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Historical appropriateness debate still going as panel continues work



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Easter festivities attract hundreds

Holy Week ended with several events in and around Owyhee County that Owyhees enjoyed.

The events also included the Owyhee County Historical Society spring bazaar and Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson chili cook-off in Murphy.

Top: Marsing First Church of the Nazarene pastor Bill O'Connor said about 1,000 people turned out for Sunday's Lizard Butte Sunrise Service. Photo by Bill O'Connor. Right: The Homedale Chamber of Commerce Easter egg hunt was one of at least seven such activities that took place Friday and Saturday in Malheur and Owyhee counties. Emma Cooper, daughter of Dusty and Kalynn Cooper, was decked out in Easter attire as she checked her eggs during the Homedale hunt at Sundance Park. Photo by Gregg Garrett

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Irrigation allotment set at 3.0 acre-feet, nearly double 2015

Tentative South Board turn-on is April 11

Officials announced the tentative allotment for the 2016 growing season during the South Board of Control water users meeting.

The annual meeting at the Homedale Senior Center attracted

a smaller crowd than last year when continuing drought concerns triggered growers' worries.

"Water takes care of a lot of things. We have a little different crowd than last year," South Board of Control chair Chris Landa said as he opened last Wednesday's meeting.

Irrigators in the new Gem and Ridgeview districts will have

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South Board Div. 3 director Dennis Turner, center, tries to make a point during a sometimes-heated discussion about the 17.7 lateral project as fellow South Board directors, from left, Rick Smith (Div. 1), Ryan Criffield (Div. 4, vice-chair) and Chris Landa (Div. 5, chair) look on.

Marsing school bond open house Thursday

Marsing school patrons have the chance to give input on a proposed bond election.

Once school trustees receive feedback, they could vote to place a measure on the Aug. 30 ballot.

The first of three open houses to gauge public opinion will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday. Other meetings are planned for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 21 and Thursday, May 5. All three

gatherings will be held in the school district cafeteria on 8th Avenue West.

A telephone survey to gauge how community members feel about the bond proposal is currently being conducted. The calls to a random sampling of Marsing residents will continue to be made until April 8.

If a bond is sought and

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Student filmmaker chronicles Soda Fire

"Voices of Fire" could be entered in Boise festival

When the Soda Fire swept across 280,000 acres, primarily in Owyhee County, it sparked a film student's second-year project.

Hugo Sindelar, who is seeking a master's degree from Montana

State University, was working as a research assistant for principal investigator Dr. Kathleen Lohse at the Reynolds Creek Critical Zone Observatory in August when the lightning-caused wildfire spread

into the area.

Sindelar and Lohse were asked to leave the U.S. Department of Agriculture Reynolds Creek

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Angel Walk honoree selection complete

The Angel Walk 2016 honoree was selected last week.

Jonah Kissell, a 6-year-old living with Noonan’s Syndrome, and his family will benefit from proceeds from the May 7 5-kilometer fun run and classic car show.

Jonah lives in Caldwell with his parents, Tony and Mandy, and his siblings, 8-year-old Noah and 6-year-old Emma.

“Mandy said that Jonah being chosen for the Angel Walk is the silver lining of all their trials with Jonah,” the selection committee said in a press release. “They were very emotional and felt so humbled that this community would support them.”

Noonan’s Syndrome is an autosomal dominant congenital disorder that causes congenital heart defects, short stature, learning problems, webbed neck and a flat nose bridge. Jonah also has scoliosis and is deaf, although his cochlear implants have worked well and he is able to say a few words.

Jonah’s mother, Mandy, calls him their miracle baby.

Unable to conceive, Mandy and Tony traveled to Texas to

adopt. While they were in Texas, though, Mandy discovered she was pregnant with Jonah. They adopted Noah and then a couple years later, they welcomed Emma, who is Noah’s full biological sister, into the family.

Jonah has had more than 20 surgical procedures in his short life, three of which were open heart surgeries. When he was 18 months old, a large tumor pressing on his aortic valve had to be partially removed. When the tumor grew back a year and a half later, doctors were forced to remove the tumor and replace his aortic valve. During his last surgery earlier this month, a mechanical mitral valve was placed. This confused the electrical conduction in his heart, so doctors operated to give Jonah a pacemaker a few days later.

Through his family’s journey with Jonah, the young boy’s father, Tony, has been inspired to return to school and study to be a social worker. He expects to graduate in the spring of 2017. These days, Tony attends school full-time and works part-time doing drug testing for Canyon County.

Homedale council eyes spring cleaning ahead of Angel Walk

Community involvement urged next month

With the annual Angel Walk looming, city leaders turned their attention to Homedale’s beautification Thursday.

A brief city council meeting was dominated by a discussion about the sixth annual 5-kilometer fun run, walk and youth biking event, which in recent years has included a classic car show.

In each of the past two years, city employees and elected officials have used the Angel Walk as a catalyst to clean streets and alleyways and encourage residents to participate in a citywide cleanup.

The community cleanup will take place this year on April 23 and April 30, the two Saturdays before the May 7 fun run and car show that benefits the Angel Walk pediatric medical fund.

“We’d like all the participation we can get from the citizens,” Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said.

“There’ll be a whole host of city employees out there this year. The more the merrier.”

Eidemiller would like to see another “significant” section of the riverfront cleaned this year, and Mayor Gheen Christoffersen asked city public works supervisor Bret Smith to have his crew grade the road shoulder along Riverside Avenue and other areas on the Angel Walk route to ensure a smooth surface for the participants, who often fan out on the roadway as they make their way through town.

The city crew also will try to do pick up in the alleyways during the two Saturdays of the community cleanup.

Traditionally, residents have been encouraged to use the time to do some spring cleaning on their private property, too.

Eidemiller said that the cleanup campaigns of recent years have done wonders for the appearance of the town.

“We’re heads and tails above last year as far as how clean the town looks,” Eidemiller said.

The general appearance of town also includes reducing the number of at-large dogs and poultry on the city’s residential streets.

The city council also discussed seeing more utilization of the Riverside Park facilities this spring and summer, including the disc golf course and the open space.

Councilman Jerry Anderson pointed out that the recently approved free lunch for children ages 1-18 that will be served this summer near the swimming pool could encourage usage of the park facilities.

Meanwhile, the city swimming pool staff is nearly in place. Pegram said that some of the prospective lifeguards already have received certification, much to Christoffersen’s relief.

“I don’t think we will run into the snag that we did last year,” the mayor said, referring to the difficulty the city had in getting an adequate amount of certified lifeguards as well as offering swimming lessons to the city’s youth.

Pegram said many of the prospective 2016 employees already have certification in giving swimming lessons.

The swimming pool walls will have to be repaired before the pool opens, Smith said, because the surface has deteriorating in the few years since it was refurbished.

The public swimming season usually begins after the end of the school year, and Smith said the repairs would have to be completed once water can be left in the pool without the danger of freezing temperatures.

— JPB



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Sex crimes part of OCSO detective’s workload

Arrest made in one of several open lewd cases

Jeff Wasson has a tough time leaving work at the office some days.

The Owyhee County Sheriff’s detective is in the middle of several sex crimes investigations, some of which have resulted in recent arrests.

“Unfortunately, you don’t like taking these kind of cases because they do affect you,” Wasson said. “It doesn’t matter if it’s a juvenile or adult the emotional process they go through is still different but similar and you feel the effects of that.

“At the same time, you have to keep an open mind, and you can’t rush to judgment.”

Wasson figures he’s working about seven sexual abuse cases right now, including one in which a 44-year-old Homedale man was arrested shortly before 6 p.m. on Thursday.

Humberto Rico is out on \$50,000 bond after being charged with sexual abuse of a child under 16 and lewd conduct with a minor under 16. Both are felony counts and the alleged offenses involve a 10-year-old girl, officials say.

Rico’s arrest was confirmed by OCSO Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman on Monday morning.

Rico and another man accused of felony sexual abuse, Marsing Housing Authority manager Robert C. Troxel Jr., are scheduled for April 11 felony arraignments in Murphy.

The two cases represent what Sheriff Perry Grant recently called an “uptick” in sex crimes Wasson has begun investigating over the past month.

“I’m investigating seven right now, and some have multiple victims,” Wasson said.

The detective said as many as 20 victims total could be contacted as the investigations continue. One case may have included as many as seven victims, he said.

“I like my job and I like doing what I do, but there are certain calls you don’t like, and those kind of bother you a little bit,” Wasson said.

“But in the long run you’re glad

they came forward because when they don’t come forward you see there is (a crime) that can continue to happen and can happen for years until they get caught.”

Owyhee County Level 1 Deputy Gary Peer, who Wasson says has training in investigating sex crimes, helps in the cases.

“I use a couple of Level 1s to help me with some of the legwork of locating people,” Wasson said. “And I have resources throughout the state to help me with certain aspects.”

Getting DNA results from the state lab in Meridian is another aspect to the process. Wasson said it could take up to a year to get test results back because of the backlog at the facility.

There are other complications to an already difficult process.

Wasson said some allegations involve incidents from four or five years ago. Some witnesses — and victims — are no longer in Owyhee County and must be tracked down for the investigations to proceed.

“I know there are two that we’ve received in recent weeks that happened up to three or four years ago,” Wasson said.

Tips come from interaction with the public, or calls to OCSO dispatch or from disclosures from the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.

Wasson encourages folks to call dispatch at (208) 495-1154 if they have information on any crimes, but says timely reporting of possible sex crimes is vital.

“It’s always easier to find out about these things sooner than later just because of the fact you have everything that’s fresh,” he said.

Wasson also has other crimes that he’s investigating outside of his sex crimes responsibilities.

“This is just part of my case-load,” he said. “I have multiple other cases that aren’t related to sex crimes that I also work.”

On average, he has 12 to 15 cases — ranging from burglaries to suspicious deaths — on his desk, he said.

— JPB

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The Spot reopens

A brother and sister have reopened a Marsing restaurant that has been closed since last summer.

The Spot is now being run by Amanda Merritt of Nampa and Robert Caldwell of Marsing.

Merritt has taken on the job of business manager while Caldwell is kitchen manager.

Their parents, Brent and Lisa Merritt, purchased the building for the two to operate.

Caldwell said he has worked in restaurants for the past 18 years and makes everything from scratch.

The phone number for The Spot remains the same, (208) 896-5055.

The restaurant is open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday, and noon to 6 p.m., Sunday.

The Spot is located at 12 Sandbar Ave., near the Snake River bridge.

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Above: Amanda Merritt of Nampa and her brother Robert Caldwell of Marsing held a grand opening celebration last Wednesday for The Spot.
Right: Caldwell, who is kitchen manager, throws some freshly made dough.



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✓ Irrigation: Reservoir may not fill, but water year looking much better

3.0 acre-feet of water to use this year, according to interim SBOC manager John Eells.

"We're looking for that to go up, but that depends on how much water we get in the reservoir," Eells said.

Eells said the April 11 is the tentative date for water to turn in to the system, including old Gem from the Snake River. He said the April 11 date for old Gem is especially tentative because officials haven't nailed down a date to crank up the Gem Pumping Plant.

Although fortunes are looking reversed from last year's 1.7 acre-feet allotment, Owyhee Irrigation District manager Jay Chamberlin said he expected Owyhee Reservoir's gloryhole to stay inactive for the fifth consecutive year, but crews have refurbished the ring gate valves just in case. Officials haven't been forced to spill out of the reservoir since 2011.

The ring gate maintenance was part of a massive project inside the dam that included trying to preserve metal staircases that are susceptible to the moist conditions inside the huge concrete structure.

"You benefit from a system that's really a monument to this valley," Chamberlin told farmers in regard to the 84-year-old facility that is on the Register of National Historic Places.

Chamberlin said periodic flights over the 11,000-mile Owyhee watershed has created optimism for a better year. He said during a February flyover there was plentiful snow in places that were barren of moisture at the same time last year.

On the morning of the meeting, the reservoir held 400,000 acre-



Owyhee Irrigation District manager Jay Chamberlin, standing behind South Board interim manager John Eells, points out that five countries make up the bulk of the irrigation capacity to feed the rest of the world.

feet of water, which was more than twice as much as was stored at the same time in 2015.

But the amount of water rushing into the reservoir at the Rome, Ore., gauge may not increase before canals are filled, he said.

"It's going to take a weather event, in my opinion, to see a uptick in inflows," Chamberlin said.

Brian Sauer of the Bureau of Reclamation said early run-off may be a "new paradigm" that water officials and farmers will have to get used to.

Sauer also announced that the forecast of 863,000 acre-feet into the reservoir this year was revised downward to 750,000 acre-feet because lower elevation snow has disappeared. The number is still 150 percent of average.

He said the El Niño weather pattern that brought a wet fall and mild winter will continue into July.

"So you can look forward to a hot summer, but from a water

standpoint, it looks better than it has in the last few years," Sauer said.

Although the meeting's attendance was smaller than the 2015 gathering, some in the crowd made up for the empty chairs with vocal curiosity about South Board's ongoing 17.7 lateral piping project.

According to Eells, enclosing the 17.7 lateral is an ongoing project funded by a \$300,000 cost-share grant from the federal Bureau of Reclamation.

Hundreds of feet of pipe has been installed as part of a project to mitigate dumping silt into the system from Jump Creek, Eells said. South Board officials are concerned that federal Clean Water Act regulations put forth by the Environmental Protection Agency regarding total maximum daily loads could affect the local system because of the silt build-up in the creek.

Growers such as Tom Wilke of

Homedale and P.T. Rathbone of Marsing questioned the project because they perceive that it benefits Landa. Rathbone also questioned the mingling of South Canal (reservoir) water with A Canal (Gem Pumping Plant) water.

Eells pointed out that Landa wasn't a board member when South Board directors approved the 700-acre pressurization project during manager Ron Kiester's administration. He also reminded the room that the Owyhee Dam was constructed in part to help supplement water pumped out of the Snake River.

Landa remained quiet for most of the discussion, but pointed out that whatever advantage he now has come through the installation of a number of pivots he has purchased and erected on his acreage.

Div. 3 director Dennis Turner spoke for South Board during the 17.7 discussion.

"Some of the things you've

heard are wrong," Turner told the protesting growers. "When this was voted in, it was before the landowner was on the board."

Turner also pointed out that the 17.7 project is part of more than a decade of conservation projects totaling \$2.5 million. Eells said the work improves water quality and also saves the South Board on aquatic and weed chemical costs because piping eliminates the possibility of algae buildup in the water and weed growth on ditchbanks.

Wilke Farms representatives and Rathbone demanded more accountability on the project, including where funding was coming from and how it was being spent.

At first, at special night meeting was planned, but a couple days after the water users meeting, Eells said the meeting would remain an afternoon affair beginning at 1 p.m. on Tuesday at the South Board office. — JPB

✓ Bond: Public input sought on proposals

ultimately approved by a super majority (66 2/3 percent) of the voting patrons, money could be used to combine the high school and middle school populations into one facility and build a new gymnasium.

The current middle school building might be used for expanded educational opportunities and office space, but nothing has been solidified, district superintendent Norm Stewart said previously.

The election was initially scheduled for May 17, but — at Stewart's suggestion — school board trustees pushed that date back to give the community more time to comment on the proposal.

Stewart said he's heard that

some people thought school officials were rushing into things for a May election. Other folks have asked what the need is for the building, and what it would look like.

The district's bonding capacity is \$13.5 million.

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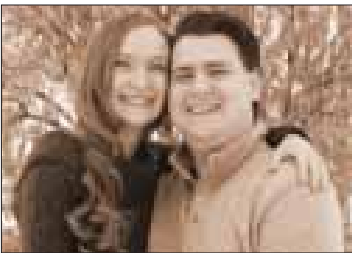
Mark and DeAnn Thatcher of Homedale announce the marriage of their daughter, Kirsi Thatcher, to Austin Cannaday.

Austin is the son of Troy and Jamie Cannaday.

Kirsi and Austin will be wed at the Boise LDS Temple on Friday, April 8, 2016. A reception will follow from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Homedale LDS Church, 708 W. Idaho Ave.

Both attend Brigham Young University-Idaho in Rexburg where Kirsi majors in Marriage and Family Studies and Austin majors in Healthcare Administration.

The couple will live in Rexburg.



Kirsi Thatcher and Austin Cannaday.

Honor roll

Marsing Middle School

Third quarter

Principal's List
4.0 grade-point average
Eighth-graders — Beagley, Brittany Anne; Brown, Moses Philip Jackson; Freeman, Caden George; Jensen, Lauren Sedna; Lee, Isaac Curtis; and Morton, Halle Mae

Seventh-graders — Christiansen, Hailey Nicole; Cuevas, Gabriela; Meade, Benji McCullough; and Percifield, Delaney May

Sixth-graders — Barker, Tyrel Jamie; Brown, Kathryn Olivia; Ferdinand, Harlee Jo; Hall, Mardee Jo; Jensen, Shea Emily; Jerome, Max Pliny; Morton, Noah David; Porter, Carter Wayne; Solis de Leon, Evelinn Marisol; Stansell, Regan Anita; and Withers, Samuel Martin

3.99 to 3.5 GPA
Eighth-graders — Lagunas, Constantino, 3.85; Loucks, Emily Grace, 3.77; Ayuban, Joshua Andrei, 3.71; Beagley, Alli Ree, 3.71; Van Hout, Natalie M.L., 3.71; Hall, Merrick Wesley, 3.69; Shippy, True Rayne, 3.69; Jerome, Amy Joan, 3.57; Jerome, Lillie, 3.57; Jerome, Patience Leigh, 3.57; Oliveros, Joaquin de Jesus, 3.57; and Wood, Jessie Nicole, 3.57

Seventh-graders — Larrusea, Alana Egustina, 3.86; Miller, Annie Shundeen, 3.80; Barroso, Kylie R, 3.71; DelaTorre Mejia,

Rosalynn, 3.71; Heitz, Chloe Ann, 3.71; Meade, Ross Thomas, 3.71; Sevy, Hannah Francine, 3.71; Tracy, Christina Nicole, 3.71; Wainman, Jade Grace, 3.71; and Moore, Tony Max, 3.61; Anderson, Zachary Joe, 3.57; Archer, Laela Taylor, 3.57; Gonzalez, Odezza, 3.57; Grant, Slade F., 3.57; Roper, Mazzi L, 3.57; and Wasson, Fallon Shea', 3.57

Sixth-graders — Clover, Sadie Dawn, 3.86; Eells, Vicki Jane, 3.86; Gonzalez, Arely, 3.86; Sanchez, Alexander John, 3.86; Sevy, Lazarus Robert William, 3.86; Enrico, Dominic Melquiades, 3.71; Loucks, Alexis Kimberly, 3.71; Milburn, Anita Marie, 3.71; Sevy, Calvin Lewis, 3.71; Berends, Daisy Rose, 3.57; Brown, Colton Pride, 3.57; Freeman, Ethan Ford, 3.57; Jacobi, Trayton Angelo, 3.57; and Ramirez Monter, Christal, 3.57

Honor roll
3.0 to 3.49 GPA
Eighth-graders — Berends, Hayden Curtis, 3.43; King, Clancy Edward, 3.43; Villa, Aubrey, 3.43; Bennett, Autumn Rose, 3.29; Berends, Eric Ted, 3.29; Bowman, Megan Dyann, 3.29; Stanbery, Thomas James Everett, 3.29; Alvarez, Alondra, 3.14; Ireland, Wes, 3.14; Merida Morales, Moises, 3.14; Sevy, Jessica Joy, 3.14; and Komakhuk, Desiree Kay, 3.00

Seventh-graders — Anderson,

Daphne June, 3.43; Arellano, Sierra May, 3.43; Garcia, Mauricio, 3.43; Jimenez, Johan, 3.43; Miller, Troy Mathieu, 3.43; Molina Jr, Jesus, 3.38; Acosta, Gabriel Nicolas, 3.29; Clair, Jonathon Lowell, 3.29; Newman, Emilee O, 3.29; Eells, Dalton Gene, 3.20; Arriaga, Isai, 3.14; Deneke, Brooke Ann, 3.14; Montes III, Atanacio, 3.14; Plascencia, Nicolas Chris, 3.14; Quezada, Esmeralda Yesenia, 3.14; Ramirez, Guadalupe Monter, 3.14; Randolph, Wesley James, 3.14; Battaglia, Morgan Ann, 3.00; Bernal, Victoria B, 3.00; Clay, Carter David, 3.00; Prado, Isaac Zachariah, 3.00; Wood, Destiny Michelle, 3.00; and Wood, Titus Michael, 3.00

Sixth-graders — Anderson, Curtis James, 3.43; Archer, Mason Jeffery, 3.43; Bennion, Teagan Gerald, 3.43; Deneke, Rebecca Lynne, 3.43; Jerome, McKenzy Rose, 3.43; Marcial, Vanessa, 3.43; Patterson, Zechariah Xavier, 3.43; Rodriguez Alvarez, Jenifer, 3.43; Franklin, Madison Rae, 3.29; Moore, Shyanne Lynn, 3.29; Orndorff, Ryan James, 3.29; Jerome, Miles Phillip, 3.14; Martin, Abigail Rose, 3.14; Robinson, Riley Jean, 3.14; Arriaga, Rosa, 3.00; Gegenheimer, Richard Logan, 3.00; Griggs, Karson Joanne, 3.00; Gutierrez, Zitlali, 3.00; Moreno, Lizbeth, 3.00; Quebrado, Noel, 3.00; Sierra Calderon, Perla, 3.00; Thornton, Faith Ann, 3.00; and Vasquez Jr, Valentin, 3.00

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Veggie & fruit bar and milk served daily

March 30: Crispito, corn

March 31: Pepperoni pizza ripper, tossed salad, fruit rollup

April 4: Hamburger, french fries, veggie & fruit bar, milk

April 5: Pork chop, mashed potatoes/gravy

April 6: Orange chicken, steamed rice, steamed broccoli

Homedale Middle

Fruit & salad bar and milk served daily

March 30: Chicken nuggets or orange chicken, steamed rice, broccoli

March 31: Mini corn dogs or fish nuggets, steamed carrots, cookie

April 4: Beef or chicken taco, corn, fruit & salad bar, milk

April 5: Spicy chicken sandwich or hamburger, tater tots

April 6: Spaghetti or corn dog, mixed veggies

Homedale High

Salad bar, fruit choice and milk served daily

March 30: Crispito or BBQ chicken w/roll, steamed carrots

March 31: Chicken parmesan w/pasta or corn dog, green beans

April 4: Pepperoni pizza ripper or roast beef sandwich

April 5: Beef taco or burrito

April 6: Orange chicken or popcorn chicken, steamed rice, cookie

Marsing

Salad bar is available to Mid High or High School students daily

March 30: Spaghetti w/breadstick or beef finder steaks, green beans, fruit & veggie bar, milk

March 31: Chicken fried steak or oven roasted chicken, potatoes/gravy, buttered corn, wheat roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk

April 4: Chicken nuggets, roll or fish sandwich, mixed vegetable

April 5: Spicy chicken & rice, roll or super nacho, steamed carrots

April 6: Rib-b-que, mac & cheese, breadstick, corn

Bruneau-Grand View

Fruit and milk served daily

March 30-31: No school

April 5: Chicken wrap, romaine & tomato, carrots, pudding

April 6: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, romaine salad, peas, breadstick

COSSA

Fruit served daily

March 30: Meatloaf, potatoes/gravy, corn

March 31: Grilled cheese, tomato soup, salad & carrots

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Milk and salad bar served daily

March 30: Pizza w/assorted toppings, garden salad w/tomatoes

March 31: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, California blend veggies, roll

April 5: Baked fish, baked potato, peas & carrots, roll

April 6: Meatball sub, California blend veggies

Marsing Senior Center

Vegetable served every day but March 28

March 30: Baked ham, rice

March 31: Chicken breast, potato

April 4: Meatloaf, potato, vegetable

April 5: Pork, rice, vegetable

April 6: Spaghetti, vegetable, garlic toast

Rimrock Senior Center

Milk and juice served every day

March 31: Chicken salad sandwich, macaroni salad, veggie tray, fruit cocktail jello

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Scott Jensen

Cattle have wide-angle vision and are able to view objects that are located in front, to the sides, and behind them. With an angle of vision that exceeds 300 degrees, the only blind spot cattle have is an area that is located directly behind the animal. Cattle also have depth perception, but have difficulty perceiving depth at ground level while moving with their heads up. To perceive depth at ground level, they must lower their heads, which helps to explain why cattle balk or shy away from objects and distractions occurring at or near ground level. Cattle are

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also wary of abrupt changes in color and lighting.

Animals have what is termed a flight zone. An animal’s flight zone is similar to a human’s personal space. As people or objects enter the flight zone, cattle begin to move away. As you move out the flight zone, cattle will generally stop moving. Flight zone size is determined by factors such as, frequency and quality (quiet vs. rough) of people contact and genetics. Cattle that have been handled quietly have smaller flight zones than animals that have been handled roughly.

Cattle possess a herding instinct. Cattle prefer to follow a leader and are motivated to maintain visual contact with each other. Handling facilities should be designed so that as animals make their way through, they are able to see the preceding animals. Dead ends and solid blocking gates should be avoided to prevent balking.

Another consideration is the use of movement aids (whips, canes, electric prods, etc.). Cattle have long memories. If handled

roughly in the past, cattle tend to be more stressed and more difficult to work when handled in the future. Electric prods move cattle through the chute more rapidly and have to be applied less frequently when compared with other methods; however, the use of electric prods also causes animals to stumble and make contact with chute sides more often. This leads to increased bruising of the animals. Whichever movement aid or method is used, it should be used properly.

The 2016 Idaho Range Livestock Symposium held in Marsing on April 19 will feature a low-stress livestock handling demonstration led by Jim Keyes, livestock handling clinician from southeastern Utah. Jim will cover animal handling on foot and horseback. Contact the Extension office for details. The event is free, but pre-registration is requested.

— For more information, contact Scott Jensen at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension at scottj@uidaho.edu. Jensen is the U of I county extension educator; and he welcomes questions on livestock care.

Calendar

Today

- Coffee club**
9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Preschool Story Time**
10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690
- After-school program**
3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2639
- 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
- Homedale LDS youth taco feed fundraiser**
6 p.m. to 8 p.m., taco bar, silent auction and sale, Homedale LDS Church, 708 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4112

Thursday

- COSSA College & Career Expo**
8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., COSSA Regional Technical Educational Center, 109 Penny Lane, Wilder. (208) 482-6074
- 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
- Vision Church food distribution**
2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Vision Community Church, 221 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 779-7926
- TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting**
6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867
- Marsing school bond public hearing**
6:30 p.m., Marsing schools cafeteria, 211 8th Ave. W. (208) 896-4111
- Adrian City Council meeting**
7 p.m., Adrian High School library, 305 Owyhee St., Adrian. (541) 372-2179
- AA meetings**
7 p.m. to 8 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

Friday

- Story Time**
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W.

- Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, afternoons Monday through Saturday
- Teens and Tweens program**
4 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday
- Marsing FFA auction**
6 p.m., Marsing School District cafeteria, 8th Avenue West, Marsing.

Saturday

- Marsing gun show**
9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing
- HHS baseball field dedication**
11 a.m., tours and children’s games, food; noon, dedication; 1 p.m., varsity game vs. Nampa Christian, Homedale High School baseball field, North 4th Street East and East Owyhee Avenue.
- Free lunches**
Noon to 1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419

Sunday

- Marsing gun show**
9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center
- Faith Riders winter ride**
4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Rafter S Indoor Arena, Allendale Road, Wilder. (208) 249-1595 or (208) 816-0714
- Young Life meeting**
6 p.m., open to high school-aged youth, transportation available with notice, 15777 Quartz Lane, Homedale. (208) 794-1048

Monday

- Board of County Commissioners meeting**
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421
- Adult book club**
7 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. First monday of every month. (208) 896-4690

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SEQUICENTENNIAL SAMPLINGS

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ANOTHER Mint meeting has been held in Boise City, the proceedings of which are given at length in the Statesman. We lay before our readers that portion relating to Owyhee County. This was prepared by O. H. Purdy, Esq., of Silver City, and can be relied upon as correct, or as nearly so as statistics can be compiled. It would be impossible for any man to obtain an exact statement of the gold and silver product of mines where so much never gets into second hands. We shall give the more important parts of the Boise report in our next issue.

We have before said there should be a Mint at Boise City. The report is intended to give the facts and figures to persuade Congress to think on this question as do the people of Idaho Territory.

WE are informed by residents of Jordan Valley that they intend to seed their ranches with grain and vegetables, and are now making preparations. Considering the frequent Indian depredations, they are taking desperate risks but are bound to go ahead. Such perseverance deserves Uncle Sam’s encouragement. If these pioneer farmers succeed in raising and marketing a good crop they will be simply rewarded – though but few would take such desperate chances for any consideration.

THE question of increasing the rate of County tax will come before the coming session of the County Commissioners. It is now one dollar on the hundred and it is believed to be good policy to increase it thirty cents. This would release the County of its debts by next October and leave money in the Treasury. As an act of economy, this increase recommends itself. With each to pay for services and labor performed for the County, the current expenses would be reduced one-half. At present, everyone charges the County double what they would an individual – for the reason the paper of the former is selling at fifty cents on the dollar. It is much better to submit to a small increase one year and thereby raise County paper to par and thus avoid paying two prices for everything. It is true economy to make the proposed increase.

STOLEN. On the night of the 21st inst., the Indians stole fifteen head of work cattle and two horses in Jordan Valley from Lewis Ranch. Ten head of the cattle belongs to Messrs. Bloom and Herd of Silver City – and were worth fully twelve hundred dollars. Three citizens and two soldiers pursued the thieves until their horses gave out – but without retaking the stock. The horses used in pursuit were poor and unable to endure much service. We get this report from citizens of the valley, who inform us that they feel confident the Bruneau Indians are connected with the Jordan depredations. As they are the principal sufferers, we presume they are entitled to put in a word.

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Sanders tops county Democrats' caucus

Vermont senator, Clinton split Owyhee's state delegates

Owyhee County Democrats favored Bernie Sanders in last week's presidential caucus. Sixty-two people caucused in the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office conference room on March 22, choosing between Sanders, Hillary Clinton and Rocky De La Fuente. "We had a great cross-section of ages represented," county committee chair Pam Roylance said, adding that one caucus-goer was a high school senior. Clinton and Sanders split the


two county delegates heading to the state convention. James Cameron will be the Sanders delegate, and Sonja Pierce will be for Clinton. Both are Homedale residents. Alternates are Alicia Ponce of Melba (Sanders) and Ray Heidt of Marsing (Clinton). Sanders received 40 votes during the Owyhee County caucus. The 64.5 percent share of the vote was lower than the 78 percent margin enjoyed by the Vermont senator statewide. Clinton received 22 votes (35.5 percent) in the Owyhee County caucus room, which was higher than the 21.21 percent share the former First Lady, New York senator and Secretary of State earned statewide. De La Fuente received no votes from Owyhee County.

District 23 hopeful sets Homedale open house

Even with the passage of March and presidential politics in the state, the election season is just getting warmed up. For the first time in quite a few election cycles, Owyhee County voters have multiple legislative primary races to keep an eye on as the May 17 voting day approaches. Megan Blanksma, a Hammett resident, is challenging incumbent Pete Nielsen of Mountain Home for the Republican nomination for the District 23B state House of Representatives seat. Blanksma will make another appearance in Homedale on Saturday with an open house at the Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. Blanksma will be on hand from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., to meet with voters and answer questions about her campaign. Blanksma visited the Homedale City Council meeting Thursday and told elected officials that refreshments will be served during the event. She also has invited other elected officials to participate. Marsing's Justin Freeman, who


works for Marsing School District, also has filed his Republican candidacy for the District 23B position. The general election race for District 23B will be crowded with Libertarian Christopher Jenkins of Homedale and independent Bill Chisholm of Buhl gearing up. Incumbent Rich Wills (R-Glenns Ferry) faces a primary challenge from Hammett's Christy Zito. Democrat Mary Ann Richards of Homedale is seeking her party's nomination for the District 23A seat. The only District 23 incumbent who doesn't have a challenge this year is state Sen. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson). Brackett is the only person from either side of the aisle to file for the primary election. There are two days left to file a write-in candidacy for the primary. A candidate forum is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Monday, April 18 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Glenns Ferry. Other forums, including one in Owyhee County, are in the works.

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SNOTEL report, Owyhee County sensors

	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature		
				Max	Min	Avg
				(measured in Fahrenheit)		
Mud Flat						
03/22	0.0	0	11.4	38	30	33
03/23	0.0	0	11.4	46	28	37
03/24	0.0	0	11.4	50	28	39
03/25	0.0	0	11.4	40	25	32
03/26	0.0	0	11.4	45	18	34
03/27	0.0	0	11.6	48	32	38
03/28	0.0	0	11.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
03/22	0.0	n/a	14.1	38	28	31
03/23	0.0	n/a	14.1	44	28	36
03/24	0.0	n/a	14.1	46	29	37
03/25	0.0	n/a	14.2	35	24	29
03/26	0.0	n/a	14.3	40	21	33
03/27	0.0	n/a	14.3	40	28	36
03/28	0.0	n/a	14.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
03/22	12.1	29	27.7	36	26	29
03/23	12.1	30	27.9	44	25	34
03/24	12.2	28	28.0	46	27	37
03/25	12.2	27	28.0	36	22	28
03/26	12.2	28	28.0	42	20	33
03/27	12.2	27	28.1	42	27	35
03/28	12.2	27	28.1	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 55 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 1,573 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 13 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 395,403 acre-feet of water on Monday.

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

— Information compiled from the National Weather Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Helena Chemical in Homedale

Gateway West on sage-grouse group's April meeting agenda

Murphy meeting moved to next Wednesday

The Owyhee County Sage-Grouse Local Working Group has changed the date of its next meeting to 7 p.m. next Wednesday inside McKeeth Hall at the Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., in Murphy. The Bureau of Land Management's draft supplemental environmental impact statement

for the Gateway West power line is among the topics. The BLM recently released the draft supplemental EIS with co-preferred alternatives for Segments 8-9 that would put the 500-kilovolt transmission line back on portions of private property in Owyhee County. The Morley Nelson Birds of Prey National Conservation Area will be affected, but the BLM's focus on Alternatives 2 and 5 for public comment puts Alternative 1 (the route through the NCA proposed by Idaho Power and preferred by

Owyhee County interests) on a different footing. BLM will take comment until June 9. The last public meeting in a series throughout the region is set for 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 21 inside McKeeth Hall. Other topics for next week's LWG meeting include: • A Governor's Office of Species Conservation proposal • A video detailing the work of Owyhee County ranchers to create ponds and wetlands in partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.



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Silver City historic appropriateness process drags on

Planning and Zoning disagrees with some proposed elements

The Owyhee County Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) is in the process of developing new regulations for renovation projects on structures in Silver City.

Bill Statham, HPC chair, said the document defines how work on buildings in the historic mining town should be done in order to retain the architectural style, appearance and colors that the buildings had in the past.

“So that the untrained eye of a visitor would look at it and think ‘Wow, that’s from the 19th century,’” Statham said. “That’s the goal, and sometimes it’s rather difficult to make that really operational.”

County Planning and Zoning administrator Mary Huff gave the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners a brief update on the new design guidelines at the board’s March 21 meeting.

Huff told the board that P&Z commissioners decided the document needed to be streamlined.

“What they found was that it was overly cumbersome, overly wordy, overly regulatory,” Huff said. “There also is information in there that’s more of a history nature that maybe should belong in a comprehensive plan than in guidelines for how to do projects in Silver City.”

She added that parts of the original document were in conflict with the county ordinance

on the historic district.

Huff cited how fences are handled as one example.

“Fences are prohibited. You can’t have a fence unless there was a fence,” Huff said. “So why would you have a whole section on fences?”

HPC chair Bill Statham wasn’t surprised to hear that the P&Z panel took out the section on fences.

“If things are not mentioned in the ordinance, or if there is something that you would need a variance for, then I think the P&Z modified or removed it,” Statham said.

The Historic Preservation Commission will get its first look at the amended document during its next meeting, which is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Tuesday inside the Owyhee County Historical Museum in Murphy.

“We’ll make some comments and send them back to P&Z,” Statham said.

That back-and-forth continues a process that started nearly three years ago.

The guidelines are necessary for the meticulous task of keeping the historic mining town looking like it did during its heyday more than a century ago.

Statham said it requires great attention to detail to replace period-specific elements of a historic building that have fallen off or

are deteriorating.

The design guidelines that are being prepared have the most precise level of detail ever to be implemented in Owyhee County.

The HPC is tasked with determining the historic appropriateness of a proposed project. The panel issues a certificate of appropriateness as an arm of the county Planning and Zoning Commission.

“We decided that something with greater detail would aid both the Historic Preservation Commission on their evaluation of project requests, and it would aid the citizens up there in knowing what particularly we would like to see,” Statham said.

The precision of the design guidelines are so detailed that they show what types of carpentry nails can be used in Silver City.

“They should represent the kind of fasteners that were available in the historic past, and if they’re different, at least have that appearance,” Statham said.

The consultant who drafted the design guidelines for the HPC was Noré Winter with Winter and Co., of Boulder, Colo. Winter worked on the new guidelines for about two years.

Statham did not have a figure on how much Winter was paid for the consulting work, but he did know where the funds came from.

“The money came from the National Trust (for Places of His-

toric Interest) and the Idaho State Historical Society,” Statham said.

The Historic Preservation Commission provided an in-kind match to qualify for the grant with members’ time and travel expenses while doing research.

“We had a great deal of involvement, and went through a number of reviews with it to make sure the design guidelines fit,” Statham said.

Two public hearings on the design guidelines were held at the museum in Murphy, and Statham believes they happened in July 2013 and the fall of 2014.

He said there was general support for maintaining the historical integrity of Silver City, but some people were concerned about being able to make modest changes to improve the livability of a home in the town.

Statham cited solar panels and propane tanks as two examples of things folks wanted to make sure were allowed.

“They’re new, there’s no question, but they do significantly improve the livability of the homes,” Statham said.

Solar panels and propane tanks were already allowed prior to the new guidelines but how they can be used is now better defined.

“We assured them that some of the design guidelines helped to make the homes more livable without compromising the integrity of the historic atmosphere,” Statham said.

Winter facilitated the two pub-

lic hearings. About 40 homeowners showed up at the first hearing and around 30 attended the second forum.

After the consultant completed the design guidelines, they went through another review process with Huff and the P&Z commission.

Work on the new design guidelines started before HPC commissioner JoEllen Ross-Hauer joined the panel in October.

“We haven’t seen them at all, and at our last meeting was when I first heard that they were even revising them,” Ross-Hauer said.

Ross-Hauer’s first glimpse of the document comes next week.

“I’ll be interested to review it and take a look at the changes that they made,” Ross-Hauer said.

Once the P&Z and HPC agree upon a set of guidelines, another public hearing will be held.

“At the conclusion of the public hearing process there may be some more revisions, or it may be approved without serious comment, and then it will go to the (Board of County Commissioners) for final approval,” Statham said.

There is no timeline for when the process could be complete.

“It’s a pretty complex document, it involves a lot of information and planning and zoning members are taking a good look at it,” Statham said. “So it could be several more months.”

— SC

County historic preservation board adds member

Commission still has three vacancies

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners (BOCC) has approved a new appointment to the Owyhee County Historic Preservation Commission (HPC).

Kevin Bowen, a maintenance employee at the museum in Murphy, was named to the panel during the BOCC’s March 21 meeting.

Bowen replaces Tom Carr who did not wish to renew his term when it expired on Dec. 31, 2014.

Members of the commission serve three-year terms, and Bowen’s term will expire Dec. 31, 2018.

Bowen, 55, lives in Murphy and has worked for the museum for one year. He and his wife Ryki have six children.

Bowen said serving on the HPC will be a natural extension of his love of the museum.

“What I really like is the old hand tools that were used. A lot of them were handmade,” Bowen said. “They did with what they had on hand and created great stuff with it.”

Museum director Amy Johnson told Bowen that he would be a good fit for the HPC, and he attended the group’s meeting last month.

Bowen has visited Silver City many times since he moved to Idaho from Washington state where he worked as a food service manager.



Kevin Bowen, general maintenance employee, checks the stability of a threshold in the museum in preparation for Saturday’s spring bazaar. Bowen is the newest member of the Owyhee County Historic Preservation Commission.

He also has pioneer ties to Owyhee County.

“I have a great-great uncle that was actually part of the wood-cutting crew for Silver City, part of the Henderson clan, Ashton Henderson,” Bowen said.

His great-great uncle would have worked around the historic mining town in the early 1880s.

Bowen thinks he will probably serve several terms on the HPC and believes he will work well with the other commissioners.

“Being a manager of people, you always find the common ground,” Bowen said. “You may not always agree, but I’ve always gotten along well with people and am able to see their viewpoint and communicate mine as well.”

In addition to doing general maintenance at the museum, his part-time job also involves putting exhibits together and keeping up on the landscaping.

“I also assist with the events, too, and I’m part of the Outpost Days planning committee as well,” Bowen said.

His job came about by getting to know the museum’s staff, specifically administrative assistant Betsy Kendrick.

“One day when I was in there, Betsy actually, said ‘Hey, do you know how to do drywall? Do you know how to do minor electrical wiring?’ I said ‘I do,’ and she said ‘Great, we need a maintenance person bad,’” Bowen said.

The last appointment to the HPC was JoEllen Ross-Hauer who joined in October.

She filled one of the spots left open by Mary Burke and Dave VanWassenhove who did not wish to renew their terms when they expired on Dec. 31, 2014.

The commission has seven positions, but only four are filled:

- Bill Statham, chair, term expires Dec. 31, 2016
- John Liable, term expires Dec. 31,

2016

- Ross-Hauer, term expires Dec. 31, 2016
- Bowen, term expires Dec. 31, 2018

With Bowen’s appointment, there are three open positions. State law allows up to nine members on a historical preservation panel. The minimum number of members required by law is two.

Statham said finding people willing to serve on the panel has been difficult, but he is currently in search of new members.

Part of Statham’s passion for serving on the panel comes from being a fourth-generation Owyhee County resident. He is a Silver City homeowner.

“I have been involved in history, historic preservation, archaeology, for many, many years, and I had not had an opportunity to help with the process,” Statham said. “Six years ago, I had the opportunity, had a little time, so I volunteered for it.”

Statham’s great-grandfather Elisha Lewis was his first relative who lived in Owyhee County. Lewis was part of a mining interest in 1865 when he first visited Silver City and moved his family from Indiana to the mining town in the mid-1870s.

The HPC hears applications for historical appropriateness on structures in Silver City primarily, but the group oversees related issues in the entire county.

“We’ve got an incredible, very good, history and valuable resources in the county,” Statham said. “We’re looking to identify those and see what measures are reasonable for Owyhee County to aid in their preservation.”

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Diane Avery (left) of Oreana sells some of her artisan goat cheese to Nampa resident Violet Smith during the The Owyhee County Historical Society’s annual spring bazaar Saturday in Murphy.

OCHS OKs museum expansion

New members join histocial society board

The Owyhee County Historical Society’s board of directors has signed off on an ambitious expansion plan for the museum in Murphy.

At Monday’s meeting of the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners, museum director Amy Johnson announced that R&M Steel of Caldwell has offered to donate the 6,000 square-foot steel building, which is 60-by-100 feet.

The OCHS board voted unanimously to accept the donation during a March 18 meeting.

It will cost about \$60,000 to put the expansion up, and OCHS board member Ron Kiester said the steel building itself will be valued at around \$70,000.

Kiester started on the board in January when John Larsen retired after 13 years with the OCHS. Kiester said past president Mary O’Malley asked him to join the board, and he was happy to do so because he loves history.

Larsen came up with the idea to use a steel building to expand the library about 10 years ago.

Kiester said he’s been told that a check for \$10,000 to establish a construction fund will be arriving soon.

“We’re working on it, and things are going fairly good,” Kiester said. “We’ve got some funding from some people, and we will be asking for donations.”

None of the money raised Saturday at the OCHS Spring Bazaar in Murphy will go into the construction fund.

“Funds raised (at the bazaar) will go towards the general fund to pay salaries and operating expenses,” Johnson wrote in an email. The historical society’s biggest fundraiser is Outpost Days at the museum, which will happen on Saturday and Sunday,

June 4-5.

Kiester was in the construction field before he went to work for the South Board of Control in 1983. He retired as South Board manager in late 2014.

He said the expansion would be located on the southwest corner of the museum, and he thinks the building could be complete by the end of this year.

“It’s all enclosed. We can start putting some of the stuff that we have in. We’ve got a place to keep them under cover,” Kiester said.

He would like to see some sort of plaque or dedication to previous OCHS members inside the building with names of members and how long they served on the board.

“It’s like John Larsen, 13 years of no pay, no nothing. He gave up a lot of his time to serve on the board,” Kiester said. “All the old board members need to be recognized a little bit more.”

The OCHS was founded in 1960 and has three new board members this year, including Kiester. The other two are Vera Lea Jayo of Grand View and Virginia Lyson of Murphy.

Jayo would like to see the new building go up while she’s on the board, and thinks what some people refer to as “the pie shop” adjacent to the rear of McKeeth Hall would be torn down to make some space for the expansion.

“I think they’re very ambitious with trying to use the outbuildings they already have in trying to get them cleaned up and fixed up, too,” Jayo said.

She thinks finances are the biggest obstacle the historical society faces.

Kiester agreed with that assessment.

“Everything’s donations, so it’s a challenge,” Kiester said.

However, he also said the board is doing a good job in operating the museum on a tight budget.

Jayo started on the board

the same time as Kiester. She stepped up after hearing that O’Malley was looking for someone from Grand View to serve on the board.

“My friend, Cathy Sellman, comes from Bruneau, and she said they needed someone from Grand View to serve on the board,” Jayo said.

Jayo thinks she is a good fit for the board because she was born in Grand View and has lived there all her life except for 14 years after she first got married and was living in Caldwell and Marsing.

Virginia Lyson of Murphy is the third new member to the board and joined three months ago.

O’Malley also asked Lyson to serve on the board.

Lyson doesn’t have any projects in mind for what she would like to see accomplished at the museum, and she doesn’t think the historical society is facing any serious problems.

Lyson is fairly new to Idaho and admits that she’s still learning the ropes as an OCHS board member.

“I moved to Nampa from the San Francisco area in 2006, and moved down to Murphy in 2013,” Lyson said.

The three new board members will attend a meeting at 11 a.m. Saturday at Owyhee Lanes Restaurant in Homedale to plan this year’s OCHS field trips.

Lyson said she doesn’t have any thoughts on the field trips because she isn’t familiar with the area.

Kiester didn’t have any potential destinations in mind, but he expects O’Malley to have plenty of ideas.

Jayo said she’d be willing to go about anywhere, but she might have some suggestions.

“Up in the Mud Flat area would be fun, and the Silver City area would be fun,” Jayo said. “There’s lots of things to see.”

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OCHS board

President — Bev White, Oreana

New to the position this year. She previously served two years of a three-year board term before being elected.

Vice-president — Stuart Emry, Homedale

New to the position this year. He previously served one year of a three-year board term before being elected.

Past president — Mary O’Malley, Murphy

New to the position this year

Secretary — Karen Steenhof, Murphy

Has served the position for four years. This will be her last year as secretary but can serve in another position if elected.

Corresponding secretary — Tish Lewis, Murphy

Has served the position for one year. This is her second term.

Treasurer — Barbara Jayo, Murphy

Has served the position for one year, this is her second consecutive term. Jayo has been on the board in a number of positions for many years.

New board members — Ron Kieser, Marsing, Vera Lea Jayo, Grand View, and Virginia Lyson, Murphy.

Continuing board members — Larry Kendrick, Murphy, is up for re-election in November; Cathy Sellman, Bruneau, has served two years and is up for re-election in November 2017; Jerry Raburn, a Caldwell resident with ties to Jordan Valley, has served two years and is up for re-election in November 2017.

Board limitations

- Officer terms are one year for a maximum of five years.
- The president will stay on for one year as past president if not re-elected.
- General board members can serve a maximum of two, three-year terms.
- As long as they do not exceed term limits for any one position, board members can serve as long as they continue to be appointed. For example, someone could serve six consecutive years on the board, then hold an office for five terms, then move back down to the general board.
- All elections are held at the November general meeting.

Society seeks field trip chairperson

The Owyhee County Historical Society’s board of directors is looking for someone to lead one of the group’s traditional events.

Each summer, the OCHS organizes field trips, which are open to the public.

A meeting to plan this year’s field trips will be held at 11 a.m., on Saturday, in Owyhee Lanes Restaurant, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale.

OCHS museum director Amy Johnson said the board’s officers are seeking someone to serve as field trip chairperson as well as publications chairperson.

“If anyone is interested in helping out with field trips, they should attend the brunch meeting,” Johnson wrote in an email.

Information on the publications chair post can be obtained

by contacting Johnson at the museum in Murphy at (208) 495-2319.

The OCHS field trips usually begin with a meet-and-greet rendezvous, then visitors caravan to a predetermined destination (4-wheel-drive vehicles are sometimes required), where longtime ranchers, land owners, miners or other interesting folk are waiting to tell a story of the past.

Destinations for OCHS field trips in the past have included the John and Kathy Romero ranch, the Cosmopolitan Mine and Mill near Silver City, the Duck Valley Indian Reservation, Wintercamp Ranch in Bruneau, Poison Creek Station, Rockville and Succor Creek State Park.

An informal potluck lunch takes place after each field trip.

Homedale LDS taco feed scheduled today

The Homedale LDS Church’s annual taco feed will raise money for youth activities in the Homedale 2nd Ward.

A taco bar will be available from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the church, 708 W. Idaho Ave.

Prices are \$6 per person and \$25 for a family. A silent auction

and sale also will be held.

The taco bar includes chips and salsa, and cinnamon scones will be available for dessert.

Youth activities include Boy Scouts camp fees and a five-day girls’ camp for ages 12-18.

For more information, call (208) 337-4112.

Owyhee children gather up goodies for Easter



Golden egg winners show off their loot at the end of the Murphy Easter egg hunt, which was held Saturday on the Owyhee County Courthouse lawn. Submitted photo



Tray Campbell (left) and Clancy Miller of Marsing storm the field at the Marsing Lions Club Easter egg hunt Saturday. Tray is the son of Brandie and Ross Campbell, and Tori Miller is Clancy's mom.



Regan Stansell, 12, played the Easter Bunny at this year's Marsing Lions Club Easter egg hunt. Regan is the daughter of Eric and Wendy Stansell.



Even with all age groups leaving at the same time for the Homedale Chamber of Commerce of Easter egg hunt, it seemed children had plenty of room to roam Saturday at Sundance Park. Submitted photo



Taylee Sevy, 3, was one of the first children in the 3-and-younger category to enter the egg field at the Marsing Lions Club Easter egg hunt Saturday at the Marsing High School football field..



A toddler snags an Easter egg out of a tree on the Owyhee County Courthouse lawn in Murphy on Saturday. Submitted photo



Hali Fuquay is all smiles as she shows off her take during the Murphy Easter egg hunt Saturday.



Parents look on as children are off and running for their prizes during the Grand View Lions Easter egg hunt Saturday at Centennial Park. Submitted photo

Lizard Butte Easter Sunrise Service



Madeline Gowen and Andrea Waters perform their roles as "Angels" at the cross to open the 79th annual Lizard Butte Easter Sunrise Service. Photo by Bill O'Connor



Above: Former Homedale resident Betty Adams of Nampa sings "Because He Lives." Left: Rev. Marty Meyer of Youth With a Mission delivers the Easter message during Sunday's Lizard Butte Easter Sunrise Service.



Hanging plants grown in the Marsing High School greenhouse will be sold Friday during the FFA auction.

Plants, pig, fun on FFA auction block

A few of the items up for grabs in Friday's Marsing FFA auction have been announced. The FFA chapter has showcased a few donated and homegrown items on its Facebook page recently. The auction begins at 6 p.m. inside the school district cafeteria on 8th Avenue West. Proceeds from the auction will send students to the annual 212/360 conference and two state conventions. Funds also will be used to cover travel costs for chapter members to this fall's FFA national convention. Marsing FFA Alumni member Alan Davis of Greybell Swine and Feed has donated a half of a hog, cut and wrapped, for the auction. The FFA members have grown hanging baskets in their greenhouse that will be on the auction block. Ste. Chapelle Winery in Sunnyslope has provided four tickets to a summer concert and one refillable growler.

Sheriff asks people to avoid SC Road

Graveling project starts Thursday

The road is still closed because winter driving conditions higher up the hill, but Grant is asking people who might be in the area to stay off the road because of blind corners that could put workers in danger. Rittenhouse told District 1 Owyhee County Commissioner Jerry Hoagland that it will take up to 10 days to apply the new layer of gravel. Silver City Road traditionally reopens in May.

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Avalanche Sports

Augusta National awaits

Accomplished 8th-grader concentrates on USGA Drive, Chip and Putt contest

Golf demands focus, so it comes as no surprise that Daniel Uranga excels at the sport.

Even though the Homedale Middle School eighth-grader is known as an honor student, a championship quarterback, a junior scientist, a student politician and a Basque dancer, he has found the time (and energy) to become a national finalist in the Drive, Chip and Putt competition.

“I’m pretty honored,” the 14-year-old son of Jen and Tony Uranga said. “It’ll be pretty exciting, and I hope I do well.”

The U.S. Golf Association’s youth competition comes Sunday, and Uranga is among 20 boys and girls from around the country who will compete at Augusta National Golf Club for the 14- to 15-year-old championships.

The competition will be broadcast from “golf heaven,” as one of Uranga’s cousins calls it, on the Golf Channel at 7 a.m. MDT on Sunday. Rebroadcasts are scheduled for 8 p.m. Sunday and 7 a.m. Monday. The competition comes seven days before the final round of the first major of the 2016 PGA Tour season on the same course in Georgia.



Daniel Uranga says his favorite part of the competition is putting. Photo by Tony Uranga

According to www.golfchannel.com, a 6 a.m. Sunday “pregame” will include features of each national finalist — 80 in all.

Unfortunately, the Drive, Chip and Putt finalists only compete on one hole of the venerated layout — No. 18 for the putting finale.

But Uranga probably doesn’t mind much because the 18th green is a famous location for triumphs by his favorite pro golfer — and fellow lefty — Phil Mickelson. “Lefty” has won three green jackets (2004, 2006 and 2010).

The chip and driving competitions will take place on the Tournament Practice Area at the course. Championships in each discipline as well as an overall title will be awarded in each of the 16 divisions (eight age groups each for boys and girls).

Hopefully, despite the volume of championships, Uranga won’t have to play another waiting game like he did last summer at Chambers Bay when he won a regional championship and made the national finals field.

“I was one of the first ones to go, and because of that I had to wait a little bit,” he said.

His patience paid off, though, as Uranga’s scores of 56 in driving, 45 in chipping and 60 in putting held up for the boys’ 14-15 championship on Sept. 13.

The 60-point putting performance shouldn’t come as

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Daniel Uranga has been honing his skills with three clubs — driver, wedge and putt — in preparation for the USGA Drive, Chip and Putt championships in Georgia on Sunday.

Homedale baseball facility dedicated Saturday

Hall of fame charter members to be inducted

Homedale High School history will be revisited at Saturday’s baseball field dedication ceremony.

The facility, which has undergone major renovation over the past two years, will be renamed Jackson Field, in honor of John Jackson, who was a major contributor to the project.

The HHS graduate went on to build the Jackson Food Stores chain throughout the Intermountain West.

The public event begins at 11 a.m. with tours of the facility. A barbecue will be served beginning at 11:30 a.m.

The field dedication ceremony will be held at 12:15 p.m., and the unbeaten Trojans will face off with Nampa Christian in a non-conference game at 1 p.m.

Admission is free, and folks are encouraged to bring lawn chairs.

“We want to have a great turnout, and it should be a real fun day,” HHS coach Burke Deal



Former Homedale High School standout Darren Uranga fires a pitch toward the plate during his Trojans playing days. He is one of three former HHS baseball stars who will be charter hall of famers.

said in an email inviting the public to the event.

Deal said the ceremony will include a speech from Mayor Gheen Christoffersen and a performance by the high school band.

Honored guests will include

some of the charter inductees to the Trojans baseball wall of fame, which will hang on the east wall of the new entry building.

The biographies of each inductee have been written by students in Ed Lee’s English class.



Luke Hays won a national championship at The College of Idaho (then known as Albertson College).

The inaugural inductees include:

- Luke Hays led the Trojans in batting average as a junior and senior in 1994 and 1995.

He moved on to play collegiately at Treasure Valley Community College and at The College of Idaho (known as Albertson College at the time). While at C of I, Hays was part of the Coyotes’ NAIA World Series championship team in 1998.

- Chris Hoshaw was a Gatorade Player of the Year in Idaho in

1991 while he helped the Trojans to a 25-0 record and the state championship. He finished with a .571 batting average and a school-record five no-hitters.

The two-time all-conference and all-state athlete went on to play at The College of Idaho.

In the years since college, Hoshaw has played softball, including on teams that played for national and world titles. His team won the U.S. Softball Association national championship in 2007 and finished second in the world tournament.

- Darren Uranga was named state tournament MVP in 1999 when the Trojans won the state championship.

Uranga played at The College of Idaho and then had a three-year minor-league professional career in the independent Frontier League in the Midwest.

Uranga had 261 hits — third all-time on the C of I list — in his collegiate career between 2000 and 2003. He’s second on the all-time list with 178 RBI, and he’s among the school’s all-time leaders in doubles and triples.

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Sports

✓ Augusta: 14-year-old continues to take lessons from Desert Canyon pro

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a surprise. Uranga says that’s his favorite part of the game.
“It just seems almost like a game,” he said. “You have to get the ball in the circles.”
Putting is scored on whoever gets closest to the pin, and if you make the putt there are bonus points to be had. The same goes for the chipping, but Uranga has yet to hole a chip shot.
Uranga’s regional championship has allowed him to follow up on a dream he had when he competed in the 2015 Drive, Chip and Putt competition. He wanted to qualify for the e round to give his grandparents — Danny and Leanda Uranga — a trip to Augusta. His parents will be there, too, as will his sister Tea. Daniel was on hand and was able to take advantage of a second

chance as a sub-regional alternate when he made the trip to the event to support his sister, who had won the local competition in Idaho.
“She told me to make my putts, which I guess is good advice,” he said.
Daniel capitalized on the second chance, and has been practicing to make the most of it on his own and with help every other Friday from his coach T.J. Gomez, who is the club pro at Desert Canyon Golf Course in Mountain Home.
He re-focused at the start of the new year to get ready for the national competition.
The practice has helped grow Uranga’s skill, but he acknowledges there is another element to his success.
“A little bit of it is luck and how the ball rolls,” he said. “I think not worrying so

much and trying my hardest and preparing for it.”
Uranga gets plenty of chances to play because his extended family plays quite a bit of golf. His cousin, Kaden Henry, is on the Homedale High School team that Uranga hopes to make next spring. His dad Tony and uncle, Darren, hit the links, too.
But Daniel now has something on all of them, even when they all get together for a friendly round at a local course like Shadow Valley, which is the boy’s favorite layout.
Regardless of how he does Sunday, Daniel can always brag about his moment in the sun at America’s golf mecca.
“I’m confident I’ll do the best I can,” he said. “And if I do the best I can, I’ll be happy.”
— JPB



Chris Hoshaw hit .571 while with Homedale, pitched five no-hitters and helped the Trojans to a perfect 25-0 state championship season in 1991.

✓ Baseball: Tours, barbecue lunch, contest vs. Nampa Christian slated

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He was an NAIA All-American honorable mention as an infielder during his senior season.
He is now the director of finance and operations for the Middleton School District.
A donor wall constructed by Wizard Renovations and populated with the names of businesses and individuals who have contributed time and money to the project will be unveiled on the west wall of the entry building. Donations are still being accepted for the project, and there are still spots on the wall to recognize those people.
Prior to the ceremony, a bounce house will be set up for children’s entertainment.
The project was funded solely by donations collected by Owyhee Baseball Inc., the organization under which the

county’s American Legion baseball program operates. No school district money was used during the project, Deal said.
The expansion project has included:
• A new scoreboard
• A new outfield wall
• Repositioning of the concession stand/announcer’s box
• Construction of a players’ clubhouse and dugout on the third-base side
• Construction of a visitors’ dugout on the first-base side
• A home-side bullpen and improved batting cage
• A low retaining wall behind the home plate area and viewer-friendly netting
Although the dedication ceremony marks the end of substantial improvements at the park, there is still an effort to get lights erected at the field.
— JPB

National desert bike racers ride Owyhee

National off-road motorcycle riders visit Owyhee County this weekend for the 41st annual Rabbit Creek 100.
The second round of the AMA Kendra SRT National Hare and Hound Series will be held Saturday and Sunday on a course off Silver City Road.
All competitors must be AMA members, and membership is available at registration.
The youth Hare and Hound national event features races at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday. Registration begins at 7 a.m. Entry fee is \$15 for Pee Wee riders and \$35 for the Youth division.
Sign-up for Sunday’s Hare and Hound Round 2 will be held 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday and 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Sunday. Entry is \$100 for pros, \$65 for non-pros and \$35 for sportsmen.
The race starts at 11 a.m. on Sunday.
Ricky Brabec of Oak Hills, Calif., won the first round of the pro series this year, taking the championship for the Winter Classic in Johnson Valley, Calif., on Jan. 24.

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Stat Leaders

 <p>Baseball Hitting — Dwight Sevy, fr., 6-for-11 (.545), 4 RBI</p>	 <p>Baseball Pitching — Clay King, jr., 1-0, 1.00 ERA, 9 Ks</p>	 <p>Softball Hitting — Alicia Barkell, sr., 6-for-17 (.353), 3 runs, 2 RBI</p>	 <p>Softball Pitching — Alex Grant, fr., 1 win, 9.84 ERA, 33 Ks</p>	 <p>Track and field Boys — Alexandre Heidt, sr., 11.5 seconds in 100 meters</p>	 <p>Track and field Girls — Holly Hobbs, sr., 14.28 seconds in 100 meters</p>
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Baseball
Wednesday, March 30, home vs. Nyssa, Ore., 5 p.m.
Thursday, March 31, home vs. Payette, 5 p.m.
Saturday, April 2 at Cole Valley Christian, noon
Tuesday, April 5, home vs. New Plymouth, 5 p.m.

Track and field
Thursday, March 31 at Parma Invitational, 3:45 p.m.
Tuesday, April 5 at Weiser Invitational, 3:30 p.m.

Softball
Wednesday, March 30, home vs. Nyssa, Ore., 5 p.m.
Thursday, March 31, home vs. Payette, 5 p.m.
Saturday, April 2 at Cole Valley Christian, noon
Monday, April 4 at Weiser JV, 5 p.m.
Tuesday, April 5, home vs. New Plymouth, 5 p.m.

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Sports

Trojans reach milestones in ISG softball tourney

Machuca sets school homer record, Kelly pitches no-hitter as HHS splits

Gardenia Machuca set Homedale High School's softball career home run record in grand style Saturday.

The senior blasted a grand slam with two outs in the fourth inning of the Trojans' 11-4 victory over hometown Skyview in the Idaho Sporting Goods Tournament.

Machuca's second home run of the season set the career mark at 24 homers.

Homedale (5-2 overall) split its games for the second day in a row at West Park, starting the day with an 8-7 loss to Lake City of Coeur d'Alene as the Trojans' comeback in the bottom of the eighth inning fell short.

Machuca was 3-for-4 with two doubles, the homer and five RBI against Skyview, which held a 3-1 lead before Homedale broke through with five runs in the bottom of the third inning.

Tristan Corta singled and scored the go-ahead run on Kendall Nash's double in the third inning. Nash then scored on Makayla Aberasturi's base hit.

Kendall Nash came home on Machuca's double with two outs in the sixth inning.

Sophie Nash led off the third inning with a double and scored on Corta's single to ignite the go-ahead rally.

Saturday: Lake City 8, Homedale 7 (8) — The Timberwolves grabbed the lead with two runs in the top of the

eighth inning, cashing in on a single and a Homedale error after the inning started with a runner at second base because of the international tiebreaker rule.

Rian Beebe's two-out single plated Sydnee Shanley in the bottom of the eighth, but the Trojans were unable to keep up the rally.

Homedale posted four runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to tie the score for the second time in the game. Machuca, Shanley and Sophie Nash had singles as the Trojans started the uprising with six consecutive base runners.

Nash was 3-for-4 with two runs scored, while Shanley crossed the plate three times. Machuca went 3-for-4.

Friday: Kuna 8, Homedale 3 (6) — The Kavemen scored six runs in their final at-bat to end the Trojans' perfect season start in comeback fashion.

Homedale was limited to three hits in its tournament opener against its Class 4A opponent.

Trailing 2-0 in the bottom of the fourth inning, the Trojans took the lead with a three-run rally.

Sophomore Dakota Kelly's bases-loaded double brought home Kendall Nash and Aberasturi to give Homedale a 3-2 advantage. Corta scored the Trojans' first run earlier in the inning on Nash's double. Allison Shenk, courtesy runner for Kelly,



Homedale High School senior slugger Gardenia Machuca connects against Vale, Ore.

was thrown out at the plate to end the inning.

Kuna mounted its game-winning rally with the help of four errors, and Kelly surrendered just two earned runs in taking the loss.

Friday: Homedale 13, Hillcrest 1 (5) — Kelly fired a no-hitter and struck out 12 to dominate the Knights from Ammon.

Kelly had a perfect game through 3 2/3 innings. She fanned nine consecutive batters to start the game. She got 10 of the 11 outs during her perfect start by strikeout.

The Trojans owned a 13-0 lead before Hillcrest scored an unearned run in the fifth inning.

Homedale made the most of eight singles, and Machuca reached base five times with a

2-for-3 showing that included three walks.

Sophie Nash entered the game in the fourth inning and knocked in two runs with a single.

Homedale jumped all over Hillcrest's pitcher during a game-breaking seven-run second inning.

Megan Maxwell, Kendall Nash, Aberasturi and Machuca had singles in the rally.

Homedale Trojans Athletes of the Week

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Dakota Kelly, so., softball
Pitched in all four games, throwing no-hitter vs. Hillcrest and striking out 27 batters in 25 innings.



Gardenia Machuca, sr., softball
Broke HHS career HR record while hitting .571 (8-for-14) with six RBI and four runs scored in the ISG tourney.

HOMEDALE CHIROPRACTIC CENTER
J. Edward Perkins, Jr. D.C. 337-4900

CAMPBELL TRACTOR CO
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Farm Bureau Insurance Company
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Baseball
Varsity
Wednesday, March 30 at Vale, Ore., 5 p.m.
Friday, April 1, home vs. Weiser, 5 p.m.
Saturday, April 2, home vs. Nampa Christian, 1 p.m.
Tuesday, April 5, home vs. Parma, 5 p.m.
Junior varsity
Wednesday, March 30, home vs. Vale, Ore., 5 p.m.
Friday, April 1 at Weiser, 5 p.m.
Tuesday, April 5 at Parma, 5 p.m.

Track and field
Thursday, March 31 at Parma Invitational, 3:45 p.m.

Tennis
Wednesday, March 30, home vs. Ontario, Ore., 4 p.m.
Tuesday, April 5, home vs. Emmett, 4 p.m.

Golf
Wednesday, March 30 at 3A Snake River Valley nine-hole meet, Rolling Hills GC, Weiser, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, April 5 at 3A SRV nine-hole meet, TimberStone GC, Caldwell, 3 p.m.

Softball
Varsity
Wednesday, March 30 at Vale, Ore., 5 p.m.
Friday, April 1, home vs. Weiser, 5 p.m.
Saturday, April 2 at La Grande, Ore. (2), 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.
MDT
Tuesday, April 5, home vs. Parma, 5 p.m.
Junior varsity
Friday, April 1 at Weiser, 5 p.m.
Saturday, April 2 at La Grande, Ore. (2), 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.
MDT
Tuesday, April 5 at Parma, 5 p.m.

COSSA plans career, college fair Thursday

Homedale and Marsing students will attend the Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency (COSSA) College and Career Expo on Thursday in Wilder.

The Expo takes place from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from noon to 2:30 p.m., at the COSSA Regional Technology and Education Center, 109 Penny Lane.

Homedale eighth-graders and sophomores and Marsing middle and high school students will be among more than 700 schoolchildren from the COSSA consortium schools (Notus, Parma and Wilder are also involved) who will meet with representatives

from post-secondary, military and employment opportunities.

Students also will get a hands-on experience with the professional-technical programs COSSA offers.

Several Treasure Valley employers and Idaho colleges as well as medical and emergency services organizations will be on hand.

COSSA student groups such as Sources of Strength, Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) and Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) also will be holding fundraisers throughout the day.

Two people hurt in spate of car crashes

A 22-year-old Twin Falls man was cited and apparently transported to a Nevada hospital after a single-vehicle accident on Idaho highway 51.

Andres Cruz-Rosales was given a misdemeanor citation for failing to purchase a driver’s license after a one-vehicle accident before 5 p.m. on Friday.

Owyhee County Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said Cruz-Rosales told deputies that he got drowsy, drifted off the road and drove a 1999 Ford Mustang off the embankment near milepost 44 on Idaho highway 51 south of Bruneau.

Jose Ramirez, a 21-year-old Twin Falls resident, was unhurt in the accident.

Bowman confirmed that Cruz-Rosales was apparently taken to an Owyhee, Nev., hospital via civilian vehicle.

Driver uninjured when truck overturns

A 27-year-old Kalama, Wash., man was released from the scene after emergency medical technicians checked him out following an accident on Idaho 78 one mile south of Sinker Creek

on March 23.

Bowman said the rising sun may have been a factor when James Wray overturned a 2004 International boom truck while driving east nearly milepost 38.

“He went off the road, overcorrected and overturned in the road,” Bowman said of the accident, which occurred before 8 a.m.

A lane of traffic was blocked. Grand View Ambulance personnel responded to the scene.

Juvenile cited after wreck

A 17-year-old female was cited for passing over a solid line after the 1994 Ford Ranger pickup she was driving collided with a 1997 Ford F-350 driven by a 16-year-old male.

Bowman said both motorists were heading north on Idaho 78 near Howard Road outside Marsing when the female tried to pass as the male driver was turning left onto Howard.

Marsing Ambulance transported the female to Saint Alphonsus-Nampa for treatment of unspecified injuries.

— JPB

Out-of-county agencies make arrests on HPD warrants

A couple of men wanted on Homedale Police Department warrants have been arrested elsewhere in Idaho.

Benjamin Brault, a 28-year-old McCall resident on probation after an aggravated battery conviction in Owyhee County, was arrested on a \$25,000 probation violation warrant on March 22 in Valley

County.

Fabian Sanchez, 21, of Caldwell was arrested by Nampa Police on March 23 on a \$5,000 misdemeanor warrant.

Sanchez apparently failed to appear for a court hearing related to charges of malicious injury to property and providing false information to a peace officer.

Owyhee County Church Directory

<p>Calvary Fellowship Homedale Pastor Rich Wright 20 West Idaho Ave Church time is 10:00 am on Sunday & Wednesday at 7:00 pm (208) 880-4033</p>	<p>Golden Gate Baptist Church Wilder Pastor Robert Potter, Jr., CLP Corner of Second and "B" Streets Church time is 11:00 am on Sunday Call (208) 880-4308 for information</p>	<p>Our Lady of Tears Church Silver City For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031</p>
<p>Iglesia Misionera Biblica Homedale 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."</p>	<p>Knight Community Church Grand View Pastor Ivan Shetler 630 Idaho Street 208-834-2639 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am</p>	<p>Crossroads Assembly of God Wilder 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</p>
<p>Assembly of God Church Homedale 15 West Montana, 337-4458 Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Service 6:00pm Wed. Bible Study 7:00pm Wed. Children & Youth Ministries 7:00pm</p>	<p>Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale 17434 Hwy 95, 337-3464 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Services: 10:45 am Sundays www.homedalefriends.org</p>	<p>Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church Caldwell 1122 W. Linden St. 459-3653 Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:30 am Spanish Mass: Saturday 7:00 pm Spanish Mass: Sunday Noon</p>
<p>Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Homedale 337-4248 Sunday Services 10am Pastor Sean Rippey Adult and Children Sunday School 9-9:45am Visitors Always Welcome! Call Church for Prayer requests</p>	<p>Chapel of Hope Hope House, Marsing Look for the Blue Church South Bruneau Hwy at the Hope House Welcoming Families, especially those with special needs children. Keith Croft, Pastor 880-2767 Jake & Alisha Henriouille, Youth Pastors 761-6747 Sunday Services at 10 am</p>	<p>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale 708 West Idaho Ave 337-4112 Bishop Mark Thatcher Bishop Robert T. Christensen Sunday 1st Ward 1pm Sunday 2nd Ward 9am</p>
<p>Homedale Baptist Church Homedale 212 S. 1st W. 739-5952 Sunday School 10am-11am Sunday Worship 11am-Noon Wednesday Evening 7pm</p>	<p>Wilder Church of God Wilder 205 A St. E, 649-7698 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Service 11am Sunday Eve. 6:00pm Wed. Eve. 7:00pm</p>	<p>Mountain View Church of the Nazarene Wilder-Homedale 26515 Ustick Road 337-3151 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm Children's Caravan Program</p>
<p>MARSING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY Asamblea Apostolica de Marsing 107 W. Main • Marsing, Idaho Pastor Jose Gutierrez 208-461-9016 or 880-6172 Sunday School 10:00 am Sunday Service 1 pm • Wednesday Service 7 pm Bilingual Services/Español</p>	<p>Iglesia Evangelica Wilder 317 3rd st., Pastor Ramiro Reyes 10 am Sunday School 11 am Service 482-7484 Bilingual</p>	<p>St. David's Episcopal Church 1800 Arlington Ave. Caldwell, ID 83605 208-459-9261 stdavids@stdavidscaledwell.org www.stdavid.episcopalidaho.org</p>
<p>Christian Church Homedale 110 W. Montana, 337-3626 Pastor Maurice Jones Sunday Morning Worship 11am Church school 9:45</p>	<p>Bible Missionary Church Homedale West Idaho, 337-3425 Pastor Ron Franklin Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7:30</p>	<p>Assembly of God Church Marsing 139 Kerry, 965-1650 Pastor Rick Sherrow Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am & 6 pm</p>
<p>Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing Pastor David London 116 4th Ave. W., 859-2059 Sunday worship: Morning: 11am-Noon• Evening: 6-7pm Sunday school 10 am-10:55am Wednesday evening 6pm-7pm</p>	<p>Nazarene Church Marsing Pastor Bill O'Connor 649-5256 12 2nd Avenue West Worship Services - Sunday 11am and 6pm Sunday School - 9:45am Mid Week TLC Groups</p>	<p>Trinity Holiness Church Homedale 119 N. Main Pastor Samuel Page 337-5021 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Thursday Evening 7:30pm</p>
<p>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Marsing 215 3rd Ave. West, 896-4151 Sunday 1st Ward, 1:00 p.m. Bishop Rowley Sunday 2nd Ward, 9:00 a.m. Bishop McIntyre</p>	<p>Vision Community Church Marsing 221 West Main Marsing, Idaho 208-779-7926 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Adult, Kids & Youth Meetings Wed. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>United Methodist Church Wilder Exploring the Bible: Public Invited 2nd & 4th Tuesday: 4-5pm Corner of 4th St. & B Ave. Pastor Dave Raines 208-880-8751 Sunday Service 9:30am</p>
<p>First Presbyterian Church Homedale 320 N. 6th W. Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am 208-473-9331</p>	<p>Calvary Holiness Church - Wilder Corner of 3rd St. & B Ave. • 208-989-0196 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. • Sunday Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday: 6:00 p.m. • Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. Food Pantry hours • 208-989-0226 2nd & 3rd Friday of month 2pm-4pm 4th Friday of month 12-1pm</p>	<p>Garnet Seventh-Day Adventist Church 16613 Garnet Rd., Wilder 208-649-5280 Email: garnetSDA@icloud.com Worship 9:30am Sabbath School 10:45am Wednesday Bible Study 7:00-8 pm</p>
<p>Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale 711 W. Idaho, 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am</p>	<p>Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church - Oreana 2016 Mass Schedule - the following Saturdays at 10:00am Jan. 23 - Feb. 27 - Mar. 19 - Apr. 23 - May 28 June 25 - July 16 BBQ - Aug. 27 - Sept. 24 - Oct. 22 - Nov. 26 - Dec. 17 All are welcome! For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031</p>	<p>Amistad Cristiana de Wilder UMC Esquina de 4 y calle B Domingos Servicio: 12:00 pm El Ropero (Banco de ropa) Miercoles 12- 2pm Martes y Jueves: 6:30 pm Ingles Sabados: 12:00 pm Arte Infantil Todo en Espanol, Inf. 989 7508</p>

Got News?

Call us! (208) 337-4681. Community happenings, events or issues.



Morgan Monson (left) serves Wilbur Chitwood of Nampa during the fifth annual Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire and Rescue firehouse chili cook-off Saturday in Murphy.

MRW chili cook-off dubbed success

Dozens of people attended the fifth annual Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire and Quick Response Unit chili cook-off Saturday at the Owyhee County Historical Museum in Murphy.

The contest was held in conjunction with the Owyhee County Historical Society's spring bazaar.

Organizers are thanking all the competitors for their time and effort as well as community who donated \$5 per person to sample the fare.

MRW public information officer Louis Monson said attendance was down slightly from last year. He attributes the drop to the fundraiser falling on the same weekend as Easter this year.

The winners of this year's chili cook-off were:

- Jeff Wasson of the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office for people's choice with no bean red chili
- Loni Monson of the Jordan Valley team for red chili with beans
- Richard Monson of the Jor-

dan Valley team for green chili

- Mary Monson of Wildland Wives for white chili
- Denise Lacy of Hwy 78 Community Disaster Relief for anything goes chili and vegetarian chili
- Pat Monson of the Jordan Valley team received an honorable mention for his chili entry

Raffle tickets for a shotgun were sold during the cook-off. Monson said he has not added up the sales from raffle tickets or the cook-off.

The winner for the shotgun will be drawn in either August during a barbecue fundraiser at Givens Hot Springs or in December during a MRW Christmas gathering. The drawing date will be determined by how quickly MRW volunteer emergency responders sell the 500 tickets for the gun.

Tickets are available from any member of the fire district and are \$5 each. They can also be ordered over the phone by calling Monson at (208) 495-2154.

— SC

Homedale Sr. Center to host healthy living events in April

There is plenty of focus on health next month at the Homedale Senior Center.

In addition to the regular blood pressure and foot clinics in April, the center at 224 W. Idaho Ave., will be the site for one of three "Dodging Diabetes" classes St. Luke's staff is presenting in southwest Idaho over the next two months.

The free community class and dinner will focus on lifestyle changes that can help prevent or delay the onset of Type 2 diabetes.

The Homedale event takes place from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18.

Other classes are planned for Payette Senior Center, 137 N. Main St., on Tuesday, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Glenns Ferry on Tuesday, May 10. A Centers for Disease Control and Prevention grant is being used to support the classes.

St. Luke's staffers including a nurse practitioner, registered dietitian, licensed social worker and psychologist teach the class.

Novo Nordisk provides dinner, which will be served for the first half-hour, and the class runs from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

For more information about the class or to RSVP, contact Lisa Gonser at lgonser@slhs.org or (208) 381-7438.

The St. Luke's Humphreys Diabetes Center team offers consultation, education, and support to both children and adults to help you manage your diabetes and live a healthy, active life. More information is available at stlukesonline.org.

The regular blood pressure clinics at the Homedale Senior Center take place from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, April 12 and April 26.

The foot clinic will be offered on Tuesday, April 19 with appointments available from 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$12, and appointments can be made by calling the senior center at 337-3020.

Other events this month

include:

- Republican legislative District 23 Seat B candidate Megan Blanksma will hold a meet-and-greet at the senior center between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Saturday.
- The monthly Widow's Breakfast will be held next Wednesday morning.
- The monthly Saturday night dance will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The event is open to everyone and features live music. The cost is \$5, and folks are encouraged to bring finger foods to share.
- The senior center's fundraising breakfast will be served from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 16. The cost is \$6 per plate, and proceeds help the center with operating expenses.
- The Ladies Coffee Group meets at 9 a.m. each Wednesday.

The senior center is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Another fundraising aspect of the center, the thrift store, is open those same hours.



Homedale Public Library youth services coordinator Kailey Woodruff (left) helps Marshall Eells draw an Easter egg during Story Time on Friday after a reading of "Minerva Louise and the Colorful Eggs" by Janet Morgan Stoeke. Marshall, 5, is the son of Jasmine and Steven Eells.

Homedale library to teach science

Homedale Public Library's youth programs will tackle science Friday.

Preschoolers attending Story Time will experience the book "Five Senses."

During the 10:15 a.m. activity, the children will learn a song about the five senses — sight, smell, touch, taste and hearing — and also play a game to help remember them.

At 4 p.m., the Teens and Tweens group will take on an aspect of geology, learning about how volcanoes work.

The physical component in the afternoon for the boys and girls ages 10-17 is constructing a volcano model.

The library is located at 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

Call 337-4228 for more information about the library and its programs.

Marsing computer classes start Saturday

The Lizard Butte Library's free computer classes begin Saturday and run for three weeks.

Folks are invited to brush up on their computer skills during the classes at the library, which is located at 111 S. 3rd Ave. W.

Marsing Elementary School third-grade teachers John Barenberg and Paul Stephens will lead the classes.

The first class will be held from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., on the next three Saturdays, ending on April 16. Instruction will cover how to create and manipulate text in a document, use toolbars and type by speaking. The class will also cover sharing documents remotely.

A computer coding class will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. for the next three Fridays.

There are only 16 open spaces

available for the classes. The library has eight computers available for people to use but eight participants will have to bring their own laptops.

For more information, or to register for the classes, call the library at (208) 896-4690. People can also register in person at the library, which opens at noon Monday through Friday and at 10 a.m., Saturday.



Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson public information officer Louis Monson (left) presents Owyhee County Sheriff's Office deputy Jeff Wasson with the grand prize for people's choice at the MRW Fire and Rescue firehouse chili cook-off in Murphy Saturday. Team OCSO's winning entry was a red chili without beans.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

April 3, 1991

Science camp okayed

Among decisions reached by Homedale School Board members at their latest meeting in March was one approving the conduct of a summer science camp here for sixth-graders.

Under plans outlined for trustees by Debby Turner, a local teacher, the camp is to be conducted between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. June 24-28. It will include five day trips as follows: Monday, to Hewlett-Packard near Boise; Tuesday, Nampa Sewage Treatment Plant at Nampa; Wednesday, a geological trip to the Owyhees with Dave Leppert; Thursday, a trip to the Nampa Fish Hatchery and a bird farm; Friday, a tour of Owyhee Dam with Clyde Hutton, manager of South Board of Control in Homedale.

Turner and a second teacher, Tracie Cook, are to be paid \$90 per day of \$450 apiece for organizing and conducting the five-day camp. Net cost to the school district is estimated to total \$1,136.40, including school bus expenses, lab materials, salaries and incidentals.

Landfill solution is “up in the air”: Bass

Where does Owyhee County stand in the wake of news that the proposed six-county regional landfill planned at Pickles Butte in Canyon County is in the process of being scrapped?

Richard Bass, chairman of the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners, answered yesterday, “We’ll probably get married with Canyon County. We’ll probably enter into an agreement (for) a two-county district. It’s a little up in the air right now.”

Bass pointed out that the county commissioners worked on the regional concept for a long time in the expectation that new federal landfill regulations will make it financially impossible for Owyhee County to continue to operate garbage dumps by itself.

The county had moved ahead on the regional plan to help try to buy additional property leased from the Bureau of Land Management in the Pickles Butte area in order to make it a reality, he indicated. But the regional plan hit a wall when the BLM, Washington office, advised it could not approve the idea.

In the meantime, Bass said, the Homedale dump will continue to operate. “We will continue the closure plan on the Bruneau dump, and we’ll continue work on the tipping station in the Bruneau-Grand View area in the vicinity of Rimrock High School.”

Local senior honored

Beth Kiester, a senior at Marsing High School and the daughter of Chuck and Judy Kiester, was awarded a “Good Citizen” certificate by the Caldwell chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Beth was one of six students from the area that was honored with this special dinner/awards ceremony.

In order to qualify, Beth had to write an essay on “Our American Heritage and My Responsibility to Preserve It.” She was also chosen because of her qualities of leadership and service in her school, church, community and home. Beth has attended Girls State, is FHA president, class secretary and a member of National Honor Society. She is also very active in sports and her church.

New policeman hired

Officer Joe Whilden, 49, joined the Homedale Police Department on March 1st and said yesterday that he’s liking the job fine. “I like the people. I like the kids. Everybody’s pleasant,” he reported. “I get along well with everybody.”

Whilden, a native of Pitman, N.J., has resided in Idaho for a long period of time, serving in the field of law enforcement over much of his working career. A veteran of the Vietnam era, he first got into police work in Meridian in 1969, later serving at police posts in Soda Springs, Melba, Arco and the Canyon County Sheriff’s Office. He was chief of police in Melba until the police force there was disbanded in 1985. He served in the same capacity in Arco.

50 years ago

March 31, 1966

George Murray to head Homedale PTA for 1966

Election of officers and a program on band instruments were the highlights of the PTA meeting held Monday night, March 21, at the Washington school multipurpose room. Approximately 100 persons attended.

George Murray will automatically fill the president’s office for next year after serving this year as vice president. Others elected were Lawrence Kent, vice president; Mrs. Harriet Kinder, secretary, and Mrs. Arlene Nafsinger, treasurer.

Barry Fujishin wins FFA’s top state honor

Barry Fujishin, a junior at Adrian High School, was awarded the highest state honor of the Future Farmers of America at the Oregon FFA state convention in Bend recently.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fujishin, Homedale.

He was named Oregon Star Farmer at an awards ceremony and received \$200 in cash. He was selected from among 80 other Oregon state farmers. An Adrian boy, Duane Winn, was named State Farmer. About 800 persons attended the ceremony.

In a period of three years, Fujishin increased the value of his livestock project from \$500 to \$3,500.

Fujishin attended the Ridgeview school during his years in the elementary grades before attending the Adrian school when the schools became consolidated.

Besides being an honor student, he has held several offices, including vice president of the student boy, treasurer of the Adrian FFA chapter, National Honor Society vice president and recently was elected president of the Snake River District, FFA. Last year he served as student body representative. He was class president during his freshman year.

Water again flowing in South Board canals

Water is now flowing in all South Board of Control canals. The water supply for the season looks good. Excess will be available for Owyhee water users. A definite amount has not been set as yet and probably will not be named until it is seen how the runoff takes place. It is safe to assume that 4.5 feet per acre will be available.

The South Board is starting the season with one new ditch rider, Robert Mount. Bob lives in Marsing with his wife and three children. He was born in Jordan Valley. He will ride the B canal.

Charles Musgrove will again be back on the C canal. This will be Charlie’s 24th year of ditch tending.

Ferris Young will ride the A canal. This is Skip’s fifth year coming up. He has the largest acreage under his ride of the eight riders. There are 8,300 acres served.

Harry Parker starts his 10th year of riding. He works the South Canal from the middle to the tail end.

Charles Carpenter provides guiding care for the South Canal from Succor Creek to the mid-point. Charlie is in his 11th year as a South Board employee.

Paul Vanderhoff keeps an eagle eye on the head end of the system. This will be his 3rd year.

The Oregon area of the project not patrolled by Paul is handled by Pete Echevarria. Pete is commencing his fifth year with the South Board.

Willis Liddell works the area directly north and west of Homedale. Dutch is commencing his sixth year.

These eight riders are “mothered” by veteran water-master Bill Wells. Bill came to the South Board from the Ontario area under the North Board of Control, in February 1959.

Owyhee Reservoir contains 640,470 ac. ft. of water as of March 30. Last year’s contents was 636,850 ac. ft.

Chronicling

The old building formerly the Matteson Machine Shop and recently Simco has been completely torn down, and the area will be blacktopped for a used car lot by Owyhee Motors.

140 years ago

April 1, 1876

CENTENNIAL PROSPECTS. The Centennial era of our National Independence has not dawned upon us under very promising auspices. It is but the morning as yet, but already the sky is overcast with ominous clouds, and the prospects for satisfactory developments at noonday are not the most cheering. Contrasting the situation with what it was a hundred years ago when a noble band of patriots “pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor” in a successful struggle for liberty, setting an example of the people of the country and the world at large in the brilliant results that were accomplished. The struggle against tyranny triumphed then; and American liberty became a fixed fact. The boon thus bequeathed to us with all its attendant blessings had no blot or stain to mar its transmission. Looking upon that picture and comparing it with the degenerate legacy and fraud that permeate every branch of the Government we find ample food for reflection. And we have no disposition just now to moralize upon the situation. It speaks for itself. Suffice to say that we have fallen upon evil times. Honesty is no longer a passport to official position. Public men are prostituting themselves for filthy lucre, and fraud, rascality and dishonesty are practiced to such an extent as to make the burdens of the people unbearable. We need leaders in whom the public have confidence.

“God give us men. A time like this demands
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands;
Men whom the lust of office does not kill;
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;
Men who possess opinions and a will;
Men who have honor; men who will not lie;
Men who can stand before the demagogue
And dismiss his treacherous flatteries without
winking;
Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog.
In public duty and in private thinking.
For while the rabble, with their thumb-worn creeds
Their large professions and their little deeds,
Mingle in selfish strife lo! Freedom weeps,
Wrong rules the land and waiting justice sleeps.”
— Josiah Gilbert Holland

THE HOLLISTER Enterprise pays our South Mountain correspondent “Roustabout” a deserved compliment for the genius displayed in the original poem by the latter published in this paper just previous to St. Patrick’s Day, commencing.

“Turn out ye sons of Ireland and you ye daughters fair.”

The Enterprise republished the production with the following preface: Numerous poets have taken a hand at embalming in glorious verse the memories of St. Patrick’s grandest achievements, and from all the recorded efforts that have come under the circle of our observation, we select the following as the best. In our opinion it is eminently entitled to the “blue ribbon.” The author is one “Roustabout,” the South Mountain correspondent of the Idaho Avalanche. As the landmarks so pathetically allured to in the poem, are as familiar to us as household words, we are more fascinated with “Rousty’s” rhymes.

W. J. HILL, of the Silver City Avalanche, Mrs. H. B. Eastman and Miss Louise Blackinger, of Silver City, arrived in town, yesterday afternoon, by the Idaho stage en route for San Francisco. Mr. Hill favored us with a call; and from him we learn that business of all kinds is very dull, at present, in that section, but the prospects for a renewal next summer are very flattering. Brother Bill seemed to be very attentive to the ladies under his charge, and we hope that Mrs. Hill will not get angry about it when she reads this little squib. We wish him a pleasant and safe return.

THEY say the grass will soon be sprouting around the sagebrush but it didn’t feel much like it this morning.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense Secret seasoning

Sometimes it is embarrassing when your friends catch that entrepreneurial spirit. How many times have you gently tried to tell them that, sure, Amway’s great, but what are ya gonna do with all that soap in the closet? That you don’t really need a water filter, or that networking chain letters is not your bag. I used to have a weakness for get-rich-quick schemes, but now I run cows and dabble in Iraqi real estate.

Years ago, one of my friends was exploring the marketing possibilities of his latest venture which followed his unsuccessful Starling Sanctuary and the pencils made of duck feet. He planned to supplant Mutant Ninja Pizza as the greatest thing since sliced cheese! Jim’s Secret Seasoning! To enhance your BBQ experience! He closed his eyes as visions of Secret Seasoning blanketed the Earth like volcanic ash. You could almost smell the belch of Mt. St. Helens. “But we gotta have a gimmick,” he said.

We ordered another round of Cactus Perrier and explored alternative uses. It should be, we figured, the only Secret Seasoning that could be bought by the yard, in bulk, like concrete or barley. Delivered in a 20-ton end dump direct to the spice rack or the driveway! It could be applied to icy sidewalks or intersections. One could market it as a spray or cologne to be dabbed gently on the upper lip or around the sweatband, wherever perspiration would bring out its true essence. Powder it in your shoes to prevent offensive odors. Or market it as an air freshener in the shape of a sage-grouse to be dangled from the rear-view mirror!

Jim’s Secret Seasoning could be used to disguise the real flavor of fruitcake, Metamucil or airline food. It could be served at cocktail parties next to the punch bowl, in the 50-pound block! The list of potential uses was endless: tanning hides, pickling fatback, wart removal, dumpster disinfectant, insecticide flavoring, cellulite peel ... we planned on and on, calculating fertilizer spreaders, railroad cars and supertankers scattering Secret Seasoning to the ends of the Earth!

Exhausted and pink with excitement, he presented me a 4 oz. bottle of his miraculous concoction. It was Grandpa’s recipe, he said reverently. He said he used it to flush his mules.

I wished him luck and bought half interest in the company for \$12. Jim’s Secret Seasoning ... If you’ve got a secret, we’ve got the seasoning!

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

Election letters

The Owyhee Avalanche will accept letters to the editor pertaining to the May 17 primary election until noon on Friday, May 6.

The usual letters to the editor guidelines apply, including letters must be no more than 300 words and letters must include contact information, including a phone number, of the letter-writer. Submit by:

- Email to jon@owyheeavalanche.com
 - Fax to (208) 337-4867
 - Mail to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628
 - Or drop off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale
- For more information, call (208) 337-4681.

Wayne Hoffman, Idaho Freedom Foundation executive director



Statehouse watch Legislative failures overshadow smattering of accomplishments

In 2015, the Idaho Legislature fled Boise after approving a \$95 million tax hike in the dead of night. The 2016 Legislature came close to that level of gravitas, going on a spending spree and blowing kisses at Obamacare as they exited the building. This is a Legislature that failed. Hard.

Fortunately, it was not a total disaster. The triumphs of this session include the long-awaited passage of permitless concealed carry; stopping local governments from imposing their own wage mandates on businesses and employees; providing counties with new tools to mitigate fire hazards on public lands; allowing terminally ill patients the right to try new medications; and reforming urban renewal.

However, when measured against the relentless special-interest Big Government agenda, including the continued infatuation with and support for Obamacare, there is no question the negatives cast a wide and dark shadow over any accomplishments.

While other states are fixing their public schools by expanding education choice, our Legislature continued to cling to the notion that more money makes everything better. The Legislature poured a 7.4 percent increase in education spending into the public school system without any expectation that our schools will operate better, or that our kids will graduate better prepared for colleges or

careers. (For his part, Gov. C. L. “Butch” Otter lamented that the Legislature’s binge spending was too little).

As imprudent as this might sound, the Legislature increased general fund spending by about 8 percent, on an expected 2016-17 revenue increase of about 4.9 percent. (Anecdotally, Idaho Public Television scored a 30 percent increase in taxpayer support.) With almost \$250 million in new revenue, lawmakers couldn’t spare a dollar to give back to Idaho residents, but they did find the money to give state employees a 3 percent pay hike and to cover increases in their benefits costs.

The House gingerly lobbied a measly 0.1 percent reduction in income taxes over to the Senate, which the Senate quickly discarded. And though the Senate deserves blame for not advancing tax relief, the House also deserves arrows for quietly refusing to give a moment’s consideration to a popular proposal to get rid of the state’s sales tax on groceries and its goofy companion grocery-tax credit.

As if that wasn’t enough, the Legislature failed to do anything meaningful on health care. Though lawmakers adamantly rejected Gov. Otter’s proposed entitlement health care program, the House came up with its own plan

— See *Legislative*, Page 21

Sen. Mike Crapo



From Washington Pulse crops grown around Idaho, world are heartbeat of nutrition

This year has been declared the International Year of Pulses to help raise awareness of the importance of these crops in meeting world nutrition needs, encourage research and development and better ensure the availability of pulse crops to consumers around the world. Pulse crops include dry peas, dry beans, lentils and chickpeas. Idaho pulse crop producers are working hard to meet this important nutritional need.

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) reports that despite pulse crops being an important part of the human diet for thousands of years and a vital crop today for food security, combating malnutrition, alleviating poverty, improving human health and enhancing agricultural sustainability, in many countries the production of pulses is not meeting demand. Opportunities to encourage increased connections to utilize pulses, advance the production of pulse crops and address challenges in the trade of pulses are to be promoted throughout this International Year of Pulses.

Idaho is leading the charge as a national leader in the production of pulse crops. The Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) reports that Idaho is one of the top five producing states for multiple varieties of pulse crops, accounting for significant percentages of total U.S. production. Additionally, pulse crops are a top commodity in Idaho and account for tens of millions of dollars in production value for the state’s agriculture economy. In 2013 alone, Idahoans produced more than \$81 million worth of dry beans, more than \$13.7 million worth of dry peas and \$9.2 million worth of lentils.

I joined Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.) and other senators representing pulse crop-producing states in introducing a resolution recognizing the important role of pulse crop production in Idaho, the U.S. and the world. The significant benefits of these crops are acknowledged

in the resolution, S.Res.397:

- A pulse is an important component of a nutritious diet and is high in protein, vitamins, fiber and minerals, including iron potassium, magnesium and zinc;
- A pulse helps prevent serious and chronic illness, including heart disease, cancer, diabetes and stroke;
- A legume serves as an important rotation crop, keeps soil fertile and improves overall soil health by replenishing nitrogen;
- A pulse crop provides food security and nutrition to much of the developing world as a low-cost source of protein; and
- A pulse crop is an important economic development crop for small farmers, for both domestic production and export potential.

Further, the resolution would express Senate support for the recognition of 2016 as the Year of Pulses, participation in related activities and programs to support the cultivation and consumption of pulses.

The FAO recognizes pulses as excellent sources of fiber and folate; good sources of protein and potassium; iron-rich; high in antioxidants; sodium-free; and cholesterol-free. The FAO indicates that pulses and legumes help children grow and provide the nutrients needed to repair the body and help older people protect against illness and keep them in good health.

Idaho pulse crop producers deserve to be commended for their contributions to ensuring the availability of these important crops and advancing nutritional options for Idahoans and consumers around the world.

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

Commentary

Financial management

Control, flexibility key when saving for children’s college

Dear Dave,
We have two daughters, and we’ve started thinking about financial planning for college. What are the differences between an Education Savings Account and a 529 plan?
— **John**

Dear John,
I’m glad you’re thinking ahead and planning for the future. Here’s a quick overview of the two.
The Education Savings Account (ESA) is limited to \$2,000 per year, per child. It has complete flexibility, meaning you can invest it in whatever you like and you can move it — roll it over — to another one if you don’t like that mutual fund, as an example. I use that example because I recommend using good growth stock mutual funds and that you do this for the first \$2,000 invested per year.

There are several types of 529 plans, and there’s only one that I would recommend. It’s the kind that has complete flexibility, where you control the investments. Some states have 529 plans that are prepaid tuition, and I never recommend those. You don’t want the state managing anything for you, because you won’t get anywhere near the returns you’d get if you managed it yourself. Other types of 529s lock you into a certain kind of investment the whole time, or they move the investment based on the age of your kid. I don’t want anybody doing that. I want you controlling your money.
Most of the 529s vary somewhat from state to state, but the majority have flexibility that allows you to control the investment while contributing up to \$10,000 a year. Both those and the ESAs grow completely tax-free on the



growth as long as they’re used for higher education. They can also be transferred to a sibling if the kid doesn’t go to school, so a little brother or sister can use the money. If they get scholarships, make sure you keep up with the value of these. You’ll be allowed

to withdraw that amount and refund yourself for the scholarship amount without penalty or taxes on the amount withdrawn.
In short, both the ESA and 529 are fine ways to save for college. Just make sure if you’re doing a 529 that you choose the kind you control from top to bottom!
— **Dave**

Dear Dave,
In your opinion, what causes overspending?
— **Kristin**

Dear Kristin,
Overspending is, 100 percent of the time, a choice. It’s a decision. Most of the time it’s linked to immaturity, although there can be other issues at play.
People who habitually overspend are saying that they’re unwilling to act like a mature adult, and delay pleasure in order

to win with money. This kind of thing is made even worse, because we live in a culture fueled by extreme debt marketing. And when things like credit card offers are constantly in the face of immature people, those two things can combine to make a real mess.
Good question, Kristin!
— **Dave**

— *Dave Ramsey is America’s trusted voice on money and business, and CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored five New York Times best-selling books. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 11 million listeners each week on more than 550 radio stations and digital outlets. Dave’s latest project, EveryDollar, provides a free online budget tool. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.*

Americans for Limited Government

What country music can tell us about Trump’s rural appeal

by *Dustin Howard*

Pundits in Washington are befuddled. A month after the SEC primary and two weeks after the last southern votes were cast, they wonder: How did a brash New Yorker win the South? Save for Ted Cruz winning Texas, most of the former Confederacy voted for Donald Trump. Rural America beyond the South is largely trending the same way.
More remarkable still is that Michigan, Illinois and even Massachusetts agree with their southern brethren. How often does the industrial North agree with the South in a Republican primary? These areas, North and South, have been fertile ground for an uprising because both are feeling the pain from bad economic policies; Mr. Trump did not plant the seeds of populism, but he is enjoying the harvest.
These places, particularly the South, have always had a populist streak, and country music has reflected it. From Merle Haggard singing about being laid off from the factory in 1973 in “If We Make It Through December” to its culmination in Celebrity Apprentice winner John Rich’s “Shutting Detroit Down” in 2009, rural America is not friendly to the globalization that it perceives is shipping jobs overseas. In the recent Americans for Limited Government-Pat Caddell poll, 59 percent of Republicans who answered agreed that “Over the last two decades the free trade agreements signed by the United States with other countries were more a benefit to foreign countries.”
The chorus of Rich’s song captured the anger well: “Because in the real world they’re shuttin’ Detroit down, while the boss man takes his bonus paid jets on out of town. D.C.’s bailing out them bankers as the farmers auction ground. Yeah while they’re living up on Wall Street in that New York City town, here in the real world they’re shuttin’

Detroit down.” Does that sound like someone who would support the 12-nation Trans-Pacific Partnership trade pact? After the bailouts and economic stagnation, is it any wonder rural America no longer trusts the government to negotiate on their behalf?
Rural America is still hurting, and globalization doesn’t have many rural fans. Why would it? According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, while rural unemployment has more or less correlated with metro unemployment, rural poverty is more prevalent than in metropolitan areas. Ostensibly, this indicates that the rural American is having a harder time bouncing back than his urban counterpart. Why would they support losing more jobs to a bad trade deal?
Donald Trump has done well in most of the states that have counties with 30 percent or higher non-metro county poverty rates (according to USDA research analyzing 2010 to 2014 figures), including northeastern Arizona, where Trump won last week. The process of transitioning from post-agrarian to industrial and then to post-industrial has been an ugly one for rural America, and particularly the South.
If there is a place where the rural South and industrial North converge, it’s Missouri, one of the last true Border States; it is a sort of microcosm of Trump’s support base. The southern half of the state, largely removed from Kansas City and St. Louis, has more in common with Arkansas than it does with the northern half of the state.
In Missouri, the population centers tended to go for Cruz, including Kansas City, Springfield, Jefferson City, Columbia, Cape Girardeau and little Hannibal. Rural Missouri and St. Louis, which according to the St. Louis Fed was hit hard during the recession and lost a congressional district in the recent census, went to Trump.

Generally speaking, the western part of the state voted like Kansas, the eastern part like Illinois and the southern part like Arkansas; the former which voted for Cruz, the latter two which voted for Trump.
Even in the 1990s and 2000s when the nation had a better economy, this strain could be felt. It was expressed in songs like Alan Jackson’s “Little Man” and Travis Tritt’s “Country Ain’t Country No More”. Both songs talk about the decline of small towns and farms, and drip with contempt about the New South developing their communities out of existence. This sort of “sentimental shame,” as Merle Haggard called it, fuels the desire to hold on to what they have and restore what they’ve lost.
Rural Americans have never liked the convoluted trade deals their politicians vote for; when they were polled about it in the recent ALG-Caddell poll, 72 percent, including 76 percent of Republicans, agreed with the statement “The same political elite who have been rigging the political process in Washington are the same ones that have been rigging trade deals that hurt Americans, but benefit themselves.”
Instead, they are opting for the candidate that never held elected office, because they’ve had it with the insiders who rig trade deals against them. That sentiment isn’t just held in the South, but all over the nation.
Country music itself has changed. Many of the songs that now come out of Nashville are dirt road anthems that tend to be apolitical. On occasion, when country singers do engage in social commentary, the frustration with the economic status quo comes out. Listen close enough, and you can hear people who are tired of losing ground, and are fighting to preserve their way of life.
— *Rural Missourian Dustin Howard is a contributing editor at Americans for Limited Government.*

✓ Legislative: Lawmakers refuse to find market-based healthcare solution

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to make poor people wards of the state and passed that onto the Senate. The Senate, in turn, called and raised that hand by voting to implement yet another phase of Obamacare — Medicaid expansion.
Lawmakers were steadfastly unwilling to consider market-based solutions. Such solutions included ideas to connect poor people with community organizations, which

would actually help lift them out of poverty. Nor were legislators willing to remove barriers to purchasing health insurance across state lines, or to make medical care more accessible and, therefore, less expensive.
All of these actions would make perfect sense in, say, Connecticut. Or Vermont. Or California. But this is Idaho. Lawmakers will undoubtedly now go home, campaign for re-election and make disingenuous claims that they worked

really, really hard to implement conservative principles, fight back against Big Government and control spending. Don’t believe it for a second.
— *Wayne Hoffman of Nampa is president of the Idaho Freedom Foundation, which on the IFF website is described as a non-partisan educational research institute and government watchdog.*

Public notices

NOTICE

The Marsing Joint School District #363 Board of Trustees declared a vacancy in Trustee Zone 1 (one) due to a resignation. The Board will be accepting letters of interest in this vacancy until Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. Please contact Deb Holzhey, Board Clerk, at 896-4111 ext. 197 or by email: dholzhey@marsingschools.org for a description of Zone 1(one) residency and information regarding this vacancy. Due to the closure of the district office for spring break of March 21st - 25th, please call beginning March 28th.
3/23,30/16

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the members of the MARSING COMMUNITY DISASTER FUND, an association will be held at eight (8:00) o'clock p.m., Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at the MARSING COMMUNITY CENTER for the purpose of electing (5) directors for a term of three years. One (1) each from the communities of Riverside Area, Knowlton Heights Area, Sunnyslope Area, Opaline Area and (1) for Director at Large from within the Association boundaries, for the election of officers for the Association and any other business relative to the Annual Meeting.
3/23,30/16

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE CASE NO. CV2016-891-H IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE 3RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
IN RE: David Michael Cantrall

A Petition to change the name of David Michael Cantrall, now residing in the City of Homedale, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Owyhee County, Idaho. The name will change to David Michael Bowman. The reason for the change in name is: so my birth certificate will match my Idaho Class A CDL
A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 10:30 o'clock a.m. on May 18, 2016 at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Homedale. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.
Date: March 21, 2016
Clerk of the District Court, Angela Barkell
By: Cindy Chaves, Deputy Clerk
3/30;4/6,13,20/16

NOTICE OF HEARING CASE NO. CV-2015-868-H IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
In Re: DENNIS LEE WHITMORE
A Verified Petition to change the name of DENNIS LEE WHITMORE, now residing in Homedale, Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Owyhee County, Idaho. The name will be changed to DENNIS LEE RYDELL. The reason for the change is because that is the name by which Petitioner has been known all of his life; it is the name that is contained on most of

Petitioner's legal documents; it is the last name used by petitioner's wife and biological child; and it is the name by which Petitioner desires to be known.
A hearing on the Petition is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on the 20th day of April, 2016, at the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 31 W. Wyoming, Homedale, Idaho 83628. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.
Dated this 2 day of March, 2016.
Clerk of the Court
By: Cindy Chaves, Deputy Clerk
3/16,23,30;4/6/16

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV-2016-0870 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE MAGISTRATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: RONALD MICHAEL DELANEY, DECEASED PERSON.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MICHAEL ALLEN DELANEY 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 the Notice to Creditors, or said claims will be forever barred.
Claims must be presented both to the Personal Representative, MICHAEL ALLEN DELANEY, 7541 Solarset Cir., Anchorage, AK 99507 ph (907) 632-7537 (or to his attorney of record, Ty A. Ketlinski 3597 E. Monarch Ln., Suite F240, Meridian, Idaho 83642 ph 208-288-4444), and filed with the Clerk of the Court.
3/23,30;4/6/16

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
On Tuesday, the 28th day of June, 2016, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m. of said day in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, Ryan M. Fawcett, 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:
In Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho Section 35
Beginning at the Southwest corner of the West Half of the East Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter; thence running
North 435.60 feet; thence running
East 100 feet; thence running
South 435.60 feet; thence running
West 100 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.
The Successor 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 Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 7042 Opaline Rd., Melba, Idaho, is sometimes 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 BLAINE H ALLEN, and LUCILE M ALLEN, Husband and Wife, Grantor, to Ryan M. Fawcett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION, recorded April 8, 2009, as Instrument No. 267882, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTOR IS 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 when due, monthly installment payments under the Deed of Trust Note dated April 2, 2009, in the amount of \$1,007.00 each, for the months of July, 2015 through February, 2016, inclusive; and for each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reimbursement. All delinquent payments are now due, plus accumulated late charges, plus any costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure. The accrued interest is at the rate of 5.00% per annum from June 1, 2015. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$149,373.94, plus accrued interest at the rate of 5.00% per annum from June 1, 2015.
DATED This 25th day of February, 2016.
RYAN M. FAWCETT, a Member of the Idaho State Bar, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE
3/16,23,30;4/6/16

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
On July 26, 2016, at the hour of 9:00 o'clock AM of said day, in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy, Idaho, Charles C. Just, Attorney at Law, 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:
LOT 5 OF BLOCK 1 OF VANCE ADDITION, PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER, SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEROF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER FOR OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO.
The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed the address of **305 South 5th Street West, Homedale, Idaho 83628**, 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 Tomas Jimenez Neri, a married man, as his sole and separate property, as Grantor(s) with Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., acting solely as nominee for Ownit Mortgage Solutions, Inc. as the Beneficiary, under the Deed of Trust recorded April 4, 2006, as Instrument No. 255821, in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The Beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Home Equity Asset Trust 2006-6 Home Equity Pass Through Certificates, Series 2006-6, recorded July 16, 2009, as Instrument No. 268693, 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 \$629.57 for the months of June 2015 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 \$78,486.08 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 7.375% from May 1, 2015, 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 25th day of March, 2016.
Taegan N. Curzon, Trust Officer for Just Law, Inc., P.O. Box 50271, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83405 (208) 523-9106 FAX (208) 523-9146 Toll Free 1-800-923-9106
3/30;4/6,13,20/16

LEGAL NOTICE OF TERMINATION TRIAL CASE NO. CV2015-792-H IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
In the Consolidated Matter of the Termination of Parental Rights of: TAMARA L. REYES and LAMONT L. BECK.
In the Matter of the Adoption of: L.D.B., Minor Child.
To: LAMONT BECK, the natural father of said L.D.B.
YOU AND EACH OF YOU, will hereby take notice:
That a Petition under the Termination Act was filed in the above entitle matter on the 17th day of December, 2015.
That a Termination Trial on the Petition has been set for May 18, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. in the Magistrate Court, Owyhee County Courthouse, Homedale, Idaho. Unless you file a responsive pleading within twenty (20) days, a default judgment may be entered against you.
That you have the right to be represented by Counsel of your choosing or upon good cause shown, providing you are financially needy, the Court may appoint Counsel to act in your behalf.
That you are required to register your claim of paternity with the Vital Statistics Unit of the Department of Health and Welfare prior to the date of any termination proceeding wherein the child is placed with an agency licensed to provide adoption services, pursuant to Idaho Code 16-1513(5).
DATED this 1st day of March, 2016
Clerk of the District Court
By Cindy Chaves, Deputy Clerk
3/9,16,23,30/16

NOTICE
Bybee Air will be conducting aerial applications in and around the areas of Bruneau, Grand View, Mtn. Home, Homedale and Marsing during the months beginning March 1, 2016 through November 30, 2016.
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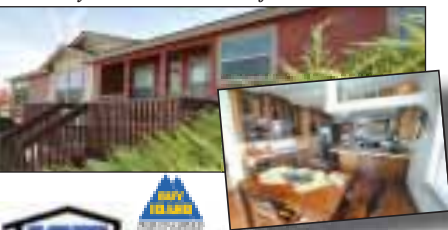
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The menu will include soup, salad and Basque bread.

The main course is Solomo, which is roasted pork loin with peppers and garlic, Basque rice, Basque beans and rice pudding for dessert.

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Legislature sine die leaves Democrats disappointed

Budgets OK'd; income tax cut bill doesn't move

by Taylor Nadauld

The Idaho Legislature wrapped up its 2016 session last week after legislators addressed some significant last-minute bills — with topics ranging from abortion to tax cuts — and gave tributes to retiring co-workers.

The Unborn Infants Dignity Act, sponsored by Dist. 13 Rep. Brent Crane (R-Nampa) — which would prohibit the sale, transfer, or distribution of the remains of an aborted fetus — passed the House 54-14 on Thursday, to the chagrin of House Democrats.

“This is a terrible bill,” Dist. 19 Rep. Matt Erpelding (D-Boise) said on the floor during debate.

Fellow Reps. Paulette Jordan (D-Plummer, Dist. 5), Elaine Smith (D-Pocatello, Dist. 29),

John McCrostie (D-Garden City, Dist. 16), and Melissa Wintrow (D-Boise, Dist. 19) stepped out of the chamber during the bill’s hearing. The representatives also stepped out of the House State Affairs Committee they serve on for the bill’s first reading.

That was not the Democrats’ biggest loss in the final days of the session though, as a much anticipated bill that would have addressed the 78,000-person healthcare gap in Idaho failed in the House on a party line vote.

The bill’s line items included \$400,000 for a study of the gap, \$5 million in grants to various Idaho community health centers, and an added amendment to apply for a Medicaid expansion waiver.

The amended bill passed the Senate on Thursday night. Shortly after, the Senate adjourned Sine Die at 9:03 p.m.

But the bill failed to pass the House the next day, effectively

killing it and leaving Idahoans in the gap with no solution this year.

“Talk to the physicians in your community and ask them whether we’ve made progress or not,” Dist. 6 Rep. John Rusche (D-Lewiston) said in a press conference after adjournment. “I’d submit that we didn’t.”

The House also passed some last-minute budgets forwarded by the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee that drew controversy, including \$2 million to the Constitutional Defense Fund, \$400,000 to the Wolf Control Fund, and a new, \$782,900 budget for the Arts Commission, \$200 more than an original budget that had failed to pass.

With little time left and the Senate already adjourned, a bill pushed through the House by Dist. 14 Rep. Mike Moyle (R-Star) that would have expanded Internet sales taxes and cut income taxes, was voted unanimously by the

House to be left on the calendar without taking it up, effectively killing the bill.

The House adjourned Sine Die at approximately 12:12 p.m. on Friday.

In the Senate, Dist. 22 Sen. Lori Den Hartog (R-Meridian) gave an emotional plea for what Dist. 30 Sen. Dean Mortimer (R-Idaho Falls) called “the last public education budget” of the session.

H 647 calls for additional funding to the Public School Support Program/Division of Children’s Programs and the State Board of Education to be used for literacy interventions, local school innovation, and the career ladder.

“If we don’t take care of this,” Den Hartog said with teary eyes, “we will have failed our responsibility to our kids.”

The bill passed both chambers and was sent to Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter’s desk.

Before adjournment, both bodies paid sometimes emotional

tributes to their retiring members, including Reps. Gayle Batt (R-Wilder, Dist. 11), Dan Rudolph (D-Lewiston, Dist. 6), Reed DeMordaunt (R-Eagle, Dist. 14), and Linden Bateman (R-Idaho Falls, Dist. 33), and Sens. Curt McKenzie (R-Boise, Dist. 13) and Roy Lacey (D-Pocatello, Dist. 29). Sens. Bart Davis (R-Idaho Falls, Dist. 33) and Mortimer also received thanks for their services to the Legislature.

— University of Idaho student Taylor Nadauld covered the 2016 Idaho Legislature session for The Owyhee Avalanche as an intern supported by the U of I’s McClure Center for Public Policy Research. This is the second year that the Avalanche and the McClure Center have collaborated on the project, which assists a handful of weekly newspapers around the state. Nadauld also is reporting for Idaho Public Radio.



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