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A lesson in respect



American Legion Post 128 member Larry Steiner (left) and Kaleb Felty salute after placing a flag at the gravesite of Army veteran Perle Davis in the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery on Thursday evening. Members of Marsing Boy Scout Troop 402 assisted the Legionnaires in placing the flags around the cemetery to mark Memorial Day. Submitted photos

American Legion Post 128, Scouts perform solemn duty

The American Legion Post 128 Memorial Day flag posting had a different feel this year.

The Marsing-based legionnaires and Post 128 Auxiliary joined with family members and Boy Scouts from Troop 402 on Thursday to place flags on veterans' graves at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery.

The Boy Scouts were on hand to learn the proper way to pay tribute to veterans.



Jared Hoag helps Troop 402 member Aidan Hoag place a flag at the grave of Navy veteran James M. Graham Jr. Graham was an aviation ordnanceman in World War II.

Interior secretary tours Soda Fire, hears concerns

Aberasturi chats with Jewell, once officials knew of her visit

County officials didn't receive direct notification of Interior Secretary Sally Jewell's visit last week.

Jewell toured a portion of the

Soda Fire burn area before announcing a \$10 million plan to improve wildfire resiliency on public lands on May 24.

The \$10 million package includes \$500,000 to continue juniper mastication projects in Owyhee County, District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi said.

The Board of County Commissioners chair said no local officials

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Homedale City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram, left, administers the oath of office to new city councilman Shane Muir on Thursday.

School trustee joins Homedale council

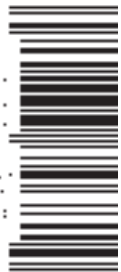
Mayor's third appointment approved

After four months, the Homedale City Council filled its vacancy Thursday night.

Shane Muir, who currently serves on the Homedale School District board of trustees, was installed as successor to the seat vacated when Vonnice Harkins lost her battle against cancer in January.

The council unanimously approved Mayor Gheen Christoffersen's appointment at Thursday's meeting. Christoffersen made his appointment based on the results of a survey of the three council members, who received a list of

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Marsing area native brings artistry to Outpost Days

Folks strolling around Outpost Days this weekend might spot some unique jewelry crafted by a woman who was born and raised just outside of Marsing.

The annual Owyhee County Historical Society fundraiser takes place Saturday and Sunday at the county historical museum complex in Murphy.

In 1941, Diann Kiester-Remsen’s parents, Ruby and Howard Kiester, made a homestead south of what is now Marsing-Homedale Cemetery.

“They took it out of sagebrush with horses. They wrote every day in their journals,” Kiester-Remsen said. “I have every one of their journals they created from the time they homesteaded until they couldn’t do it anymore.”

Her grandparents also homesteaded next to where her parents settled, and the two families had about 160 acres of land.

Kiester-Remsen’s brother, Ron Kiester, and his wife Carol still live in Marsing, and she has a few other relatives who reside in the county.

Kiester-Remsen started making jewelry about six years ago. The hobby is now a family effort with her daughters Kandi Hendrix and Monica Gunnell.

“It’s our time as mother and daughters to be together, and do a project together, and visit and talk about all of our children and grandchildren,” Kiester-Remsen said.

Her dad was a rock collector, and she uses some of his discoveries to make jewelry.

“Apache tears, and petrified wood, Owyhee picture jasper, different things like that,” Kiester-Remsen said. “When we were making jewelry, I’d tell my daughters, ‘This piece grandpa had,’ and I’d tell them the history of it. It’s not so much the rock, it’s the memories. Jewelry you can buy anywhere, memories you can’t.”

The name of her wares is Rocking Anchor Jewelry. Rocking Anchor was her father’s cattle brand at their homestead. Kiester-Remsen did not know how her dad came up with the brand name.



Diann Kiester-Remsen conveys history through jewelry.

Kiester-Remsen recently decided to try something new with a bunch of Indian Head pennies she had laying around.

“So I polished them all up, so that makes them of no value, and I thought, ‘These would be great to make little necklaces out of,’” Kiester-Remsen said.

The price tags on the necklaces include information on something historical that happened the year the penny was minted. For example, a penny from 1890 would reflect that year as being when Idaho became a state.

“I think those are real interesting because children, or adults, will know it’s not something you can just go pick up somewhere,” Kiester-Remsen said.

She has never sold her jewelry at Outpost Days before. Kiester-Remsen currently lives in Bend, Ore., and is making an extended

stay in Idaho after celebrating her mother’s 94th birthday last week.

While this is the first time for her to have an Outpost Days booth, she started making her creations available at the museum a few years ago.

“They had some sparse jewelry up there. I had a necklace and several things, and I said, ‘You can just have them for consignment, if you make a profit, donate it to the museum,’” Kiester-Remsen said. “I’ll send them a few things if they run out.”

She spent about 40 hours over the last month building her inventory for Outpost Days. Part of the money she makes at this weekend’s event will be donated to the museum.

Kiester-Remsen pointed out that she knows the territory around Murphy very well.

“We always explored around Owyhee County, Silver City, De

Lamar, Wagontown, Ruby City, all of that area,” She said.

Before she retired, Kiester-Remsen was a school secretary and bookkeeper in Redmond, Ore. She moved to Oregon from Marsing around 1976 and married Ron Remsen three years ago.

Kiester-Remsen loves to tell a story through her creations.

“If I have children at an event and they are interested in a piece, they might end up with it because it’s important, and they’ll remember that,” Kiester-Remsen said.

She added that this weekend’s event echoes her message about the importance of staying in contact with the past.

“By going to Outpost Days you mingle, like we used to at old family reunions,” Kiester-Remsen said. “It’s a place to take your children, and reminisce about the things that we have, or have had.”

— SC

47th annual Outpost Days

Both days

8 a.m. to 10 a.m. — Buckaroo breakfast. \$5, adults; \$3, children.

11 a.m. to noon — Bureau of Land Management mustang demonstration

Lost arts displays

Tatting, panning for gold, weaving and quilting

Antique car display

Miscellaneous

Saloon for ages 21 and over

Kids corner with jump house, train ride, face painting, dance games, crafts, petting zoo, etc.

Live music at Marsing Depot stage

Food vendors

Arts and crafts sale

Saturday

11 a.m. to noon — Cowboy Troubadour band

Noon — Cattle drive

Noon to 1 p.m. — Trails End band

1 p.m. to 2 p.m. — Junior Jammers fiddle group

2 p.m. to 3 p.m. — Just For Fun band

3 p.m. — Live auction

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. — All-ages dance in front of Marsing Depot stage. Tickets: \$4, adults; \$2, children

Sunday

11 a.m. to noon — Circle “J” cowboy church

Noon to 1 p.m. — Open microphone, jam session

1 p.m. to 2 p.m. — Music by Lance Wells

2 p.m. — Drill team exhibition by the Faith Riders

2 p.m. to 3 p.m. — Music by Dave Cofell

3 p.m. — Silent auction closes

3 p.m. to 4 p.m. — Jim Nimmo family & friends cowboy gospel and country

4 p.m. — Horny toad race

After races — Annual gun and quilt raffles close. Tickets: \$1 each or six for \$5 available at museum.

Call the museum at (208) 495-2319 for more information on any aspect of Outpost Days.

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Breshears kids fishing day returns

Registration is open for the 17th annual Leroy Breshears Memorial Kids Fishing Day. Boys and girls in kindergarten through sixth grade are eligible to take part in Saturday's free event at the Marsing Island Park pond. The fishing day is held in honor of a sportsman and longtime Marsing-area hunter's education instructor. Trout fishing will take place between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Rod and reel packages will be awarded for first fish (boy and girl), largest fish (boy and girl) and first limit caught (boy and girl). Sign-up sheets are available at Matteson's in Homedale, Logan's Market in Marsing, Dan's Ferry Service outside Melba and Gus's Gas in Grand View. Children can register at the pond the day of the event, too. A limited number of loaner fishing rods will be available, and event sponsors will provide

bait. Howard Davis, owner of Howard's Tackle Shoppe in Nampa, also will be there to hand out fishing gear. The Island Park pond will be closed to fishing Friday as organizers and Idaho Department of Fish and Game employees prepare for the event. The Owyhee County Sheriff's Posse has purchased golden trout, a type of rainbow, including several 5-pounders and 300 2-pound fish. Fish and Game Sr. Conservation Officer Craig Mickelson, who is stationed in the Marsing-Homedale area, said the state agency will stock the pond with 12- to 14-inch rainbows. In addition to fishing, children will be able to try their hand at an archery skills course, "so kids can fish for a while and take a break and shoot a bow," Mickelson said. IDFG conservation officers Brian Jack and Brian Perkes, both of whom patrol Owyhee County, also will help out at the event. The Posse, Fish and Game and the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office co-sponsor the event. In addition to working with IDFG as a hunting instructor, Breshears also served on the sheriff's Posse.

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Marsing seniors get diplomas



Graduates, families celebrate success, look to future

Top: Marsing High School senior Holly Hobbs shaking Zone 5 school board trustee Brad McIntyre's hand as scholarships and awards for graduates were being announced during Friday's graduation ceremony. Hobbs received seven scholarships and will attend Boise State University to study kinesiology and bio-mechanics. **Left:** Leticia Garcia (left) and Marsing High School senior Marisol Garcia walk into the 2016 high school graduation ceremony Friday evening at the MHS gymnasium. Marisol will attend the College of Western Idaho to major in psychology.

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Homedale Sr. Center store seeks sale items

The Homedale Senior Center thrift store is gearing up for a clearance sale.

The sale takes place at 8 a.m. on Saturday, June 18, which is the same day of the center’s monthly fundraiser breakfast.

Clothes will be on sale for \$2 per bag and other items will be priced as marked.

The senior center will accept merchandise donations until the sale. Call 337-3020 for more information.

The center, which is located at 224 W. Idaho Ave., is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday each week. The thrift store is open those same hours.

The monthly breakfast will start an hour before the thrift store opens on June 18, and food will be served until 11 a.m. The cost is \$6 with an additional charge for orange juice.

The senior center’s monthly events start Tuesday with the

Widows Breakfast and the first of two free blood pressure clinics. The blood pressure clinic runs from 10 a.m. to noon.

A second blood pressure clinic will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, June 21, which is the same day as the monthly foot clinic. Foot examinations cost \$12, and people must make an appointment by calling the center.

The center announced that its monthly Saturday night dance will be discontinued for the summer, but it may return in September.

The ladies coffee group continues to meet at 9 a.m. each Wednesday.

The senior center board of directors meeting, which is open to the public, will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 14.

Tickets sales continue for annual Buckaroo Breakfast quilt raffle. Tickets are available at the center for \$1 each or six for \$5.

Homedale Farmers Market returns for the summer

City Park run until August starts Thursday

The first Homedale Farmers Market of the year will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Thursday in Bette Uda City Park.

The main season will run through Aug. 25 and will include 13 markets.

Manager Denise Dixon said people will see new signage at the markets this year, an information booth about what is happening at the market, and free information on healthy living.

More than 15 vendors are signed up for the regular season already.

“They include more fruits and vegetable vendors, honey, sauces, baked goods, jams and jellies and, of course, eggs,” Dixon wrote in an email. “We will have many more vendors with eggs this year. We will also have a jewelry vendor, hand-made items, and other crafters.”

The first Cultivate! children’s nutrition class will be held from

6 p.m. to 7 p.m., on Thursday. The class for first- through sixth-graders will run through Aug. 18.

Registration is closed for the Cultivate! classes.

The boys and girls will learn about growing their own vegetables, composting, ladybugs, butterflies and bees, and cooking.

Various volunteers with the farmer’s market will teach the classes, but Dixon will administer Thursday’s initial class.

“It will consist of an orientation about the class, they will receive reusable shopping bags,” Dixon wrote. “We will be transplanting tomato plants into pots of soil for them to take home and grow over the course of the class.”

She will also talk to the students about the nutritional value of tomatoes, “and how to care for the plant, as well as make a watering can out of a milk jug that they will decorate,” Dixon said.

At the end of each class, the students will receive two Cultivate! tokens worth \$1 each to spend at the market on fruits and vegetables that day to take home and share with their family.

The boys and girls will also receive a passport to health booklet to keep track of what they have learned, and what they liked or didn’t like about each class.

Each student will be given a T-shirt at the conclusion of the program in August.

The market’s book club will return this year.

“We will have a wagon full of books for all ages that can be checked out and brought back the next week,” Dixon wrote.

This will be the fourth year of the market. Visit www.homedale-farmersmarket.weebly.com for a vendor application, or contact Dixon at ddixon222@msn.com or (208) 840-0440 for more information.

Fall and holiday markets are also scheduled.

- Fall market — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sept. 10 and Sept. 17 in Bette Uda City Park.
- Fall market — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Oct. 8 and Oct. 15, in the old gymnasium at the high school.
- Holiday market — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Nov. 12, Nov. 19, Dec. 10 and Dec. 17, in the old gymnasium at the high school.

Vendor fees remain the same as last season:

- \$60 for the full season, which includes the fall and holiday markets.
- \$30 for either half of the season
- \$10 for a one-time vendor

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BLM extends Soda Fire fuel breaks comment period

The public comment period for a plan to build a network of fuel breaks in the Soda Fire burn area has been extended.

The Bureau of Land Management will accept comments through Friday, June 10. The original comment deadline was last Friday.

“The BLM was able to take emergency actions to address most of the immediate wildfire threats to the local communities and the Soda Fire rehabilitation treatments currently under way,” Owyhee Field Office Manager Michelle Ryerson said.

“This has allowed us to give the public a little more time to thoroughly review the environmental assessment.”

The proposed fuel breaks will comprise corridors of reduced fuels alongside selected roads. The Owyhee and Malheur Field Offices will use roads for fuel breaks that provide safe access for wildland fire equipment and personnel, as well as roads that offer the best potential for protecting Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation (ESR) treatments and wildlife habitat. Road maintenance will also be part of fuel break development. The BLM is analyzing a variety of methods to create fuel breaks including mechanical and chemical treatments, seedings, and targeted grazing.

The lightning-caused Soda Fire burned nearly 280,000 acres of public and private lands in Idaho and Oregon in August, destroying property and threatening communities.

✓ Soda Fire: New \$10M wildfire plan includes \$500K for juniper project

were invited to the Owyhee County portion of Jewell’s visit, and no one knew about the secretary’s plans until BOCC staff coordinator Jim Desmond shared the news. Aberasturi said Desmond found out about the planned visit late in the afternoon on the day before the event.

While acknowledging that the visit was primarily a public relations maneuver, Aberasturi said notifying local authorities is more a matter of safety than protocol or coordination.

“That would have been a wise thing to do, but from what I understand the (Bureau of Land Management) Boise District Office was directed to keep it low-key,” the Homedale Republican said. “I got apologies from the Boise District manager (Lara Douglas).”

Aberasturi attended Jewell’s press conference at the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise where he heard about the wildfire resiliency plan and got an audience with the secretary.

“I did make a statement that they do owe the elected officials the courtesy to announce they are going to be coming to our county,” Aberasturi said.

“If they don’t want to include the commissioners, that’s OK. That’s one thing,” Aberasturi said. “But they absolutely have to let the sheriff know because if



U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell (in purple) and other federal officials toured areas burned by the Soda Fire on May 24. DOI photo

something happens in our county and the sheriff doesn’t know that they’re there, that looks bad.”

The commissioner reiterated it was a matter of keeping officials safe in often rugged terrain.

“My biggest thing is: What happens if something happens out there and we have to send emergency services out there, and we don’t even know they’re in our county? Let’s just be smart about this,” Aberasturi said.

The \$500,000 portion of the plan will help fund the ongoing cooperative effort between the Idaho Department of Lands, the Natural Resources Conservation Service and private landowners to reduce juniper encroachment in the sagebrush steppe ecosystem in Owyhee County and elsewhere in Idaho.

“(Federal officials) realize

now that the juniper encroachment is the largest-single threat besides fire,” Aberasturi said. “It’s because of the juniper encroachment that we’re having all these other issues — and the fact that we don’t graze as much as we used to.”

Aberasturi said he did tell Jewell that BLM officials must allow more livestock grazing.

The commissioner also shared the county’s concerns with BLM director Neil Kornze during the National Association of Counties Western Interstate Region meetings last week in Jackson, Wyo.

Aberasturi talked to Kornze about the Gateway West electrical transmission line and the sage-grouse conservation plan. The county is working on setting up another meeting with high-level national BLM staff, the commissioner said.

Aberasturi and Kornze discussed the rigidity of the current relationship between the BLM and Owyhee County, and the need for open communication and a willingness to compromise.

“If we say something that you don’t care for, rather than shutting us down, come out and try to work something out,” Aberasturi said he told the director. “And he agreed to that. Hopefully we’re working in the right direction.”

— JPB

✓ Homedale: Dual role could prevent Muir from voting on every issue

candidates at a special meeting on May 17.

Muir joins the council in time for the first Fiscal Year 2017 budget workshop, which takes place Monday. An aspect of the budget discussion will be the part of the police department appropriations that covers the school resource officer.

“There might be times I’ll have to abstain from those issues,” Muir said about votes that include items affecting both the city and the school district.

Muir said he initially refused the council idea when Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller asked him to throw his hat into the ring.

But he changed his mind eventually.

“I’m just helping out the community and filling a vacancy that needed to be filled,” Muir said. “I’ve got a vested interest living in this city.”



New Homedale City Councilman Shane Muir, right, and Councilman Jerry Anderson listen to Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller’s report during Thursday’s meeting.

Muir’s first vote came when the council threw its support behind Assembly of God associate pastor Ivar Moore’s plans for a second annual car show and chili cook-off at Bette Uda City Park on

Sept. 24.

Muir moved to Homedale in 1987, and has lived in town full-time since 1996 when he returned from a seven-year stint in the Air Force.

Muir is the second person appointed to the council since December when Jerry Anderson was approved to succeed Kim Murray, who had resigned.

The three surviving city councilmen settled on Muir as their preference through independent balloting. Also on the list were former mayor Harold Wilson, former mayoral candidate Samuel Page, Harkins’ son Donnie and resident Michael Aebischer.

The council had already rejected Page and Aebischer with 2-1 votes, and Donnie Harkins expressed his interest in serving after becoming frustrated with the council’s inability to appoint his mother’s successor.

— JPB

Proper mineral intake boosts immunity

Proper nutrition is important in livestock diets in order to keep them healthy. An animal's ability to produce antibodies and lymphocytes in order to initiate an immune response is affected by its diet. Recommended concentrations of trace minerals are primarily based on animal growth and reproduction responses, and not on immune response measures. However, several trace minerals have been identified as necessary for proper immune function. The predominant trace minerals involved in the immune system function of cattle include copper (Cu), zinc (Zn), manganese (Mn), and selenium (Se).



Scott Jensen

Copper — Copper has been shown to be important for immune system function, based on evidence that Cu metabolism affects the function of several classes of immune system cells, particularly those involved in producing antibodies. Copper is also vital for the activity of an enzyme responsible for removing toxic free radicals from

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the body and for the activity of phagocytes.

Copper deficiencies are not uncommon in cattle. This can be due to inadequate Cu concentrations in feedstuffs and/or elevated concentrations of Cu antagonists, such as molybdenum (Mo), sulfur (S), and/or iron (Fe), which can substantially hinder Cu absorption and metabolism.

Zinc — In the body, Zn plays an important role in numerous enzymes. Zinc has a structural role in some enzymes, while with others Zn functions as an enzyme activator. In the immune system, Zn is important for antibody production and is vital for the proper functioning of lymphoid tissue for cell production. Many forages in the U.S. are deficient in Zn; however, there is a large amount of variation among locations.

Manganese — Manganese is also necessary for the normal activity of many enzymes, including a Mn-dependent form of superoxide dismutase, the free radical-quenching enzyme within the immune system. Manganese has also been shown to be important for the activity of cells produced in response to an immune chal-

lenge. In the U.S., most forages contain adequate concentrations of Mn; however, situations of Mn deficiency do occur.

Selenium — A major function of Se is to protect biological membranes from oxidative degeneration because of the presence of free radicals, which can lead to tissue breakdown. The Se-dependent enzyme responsible for protecting cellular membranes from this oxidative damage — glutathione peroxidase — requires Se as a constituent. Selenium is also closely linked to vitamin E, another antioxidant, and serves as an additional line of defense against free radicals.

Selenium deficiencies in beef cattle can occur in many areas of the U.S., although locations should be evaluated on an individual basis to determine if supplementation is justified. There are some areas of Owyhee County that contain toxic levels of Se.

In my next column, I will discuss trace mineral supplementation.

— 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.

Today

- Military veterans coffee**
9 a.m., Phipps-Watson American Legion Hall and Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing
- Coffee club**
9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Wilson Sagehens meeting**
1 p.m., Wilson schoolhouse, 10427 Johnston Lane, Wilson.
- NOCWMA meeting**
7 p.m., Owyhee Conservation District office, 250 N. Bruneau Hwy., Marsing. (208) 896-4544, ext. 101

Thursday

- Foot clinic**
9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., free, appointments necessary, Marsing Senior Center, 218 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4634
- Fit and fall exercise class**
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Vision Church food distribution**
2 p.m. to 4 p.m., donations welcome, Vision Community Church, 221 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 779-7926
- Homedale Farmers Market**
3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Bette Uda City Park, Homedale. (208) 840-0440 or ddixon222@msn.com
- TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting**
6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867
- Faith Riders horse riding**
6:30 p.m., spring and summer session, Lucky 3 Arena, Idaho highway 55, Marsing. (208) 249-1595
- 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

Saturday

- Outpost Days**
8 a.m., Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2319
- Leroy Breshears Kids Fishing Day**
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- Free lunches**
Noon to 1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419

Sunday

- Outpost Days**
8 a.m., Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2319

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

Tuesday

- Blood pressure clinic**
10 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Fit and fall exercise class**
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Senior center bridge**
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 350-7359 Tuesdays and Thursdays
- AA meetings**
7 p.m. to 8 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

Wednesday

- Coffee club**
9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Homedale Highway District centennial

- 5:30 p.m., flagpole and flag dedication, Homedale Highway District office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., Homedale
- Grand View City Council meeting**
6 p.m., Grand View City Hall, 425 Boise Ave., Grand View, (208) 834-2700, Monday through Thursday
- Homedale Highway District meeting**
6 p.m., Homedale Highway District office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., Homedale
- Homedale City Council meeting**
6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641
- Marsing City Council meeting**
7 p.m., Marsing City Hall, 425 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4122

Thursday, June 9

- Owyhee Conservation District summer tour**
8:45 a.m. meet, 9 a.m. departure, U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center, 250 N. Bruneau Hwy., Marsing. (208) 896-4544
- 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
- El-Ada commodity distribution**
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View (208) 337-4812
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- Faith Riders horse riding**
6:30 p.m., spring and summer session, Lucky 3 Arena, Idaho highway 55, Marsing. (208) 249-1595
- Veterans of Foreign Wars meeting**
7 p.m., Samuel Phillips III Post 11065, 208 3rd St., Wilder. (208) 260-2778 or (208) 250-7780
- AA meetings**
7 p.m. to 8 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

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SEQUICENTENNIAL SAMPLINGS

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COUNTY ROAD – We have heretofore mentioned the fact that the County Commissioners had in contemplation the construction of a County Road to Snake River and ordered a survey to be made. From Mr. O. A. Palmer, County Surveyor, we get the annexed in regard to what has been done.

On the 21st of May the County Surveyor, with Geo. Barry, L. D. Miller, A. G. Miller and David Edgerton as assistants, proceeded to survey a County Road running from Ruby City to Snake River. The line commences on the east side of Jordan Creek, near the N. Y. & O. Mill, then runs up the North Fork of Willow Gulch, to the summit of the ridge dividing the waters of Reynolds’ and Sinker Creek; thence along the northwest side of the ridge to a distance of about eleven miles from Ruby, at which point the line is about one and one-half miles from Lee’s Rancho on the Reynolds’ Creek Road; thence running through a low pass in the ridge, and dropping down on Rabbit Creek; thence following down Rabbit Creek to its junction with Snake River, where Mr. Monshon has a franchise for a ferry. The first ten miles require considerable grading — the hill-side being steep, although furnishing a very easy grade both ways from the summit. There is little or no blasting on the entire route and the grading mostly easily done with pick and shovel. It possesses the advantage of being a very good Winter route, as the snow falls lighter and goes off earlier in the Spring than upon any other portion of the mountain. There is excellent feed along the line, and fine water every four or five miles. The last fourteen or fifteen miles to the river requires little or no grading at all.

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Marsing Elementary School fourth-grader Alliya Freeman (left) receives the third-place regional award from Owyhee Garden Club member Ellen Dines.

MES student wins state contest

A Marsing fourth-grader won the state Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl poster contest. Alliya Freeman, daughter of Kim and Justin Freeman, found out May 24 that her artwork was judged third-best in the region of Idaho, Oregon, Nevada, Arizona, Washington, California, Alaska, and Hawaii. Alliya will not advance to nationals.

Each year, the Owyhee Gardeners organization encourages fourth- and fifth-graders in Marsing Elementary School’s after-school program, Marsing Academies, to participate in the poster contest.

The U.S. Forest Service and National Garden Clubs Inc. give students an opportunity to demonstrate their understanding of wild-fire prevention and basic environmental conservation principles through original drawings of Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl.

Posters are judged for originality, design, slogan, artwork and overall effectiveness of the message.

About 30 Marsing students participated this year.

Alliya’s teacher, Loretta Rost, had the poster laminated for Alliya to take home.

Alliya received \$25 from the Marsing Academies program for her winning entry.

Repaired Homedale swimming pool opens today

After repairs, the Homedale city pool is ready to open today.

“The pool is full and clear, and the chlorine levels are good,” city public works supervisor Bret Smith told the city council Thursday. “You can see he patches, but that’s better than holes.”

Smith said the contractor who did the repair work last month speculated that the new layer of gunite put down a couple years ago began to separate from the pool wall because the old paint may not have been full removed. Old material on the wall would have compromised the new gunite layer’s ability to bond to the pool, Smith said.

Deputy city clerk Debbie Marston said that a full staff of five teenagers is on board to provide management and lifeguard services this summer.

Riley Portwood and Marylea Clements are returning from last year’s summer workers. Portwood will serve as on-site manager.

Joining the ranks this year are recent Homedale High School graduate Benny Schamber, HHS student Dana McGee and former Marsing resident Emerson Sauer, who now attends Middleton High School.

“I’m really excited,” Marston said. “We’ve got a really good, responsible crew of kids down there this year.”

Another aspect that has Marston smiling: Lifeguard certification is already in place. Last year, there were delays in certification for some workers.

Schamber already is certified and works as a lifeguard at the Treasure Valley YMCA in Caldwell.

Sauer and McGee are set to be certified soon.

Some of the staff will take courses to become swimming instructors, so Marston anticipates lessons to be offered later in the summer.

The pool will be open until just before the new school year begins in August.

The swimming fees haven’t changed:

- \$2 per person for a daily swim
- Family season passes — \$45 for one person; \$65 for two; \$80 for three; and \$100 for four.

The pool will be available for rental again at a rate of \$35 for one hour and \$50 for two hours. Rental hours are 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

Regular swim hours are 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

The pool is closed on Sundays.

A new feature this year is a free swimming day from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on the Fourth of July. Marston said Mayor Gheen Christoffersen pushed for the free swimming day as a way to give people something to do during the holiday.

The pool will close at 5 p.m. on the Fourth. There will be no evening swim.

The 2016 opening of the pool was delayed a few days because repairs to the three-year-old pool lining were necessary. Kuna-based Reflections Pool & Spas completed the work two weeks ago, and the new plaster was allowed to cure last week.

— JPB

Council addresses safer driving conditions in Homedale

Stop signs for congested intersection; HPD to watch U.S. 95

The city council focused part of its Thursday meeting on trying to keep people safe on Homedale’s roadways.

Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller devoted his departmental report to two trouble spots for drivers.

Councilmembers responded by approving new stop signs to regulate north-south traffic at the North 2nd Street West-West Montana Avenue intersection.

The council also learned that there will be a more frequent HPD presence in the area of Industrial Road and U.S. Highway 95 as authorities try to get to the bottom of an uptick of accidents at that intersection.

Eidemiller asked the council to consider making the 2nd Street West-West Montana crossing a closed intersection because of the congestion caused by the allowed practice of area residents parking their vehicles in the street right-of-way.

“It’s probably one of the worse (intersections) as far as speeding complaints, but I think it’s more of a problem of trees and parked vehicles,” Eidemiller said.

Still, Eidemiller said putting up a couple of stop signs wouldn’t hurt. There would still be three blocks between stops for motorists traveling north on 2nd Street West. The next stop sign is at California Avenue.

“If we’re going to err, let’s err on the side of caution here,” the chief said.

Public works supervisor Bret Smith said there are stop signs in stock at the city shop.

“We’re going to be able to take care of a situation that could develop into more,” Eidemiller said. “We can just nip it in the bud.”

Eidemiller called the U.S. 95-Industrial Road intersection “a crash magnet.” There have been four accidents at the crossing recently, including a rash of three in the span of 11 days last month.

“I’m going to have to set officers out there at certain times of day to try to figure out what’s going on there,” the chief said.

Eidemiller said it’s difficult to understand why there have been so many drivers who have failed to yield to right-of-way traffic at the intersection.

The city dropped the speed limit on the stretch of U.S. 95 between South Main Street and the Canyon County line a few years ago, and Eidemiller said there is plenty of visibility at the intersection.

“There’s a misconception that at 35 mph you have oodles of time,” the chief said. “At 35 mph, you’ll cover the distance of a football field in about a second.”

Councilman Steve Atkins and Eidemiller agree that the design of modern vehicles might hamper visibility even at a wide-open intersection. They said the front supports of vehicle’s roof—the parts called A pillars that help hold the windshield in place—are wider in newer cars, making a glance for cross traffic more difficult and the results of not noticing other vehicles more treacherous.

Eidemiller said putting patrol officers on the beat would give some insight into the growing problem, but more steps might be necessary.

“We may have to call (the Idaho Transportation Department) to come out and look at it because there is only so much you can glean off our dots and dashes on an accident report,” Eidemiller said.

While some of the recent wrecks sent people to the hospital, the chief said “by the grace of God, we haven’t had a fatality there” in a few years.

“I think the situation deserves a little extra attention right now,” he said.

— JPB

Grand View man skips out on DUI court hearing

Three others received drunk driving sentences

A \$5,000 arrest warrant has been issued after a Grand View man failed to show up for a court appearance involving four misdemeanor charges, including driving under the influence, stemming from arrests one week apart in April.

Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober issued a bench warrant for Willie Rabey when the 32-year-old failed to appear for a May 23 hearing.

The pretrial hearing on misdemeanor DUI, reckless driving and driving without privileges charges is set for 1:30 p.m. on Monday.

An Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputy arrested Rabey on suspicion of DUI on April 28 when he was found passed out behind the wheel of a 1998 Ford Expedition on Roosevelt Avenue in Grand View.

Seven days earlier, Rabey was cited for DWP and reckless driving.

A Kuna woman had her driver’s license suspended for a year and was ordered to spend nine days in jail after she entered a guilty plea May 23 in Murphy to a count of misdemeanor excessive DUI.

Jenny Alexandra Steiger avoided two counts of misdemeanor injury to child with her plea deal.

Grober sentenced the woman after she entered her guilty plea. She was fined \$750 and placed on 18 months’ supervised probation.

Steiger, who was arrested on Feb. 18 on the Idaho highway 45 bridge near the Canyon County line south of Melba, will be allowed to serve her jail time in the Ada County Sheriff’s Inmate Labor Detail.

Steiger’s blood alcohol concentration measured .23, and she had two children — ages 7 and 9 — in her vehicle at the time of the incident.

Brian Whitear of Oreana also received sentencing for a misdemeanor excessive DUI conviction on May 23. Grober ordered 10 days in jail (with two days credited for time served after his Feb. 29 arrest) and suspended the balance of a six-month jail term.

Whitear registered a BAC of .28 after his arrest. He was taken into custody at milepost 34.4 on Idaho highway 78 when an OCSO deputy found a vehicle parked with the engine running.

Grober suspended Whitear’s driving privileges for a year and ordered 18 months’ probation.

Nampa resident Jerald Jackson James received a withheld judgment on a DUI during May 23 sentencing before Grober.

James, who was arrested on a misdemeanor DUI charge on Jan. 6, was given credit for two days spent in county jail, and Grober suspended the rest of a 180-day term. He also imposed six months’ probation and a \$650 fine.



HES first-graders end year with fun
Homedale Elementary School first-grader Ashlyn Harkins (right) tries to tag her classmate Chloe Colyer in a game of dodgeball during a field day at the school May 24. Ashlyn is the daughter of Kristen and T.J. Harkins. Chloe is the daughter of Patty and Steven Colyer.



Homedale Elementary's six students who won bicycles and bicycle helmets in last week's drawing are, from left, Andrew Sanchez, Jocelyn Roseborough, Todd Thatcher, Neidy Ramirez-Gaytan, Nathan Marston, Kate Johnstone, Logan Barrett and Elena Ozuna.



Homedale fourth-graders Rock Around the '50s
Fourth-graders from Stuart Emry's Homedale Elementary class keep an eye on a dance video as they perform to Rebecca Coffman's students' rendition of Bill Haley and Comets' Rock Around the Clock during the fourth-grade concert May 17. The front row includes, from left: 10-year-old Cole Kushlan (parents: Aimee and Brad Kushlan), 9-year-old Grant Waltman (parents: Shilo and Mike Waltman), 9-year-old Ramiro Escutia Mendoza (parents: Luz Mendoza and Nicolas Mendoza), and 9-year-old Omar Camargo (parents: Maria Garcia and Jose Camargo).

Masons award Bikes for Books

Eight Homedale Elementary School students won bicycles and helmets to cap a successful Bikes for Books campaign.

George Decker and Blake Titus, Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13 members, were on hand May 24 for the celebration assembly.

Decker drew the winning names out of a box held by HES principal Terri Vasquez.

Students earned a chance to win one of six bicycles by reading books, and the incentive paid off.

Before giving away the bicycles, Vasquez briefed the student body on the growth of reading at the school in the three years of the program.

Second-graders nearly doubled the number of books they read this year compared to last. Vasquez reported that 1,290 books were read this year, compared to 650 in 2015 and 380 in 2014.

Top readers in the second grade were Stella Heck with 90, Jerry Milburn (70) and Breydyn Ford (60).

Fourth-graders also boosted the volume of books they read. Led by Cooper Christensen's 160 books, fourth-graders read 6,060 books, an increase of 1,550 books (34.3 percent) from two years ago. Fourth-graders read 5,360 books last year.

Other top fourth-grade readers were Braden Ankeny (140), Cali Smith (110), Brock Johnson (110), Lexie Heck (90), and Jocelynn Roseborough (80), who capped her elementary school career by

winning one of the bikes.

Third-graders turned in a two-year improvement of more than 50 percent. They read 620 books. Two years ago, third-graders read 400 books. The 2016 group improved on last year's total by 150 books (31.9 percent).

Jack Decker, Hector Bedolla and Neidy Ramirez-Gaytan read 30 books each to lead the class.

Ramirez-Gaytan, the 9-year-old daughter of Jose Ramirez and Minerva Gaytan, won a bike.

The first grade reading rate dropped slightly compared to 2015, but the students still managed to read 2,210 books. Boston Garrett, Alessandra Olmos and Tyce Fisher read 60 books apiece.

The first-grade bike winners included Elena Ozuna and Logan Barrett. The 7-year-old Ozuna is the daughter of Jesus Ozuna and Alma Cruz. Barrett, 6, is the son of Brandi and Derik Barrett.

Kate Johnstone and Nathan Marston, both 8-year-olds, won the second-grade bikes. Johnstone's parents are Bryn and Chris, and Derek and Chris are Marston's parents.

Todd Thatcher won the boys' bicycle in third grade. He's the 9-year-old son of DeAnn and Mark Thatcher.

Andrew Sanchez, the 10-year-old son of Estela Dominguez and Damian Cisneros, won the boys' fourth-grade bicycle.

City has until today to submit HES pedestrian grant

Priority shifts from HMS path because of right-of-way requirement

Poor communication between a state agency and community leaders seems to have hampered a plan to improve schoolchildren pedestrian safety near Homedale Middle School.

Today is the application deadline for a Transportation Alternatives Program grant that can be used for sidewalks, street lights and crosswalks. The City of Homedale and the Homedale Chamber of Commerce have decided to apply for a \$500,000 grant to improve the area around the elementary school first because of some unknown requirements that have delayed the progress on a plan to build a pedestrian path through farmground — and away from West Idaho Avenue — to HMS.

The TAP grant is federal funds

administered by the Idaho Transportation Department.

"ITD did a terrible job getting notice out to us with the deadline and application requirements," Chamber president Gavin Parker said. "We had very little time to actually put together the application."

"We were expecting the details in January or early February and just got word at the beginning of May."

One of the crucial details that threw a wrench in the HMS plans was the fact that no rights-of-way through farmground have been acquired.

"This was the most frustrating part," Parker said. "We didn't receive clarification from ITD until this past Thursday night that the rights-of-way had to be acquired prior to filing the application."

Mayor Gheen Christoffersen mentioned the wrinkle in the ITD's requirements during Thursday's city council meeting.

Parker said right-of-way acquisition could take "a couple of months," and that there was no time to get that legal maneuver completed between the release of

application and the submission deadline.

"The mayor and I have verbal agreements from Marion and Barbara Vance, Suzanne Takasugi, and

Dean and Karen Vance to move forward with the process of acquiring the right-of-ways needed for the project," Parker said. "We just don't have the time to complete it for this application."

"We are going to proceed with the acquisition of the rights-of-way so we are ready to go for next year's application."

The earliest the HMS project could start, if another \$500,000 grant is even available for Fiscal Year 2018, would be 2019.

So the focus now shifts to the elementary school with Riedesel Engineering Inc.'s Andrew Kimmel writing the grant.

The grant would bring sidewalks, streetlights and a couple crosswalks to the 400 block of West Washington Street. The funding would be received in FY 2017 with construction taking place in FY 2018.

Parker said officials should learn in the fall whether the application is successful. Funding and construction would take place

next spring.

Coincidental to the delay in the HMS project, the city council asked Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller and public works supervisor Bret Smith to discuss with Homedale Highway District officials a plan to expand the 35 mph speed zone at the middle school farther south.

Councilmen Steve Atkins and Jerry Anderson agreed that the speed limit should be 35 mph from West Idaho Avenue south to Egurrola Lane. The speed limit elsewhere on Johnstone Road is 50 mph.

The HMS pedestrian safety plan would include a paved greenbelt/bike path from Cascade Street across farmground to Johnstone Road. A crosswalk complete with flashing lights would be constructed across Johnstone Road to the sidewalk in front of the school.

The new, 1,900-foot-long pathway would be enclosed by a 4-foot-high chain-link fence. The right-of-way would be 10 feet wide with the pavement 6 feet wide.

Imperials back in mix for Homedale derby

Tickets on sale now at NAPA stores

Drivers and organizers alike are getting ready for the 35th annual Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derby. Tickets are on sale at NAPA Owyhee Auto Supply locations in Homedale and Marsing. A section tickets in the covered grandstand are \$20, and usually go the fastest. Tickets in the B section are \$15, and C section seats cost \$12. Derby officials have lifted the ban on Chrysler Imperials this year, so what organizers have dubbed “The King of the Derby” will be seen in the Owyhee County Fairgrounds rodeo arena once again this summer. Driver entries are now open. The time and location of the annual drivers’ meeting will be announced at a later date. Call Jeremy Townsend at (208) 337-4668 for competition rules and information on how to enter. Chester Conklin is the man to see with car construction questions, and he can be reached at (208) 989-2014. For food booth information, call Josh Love at (208) 880-8483, and call Will Pryor at (208) 866-2629 with general questions or for

information on advertising in the event program. There are several cash prizes available, including \$2,000 for the championship, \$1,500 for second place and \$1,000 for third place. The consolation heat, which is open to all drivers, carries a prize of \$500 up to \$1,000. There trophies and cash for other awards, including Twisted Metal and Road Rage as well as prizes for Rookie of the Year, and two trophies for best-looking car. Homedale 18-year-old Kyle Orris is gunning for the best-looking car award with a unique twist. The rookie’s entry effort is actually an awareness campaign dubbed “Crash for a Cause.” The son of Sabrina and Tracy Orris wants to paint a Pontiac Tempest from the late 1960s pink for breast cancer awareness, and he’s looking for as many stickers for other public awareness campaigns as he can find. The plan is to cover the entire car with stickers to call attention to diseases and health disorders and any other awareness campaign stickers. For more information on how to provide stickers for Orris’ derby car, visit the Crash for a Cause, 4th of July Demolition Derby page on Facebook.

Idaho Transportation Department employee Jeff Brothers measures the core sample taken from the roadway in the first block of West Idaho Avenue last Wednesday.



Succor Creek bridge work set for mid-June

Last week’s core sampling tied to future road rehab

The Succor Creek bridge replacement project on Idaho highway 19 will begin later this month, the Idaho Transportation Department announced Tuesday. Meanwhile, an ITD crew visited Homedale last week for two days of taking core samples. ITD District 3 spokesperson Jennifer Gonzalez said the drilling at 13 locations along Idaho Avenue was routine material testing in anticipation of future projects. Nothing related to the testing is definitely planned, though. The crew used an auger and other equipment to punch through about two feet of road surface and roadbed. The result was a core sample that showed strata from various projects on roadway over

the years. “The drilling is to determine what the base is, and we have to do that for all our projects,” Gonzalez said. Idaho highway 19 through Homedale could see a pavement preservation project in 2019 or 2020, but Gonzalez said how and when projects are scheduled is constantly in flux. There could be some Idaho 19 resurfacing work done from 4th Street West to the Oregon state line after the completion of the Succor Creek bridge project. The \$2.9 million project, which will restrict traffic to one lane, should wrap up in mid-2017, and the resurfacing project could begin next spring. Both projects will not be carried out at the same time, Gonzalez said. Once Knife River Construction begins replacing the 49-year-old bridge, an automatic traffic light will be in place to control traffic.

School staffs celebrate, too



Left: Marsing High School teacher Lennie Freeman was named the district’s certified staff member of the year during last week’s Celebration of Success. **Right:** Homedale first-grade teacher Tammy Glaser thanked her colleagues after receiving the Teacher of the Year award Friday morning at the middle school The award was presented by George Decker, a Mason with Homedale-based Silver City Lodge No. 13.



Clockwise from above: David VanWassenhove was honored at the Marsing School District Celebration of Success last week with the Alumni of the Year Award.

The MSD students of the year are, from left, high school: Jordan Goins, elementary: Emily Vanosdall, and middle school: Jessie Wood

The Marsing Elementary PTO received the volunteer of the year award. Representing the group are, from left, Janelle Thompson, Courtney Barber and Megan Astorquia

HHS grads cap big night with big party

Homedale High School’s graduating seniors weren’t the only ones who had been planning for their big night for a while. A Moms Committee chaired by Michelle Burks worked on a Safe Graduation Party throughout the four years their children were working through high school. The culmination of fundraising, including a cake auction, was a 3½ celebration inside the HHS gymnasium after the May 23 commencement ceremony. Burks wanted to thank everyone involved in coming up with donations and providing other assistance. Businesses and individuals involved included:

- Frosty Palace
- Matteson’s

- Moxie Java
- Idaho Pizza Co.
- Subway
- Teri and Wayne Hungate
- Jane and Darrin Pfost
- Burks Wealth Management
- Dutch Bros
- Tolmie’s Ace Hardware

“Also thanks to my chaperones (senior parents) and Del Rio for catering,” Burks wrote in an email. Del Rio Mexican Restaurant staff served tacos to start the evening at 10 p.m. There were several booths, including an energy drink station hosted by Jane Pfost and Drake Hungate, a photo booth, an Air Spray temporary tattoo artist, poker tables, ping pong and

volleyball. HHS teacher Darrin Cook put on a magic show at 11:30 p.m., and then the graduates played “Minute to Win It” games and continued the other activities. Prize drawings were held at the end of the evening. “We raffled off gift cards, a laptop, coolers, pizza makers,” Burks said. “We had enough donations that every senior left with something from the raffle.” Fundraising over the four years included the annual cake auction at halftime of a basketball game during the students’ senior year as well as working concessions, a couch raffle at prom, sponsoring dances, and selling various food items at different venues.

Homedale library director proposes budget increase

Saturday hours to change this week

A lot of things are going on lately at the Homedale Public Library.

Sharla Jensen has finalized fiscal year 2017 budget proposal, and the city council could examine it Monday when its holds the first budget workshop of the year at City Hall.

Since proposing the budget to the library board in April, Jensen has decided to increase her city funding request. Originally she was going to ask for the same in city support as the current budget (\$55,000).

The library’s overall budget for the current year is \$70,111.

She originally set her FY 2017 budget at \$71,058 with the idea of making up for the \$947 increase — and not further burdening the city’s general fund — by doing janitorial work herself and by securing some grant money.

However, Jensen’s final budget calls for a payroll increase of \$4,250, which would be financed through city funds.

The library’s current payroll budget is \$42,035. Jensen’s proposed FY 2017 salary budget, originally set at \$44,920, was changed to \$46,285 in time for the May board meeting presentation.

Jensen said City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram had accounted for \$4,250 more in available payroll funds than she

did.

“I’m not opposed to going with her numbers, because that might give us a little more room if we need to do some extra things,” Jensen said. “Like for summer reading, I’m hoping to have all staff here. The biggest reason (Pegram) has a little more is she has (part-time employee Hannah Downum working) 15 hours a week, and Hannah’s only working six hours a week.”

When initially hired, Hannah was scheduled to work 15 hours a week, but Jensen reduced her hours to lessen the likelihood of going over budget.

Jensen also increased the FY 2017 budget line for grants to \$230,000 from \$8,000 in the current budget. The idea behind the 2,775 percent increase is not having to reopen the budget during FY2017 to account for any construction grants that the library may receive.

“If for some reason I got \$10,000, we couldn’t spend the other \$2,000 unless they reopen the budget,” Jensen said.

The library board hopes to receive \$210,000 in Idaho Department of Commerce Community Development Block Grant and U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Community Facilities Grant funding to finance library expansion.

And Jensen expects about another \$12,000 in other grants.

“We’d have to say we’re getting that much and we’re spending that much on

capital improvements,” Jensen said in explaining the budgeting process.

The library has investments of around \$160,000 that could also be used to help fund the expansion.

The board has also approved leasing a new color copier. The lease will be up in October on the library’s black-and-white Xerox copier.

A bid for a color copier from Boise Office Equipment was \$123 per month while a bid from Fisher’s Technology was just \$75.90 monthly.

The lease with Fisher’s includes everything but paper and will cost the library 1 cent per black-and-white copy, and 6 cents for each color copy.

The library currently charges 25 cents per copy.

The board agreed to lower that cost to 15 cents for black-and-white copies when the new copier arrives in October. The library will charge 25 cents per color copy.

Jensen also asked the board members for their thoughts on changing the library’s Saturday hours.

Starting this weekend, the library will be open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays. The library had been open 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. previously.

“It’s kind of a hardship for my staff to stop everything they’re doing and go to work,” Jensen said. “It just makes it so you can’t really accomplish anything that day.”

Jensen later stated that she hasn’t talked to patrons about the change, but said nothing is set in stone.

“We do not get very many patrons in on Saturday,” Jensen wrote in an email. “At the end of the summer, we will re-evaluate and see if the change in hours affected patron attendance.”

Patrons can now check out four DVDs at a time, rather than the two DVDs previously allowed.

Jensen told the board members a story about a family who recently moved to Homedale, and came in to get a library card.

“They all went around and picked their movie. We had a toddler-kind of movie, then we had a teenage-kind of movie, and the dad had gotten a movie,” Jensen said. “We had to tell them that one of them had to put their movie back.”

Jensen added that she wanted to increase the number of DVDs allowed to be checked out to help ensure that people have a positive experience at the library.

The library is located at 125 W. Owyhee Ave., and is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday and — through the end of the month — from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Call (208) 337-4228 for more information about the library and its programs.

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Highway district gets new radios

Communications upgrade part of ongoing countywide plan

Heavy rains early last month gave Homedale Highway District (HHD) staff members a chance to communicate amongst themselves with new radios purchased with county funding.

The Board of County Commissioners approved an expenditure of \$7,220 out of the Hazmat fund for a radio in each of the district’s eight vehicles.

Owyhee County emergency services coordinator Jim Desmond said Homedale Subdistrict 3 Commissioner Scott Salutregui asked him if there might be grant money available for radios.

“The short answer to him was yes, followed by maybe,” Desmond said.

Desmond explained that the county’s interoperable communications plan called for a phased approach to updating countywide communications.

The federal government is requiring a change to 700 megahertz (mhz) communications, and Owyhee County needed a way to communicate with other counties — such as Canyon — that have already transitioned to the new emergency radio band.

“Essentially Phase 1 was putting the 700 mhz interoperable gateway in the sheriff’s office,” Desmond said. “We did that very quickly after we did the plan.”

The next phase was to get a



Nathan Smith, a technician with White Cloud Communications of Boise, installs a new radio in a Homedale Highway District backhoe.

700 mhz interoperable radio into every first-responder vehicle in the county.

It took several years — and several sources of grant money — to accomplish Phase 2.

However, the county never intended on using a 100 percent 700 mhz system.

“BLM isn’t doing that, and a number of other entities aren’t because it’s too expensive,” Desmond said.

“We’re going to stay with what’s called a blended system. We’re going to have VHF and UHF radios, and we’re going to have 700 mhz radios.”

A call with a VHF or UHF ra-

dio can be run through dispatch and converted into a 700 mhz signal with the gateway.

The next phase of the plan is to allow the county to communicate with more than just first-responders, such as agencies with equipment like backhoes and road graders that may be needed in emergency situations.

“That’s highway districts,” Desmond said. “This purchase of radios is consistent with our interoperable plan. It is an allowable purchase under Homeland Security grant funds.”

He pointed out that the problem with using Homeland Security money would require the radios to be P25-compliant, making them more expensive.

Buying them with that fund would leave about \$8,000 in the 2015 Homeland Security grant, Desmond said.

By using Hazmat money, the county could buy less expensive, non-P25-compliant radios.

“They’ll work perfectly fine in our system. They’re not to the P25 standard that the feds insist on,” Desmond said. “But, we have a whole bunch of radios out there that are operating just fine that are not P25 compliant.”

He added that the county would save \$3,000 and leave \$18,000 in the 2015 Hazmat grant.

Commissioners agreed to buy the cheaper radios with Hazmat money.

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Homedale Highway District centennial dedication looms

The Homedale Highway District turns 100 years old Thursday.

The board of directors will mark the centennial prior to its June meeting next Wednesday.

A flagpole and flag dedication ceremony is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. at the district’s office on East Colorado Avenue. The meeting starts at 6 p.m.

Subdistrict 3 Commissioner Scott Salutregui said the flagpole and flags will be dedicated in memory of longtime commissioners Elmer Prow and Fred Demshar.

Prow has the distinction of being the longest-tenured commissioner in the history of the district. He served from 1961 to 1991 and was succeeded by his son Larry, who is now board chair.

Larry Prow is in his 25th year in office, giving the Prow family a member on the highway board

for more than half the history of the district.

Demshar went on the board in 1985 and served until his resignation in 2011. His son, John, was appointed to fill the vacancy, and he served until 2013 when Joel Wilson took over.

Longevity is a common theme when it comes to the highway district.

District clerk Teri Uria has never missed a meeting in the 32 years she has served. In 1984, she succeeded Iris Parker, who had taken over as clerk in 1951.

The district was formed on June 2, 1916 when Gov. Moses Alexander appointed J. P. Wood, L. B. Cowan and C. M. Sutton as board members.

Wood was the first board president, and Cowan went on to serve 17 years until Roy Tilford was elected in 1933.

Story Time goes to the bears

Homedale Public Library’s Story Time is all about bears.

Children will hear readings of “Teddy Bear Counting” by Barbara Barbieri McGrath, and “Before We Go To Bed” by Sue Mongredien.

Story Time is held at 10:15

a.m., on Friday at the library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

Boys and girls attending the event are invited to bring their teddy bears, and an activity for the children is also planned.

For more information, call the library at (208) 337-4228.

An eye on her future

Lab, activities help Marsing UI grad prepare for optometry career

by Tara Roberts
UI Communications & Marketing

When Deidrie Briggs was in seventh grade in Marsing, she was sure she had to decide on a career for the rest of her life. She has explored a few other options since, but ended up sticking with her middle-school selection: optometry.

“Getting to know people in the community — I really like that aspect of being an optometrist,” she says. “You know your patients, and your patients know you. You help them see the world more clearly.”

Briggs, a winner of the University of Idaho College of Science Dean’s Award, graduated last month with a bachelor’s in biological sciences and minors in Spanish and pre-health professions studies. Now she’ll head to Pacific University to earn her Doctor of Optometry.

The 22-year-old daughter of Marsing residents Jim and Muriel Briggs shaped her time at UI to support her dream. She built a foundation with classes such as anatomy and physiology, shadowed optometrists in Moscow and in her hometown, and worked for three years in a UI lab that focuses on a critical structure in the eye.

Working with Peter Fuerst, an assistant professor of biology, Briggs studied the retina: the back part of the eyeball that contains light-sensing cells and connects to the brain via the optic nerve.



Above: Deidrie Briggs works on a model of the retina in a biology lab at the University of Idaho. Photo by UI student photographer Kira Hunter. **Right:** Deidrie Briggs plays with a local child during a trip to Nicaragua with the University of Idaho Alternative Service Break program. Photo courtesy of Deidrie Briggs.

Briggs and her colleagues studied mice retinas to understand how the retina develops and how its different layers interact with each other. Her work included creating complex 3-D images of retinal neurons, giving researchers the ability to study their organization in detail.

“My lab experience helped prepare me so much,” she says. “The information you learn in a retina lab is much more in-depth than what you learn in one or two weeks of anatomy classes.”

In addition to enhancing her studies, Briggs’ lab work provided her with skills such as organization, following procedure and carefully recording her work. It also gave her communication,

teamwork and leadership skills — as did the abundance of other activities she was involved in at UI.

Briggs refereed intramural basketball games, was part of the UI Student Foundation and was active in the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. She was also a member of UI’s Pre-Health Club, where students who want to go into medical professions connect, have fun and volunteer on projects like blood and bone marrow drives. Pre-health professions advisor Liz Bryant praised Briggs for her focus, dedication and service to others, especially the assisted living facility residents Briggs helps through a summer vision-screening clinic.



“Deidrie’s face lights up when she speaks about her time spent working with these individuals, leaving no doubt that she has truly found her calling in life, and that she is going to be an exceptional optometrist,” Bryant says.

In winter 2014, Briggs’ UI adventure took her far from campus to Santa Julia, Nicaragua, where she was part of an Alternative Service Break team that helped a women’s coffee-production cooperative build a community porch for meetings, mobile health clinics and other events.

“The best part about it, other than working with the people in Santa Julia, was bonding with the other students and advisers,” Briggs says.

All these opportunities and experiences helped Briggs make new friends and find her place at UI. Coming from a small town, she wanted a college that was close to home and felt like home. She found it, and assures future Vandals that they can, too.

“Branch out. Don’t just focus on one aspect of the college career. Join multiple clubs that don’t have anything to do with each other. Get involved in things that are interesting, meet new people, form new connections and just have fun,” she says.

“All the people here are the same as in a small town. They’re caring, and they want to help you succeed. It’s always nice to have people who have your back.”

HHS student ready to dive into government

Patrick McMichael will be the only student from Owyhee County attending Boys State beginning Sunday.

The son of Brett and Carol McMichael just completed his junior year at Homedale High School.

He arrives at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa on Sunday to begin the weeklong civics camp sponsored by the American Legion.

George VanDerhoff, Post 32 in Homedale is sponsoring McMichael. Later this month, HHS students Ambyr VanWinkle and Samantha Bedolla will attend Girls State at NNU in a trip sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 32 from Homedale.

That event takes place June 12 through June 17.

At each camp, the boys and girls learn the inner-workings of government. They elect representatives, hold conventions and also learn about the judicial branch of government.



Patrick McMichael

“I’m interested in how state government works, so that I can be more involved with my state than I had before,” McMichael said.

The Post 32 membership selected McMichael to represent Homedale at Boys State.

“I was a bit shocked about being chosen to do Boys State at first,” he said.

McMichael hopes the experience will give him confidence in several areas.

“I hope to be better at giving speeches and learn to be a leader,” he said.

McMichael’s favorite school subject in History, and he plans to major in Architecture at the University of Idaho.

Boys State attendees will do activities at NNU throughout the week.

The graduation ceremony takes place at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 11 inside the Brandt Auditorium on the NNU campus.

— JPB

Another year, another Homedale Sanchez earns Gates scholarship

Six HHS grads have received prestigious full-ride award

Maybe it’s in the genes, but the fifth member of a Homedale family has received a Gates Millennium Scholarship.

Noe Sanchez, a 2016 Homedale High School graduate, is the latest child of Abdencio and Concepcion Sanchez to earn the full-ride scholarship.

Three of Sanchez’s siblings and a cousin are also Gates Scholars.

Homedale High School can boast of six GMS recipients dating to 2008 when Samuel Sanchez, Noe’s brother, became one of just 1,000 students across the country and in U.S. territories to receive a Gates Millennium Scholarship.

The scholarship will finance Noe Sanchez’s post-secondary education, up to and including a doctorate degree if he so chooses. The scholarship represents up to

10 years of college funding.

The 18-year-old Sanchez, who received his diploma during Homedale’s May 23 commencement ceremony, was an HHS honor graduate after compiling a 3.88 grade-point average through his first seven semesters at the school.

He plans to study Biology (major) and Education (minor) at the University of Oregon.

Jarod Armenta, a 2011 Gates Scholar from Homedale, is doing just that now at Boise State University after finishing his undergraduate degree at Cornell College in Iowa.

Sanchez’s brother, Eric, and cousin, Edmy, were Gates Scholars in 2014. His sister, Corina, earned a Gates scholarship in 2010.

Sanchez is one of three Idahoans to earn Gates scholarships in 2016, joining Parma’s Enrique Gutierrez and Imani Mitchell of Lapwai.

The Gates Millennium Scholarship Program began in 1999 after a \$1.6 billion grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.



Noe Sanchez

Homedale’s Gates Scholars

- 2008 Samuel Sanchez
- 2010 Corina Sanchez
- 2011 Jarod Armenta
- 2014 Eric Sanchez Edmy Vega
- 2016 Noe Sanchez

Avalanche Sports

3A SRV baseball coaches honor Trojans’ Burke Deal

Burke Deal has been named 3A Snake River Valley conference coach of the year in baseball.

The coach led Homedale High School to runner-up finishes in the 3A state tournament, the 3A District III tournament and the 3A SRV regular season.

“It’s just a real nice honor to be selected by my peers,” Deal said.

The Trojans posted an 18-7 record, including 7-3 in conference. Three of the losses came against Fruitland – once in the regular season and then in the district and state championship games.

The state championship game appearance was the first for the Trojans program since joining Class 3A.

“You get recognized when the kids are successful, and we had a great bunch of kids,” Deal said. “I am proud to be a part of this program.”

Deal now shifts gears into the Owyhee Rivercats American Legion summer baseball season.


Tryouts were held last Wednesday and Thursday, and the Single A season begins today with a 1 p.m. game

against the host Nampa Braves at Rodeo Park.

The Single-A Rivercats play on the road until Thursday, June 9 when the Treasure Valley Stars visit John Jackson Field in Homedale for a doubleheader.

The first game starts at 4:30 p.m.

— JPB



Burke Deal

District 2 high school rodeo wraps at CNR



Local cowboys and cowgirls compete for state berths

High school rodeo athletes from Homedale, Marsing, Rimrock, Jordan Valley and Adrian were among the contestants Sunday and Monday in the District 2 season finale rodeos at the Caldwell Night Rodeo Arena.

Above: Homedale’s Lawsen Matteson heads a calf

his partner heels during Sunday’s action.

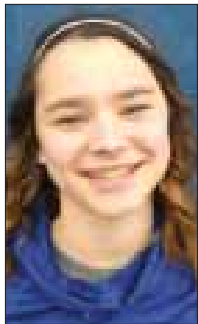
Right: Marsing High School’s Lena Metcalf rounds guides her horse through a pole bending run during Sunday’s second-to-last rodeo of the District 2 season.

Check out next week’s edition of *The Owyhee*

Avalanche to find out which locals qualified for the Idaho High School State Finals Rodeo and the Silver State International Rodeo in Winnemucca, Nev.

Photos by Cherie Rolland

Frosh among Huskies’ All-2A WIC picks



Alex Grant



Alicia Barkell

Five Marsing High School softball players have been named to the all-conference team.

Freshman pitcher Alex Grant led the way as a first-team All-2A Western Idaho Conference selection.

Senior second baseman Alicia Barkell earned second-team honors.

Honorable mention picks included freshman catcher Emma Heitz, senior shortstop Adrianna Salutregui and senior center fielder Angelina Noblett.

“We were happy to have these players on our team this year,” second-year Huskies coach Barry Kendall said. “These kids have and are helping us take the next step with the softball program.”

Kendall said the Huskies had a good personnel formula during their 4-16 season.

“It was a good combination of senior leadership and youthful athleticism and experience,” he said.

“We will miss the senior girls but look forward as the younger group continues to improve and help our program continue to get better and reach our goals as a program.”

Longtime Rimrock coach, teacher ready for a break

After nearly four decades years at a teacher and a track and field coach, Kermit Tate is ready for a cool-down.

“After 37 years, I’m finding it harder and harder to keep up with the students and athletes,” the longtime Rimrock High School science teacher and coach said.

Tate wrapped up an impressive run as the Raiders’ track coach. He began his stint in 1979 and has never missed a state meet.

“One thing I’m moderately proud of, concerning my coaching career, is that we have had at least one person advance to the State meet every year since I’ve been here,” Tate said. “Not too shabby, for a bunch of kids with no practice facilities to speak of.”

Tate also coached the Raiders’ cross country team for years, putting on the Rusty Fender meet several times.

He ended his coaching career with a lone athlete in the 2016 1A track and field state championships.

Senior Hailey Pearson, who will receive her diploma as class valedictorian on Saturday (2 p.m. inside the school gymnasium), qualified for three events at the state meet. The final meet of the season was held May 20-21 under soggy conditions at Middleton High School.

She finished seventh in the 200-meter sprint, eighth in the triple jump, but couldn’t make it out of the preliminary heats in the 100.

“Hailey Pearson is an amazing person and athlete. She has athletic talent, high intelligence and is extremely coachable. Her work ethic is second to none,” Tate said.

“I have deeply enjoyed getting to work with her, over the years. She’s proven her athletic credentials in several ways, not least of which was by setting multiple PRs (personal records) in the state meet this year. An outstanding effort by any measure, especially given the weather conditions this year.”

Tate is the latest to retire from a long line of veteran coaches who spent decades at the small Bruneau/Grand View area high school.

“I will miss working with the kids, but it’s time to move on and let new blood take over,” Tate said.

— JPB

Sports

High school athletes
of the year named
HOMEDALE



Left: Gardenia Machuca (volleyball, basketball and softball)
Right: Connor Carter (football, basketball and baseball)

MARSING



Left: Mason Hall (football and wrestling)
Right: Adrianna Salutregui (volleyball and softball)
Submitted photo



The front tires of Nampan Brent Fillmore's 1945 Oliver 70 Ind., leave the ground as he tries to pull the sled during Saturday's competition in Hoemdale.

Owyheean get in on the fun
with Treasure Valley pullers

The Treasure Valley Antique Power Association made another stop at the Amalgamated Sugar Co. beet dump in Homedale on Saturday for a tractor and 4-wheel-drive truck pull.

Marsing's Lath Callaway brought out a brand-new Ford F350 because he wanted to "see what the new F350 could do."

The result was a full pull of more than 300 feet and a follow-up performance of 265.12 feet behind at Power Stroke diesel.

"Lath won hands down," TVAPA secretary Jackie Denig reported. "We had to change gears to stop Lath."

There were several Owyhee County pullers at the meet, including a return of Gary Regnani with his 1956 Cockshutt 40 HP tractor.

Curt Callaway of Marsing pulled with a 2004 Chevy 2500 powered by a Duramax, posting a distance of 280.9 feet.

Mike Miller of Homedale brought a Cummins-powered 2006 Dodge 3500 and finished third behind the Callaways in the Truck 8W class with a pull of 250.7.

Marsing's Josie Grim also tried her hand at the truck pull.

Tractors

- 4C — Lloyd Combe, Star, 1943 Farmall H, 23 HP, full pull and 186.11 feet
- 4W — 1. Brent Fillmore, Nampa, 1945 Oliver 70 Ind., 30 HP, 90.4; 2. Combe, 1943 Farmall H, 23 HP, 104.6
- 4.5W — Fillmore, 1945 Oliver 70 Ind., 30 HP, 113.4
- 3.5M 6mph — Rod Mack, Meridian, 1949 John Deere M, Chevy V6, 216.9
- 3.5M 10mph — Mack, 1949 John Deere M,

- Chevy V6, 186.3
- 6LM — Gary Regnani, Homedale, 1956 Cockshutt 40, 40 HP, 104.8
- 6W — Regnani, 1956 Cockshutt 40, 40 HP, 98.6
- 8.5FS — Gayle Eaton, Boise, 1969 John Deere 3020, 70 HP, 146.5
- 8.5W — Eaton, 1969 John Deere 3020, 70 HP, 111.11
- 10W — 1. Chauncy Hasler, Vale, Ore., 1954 Minneapolis-Moline GTB D, 58 HP, 207.9; 2. Clyde Fillmore, Wilder, 1959 John Deere 730 D, 60 HP, 157.7

Truck

- 5W — Ray Denig, Payette, 1976 Ford F250 250 crew cab, V-6, full pull and 164.9
- 7W — 1. Dillon Lockwood, Boise, 1976 Ford F250, Cummins, full pull; 2. Drew Prickett, Meridian, 1997 Ford F250, Power Stroke, 190.9; 3. Chauncy Hasler, Vale, Ore., Chevy 2500, Cummins, 45
- 8W — 1. Lath Callaway, Marsing, 2016 Ford F350, Power Stroke, full pull and 265.12; 2. Curt Callaway, Marsing, 2004 Chevy 2500, Duramax, 280.9; 3. Mike Miller, Homedale, 2006 Dodge 3500, Cummins, 250.7; 4. Les Lammers, Vale, Ore., 2006 Ford F250, Power Stroke, 135.10; 5. Gerhardt Harms, Weiser, 1997 Ford F350, Power Stroke, 81.0

Play Time

- Josie Grim, Marsing, 1999 Dodge Cummins, full pull in first gear; 207.11 in second gear
- Curt Callaway, 117.7 chain under; 75 in fourth gear
- Harms, 238.11 in second gear; 89 chain under
- Prickett, 128.6 in second gear; 144.9 in 2nd gear



Payette's Ray Denig still runs the original V6 engine in his 1976 Ford F250. He notched a full pull before the sled's gears were adjusted then he still pulled nearly 165 feet.

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

June 5, 1991

Degrees earned by five area residents

Five Homedale-area residents were awarded Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees from The College of Idaho during commencement exercises on June 1 on the Caldwell campus.

A Bachelor of Arts degree was awarded to Jerry Raburn, a Business Administration and Accounting major from Jordan Valley. A Bachelor of Science degree was awarded to Joseph Anthony Masar, a Physics major from Homedale.

Master of Education degrees were awarded to Roberta M. Drake and Leslie Ann Parker of Homedale and Jan M. Van Slyke of Wilder.

City plans to sell old dump land

The Homedale City Council agreed at its May meeting to offer for sale 3.85 acres comprising the old city dump west of town for a minimum of \$4,000.

Mayor Paul J. Fink told Council members Frank Haylett, Cindy Clayton, Dan Murphy and Mike Beavers that he had been contacted by Darren Fink about buying the property on Old Dump Road. He said it had been appraised at \$3,000 in the past, recommending that a minimum \$4,000 bid be required for the sale. He also recommended advertising it for at least two weeks.

With little discussion, the council agreed to the proposal on a motion by Haylett that was seconded by Murphy.

School board approves tentative budget

The tentative Homedale School District budget for the approaching school year includes a 2.07% increase in the school levy collected from property taxpayers at the county level and an anticipated five cent hike in the price of a student hot lunch at Homedale Elementary School.

These and numerous other details in the proposed 1991-92 school budget were pointed out by Superintendent of Schools Ed Marshall at a special School Board meeting last Tuesday before the public hearing on it was set for next Monday, June 10, at 7 p.m.

Proposed spending in the general fund budget totals \$2,907,158 compared to \$2,838,494 in general funds being expended in the school year now ending. \$2,372,976 in revenues in the proposed general fund budget would come from the state of Idaho, compared to \$2,286,069 provided by the state in the current year. (Certain nondiscretionary spending, such as federal funds for COSSA programs, bond and interest sums, etc., are excluded from the general fund budget.)

Marshall said the 2.07 percent increase in the school tax, estimated to raise about \$10,200 additional, is well below the 5% maximum annual adjustment that school districts are permitted to make under state law. Its upward adjustment has been going on for years and is needed “in order to survive,” he said. For Homedale Joint School District No. 370, the assessment is made on property owners in applicable parts of both Owyhee and Canyon Counties.

The total price of a student hot lunch at the grade school would be 80 cents under the new budgetary plan. As proposed, it would make no adjustments in the price paid for the noontime meals by junior high and high school students (\$1.00) or adults at either school (\$1.40).

All-WIC team chosen

Nine coaches of the Western Idaho Conference chose a number of area players for the All-WIC baseball team.

Chris Hoshaw of Homedale was named the Most Valuable Player. First-team members included Josh Hays, Kevin Alambra, Tony Uranga and Mike Weimer, Homedale; Justin Cagle and Tony Ramirez, Wilder.

Second-team members included Rich Zehr, Frank Hendry, Homedale; Junior Ramirez, Eddie Garcia, Wilder; and Benji Bowers, Marsing.

Honorable mention included Marc DeVries, Greenleaf (Wilder team); Mike Warwick, Trent Galloway, Homedale; and Scott Brown, Marsing.

50 years ago

June 2, 1966

Area grads at U. of I. include Homedale youths

Graduating from the University of Idaho at Moscow June 12 will be Alan J. Johnstone, B.S., in Agriculture, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Johnstone, and Alfred J. Eiguren, B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Eiguren. Both are graduates of Homedale High School in 1962.

Others are Bachelor of Arts: Gerald E. Peterson, Wilder; Bachelor of Science in Pre-Medical Studies: Michael G. Morfitt, Wilder; Bachelor of Architecture: Lynn H. Messenger, Grand View; Bachelor of Science in Agriculture: Ed L. Burghardt, Grand View and Paul A. Yamamoto, Marsing; Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering: Ronald C. Agenbroad, Bruneau.

Bachelor of Law: Stephen C. Batt and James C. Morfitt, Wilder.

Bachelor of Science in Business: William H. Striegel, Grand View.

Kiwanis citizenship awards go to 2 seniors at Homedale

Marlen Pierce and Randolph Kotschevar were announced as the recipients of the Kiwanis citizenship awards during the special recognition banquet given in honor of the members of the Homedale High School National Honor Society. The event, hosted by the Kiwanis club, was held at the Masonic hall Wednesday evening, May 25.

Miss Pierce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pierce, and Kotschevar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kotschevar, received awards of \$100 each toward furthering their education. Miss Pierce, who was also awarded the Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship of \$100 last week, plans to enter Boise College next fall term and study for the teaching profession. She attended the Homedale schools all 12 years. Kotschevar, a certified accordion instructor, also plans to go to Boise College and major in Science. He attended the first five years at the Grand View School and the remaining years at Homedale. The scholarship presentations were made by Doyle McPherson, Kiwanis president, who also served as master of ceremonies during the evening.

The winners of the awards were selected by members of the high school faculty on the basis of citizenship, participation, sportsmanship, cooperation, leadership and scholastic achievements.

Homedale H.S. teachers make varied plans for summer

Homedale High School teachers have varied plans for the summer:

Duane Ash – Mostly taking it easy. He plans on working for three or four weeks during vacation.

James Barayasarra – Plans to go to the University of Idaho on a National Science Foundation Institute grant at Moscow.

Ken Kellum – Will be working at the Terminal Ice Company in Nampa. Expects quite a bit of company this summer so will be staying pretty close to home.

Principal Darrel Reisch – Plans on working on his farm and may work elsewhere, too.

Supt. Deward Bell – He will be taking short trips in their new camper trailer. He will take his family to Banbury Hot Springs near Buhl, next weekend. He will also be on duty at the school during the summer.

Douglas Eier – Plans to attend University of Idaho summer school.

Marsh Jones – Going to Southern California for two weeks after the recreation program is finished June 13 to July 8.

Ken Langdon – Will attend summer school at Denver and attend a coach’s clinic at Sun Valley.

Ardis Nash – Will be staying at home with her children.

Dean Vance – Omaha, Neb., teach drivers training.

Dean Wilson – Will move to Portland, Ore., where he will teach at Portland Community College.

Gaymon Bennett – Will go to summer school either at B.C. or C. of I.

140 years ago

June 3, 1876

FROM JORDAN VALLEY – The following is an extract from a letter recently received from Jordan Valley:

A goodly portion of the citizens of Jordan Valley met, pursuant to previous notice, at the house of Frank Cable, Esq., on Monday, the 22nd day of May, at 1 o’clock p.m., and organized a Grange of seventeen members, consisting of eleven men and six women; so I was told by one of the members. Not being a member myself I know nothing of the inside workings of the Order. Whether they rode a goat, climbed a soaped pole, or were branded with a hot rutabaga, I know not.

The weather here in the Valley is fine and looks as though it has cleared up to remain so, for a while at least. The waters of Jordan Creek are high for so late in the season and are likely to be high for some time to come and will probably injure the hay crop on the low ground, but the way business now looks there will be plenty for all purposes.

HEARD FROM – “Old Hill” is at his new post of duty in California. In his inaugural talk to his patrons he says: “After having traveled pretty extensively throughout the Golden State in search of a place to locate, I have selected Salinas City as the place to pitch my tent, and have come to stay. I like the climate, the country and the people so far as I have become acquainted with them, and believe that a glorious future is in store for this city and Monterey County in general. I hope to be able to aid materially in developing, building up and promoting the best interests of this city and valleys, as well as the county at large. I feel confident that I will be able to furnish the people of this city and county a newspaper that will be a credit to them and of which they will be proud, and all I ask in return is a support commensurate with the future merits of the *Index*.”

THE PROSPECT of the Centennial turning out to be a great financial success may be regarded as rather dubious. There has already been an expenditure of nearly \$9,000,000 to inaugurate the exhibition and less than \$1 million was received from parties purchasing licenses to carry on various branches of business on the grounds, which would leave a deficit of over eight million dollars to be made up by the people in admission fees, to say nothing of the current expenses which will be very large. The receipts should come up to \$50,000 a day every day the show is to be kept open in order to realize expenses. At fifty cents per head admission, there must be a daily incursion of the 100,000 paying visitors; but, on the day after the opening, the total of the admitted figured up to only 35,000, of whom many were dead-heads. The cash receipts of that day did not probably reach \$16,000. Not a very promising beginning for a necessary average of \$50,000 per-diem.

ENTERTAINMENTS – The Boulon troupe, numbering six performers, arrived here from Boise in the early part of the week and gave two performances at Champion Hall, the first on Tuesday and the last on Wednesday evening. They were greeted with good houses and would probably have done better still had their coming been known longer in advance. The company furnished quite an acceptable entertainment, consisting of a variety of musical gems, burlesque specialties, etc. Professor Paul Boulon executes some wonderful feats on the violin, giving imitations of birds, dogs and other animals. He is an expert on manipulating this instrument. Mrs. Boulon, Miss Ray and the other members of the troupe appear in a variety of representations, their costumes being quite choice, and the programme generally comprising a mirthful, spicy and agreeable entertainment. They left on Thursday morning for Winnemucca where their next concerts will be given. Mark Leonard, of this place, took part in the entertainments here by reciting “Shamus O’ Brien” and appearing in other representations.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense Spirited but gentle

Freddy was two hours late. He was supposed to furnish Elroy a horse. Elroy and I sat in the shade while the others had gone on ahead. We waited for Freddy. Elroy was nervous. He hoped the horse would be gentle.

Finally Freddy came strollin’ up.

“Where ya been?” exclaimed Elroy.

“I been tryin’ to catch yer horse!” he replied.

“Wait a minute,” said Elroy, cautiously, “He’s not a bad one is he?”

“Oh, no. Just a little spirited ... but gentle.”

“Whattaya mean?”

“Well,” explained Freddy, “I walked right up to him. He ate the grain right outta my hand. But as I reached to slip the halter shank over his poll, he wheeled, kicked the back of my hand and that buckle on the halter whacked me smack behind the ear!

“I tell you, I went and saddled another horse and chased him plum to the back of the pasture. I got a loop over his head and choked him down. I hobbled his front feet, but it’s a good thing I left the lass rope and the halter on him ’cause he broke my hobbles!

“I tied him to an oak tree, sidelined the bugger and bounced him off the ground a couple of times to establish a working relationship. I got him saddled and left him to soak a while. That’s why I’m late.”

“You sure he’s gentle?” asked Elroy, his skin blotching.

“Oh, yeah. Spirited, but gentle. ’Specially after standin’ there fightin’ that oak tree for an hour. I got back and the roots were showin’! I blindfolded him, snubbed him up tight and slipped on a big spade bit the size of a Copenhagen lid! I put a tiedown on him and pulled it down ’til he looked like he was checkin’ himself for pinworms! For insurance I added a warbridle I’d built out of a bicycle chain.

“I swung up in the strirrups, jerked off the blindfold and rode him right up to the trailer. Behaved perfectly! But when I leaned to dismount he broke in two! He stuck a front foot through the windshield of my dually and climbed over the top! I was still hung in the left stirrup when he dove off the cab! I hooked a spur in the side mirror and durn-near jerked my foot off, but it stopped him dead in his tracks.

“I hung there ’til my wife come out and put on a scotch hobble. We slid under him with my ol’ John Deere bucket and loaded him in the trailer. I believe we got all the salt out of him.”

“You sure?” asked Elroy, blanched. “I can’t believe you even got him here!”

“No sweat,” said Freddy. “You can see him out there in the trailer ... or, at least you can see his foot stickin’ through the side!”

— Visit Baxter’s Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features and to purchase Baxter Black merchandise, including books, DVDs and his newest release, “Baxter Black Amongst Friends,” which is a two-CD, one-DVD set.

Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee Stand up and serve



Memorial Day has become an occasion for people to honor the virtues of service.

The service and sacrifice of the men and women of the Armed Forces is paramount in the observance, of course.

But there are several other types of service we can salute.

Among five men who stepped forward to bring the Homedale City Council back to a full quorum, Shane Muir has taken on more responsibility in the name of serving his hometown.

Muir already serves as the Zone 5 trustee on the Homedale School District board for which he is also the vice-chair.

Muir and others epitomize the pull to service many people who chose to live in small towns feel.

Unfortunately, in many cases there are too few people who heed the call, resulting in situations such as Muir’s. He has taken on a lot of responsibility for the sake of moving his hometown forward.

Granted, the city council settled on Muir over four other candidates, including those who have contributed much to Homedale. But Muir did look at the situation and the additional workload and still decided to enter the fray.

But there are too few people like Muir in small towns any more.

Homedale once boasted of Kiwanis Club and Jaycees chapter. Now, outside of 4-H clubs, service organizations are hard to come by.

The Lions Club is preparing for its Fourth of July spotlight with the 35th annual demolition derby, and the

Chamber Commerce will begin meeting again in September after taking the summer off.

Chamber president Gavin Parker has been a driving force on many projects, including the gateway sign and now finding ways to make schoolchildren’s trips to class safer each day. Luke Ankeny has done his share as Chamber vice-president, and Sheila Matteson has been on the job for years.

But behind those service clubs, there are few people who are stepping up for their town.

Michael Aebischer was one of the few people to show up for the two Saturdays of city cleanup who didn’t draw a paycheck from the City of Homedale.

Roger Walsh called to volunteer to park cars during the Angel Walk car show, and there were other Homedale men who did the same thing.

Then there are the women who spearhead the Angel Walk each year.

In Marsing, Pete Smit and his senior center cohorts are working hard to keep that vital service viable.

In Grand View, Doug Thurman and the rest of the Lions Club continue to spearhead the effort to complete a greenbelt, and – at least at the last city council meeting – a crowd of residents turn out to voice their concerns about the town. And they actually come up with possible solutions.

All these people – and the volunteer firefighters and EMTs – deserve a pat on the back, but there’s also a need for new blood to take the pressure off the precious core (and corps) that sacrifice to keep myriad aspects of small-town life flowing seamlessly throughout Owyhee County.

Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington Time to implement long-term fix for county payments issue



The federal government is responsible for the impact of federal land ownership on local communities, and it must meet this responsibility within its budget. A bipartisan group of 33 fellow senators, including Sen. Jim Risch (R-Idaho), recently joined me in calling for the reauthorization of critical payments to rural counties that help ensure this responsibility is met.

In the letter to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) and Minority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.), we pushed for the reauthorization of Secure Rural Schools and Self Determination Act (SRS) payments. These payments, along with Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT), have been instrumental in ensuring that Idaho counties with limited revenue because of large amounts of neighboring federally-managed land are able to provide for schools, road maintenance, law enforcement, emergency response and other needs.

Property taxes fund county governments, allowing them to provide basic public safety services and infrastructure maintenance for local communities. However, lands managed by the federal government cannot be taxed by local or state governments. To help offset losses to local governments from the presence of non-taxable lands, laws have been enacted that provide payments to mitigate the impact of the presence of non-taxable lands. PILT payments are received for lands managed by the U.S. Department of Interior, including the large swath that encompasses nearly 76 percent of Owyhee County’s area. The U.S. Forest Service compensates counties through SRS payments, but SRS expired in September and requires congressional reauthorization.

SRS payments, commonly called county payments, were designed to offset the loss of the local share of timber sales revenue because of a drastic decline in timber harvests. Nearly 80 percent of Idaho’s counties receive county payments because of the large amount of National Forest System land in Idaho. A lack of an extension of SRS payments puts many Idaho counties in a very tough spot, in which they have to make difficult choices about what critical services to cut. As we noted in the letter, “The SRS program provides crucial support to forest counties, local schools, transportation infrastructure, law enforcement and other county services in more than 720 counties and 4,000 school districts, impacting 9 million students across 41 states.”

The federal government has a serious overspending problem, resulting in a more than \$19 trillion and growing national debt. This negligent budgeting makes it increasingly difficult to ensure that the federal government meets its responsibilities, including SRS payments.

Ultimately, we must enact a long-term solution that provides a consistent mechanism for the federal government to meet its responsibilities while controlling federal overspending. In the letter, we urge bipartisan work to reauthorize the SRS program and stress our commitment to ensuring this responsibility to rural communities is met. As we work on reforms to strengthen revenue sharing with local governments by increasing timber harvests and restoration work on federally-managed lands, the SRS program remains an important back-stop to protect counties from losses during low-harvest years.

Commentary

Financial management

Length of life insurance term depends on your needs

Dear Dave,

My wife and I are both in our early 20s. We're debt-free, and we're just a couple of months away from having a fully loaded emergency fund of six months of expenses. We both also have 401(k) plans at work, and we're looking forward to starting additional investments later this year. Right now, we're trying to decide on which life insurance policies to buy. I know you always recommend term insurance, but how long should the coverage last? Would you suggest 15-, 20- or 30-year policies?

— **Anonymous**

Dear Anonymous,

Wow, it sounds like you two are starting your lives together on the right foot. Congratulations on being

super smart with your money!

I recommend 15- or 20-year level term policies, unless you have children. I'm assuming kids are not in the picture because you didn't mention any. Then, if you decide to grow your family at some point down the road, I'd advise converting those to 30-year term policies. The idea behind this is you want the insurance to be there to protect everyone in the family until the kids are out on their own and established.

In the meantime and in the years after, your continued saving and wealth building will lead you to a place where you and your wife are self-insured.

Way to go, guys. I'm proud of you!

— **Dave**



house you can afford?

— **Ryan**

Dear Ryan,

I always tell folks never get a home loan where the monthly payment is more than a fourth of your take home pay. I'm talking about basing this on a 15-year, fixed-rate mortgage. Twenty-five percent of your monthly take home pay is the absolute most you should have going out the door toward a mortgage payment.

I realize that's a pretty conservative number in most people's minds. You can actually, technically qualify for almost twice that figure. But I think having that much of your paycheck going toward house payments is pretty dumb. Your shortest, quickest

path to wealth is being debt-free. And when most of your money isn't flying out the door to make payments on stuff, it's easy to build wealth and increase your level of generosity!

— **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

U.S. economy must grow or die under debt's weight

by Robert Romano

"[W]e are not going to get back to 3 percent [growth] with anything we know how to do now."

That was former Congressional Budget Office director Douglas Elmendorf ominously warning that the 15-year slowdown of the nation's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) — wherein the economy has not grown above an inflation-adjusted 4 percent since 2000 and not above 3 percent since 2005 — is not ending anytime soon.

Elmendorf was quoted in the poorly titled piece from the New York Times' Eduardo Porter, "A growth rate weighed down by inaction."

As if government action intervening in the economy and the culture the past many decades was not among the primary causes of the growth slowdown to begin with.

That is, government intervention in housing markets with an unparalleled credit bubble in the 1990s and 2000s, in the manufacturing sector via globalization, outsourcing and making it cost prohibitive to make products in America, and in the realm of population control with abortions and birth control on demand.

The collapse of production inside the U.S., \$8.7 trillion of trade deficits since 2000 and the slowdown of population growth of the working-age population have all been key contributors to the slow economy.

After all, if not through an expansion of output, an increase in labor force participation and consumption, and by running surpluses, where exactly did we expect more growth to come from? More productivity?

In other words, when it comes to economic growth, there is no replacement for, well, growth. Start making more stuff here, and selling it, and the economy will grow. People will find more jobs. Increased demand for labor will drive up incomes. That, in turn, will boost consumption.

But it starts with incentives, something the current economy lacks — particularly when it is far more cost-effective to produce things in currency-manipulating, slave wage states like Malaysia or Vietnam. Plus, we have a regulatory environment that would make the Soviets blush.

This has all led to a flattening of income growth thanks to low demand for labor, lower inflation and now even a flattening of asset prices.

The output, population growth and trade deficits have all on their own contributed to the mass accumulation of public and private debt that, in turn, has led to even slower growth. Nominally, the national debt grew 5.7 percent in the past 12 months. Compare that to 2015's nominal economic growth — that is, before inflation adjustment — of 3.5 percent.

If those numbers remain true, by 2050, the national debt would be \$140 trillion, while the economy would be just \$60.9 trillion — a debt-to-GDP ratio of 229 percent. That

is unsustainable, even with low interest rates.

None of those factors are really addressed by Porter's prescription for a combination tax overhaul and big government spending, relaxed immigration rules, day care for stay-at-home parents and attacking local zoning restrictions on building in order to boost growth. They won't bring production back to the U.S. The new immigrants will only add to our surplus labor stock and depress wages even further. More day care won't create new jobs for current stay-at-home parents. And if municipalities don't want to build more housing, that's their business, not the federal government's.

If the U.S. is serious about growing again, then the U.S. needs to become a place where it is profitable to not only do business, but to make things. We need industrial output gains. Enough of this boosting productivity nonsense. Boost production, for goodness' sake.

Elmendorf is correct that we won't get back to 3 percent growth any time soon. That is, not with the current wheelhouse of policy proposal typically considered by the two parties in Washington, D.C.

So long as the government stands in the way to growth, we should not expect any. Which is too bad, because at the rate the debt is growing, the U.S. needs to grow — or die.

— *Robert Romano is the senior editor of Americans for Limited Government.*

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Public notices

SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

**April 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2016
April 4**

Paid all outstanding bills from the following funds:

Current Expense \$41,655 Road and Bridge \$19,308 District Court \$1,413 Probation \$383 Health District \$4,363 Indigent and Charity \$11,000 Junior College Tuition \$5,700 Solid Waste \$6,373 Tort \$55,826 911 \$20,011 County Vessel \$16 Waterways \$180 Off Highway Vehicles \$51 Economic Development \$429

Approved a letter of support for the 2016 Economic Development Grant.

Approved Resolution 2016-13; Destruction of temporary and semi-permanent documents from the Owyhee County Treasurer and Ex-Officio Tax Collectors Office.

Approved Idaho Retail Alcoholic Liquor License for Albertsons LLC, Homedale.

Approved a letter to Idaho State Department of Agriculture requesting a CAFO siting advisory committee.

Approved Resolution 2016-12; Requesting that the Director of the Department of Agriculture form a CAFO siting advisory committee.

Approved a letter to Owyhee Field Office Manager Ryerson regarding the scoping on proposed strategic system of fuel breaks outside the SODA Fire perimeter.

April 11
Designated the following polling places for the May 17, 2016 Election.

Precinct 001 – North Homedale Magistrate Court/ City Hall Building 31 W Wyoming Avenue Homedale, Idaho 83628

Precinct 002 – South Homedale Senior Citizens Center 224 W Idaho Avenue Homedale, Idaho 83628

Precinct 003 – North Marsing Marsing Community Center 126 2nd Avenue West Marsing, Idaho 83639

Precinct 004 – South Marsing Extension Office 238 West 8th Avenue Marsing, Idaho 83639

Precinct 006 – Wilson Wilson School House 10427 Johnston Lane Melba, Idaho 83641

Precinct 007 – Murphy Owyhee County Courthouse 20381 Hwy 78 Murphy, Idaho 83650

Precinct 008 – Oreana Oreana Community Center 18092 Oreana Loop Rd Oreana, Idaho 83650

Precinct 009 – Grand View Eastern Owyhee Library 520 Boise Avenue Grand View, Idaho 83624

Precinct 010 – Bruneau Bruneau American Legion Hall 32536 Belle Avenue Bruneau, Idaho 83604

Precinct 013 - Absentee Voting Owyhee County Courthouse 20381 State Hwy 78 Murphy, Idaho 83650

Precinct 005 – Pleasant Valley, Precinct 011 – Riddle and Precinct 012 – Three Creek are Mail Ballot Precincts

Approved a letter to Idaho Emergency Medical Services Bureau regarding the Dedicated Grant Program for Murphy Reynolds Wilson Fire Department.

Approved the Fair Housing Month Proclamation. Waived the building permit fees for the Owyhee County Museum new building construction.

Set the RS2477 meeting for the Owyhee Front and a portion

of Grand View for Tuesday June 7, 2016 to be held at the Owyhee County Courthouse Annex from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Placed a lien on Indigent and Charity case 16-05. Approve Indigent and Charity case 16-05.

Approved a letter to Dustin Miller, Administrator for the Governor’s Office of Species Conservation regarding the Sage Grouse Project Big Springs Water, Mesic Area Enhancement / Fire Enhancement suppression Sage Grouse Project Funding request.

Approve the CAFO Fee Schedule reduction to \$.25 per head for anything over 5,000 head.

April 18
Paid all outstanding bills from the following funds:

Current Expense \$76,276 Road and Bridge \$21,475 District Court \$1,398 County Fair \$22 Probation \$1,195 Historical Society/ Museum \$390 Indigent and Charity \$11,629 Jr. College Tuition \$1,000 Revaluation \$1,755 Solid Waste \$11,476 Tort \$3 Weeds \$5,707 911 \$4,233 Waterways \$38 Off Highway Vehicles \$26 Taxing Dist. Elections \$39 Economic Development \$1,129

Approve the following 2017 Retail Alcoholic Liquor Licenses; Murphy Café and Store, JC Landing, Gem Stop #13 and Owyhee Motor Sales.

Adopted the Children’s Mental Health Awareness Week Proclamation. Approved the Idaho Department of Lands Lease E08783.

Approved 2 Certificates of Residency to the College of Western Idaho for Angelica Garibay and Quinton Lindell.

Approved the Idaho Sage Grouse Management Plan Cooperative Agreement with Office of Species Conservation for the Chris Black Project.

Approved a letter to Jack Gantz with Idaho Department of Environmental Quality regarding the closed landfill at Bruneau.

Approved Resolution 2016-14; clarifying hours of permissible access and use of the Jump Creek Recreation Area. (Spring, Summer Fall Hours – April 1 thru October 1 of each year 6:00 am to 9:00 pm / Winter Hours - October 2 thru March 30 of each year 8:00 am to 6:00 pm).

Approved the process of posting and changing of code 5-3-1, proposed ordinance change 99-03.

Approved the pay increase for Road and Bridge seasonal part time employee Darrell Brown from \$13.49 per hour to \$14.00 per hour. .

April 25
Approved a letter to Grand View resident Kim Astle regarding the Bybee Lateral construction work being done.

Approved Resolution 2016-16; Committing Owyhee County to membership in the Area 3 Coalition.

Approved 2017 Idaho Retail Liquor License #5 for the Salinas Raider Express and #6 for the Cowboys Pastime.

Approved the ICRMP Liability Insurance for the Murphy Airport.

Approved Resolution 2016-15; Regarding Owyhee County Courthouse hours of operation (begin staying open between 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm during the ‘normal’ lunch hour).

Changed the date for the Tax Deed Sale previously scheduled for May 16, 2016 to June 6, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. due to the 4 week notice set by Idaho Code.

HOMEDALE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF FEE INCREASE
[I.C §63-1311A]

LEGAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That on **June 14, 2016 at 12:30 p.m.** in the banquet room of **Moxie Java, 404 US Highway, Homedale, ID 83628**, the Board of Commissioners of the Homedale Rural Fire Protection District will receive comments regarding the Board of Commissioners' intent to make a decision to establish the following proposed fee.

In summary, the Board of Commissioners intends to establish the following proposed fee:

<i>FEE CATEGORY</i>	<i>EXISTING FEE</i>	<i>PROPOSED FEE</i>
Emergency Vehicle Access Inspection	\$25.00	\$50.00
Day Care Inspections	\$20.00	\$25.00
Fireworks Stand Inspections	\$25.00	\$50.00
Transport Mileage	\$8.79	\$10.97
IV Lock	None	\$25.00
IV Infusion	None	\$40.00
IO Infusion	None	\$250.00
LM Supraglottic Airway	None	\$115.00
Glucometry	None	\$7.50

Basis of Authority:

- The State of Idaho, under authority of Idaho Code §63-1311, provides that the governing board of any taxing district may impose and cause to be collected fees for services provided which would otherwise be funded by property tax revenues.
- The above referenced Fire and Ambulance fees have been preliminarily determined by the Board of Commissioners to be reasonable in relationship to the cost of administering by the Fire District and does not exceed the actual cost incurred by the Fire District to render said services and to protect its ability to collect such fees.

All persons are invited to attend the public hearing and to provide comment on the proposed fee to be established. Copies of the full text of the proposed Fee Policy may be viewed at Bowen Parker Day, 19 E Wyoming Avenue, Homedale, Idaho, during regular office hours [8 a.m. to Noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8 am to Noon on Friday].

DATED this 24th day of May, 2016.


Mike Parker, Secretary

**NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING
JOINT SCHOOL DISTICT NO. 370
OWYHEE AND CANYON COUNTIES, IDAHO**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Regular Board Meeting of the above named School District will be held on the 13th day of June, 2016 at the school office in said district, at which meeting there shall be a public hearing at 7:00 P.M. on the maintenance and operation budget for the forthcoming school year and the amended maintenance and operation budget for the current school year.

This budget as presently determined by the Board of Trustees is now available in the office of the School District and will remain available until the meeting and hearing, as provided by law.

This regular meeting and budget hearing is called pursuant to Idaho Code § 33-801, as amended. Dated this 25th day of May, 2016.

SUMMARY STATEMENT -- AMENDED 2015-16 SCHOOL BUDGET AND 2016-17 SCHOOL BUDGET ALL FUNDS										
GENERAL M & O FUNDS					ALL OTHER FUNDS					
	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2013-14	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2014-15	CURRENT BUDGET 2015-16	AMENDED BUDGET 2015-16	PROPOSED BUDGET 2016-17	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2013-14	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2014-15	CURRENT BUDGET 2015-16	AMENDED BUDGET 2015-16	PROPOSED BUDGET 2016-17
REVENUES:										
Beginning Balances	(1,490,559)	(1,511,764)	(1,107,795)	(1,117,966)	(914,693)	(1,078,781)	(1,315,565)	(1,557,181)	(1,709,821)	(1,500,957)
Local Revenue	(352,504)	(327,487)	(318,541)	(332,356)	(318,510)	(839,518)	(843,809)	(774,530)	(810,534)	(828,976)
County Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Revenue	(5,634,027)	(5,901,410)	(5,801,680)	(6,105,054)	(6,271,800)	(115,443)	(96,415)	(119,303)	(132,419)	(148,429)
Federal Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	(1,202,443)	(957,553)	(923,517)	(943,892)	(896,961)
Other Sources	-	-	-	-	-	(3,605)	(6,100)	-	-	-
Transfers	(56,999)	(33,734)	(31,110)	(30,191)	(30,169)	(118,580)	(559,945)	(221,266)	(517,212)	(420,377)
TOTALS	(7,534,089)	(7,774,395)	(7,259,126)	(7,585,567)	(7,535,172)	(3,358,370)	(3,779,387)	(3,595,797)	(4,113,878)	(3,795,700)
EXPENDITURES:										
Salaries	3,370,388	3,535,832	3,665,241	3,621,655	3,872,760	651,144	521,353	507,663	551,468	524,440
Benefits	1,172,066	1,297,001	1,398,049	1,388,765	1,522,381	235,308	218,286	234,488	241,304	247,638
Purchased Services	1,003,660	1,094,271	1,178,300	1,191,851	1,205,415	100,222	68,116	100,010	138,446	86,659
Supplies & Materials	248,854	224,243	270,873	281,155	280,588	371,198	339,094	300,418	345,582	256,470
Capital Outlay	102,896	68,304	57,210	57,210	59,310	189,586	312,452	727,330	812,822	1,270,239
Debt Retirement	-	-	-	-	-	391,898	392,871	392,798	392,798	391,706
Insurance & Judgments	52,289	52,812	54,374	54,374	54,374	34	34	67	67	67
Transfers	69,134	385,437	73,287	74,215	81,919	106,445	208,242	179,089	473,188	368,627
Contingency Reserve	-	-	356,357	373,930	371,367	-	-	-	-	-
Unappropriated Balances	1,514,802	1,116,495	205,435	542,412	87,058	1,312,535	1,718,939	1,153,934	1,158,203	649,854
TOTALS	7,534,089	7,774,395	7,259,126	7,585,567	7,535,172	3,358,370	3,779,387	3,595,797	4,113,878	3,795,700


Faith K. Olsen, Business Manager

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to change the date of the RS2477 meeting scheduled for June 7, 2016 to June 15, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. due to conflicting schedules.

Placed liens on Indigent and Charity cases 06-06, 16-07 and 16-08.

Approved the purchase from Haz-Mat funds of an automatic

gurney in the amount of \$17,009.41 and a power lift loader in the amount of \$16,589.65 for a total of \$39,104.76.

Approved a letter to property owners affected by the Gateway West transmission line.

Approved a letter to Jonathon Beck with Bureau of Land Management regarding the CWMA’s EA.

Approved a press release regarding the Gateway West transmission line exemptions. The complete minutes can be viewed online at <http://www.owyheecounty.net> or in the Clerk’s office.

Public notices

BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

On June 22, 2016 beginning at 10:00 am the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hear testimony in the Annex Building of the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy, Idaho on the following matters at the times listed below.

Beginning at 10:00 am, the Commission will hear a request for a conditional use permit filed by John Hepton on behalf of Reynolds Creek Calf Ranch. The Applicant is seeking to expand the permitted number of animals from 15,000 to 35,000 and add a second site, located on Reynolds Creek Road, to the operation as one Confined Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) under one nutrient management plan. The existing Bailey Road facility is located at 14000 Bailey Road, Melba, Id. on parcel RP01S03W131390A situated in a portion of the West ½ of Section 13, Township 1 South, Range 3 West. The Reynolds Creek Road site, which was not previously permitted as a CAFO, is located at 14022 Reynolds Creek Road, Melba, Id. and includes parcels RP01S03W240020A, and RP01S03W240010A, both located in the North ½ of the NE ¼ of Section 24, Township 1 South, Range 3 West, also including parcel RP01S02W193021A located in the N ½ of the NW ¼ of section 19, Township 1 South, Range 2 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 1:00 pm, the Commission will hear a request for a conditional use permit filed by Todd and Kandis Romans seeking to add a second single-family residence to their property located at 4534 Hogg Road, Homedale Idaho. The subject parcel is approximately 3.5 acres and is parcel number RP03N05W245520A. The subject parcel is located in an agricultural zone located in a portion of the W½ of the W½ of the SW¼ of section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Copies of the proposed projects are available for review in the Planning and Zoning office. For additional information please contact the Planning and Zoning office at 495-2095 ext. 2.
6/1/16

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF MARSING,
OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO**

Notice is hereby given that the Marsing City Council will hold a public hearing at Marsing City Hall, 425 Main Street, Marsing, Idaho on the 9th day of June, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. to hold public hearing on the proposals and recommendations to adopt Marsing City Code Titles 6 through 9 regarding water and sewer use, land use, zoning, and subdivisions.

Any and all persons desiring to comment may appear and be heard at the appointed time. Written comments accepted at City Hall, 425 Main Street, Marsing, Idaho, until 4:30 p.m. on the 3rd day of June, 2016.

Any person with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation to make it easier to use City facilities or programs, or request that the City provide information in a different way. Any person needing special accommodations to participate in the above noticed meeting

should contact Marsing City Clerk, Janice Bicandi, telephone: (208)896-4122, two (2) days prior to the meeting.

Janice Bicandi, City Clerk
5/25;6/1/16

NOTICE

Market Road Storage abandoned storage sale on 6/4/2016 at 9-10am, 4595 E Market Rd, Homedale, Idaho 83628.

Linda Malmberg #7, PO Box 399, Marsing, ID 83639. Unit contains household items. To be auctioned as whole lot.

5/25;6/1/16

NOTICE

The Idaho State Treasurer’s Unclaimed Property Program acts as a consumer protection agency to ensure forgotten funds are returned to their rightful owners. Idaho Unclaimed Property regularly posts an updated list of owners on the internet. This online list can be viewed at yourmoney.idaho.gov. Unclaimed Property consists of abandoned bank accounts, forgotten refund checks, utility deposits, gift certificates, and more.

6/1/16

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

On Tuesday, the 6th day of September, 2016, at the hour of 11:00 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:

This parcel is a portion of the Northeast Quarter Northwest Quarter of Section 15, Township 3 North, Range 5 West of the Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho and is more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the Northeast corner of said Northeast Quarter Northwest Quarter;

Thence South 00°35’42” East along the East boundary of said Northeast Quarter Northwest Quarter a distance of 968.43 feet;

Thence North 81°12’40” West (of record North 81°12’40” West) a distance of 328.01 feet;

Thence North 00°35’42” West parallel with the East boundary of said Northeast Quarter Northwest Quarter a distance of 284.07 feet;

Thence South 77°59’36” East (of record South 77°59’35” East) a distance of 270.13 feet to a point which lies 60.00 feet West of the East boundary of said Northeast Quarter Northwest Quarter;

Thence North 00°35’42” West parallel with the East boundary of said Northeast Quarter Northwest Quarter a distance of 690.07 feet (formerly shown as 690.70) to a point on the North boundary of said Northeast Quarter Northwest Quarter;

Thence North 89°39’17” East along said North boundary a distance of 60.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING,

RESERVING THEREFROM a 60.00 foot wide ingress-egress and utility easement along the East boundary, a 30.00 foot wide ingress-egress and utility easement along the South boundary.

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 3767 Hidden View Ln., Homedale, 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 DARREN OLDENBERG and ROSE OLDENBERG, Husband and Wife, Grantor, to Ryan M. Fawcett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION, recorded April 18, 2007, as Instrument No. 260637, 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 (1) the failure to pay when due, monthly installment payments under the Deed of Trust Note dated April 16, 2007, in the amount of \$1,075.00 each, for the months of February through April, 2016, inclusive; and for each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reimbursement; and (2) the failure to occupy the premises as required by the Addendum to the Deed of Trust. 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 5.95% per annum from January 1, 2016. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$140,769.00, plus accrued interest at the rate of 5.95% per annum from January 1, 2016.

DATED This 6th day of May, 2016.

RYAN M. FAWCETT, a Member of the Idaho State Bar, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE
5/18,25;6/1,8/16

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

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

The proposed rule public hearing request deadline is June 15, 2016 unless otherwise posted.

The proposed rule written comment submission deadline is June 22, 2016 unless otherwise posted.

(Temp & Prop) indicates the rulemaking is both Temporary and Proposed.

*(*PH) indicates that a public hearing has been scheduled.*

IDAPA 08 – IDAHO STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0036

08-0203-1606, Rules Governing Thoroughness. (Temp & Prop) Incorporates by reference the latest revisions to the Idaho Academic Achievement

Standards (ISAT) that include the proficiency level descriptors and the ISAT achievement levels at each performance level for each grade; changes the term “standards” to “level descriptors” for clarity. (Eff 4/14/16)T

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

***16-0310-1601, Medicaid Enhanced Plan Benefits** (Temp & Prop) (*PH) Implements a two-tiered routine home care reimbursement for Medicaid hospice providers and adds a new service intensity add-on payment to the hospice payment methodology for Medicaid.

***16-0318-1601, Medicaid Cost-Sharing.** (Temp & Prop) (*PH) Increases the Personal Needs Allowance from 150% to 180% of the federal SSI amount for eligible waiver participants who live in the community and are responsible for their own mortgage or rent expenses.

NOTICES OF INTENT TO PROMULGATE - NEGOTIATED RULEMAKINGS

IDAPA 07 – DIVISION OF BUILDING SAFETY

07-0701-1601, Rules Governing Installation of Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning System (Scheduled meetings – see Bulletin)

IDAPA 08 – STATE BOARD AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

08-0109-1601, Rules Governing the GEAR UP Idaho Scholarship Program (Respond by 6/15/16)

08-0201-1601, Rules Governing Administration (Respond by 6/15/16)

08-0202-1606 and **08-0202-1607**, Rules Governing Uniformity (Respond by 6/15/16)

08-0203-1607, **08-0203-1608** and **08-0203-1609**, Rules Governing Thoroughness (Respond by 6/15/16)

08-0205-1601, Rules Governing Pay for Success Contracting (New Chapter) (Respond by 6/15/16)

IDAPA 15 – OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR – THE IDAHO EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

15-0602-1601, Rules Governing the Idaho Emergency Communications Commission Grants

IDAPA 16 – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE

16-0103-1601, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) -- Agency Licensing Requirements (Meetings scheduled – see Bulletin)

16-0308-1601, Rules Governing the Temporary Assistance for Families in Idaho (TAFI) Program (Meetings scheduled – see Bulletin)

16-0506-1602, Criminal History and Background Checks (Meetings scheduled – see Bulletin)

16-0612-1601, Rules Governing the Idaho Child Care Program (ICCP) (Meetings scheduled – see Bulletin)

16-0719-1601, Behavioral Health Peer Specialist and Family Support Partner Certification (Meetings scheduled – see Bulletin)

IDAPA 19 – IDAHO BOARD OF DENTISTRY

19-0101-1601, Rules of the Idaho State Board of Dentistry (Respond by 6/22/16)

IDAPA 20 – IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF LANDS
20-0214-1601, Rules for Selling

Forest Products on State-Owned Endowment Lands (Meetings scheduled – see Bulletin)

IDAPA 27 – BOARD OF PHARMACY

27-0101-1601, Rules of the State Board of Pharmacy (Meeting scheduled 8/4/16)

IDAPA 35 – IDAHO STATE TAX COMMISSION

35-0101-1601, Income Tax Administrative Rules (Meeting scheduled 6/8/16)

IDAPA 38 – DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

38-0501-1601, Rules of the Division of Purchasing (Respond by 6/30/16)

IDAPA 42 – IDAHO WHEAT COMMISSION

42-0101-1601, Rules of the Idaho Wheat Commission (Meeting scheduled 6/28/16)

IDAPA 46 - BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

46-0101-1601, Rules of the State of Idaho Board of Veterinary Medicine (Meeting scheduled 6/20/16)

IDAPA 47 – DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

47-0101-1601, Rules of the Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (Respond by 6/15/16)

47-0102-1601, Rules and Minimum Standards Governing Extended Employment Services (Meeting scheduled 6/15/16)

IDAPA 48 - IDAHO GRAPE GROWERS AND WINE PRODUCERS COMMISSION

48-0101-1601, Rules of the Idaho Grape Growers and Wine Producers Commission (Meeting scheduled 6/16/16)

IDAPA 55 – DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL-TECHNICAL EDUCATION

55-0103-1601, Rules of Professional-Technical Schools (Respond by 6/15/16)

Please refer to the Idaho Administrative Bulletin, **June 1, 2016, Volume 16-6**, for the notices and text of all rulemakings, proclamations, negotiated rulemaking information and schedules, public hearing information, executive orders of the Governor, and contact information. *Issues of the Idaho Administrative Bulletin can be viewed at* www.adminrules.idaho.gov/

Office of the Administrative Rules Coordinator, Dept. of Administration, PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0306 Phone: 208-332-1820; Fax: 334-5315; Email: rulescoordinator@adm.idaho.gov
6/1/16

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE
CASE NO. CV 2016-976-H
IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
IN RE: Kevin Earl Abels Jr.

A Petition to change the name of Kevin Earl Abels Jr., 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 Kevin Earl Vaughan. The reason for the change in name is: I want to share the same last name as the man who raised me, my step dad, Roba Vaughan.
A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 10:30am on July 20,

2016 at the Homedale/Owyhee County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.
Date May 23, 2016
Clerk of the District Court
By: Cindy Chaves, Deputy Clerk
6/1,8,15,22/16

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE
CASE NO. CV2016-929-H
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
IN RE: Sophiyah Efany Ruiz
A Petition to change the name of Sophiyah Efany Ruiz, a

minor, 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 Sophiyah Efany Saucedo Reyes
The reason for the change in name is: I would love for my daughter Sophiyah to have the same last name as me and her siblings.
A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on June 1, 2016 at the Homedale/ Owyhee County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.
DATE: April 18, 2016
Clerk of the District Court
By: Cindy Chaves, Deputy Clerk
5/11,18,25;6/1/16

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REAL ESTATE

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WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO ADVERTISE THIS WEEK?

Memorial Day weekend keeps MRW volunteer crews busy

Quick action from passersby may have saved a residence in the Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District.

MRW Fire and QRU public information officer Louis Monson said volunteer firefighters were able to extinguish the fire, which was reported at 1:46 a.m. Sunday near milepost 10 on Idaho highway 78.

Individuals noticed that the front door of the residence was on fire and sprang into action to fight the blaze with a garden hose, Monson said.

Two engines, a command vehicle and six crew members were deployed. MRW officials met with the fire marshal later Sunday as the investigation continued.

The district's Quick Response Unit was sent out on three other medical calls on Saturday.

Two of the calls were for accidents on Bureau of Land Management ground.

At 5:16 a.m., a back injury was reported at the Rabbit Creek Trail Head. A three-person QRU detachment responded, and Marsing Ambulance transported the patient to a local hospital.



A LifeFlight paramedic checks a patient before transferring him from the Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson QRU UTV to an awaiting helicopter Sunday. MRW Emergency Medical Technician Dave LeMaster of Givens, left, stands by. Submitted photo

Nearly 10 hours later, three QRU crewmembers, the QRU vehicle and district UTV responded to a call of a dirt bike accident on a BLM trail.

The accident took place in the Hemingway Butte area off Upper Reynolds Creek Road, according

to Owyhee County Sheriff's dispatch reports.

The 38-year-old male rider from Homedale suffered a broken femur. Monson said the man was LifeFlighted to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Canyonlands monument foes raise their voices with Jewell in region

Cattle sale to benefit group's opposition effort

Owyhee Canyonlands national monument opponents increased their campaign last week with Interior Secretary Sally Jewell in the region.

Owyhee Basin Stewardship Coalition (OBSC) board member Elias Eiguren reiterated the growing list of public and private leaders who fear the repercussions if President Barack Obama declares a national monument in the Canyonlands within Malheur County without a congressional vote.

A Jordan Valley rancher, Eiguren spoke out in a press release that coincided with Jewell's visit to the area burned by August's Soda Fire.

"Ranchers helped fight that fire, and we continue to work to help the land and wildlife recover," Eiguren said. "We worry this important work wouldn't be able to occur if the President declares a monument in the Owyhee Canyonlands."

The OBSC called on Jewell to join their effort to oppose national monument status in the Canyonlands. Special interest groups, including a company that specializes in hiking footwear, are lobbying the president to declare 2.5 million acres in Eastern Oregon as a national monument without any local input.

A day before Jewell's visit, the coalition announced that more than 4,900 people and dozens of elected leaders and grassroots organizations have joined the opposition effort.

The coalition pointed to a recent poll that 73 percent of Oregonians agree that Congress should vote on new monuments and 61 percent said they think the Canyonlands already have enough federal protections.

Coalition members testified before an Oregon House committee and called on Oregon Gov. Kate Brown and Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley to oppose the monument without a Congressional vote.

The opposition campaign continues later this month when the Vale, Ore.-based Producers Livestock Marketing Association presents a special dry cow and bull sale.

Producers Livestock will donate 33 percent of commissioners collected during the June 15 auction. Proceeds from patrons' donations of animals or sales also will go to the coalition. The dry cow sale starts at 10 a.m., and feeders will be on the block beginning at noon.

For more information on the auction or to submit a consignment, contact the association at (541) 473-3136.

For more information or to donate to the national monument opposition effort, visit OurLandOurVoice.com.

Grand View Days nears

Grand View Days kicks off Friday, June 10 and runs through Sunday, June 11.

Vendors will be showcased June 11 activities in City Park. A 12-foot-by-12-foot endor space is available for \$20. Food vendor registration costs \$75.

Advance midway tickets are available for \$16. On June 11, the

ticket price goes up to \$20.

Registration for the June 11 car show is \$20 per car, and those who pay \$25 will get a T-shirt.

Teams are sought for the 3-on-3 basketball coed tournament June 10. The fee is \$10 per person.

For more information on any aspect of Grand View Days, call Cyndi Fullmer at (208) 834-2636.



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