left shoulder, rolled and came to rest off the left side of the roadway. Air St. Luke’s air ambulance transported Garner to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise. Garner, who was wearing his seatbelt, received serious injuries, according to ISP public information officer Teresa Baker. The roadway was blocked for about 3½ hours because of the accident, which was reported shortly before 9 a.m. Bowman said Bruneau Quick Response Unit, Grand View Ambulance, Bruneau Fire and Owyhee, Nev., ambulance and fire units responded to the crash as did a Bureau of Indian Affairs agent.

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# Juvenile arrested after theft from Marsing Senior Center

A male juvenile has been arrested for allegedly breaking into the Marsing Senior Center at 218 Main St., and taking cash and property.

At 12:16 p.m., on Thursday, someone from the senior center reported to the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office that money had been taken from the business. Deputy Terry McGrew entered a report of the possible theft.

At 6:33 a.m., Sunday, a woman called the sheriff's office saying that she had found receipts on things that made her believe her son had broken into the senior center.

"Hetookmoney,acomputerand some other little miscellaneous stuff," Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said.

He also said the money that was taken totaled \$110.

Deputy Atanacio Montes arrested the boy at a residence on Idaho highway 78 in Marsing. He was taken to the Southwest Idaho Juvenile Detention Center in Caldwell.

The Marsing Senior Center was also broken into on May 2, 2014.

Items that were taken in that incident included a voice recorder, \$200 in cash and a box of energy bars.

Senior center board vice-chair Pete Smit thinks all of the items and cash stolen last year were returned.

"The sheriff found out who it was, and the money was retrieved so it was good," Smit said.

— SC

# Senior menus

**Homedale Senior Center**  
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Sept. 2: Tuna salad, carrot salad, lettuce/tomato  
Sept. 3: Salisbury steak, mushrooms/onions, mashed potatoes, carrots  
Sept. 8: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, beets  
Sept. 9: Pasta primavera

**Marsing Senior Center**  
*(Milk served every day)*

Sept. 2: Pork, potatoes, green beans, green salad, peaches, corn bread  
Sept. 3: Turkey, dressing, potatoes, peas & carrots, apricots, roll  
Sept. 7: Labor Day, closed  
Sept. 8: Chicken fried steak, potatoes, spinach, mandarin oranges, bread, pasta salad  
Sept. 9: Chicken a la king, rice, carrots, peaches, roll

# Accident leads to DUI charge

A Homedale woman has been booked on suspicion of driving under the influence after driving through a fence.

Cathleen Spears-Thompson, 51, bonded out of jail after her arrest for misdemeanor DUI on Aug. 25, Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said.

Spears-Thompson was arrested at around 2:20 a.m. after she had allegedly driven a 1999 Honda Prelude through a fence on Industrial Road east of U.S. Highway 95.

Bowman said the woman's blood-alcohol contest was measured at .160 and .156, approximately twice the legal limit of .08.

— JPB

# Homedale library Story Time changes focus to fish

The Homedale Public Library Story Time will be swimming with the fishes this week.

After weeks of zoo exhibits, an aquarium theme will be on display during Story Time at 10:15 a.m. on Friday.

"Clark the Shark Takes Heart," a new book at the library, will be read. Snacks and songs will be included.

Clark, the biggest, fastest and loudest fish in the school, has a crush on Anna Angelfish. But, for some reason, every time he tries to impress her, it all goes wrong. Find out if Clark can win her heart by a simple act of kindness.

An outside display of simulated aquatic animals will be shown in the old library during Story Time. The library is located at 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

For more information, call the library at 337-4228.

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

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**Correction**

The hometown of Georgia Nelson, the winner of the Homedale Senior Center quilt, was incorrect in last week's edition. Nelson lives in the Ridgeview area in Oregon.

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# Montes' hire puts OCSO at quota for full-time employees

## Nearly half of staff still awaiting POST certification in field

After the hiring of Atanacio Montes was approved, Sheriff Perry Grant told the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners that his office is now up to full staff for full-time employees.

Grant now has 11 full-time patrol deputies and nine full-time detention officers.

Of his 20 full-time deputies on patrol

and in the jail, Grant has seven employees awaiting Idaho Peace Officer Standards and Training certifications for their positions.

Cody Hammond and Jaime Wood are both waiting for their patrol certifications. James Doucet, Karl Kingston, Travis Leedom, Kyle Monroe, Patrick Williams, and Shane Witt are awaiting detention officer certification.

An email to Grant inquiring when the eight employees would enter the POST academies wasn't answered by press time.

Each employee has one year from

their date of hire to obtain their POST certification.

Exactly how many part-time positions Grant has on his payroll is difficult to determine. Grant said it depends on how much need OCSO has in different areas.

Grant reported more than 1,300 hours worked by part-time employees, not including courtroom security, during the month of August.

"I would have to go back into every day, every log, and see who else checked in, but those are just the guaranteed hours that I had worked," Grant said.

He confirmed that he has three courtroom

security employees, three people on off-highway vehicle patrols, and four marine deputies, all part-time positions.

Grant also said he has increased the number of part-time positions since he took office.

There are also part-time employees who work the quagga and zebra mussel boat check stations. The Bruneau River Soil Conservation District pays law enforcement personnel that work at the stations near Bruneau and Marsing. The district pays \$15 an hour, with funding provided by the Idaho State Department of Agriculture. — SC

# Homedale Fire fundraiser dinner tickets on sale

## This year's menu to feature prime rib and oysters

Tickets are available for the fourth annual Homedale Fire Department benefit dinner.

This year's dinner will feature prime rib and oysters, a new addition to the traditional fare.

Tickets are \$30 each and are available from any volunteer firefighter or can be purchased at NAPA Owyhee Auto Supply's Homedale location between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday

through Friday. Contact Brandon Demond at the parts store.

The dinner takes place at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 26 at the Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., in Homedale.

Proceeds from the dinner will go into the department's burnout fund, which is used to help people displaced by fires.

Money also goes to help purchase new equipment.

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### ✓ Patrolman: Sheriff says arthritis, old age, reasons to retire county's canine unit Goose

Montes' departure last week left HPD with just two certified patrolmen on duty during Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller's absence because of National Guard summer maneuvers.

New HPD hire Casey McGrew has been riding with Sgt. Mike McFetridge as part of his training and will enter the Idaho Peace Officer Standards and Training patrol academy later this month. Officer Andrew Arnold also patrols, and Homedale has two reserve officers picking up slack on a part-time basis.

A day before Montes' final tour with HPD, McFetridge began his school resource officer duties, further thinning the ranks. Eidemiller was back in the office Monday to start the search for Montes' replacement.

Grant explained how he sees the dynamic of hiring an officer from a neighboring agency.

"Being Homedale, we don't really consider that too much of a neighboring agency. They work with the same computer system, kind of the same patrol areas on that end," Grant said. "Homedale helps out quite often with the calls here. As far as a dynamic, I don't see it other than Homedale has to hire somebody else."

He added, "There's been times in the past, and I was one of them, Owyhee County officers have gone to Homedale, Homedale

officers have gone to Owyhee County, and it just basically fits the need at the time."

He said Montes wants to be closer to his family in Marsing. The Marsing area will be part of Montes' patrol sector.

Grant doesn't expect this to cause a rift between his office and Homedale PD.

"It shouldn't change our relationship whatsoever," Grant said. "We still will continue to assist each other, help each other out on cases and calls. It won't have any bearing."

The sheriff has a particular philosophy on who he hires to staff his departments.

"I like to raise our own as far as hiring out to patrol, having them work our systems first," Grant said. "Nacho is somebody who has already worked our systems and has gotten experience."

Montes' hiring saves Grant training dollars. As a POST-certified officer, Montes doesn't have to attend the academy as has been the case with many new OCSO hires.

Montes began his patrol duties for the sheriff's office without one tool that his predecessor had. Kingston's K-9 unit, "Goose," was retired about a month ago, Grant said. Former Sheriff Daryl Crandall brought Goose onboard, and the dog was removed from duty because of arthritis and old-

age issues, Grant said.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said Grant plans to get a new K-9 unit to replace Goose, but there is no timeline on exactly when he might purchase the dog.

There was only one other possible contender for the patrol position.

"And I never received the application on the other one," Grant said. "I had a potential candidate who talked to me and picked up an application, and never turned it in."

Commissioners also approved hiring a new full-time deputy court clerk last week. Brenda Stimpson replaces Dorla Stoneman, who retired Friday. Stoneman took over for Trina Aman, who retired on April 30.

Commissioners made Stimpson's hire date effective Tuesday, Aug. 25 and set her pay rate at \$14.08 per hour.

Stimpson comes to the clerk position from County Assessor Brett Endicott's office where she was the deed processor. Stimpson was hired to work full-time in the assessor's office on June 4, 2012 at a pay rate of \$12.11 per hour.

Stimpson's exit from the Assessor's Office creates an opening there.

— SC

### ✓ P&Z: Nothing changes in appeal process per attorney

sends it to the council."

Tines said disbanding the volunteer advisory board would streamline the P&Z process.

"We're taking two steps when one step could be taken," Councilperson Kim Murray said.

Murray also weighed in on Tines point that several ordinances that the P&Z has hashed out haven't made their way to the council in a timely fashion for action.

"It's disconcerting to hear about all those ordinances that were heard and haven't come before the council," Murray said.

"If the city were growing and changing a lot, I could see the need, but I don't see that."

The council made its decision after a public hearing at which two citizens — Roger Walsh and Gary Evans — gave testimony.

Evans, a 30-year Homedale resident who said he served on a P&Z board before moving to town, questioned how the city council would be able to hear P&Z permit requests if it also sat as the appellate board. City attorney Paul J. Fitzer explained that the

P&Z merely is an advisory panel for the city council, which has the final say on the permits. Any appeal would be filed with the Third District Court regardless if a P&Z board was in place or not.

After the public hearing, Walsh asked about the perceived difficulty the council had in getting folks to serve on the board.

"We haven't had a shortage until the last few months," Mayor Gheen Christoffersen said. "Trying to get people to want to serve is a bit of a problem. We are a small community, and a lot of people serve in a lot of different aspects throughout he county."

Bahem, who didn't speak during the public hearing, pointed out that three of the commissioners — chair Jim Packer and members Gypsy Jackson and Reed Batt — had served on the board longer than she had been administrator. The fourth member, Carolyn Grooms, was appointed earlier this year, but no other candidates were brought forward to give the board a desired odd number of members.

— JPB

## Deputies alert with silage trucks on road

Authorities are reminding folks to drive with caution now that silage trucks are back on the county's roads.

Large trucks have begun hauling silage to local livestock operations, and the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office has been

getting reports of speeding trucks and reckless drivers.

Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said no citations have been issued, but deputies will cite when necessary.

Stewart Constantine, Homedale Highway District director of

highways, said he and Gem district counterpart, Ric Meade, have had no issues with despite increased traffic.

"Silage is a relatively light commodity," he said, adding that heavier manure trucks are a bigger problem.



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# School menus

**Homedale Elementary**

Sept. 2: Chicken burrito, corn, veggie & fruit bar, milk  
 Sept. 3: Cheese pizza ripper, tossed salad, fruit rollup, veggie & fruit bar, milk  
 Sept. 7: No school  
 Sept. 8: Spaghetti, green beans, veggie & fruit bar, milk  
 Sept. 9: Chicken taco, corn, veggie & fruit bar, milk  
 Sept. 10: Personal pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, veggie & fruit bar, milk

## Homedale Middle

Sept. 2: Chicken nuggets or orange chicken, steamed rice, broccoli, salad & fruit bar, milk

Sept. 3: Mini corn dogs or fish nuggets, steamed carrots, cookie, salad & fruit bar, milk

Sept. 7: No school

Sept. 8: Spicy chicken sandwich or hamburger, tater tots, salad & fruit bar, milk

Sept. 9: Spaghetti or corn dog, mixed veggies, salad & fruit bar, milk

Sept. 10: Pepperoni pizza ripper or PB&J, tossed salad, salad & fruit bar, milk

## Homedale High

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

Sept. 3: Spicy chicken sandwich or cheeseburger, potato wedges, salad bar, fruit choice, milk

Sept. 7: No school

Sept. 8: Hog dog w/baked beans or pork chop w/potatoes, gravy & buttered bread, salad bar, fruit choice, milk

Sept. 9: Lasagna or BBQ pulled pork, corn, salad bar, fruit choice, milk

Sept. 10: Nachos or PB&J w/cheese stick, churro, salad bar, fruit choice, milk

## Marsing

Sept. 2: Rib-b-que or mac & cheese w/breadstick, buttered corn, salad bar & soup

Sept. 3: Pepperoni ripper or chili cheese fries w/roll, tossed salad, salad bar & soup

Sept. 7: No school

Sept. 8: French dip sandwich or beef taco w/chipotle rice & beans, mixed veggies, salad bar & soup

Sept. 9: Teriyaki chicken bowl or corn dog, buttered corn, salad bar & soup

## Bruneau-Grand View

Sept. 2: Lasagna, romaine salad, green beans, roll, fruit, milk  
 Sept. 3: Beef & bean burrito, romaine & tomato, corn, fruit, milk  
 Sept. 4: Ham/cheese on bun, potato wedges, fresh broccoli, fruit, milk  
 Sept. 8: Stomboli, spinach salad, steamed carrots, fruit, milk  
 Sept. 9: Little smokes, scalloped potatoes, steamed broccoli, roll, fruit, milk  
 Sept. 10: Chicken taco, black beans/salsa, romaine & tomato, fruit, milk

# Obituaries

# Robert Grete Bonnell

Robert Grete Bonnell, 88, of Caldwell, passed away, Saturday, August 29, 2015. He was born on September 18, 1926 to Hubert H. and Edna Bonnell, in Silver City, Idaho.

Robert attended school in Silver City and graduated from Washington High School in Portland, OR in 1944. He married Val Jean Dunn in 1956 and later, they divorced. He married Beryl Reed in 1967. He served in the US. Army in WWII in the Philippines and returned home to go to college and graduate from the University of Idaho with a degree in BS in Engineering. He loved to be outdoors and partook in activities such as skiing, fishing and hunting. He loved a good steak. He will be remembered for his wonderful sense of humor.

Robert is survived by his son, Rick (Heidi) Bonnell; grandchildren: Brock and Brooke Bonnell, step-



children: Dean (Sandy) Reed, Eddie (Edna) Reed and Randy Reed; step-grandchildren: Darrin Reed and Katherine Reed and his siblings: Lorraine (George) Bjork and Allen Bonnell.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Beryl Bonnell.

A Viewing for Robert will be



held on Thursday, September 3, 2015 from 9:30AM-11:00AM at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. Funeral Services will follow at 11:00 AM at the Chapel. Burial with Military Honors will take place at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, Caldwell. Condolences may be left at <http://www.flahifffuneralchapel.com>

# James Gilbert Walker

James Gilbert Walker, a resident of Colorado Springs born on April 20, 1929, passed away peacefully on August 23, 2015. He was preceded in death by his wife Rosemary Walker and is survived by his sister Mary A. (Walker) Kirstine; children Becky Walker, Kelly Walker and Jennifer Walker; stepchildren Joe Reeser and Judy Munson; grandchildren Lydon Walker and Sabrina (Walker) Fonte; and two great-grandchildren.

Jim was the fourth generation born on a homestead in Gibbon, Nebraska. They moved to Broadwater, Nebraska where they farmed for a few years before heading west to Homedale, Idaho



where he grew up on a dairy farm. He went to the University of Idaho before being accepted into fighter pilot training with the US Air Force. His squadron was known for being the first to fly the F-100s.

He returned to college to obtain a master's degree in Agronomy and spent his career doing agricultural research, including work in Bolivia and Honduras. In 1981, he married Rosemary and they enjoyed many years living in the Black Forest near her family.

Jim loved to joke and laugh with friends and family. His children fondly remember this pearl from him:

"I know you believe you understand what you think I said, but I am not sure you realize that what you heard is not what I meant."

Services for Jim were at Our Lady of the Pines church in Black Forest, Colo., on September 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

## Death notices

**LELAND MACK ANDRUS**, 60, of Marsing, died Thursday, Aug. 27, 2015 at a Caldwell hospital. Pending arrangements are under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-0833

**RICHARD "RICK" BURK**, 66, of Homedale, died Sunday, Aug. 30, 2015 at a Caldwell hospital of natural causes. Arrangements are under the care of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

**JOHN CLARENCE ROTH, 92**, of Caldwell,

died Sunday, Aug. 23, 2015. A viewing for family and friends was held Friday, Aug. 28, 2015 at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 18, 2015 at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. Condolences may be sent to [www.flahifffuneralchapel.com](http://www.flahifffuneralchapel.com). (208) 459-0833

**WANDA JOYCE WRIGHT**, 56, of Caldwell and formerly of Marsing, passed away on Friday, Aug. 28, 2015 at a local hospital of natural causes. Services are under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-0833



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# In case of fire, have a plan

By now you are well aware that fires ravaged Idaho in the month of August.

The Soda Fire in Owyhee County engulfed hundreds of thousands of acres of both public and private land, including ranches and livestock.



Surine Greenway

Other fires completely consumed homes, such as the Lawyer Complex fire that took 42 homes as well as at least one life. These fires are on top of another that occurred in Idaho City in June.

Such devastation happening throughout our state brings two key issues front and center:

- What can I do to prepare myself from a fire?
- What can I do to help others recover from a fire?

While the goal would be that we do not encounter a fire, the truth is that sometimes we need to be prepared to protect ourselves and in turn be available to help others.

## University of Idaho Extension

Start by making sure that you have a plan in place.

Make an evacuation plan:

- Do you know how you would exit your premises?

Have a clear exit strategy, especially if you have children or pets involved in the process.

If you have to leave your home, do you have a location available where you could stay? Having this outlined beforehand can help reduce stress in an already difficult situation.

- Evacuation kit: Do you already have outlined those items that you would take with you as you exited?

Your evacuation kit should also include food and water that would need to be available to you and your family if you may be relocated, depending on the severity of the situation.

A resource that you can use to reference some of this information more in-depth is the National Fire Protection Association quick-tip at <http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/for-consumers/emergency-preparedness>

The other key item we consider

is how we can assist others as they are recovering from a fire disaster.

If you are looking to help through personal volunteerism, the best way to find out how you can assist is by contacting the command center directly and speaking to their spokesperson or lead community contact. This will help ensure that you are receiving information from someone who is working to strategize and organize as assistance is offered.

If you are looking to donate funds, make sure that you are contributing to an official fund. You can confirm this by checking with the Better Business Bureau first, as scams have been more prominent as technology has made it easier to set up accounts to accept funds, by honest parties and criminals alike.

— Surine Greenway is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Family and Consumer Sciences educator. For more information, you can reach the U of I Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104 or [owyhee@uidaho.edu](mailto:owyhee@uidaho.edu). The office is located at 238 W. 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.

THE OWYHEE AVALANCHE

SEQUICENTENNIAL SAMPLINGS

Vol. 1, No. 3, Saturday, September 2, 1865

IDAHO WITHOUT A GOVERNOR. The death of C. DeWitt Smith, which we announced in our last issue, leaves Idaho without a governor. At the time of his death, he was Acting Governor of the Territory. He died at Rocky Bar, Alturas County, on the 19<sup>th</sup> inst., of disease of the heart. He had only been a resident of the Territory about six months, but during that time he had managed to make himself very popular with the people. He was a native of New York, and a lawyer by profession; but had been a clerk in the Attorney General’s office at Washington for some time, and at one time held a commission in the army. His father, mother, brothers and sisters live in Washington.

ON SATURDAY LAST we made an extended “tour of observation” through the sluices and sluicers of Jordan Creek, below Boonville, where we saw quite a number of men still employed in mining on the creek and in Blue Gulch, although the water at this season of the year is too low to permit of working to advantage. In conversing with the miners generally, we found that many of them were making calculations on going to Oregon and California for the winter, while a few intend spending the winter at the capital. A larger portion still will hibernate in Silver and Ruby cities, where they will probably find lucrative employment in the mills and in quartz mining in different capacities. Most of the miners, who intend migrating this fall, will return, like birds, in early spring, to resume their operations on the same claims they now occupy, which we are told, generally pay well during the months when water is plentiful. We are inclined to the belief that the placer mines of the county will be greatly extended by another spring, as many with whom we have conversed represent the region south of Flint district as prospecting as well as the Jordan Creek itself, and some parties we know of intend going into that section early in the spring to commence operations. Upon the whole, from what we can learn by observation and report, we believe the placer mines in this country will be as good for years to come as they have been at any time since their discovery.

HOMICIDE. A difficulty occurred in a hurdy-gurdy house in Silver City, on the night of August 29<sup>th</sup>, between James Hargrave, alias “Lucky Jim,” and Richard Johnson, alias Tom Wilson, which resulted in the almost instant death of the latter. The difficulty grew out of a game of poker, in which they were engaged. After some words, the parties clinched, and during the affray, Wilson received two dangerous wounds from a large knife, one of which pierced the region of the heart. Soon after, Justice Lynam summoned a Coroner’s Jury, consisting of the following name persons: O. H. Purdy, R. Tregaskis, Seth Catlin, James Hoffman, A. M. Ramsdell, and E. J. Post, who after hearing the evidence, rendered the following verdict:

We, the Coroner’s Jury, summoned to sit upon the body of Thomas Wilson, do find, that the said Thomas Wilson came to his death by a wound inflicted by a bowie knife, or some sharp instrument, in the hands of James Hargrave, alias “Lucky Jim,” in Silver City, Owyhee County, Idaho Territory, on the evening of August 29<sup>th</sup>, 1865

O. H. PURDY, Foreman.  
R. TREGASKIS,  
SETH CATLIN,  
JAMES HOFFMAN,  
A. M. RAMSDELL,  
E. J. POST

Silver City, Owyhee Co., L. T., August 29<sup>th</sup>, 1865.”

Hargrave was arrested soon after by our efficient Deputy Sheriff A. C. Springer, and is now confined in Jail. His examination will be held before Justice Lynam, at Silver City, on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, at 10 o’clock a.m.

Messr, Martin & Miller are engaged for the defense, and Huggan for the prosecution.

How our calendar works

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

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

# Calendar

## Today

**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

## Kid’s Club

4 p.m. to 5 p.m., open to all school-aged children, Crossroads Church, Idaho highway 19 and U.S. Highway 95, Wilder. (208) 789-3432

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

**Owyhee County Sage-Grouse LWG meeting**  
7 p.m., McKeeth Hall, Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy.

## Thursday

**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

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

## Saturday

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

## Sunday

**Movie night**  
6 p.m., free, Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2639

## Tuesday

**Fit and fall exercise class**  
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

**Homedale Public Library board meeting**  
11 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, afternoons Monday through Saturday

**Marsing Senior Center board meeting**  
12:30 p.m., Marsing Senior Center, 218 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4634

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

**Dance class**  
1 p.m., free, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3254

**Library board meeting**  
5 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

**Friends of Homedale Public Library meeting**  
7 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 Monday through Saturday afternoons

**Jordan Valley City Council meeting**  
7 p.m., City Hall, 306 Blackaby St., Jordan Valley, Ore. (541) 586-2460

**American Legion Post 128 meeting**  
7 p.m., Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing

**Ridgeview Irrigation District board meeting**  
7 p.m., South Board of Control office, 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

**Gem Irrigation District board meeting**  
7:15 p.m., South Board of Control office, 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

**South Board of Control board meeting**  
7:30 p.m., South Board of Control office, 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760



# Irrigation board candidacy filing period starts Friday

Agricultural producers who have a mind to help shape policy in their respective irrigation districts can file to seek board of directors positions beginning Friday.

The candidate filing period for the Nov. 3 election stretches until Thursday, Sept. 24.

Positions that are eligible for the upcoming election cycle, including the incumbent now holding the position, include:

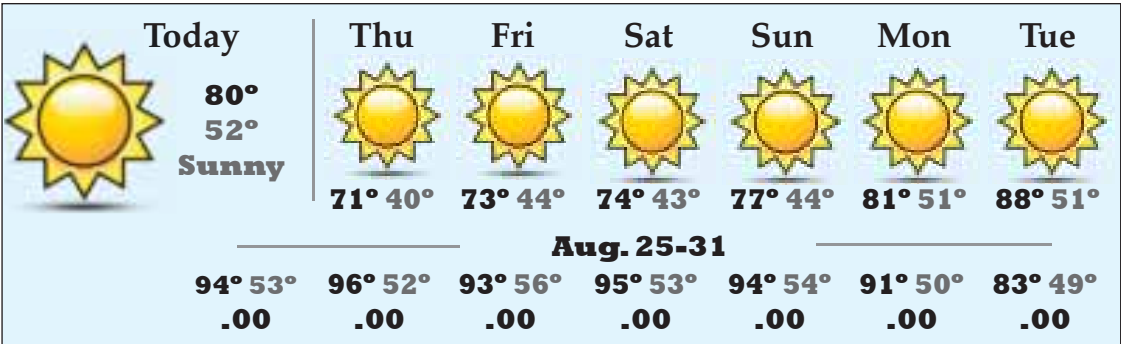
- Gem Irrigation District — The terms for Div. 2 Director Dave Shenk and Div. 4 Director Ryan Criffield end on Dec. 31. Criffield currently serves as vice-chair for both the Gem board and the South Board of Control. Shenk is also an SBOC director.
- Opaline Irrigation District — Div. 2 Director Kenneth Sevy and Div. 5 Director Elias Jaca, who is also board chair
- Reynolds Irrigation District — Div. 1 Director Dean Young
- Grand View Irrigation District — Div. 1 Director and board chair Mark Frost

Ridgeview Irrigation District vice-chair Harold Bruning's term also ends this year. Ridgeview holds a mail-ballot election per Oregon state law.

Grand View Mutual Canal Co. Director Jerry Meyers also is up for re-election.

Nomination petitions must be turned into the board secretary of the respective districts. Each petition must be signed by at least 12 electors in the district who are qualified to vote for the candidate.

If only one nominee emerges for any given race, no election will be held for that board position.



## Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 1 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 71 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 131 cubic feet per second.

The reservoir held 9,057 acre-feet of water on Monday.

**Note** — Weather details provided by Helena Chemical Co., Homedale, and Accuweather.

# SBOC could review irrigation season during meeting Tuesday

## River water will run into October

South Board of Control (SBOC) directors might spend a few minutes looking back on the recently ended irrigation season when they meet on Tuesday. South Board manager Clancy Flynn said the usual items for the monthly gathering will also be discussed.

Watermaster John Eells shut the head gates on Aug. 24, just one day later than last year's

season. He previously stated that he anticipated ending the season around that date because the water supply for 2015 was very similar to that of 2014.

Pumps at the Gem Pumping Plant on the Snake River in Marsing are still running. South Board secretary Connie Chadez said those pumps will be turned off mid-October.

By press time Monday, the Owyhee Reservoir was 1 percent full with 9,057 acre-feet of water.

Flynn said an agenda for Tuesday's meeting hasn't yet been set, but the typical items that come up include a review of finances, paying bills, and a summary of any repairs that need to be made to equipment.

Tuesday's meetings begin with the Ridgeview district directors at 7 p.m., followed by the Gem directors at 7:15 p.m. and the South Board at 7:30 p.m. The meetings take place downstairs at the SBOC office at 118 W. 1st St. S., in Homedale.

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# SODA FIRE: THE AFTERMATH



*Above:* Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation team members assess the damage in the Reynolds Creek area. *Below:* An ES&R team member examines a streambank inundated by ash. Photos courtesy BLM



## Soda Fire benefit dinner location, date changed

### Silent auction items still being accepted

A spaghetti feed to raise funds for ranchers who lost property or valuable rangeland during the Soda Fire has been relocated and rescheduled.

The benefit dinner and silent auction is now slated for 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 13 at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. N. It originally was scheduled a day earlier at a smaller venue in Marsing.

MaryJo Usabel has been organizing the silent auction, which will be held during the spaghetti feed.

“They were moving it over there just because it would be able to hold more people, and the kitchen there is bigger and everything like that, so it’ll make it a lot easier,” Usabel said.

Admission prices are \$5 per person or \$20 for a family. People can pay by cash or check, and donations will be accepted.

All proceeds from the night will be handed over to the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Heritage Fund, which is part of the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association. The Heritage Fund board will then distribute the funds to ranchers impacted by the Soda Fire.

The Nampa Sizzler location has donated enough spaghetti noodles, sauce, and meatballs to feed 800 people, Usabel said.

The daughter of former Marsing School Board chair Joe Usabel and Jody Usabel, MaryJo

Usabel got involved after reading about the benefit spaghetti feed on Facebook.

“I had commented on there, ‘We could do a silent auction, kind of get a little more bang for your buck,’ ” the 2006 Marsing High School graduate said. “If we’re here to raise money, let’s do as many things as possible while we have everyone in one central location.”

Within 24 hours after her post, 25 people offered items to donate.

Some of the donations that have come in so far include home décor items, photography sessions, gift baskets and Scentsy products.

“We’ve got a local boutique that donated a clothing gift basket, Frito-Lay donated a girls’ party pack, a toolbox, we’ve got a handful of spa day gift baskets from a couple different salons,” Usabel said.

Donations will be accepted until next Wednesday.

Usabel is from Marsing and grew up in Owyhee County. News about the Soda Fire and its impacts motivated her to do something to help the area’s ranching community.

“For me, it was just something that kind of really hit home,” Usabel said.

She also is friends with the Blackstocks and the Millers, two ranching families that were substantially impacted by the fire.

“I know there was a handful of people over towards Murphy that were burnt out as well, but people that I actually got to go help and physically see kind of what happened was those families,” Usabel said.

If you would like to make a donation or need more information about the evening, call Don Collingwood at (208) 999-8279.

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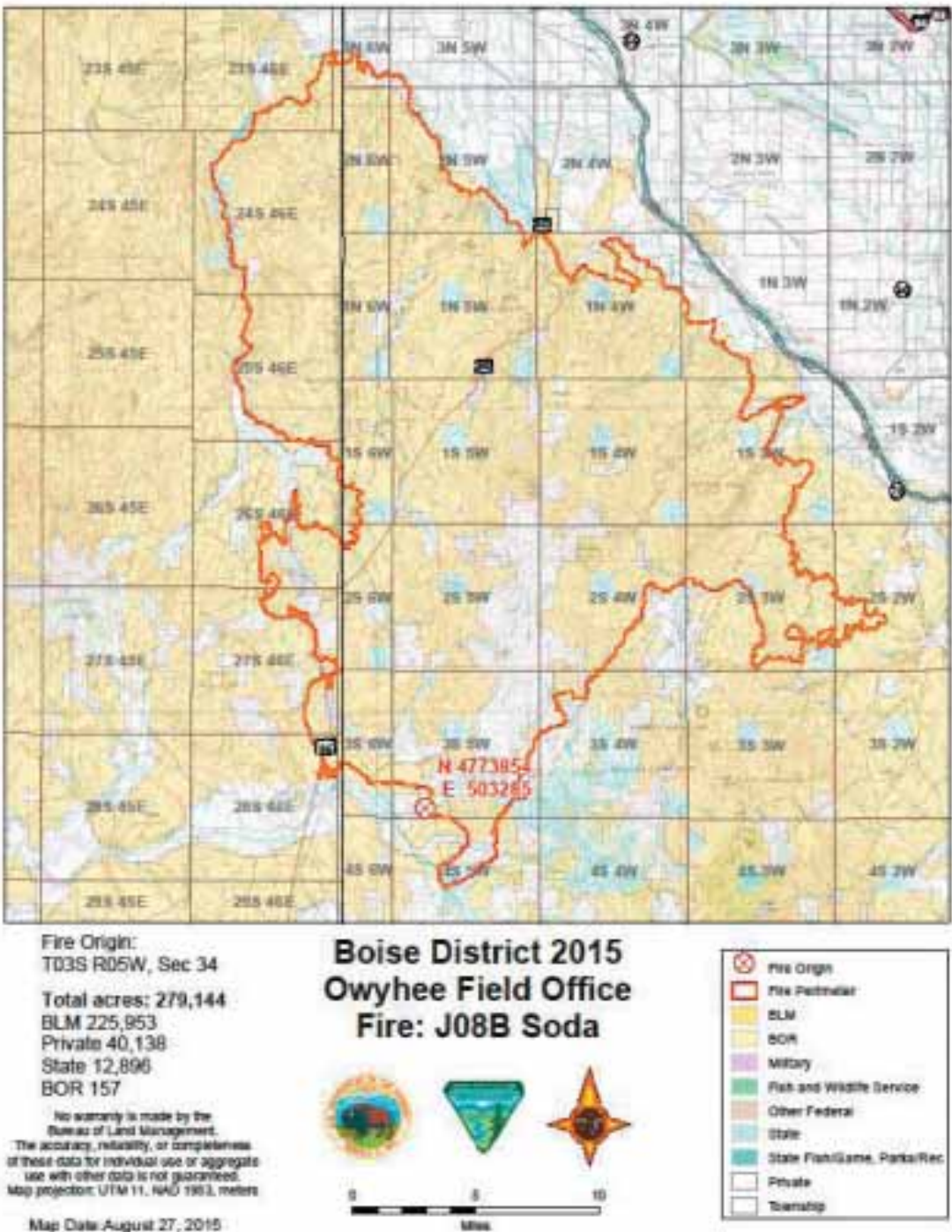
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# SODA FIRE: THE AFTERMATH



**Above:** Rancher Ted Blackstock, left, and others examine a map to point where the Soda Fire damaged resources during one of the Burned Area Emergency Response meetings held last month. **Below:** A biologist records the condition of a sage-grouse lek. Photos courtesy BLM



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### ✓ Damage: Hundreds miles of fence, roads and trails affected by wildfire

of Lands, and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife were local, she said.

“They spent five days going through all sections of the fire to document anything they found on the ground as far as damage,” Miranda said.

Although the fieldwork is complete, Miranda said the public is asked to stay out of the burned area because no treatments have begun, and there could be dangerous areas, such as open mine shafts after the fire possibly burned wooden covers.

“During a rainstorm, the risk of flooding and washouts in the burned area is five times higher,” Miranda said.

“We’re asking people to stay out of the burned area for their own safety and to allow us to do our own work. There will be a lot of crews out there over the next few months.”

The team studied hydrology, soils, geology, wildlife such as sage-grouse and spotted frog, vegetation, recreation and other elements.

The specialists compared data

compiled to GIS maps that were made prior to the fire.

Miranda said the team now has until Sept. 13 to design a mitigation plan and request funding.

Of 41 BLM allotments burned, 35 were in Owyhee County. The other six are in the BLM Vale District in Oregon. More than 40,000 acres of private ground burned.

The research included two meetings with affected ranchers, including an Aug. 24 gathering at which the livestock producers huddled with federal officials to identify range damage.

“They also gave us input on what treatments to recommend,” Miranda said.

Miranda said that officials have begun checking inventory in preparation for range seeding, which could start in October.

“We’re already trying to count how much seed we have available and to round up the type of equipment we have, such as (seed) drills,” she said.

Other resources damaged were:

- 12 structures downstream from the burned area
- 592 miles of fence
- 44 fenced springs
- 66 miles of highway
- 518 miles of primitive roads
- 49 miles of non-motorized trails
- 146 miles of trails used by

ATVs, motorcycles and 4-wheel-drive vehicles

- Four day-use recreation sites
- 35 mining sites
- Three potential hazardous materials sites, including illegally dumped tires and appliances
- 208 springs with more than 1,350 acres of riparian area
- 6,441 acres of riparian area
- 140 streams with redband trout habitat
- 10 occupied sage-grouse leks and more than 240,000 acres of sage-grouse habitat (including 53,421 acres of priority habitat)
- 141,000 acres of bighorn sheep habitat
- Tens of thousands of acres of

winter habitat for mule deer and pronghorn

- 68 golden eagle nests
- Five watersheds
- 16 cultural sites
- Five Areas of Critical Environmental Concern
- An emergency wild horse gather was carried out to remove hundreds of horses from the Hardtrigger, Sands Basin and Black Mountain Herd Management Areas. Officials say 100 percent of the Hardtrigger and Sands Basin HMAs were burned, leaving no forage for the animals. The horses could be housed for years in the BLM Wild Horse Corrals near Boise.

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# SODA FIRE: THE AFTERMATH

## ATV riders facilitate cattle forage

A Meridian farmer has donated tons of hay to ranchers affected by the Soda Fire.

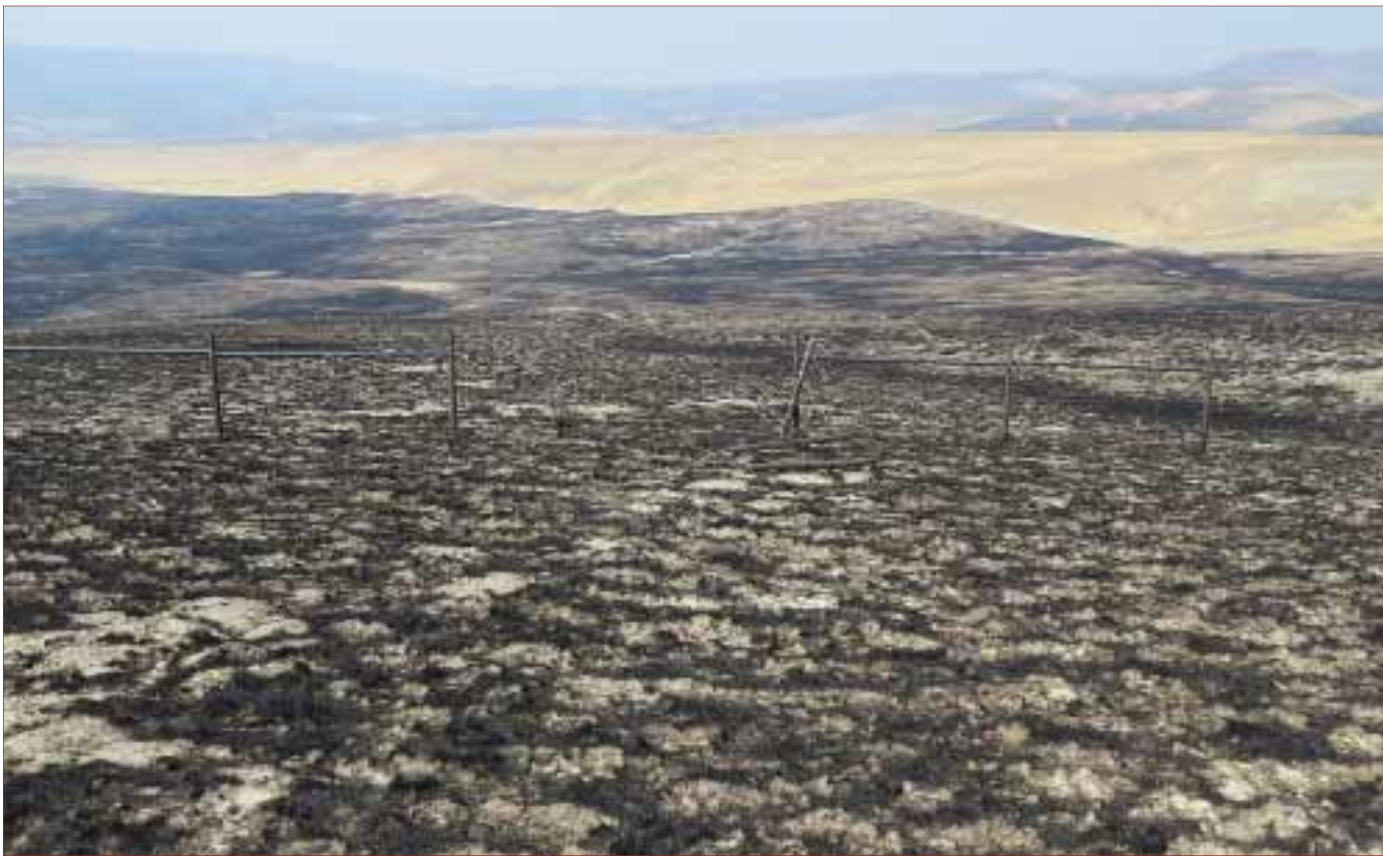
The Boise ATV Trail Riders Club (BATRC) announced farmer Casey Masmeyer’s donation on its website last week.

Hay shipments began Friday and during the weekend and will continue this week, according to the website.

Bill Jones, the BATRC media representative plans to purchase more hay pellets and deliver them to another rancher in need. Additional donations from ATV club members allowed the purchase of more hay, Jones said.

“Members of our ATV club enjoy riding in the Owyhees and want to help where we can,” Jones said on the club’s website.

“It is good to see others who feel the same way. Thanks to Casey for his donation.”



The Soda Fire tore through the Sands Basin Herd Management Area, triggering relocation of wild horses. Photo courtesy BLM

## Wildlife without habitat may cross roads in search of food

### OCSO: Ranchers may post closures to protect private ground

After-effects of the Soda Fire may make for some interesting driving conditions as wildlife moves away from the burn area.

Owyhee County Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman says motorists may encounter more deer in the Idaho highway

78 corridor as the animals go in search of forage after the loss of 285,000 acres because of last month’s fire.

Court bailiff Bob McJunkin, a part-time OCSO employee, figured that out first-hand just before 7 a.m. on Aug. 24.

Bowman said McJunkin was traveling east in his brand-new 2015 Ford Explorer at milepost 22 on Idaho 78 north of Murphy between the Idaho 45-78 junction and the Blue Canoe Restaurant when a deer crossed the roadway. McJunkin, who was on his way to work, was unhurt in the collision. The deer died.

Bowman warns more and more wildlife may work their way toward the river in the coming weeks.

Bowman also said that he is hearing reports that ranchers are closing their private range to protect the ground from scarring and damage from recreationists and hunters.

No trespassing signs are going up, and should be obeyed unless a person has

permission from the landowner to go on the property.

Anyone caught trespassing could be subject to a misdemeanor charge, and Bowman said there is also a county ordinance that makes damaging ground from off-roading an infraction.

Bowman also reminded hunters and recreationists that the Bureau of Land Management’s closure on all trails and trailheads in the area affected by the fire is still in effect.

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Commentary

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On the edge of common sense  
T. Tommy and “Bad News”

First, a little about T. Tommy. He likes Corrientes, carries a stock whip and is good help when you need a team ropin’ partner, a good hand on a gather, isn’t bad on a back hoe and is good to his dog.

I’m sure he has had many fine team roping horses. His arena is open to all, and he always has some steers around to practice on.

He and I have many things in common, including that our “build” is similar. To put it descriptively, we don’t have a lot of meat on our bones. As we grow older, we get stringier, looking more like a praying mantis or an old greyhound than the Michelin Tire man. We can still reach the stirrup, but the saddle seat gets harder and harder to sit in, the older we get. We have no natural padding.

At the last branding we were comparing gripes, and I showed him my solution to our problem. It involves leather string, a piece of wool fleece and ... one of man’s greatest creations since rubber was invented, the coccyx cushion! Yes! It is designed to pad those who have broken their tailbone (which neither of us have.)

He climbed into my saddle and made a short circle. I could see the light in his eyes. A tear ran down his cheek, “It’s so ... so ... the relief ... I can ... it makes me ... I can sit tall in the saddle again!”

Well, Larry has known T. Tommy longer than I have and so is able to tell more stories about him than I can. Like the time he did a complete cartwheel from the back of his horse and lived to tell about it. T was day-working on a big ranch and they had gathered the cows and calves for a branding. He was in the corral heeling the calves and draggin’ them to the fire.

It was hot and dusty, just another good cowboyin’ day. T was riding one of his better horses, a black one named Prieto (which means BAD NEWS in Mexican). It can get crowded in the brandin’ pen with two or three ropers, three muggers, the hired man, the owner’s daughter, the veterinarian and the local banker. Somehow T. Tommy swung back to throw, caught Prieto under the tail, which caused him to rear straight up!

T. Tommy hugged Prieto around the neck to keep from falling of over backwards. Prieto balanced precariously, then crashed down on his front feet and fired T. Tommy over his head! Prieto shucked him like an ear of corn! What the trajectory lacked in height was made up for in centrifugal force! He executed a dive, a flip, not unlike the Olympics Pike Position, or maybe a half-pike, or simply catapulting off like a monkey shot out of a cannon! Whump! He was flattened on his back!

Within the hour, he turned the color of a fruit basket filled with prunes, plums, blackberries and overripe peaches. The crew was sympathetic and let him sit out the last hour of roping without docking his pay.

He still looks back with agony but makes sure everybody tells the story right and knows that the judges gave him a 54. As for his coccyx cushion, he tried to make his own. I admit it is cheaper, but the child-size pool lifesaver he found at WalMart won’t stay inflated. Everyone has to wait while he blows it up. Of course he still smokes, so it takes a little longer. Between breaths, I mean.

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Expressing gratitude  
Community outpouring of support overwhelms retiring missionaries

At our back door comes a dear fellow brother, Brother Price, who attends our local church, with a bag of fresh produce — tomatoes to make tomato sandwiches (yum), potatoes for potato salad and fried potatoes (yum) — telling us he is a plumber and can do some electrical work, wanting to be a help anyway he can. This brought many tears.

The phone rings, and there is dear Brother Whited telling us that the General Church is extending our salary for another month (which we believe to be *his* suggestion to the board). Again, this brought a fresh flow of tears, and not for a short time.

Then there is our beloved Sister Sharon Moyer, who is there with her already-overloaded schedule. She comes to our rescue when we’ve needed help so desperately.

Our dear people everywhere are coming to the front to see that we are being lovingly cared for.

Our pastors, the Ron Franklins, stay at the front, always looking out for us.

Our son and family, who we depend so much on, though their workload is tremendous, are there for us when we scream for help.

The Millers have been a Godsend in helping us in trying to make our big transition, which we are trying to bow out quickly and graciously, but looks like it will take a while yet. The Millers try to carry a part of our heavy load that we are almost feeling is to the “burnout” stage (though we are determined to keep “burning” for Him who first loved us), but have had to make a rush trip back to Japan on the

20<sup>th</sup> to end their six months’ furlough. Paul and Annette and all our grandchildren from long distances supporting us with their encouragement. Even our hometown newspaper giving a big write-up with picture. Our station mechanic helping us find a low-mileage, good-priced car to replace our banged-up one. He even spray washed the engine, saving \$40. Then there are dear and precious friends and family, concerned because of us not having Social Security, that have been coming to the front as well as our precious Church family with the surprise check along with the beautiful trophy and many cards at the General Conference.

We have marveled many times at His care and stand in awe at His provision and His precious promises (Job 42:12 “The Lord blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning!” GLORY), which He gave when we lost our retirement to the tune of over \$126,000 by fraud. We thank the Lord that our retirement fund was able to build up again. How wonderful and marvelous are His ways. His security is by far better than Social Security. We do not have words to express our many and heartfelt thanks for your love and generosity that has been shown to us so vividly. May God bless you all in His most abundant way. With our love and most grateful hearts, Don and Grace Bowman Homedale

Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington  
Administration moves to deny some S.S. recipients’ gun rights



The Obama Administration is stepping up efforts to restrict Second Amendment rights.

There have been a number of initiatives to restrict expression of Second Amendment rights. This includes U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs efforts to label our nation’s returning service members as “mentally defective” solely on the basis that they have an appointed fiduciary to help them with their benefits. It is clear this Administration is determined to deprive American citizens of their constitutional rights — even the rights of those who took an oath to put their lives at risk to uphold the Constitution. I have also written about a U.S. Department of Justice-led initiative, known as Operation Choke Point, through which the Administration has undercut the ability of firearms and ammunition businesses to access banking services.

Now, reports have surfaced that the Administration is planning to restrict the Second Amendment rights of certain Social Security beneficiaries. Current attacks on Social Security beneficiaries and our returning veterans are as outrageous as they are illegal.

News reports indicate that the U.S. Social Security Administration (SSA) is preparing to provide the names of Social Security beneficiaries who utilize the representative payee system within the program and have a designated “payee” to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) — a database used to prevent gun sales to felons, drug addicts, illegal and unlawful immigrants and others. If an individual is reported to the NICS, they are instantly prohibited from purchasing a firearm from a Federal Firearm Licensee.

If finalized, the unprecedented move by the Administration will arbitrarily deny millions of Americans their Second

Amendment rights. Millions of seniors and people with disabilities rely on representative payees, who assist with financial management and meeting other needs. According to a U.S. Government Accountability Office report, more than 8 million individuals had a representative payee in 2013. SSA’s intentions to report beneficiaries to NICS unjustly judges them to be unfit to maintain their Second Amendment Rights.

I led a letter, signed by 26 senators including fellow Idaho Sen. Jim Risch, to the Acting Commissioner of the SSA demanding the suspension of plans to report old-age and disability benefit recipients in Social Security programs to NICS and to provide a detailed report on the basis for SSA’s intention to develop such a plan.

In the letter, we reject the Administration’s improper assumption that individuals are a danger to themselves or society merely because they participate in SSA’s representative payee system. Old age or a disability does not make someone a threat to society, and having a representative payee is not grounds to revoke constitutional rights.

Equally alarming is the lack of an established appeals process to enable the removal of names from the system once entered. The Administration’s lack of regard for due process is unacceptable.

This overreach by the Administration is a direct attack on our Second Amendment right to bear arms. The Social Security Administration must cease and desist.

— 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.



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I've worked in a hospital as a nurse for 10 years. I make good money working long hours. The problem is that it seems to disappear, and I'm left trying to stretch those last few dollars to the end of the month. I know I eat out a lot. I grab quick meals between shifts and on the way home because I'm too tired to cook. I think I spend more than I should on other things, too. Do you have any tips for someone who wants to get control of their money, but has very little free time?

— Amy

**Dear Amy,**  
Sometimes the medicine that works the best tastes the worst. This is true for both physical and financial health.  
That's why, no matter how tired you are or how little free time you seem to have, you *must* make

time do a written budget every month. This is essential, and it really doesn't take long. When you sit down and commit a plan to paper, giving every dollar a name before the month begins, you're taking control of your money instead of allowing a lack of it to control you.  
Start with the income you know is predictable. If this isn't possible, look back over the past several months and find the minimum amount you brought home during a month over that period of time. This will be the basis for your budget. Once you've established a baseline income, you can prioritize expenses. But remember, restaurants are not a priority!  
When you start telling your money what to do ahead of time, you'll have more ability to do what's needed with what you've earned. It's empowering and



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energizing, and it gives you the chance to make your Total Money Makeover a reality!

— Dave

**Dear Dave,**  
Why do you say that personal

finance is 80 percent behavior? I thought money was more about math and keeping track of things.

— Gerald

**Dear Gerald,**  
Keeping your checkbook balanced and things like that are an important part of what I teach. However, behavior plays an even bigger role for several reasons. You can add, subtract, multiply and divide all day. That stuff's easy. But until you learn to control your behavior, stick to a budget and spend less than you make, you're always going to have problems with money.  
One of the keys to being a success in personal finance is realizing work comes before play. This is a behavior issue. Let's say your car needs new brakes. You know this, and you know you

have a limited amount of cash, but you still walk into a store and buy a big, fancy television instead. That is not mature behavior. As long as you behave that way, your money will always slide right out of your hands.  
And this means you'll never have enough for important things like saving, investing and giving.

— 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.*

## Soda Fire letter to editor

### Jordan Valley officials thank BLM, Idaho Power

The City of Jordan Valley, Ore., our residents, and the citizens in the surrounding areas would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Bureau of Land Management firefighters who recently battled range fires in our immediate area.  
Also, we would like to let the Idaho Power Co. and their employees know how much we appreciate their tireless efforts to restore electricity after more than a hundred power poles had to be replaced after the fire.  
Oregon Idaho Utilities employees also went above and beyond in their efforts to keep our phone system up and running.  
Thank you so much and God bless you all.  
Jordan Valley mayor and city council  
Marie Kershner, mayor  
Sheila Quintero, Frank Beckwith, Mary Aguila, Michael White and Elia Cline, councilpersons

### Election letters

The Owyhee Avalanche will accept letters to the editor pertaining to the Nov. 3 elections until noon on Friday, Oct. 23.  
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## Americans for Limited Govt. Fed should consider economic atmosphere before raising rates

by Robert Romano

"I expect the normalization of monetary policy — that is, interest rates — to begin sometime this year. I expect normalization to proceed gradually, the implication being an environment of rather low rates for quite some time."  
That was Dennis P. Lockhart, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, in a speech he gave on Monday, Aug. 24, in Berkeley, Calif., saying that the era of zero percent interest rates by the Fed may be coming to an end sooner than anyone thinks.  
With markets in increasing turmoil amid China's credit bubble collapsing and Europe's continued depression, all eyes are turning to the Fed's upcoming September meeting. Specifically, everyone wants to know if the Fed will be hiking up its interest rate, which has stood at near-zero percent since the end of 2008.  
Given the turmoil, many observers had been predicting that the Fed would be delaying its rate hike, which if it comes would be amid a very slow economy. The U.S. has only been growing at an annualized rate of 1.45 percent this year.  
In fact, the U.S. Gross Domestic Product (GDP) has not grown faster than 3 percent since 2005. The period between 2006 and 2015 could wind up being the slowest period of economic growth since 1930 to 1939, which clocked in at an average annual 1.33 percent growth rate. Already the 2006 to 2014 stretch comes in at an anemic 1.29 percent. These are the worst readings since the GDP was invented as a measure in 1934.  
In other words, from a growth perspective, the current economy is as bad, if not worse, than the Great Depression, and comes at the same time as collapsing interest rates, inflation, credit demand, incomes, and slowing of the size of the working-age population.  
Because of the slow growth, economists like Lawrence Summers, former Director of the National Economic Council for President Barack Obama, caution against a rate hike. In an op-ed for the New York Times, Summers warns, "Until and unless these new policies are implemented, inflation sharply accelerates or euphoria in markets breaks out, there is no case for the Fed to adjust policy interest rates."  
On the other hand, the Fed has been signaling that policy normalization has been on the horizon for months.

Previously, the nation's central bank had promised as recently as Jan. 28 that "it can be patient in beginning to normalize the stance of monetary policy." In other words, a rate hike was not expected any time soon. But then in its March 18 statement, this line was dropped, yet the Fed still promised that "an increase in the target range for the federal funds rate remains unlikely at the April Federal Open Market Committee meeting."  
By July, the Fed was singing a more upbeat tune, saying, "The Committee anticipates that it will be appropriate to raise the target range for the federal funds rate when it has seen some further improvement in the labor market and is reasonably confident that inflation will move back to its 2 percent objective over the medium term."  
So, despite the ongoing correction in U.S. stock markets and those overseas, it may not be enough to move the Fed off of the trajectory they have been on for months.  
In fact, assuming the economy is headed for another downturn, what would be remarkable is if the Fed were to keep interest rates at near-zero levels — leaving it no room to maneuver when unemployment really does begin rising again in earnest.  
The problem with the Fed's short-term policy rate is it will not move unless the Fed deems it so. Markets cannot push it around. And it has been at near-zero percent for nearly seven years. If markets were setting the rate, it might have risen years ago. A rate hike, in that context, then might be long overdue.  
But observers should not overestimate such a hike's impact. The Fed has hiked rates upward several times over the past 30 years, and yet, each time, interest rates continued along their overall downward trend.  
Often those hikes came right before recessions. So a rate hike would probably be a bearish indicator. But it is a symptom, not the cause. Those recessions would have happened anyway.  
The fact is, financial markets have been living off easy money for almost a decade since the financial crisis. Should the Fed decide against raising interest rates, then everyone will be complaining that the Fed is out of bullets when the next recession hits.  
— *Robert Romano is the senior editor of Americans for Limited Government.*







## Ready to ride



Taking their cue from westerns, the Homedale High School seniors posed for a "Grit" photo. **Kneeling, from left:** Dylan Burks and Josh Tolmie. **Standing, from left:** John Collett, Chase Martell, Richard Symms, Garret Carter and Jakobee Osborn. **Back row, from left:** Cesar Vasquez, Connor Carter, Brandon Miller and Benny Schamber. **Horseback:** Lawsen Matteson.

**Note:** Collett is wearing the Owyhee County Sheriff's badge of his great-great-grandfather Claude Sullivan, who served from 1936 to 1950.

## Trojans show glimpses of powerful offense

### Returners ready to shore up last season's shortcomings

Expectations are high this year for the Homedale High School football team, and the Trojans' conduct in Saturday's first scrimmage did nothing to lower them.

Third-year starting quarterback Lawsen Matteson led the offense on three scores in five possessions during a 15-minute scrimmage against Ontario, Ore., at Deward Bell Stadium. The jamboree also featured

Weiser, Cole Valley Christian and Baker City, Ore.

"It's going to be a fun senior year for him," seventh-year coach Matt Holtry said of Matteson, who has piled up more than 4,300 yards and 50 touchdowns through the air in his two seasons.

Homedale's two failed offensive drives ended on downs

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Third-year starting quarterback Lawsen Matteson enters his senior season with 50 touchdowns and 4,300 passing yards in his career. He found several targets during Saturday's scrimmage.

## State champ Adrian reloads

### Graduation losses balanced by seasoned returners

Adrian High School is coming off a perfect championship season, but apparently that doesn't mean the Antelopes have reached perfection.

"We need to continue to improve in tackling on the defensive side of the ball," 12th-year head coach Paul Shenk said. "We also need to be more aggressive and confident in our blocking assignments on the offensive side of the ball."

The Antelopes brought home the school's first 1A Oregon state championship last fall, capping a 12-0 season with a 46-28 victory over Sherman.

Adrian has won 19 of its past 20 games stretching to the 2013 team.

On Friday, the Antelopes take on the last team to beat them. A state semifinalist a year ago, Camas Valley downed Adrian, 52-28, in the 2013 state quarterfinals. The two teams will meet Friday night in the Dufur Classic.

"They are well-coached and always very solid on the defensive side of the ball," Shenk said. "We expect that this will be a great game, but also a winnable game."

The Antelopes lost a truckload of talent and speed from last year's championship team, but even more veterans are coming back for 2015.

— See *Adrian*, page 12B

## After a long road, Rhodes boys are ready for unique opportunity

### Brothers embrace one and only prep season together

The 2015 football season carries special meaning for the Rhodes family.

The three Rhodes brothers are suiting up to play Marsing High School football for the first and only time possible.

And "possible" wasn't always the case for Connor, Chase and Cole.

Connor, an 18-year-old senior and the eldest of

### Inside

**Page 3B**— Connor Rhodes to practice with NFL's Bears thanks to Make-A-Wish.

**Page 5B**— Parma spoils Huskies' opener.

Stewart and Paula Rhodes' boys, is back on the field after missing his junior season.

The wide receiver-middle linebacker was out of football a year ago, concentrating on a battle against leukemia.

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Connor Rhodes, center, has made it back onto the football field after battling leukemia, and he'll play with brothers Cole, left, and Chase.



Sports

Cross country a marathon of lessons for Trojans

Coach expects success to build through season

Class is back in session for the Homedale High School cross country team. "I have learned that these kids need more education on the basics of running," third-year coach Heidi Ankeny said.

The first lesson came Thursday when the Trojans competed in the Dash 'n' Splash at the Vale, Ore., community swimming pool. Five schools competed; the Homedale boys finished fourth, two points behind Burns, Ore., and the girls finished tied with Burns for second place.

The event was a fun way to start the season with the athletes taking on a two-mile time trial followed by swimming.

"(It was) a good gauge of where the kids are at physically," Ankeny said.

Cousins Nash Johnson, a senior, and sophomore Kendall Nash were among three Trojans to finish in the top 10 of their respective races. Senior Lexie Doss was 10<sup>th</sup> in the girls' meet.

Kendall Nash had the top finish among any HHS runner, clocking a 14-minute high school debut to finish fourth in the girls' race.

"She is tough and competitive, so she doesn't let up easily, and that will pay off for her and her teammates in races," Ankeny said.

Nash's teammates will include



Homedale junior Alex Beckman gets ready to pass Burn, Ore.'s Justin Stinnett in the final few yards and finish with a time of 12 minutes, 52 seconds on Thursday in Vale, Ore. John L. Braese / The Malheur Enterprise

four returners: sophomore Hannah Egusquiza (13<sup>th</sup> on Thursday at 15:25), junior Laurel Schroeder (26<sup>th</sup> at 19:35) and senior Maya Correa and sophomore Lainey Johnson. Correa and Johnson didn't compete Thursday.

Senior Lexie Doss finished 10<sup>th</sup> on Thursday in 15:03.

Johnson ran his two miles in 11 minutes, 52 seconds and finished seventh in the boys' race Thursday.

Johnson is among three returners for the boys' team. Also coming back are juniors Alex Beckman (16<sup>th</sup> at 12:52) and Ryan Randall (21<sup>st</sup> at 13:18).

"We've got a small boys' team

this year ...," Ankeny said. "Nash looks to be our front boy and is coming into the season in excellent condition, so I feel like he will start of his races in a much better place than last year."

Ankeny sees Johnson as a "great leader and encourager" for the small squad that includes newcomers Anthony Beckman (a sophomore who ran a 12<sup>th</sup>-place time of 12:40 on Thursday) and junior transfer Jordan VanEs (14<sup>th</sup> at 12:46).

VanEs is a California transplant who has competed in both cross country and track in the past just to stay in shape, according to Ankeny.

"As he gets more conditioning under his belt, he is running smoother and faster and could be a great benefit to our top five boys," Ankeny said.

Anthony Beckman is Alex's younger brother.

"He is a solid runner and a hard worker," Ankeny said.

Ankeny expects Emmett and Fruitland to provide the stiffest challenge in the 3A Snake River Valley conference, but she's also hoping to return both her teams to the 3A state meet.

"(The Huskies) have some strong returning runners that can stay in pretty tight packs, and that helps with their points," Ankeny

said. "Fruitland also looks to have a good, quick group."

Despite a strong nucleus of returners, Ankeny understands that the youth of her squad could be a detriment – for now.

"A strength and weakness at the same time will be our young runners," Ankeny said. "They will be here for multiple years, and it will benefit us a lot down the road."

"Our weakness, mainly at the beginning of the season, will be that we have so many who are new to running. There is a fair amount of learning that has to happen to get them comfortable with racing." — JPB

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## Athlete of the Week

**Kendall Nash, so., cross country**  
The Play — Another of the Nash cousins who have peppered recent Trojans' athletic lore made her debut with the cross country team, running a 14-minute time trial in the Vale Dash 'n' Splash on Thursday. Nash's fourth-place finish was the best among HHS runners in the season opener.

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### Football

Varsity  
Friday, Sept. 4, home vs. Melba, 7 p.m.

Junior varsity  
Thursday, Sept. 3 at Melba, 6 p.m.

### Volleyball

Varsity  
Thursday, Sept. 3 at Nyssa, Ore., 6 p.m.

Junior varsity  
Thursday, Sept. 3 at Nyssa, Ore., 5 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 5 at Payette Tournament, 8 a.m.

### Cross country

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

Frosh-soph  
Thursday, Sept. 3 at Nyssa, Ore., 4 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 5 at Payette Tournament, 8 a.m.

# Go Trojans!



# Sports



Senior quarterback Jett Warn, far left, guides the offense through an early workout. Submitted photo

## Jordan Valley football program may be on the upswing finally

### Strong group replaces graduates

Most football coaches cringe at the thought of a shallow roster, but there’s always a silver lining.

Even if that silver lining comes a year later, as could be the case at Jordan Valley High School.

“Our strengths will be the amount of experience our underclassmen gained last year due to many playing opportunities,” second-year coach Bryce Kershner said.

“The leadership of the seniors will definitely be a key element in our success.”

Kershner returned from Pacific University to lead his alma mater’s team to a 2-5 record last year as a rookie coach. The Mustangs finished fourth in the 1A High Desert League one year after not fielding a varsity squad for lack of numbers.

The team now has 13 players, but Kershner acknowledges that still leaves a lot to be desired when it comes to depth.

“One weakness is we have a small team, so we have to be creative in practice to simulate game situations,” Kershner said.

The Mustangs get into real game situations beginning Friday with their home opener against

Pine Eagle. The Spartans from Pine Eagle, Ore., reached the 1A Oregon state playoffs as their league’s No. 2 seed last year. They lost, 52-12, to eventual semifinalist Camas Valley in the opening round.

“Pine Eagle is a solid team and returns a lot of starters from last year,” Kershner said.

The coach expects the 1A HDL season to be a challenge, too.

“It will be a tough conference this year. We have to play the defending champions in Adrian as well as an elite playoff team in Crane,” Kershner said. “It definitely will be a competitive season.”

Jordan Valley lost four starters off last year’s club, including running back/linebacker Braden Fillmore, who followed Kershner to Pacific University in Forest Grove, Ore.; receiver/defensive end Lee Stanford; guard/linebacker Russell Stanford; and receiver/safety Nick Eiguren.

Jordan Valley’s returners include starting quarterback Jett Warn, a 5-foot, 8-inch, 180-pound senior who also made an impact as linebacker in 2014.

“He’s a playmaker on both sides of the ball and an excellent leader,” Kershner said.

Kershner said senior Wyatt

Stanford (6-1, 160) will be important to the team in his role as a safety and wide receiver.

“Wyatt is athletic and hard-working,” the coach said. “He’s a very vocal leader and a catalyst for success.”

Garrett Youren, a 5-11, 190-pound guard and linebacker, will be another key player.

“Garrett had an amazing off-season and will be the cornerstone for the team’s success,” Kershner said.

Tight end/defensive end JJ Echave (6-2, 200, jr.) is another playing who is growing into an impact player, the coach said.

“JJ is a dedicated athlete and is coming into his own as a dominant football player moving from center to tight end,” Kershner said. “He’s very competitive and will push others to work hard.”

Newcomers include a pair of freshmen — Zeke Quintero and Sam Green — whom Kershner hopes will keep the program going and avoid another lull.

“Both will help keep the team competitive and build it to be successful,” Kershner said.

Another newcomer is junior Taylor Hensley, who was ineligible last fall. The coach expects him to strengthen line play on both sides of the ball.

## Huskies linebacker will practice with McClellin, Bears

### Make-A-Wish sending Rhodes to Chicago

You would think that Connor Rhodes’ Friday night couldn’t have gotten any better.

The Marsing High School senior got back on the football field for the first time since his battle with leukemia, and he was on the sideline with his beloved brothers.

But before he could tackle a Parma ball carrier in front of a home crowd, the 18-year-old received some more great news.

He’s heading to Soldier Field to watch his favorite football player in an NFL game.

Rhodes received a trip to Chicago and a place of honor at the Sept. 20 Chicago Bears-Arizona Cardinals game from the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Former Marsing High School football standout Shea McClellin is one of the catalysts for the surprise trip.

“Connor has absolutely looked up to Shea because he came out of Marsing and he has played the same positions coming up,” Connor’s father, Stewart, said.

Connor works for George and Mica Wilson, who are the grandparents of McClellin’s wife, the former Samantha Wilson.

Connor, who is a middle linebacker and wide receiver for the Huskies, will get to practice with the Bears on Friday, Sept. 18. Undoubtedly, that will include some instruction from McClellin,

a fourth-year pro who is listed as the Bears’ starting middle linebacker.

On Saturday, Sept. 19, the family will have a day to themselves to see the sights in Chicago.

Stewart’s not exactly sure what will transpire on Game Day (Sept. 20) when the family goes to Soldier Field to watch the Bears battle the Cardinals except that Connor will get the “VIP treatment” from the Bears.

McClellin has been a pivotal figure during Connor’s battle with leukemia.

“When Connor first got diagnosed, Shea sent him some texts, and he has been in touch throughout,” Stewart said.

Last summer, McClellin donated a Bears signed jersey to a fundraiser to help cover Connor’s medical costs. Beau Showalter bought the jersey at auction and gave it to Connor.

A former first-team All-Western Athletic Conference defensive end at Boise State University, McClellin was selected by the Bears with the 16<sup>th</sup> pick of the 2012 NFL draft.

He was named the NFC Defensive Player of the Week in November of his rookie year after his performance against the Green Bay Packers.

The 6-foot-3, 245-pounder has appeared in 40 games in his career, including making 20 starts. He has started 10 games at linebacker since making the switch from defensive end.

The Bears open the season at home on Sept. 13 against the Green Bay Packers. — JPB



Connor Rhodes

## ✓ Rhodes: After fighting cancer, Connor ready to battle foes with siblings

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Now he has a “100 percent” clean bill of health, and he can strap on a helmet and pads once again.

It couldn’t have come at a better time.

With 14-year-old Cole being a freshman, the 2015 season was going to be the only one he and Connor were going to be able to share. Chase is a 16-year-old junior.

So this season will be just like old times — except they won’t have to dodge corn stalks during their games.

“Every year since we’ve been able to walk, we’ve played football,” Chase said.

The games, which started when the boys lived in Downey, Calif., never were played on anything that

even remotely resembled a gridiron. Pastures, cornfields and a relative’s front yard on Thanksgiving were the boys’ Soldier Field, Lambeau Field and Big House.

“Anywhere with enough room to run and throw,” Chase recited the simple criteria.

Just as long as there wasn’t a crop actively growing in the field, of course.

Now, instead of playing in an imaginary Big House on the University of Michigan campus, the boys play under a different block M.

“This is much better,” Chase said, comparing the playing conditions in Idaho to California, which the family left a decade ago.

And the pinnacle of their Idaho football experience, undoubtedly,

will be the 2015 season.

Everyone’s healthy and everyone’s together. Not that Connor’s younger brothers weren’t with him every step of his battle, but they admit that football is their strongest bond.

It’s stronger than hunting, fishing, mudding in their truck, their mutual affinity for Donald Trump’s 2016 presidential run or even the series of pranks the boys play on one another.

“They hung out with me and still treated me normal,” Connor said. “They didn’t treat me like I’m a pansy.”

“Which he is,” Chase shot back.

Both Chase, an offensive tackle for the varsity and center and left tackle in junior varsity games, and Cole (defensive end and offensive tackle on both squads) say their

brother’s journey back to football was an inspiration.

“It sucked every night when he wasn’t able to play,” Chase said. “It was awesome watching him get back in there.”

Connor says being able to play with his siblings is “10 times” more important than being able to play because his health has improved.

Besides, being back on the football field takes Connor’s mind off being sick.

“It kind of holds me down to Earth a little,” he said of being able to play the game he loves. “It holds me down to normal.”

“It makes me push myself here more because it’s something I want to do instead of go to get chemo.”

Chemotherapy is still a constant

in Connor’s life. For the next three years, he’ll head to a clinic for monthly intravenous treatments, and he has to take his medicine orally every night.

Wednesdays are especially tough because his pharmaceutical cocktail resembles a complex play diagram. He takes nine pills of different medicines.

But just like the warmups, workouts and drills that all three brothers dread, Connor understands that the regimen is necessary to continue his dream.

And now all three brothers can share in a dream season, and they know exactly how to celebrate the reunion.

“A win,” Connor said.

“A win would be nice,” Chase agreed. — JPB



# Looking back...

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

## 25 years ago

September 5, 1990

### O’Keefe arts on display at bank

A unique display of rodeo art and hand-made western leatherwork was on display at West One Bank here during August, created by a local resident equally unique in background.

C.J. “Jim” O’Keefe was a professional rodeo clown, bullfighter-barrelman, trick rider-roper and occasional bronc-buster before retiring in Homedale 18 years ago. His unusual artistic creations show details gleaned from years of experience following an old-time rodeo circuit that stretched from Montana, Wyoming and the Dakotas into Canada.

O’Keefe appears to compose his rodeo scenes much like a cook out on roundup concocts a campfire stew. He uses whatever ingredients are at hand. Wood-framed, painted creations depicting bucking action in front of the rodeo chutes, for example, can contain miniature wooden fencing yielded from a friend’s chicken coop, dynamite wire, a dozen feet of hand-braided thread for rope, bear hide, plus painted human and animal figures, hand-carved or cut out and rigged to the background scene to add dimension.

### Trojans to meet Middleton

The Homedale Trojans meet Middleton there this Friday, 7:30 p.m., after falling prey, 35-6, in their season opener to the Weiser Wolverines, the powerhouse team predicted to roll up the SRV championship this year.

Brian Tarr, a super-quick senior running back, scored Homedale’s only TD on a 62-yard bomb unleashed by Hoshaw midway through the second quarter.

### Roping draws 1,000 teams

The fourth annual Brent Ford Memorial Roping, held September 1, 2, and 3 at the Garrett Arena near Homedale, drew over 1,000 roping teams, according to Brad Ford, organizer of the event.

Three saddles were awarded winners. They included: Sam McKenzie, under \$10,000 high money winner; Nat Pruitt, under \$5,000; and Rod Berheim, under \$2,000.

Jo Re and Tim Tibert won the parent/son or daughter roping competition.

### More local servicemen off to duty in Mideast

Families and friends have provided additional names of loved ones in the U.S. Armed Forces from this area who have been dispatched to the Middle East to help deter further aggression by Iraq.

- U.S. MARINES SGT. RON LANDERS, 29, son of Keith and Elaine Landers of rural Homedale, has been sent with a Marine assault unit from Camp Pendleton, Calif., to an undisclosed location in Saudi Arabia.

- ARMY SGT. TRACY GOODLOE, 24, son of Norval and Donna Goodloe of rural Homedale, left Aug. 13 for Saudi Arabia with his outfit in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division. He had been stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C.

- NAVAL SK BRAD WILLIAMS, 25, son of Jay and Linda Williams of rural Homedale, is aboard the USS Antietam in the Persian Gulf, where he serves as a shopkeeper in the supplies section.

- ARMY PVT. DANNY SIMMONS, son of Roy and Mary Simmons of Homedale, is on a list for possible transfer to the Middle East in early September. A 1988 HHS graduate, he has been stationed with the 101<sup>st</sup> Air and Infantry at Fort Campbell, Ky.

- AIR FORCE RESERVES MAJOR KELLY CURTIS, 40, son of Anna Mary Curtis of Homedale, has been piloting C-141s in delivering equipment in Saudi Arabian locations during the ongoing crisis. Curtis is normally headquartered at Travis AFB in California, where his wife, Renee, is also an AF Reservist and an instructor in chemical warfare survival.

- NAVY MR 2 (PETTY OFFICER, 2<sup>ND</sup> CLASS) LOUISE WORTMAN, daughter of Bill and Florence Shenk of Ridgeview, had her ship placed on alert during the ongoing crises, but it was later lifted because of needed repairs to the vessel. She is assigned to the USS Holland, a submarine tender, based in Charleston, S.C.

## 50 years ago

September 9, 1965

### Trojans travel to Adrian for football opener

Thirty-five boys are out for football, according to Coach Marsh Jones.

Jones and Line Coach Ken Kellum are hoping for a good season.

Starting lineup for the game with Adrian there Friday evening at 8 o’clock will be Manuel Aberasturi, Ron Roland, Ken Kushlan, Tom Morris, Jim Jackson, Jeff Glanzman, Mike Pearson, Steve Larzelier, Louis Uranga, Blaine Pearson and Rick Kushlan.

Expected to see considerable action also are Craig Nash, Steve Fisher, Eddie Louder, Doug Larzelier, Ruben Garcia and Ken Parker.

The squad is composed of:  
Seniors are: Ken Kushlan, halfback, Manuel Aberasturi, end, Ron Roland, back, Jeff Glanzman, tackle, and Ken Hunt, tackle.

Juniors: Jim Jackson, quarterback, Tom Morris, fullback, Steve Larzelier, guard, Kelly Curtis, end, Leroy Ethington, guard.

Sophomores: Fred Levanger, fullback, Louis Uranga, guard, Rick Kushlan, end, Blaine Pearson, center, Craig Nash, quarterback, Steve Fisher, tackle, Eddie Fisher, guard, Lonnie DeVore, end, Jim Ross, guard, Rick Echevarria, guard, Steve Higgins, halfback and Richard Stansell, end.

Freshman: Mike Pearson, tackle, Jeff Haylett, halfback, Eddie Louder, halfback, Gary Garrett, tackle, John Cook, guard, Doug Larzelier, guard, Ruben Garcia, halfback, Bob Felty, tackle, Ken Parker, center, Terry Arrizabalaga, guard, Mike Kelly, halfback, Gary Roland, end, and Steve Wilson, guard.

Managers are Bob Dempsey and Dale Dickson.

### Births

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Tallman are parents of a son born Monday, Sept. 6, in the Malheur Memorial Hospital in Nyssa, Ore. He weighed 9 lbs. and 2 ozs. He joins 2 brothers and a sister at home. Parental grandfather is J. O. Tallman of Sacramento, Calif., and maternal grandmother is Mrs. Rose Thomas of Homedale.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilson are parents of a new son, Eric Michael, born Tuesday evening at the Nampa Mercy Hospital. He weighed 8 lbs. and 3 ozs., and joins four brothers and three sisters at home. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schaffeld of Jamieson, Ore.

### Toastmasters meeting Thursday at Bicandi’s Café

The regular Thursday morning meeting of the Homedale Toastmasters club was held Sept. 2, at Bicandi’s café with 10 members present, according to Secretary Boyd Jemmett.

Tom Arima was toastmaster and Paul Zatica topic master. Grammarian was Tom Takatori.

George Mendiola was the only five-minute speaker with his talk on “Crime in the Street.”

Winner of the two-minute table topic speeches was P. T. Rathbone.

Roger Howard was selected as the best improved speaker of the month

### Trophies presented at Owyhee County Fair

Trophies were presented at the conclusion of the Owyhee County Fair for achievement. Some of the winners were, Cathy Colyer, Bruneau, with a Hereford trophy, and Eric Davis, Bruneau, grand champion exhibitor, Jeanne Davis, Bruneau, beef trophy; Guy Colyer, Bruneau, Homedale Feed trophy and Vickie Howell, Homedale, Ranchway Feeds trophy.

### Homedale Locals

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Duncan attended the wedding of Inez Gabica of Nampa to Elias Jaca of Jordan Valley Ore., Saturday afternoon at St. Paul’s Catholic Church, Nampa. A reception following the ceremony was held at the Nampa country club.

## 140 years ago

September 4, 1875

DRIBS FROM SOUTH MOUNTAIN. South Mountain, I. T., Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>. The S. M. C. M. Co. started up their small furnace on Tuesday morning last and it has run very nicely thus far. The large furnace will be ready in a few days.

T. J. Vinton has commenced work on the Polar Star mine taking out good ore. Samples from this mine recently sent to San Francisco assayed \$921 per ton in silver.

Henry Myers & Co. will soon occupy their new store on the northwest corner of Johnson and Bay State Street.

The new Masonic Hall over Rupert & Booth’s Drug Store has been recently fitted up in good style. Meetings are held on Tuesday evenings.

The new hotel occupied by Mrs. Bennett has been christened, and will hereafter be known as the Cosmopolitan.

The new wall at the Bay State, built by the “best stone mason in Idaho,” caved in last week. Nobody killed.

The Numkeg is yielding a large quantity of good ore at present.

There is an unusual amount of sickness now in this camp, more than at any time during the season.

Items are as scarce as ‘Ben’s’ teeth to-day. If we were hunting items for brick houses, we wouldn’t get a door-knob.

More anon, serenity thine,  
O. B. Jabers.

THE ELMIRA. This is the name given to the mine recently known as the South Empire and located at Empire City on the War Eagle Mountain. There are several men employed in it at present and the mine is turning out well. The first level south has been commenced at a depth of eighty feet. The ledge in this drift is two feet in width and is showing some high grade ore. The stopes on the north side of the shaft are said to be yielding ore that is not surpassed in the camp; Mr. A. C. Springer inspected the mine recently and was much pleased with the prospect. J. Hallenbeck and Jim Monroe, who are largely interested in the mine, are quite jubilant over the recent developments, and will at some time or other probably realize handsomely for the enterprise.

ONE OF THE MOST enterprising barkeepers of this town is practicing on a new drink. He calls it a “cyclone.” The liquor is put into a big tumbler, then a lot of greens on top of it; some sugar is thrown in, with an infinitesimal sprinkling of lemon. The liquid is then communicated to the throat of the drinker by means of a straw about eight inches in length.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN JOTTINGS. Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, [from Friday’s Daily]. South Mountain was nearly knocked into “pi” on Monday morning last by the startling report that two of the leading Banks had failed. No serious panic was the consequence, as it was soon learned that there had only been a heavy run by depositors. Later in the day confidence was restored and deposits were received as usual. Cause: stringency of money matters in San Francisco.

The S. M. C. M. Co.’s furnace is running splendid, doing better work than at any time during the season. Capt. Bledsoe has been making great improvements, one of which is to run hot water through the tyres and water-jacket, thereby keeping the furnace hotter and smelting more ore with the same amount of charcoal.

Mr. N. Record will in a few days open the Delmonico Restaurant near Ryan & Malloy’s Saloon.

D. B. Kimmel has lately received a new stock of Jewelry from San Francisco.

T. J. Vinton has established a tobacco and cigar stand in the post office building.

Myers, Beggs & Donnelly have the “bulge” on the saloon business, doing more than any saloon in town.

Dr. Belknap left town this morning for Silver City, having, in the last three or four days, been attending James McKinney, who is very sick at present.

O. B. Jabers.



Sports

Parma pounds undermanned Marsing to start season

Huskies head to No. 5 Grangeville

The numbers caught up with Marsing High School in Friday’s football opener.

Unable to practice outside because of the smoke from the Soda Fire, the Huskies’ lack of football conditioning gave Parma the upper hand in a 68-0 non-conference victory in Marsing.

“We had five days that we had to spend inside because of the smoke,” second-year Huskies coach Brad Hill said. “You can run in the gym, but it’s not the same as being out in 90-degree weather with pads on. It’s different.”

Hill and his coaching staff had to play a delicate balancing act throughout the run-up to Friday’s opener from the lack of time outside to getting his athletes in football shape without practice injuries to getting his younger players enough game action without running out of quarters of eligibility on a Friday night.

There were some dings against Parma, the coach said. Tailback Rodrigo Acuña has a hip pointer, and Hill expected to learn more about the injury this week.

The issue of playing time also hurt Marsing (0-1 overall) because — with 33 players split between two squads — the Huskies don’t have much depth.

Without much of a bench, Hill has tried to make sure not to push his players too hard in practice for fear of thinning the ranks before Friday night.



Sophomore running back Joseph Ineck tries to get away from a Parma defender as senior offensive lineman AJ Burtchett looks to run interference. Photo by Dan Pease

“We’re still pretty young. All our backups are freshman and sophomores, so if we lose Rodrigo or (quarterback Brett Grossman) in practice, we have a sophomore as a backup.”

Parma held the Huskies to 118 yards offense and six first downs. Jesse Camacho returned a Grossman interception on Marsing’s first possession 35 yards for one

of four first-quarter TDs. “Brett made a couple mistakes. I thought he did pretty good,” Hill said. “One mistake wasn’t his fault; the receiver didn’t run the right route and the defenders came up. The second mistake came at the end of the half, and just told him to throw it up.”

Parma’s physical style helped running back Jimmy Dawson to

186 yards and three touchdowns. Panthers quarterback Payton Pinz hit Briton Parker with a TD pass and racked up 137 yards through the air.

Hill said the stadium had a good opening-night atmosphere.

“We had a good crowd,” the second-year head coach said. “Everyone is looking forward to a new season, so it was kind of

disappointing to put the effort that we did.”

Marsing has lost nine consecutive games. The Huskies travel to Grangeville on Friday.

The Bulldogs (0-1), who are ranked No. 5 in the state media poll for Class 2A teams, lost their opener Friday in the Kibbie Dome. Class 4A Moscow posted a 40-21 triumph. — JPB

MARSING HUSKIES

Cross Country Athletes to Watch - Season Starts Today!

Third-year coach Robin Simpson is excited to watch 2014 state meet qualifier Juan Sierra begin his second season with the Huskies. Meanwhile, she expects continued improvement from Landry Villa, and senior leadership from Alexandre Heidt, who is trying to capitalize on his track and field state meet appearance from spring.



Juan Sierra, so.



Landry Villa, so.



Alexandre Heidt, sr.

Football Varsity

Friday, Sept. 4 at Grangeville, 8 p.m. MDT

Junior varsity

Friday, Sept. 4 at Grangeville, 5 p.m. MDT

Cross country

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

Volleyball Varsity

Tuesday, Sept. 8 at Nampa Christian, 7 p.m.

Junior varsity A

Tuesday, Sept. 8 at Nampa Christian, 6 p.m.

Junior varsity B

Tuesday, Sept. 8 at Nampa Christian, 4:45 p.m.

Marsing Hardware & Pump  
896-4162

NAPA AUTO PARTS  
896-4815

SHOWALTER CONSTRUCTION  
CAN YOU DIG IT?  
896-4331

BAUER HEATING & COOLING  
bryant  
482-0103

Farm Bureau Insurance Company  
337-4041



# Public notices

## CITY OF HOMEDALE ORDINANCE NO. 410 STATE OF IDAHO

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2015, APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF **\$3,625,967.00** TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE CITY OF HOMEDALE FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR, AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF A SUFFICIENT TAX UPON THE TAXABLE PROPERTY AND SPECIFYING THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSED FOR WHICH SAID APPROPRIATION IS MADE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho:

**Section 1:** That the sum of \$ 3,625.967.00 is, and the same is appropriated to defray the necessary expenses and liabilities of the City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2015

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

<b>ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:</b>	
<b>GENERAL FUNDS</b>	
Administrative	\$ 753,855.00
Local Improvement	\$ 42,567.00
Law Enforcement	\$ 458,625.00
Streets & Highways	\$ 272,600.00
Park & Recreation	\$ 127,345.00
Library	\$ 70,111.00
Airport	\$ 110,000.00
Irrigation	\$ 148,425.00
Sanitation	\$ 120,000.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$2,103,528.00</b>
<b>DEDICATED FUNDS</b>	
Water	\$ 794,026.00
Sewer	\$ 728,413.00
<b>TOTAL DEDICATED FUNDS:</b>	<b>\$1,522,439.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>\$3,625,967.00</b>

**Section 3:** That a general tax levy on all taxable property within the City of Homedale is levied in an amount allowed by law for the general purpose for said City, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 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 Homedale, and the official newspaper of said city.

**PASSES** under suspension of rules upon which a roll call vote was taken and duly enacted an Ordinance of the City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho at a convened regular meeting of the City of Homedale's City Council held on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015.

Gheen Christoffersen, Mayor  
ATTEST: Alice E. Pegram, City Clerk-Treasurer  
9/2/15

## CITY OF HOMEDALE ORDINANCE NO. 411

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HOMEDALE REPEALING CHAPTERS 2.16 AND 17.12 OF THE HOMEDALE MUNICIPAL CODE REPEALING AND DISBANDING THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AND THE PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Idaho Code § 67-6504 the City Council for the City of Homedale is vested with the authority to create a planning and zoning commission who acts with the authority of the City Council;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance 224 enacted in 1981, the City Council created a planning zoning commission codified in HMC 2.16;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance 309 enacted in 1997, the City Council established duties of the planning and zoning commission and of the planning administrator codified in HMC 17.12;

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to disband the planning and zoning commission and repeal its enactment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMEDALE, OWYEE COUNTY, IDAHO:

**SECTION 1:** That Chapter 2.16 is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 2:** That Chapter 17.12 is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3: DATE OF EFFECT:** That this ordinance, or a summary thereof in compliance with Section 50-901A, Idaho Code, shall be published once in the official newspaper of the City and shall take effect and be in force upon its passage, approval, and publication.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMEDALE, IDAHO, this 27 day of August, 2015.

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOMEDALE, IDAHO, this 27 day of August, 2015.

Gheen Christoffersen, Mayor  
ATTEST: Alice E. Pegram, City Clerk-Treasurer  
9/2/15

## 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 21<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015  
8/26;9/2/15

## NOTICE OF ELECTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to IDS 43-201 to 43-207, inclusive, the election of one Director from Division 2 of the Gem Irrigation District, will be held on November 3, 2015 to elect Directors for a term of two (2) years from the first of January 2016, and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Nomination for Director may be made by Petition, signed by at least twelve (12) electors of the District qualified to vote for the candidate nominated and filed with the Secretary of the District not less than 40 days nor more than 60 days before the date of the election. Petitions may be obtained from Connie Chadez, Secretary of the District, 118 S.W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Homedale, Idaho. (Petition due date is September 24, 2015)

In the event more than one (1) candidate is nominated within a Division, notice of the time and place of election will be posted as is required by IDS 43-206.

Dated: August 13, 2015  
G E M I R R I G A T I O N  
DISTRICT  
Connie Chadez, Secretary  
9/2,9/15

## NOTICE OF ELECTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to IDS 43-201 to 43-207, inclusive, the election of one Director from Division 4 and Division 5 of the Gem Irrigation District, will be held on November 3, 2015 to elect Directors for a term of three (3) years from the first of January 2016, and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Nomination for Director may be made by Petition, signed by at least twelve (12) electors of the District qualified to vote for the candidate nominated and filed with the Secretary of the District not less than 40 days nor more than 60 days before the date of the election. Petitions may be obtained from Connie Chadez, Secretary of the District, 118 S.W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Homedale, Idaho. (Petition due date is September 24, 2015)

In the event more than one (1) candidate is nominated within a Division, notice of the time and place of election will be posted as is required by IDS 43-206.

Dated: August 13, 2015  
G E M I R R I G A T I O N  
DISTRICT  
Connie Chadez, Secretary  
9/2,9/15

## NOTICE OF ELECTION GRAND VIEW IRRIGATION DISTRICT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to IDS 43-201 to 43-207, inclusive, the election of one Director from Division 1 of the Grand View Irrigation District, will be held on November 03, 2015 to elect a Director of the term of three (3) years from the first of January 2016 and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Nomination for Director may be made by Petition, signed by at least six (6) electors of the District, qualified to vote for the candidate nominated and filed with the Secretary of the District, not less than 40 days nor more than 60 days before the date of election. Petitions may

## NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

PUBLIC NOTIC IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT THE Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District Commissioners will meet Tuesday, September 8, at 7:00pm, at the Owyhee County Museum, Murphy ID, to consider the proposed budget for 2015-2016. Such budget may be examined prior to such hearing by contacting the treasurer at (208) 495-2154.

Louis Monson, Treasurer  
MURPHY-REYNOLD-WILSON FIRE DIESTRICT PROPOSED BUDGET

October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016  
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## EXPENSES:

<b>Administration:</b>	
Building R & M	\$9,022.00
Dues (SRV, IVESFA, IFC, etc)	\$1,200.00
Insurance( ICRMP)	\$2,575.00
Insurance(Work Comp)	\$338.00
Office	\$600.00
Taxes	\$200.00
Utilities	\$5,934.00
Air St Luke's	\$720.00
Phone & Internet	\$1,095.00

## EMS:

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

## Fire:

Auto R & M	\$10,000.00
Fuel	\$6,000.00
Supplies & Equipment	\$5,600.00
Training	\$1,500.00
Total Expense	<b>\$54,284.00</b>

## RECEPTS:

Tax Levy	\$43,386.00
Prop Tax Replacement	\$2,098.00
Cash Balance Forward	\$8,800.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$54,284.00</b>

9/2/15

be obtained September 4, 2015 from Dixie McDaniel, Secretary of the District, 645 Idaho Street, Grand View Idaho. (Petition due date September 24, 2015 by 3:30 p.m.)

In the event more than one (1) candidate is nominate within a Division, notice of the time and place of election will be posted as is required by IDS 43-206.

Dated August 25, 2015  
Grand View Irrigation District  
Dixie McDaniel, Secretary  
9/2,9/15

## NOTICE OF ELECTION OPALINE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to IDS 43-201-201 to 43-207, inclusive, the election of one Director from Division 2 and one from Division 5 of the Opaline Irrigation District, will be held on November 3, 2015 to elect a Director of the term of three (3) years from the first of January 2016 and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Nomination for Director may be made by Petition, signed by at least six (6) electors of the District, qualified to vote for the candidate nominated and filed with the Secretary of the District, not less than 40 days nor more than 60 days before the date of election. Petitions may be obtained from Dan H. Birmingham, Secretary of the District, Ph. 896-5273 (Petition due date September 24, 2015.)

In the event more than one (1) candidate is nominated within a

Division, notice of the time and place of election will be posted as is required by IDS 43-206.

Dated: August 28, 2015  
Opaline Irrigation District  
Dan H. Birmingham,  
Secretary  
9/2,9/15

## 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

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# Public notices

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY CASE NO. CV14-3994 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CANYON**

RED SIERRA, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. SHIRLEY DeAUGUSTINEO, KENNETH RILEY, JOHN STEPHEN RILEY, TIM RILEY AND NICHOLAS J. RILEY, Defendants.

Date of Sale: **09/22/15**  
Time of Sale: **10:00 A.M.**  
Place of Sale: Owyhee County Courthouse Lobby, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy ID 83650

Under and by virtue of a Judgment issued on July 18, 2014, and pursuant to an Order of Sale issued on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015, out of and under the seal of the above-entitled Court, in favor of the above-named Plaintiff, I am commanded and required to proceed to notice for sale and to sell at public auction the property described in said Order of Sale and to apply the proceeds of such sale to the satisfaction of said Judgment, with interest thereon, and my fees and costs.

The property described to be sold is situate in Owyhee County, State of Idaho, and is described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 15 of Block 10 of the Amended Townsite Plat of HOMEDALE, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2015, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m. at Owyhee Courthouse Lobby, I will attend, offer and sell at public auction all or so much of the above-described property thus directed to be sold as may be necessary to raise sufficient funds to pay and satisfy the Judgment set out in said Order of Sale to the highest bidder therefor in lawful money.

The judgment debtor or redemptioner may redeem the property from the purchaser within six (6) months after the sale if the real property sold consisted of a tract of land of twenty (20) acres or less, on paying the purchaser the amount of his purchase with interest thereon at the rate allowed in section 28-22-104(1), Idaho Code, from the date of sale to the date of redemption, together with the amount of any assessment or taxes which the purchaser may have paid thereon after the commencement of the action and which are not included in the judgment, and interest at the rate allowed in section 28-22-104(1), Idaho Code, on such amount; and, if the purchaser be also a creditor having a prior lien to that of the redemptioner, other than the judgment under which such purchase was made, the amount of such lien with interest at the rate

allowed in section 28-22-104(1), Idaho Code; provided, in mortgage foreclosure proceedings, the amount necessary to redeem the property sold under execution shall not include any sum for attorney's fees greater than the fee actually paid by the judgment creditor or which the judgment creditor has by written instrument become unconditionally obligated to pay to his attorney for prosecuting his claim to judgment; and provided, further, the amount of such fee shall be proven by affidavits of the attorney who has received and the person who has paid the fee or by other competent evidence to be presented to the sheriff for his guidance in carrying out the provisions of law relating to redemption; and, provided further, that such redemptioner shall not be required to pay any attorney's fees unless such fees shall have been paid within six (6) months after the sheriff's certificate of sale shall have issued, or within such time the judgment creditor has become unconditionally obligated by written instrument to pay such fees.

The Sheriff will give possession, but does not guarantee clear title or continued possessory right to the purchaser.

DATED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015.

PERRY GRANT, SHERIFF  
Owyhee County, Idaho  
By: Teri Naito, Civil Clerk  
**STEPHEN T. SHERER, SHERER & WYNKOOP, LLP,**  
730 N. MAIN ST., P.O. BOX 31, MERIDIAN, IDAHO 83680  
(208) 887-4800 FAX (208) 887-4865 I.S.B. #3605, Attorneys for Plaintiff  
9/2,9,16/15

**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 / FC50125

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](http://www.justlawidaho.com) or Toll Free at 1-800-923-9106, Thank you.**

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**NOTICE**

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# Public notices

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROPOSE OR PROMULGATE NEW OR CHANGED AGENCY RULES**

The following agencies of the state of Idaho have published the complete text and all related, pertinent information concerning their intent to change or make the following rules in the latest publication of the state Administrative Bulletin.

*Public hearing request deadline is September 16, 2015 unless otherwise posted. The written comment submission deadline is September 23, 2015 unless otherwise posted. (Temp & Prop) indicates the rulemaking is both Temporary and Proposed. (\*PH) indicates that a public hearing has been scheduled.*

**IDAPA 02 – IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, PO Box 790, Boise, ID 83701**

*02-0421-1501, Rules Governing the Importation of Animals.* Allows imported bulls to be considered virgins up to 18 months of age and Trichomoniasis tests to be valid for 60 days to standarize import regulations for all western states.

*02-0429-1501, Rules Govering Trichomoniasis.* Allows imported bulls to be considered virgins up to 18 months of age and Trichomoniasis tests to be valid for 60 days to standarize import regulations for all western states.

*02-0622-1501, Noxious Weed Rules.* Makes permanent the addition of Purple Starthistle (Centauria calcitrapa) and Iberian Starthistle (Centauria iberica) to the Early Detection Rapid Response (EDRR) section of the noxious weed list.

*02-0625-1501, Rules Governing the Planting of Beans, Other Than Phaseolus Species, In Idaho.* Adds a small trial ground exemption from disease testing for non-phaseolus beans from seed lots of 1 pound or less to allow researchers the ability to grow seed without a loss of seed from destruction during testing.

**IDAPA 05 – IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE CORRECTIONS, PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0285**

*05-0102-1501, Rules and Standards for Secure Juvenile Detention Centers.* Clarifies appropriate use of force by staff as determined by a certified POST instructor; requires part-time direct care staff to obtain part-time juvenile detention officer certification; provides for on-going training; clarifies that detention center must have written policies and procedures for security inspections, incident reporting and proper training on security devices; removes obsolete rules.

*05-0201-1501, Rules for Residential Treatment Providers.* Changes term medical “authority” to medical “health professional”; clarifies that juveniles in custody may not be transported in a personal vehicle of a provider employee unless an emergency exists.

*05-0202-1501, Rules for Staff Secure Providers.* Changes term medical “authority” to medical “health professional”; adds additional provisions for unclothed body searches and body cavity searches.

*05-0203-1501, Rules for Reintegration Providers.* Changes term medical “authority” to medical “health professional”; adds additional provisions for unclothed body searches and body

cavity searches.

**IDAPA 09 – DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, 317 West Main Street, Boise, ID 83735**

*09-0106-1501, Rules of the Appeals Bureau.* Allows the department to send hearing notices to interested parties by mail or electronic transmission.

**IDAPA 10 – IDAHO BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS, 1510 Watertower Street, Meridian, ID 83642**

*10-0101-1501, Rules of Procedure.* Clarifies procedures and requirements for retired and expired license reinstatement; updates the reexamination requirements for those failing a professional licensure exam; beginning July 1, 2015, allows students to take either the Fundamentals of Engineering or of Surveying exams without first applying to the board; requires land surveyors applying for licensure to have a minimum of 2 years of boundary land surveying experience.

*10-0104-1501, Rules of Continuing Professional Development.* Clarifies the continuing professional development requirements for reinstatement of a retired or expired license.

**IDAPA 11 – IDAHO STATE POLICE, 700 S Stratford Drive, Meridian, ID 83642**

*11-0501-1401, Rules Governing Alcohol Beverage Control.* Defines the term “Actual Use” as it pertains to an alcohol license; establishes criteria that define the minimum standards for placing a newly issued or transferred license into use.

**IDAPA 15 – OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, MILITARY DIVISION, 700 S. Stratford Drive, Bldg. 600, Meridian, ID 83642**

*15-0603-1501, Public Safety Communications Systems Installation and Maintenance Fee Rules.* Updates rule to reflect organizational changes within the Military Division and the separation of the Public Safety Communications Branch from the Bureau of Homeland Security.

**IDAPA 16 - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE, PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0036**

*16-0219-1501, Food Safety and Sanitation Standards for Food Establishments (The Idaho Food Code).* Updates the Idaho Food Code to current industry practices and food safety standards; incorporates by reference the 2013 FDA Model Food Code; adds definitions to clarify the status of “cottage food” operations in Idaho; adds a list of specific foods considered “cottage foods products”; and clarifies the necessary requirements for producers of “acidified foods.”

*16.03.19 - Rules Governing Certified Family Homes.*

*16-0319-1501,* Adds an exception for the Veterans Affairs Medical Foster Homes; updates criminal history and background checks to be CFH specific; amends definitions to current terms and language; revises certification requirements to best practice for care and supervision, food and nutritional services, and training requirements; updates requirements for waiver, investigations, and enforcement actions, and resident rights policy requirements.

*16-0319-1502,* Increases the one-time application fee to become a CFH provider by \$25 and the

monthly certification fee for a CFH provider by \$5 per month; an alternative, department-provided “Basic Medication Awareness” training course is being offered for a \$60 fee.

*16-0601-1501, Child and Family Services.* Aligns rules with federal requirements by clarifying requirements for adoption assistance and notification of relatives of children who are placed in foster care; allows the transfer of relative guardianship assistance benefits to a child’s new guardian upon the death or incapacitation of the child’s guardian.

*16-0602-1501, Standards for Child Care Licensing.* Aligns the rule with federal requirements regarding foster care and the application of the “reasonable and prudent parent standard.”

*16-0701-1501, Behavioral Health Sliding Fee Schedules.* Combines the fee schedule for Children’s mental health, adult mental health, and substance use disorders services into one table; removes obsolete language and tables; update references for behavioral health services to rates set in Department contracts.

*16-0710-1501, Behavioral Health Development Grants.* Repeal of chapter.

*16-0715-1501, Behavioral Health Programs.* New chapter establishes requirements for the approval, denial, suspension, or revocation of certificates of approval for approved behavioral health programs in Idaho; sets fees for the approval process of applications and on-site reviews; and establishes requirements for the health, safety, and environment of care.

*16-0717-1501, Alcohol and Substance Use Disorder Services.* As part of the integration of the Behavioral Health Program by the department, mental health and alcohol and substance use disorders treatment and recovery support services and programs are combined into one chapter and include case management, alcohol and drug screening, child care, transportation, life skills, staffed safe and sober housing for adolescents and staffed safe and sober housing for adults.

*16-0720-1501, Alcohol and Substance Use Disorders Treatment and Recovery Support Services Facilities and Programs.* Repeal of chapter.

**IDAPA 18 – DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0043**

*18-0127-1501, Self-Funded Employee Health Care Plans Rule.* Clarifies the scope of the rule to conform to statutory changes; defines terms of qualified liabilities; adds the requirements for contribution rates, contracts and services, and records; removes obsolete language.

*18-0144-1501, Schedule of Fees, Licenses, and Miscellaneous Charges.* Clarifies that registration of self-funded student health plans is subject to the \$500 licensing/renewal fee just like self-funded employer plans; adds an \$80 licensing/renewal fee for public adjusters and changes provision regarding the cost paid to a third party vendor by an applicant for a producer, public adjuster, or adjuster license to take an exam; eliminates fees for solicitation permits, updates terminology and deletes unnecessary language.

*18-0160-1501, Long-Term Care Insurance Minimum Standards.* Clarifies annual inflation protection requirements applicable to long-term care

partnership policies, but will not require any minimum level of inflation protection.

**IDAPA 22 – IDAHO BOARD OF MEDICINE, PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0058**

*22-0101-1501, Rules of the Board of Medicine for the Licensure to Practice Medicine and Surgery and Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery in Idaho.* Allows international graduates enrolled in Idaho residency programs to apply for full licensure after completing 2 years of residency training, written approval of the residency program director is given, and certain other conditions are met.

*22-0115-1501, Rules Relating to Telehealth Services.* Defines the scope of practice for telehealth service providers and defines how the patient-provider realtionship may be established without face-to-face, in-person contact, and places limitations on the prescriptions that can be authorized via telehealth tools.

**IDAPA 34 – OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0080**

*34-0501-1501, Rules Governing Farm Products Central Filing System.* (Temp & Prop) Changes simplify the fee schedule for both the customer and the state by creating a flat fee that is lower than all previous fees; changes add County Code 00 – All Idaho Counties.

**IDAPA 35 - IDAHO STATE TAX COMMISSION, PO Box 36, Boise, ID 83722-0410**

*35.01.01, Income Tax Administrative Rules*

*35-0101-1501,* Clarifies the definition of Idaho gross income and how it is calculated; modifies the definition of real property, the list of nonqualifying property for the Idaho capital gains deduction, and the procedure when property is distributed by an S corporation or partnership; clarifies the items allowed as a deduction to owners of an interest in a pass-through entity when the tax is paid by the entity.

*35-0101-1502,* Adds tax brackets for calendar year 2015 and removes old data to retain only 5 years of historical data; adds the Foreign Service Retirement and Disability System and its offset program to the list of qualified benefits for the Retirement Benefits Deduction; adds the offset program of the Civil Service Retirement System to the list of qualified benefits; clarifies who must meet the gross income limitations for the Idaho capital gains deduction when the gain is passed through from an S corporation, partnership, trust, or estate; clarifies the procedure for adjustments to a net operating loss; corrects the distortive percentage that occurs when the ratio of Idaho total income is used to allow certain deductions to part-year or nonresidents; updates the amount of guaranteed payments that is sourced as compensation for services per Idaho Code; adds tax year 2015 and the applicable grocery credit amounts to the table.

*35.01.03, Property Tax Administrative Rules*

*35-0103-1504,* Amends Rule 315, Use of Ratio Study to Equalize Boise School District, at termination of a revenue allocation area (raa), the Boise School District needs instructions on how to handle the increment value. The increment value of a terminating raa will be included in the taxable value and if a ratio

study indicates that an adjustment should be made, the adjustment will be applied to the actual value including the increment value. Amends Rule 626, Property Exempt from Taxation – Certain Personal Property, provides guidance to taxpayers and both ISTC appraisers and county assessors on the implementation of HB29 and directs the reporting and apportionment procedures of the I.C. 63-602KK (2) personal property exemption for operating properties as provided for HB29.

*35-0103-1505,* Updates incorporation by reference of manuals used to determine the value of recreational and certain other vehicles and railcars; changes “taxpayer” to “person”; deletes requirement to apply for exemption related to oil and gas wells; changes the date for use of land and income received assessor certification to April 15; adds new provision requiring qualifying new construction which is valued by the Idaho state tax commission to be reported to the county assessor by October 1 and be listed on the immediate next new construction roll; requires that personal property replacement revenue be added back to the tort budget when computing the school district’s hypothetical new construction levy and requires that personal property exemption recoveries after 2013, for which no state replacement money is paid, is to be deducted from the budget and that, for recoveries related to personal property exempt in 2013, the recovery is to be paid to the state and future replacement amounts are to be reduced by the amount of such recovery; adds school emergency fund levy to the list of those levies that will not benefit the urban renewal revenue allocation area.

*35-0105-1502, Idaho Motor Fuels Tax Administrative Rules.* Deletes Rule 280 and now requires that International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) licensees must use the Form 75, Idaho Fuels Use Report, to claim refunds of the motor fuel tax when using tax-paid special fuels on nontaxable Idaho roads; the requirement for two sources is being removed to clarify who is required to follow the record requirements for Documentation for Idaho Full-Fee Registrants.

**IDAPA 38 – DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0003**

*38-0301-1501, Rules Governing Group Insurance.* Revises the definition for eligible active employee, adds definitions for seasonal employee and part-time temporary employee, and removes obsolete definition.

**ID A H O T R A N S P O R T A T I O N DEPARTMENT, PO Box 7129, Boise ID 83707-1129**

*39-0203-1501, Rules Governing Vehicle Dealer’s Principal Place of Business.* Removes the minimum business-hour requirements for motor vehicle dealers and clarifies the requirement that all vehicle dealers must declare, in writing to the Department, the regular hours that their dealerships are open and when they are available to be contacted by the Department or their customers.

*39-0226-1501, Rules Governing Temporary Vehicle Clearance for Carriers.* Changes conform rule with current ITD fees, terminology, procedures and



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From previous page administrative processes.

**39-0316-1501, Rules Governing Oversize Permits for Non-Reducible Vehicles and/or Loads** (Temp & Prop) Clarifies which types of loads will be permitted as non-reducible and that those loads may be hauled on a 53-foot trailer on the majority of routes in Idaho; clarifies that vehicles hauling reducible-height loads must be of legal dimensions for the highway of travel; removes language that pertains to self-issue permits with a fee account because fee accounts will be eliminated after the implementation of the new cash drawer and the availability of escrow accounts.

**39-0319-1501, Rules Governing Annual Overlegal Permits.** (Temp & Prop) Increases the load width allowed under an annual permit from the current maximum of 14' 6" to 16' wide.

**IDAPA 58 – DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0078**

**58-0104-1501, Rules for Administration of Wastewater Treatment Facility Grants.** Conforms to Clean Water Act revision requiring planning documents, used for State Revolving Fund (SRF) projects, to assess the cost and effectiveness, as practicable, of efficient water use, reuse, recapture and conservation, and energy conservation.

**58-0112-1501, Rules for Administration of Water Pollution Control Loans.** Requires that Idaho consider population trends and unemployment data, in addition to the existing criteria of median household income, when determining which borrowers will qualify for disadvantaged loan under the amended the Clean Water Act's requirements for the State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan effort.

**58-0125-1401, Rules Regulating the Idaho Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Program.** New chapter establishes the procedures and requirements for the issuance and maintenance of permits for facilities or activities to obtain authorization to discharge pollutants to waters of the United States. These permits shall be referred to in these rules as "IPDES permits" or "permits."

**IDAPA 59 – PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF IDAHO (PERSI),**

**PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0078**

**59-0201-1501, Rules for the Judges' Retirement Fund.** (Temp & Prop) The changes are proposed in anticipation of seeking for the JRF a determination letter of qualified status from the IRS; amends the rules in certain areas so that the language tracks the language in the PERSI Base Plan rules to make for easier and consistent administration and to lessen the need for future revisions.

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF TEMPORARY RULE**

**IDAPA 34 – OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

**34-0403-1501, Rules Governing Benefit Corporations** (New Chapter) (eff. 6-10-15)T

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROMULGATE – NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING**

**IDAPA 08 – STATE BOARD AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**08-0201-1501, Rules Governing Administration** (Respond by Sept. 11, 2015)

**08-0203-1507, Rules Governing Thoroughness** (Respond by Sept. 11, 2015)

**IDAPA 09 – DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**09-0130-1501, Unemployment Insurance Benefits Administration Rules** (Respond by Sept. 16, 2015)

**IDAPA 47 – DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION**

**47-0101-1501, Rules of the Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation** (Respond by Sept. 11, 2015)

Please refer to the Idaho Administrative Bulletin, **September 2, 2015, Volume 15-9**, for the notices and text of all rulemakings, rulemakings by proclamation, public hearings schedules, negotiated rulemaking information, executive orders of the Governor, and agency contact information.

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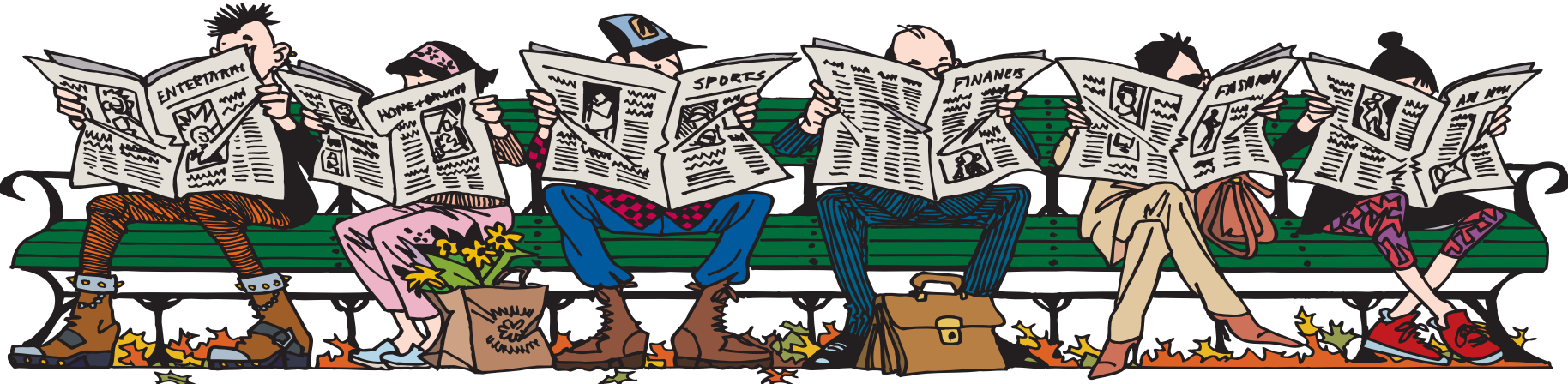
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	<b>Golden Gate Baptist Church Wilder</b> Pastor Robert Potter, Jr., CLP Corner of Second and "B" Streets Church time is 11:00 am on Sunday Call (208) 880-4308 for information	<b>Our Lady of Tears Church Silver City</b>  For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031
<b>Iglesia Misionera Biblica Homedale</b> Pastor Silverio Cardenas Jr. 132 W Owyhee • 337-5975 Servicios: Vier - 7pm - Oracion Mier - 7pm Predicacion Dom - 10am Esc. Dom y 6:30pm "Una Iglesia Diferente."	<b>Knight Community Church Grand View</b> Pastor Ivan Shetler 630 Idaho Street 208-834-2639 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am	<b>Crossroads Assembly of God Wilder</b> Pastors Ron & Martha Hwy 19 & 95, 890-9132 Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Worship 6pm Wed. Bible Study 7pm
<b>Assembly of God Church Homedale</b> 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	<b>Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale</b> 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	<b>Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church Caldwell</b> 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
<b>Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Homedale</b> 337-4248 Sunday Services 10am Pastor Sean Rippey Adult and Children Sunday School 9-9:45am Visitors Always Welcome! Call Church for Prayer requests	<b>Chapel of Hope Hope House, Marsing</b> 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	<b>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale</b> 708 West Idaho Ave 337-4112 Bishop Mark Thatcher Bishop Robert T. Christensen Sunday 1st Ward 1pm Sunday 2nd Ward 9am
<b>Homedale Baptist Church Homedale</b> 212 S. 1st W. 841-0190 Sunday School 10am-11am Sunday Worship 11am-Noon Wednesday Evening 7pm Pastor James Huls	 <b>Wilder Church of God Wilder</b> 205 A St. E, 469-7698 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Service 11am Sunday Eve. 6:00pm Wed. Eve. 7:00pm	<b>Mountain View Church of the Nazarene Wilder-Homedale</b> 26515 Ustick Road 337-3151 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm Children's Caravan Program
 <b>MARSING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY</b> 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	<b>Iglesia Evangelica Wilder</b>  317 3rd st., Pastor Ramiro Reyes 10 am Sunday School 11 am Service 482-7484 Bilingual	<b>St. David's Episcopal Church</b> 1800 Arlington Ave. Caldwell, ID 83605  208-459-9261  stdavids@stdavidscaldwell.org www.stdavid.episcopalidaho.org
<b>Christian Church Homedale</b> 110 W. Montana, 337-3626 Pastor Maurice Jones Sunday Morning Worship 11am Church school 9:45	<b>Bible Missionary Church Homedale</b> West Idaho, 337-3425 Pastor Ron Franklin Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7:30	<b>Assembly of God Church Marsing</b> 139 Kerry, 965-1650 Pastor Rick Sherrow Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am & 6 pm
<b>Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing</b> 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	<b>Nazarene Church Marsing</b> Pastor Bill O'Connor 649-5256 12 2nd Avenue West  Worship Services - Sunday 11am and 6pm Sunday School - 9:45am Mid Week TLC Groups	<b>Trinity Holiness Church Homedale</b> 119 N. Main Pastor Samuel Page 337-5021 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Thursday Evening 7:30pm
<b>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Marsing</b> 215 3rd Ave. West, 896-4151 Sunday 1st Ward, 1:00 p.m. Bishop Rowley Sunday 2nd Ward, 9:00 a.m. Bishop McIntyre	<b>Vision Community Church Marsing</b> 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.	<b>United Methodist Church Wilder</b> <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
<b>First Presbyterian Church Homedale</b> 320 N. 6th W. Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am 208-473-9331	<b>Calvary Holiness Church - Wilder</b> 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	<b>Seventh Day Adventist Homedale</b> 16613 Garnet Rd., 573-4574 Sabbath School Sat. 10:45am Worship 9:30am Wednesday Prayer Mtg. 7:00 pm
<b>Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale</b>  711 W. Idaho, 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am	<b>Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church - Oreana</b> 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	<b>Amistad Cristiana de Wilder UMC</b> 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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Sports

Homedale strives for consistency in opener



Senior setter Madi Fisher keeps her eye on the ball while serving in the second game of Thursday's home opener against New Plymouth.

Fighting through lulls in execution, Homedale High School opened the volleyball season with a sweep Thursday.

Outside hitter Liset Llamas, a 5-foot, 8-inch senior, delivered 11 kills in the Trojans' 25-20, 25-21, 25-21 non-conference win over visiting New Plymouth.

Libero Diana Contreras, a 5-4 junior, and 5-5 senior setter Madi Fisher served four aces apiece. Contreras led the defense with 35 digs, and Fisher added 13 assists.

Tristan Corta, a 5-6 senior, knocked down three kills and two aces.

Ashley Burks, a 5-8 sophomore, and Llamas put on a strong performance at the net in Game 2 to help the Trojans to a 7-1 lead. Contreras served as the team pushed the advantage to 10-4.

But the Pilgrims were able to take advantage of the Trojans' service errors, miscommunication and apparent lineup violations to pull within 23-20 when HHS coach Diana Asumendi called a timeout to settle her troops down.

New Plymouth's Josie Thurman had five kills and 11 digs, and teammates Dusty Goff and Adriea Volle pitched in three kills each. Ella Burgin notched eight digs.

Adrian: Reigning state champs face Camas Valley

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"We return many starters from last year's team," Shenk said. "We are fast and strong. We also have a tremendous work ethic and a will to win."

Leading the way are brothers Reagan Shira and Bryson Shira, who will join fellow senior Luke Campbell (a 5-foot, 11-inch, 170-pound fullback) in the backfield.

Reagan (6-2, 185) will play quarterback, and Bryson (5-10, 160) is a running back.

Reagan will play behind a relatively young line, but has senior Colton Nielsen (5-11, 235) leading the way as center. He'll also anchor the defensive line at nose guard.

Junior Kenny Purcell (6-2, 225) will play end and defensive end. He started at guard a year ago.

"He has great hands and the ability to make big defensive plays," Shenk said.

Mikey Griffin will be the other end. The 6-1, 185-pound senior will play cornerback on defense.

Roberto Ramirez (5-8, 200) is another key returner.

"(Ramirez is) a junior with all-around football skills, and he can play many positions," Shenk said.

Backup quarterback Ed Munoz (5-9, 160) is a sophomore that Shenk says will make an impact at linebacker.

"(He has) great tackling skills and an aggressive mentality," the coach said.

Most of the Antelopes' linemen are newcomers to the varsity squad, including guard Andy Walker (6-2, 180), guard-defensive end Drake Wilson (5-11, 185), center-outside linebacker Daniel Price (5-8, 160) and guard-defensive end Kirkland Obendorf (5-10, 200).

The mix of returners, work ethic and new blood has Shenk looking at the season with guarded optimism.

"We have a good chance to repeat as conference champions," he said. "Crane and Wallowa are always tough games to prepare for and play. We always look forward to those games because of the intensity and competitiveness."

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Marsing cross country grows in experience, numbers

Marsing High School cross country coach Robin Simpson got a great surprise just one week before the season was supposed to start.

Last year's 2014 Class 2A state meet qualifier, Juan Sierra, has decided to come out for the team.

"He will be a frontrunner on our team," the third-year coach said. "Having him on board will also help push our team as a whole."

Sierra is only a sophomore. He reached the state meet last year after his first season with the sport.

Simpson is hoping to find similar diamonds in the rough from the likes of junior Tristan Miller and sophomore Matthew Lee on the boys' side.

"They are stepping right in and will be part of the competitive team this year," Simpson said.

Marsing's boys' squad may have enough to field a scoring team during meets. The season starts today with the New Plymouth Invitational, and Simpson could have as many as three girls — Bertha Abrego, Sefora Arriaga and senior Tilde Vidman — on the course.

Simpson sees her lone senior boy, Alexandre Heidt, as one of the team's leaders.

"He's got the experience, and being a senior will hopefully will be giving it his all," the coach said.

Simpson calls Heidt one of the top sprinters in the state. He did compete in the 2A track and field state meet last spring.

"Our goal is to get him to State

as a distance runner as well," Simpson said.

Sophomore Landry Villa will be another standout for the Huskies.

"He's got the running bug," Simpson said.

The coach said Villa and fellow sophomore Dalton Withers showed improvement throughout their freshmen campaigns.

"Now that my freshmen have some experience and have decided they are indeed 'runners,' it's time to get competitive," Simpson said.

One of the newcomers could emerge as one of the team's top performers, too.

"Matthew Lee seems to be coming in strong and wanting to compete," Simpson said.

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Trojans: Senior skill players lead the way

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once. Matteson's pass was tipped downfield and intercepted to end the other possession.

The Trojans have wound up in the 3A state playoffs each year Matteson has served as quarterback, including a semifinal appearance in 2013. He's the returning 3A Snake River Valley conference offensive player of the year and a two-time all-state pick.

And he's just part of Homedale's strong senior crop at skill positions that has gone along for the ride for the past two seasons, too.

"I'm excited about the experience and the family atmosphere that this team and staff has created," Holtry said.

Senior running back Josh Tolmie has been an important part of the offense since his sophomore season, and he also has made an impact at defensive back.

During Saturday's scrimmage against Ontario, Tolmie turned short passes into productive long gains, including one touchdown.

Junior Jake Deal produced two long TDs off Matteson passes on Saturday against Ontario, including a 35-yard catch-and-scamper on a fourth-down play that turned out to be Homedale's final offensive play during the scrimmage. He also scored the team's first TD when the offensive line gave Matteson all day to check off nearly all of his options early in the 15-minute session.

Senior Connor Carter was a key deep target Saturday. He'll also see time at linebacker. Senior H-back Jakobee Osborn was consistently wide open on the wing when Matteson had to check down and punished tacklers before going down. Osborn will start on the defensive line, too. Both were all-conference players a year ago.

Key newcomers will include



Connor Carter's leaping grab was unsuccessful Saturday.

sophomores Wyatt Wolfe (WR/LB) and Max Mertz, who will see time at tight end and linebacker.

The Trojans lost three leaders from last year's state quarterfinal team — three-year starting lineman and captain Bo Pickett, all-conference picks and Shrine all-stars Brady Brown (WR/DB) and Dayne Jacobs (TE/LB). Brown (Eastern Oregon University) and Jacobs (The College of Idaho) both took their careers to the next level, while Pickett will focus on rodeo at Sam Houston State in Texas.

But the program has new blood (and some players who have been waiting in the wings) to keep things moving forward.

Two seniors return to the offensive line, including Dylan Burks and Manny Baltierrez, while Symms has scooted over to the end. Junior Wyatt Dorsey also will be an important link up front. Those same players will be the front wall of the defense.

The defensive line will be a key component in the Trojans' task to shore up their ability to stop the run. Holtry said Homedale's run defense was one of the areas that needed work last year. On Saturday, the linemen consistently harassed Ontario's quarterback on pass plays, too.

John Collett showed Saturday he could be a ball-hawking ingredient to stopping the run, too. The senior linebacker blasted an Ontario ball carrier on a sweep during the Tigers' first offensive play.

Holtry also hopes that another year of experience will help the offense in its quest to finish games, which was a difficult task during last year's 6-4 campaign.

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