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Homedale 18-year-old Kyle Orris is Crashing for a Cause in his first Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derby. The derby takes place at 6 p.m. on Monday at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds rodeo arena, and it caps a day filled with activity in Homedale. For more details on Homedale's Fourth of July festivities, see Pages 12-13.

Crashing for a cause

Demolition derby rookie plasters car with stickers to raise awareness

Throughout life, Kyle Orris has been profoundly affected by the goings-on around him.

He picked up his passion for demolition derby at the age of 2 when his parents took him to his first Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derby.

"All he's been talking about is him driving in the derby," his mother, Sabrina, said of the impact of the 1999 trip to the Owyhee County Fairgrounds rodeo arena.

Kyle Orris has been passionate about numerous causes because of friends and family members who live with various conditions, both rare and common. He's always helping out, too. He got his nickname "Couch" for manhandling a piece of furniture for a friend who was moving.

Now that he's 18 years old, Orris has combined his compassion and his obsession with crunching metal for his rookie Crash for a Cause entry in his

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Robbery suspect nabbed quickly

A man suspected in a Jordan Valley armed robbery sits in a Ne-

vada jail cell after a former Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy chased him down.



into custody one mile in- Lloyd Tucker

side the Nevada-Oregon border after Malheur County Sheriff's Deputy David Reed initiated a pursuit early last Wednesday

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Summertime skills test



Ian Johnson tries to eat a doughnut without using his hands during an activity after the Lizard Butte Library's summer reading program at Marsing City Park last Wednesday. Ian, 3, is the son of Marsing residents Micah and Jace Johnson.

Longtime firefighter facilitates Marsing's 3rd of July fireworks

Folks enjoying the Third of July fireworks show over the Snake River at Marsing's Island Park can thank a man who has

been involved with the Marsing Fire Department since 1982.

John DeOsio has been purchasing the fireworks and supervising the firefighters who set them off since the city started showing the display sometime around 1981.

John DeOsio

"I was the original one behind it that started it." De-Osio said. "So many years have gone by, I don't even know when that was anymore."

City officials asked him to organize the pyrotechnics display because DeOsio sold fireworks at a stand in town.

himself and makes a few changes to the show every year. "There's shells that they sell

DeOsio selects the fireworks

you that have smiling faces, and hearts, and stuff like that." DeOsio said. "We kind of did away with that. We want the bursts. We want the colors. We want the chrysanthemums."

He purchased 74 more shells than last year and will fire about 720 pyrotechnics Sunday night.

Fourteen Marsing volunteer firefighters and a few firefighters from Wilder and Caldwell will ignite the fireworks this year.

It doesn't take long for DeOsio and three or four

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Marsing fireworks show price tag bigger than past two years

Marsing Chamber of Commerce members are geared up for the Third of July fireworks extravaganza.

The fireworks are scheduled to explode over the Snake River at dusk on Sunday.

This year, the fireworks show will cost the Chamber \$5,339, but the City of Marsing is pitching in \$2,000 of the total paid to Big Sky Fireworks of Helena, Mont. The Chamber spent \$5,241 last year and \$5,300 in 2014.

City clerk Janice Bicandi said the city council also donated \$2,000 for the fireworks in 2015 and 2014.

Chamber president Luke Burbank said Marsing resident John DeOsio purchases the fireworks because he has a license to buy and set off the pyrotechnics.

"This is the best and cheapest route that he knows of to make the purchase and delivery of commercial fireworks," Burbank said. "I had a Utah company ask me to get a bid from them this year, but the Montana company still worked best for John."

The Marsing Lions Club is also fired up for the Third of July Celebration of Our Nation.

The club's longstanding fundraiser barbecue will be held beginning at 6 p.m. in Island Park. The barbecue will run until the fireworks start or the food is gone.

The staple for this year's barbecue is slow-roasted beef donated by Logan's Market. The rest of the menu will include homemade items including beans, coleslaw, potatoes, dinner rolls, dessert, juice and water.

Prices are \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens, \$5 for ages 12-5 and free for four-years and younger.

The barbecue is one of the club's major community service projects, along with the Easter egg hunt, bingo during the winter months, scholarships for high school seniors and eyesight testing for elementary school students.

Other food items will be available from at least 10 food trucks.

During the barbecue, 2013 Marsing High School graduate Miguel Leon, known professionally as DJ Flow, will play background music. Leon will be set up close to where the Lions Club barbecue will be.

After the fireworks, Leon will

play a variety of hits for dancing. He also provided music during the past two Third of July celebrations.

While the Lions Club has been producing the barbecue for more than 36 years, this is the sixth year that the Chamber has coordinated the Third of July celebration.

Burbank said Island Park will be closed to most vehicle traffic Sunday. He added that motorists who display disabled driver placards will be allowed to enter the Island Park parking area.

The Lions Club and the Marsing Senior Center are sponsoring a shuttle that will run up and down Main Street from the Marsing High School gymnasium to Island Park. The free shuttle will also pick up people along Main Street, and folks can leave their vehicles in the gymnasium parking lot.

People who don't want to use the shuttle might not have any problem finding a parking spot.

"We've found that there's plenty of parking (above) Island Park on both sides of Main Street," Burbank said.

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Fourth of July holiday closures announced

Monday is considered a legal holiday, so government offices in Homedale, Marsing, Grand View and Murphy will all be closed, including all the Owyhee County DMV offices.

Fire, law enforcement and ambulance services will be available, and the Owyhee County dispatch center will be in operation.

The Homedale City Pool will be open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. for a day of swimming with no admission charge.

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners, which typically convenes on Mondays each week, has rescheduled its meeting for 9 a.m. on Tuesday inside Courtroom 2 at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy.

The University of Idaho County Extension Office in Marsing will be closed on Monday.

Post offices in Homedale, Marsing, Grand View, Murphy, Jordan Valley and Bruneau will all be closed on Monday.

US Bank branches in Homedale, Marsing and Grand View will also be closed.

The Owyhee County Historical Museum is always closed on Monday. Its regular hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10

a.m. to 4 p.m.

All public libraries in the county — Homedale, Lizard Butte in Marsing, Eastern Owyhee County in Grand View and Bruneau Valley — are closed Monday.

Albertsons in Homedale will be open for regular hours from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Monday. The pharmacy will be closed.

Logan's Market in Marsing will also be open for regular hours from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Monday.

All three senior centers in the county — Homedale, Marsing and Rimrock in Grand View — are closed Monday. The Homedale and Rimrock centers are typically closed on Mondays.

Westowns Disposal Inc.'s garbage service will run a day late next week. Municipal pickup in Homedale will be Wednesday, and Marsing's will be Saturday.

The Owyhee Avalanche office will be closed on Monday, but will reopen on Tuesday at 8 a.m.

With the Monday closure, the classified advertising deadline for the July 6 edition is 5 p.m. Friday. All other deadlines remain the same.

Motorcycle wreck sends one to hospital

A 33-year-old Star woman was transported to the hospital after a motorcycle accident Friday morning.

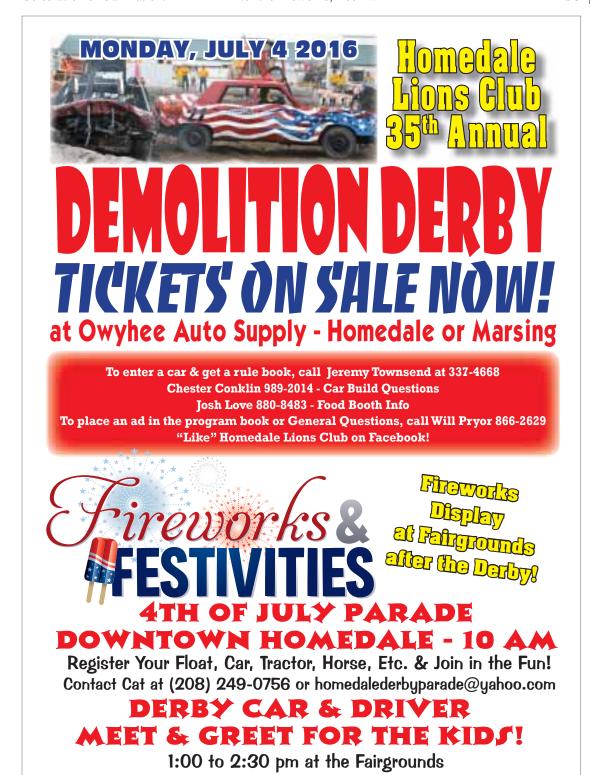
Tara Martin suffered a possible broken collarbone when she crashed her motorcycle near the Rabbit Creek trailhead.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman

had few details on the accident Monday morning, but said Marsing Ambulance transported Martin to Saint Alphonsus Medical Center on 12th Avenue Road in Nampa.

Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Quick Response Unit also covered the call, according to dispatch reports





Owyhee receives \$1.3M for tax-exempt public lands

Most of county's PILT payment goes into current budget

Owyhee and Malheur counties received some of the largest federal property tax exemption payments in the Idaho-Oregon region last Wednesday.

The Department of the Interior announced its Fiscal Year 2016 Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) plans last week, releasing more than \$3.7 million to the neighboring counties.

The full payments were made to help compensate Owyhee and Malheur counties for the lost property tax revenue because of millions of acres of tax-exempt public lands.

Owyhee County received \$1,312,017 for 3.6 million acres of Bureau Land Managementmanaged land.

County Clerk Angie Barkell said she budgeted for a \$1 million payment when the county pieced together its FY 2016 budget last year. That figure will be used in current expense, she said.

Tentative plans are to place the remaining \$312,017 into the county's PILT trust, which is used to finance county building and grounds expansion and acquisition.

"We're facing the water and sewer project (in Murphy), and we would like to invest some in the Armory building in Homedale," Barkell said. "Even if we get a grant, we're going to have to have a match"

With the addition of the \$312,017, the county PILT trust fund sits at more than \$1.5 million.

The county dipped into that fund to purchase the Bachman house in Murphy and to pay for part of the remodel that turned the structure into the county prosecuting attorney's office.

Even though its 3,635,503 acres is the second-largest mass of public land in the state, Owyhee County received the sixth-largest payout among Idaho counties.

Idaho County received \$1.645 million for the largest public land holdings in the state at 4.5 million acres.

Elmore County, the home of Mountain Home Air Force Base, received the largest payment

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(\$2.31 million) for 1.357 million acres

Malheur County topped Oregon counties in payouts at \$2,405,689. The county has nearly 4.3 million federal acres, which is second in the state to neighboring Harney County (4.46 million acres), which received \$1.079 million.

Counties might expect another full payment in FY 2017 PILT money. The Department of the Interior reports that President Obama's budget request for that line is \$480 million.

— JPB

Owyhee County PILT funding

Fiscal year	Payment	Fiscal year	• Payment
2016	\$1,312,017	2005	\$716,258
2015	\$1,187,555	2004	\$701,243
2014	\$1,303,868	2003	\$682,283
2013	\$1,216,850	2002	\$594,479
2012	\$1,245,549	2001	\$566,318
2011	\$1,221,211	2000	\$368,447
2010	\$1,209,356	1999	\$349,064
2009	\$1,181,049	Total	\$16,462,539
2008	\$1,151,480		
2007	\$726,207	-	– Source: Dept.
2006	\$729,305		of the Interior





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County historic preservation board adds member

Barnhill says he'll work to fill two remaining vacancies

The Owyhee County Historic Preservation Commission has a new member, but two chairs at the table remain vacant.

The appointment of Don Barn-

hill, owner of Karcher Ranch Market and Karcher Ranch ministorage in Nampa, was approved by the Board of County Commissioners earlier this month.

Barnhill, 70, lives just outside of Murphy and commutes to Nampa seven days a week.

"I've been retired two or three times, but I just can't stay retired," Barnhill said. "I'll die working."

He moved from Glenns Ferry to the Murphy area to work a cattle

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operation — the Wintercamp Ranch Trust — in 1990.

Barnhill stated that he has a degree in archaeology and still does archaeological work when it is available.

Bill Statham, HPC chair, asked Barnhill to join the panel.

"I have in the past applied for the opportunity and never got it," Barnhill said.

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

- Statham, term expires Dec. 31, 2016
- John Liable, term expires Dec. 31, 2016
- JoEllen Ross-Hauer, term expires Dec. 31, 2016

• Kevin Bowen, term expires Dec. 31, 2018

• Barnhill, term expires Dec. 31, 2018

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

Barnhill intends to help Statham fill the two positions still open.

"They need to be filled by people who are acutely aware of the Silver City history and the archaeological and historical aspects of that," Barnhill said.

He added that he thinks a lot of people aren't aware that the history of the county goes back to the days of fur trappers in the area.

"The fur trappers were here before the miners were here, before the cattle and sheep industry was here," Barnhill said. "A lot of the homestead ranches down on Sinker Creek and other places in the county were originally milk ranches."

Barnhill believes he will be a good fit for the HPC because he is an archaeologist, a historian, and a Murphy area resident.

"My cattle run on that range," Barnhill said. I run with Paul Nettleton, Joyce Livestock, it's all very, very historical stuff."

From page

$\sqrt{\text{Robbery:}}$ Ex-OCSO deputy gives chase

morning.

Reed formerly served as an Owyhee County jailer and patrol deputy and most recently worked in Canyon County.

Charges are pending as the investigation continues into the incident, which was reported at 4:26 a.m.

Tucker is suspected of assaulting the Jim's Shell convenience store attendant and taking the store's cash drawer.

"The attendant is going to be fine," Malheur County Undersheriff Travis Johnson said. "I don't know the nature of his injuries. The weapon used primarily is a pipe or something similar."

Two Malheur County deputies responded and while his colleague checked on the attendant, Reed gave chase toward the Nevada border.

On milepost 1 on Interstate 80 just inside state line, a Humboldt County Sheriff's deputy executed a traffic stop on a 1998 Toyota Corolla and Tucker and a juvenile were taken into custody.

Johnson said Tucker is the primary suspect and remains in Humboldt County Jail in Winnemucca. Johnson anticipates an arrest warrant will be issued and extradition sought. A search warrant also will be executed on the Toyota.

Johnson was unable to immediately confirm reports that Tucker allegedly smashed a countertop inside the store and the establishment's front windows.

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From page 1

√ Crashing: Driver to back dozens of causes during Monday's mash-up

hometown demolition derby.

"Growing up, people have always had problems and not everybody is aware of everything that could go wrong," Orris said, "so I just want to bring awareness to the different medical conditions.

"It started as just a few family members and friends that I was going to have put stickers on the car."

But his mother got involved and the idea took off.

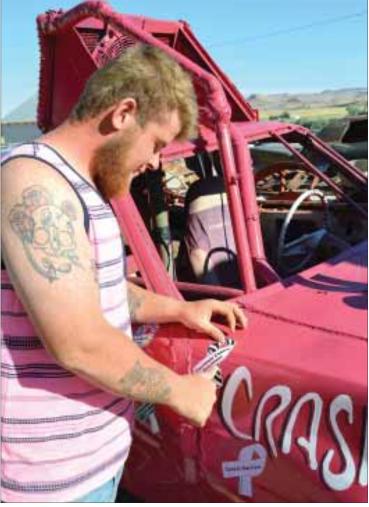
Sabrina has recruited 10 to 15 people to pass out items that will reinforce the awareness for different causes during the derby. In addition to stickers, Sabrina has received can cozies, hats, pamphlets and buttons.

"We're definitely going to have to have people to help us pass stuff out, and if we get too much, we're going to have to see about getting a table," Sabrina said.

Orris' derby entry is a twice-donated 1968 Pontiac Tempest. Lions Club member and derby veteran Chris Folger received the car as a donation from Treasure Valley Metals, and he, in turn, gave the car to Orris.

"Chris has donated pretty much everything on that car to me, and his time," Orris said. "Without Chris, I pretty much wouldn't be running the derby."

Orris has painted the car pink in tribute to a friend who has battled cancer. For weeks now, he has been collecting awareness stickers to put on the car, too. Everything from breast cancer and other forms of the deadly disease to the Stop the Clot Foundation to several rare and obscure health



Kyle Orris places one of the dozens of awareness stickers on his 1969 Pontiac Tempest while working on the car at Chris Folger's place.

disorders.

People have mailed him stickers for different causes, and he's still collecting them. He has a Facebook page (search for Crash for a Cause Car, 4th of July Demolition Derby), and a growing fan base, including his girlfriend Marrissa Cole, who graduated from Homedale High School in May.

"If someone has a sticker the

day of the derby, they can come to me and I'll put it on the car," he said

Two weeks before the derby, he had about 75 stickers in hand.

Sabrina said she has received stickers for asthma, colon cancer, supporting various military branches, autism, amniotic band syndrome, and rare conditions such as Kabuki Syndrome (a congenital disorder that causes



In preparation for the demolition derby, Kyle Orris and his mother, Sabrina, have collected more than 75 stickers drawing awareness to several health disorders and diseases.

facial abnormalities and is accompanied by developmental delay and intellectual disability), Lynch Syndrome (a hereditary disorder than increases the likelihood of colon cancer) and Factor V Leiden thrombophilia, which is a DNA blood disorder that Kyle's father, Tracy, discovered he had after developing blood clots after surgery for a work-related injury.

Orris' brother, Kody, suffers from antiphospholipid syndrome, which also causes blood clots to form

Orris has his eye on the Rookie of the Year award or the Hardest Hit or the best-looking car honor. He has no dreams of taking home the top trophy, but he knows he's on a mission.

"Different things in Kyle's life have affected him to care for people with disabilities," Sabrina said.

Orris and Cole have been out at

Folger's place nearly every night leading up to the derby, preparing the car for battle. He has put in about 100 hours on the car, and that's after working 12 to 14 hours a day at Dennis Turner's dairy.

In addition to painting the car pink and slapping a huge "Fight Like a Girl" breast cancer sticker on the side, Orris has also been able to paint the No. 24 on the car. He wanted that number, and derby organizers gave it to him prior to the drivers meeting in June.

"I wanted the No. 24 for 24-hour awareness," Orris said.

Orris isn't worried about how he places in the derby, but he is hoping to bring as much awareness to the causes on his car as possible. He said his derby competitors have gotten behind the idea.

"They're really supportive of it," he said. "They like it a lot."

— JPB

√ Fireworks: DeOsio recovering from fall

firefighters to set up the display.

"From start to finish, there's lots of preparation, but probably just four to five hours," DeOsio said.

The show lasts about 25 minutes each year.

There have been some close calls, but no one has ever been injured during the show.

"We've had some explosions right on the ground and stuff like that, but we've been real fortunate," DeOsio said. "You can actually tell when you're going to have a dud or you're going to have some problems."

He added that his crew takes a lot of precautions, and he always has three or four spotters watching for potential hazards.

"They watch the guys load them," DeOsio said. "They watch the guys light them. They watch the guys running back and forth. They yell 'Stop' if they see something."

He buys the fireworks for the city from a company in Helena, Mont., because the nearest fireworks dealer, Rocky Mountain Fireworks of Caldwell, is only a Class C dealer. Marsing's show requires Class B fireworks.

"I've had classes on Class B and stuff like that, and I go and do aerial displays in different places," DeOsio said. "It's extra income."

The most noticeable thing that he's seen change at the annual Marsing event over the years is how many people show up to watch the fireworks.

"There's a lot more people coming," DeOsio said. "We're getting about 4,000 people on that night."

Simply making folks happy is what keeps him coming back every year to make sure the fireworks go off without a hitch.

"I do it for the smiles of the people, the enjoyment of the crowd," DeOsio said. "It's so loud where we're at, but yet you hear the applause after we're done."

DeOsio still owns his fireworks stand but doesn't run it himself anymore because of health issues. "I'm partners with somebody else, and it's easier that way," DeOsio said. "In the last four years I got sick. I had a stroke, and then last year I broke my neck, and my wife's been sick. So we haven't been able to sell fireworks but we're still involved with that."

DeOsio describes his recovery from the neck injury as "wonderful."

"A lot of people wondered if I'd be walking," DeOsio said. "I'm walking, and I'm back to work."

He started working in the warehouse for Idaho Specialized Transportation of Nampa seven weeks ago.

While his neck isn't completely healed, DeOsio is confident that it will be eventually.

"I'm probably 90 percent," DeOsio said. "I can't turn back like I used to turn back, but it's coming around. They figure that after a year's time I'll get all my motion back."

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EVELYN M. CUMMINGS, 91, a Marsing High School graduate and former Owyhee County 4-H leader who ranched in the Reynolds Creek area, died on Monday, June 20, 2016. A viewing was held Thursday, June 22, 2016 at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. A funeral service was held Friday, June 23, 2016 with a burial service at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery.

EUVEDA "TOMMY" HAMILTON, 94, of Caldwell, died Thursday, June 23, 2916. Cremation is under the care of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

DEBRA J. PORTER, 67, of Homedale, died Wednesday, June 22, 2016. Arrangements: Dakan Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-3629

Summer menu

Marsing summer feeding

Free for ages 1-18; on-site meals only Served Monday through Friday, June 6-Aug. 5 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. — Marsing Housing Authority 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. — Marsing City Park 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. — Homedale city pool

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June 29: Chicken bacon ranch stuffwich, broccoli w/ranch, apple slices

June 30: Turkey/cheese sandwich, peach cup, carrot sticks w/ranch

July 1: PB&J, yogurt, pineapple chunk cup, broccoli w/ranch

July 5: Chicken nuggets, pear cup, celery w/ranch

July 6: Turkey /cheese sandwich, peach cup, broccoli w/ranch

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Milk served every day

Salad Bar available with each meal (lettuce, tomatoes, boiled eggs, peaches, apricots, salad dressing)

June 29: Tuna salad, lettuce & tomato, carrot salad, bread

July 5: Baked fish, baked potato, carrots, bread

July 6: Chicken salad, lettuce & tomato, ambrosia salad

July 7: Pasta primavera, bread

July 12: Roast chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, broccoli, roll

Marsing Senior Center

June 29: Chicken, rice, vegetable

June 30: Kielbasa sausage, potato, vegetable

July 5: Beef, rice, vegetables

July 6: Chicken, potatoes, vegetables

July 7: Ham, potatoes, vegetables

July 11: Beef, potatoes, vegetables

Rimrock Senior Center

June 30: Roast beef, scallop potatoes, spinach, whole wheat roll, blueberry cobbler, milk, juice



Homedale council delays action on library expansion

Board eyes becoming taxing district after 2019

The Homedale City Council will wait to make a decision on expanding the town's public library

Running point for the library board at Thursday's council meeting, Western Alliance for Economic Development executive director Tina Wilson recommended a Boise-based architectural firm and outlined grant opportunities.

With Steve Atkins and Shane Muir leading the way, council members tabled until their July 13 meeting a decision on hiring Tad Jones of Jones & Jones Design Studio, Inc., and submitting grant applications. According to Wilson's presentation to the council, Jones' fee would be between \$12,450 and \$19,800 depending on the cost of the total project.

"I understand that a lot of people showed up for this, but this is a big deal," council president Atkins said.

Wilson urged a decision by the end of July because she would need about six weeks to put the Idaho Department of Commerce Community Development Block Grant application together before the November deadline. She said she doesn't want to invest "80-plus hours" on writing a grant if the council isn't ready to move forward.

The city and library board would have to pay for elements of construction and then seek reimbursement through the grant.

Jones based his architectural fee schedule on a total construction cost of between \$415,000 and \$660,000. The project would have three phases — construction of the new addition, renovation of the existing building and landscaping and parking lot construction.

"You couldn't do the remodel until you have a new building to move into," Wilson said, adding that the library board will suspend plans for the parking lot and landscaping to keep initial costs

Library's five-year plan

- November 2016 Apply for grants
- January 2017 Receive grants
- Spring 2017 Start construction on new building
- July 2018 New building is completed and public awareness campaign is launched to inform the community about the plan to form a taxing district
- November 2019 Put taxing district ballot measure to voters

Note — Library administrator Sharla Jensen is still working on other points in the plan, but said it will also include STEM programs and computer classes for senior citizens.

down to the \$325,000 range.

The landscaping and parking lot phases are envisioned as a joint venture using city resources and community donations.

Wilson presented an idea to apply for a \$350,000 state grant, \$24,500 of which would go to Western Alliance for Wilson's seven percent grant writing fee. She pointed out the fee would be \$35,000 if someone else wrote the grant.

The state requires certified grant writers, and Wilson said she plans to take the certification course in late August.

Wilson also plans to write a \$60,000 U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Community Facilities Grant to help cover an estimated \$75,000 renovation price tag, according to her council presentation. The USDA grant would require a match, which could be in-kind donations, or money from the library's state investment fund, which has an approximate balance of \$150,000.

Wilson also addressed the question of a taxing district, which is part of a five-year plan the library board is devising. Relaying information from Wilson,

Jensen told library directors at their meeting last week that a five-year plan would eliminate the need for a cash match on the federal grant.

"They wouldn't take your money," Jensen told the board. "Because if it passes and you become a district library, you don't get funds for a year to run the library. You need a year of funds sitting there. (Wilson) said that if we have our strategic plan when we apply for this grant we can retain our money, and won't have to contribute."

Wilson said if library directors waited to complete the district formation process, the construction project wouldn't start for at least five years. Jensen said she always planned to try for a taxing district, but wanted construction completed so she would have something to offer patrons.

Under the library's five-year plan, the new building would be completed in the summer of 2018, and a library taxing district election would be set for November 2019.

Other architectural firms considered were CTY Studio and neUdesign, both of Boise.

The architects submitted their estimates based on scale drawings produced by library patron John Hayes, a retired architect now living in Homedale.

Jones gave a range of estimates — based on per-square-foot construction costs of \$100, \$125 and \$150 — to take into consideration market fluctuations, material finishes, supply and demand, site and weather conditions, and other factors.

CTY Studio gave a price of \$92 per square foot, while neUdesign quoted \$146 per square foot.

Jensen said she preferred Jones because of his responsiveness. He was the only architect to make an on-site visit, Jensen and Wilson said.

"Personally I liked him the best just because he really listened to whatever I was saying," Jensen said. "He sent me probably five or six emails just checking things or letting me know something that he thought of."

— SC and JPB

Story Time celebrates Fourth of July

Friday's Story Time theme at 10:15 a.m. at the Homedale Public Library is all about the Fourth of July.

Books to be read are "Corduroy's 4th of July" by Don Freeman and "Fourth of July Mice!" by Bethany Roberts will also be read.

Children also will make patriotic necklaces.

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., Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday.

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

OCSO truck damaged at fire call

An Owyhee County Sheriff's patrol vehicle received a broken tail light in what is being called a fender-bender.

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller continues to investigate the accident in which a Marsing volunteer firefighter driving his personal vehicle apparently struck the parked and unoccupied patrol rig while trying to go around it at the scene of a brush on Old Bruneau Highway on June 20.

The OCSO truck was parked in the roadway, and both individuals were responding to the fire.

Calendar

Today

Coffee club

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

Thursday

Fit and fall exercise class

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

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. www. homedalefarmersmarket.weebly.com

TOPS 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

Adrian City Council meeting

7 p.m., Adrian High School library, 305 Owyhee St., Adrian. (541) 372-2179

AA meetings

7 p.m. to 8 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

Friday

Story Time

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

Saturday

Free lunches

Noon to 1 p.m., First Presbyterian

Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419

Sunday

Marsing Celebration of our Nation 6 p.m., Island Park, Marsing.

Marsing Lions Club barbecue

6 p.m., \$10 adults, \$8 seniors, \$5 youth 5-12, free for children age four and younger, Island Park, Marsing.

Monday

Fourth of July Demolition Derby parade 10 a.m., downtown Homedale. (208) 250-9128

Fourth of July Demolition Derby

6 p.m., tickets at Owyhee Auto Supply in Homedale or Marsing, Owyhee County Fairgrounds, Homedale. (775) 388-7305

Tuesday

County commissioners meeting

9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421

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

Military veterans coffee

9 a.m., Phipps-Watson American Legion Hall and Community Center

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.

Thursday, July 7

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

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Friday, July 8

Grand View Lions Club meeting

11:30 a.m., Grand Owyhee Restaurant,

230 Main St., Grand View.

Saturday, July 9

Community food pantry distribution

9 a.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2419, (208) 834-5170 or (208) 834-3199

Free lunches

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

Game night

7 p.m., card games and dominos, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 350-7359 Tuesdays and Thursdays

Monday, July 11

County commissioners meeting

9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421

Idaho Foodbank drop-off

9 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale (208) 473-9331

Marsing Fire Department meeting

7 p.m., Marsing Fire Hall, 303 Main St., Marsing.

Tuesday, July 12

Fit and fall exercise class

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Homedale library board meeting

1 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 Monday through Saturday afternoons

Senior center pinochle

1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 350-7359 Tuesdays and Thursdays

Effective treatment hinges on communication

Are you sure that the treatment that you are receiving is up-todate? Some doctors still practice therapies that have been considered less-effective or unnecessary. In

order to find out if yours are current, make sure that you are checking the care that you are currently receiving.



Surine Greenway 2000, millions

of women were inaccurately advised by their doctors to take supplemental estrogen. These patients were informed that the drug they were being provided not only eased side effects of menopause, but that it also contributed a variety of benefits including leading to healthier hearts. The deduction came from knowing that estrogen levels are lower after menopause and this is when the risk of heart disease rises, so by increasing women's estrogen levels, there must be a link to a reduced risk of

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heart disease and, therefore, the treatment contributed to a healthier heart.

The issue: little evidence was available that actually proved that the specific drug being administered to patients actually contributed to better overall health. After follow-up research conducted through randomized clinical trials, the result was that many assumptions that had been made and informed to patients were not only inaccurate, but that in some cases actually led to some increased health risks.

While the situation outlined here is just one, there are others that occur where suggestions are made that are completely inaccurate or unsubstantiated by completed research. It is for these reasons that you should make sure that you have a healthy relationship with your physician and that you do not hesitate to ask them what they are prescribing to you and what its purpose is. You should also be ready to also

ask what the potential risks may be. If you are not aware of all the side effects that can come from taking a medication, you may not be aware that a supplement you are taking over the counter (and that you may not have disclosed with your doctor) can actually interact with the medication being prescribed by said doctor.

While medical professionals work to know your personal history to provide their best prevention efforts for you, it is important that you as a patient are properly educated, but also willing to speak up when the appropriate time comes.

- Surine Greenway is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Family and Consumer Sciences educator. For more information, you can reach Greenway at the U of I Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104 or owyhee@uidaho. edu. The office is located at 238 W. 8th Ave. W., in Marsing. This week's source: "Is Your Treatment Outdated?" Consumer Reports, June 2016

SEQUICENTENNIAL SAMPLINGS

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OWYHEE – Accounts agree in representing this portion of Idaho as exceedingly prosperous. The mines prove rich, and the mills are busy. The spring trade opens lively, more machinery is going up, more veins opening, and all settlers in good spirits. People who want to find the best country outside of Humboldt will do well to stop in Owyhee, and let Montana alone. – Humboldt Register, June 9th

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SHOOTING AFFRAY – Tom Casoras was shot in the abdomen by Ura McIntosh on Thursday morning. Dr. Becket extracted the ball, and we are told that the wound will not prove fatal. The occurrence took place in front of the Idaho Saloon, Ruby City. Cause, difficulty about a game of poker. Not wishing to prejudice the case of either party, we'll let the court detail particulars.

Placing a calendar item

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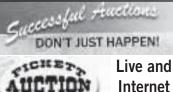
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Txoko Ona celebrates heritage

Dancing and games highlighted attendance for Holy Mass Sunday's 10th annual picnic at the Txoko Ona Basque Community Center in Homedale.

Ben Monisterro carried weight 550 feet to win the Txingak contest, and men and boys played two separate Mus card tournaments in the afternoon.

The day started with strong Boise performed.

officiated by St. John's Cathedral parochial vicar Aita Antton Egiguren Iraola from Boise.

After lunch of the Basque pork sandwich solomos and pimientos, the youth dance troupe Herribatza Dantzariak and the older group Oinkari Basque Dancers from



Counter-clockwise from top:

Boise Oinkari Basque dancers perform Sunday at the annual Txoko Ona Basque picnic in Homedale.

The dancers stand next to a sheep camp wagon as they wait to perform Sunday.

Homedale brothers Michael Lejardi, foreground, and John Lejardi twirl Basque flags during a joint performance of Ikurina (the flag dance) by the Herribatza Dantzariak and Oinkari Basque dancers. Michael's troupe, Oinkari Basque Dancers, will perform six times in Washington, D.C., (two times each on Saturday, Sunday and Monday) as part of the Smithsonian Folklife Festival's spotlight on the Basque culture of Spain and France. Photos by Susan Mansisidor







College honors

JV student graduates magna cum laude

A Jordan Valley resident recently graduated magna cum laude with a double major from a private university in Ohio.

Caleb Cunningham earned degrees in Philosophy and Theology in May 2016 from Franciscan

University in Steubenville, Ohio.

The son of Ron and Nancy Cunningham earned a 4.0 grade-point average in the spring semester to close his studies with another appointment to the

Eastern Oregon Dean's List includes locals

Two local students have been placed on the spring term Dean's List at Eastern Oregon University.

Grand View — Katie Johnson

Jordan Valley — Andressa Warn

The two women are among 515 students placed on the Dean's List after attaining a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher while completing at least 12 hours of graded course work during the spring term.

Owyheeans receive CSI honor list spots

A handful of Owyhee country students are part of the College of Southern Idaho's spring term honor roll.

Maintaining a 4.0 grade-point average for the Spring 2016 semester and earning a spot on the President's List were:

Bruneau — Matthew Leland Lampman

Jordan Valley — Wyatt Jacob

Marsing — Carey Michelle

Melba — Jolene Dee Engle On the Dean's List for a GPA of 3.5 or better was:

Marsing — Luis G. Montoya





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Fair and rodeo queen applications open

Applications are now being accepted from Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo queen hopefuls.

Queen coordinator Debbie Shearn is taking entries from unmarried girls and women, ages 16-23. Eligible contestants must have been Idaho residents for the past year.

Mandy Allison of Payette is the reigning queen.

Competition and judging will

take place during fair and rodeo week, Aug. 8-13. Contestants will be judged on horsemanship, personality and appearance.

The 2016-17 queen will ride in the fair and rodeo parade on Saturday, Aug. 13.

July 23 is the deadline to send applications to Shearn at 16308 Farmway Rd., Caldwell, ID 83607. Call Shearn at (208) 455-7917 for more information.

Homedale trustees eliminate teachers' furlough day

Larger personnel appropriations in leaner budget

The Homedale School District continues to rally from recent lean financial times.

School trustees recently approved an \$11.3 million budget that - while smaller than the current amended budget — restores a furlough day for teachers in the 2016-17 school year.

At the height of the recession, trustees eliminated several days and one holiday in the school calendar. Superintendent Rob Sauer said the trustees continue to work to find ways to reinstate the final five furlough days.

"Our goal is to get back down to zero," he said. "There will be some challenges with the four-day week and starting after fair and ending before Memorial Day."

Sauer said a five-day school week in August has been dis-

Trustees also appropriated \$1.3 million for capital improvements, an increase of more than \$459,500 (a 52.8 percent hike) over the amended 2015-16 appropriation of \$870,032.

Sauer said replacement of the 45-year-old Homedale High School bleachers and projects at of the improvement plan. New bleachers will be in place by the

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time school starts in August, and the district eyes better security at the elementary school through updated fencing.

Transportation and maintenance supervisor Tom Muir also is investigating ways to solve a drainage problem on the playground on the south side of a wing of the elementary school, and tests have been carried out near Deward Bell Stadium to examine if there is enough water to punch a well to irrigate the football field. Currently, the school district pumps out of the Snake River to water the playing surface, but silt and other contaminants destroy sprinklers on a frequent basis, Sauer said.

With an influx of support from the state Legislature, trustees also built in career ladder adjustments for teachers' pay. Sauer said instituting the career ladder elements will be an ongoing process that will take years depending on how much support the Legislature allocates in each session.

Sauer also said the district absorbed the entirety of a 5.8 percent increase in employee benefits.

Overall, the district's payroll (including salaries and benefits) rose \$364,000 (6.3 percent) to \$6,167,219. The district will dole out 54.4 percent of the 2016-17 budget on personnel costs.

Even with the increase in personnel costs, the district's overall the elementary school are part 2016-17 budget is \$368,573 leaner (3.2 percent) than the amended 2015-16 budget.

> Part of the reduction comes from the loss of nearly \$50,000 in federal funding. The supplies and materials budget has been slashed by nearly \$90,000.



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IAC meetings give mayor ideas on helping Homedale

Council OKs Art in the Park

Mayor Gheen Christoffersen continued his quest to improve Homedale during a series of meetings last week.

The mayor's arrival at Thursday's city council meeting was delayed because of the first day of the Idaho Association of Cities gathering in Boise, and council president Steve Atkins presided over city business.

But Christoffersen shared several items during his mayor's report.

The IAC meetings concluded Friday.

Christoffersen said High Five Children's Health Collaborative representatives sought him out at the IAC meeting to pitch a grant program to help keep the town's population healthy.

The program offers grants of up to \$250,000 that can be used for healthy lifestyle initiatives, such as building a walking path.

"They told me, 'Homedale is one of the cities we talk about' because the elementary did so well (in the Mayors' Walking Challenge) and I placed in the deal and because of the farmers market," Christoffersen said.

"We're a model city for them." Christoffersen also asked the council to consider joining Gov. C. L. "Butch" Otter and Middleton Mayor Darin Taylor in lobbying against efforts to legalize hemp and marijuana in Idaho.

Christoffersen pointed out that crime is up in Colorado since pot was legalized and marijuana from Washington state and Colorado is being transported to neighboring states

"Please give that some thought because we will discuss that later on because I believe there is no place for it, and so do the governor and Mayor Taylor," Christoffersen told the council.

Christoffersen said the IAC also discussed the negative reviews that AirBnB and Uber have received. Ordinances are being suggested to regulate the proximity of AirBnB-listed homes in towns because of the feared impact on property values.

According to www.airbnb.com, the only Homedale-area listing is for an RV that is situated near the Snake River, apparently on the Canyon County side.

Western Alliance for Economic Development executive director Tina Wilson told the council that Uber riders have visited Wilder and the Sunnyslope area.

Art in the Park to be annual event

When Charlotte Breshears

asked Susan Mansisidor to take over the Homedale Art in the Park after its inaugural year, the Homedale-area resident ran with the idea.

Mansisidor received permission to bring the second annual Art in the Park to Bette Uda City Park on Saturday, July 23 during Thursday's council meeting. The event will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

She also got the OK to make Art in the Park an annual event. The 2017 affair and all subsequent events will take place on the last Saturday in June.

In an effort to expand on the dozen crafters who attended the first year, Mansisidor said crafters will be able to display their wares for free at Art in the Park. She said other craft fairs charge vendors \$50 or more.

Direct-sales vending spaces will be limited, and those sellers will be subject to a \$15 charge.

Proceeds from the \$15 directsales fee will help Art in the Park develop children's entertainment opportunities, Mansisidor said.

More information on the event, and how to register as a vendor, is available by email at homedaleartinthepark@gmail. com. Information also is available on Facebook under Homedale Art in the Park.

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Elizabeth Hergesheimer takes a leap off the diving board at the Homedale municipal pool Thursday afternoon. Elizabeth, 12, is the daughter of Stacy and Aaron Hergesheimer.

Swim lessons under way at Homedale pool

Beginning, intermediate and advanced swimming lessons are available at Homedale's municipal pool.

Lessons began Monday, and will be held at 11 a.m. each week-day through July 8.

Deb Marston, a part-time office assistant at City Hall, said another round of swim lessons would be scheduled if there is enough demand.

Marston added that people can still sign up for what remains of the current round of lessons.

The 30-minute lessons cost \$20 for residents and \$25 for non-residents

There will not be a discounted rate for people who enroll for what is left of the current lessons.

Stop by the pool during regular hours to sign up. Folks can also get more information about the lessons by calling City Hall at

337-4641.

It is business as usual at the pool, which will be open until just before the new school year begins in August.

The costs include:

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

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

The pool will be available for rental 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.

The pool is closed on Sundays. A free swimming day will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on the Fourth of July. The pool will close at 5 p.m. on Monday. There will be no evening swim.

Homedale releases annual water report

The City of Homedale has completed the annual consumer confidence report for its municipal water system.

The report, which was released Thursday, reveals city drinking water undergoes more than 70 tests annually through monthly sampling.

The report states there were no 2015 violations, but the city did get dinged for late reporting on monitoring of disinfection byproducts last year. This was a paperwork violation, the report said, adding that no contaminant errors have been reported.

There are 861 metered

connections in the Homedale system, which serves 2,633 people. Two city wells (Nos. 6 and 7) are active, while Wells Nos. 3 and 5 stand as backup structures.

Copies of the report are available at www.cityofhomedale. com and at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.





Something for everyone in 35th derby

Imperials return for grown-ups; boys and girls to run Power Wheels Derby

The Homedale Lions Club's Fourth of July Demolition Derby, which is cruising midway through its fourth decade this year, has something for fans of all ages.

Of course, there's the main event and its \$5,000 in cash prizes and countless thrilling collisions.

The purse, which includes a championship cut of \$2,000, will attract about two dozen drivers, who will welcome back the formidable Chrysler Imperial for the first time since 2008.

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.

The Lions Club lifted the Imperial ban after the drivers voted for the behemoths' return during their 2015 meeting, but this year's event is the first for which the kings of the crunchers are eligible.

There apparently are only two Imperials in the 2016 field, but there may be others lurking in the weeds (literally and figuratively). After all, derby drivers are a notoriously close-to-the-vest breed

Cole Pryor will roll out a 1964 Imperial coupe. Even without an Imperial, the 22-year-old Homedale driver could be considered imposing, though. The 2015 Rookie of the Year and Twisted Metal winner set the derby crowd on its ear — and Timmy West's car on its side — with one of the biggest hits last year.

Veteran Mike Miller, the 2014 runner-up, will also field a 1964 Imperial in his third derby.

When asked if he has an advantage, Miller states simply: "It's an Imperial. Enough said."

With 2015 champion Brett Shanley apparently skipping this year's derby, runner-up Ty Jordan will be the highest-finishing competitor to return to the field for the 35th annual derby.

Veterans Chris Folger, who is running in his 13th derby, and Jake Volk, who has competed for nearly 20 years, both are back in the mix. Folger was third last year, and Volk has picked up a few Twisted Metal and Road Rage awards over the years.

Fellow derby drivers have high praise for Folger, who apparently has some sort of responsibility in the existence of at least one-third of the cars in the field this year. His shop southwest of Homedale is a hub of activity for several builders come derby time

"Chris will help everybody," competitor Konner Bahem said. "He knows how to build a derby car."

Bahem and rookie Kyle Orris say Folger is a big reason they're in the derby this year. He even sacrificed his derby car this year so someone else could run. With no time to build another car, Folger will field a 1965 Dodge Polara that has seen previous derby action.

Folger did most of the paint work on Bahem's 1964 Cadillac, which has a memorial to his grandmother, Colleen Bahem, striped on the trunk lid by his aunt, former Homedale resident Debbie Hansen.

Giving away his fresh build and hopping in a re-run car is just the type of person Folger is, Orris and Bahem say.

"If we've got questions, he



Konner Bahem is back in the demolition derby this year with a memorial to his grandmother Colleen Bahem painted on the trunk lid of his 1964 Cadillac.

always has the right answer," Bahem said.

There apparently are only two returning champions in the field. Emmett's Leonard Hurd captured the top prize in 2003 and 2006, and Parma's Chester Conklin won it all in 2008.

In the never-ending quest to pass on the time-honored tradition of tearing things up, the Lions Club has instituted a Power Wheels Kids Derby for boys and girls ages 4-8.

The derby is open to any Power Wheels model, including four-wheelers. Power Wheels are motorized, ride-on vehicle replica toys produced by Fisher-Price.

Organizers are allowing one modification to the Power Wheels — the installation of a lawnmower

battery no larger than 12 volts. The battery must be securely mounted and installed in a place that is not near the young driver.

While the Power Wheels engine must remain stock, parents are encouraged to make decorative changes to the vehicle in an effort to make it resemble a derby car. Fake exhaust header pipes are one suggestion made in the derby rule sheet.

Doors and tailgates must be snapped shut, and zip ties and duct tape are encouraged to lessen sharp edges. The plastic tires may be covered in duct tape, too, to prevent breakage.

Just like the big boys and girls in the regular derby, Power Wheels Derby contestants must wear helmets.

The Power Wheels Derby will take place during a break between heats.

Derby organizers are encouraging folks to participate in the town's Fourth of July parade, which will push off at 10 a.m. in downtown Homedale.

Derby drivers also are welcome to take part in the autograph session for children that will run from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the pit area at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds.

This year's grand entrance, which begins at 6 p.m. in the rodeo arena, will feature horseback flag bearers such as Kortney Bahem of Homedale and Lena Metcalf and Chacota Griswold of Marsing.

— JPB





Mason Miller, the 7-year-old son of Mike and Dannie Miller of Homedale, will be one of the young competitors in the inaugural Power Wheels Derby. The Homedale Elementary School student will enter John Deere Gator toy replica. His mom planned to put the finishing touches on the entry by making the front-end star-spangled to match Mason's dream of having an American flag paint job. Mason's dad is running the derby again this year. Submitted photo

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Homedale Fourth of July parade returns

Traffic control help needed along route

A patriotic procession returns to Homedale's streets Monday.

At 10 a.m., the Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derby Parade will get a reboot as entries pull away from the high school parking lot and head west down Idaho Avenue.

Parade registration will be taken until 9:30 a.m. Monday, when all entries should be lined up at the school and ready to roll out.

All demolition derby drivers have been encouraged to pull their trailered beasts along the parade route, and myriad other entries are sought.

Parade committee co-chairs Michael and Cat Thompson have distributed registration forms to a handful of local businesses looking for entries from derby car owners, classic car and hot rod owners, equestrian-themed groups and individuals, marching units, floats, tractor owners and motorcycle and pickup/4x4 owners.

At deadline Monday, Cat Thompson had about 20 entries for the parade.

Registration forms submitted so far include:

- Two horse entries
- · Six or seven derby cars on
- Two Power Wheel derby cars
- A 1968 Chevrolet dragster pickup entered by Towbar Racing
- · Three or four floats
- A pickup entered by The Homedale American Legion Post 32
- Three or four classic cars

All trailers for derby cars or floats will be subject to minimum safety requirements of appropriate hitch assembly, correct ball size, and safety chains at parade inspection.

Chamber of Commerce presitions and assignments.

"The Homedale Lion's Club has done a fantastic job planning the 4th of July Parade," Parker wrote in his email soliciting traffic stewards.

After its westward push down Idaho Avenue, the parade will held north on 3rd Street West before turning east on West Owyhee Avenue for the eastward leg that will pass in front of Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation to close the parade.

Parade entry forms can be found at various locations in Homedale and Marsing:

- Wyoming Ave.
- Owyhee Ave.
- (True Value) 222 Main St.
- Highway 95, Homedale. • Whitehouse Drive In — 909

Main St., Marsing For more information, contact

- Thompson, (208) 250-9128
- · Committee co-chair Cat
- Thompson, (208) 249-0756 • Committee member Larry
- Committee member Elly May

Folks can also ask questions by email through homedaleder

dent Gavin Parker on Monday sent out a plea for volunteers to help with traffic control at intersections along the parade route. Anyone interested in volunteering should RSVP to Parker at gsparker72@ vahoo.com and plan on meeting at the high school parking lot at 9:30 a.m. on Monday for final instruc-

- Homedale City Hall 31 W.
- Homedale Floral 2 W.
- Marsing Hardware and Pump Moxie Java Bistro — 404 U.S.

any member of the parade committee:

- · Committee chair Michael
- Wass, (208) 941-1813
- Bassett, (208) 991-7167

byparade@yahoo.com.

Sheriff's deputies make more pot arrests

Two people were arrested in misdemeanor possession of

The first incident is a continuation of out-of-state motorists bringing marijuana that can be legally used in other states into Idaho.

Vanessa Colunga, 22, of San Bernardino, Calif., was pulled over for speeding just before 2 a.m. on Sunday near Main Street and Front Street in Marsing.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said Colunga was charged with misdemeanors for marijuana possession and possession of drug paraphernalia with the intent to use. She was cited for speeding and having no liability insurance, too.

Colunga's passenger, 24year-old Joseph Pocha of San Bernardino, was cited for

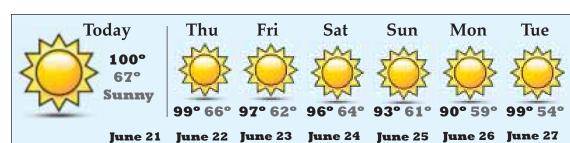
the Marsing area Sunday for marijuana and paraphernalia and he received a citation for possession an open container of alcohol in a vehicle.

Shortly after 3 p.m. on Sunday, another traffic stop resulted in another misdemeanor marijuana

Julian Baden, a 21-year-old Boise man, was cited for driving 50 mph in a 35 mph zone after being stopped in a white 1997 Dodge pickup on Poison Creek Road near Gem Road.

In addition to the speeding infraction, Baden was charged with misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance and misdemeanor paraphernalia possession.

He also was cited for operating a vehicle without valid registration.



Water report

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The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 55 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 172

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cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 198 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 394,045 acre-feet of water on

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

SBOC interim manager: Water should run into October

South Board of Control (SBOC) interim manager John Eells says it is smooth sailing so far this season for getting water to Owyhee Project irrigation patrons.

This is the first time in four years that patrons are receiving a full allotment, which is set at 4.0

Eells thinks the water will run until about Oct. 10.

"We're expecting a full season," Eells said. "It just kind of depends on what we're trying to finish up. If we've got a lot of beets then we'll hold off for a few days, but the corn is generally done in September."

The allotment was last at 4.0 in 2012, but as drought set in, water officials dropped the allotment to 3.0 acre-feet in 2013. The next year it decreased to 1.5 acre-feet. and the 2015 allotment was 1.4

Eells hasn't had any significant problems in delivering water to growers in the region served by the South Board — Homedale, Marsing and the Ridgeview area in Oregon — since the season began.

"We haven't had anything serious, knock on wood," Eells said. "Just the little bumps in the road, but nothing serious."

That made for a short round of monthly meetings for Gem, Ridgeview and South Board directors earlier this month. Eells gave a brief water report and group quickly adjourned.

On Monday, the Owyhee Reservoir was 55 percent full with 394,045 acre-feet of water. Water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore. at a rate of 172 cubic feet per second. Water was flowing out at Nyssa, Ore. at a rate of 198 cubic feet per second.

He added that if the demand isn't there, the SBOC doesn't have to pay the power bill to keep the pumps running at the Gem Pumping Plant in Marsing to supply Old Gem patrons with water out of the Snake River.

South Board attorney Al Barker, an Idaho Water Resource Board member, recently helped draft a new proposed sustainability policy to help guide the board's future water planning and management efforts.

The new policy will be presented during the 2017 Idaho Legislature session as an addition to the State Water Plan.

One of the goals in the proposed guidelines is to use new technology to make more efficient use of water.

Eells stated that the South Board is already taking full advantage of high-tech devices to serve patrons.

"If our canals change in the night, our phones go off," Eells said. "If the pumps go off, our phones all beep in the middle of the night. When anybody is changing anything I can see it right on my phone."

The irrigation directors' next series of meetings begins at 7 p.m., on Tuesday, July 12 downstairs at the SBOC office at 118 S. 1st St. W. in Homedale. The Ridgeview Irrigation District directors start the meetings and are followed by the Gem directors at 7:15 p.m. and the SBOC at 7:30 p.m.



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Farmers market children's program focuses on Asian cooking

Boys and girls participating in the Cultivate! program at the Homedale Farmers Market on Thursday will learn a thing or two about a cooking technique that originated in China centuries ago.

Linda Tunnell will teach the class to be held from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Bette Uda City Park.

The children will be shown how to make a stir-fry dish with fresh vegetables being sold at the market.

Tunnell previously owned Homedale's Owyhee Lanes Restaurant where she did all of the baking and developed recipes.

"I have always had a love of baking and developed a love of cooking in my 20s," Tunnell said. "I



Linda Tunnell

have taught culinary classes while employed at Williams Sonoma at Boise Towne Square. I have won grand champion of baking at the Owyhee County Fair for my apple pie, as well as champion and first place for other baking entries."

The Homedale Farmers Market runs from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., each Thursday through Aug. 25 at City Park

This is the fourth year of the market, but the first year for the children's educational program.

Visit www.homedalefarmers market.weebly.com for a vendor application, or contact market manager Denise Dixon at ddix on222@msn.com or (208) 840-0440 for more information.

Motorists facing DUI charges arrested again

Two people with driving under the influence cases already pending were arrested again during the weekend.

Brandy McEwen, a 41-year-old Grand View resident, was arrested on suspicion of drunk driving for the second time in 16 days on Sunday afternoon.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said Deputy Larry Kendrick responded after reports of reckless driving. He found her inside her residence with her white 1996 Ford Escort parked out front.

"He didn't observe her driving, but the keys were in the vehicle and he went off witness statements of people seeing her drive," Bowman said.

McEwen reportedly failed field sobriety tests, and once transported to county jail in Murphy her blood-alcohol content read at .164, more than twice the legal limit.

Bowman said McEwen remained behind bars in Murphy on Monday morning awaiting arraignment in the afternoon on misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence, reckless driving and driving without a current or valid driver's license.

McEwen was arrested on June 10 after she allegedly drove into a storage unit in Grand View. She is scheduled for a pretrial conference on July 11 before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober in that case, in which she faces misdemeanors of DUI, reckless driving, a driver's license violation and possession of an open alcoholic container in a vehicle.

On Friday night, Kendrick arrested 32-year-old Willie Rabey on suspicion of DUI outside Grand View.

"(Deputy Kendrick) recognized the vehicle and knew he was (driving on a suspended license)," Bowman said.

Bowman said Kendrick stopped

Rabey, whose current residence was given as Mountain Home, after observing him run a stop sign while driving a 1998 Ford Explorer around 10:15 p.m. Saturday night near Riverside and Roosevelt Avenues in Grand View.

The traffic stop wasn't initiated until Rabey had crossed the Snake River into Elmore County.

Bowman said Rabey failed two field sobriety tests before becoming irate. Kendrick discontinued the field sobriety exam and handcuffed Rabey.

Rabey was arrested on suspicion of DUI on April 28. He has a July 18 sentencing hearing before Grober for that case.

The man was scheduled for arraignment on the latest charges Monday. He faces misdemeanors for excessive DUI, driving on a suspended license and open container in a vehicle. Kendrick also wrote Rabey a ticket for running the stop sign.

Bowman said Rabey's BAC was .199 when he was tested at the county jail Saturday.

HPD makes **DUI** arrest

A 29-year-old Parma man who told an officer he was leaving town after visiting a Homedale bar was arrested on suspicion of DUI on Saturday morning.

Cody Albert Hammar was pulled over after allegedly failing to come to a complete stop at the intersection of East Idaho Avenue and U.S. Highway 95 shortly after 1 a.m., according to Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller.

"(Hammar) advised he was coming from a bar in Homedale at which point the officer performed a field sobriety test, which he failed," Eidemiller said.

Hammar's BAC registered .08 and .086 at the scene. He was cited and released into the care of a sober driver, Eidemiller said.

— ЈРВ

Insects possibly carrying virus spotted in county onion fields

Damage doesn't threaten humans

Tiny insects called thrips have arrived in Owyhee County and eastern Oregon.

Thrips are a common pest in onions, and they showed up early this year and already could be spreading disease in local fields.

The insects attack onion leaves and sometimes spread the iris yellow spot virus.

However, Idaho State Department of Agriculture entomologist Paul Castrovillo said the pests don't always carry the disease.

"The virus doesn't always show up where they show up. It's not necessarily a given," Castrovillo said. "In a lot of cases the virus isn't more of an issue than just the damage from thrips. The thrips feed on the leaves."

The bugs and the virus they carry poses no threat to human health.

Suzanne Takasugi, owner of Takasugi Farms in Homedale, affirmed that her crops are mostly damaged by the bugs eating the plants. But, she says, the virus hasn't accompanied the physical damage.

"Up in Nyssa, and Ontario,

and Fruitland, they see that iris yellow spot virus," Takasugi said. "We have not seen anything compared to what they have."

If thrips are carrying the virus, the first sign of the disease is leaf surfaces finely speckled with yellow spots. Later, a silvery metallic-looking sheen may cover leaf surfaces. However, not all thrips create this sheen. With or without the sheen, a grower would also see black specks of thrips' fecal matter.

Thrips were discovered in the area around May 1, but they usually don't show up until Memorial Day. The iris yellow spot virus — normally not seen until July — appeared on onions about June 1.

Castrovillo said a mild winter, and an earlier, wetter spring is probably why the insects showed up earlier than usual.

Takasugi wasn't completely surprised to see the insects on crops she grows in fields between Homedale Middle School and the Oregon border.

"It's something we have every year. It just seems to be early and tough this year," Takasugi said. "We just need to stay ahead of it with spraying. It can be controlled if we stay ahead of it."

Damage to plants by the virus

or by thrips eating the leaves inhibits photosynthesis and stunts the growth of onion bulbs, reducing the crop yield.

By not fully developing, the bulbs cannot grow to the large size of onions that are in demand.

"If it's green onions, it can make them unmarketable if the damage is too noticeable," Castrovillo said. "For the other onions, it can just stress the plants and reduce the size of the onion bulbs that are produced."

There are more than half a dozen pesticides on the market to control thrips. Growers are advised to use several of them, but to apply them sparingly to prevent resistance.

However, Castrovillo stated that a farmer doesn't necessarily need harsh chemicals to combat the bugs.

"Irrigating the plants with a strong stream of water can wash them off and keep them from building up in numbers that could cause economic damage," Castrovillo said.

For information on controlling thrips, contact Stuart Reitz at the Oregon State University Malheur County Extension Office in Ontario at (541) 881-1417.

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Fines possible for illegal fireworks use

People caught setting off illegal fireworks are subject to fines and could be responsible for any emergency services calls created by their use.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman issued the annual warning with Fourth of July looming.

Law enforcement officials in Owyhee County and Homedale received fireworks complaints last weekend. Only two turned out to be valid and two were unfounded, according to dispatch reports. One of the reports, in Marsing, turned out to be legal, or so-called Safe and Sane, fireworks, Bowman said.

"We will respond to reports of illegal fireworks," Bowman said.

There have been no reports of fires started by fireworks yet this year.

Bowman said a motorist reported a grass fire Friday afternoon on Old Bruneau Highway after the vehicle's hot exhaust pipe ignited dry grass. About a half-acre burned, Bowman said.

— ЈРВ

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Avalanche Sports



Patriots' McClellin returns to roots for youth football camp

Shea McClellin put in some work for the future of his hometown's football program.

The New England Patriots linebacker sponsored the inaugural Marsing McClellin Football Player Development Camp.

Forty-seven third- through eighth-graders took part in the June 17-18 camp, which focused on fundamentals. Each player paid \$10 to participate, and scholarships were available.

"I wanted to do something to help the kids out in this area and give back a little bit," the 2007 Marsing High School graduate said.

MHS football assistant coach Johnathon Cossel, McClellin's football and basketball teammate during their days in Huskies blue and gold, worked with the NFL standout to get the camp off the

ground

"I knew for a while that Shea really wanted to get connected with his hometown and get involved with the development of our football program and our players in the program," Cossel said

"And I hadn't actually been a part of the Marsing football program when he first expressed any interest, but as soon as I got involved I was able to kind of reach out to him, and we got connected and really just kind of talked about some details as far as what we wanted to see in the future and envisioned for a player development camp for his hometown where he grew up and played football and ended up going on and having a very

— See McClellin, page 16



Above: Marsing High School football coach Norm Stewart chats with campers. **Left:** New England Patriots linebacker Shea McClellin smiles as her tosses the football to a young camper during his first fundamentals camp in Marsing. Photos by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography

Trojans wrestling, volleyball teams have new coaches

Homedale High School has two new varsity coaches.

School trustees approved new coaching assignments during their June meeting.

Former Trojans wrestling assistant coach Jake Levinski was promoted to the head job. He'll succeed Ryan Nash, who spent one year in the position after the resignation of longtime coach Toby Johnson.

Nash resigned because of added responsibilities with his day job at the South Board of Control.

Jessica Willson, the wife of English teacher Alex Willson, has been hired as varsity volleyball coach. She takes over from Diana Asumendi, who resigned after two seasons.

The Homedale Middle School seventh-grade football team will have a new coaching staff, too, with the hiring of former HHS players Riley Quals and Tyler Ford. Steve Kincheloe, who has children in the district, was accepted as a volunteer for the seventh-grade team.



Jessica Willson, Homedale High School's new varsity volleyball coach, discusses offseason weight training with some of her prospective players inside the school's weight room.

Sports



Above: Homedale Middle School members of the victories Team Treasure Valley eighth-grade team were, from left, Jacob Collett, Nelson Lomeli, Karsen Freelove, Daniel Uranga, and Anthony Rodriguez. Photo by Tony Uranga

Below: The Homedale Middle School contingent in the seventh-grade all-star game included, from left, Fletcher Kelly, Milo Mertz, Randy Lyons, Brayden Christoffersen, John Breshears, Alex Willson, Blake Walker and Jakobee Osborn. Submitted photo





Homedale football all-stars split games

A group of Homedale Middle School athletes recently participated in all-star football games.

Eighth-graders Jacob Collett, Nelson Lomeli, Karsen Freelove, Daniel Uranga and Anthony Rodriguez played on the victorious Treasure Valley team in a 20-14 victory over Team Idaho.

Team Treasure Valley led the seventh-grade game, 20-19, with

six minutes remaining before Team Idaho rode a comeback to a 31-20 victory.

Homedale seventh-graders participating included Milo Mertz, Brayden Christoffersen, John Breshears and Blake Walker.

Homedale coaches guided Team Treasure Valley in the seventhgrade game, including Fletcher Kelly, Randy Lyons, Alex Willson and Jakobee Osborn.

√ **McClellin:** Organizers envision larger future camps

From Page 15 successful career."

McClellin and Cossel hashed out the details of the camp, which both hope will be an ongoing and growing event.

"It's the first year, so it's a learning experience," McClellin said. "I'm learning, he's learning. We're all learning about the structure. It's going to evolve, and it's going to get better.

"Hopefully if (the campers) learn just one thing t help them out, that's all that matters. Just one thing to take with them and just get better from there."

Cossel hopes to see the camp become a staple in the valley, attracting teams and individual players from all levels of schools (Class 2A to Class 5A) focused on "learning some fundamental football skills and getting inspired even in fundamental football."

McClellin hopes to tap into his connections at Boise State to bring Broncos players out to coach as part of their volunteer work

For Cossel, the presence of the guy for whom he used to open holes in defensive lines is a good start

"The kids seeing him out here, you can just feel the energy that the kids bring when they have somebody from their hometown that they're super-proud of and to say that they're from Marsing," Cossel said.

"And it's really something that we really need in our program right now — from all ages from the little kids in third grade all the way through high school — (is) kids to have pride in themselves and their hometown and really bring that out to the field and bring that to every aspect of their life."

McClellin recently signed a three-year contract with the New England Patriots that will reportedly pay him nearly \$9 million. He spent the first four years of his NFL career with the Chicago Bears, who selected him out of Boise State with the 19th pick in the 2012 NFL draft.

"It's an outstanding opportunity to have Shea McClellin, who

came from Marsing, to be able to come back and sponsor this event," MHS football head coach Norm Stewart said. "And it was an outstanding partnership between assistant coach Cossel and Shea.

"Ultimately it gives us an opportunity for our kids to see that there are opportunities for them above and beyond the normal school setting. And if they work hard and they put in a lot of effort, there are many things that can be accomplished. And Shea is a great example of that, and so Marsing should be very proud of what he's accomplished."

McClellin has played in 52 NFL games, racking up 161 tackles, 7.5 quarterback sacks, a forced fumble and two fumble recoveries. He started his career as a defensive lineman, but settled in at linebacker with the Bears.

The 6-foot, 3-inch, 245-pounder will train for a month in California before reporting to the Patriots' training camp.

Even with the potential of playing for a perennial Super Bowl contender, there is one drawback to McClellin's new opportunity.

"It's unfortunate that we're farther away from home than we used to be," he said, adding that his wife, Samantha, has family in the Boston area.

The MHS football camp came in the midst of a five-week break from his NFL career.

"Shea is such a great inspiration for those kids to see that they can strive to be even better than they can even possibly imagine and that they have a support group and a support system here with the football program, and Marsing School District in general, that is really supportive of them and really wants them to succeed," Cossel said.

— JPВ

Sarah Grossman of Freeze the Day Photography provided the interview recordings and photography from which The Owyhee Avalanche built this article.

Sports

Rivercats runners-up in Baker tournament

The Owyhee Rivercats Single A American Legion baseball team finished second Sunday in the Baker Wood Bat Tournament.

The Rivercats (14-8) lost their final game, 13-1, to the Boise Barons.

John Collett was 2-for-2, and Drew Taylor drove in Owyhee's only run in the loss, which snapped a four-game winning streak.

Owyhee collected three victories in the tournament, including a 9-8 come-from-behind victory over Winnemucca, Nev., on Friday. Homedale's Jake Deal and Marsing's Clay King each knocked in a pair of runs for Owyhee.

The Rivercats also rallied in a 7-1 win over Elko, Nev., on Saturday. Collett was 3-for-4 and Ben Lee went 3-for-3 to help Owyhee score seven unanswered runs after falling behind, 1-0, in the second inning

Taylor knocked in three runs while going 2-for-4 with a double

In another Saturday game, Wyatt Dorsey went 3-for-3 with an RBI, and Jake Deal drove in a pair of runs to fuel Owyhee's 6-2 win over Milton-Freewater, Ore.

Milton-Freewater scored two unearned runs in the third inning against Taylor, who went the distance for the win.

The Rivercats went 4-3 during the week, snapping a two-game losing streak when Jake Deal threw a shutout in a 3-0 win over the Vallivue Titans on Thursday.

Deal scattered seven hits and struck out eight in a completegame effort. He also knocked in a run and had a single and a double

Jaren Mease was 2-for-3 with an RBI for Owyhee.

Grazing restrictions possible after Owyhee Canyon Fire

Temporary grazing restrictions are among the potential treatments in the wake of the Owyhee Canyon Fire that burned primarily on Bureau of Land Management acreage in Malheur County earlier this month.

More details on the BLM's draft Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation (ES&R) plan were to be released Tuesday after deadline.

Between June 5 and June 8, 22,000 acres burned. BLM and contract firefighters as well as ranchers from the Owyhee Rangeland Fire Protection Association worked to contain the wildfire.

The BLM Vale District created a draft ES&R plan within seven days of the fire's containment, and a more comprehensive final plan was to be submitted earlier this week

"This initial plan includes the best and most effective treatments we can suggest at this point in the process," Vale District Resource Area Manager Pat Ryan said. "Once the plan is submitted, we'll move forward with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) procedures which will allow for public review and comment."

Potential treatments include:

- Inventory and treatment of noxious weeds in and around the fire perimeter
- Repair of fences, gates and livestock management infrastructure

- Temporary deferment or closure of affected grazing allotments
- Construction of temporary fences to keep livestock out of the affected area
- Herbicide application to prepare for planting and/or to remove invasive annual species competition
 - Sagebrush restoration
- Ongoing monitoring to determine treatment effectiveness and appropriate time to reopen grazing allotments

The initial plan states that of the 21,776 acres burned, including 701 acres of private land. The rest was BLM managed land.

The fire burned in general sage-grouse habitat and mule deer winter range. One sage-grouse lek was within the burn perimeter.

The fire also burned 4,120 acres of the Owyhee Canyon Wilderness Study Area (WSA), one livestock grazing allotment and damaged 16 miles of livestock management

The burned areas will adversely affect sage-grouse and other sage-obligate species. Invasive species such as Scotch and bull thistle, whitetop species, Russian knapweed, and rush skeletonweed have all been documented in the area. With the burning of competing native vegetation, these species are highly likely to spread into the affected area unless they are treated, the BLM said in a press release.



From left: Andrew Bell, Kyle Rupp, Alex Albor, Jeremy Bell, Patrick McMichael, Hunter Bell, Matt Thatcher, Ben Holloway, Drew Mast, Lance Bell, Ryker Johnson, Marcus Simmons, Ryan Bair, and Tucker Favenger. Photo by Dave Downum

Boy Scouts among those enjoying Homedale's disc golf course

Troop takes break from service projects

Activity at the Riverside Park disc golf course has picked up this year, and the Homedale Boy Scouts were among the latest to take advantage of the new attraction.

Scout leader Lance Bell said the Boy Scouts took a break from community service projects last Wednesday to play the nine-hole course that winds around Riverside Park.

"Although only part of the boys had played before, they all had a good time and got into it as we played through the course twice," Bell said.

The group held a closest-tothe-pin contest and then enjoyed large ice cream cones at Frosty Palace.

The golf outing was part of a three-month calendar the troop had planned. Community service thinning peaches at the Caldwell LDS church's orchard, helping a local family move and general yard work, including cleanup and weed pulling.

"They all had fun," Bell said.
"Ryker Johnson even went and got his own set of Frisbee golf disc."

City officials and course designer Dave Downum are looking for exactly that type of enthusiasm to help the course's popularity

grow. Downum, whose residence overlooks Riverside Park, said he has seen several folks, including families, out on the course this

The city council plans to dedicate \$1,200 in its fiscal year 2017 budget to developing the golf course. In part, the money will kick off a project to provide cement tee box pads at each of the nine holes.

Bell is among those who want to see the course and other attractions thrive in town.

"I think it's important to take advantage and use the close, local things the community has to offer so people see that they are appreciated," Bell said.

— JPB

Black Mtn. Road closed to cars

OCSO: Ignore Web-suggested route to Silver

After a rash of calls about stuck vehicles, the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office has closed Black Mountain Road to passenger

County Clerk Angie Barkell issued a press release announcing Sheriff Perry Grant's action Saturday afternoon, two hours after a vehicle became stuck in the sand on the road.

Apparently motorists are trying to get to Silver City on Black Mountain Road after following Internet mapping instructions.

"It is impassable by passenger car, and what's happening is that Google Maps is telling them that's the route they need to take to get to Silver City," OCSO Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said. "(Deputies) dealt with cars up there all weekend."

Bowman said as many as five cars attempted to take the route during the weekend.

During Monday's Board of County Commissioners meeting, Grant said he had plans to talk to Road District 1 boss Phil Rittenhouse about installing signs about the treacherous nature of traveling the road by car.

Bowman also said a request

could be made to the Idaho Transportation Department about posting a sign on Idaho highway 78 at the entrance to Murphy telling motorists that Silver City Road southeast of Murphy is the best route to the historic mining town

Google Maps apparently tells users that taking Rabbit Creek Road from Murphy and tying into Black Mountain Road is the quickest route to the historic mining town.

"This is the first time we've had problems with it," Bowman said of traffic on Black Mountain Road. "I can't think of any problems last year."

— JPB

Domestic battery suspect arrested

A man wanted in connection with a 10-month-old felony domestic battery case has been arrested.

Canyon County law enforcement authorities picked up 59-year-old Edward M. King on an Owyhee County warrant early Thursday.

An arrest warrant for King was issued after an incident in late August in which he allegedly struck his wife and threatened to kill her.

In an Aug. 31 court filing,

county Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery charged King with felony domestic battery with traumatic injury.

No courts have been set.

Meanwhile, an Arco man has been placed on probation for misdemeanor convictions of domestic assault and assaulting a peace officer.

Herbert R. Vester was arrested at a Wilson area residence on May 25.

Court documents indicate that he spat on the Owyhee County

Sheriff's deputy's hand and the patrol vehicle's windshield and acted belligerently during transport to county jail in Murphy.

Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober credited Vester with 28 days already spent behind bars and suspended the remainder of a six-month jail sentence.

Vester was placed on two years' probation and ordered to pay \$750 in fines and court fees.

A two-year protection order prohibiting contact with the victim also was issued.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense Vertical integration

There are those who say farming and ranching is a "way of life" more than it is a business, which helps explain why young people who grow up in agriculture return to work on the farm. Working the land holds a strong lure.

'Course, it also explains why young people who grow up in agriculture become architects and sailors! They remember the return-on-investment and want to be as far away from a tractor and a cow as they can be!

Ray said he first became a rancher. He loved it, but he found that he had to work all the bad days. They waited until it started snowing on the mountain before they gathered the cows. They spent frigid days ridin' the high country chasin' cows outta crevices and thickets, suffering stiff fingers, frozen toes and icicles in his moustache!

He was often preg checking and shippin' calves in a bone-damp fall drizzle. He was calvin' in snowdrifts, chainin' up to feed the cows and choppin' ice on Christmas morning. It was followed by brandin' in the blowin' dirt. Then, about the time they were ready to turn the cows and calves out, the weather got beautiful.

So, he became a farmer. He enjoyed farming as much as ranching. But he found that in farming he had to work on all the good days! As soon as the birds started chirping, he was out in the field breakin' ground. Planting as the springtime flowers bloomed. Spraying and cultivating in the heat of the summer when he should have been drinkin' iced tea in the shade. Harvesting cut into his fishing. Then, he laid around the house all winter because it was too miserable to go outside!

Finally, Ray had a stroke of genius. He decided to become a rancher/farmer combination! His brilliant solution to be a rancher on the good days and farmer on the bad days!

This arrangement gave him time to organize his business. He eventually became vertically integrated. But as he prospered, his activities attracted an increasing number of folks who insisted on helping him. He couldn't make a decision or a plan a move without facing a barrage of regulations administered by helpful bureaucrats.

Before he could save himself, he went broke. He said, he realized too late, that vertical integration was just a means of doing business where the government could stick it to you "standing up"!

— 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.

Letters to the editor

All letters to the editor submitted to The Owyhee Avalanche must be no longer than 300 words, signed and include the writer's address and daytime phone number.

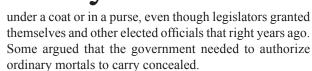
The deadline for submitting letters is noon on Friday. Letters can be submitted in these ways:

- $\hbox{$\bullet$ E-mailed to jon@owyheeavalanche.com}\\$
- Faxed to (208) 337-4867
- Mailed to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628
- Dropped off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave.. in Homedale

For more information, call (208) 337-4681.

Wayne Hofffman, Idaho Freedom Foundation executive director

Cherish our rights Celebrate gun rights with the new permitless-carry law



Changing the law so it applies to all Idahoans was the brainchild of Greg Pruett of the Idaho Second Amendment Alliance. But Greg quickly learned pro-gun Idaho lawmakers weren't going to simply accept a change in policy because it's a darned good idea. It took years of negotiating, proposing and eventually nagging.

The lesson learned from this experience: Even in Idaho, where a legislator's National Rifle Association ranking is like gold, Second Amendment rights do not come easily. They must be fought for valiantly, passionately and tirelessly. And even though this victory was years in the making, don't be terribly surprised if the Legislature again debates gun restrictions in 2017, as part of the larger na-

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selves — without needing permission from the government to do so. You no longer will have to see your sheriff, prove your worthiness and pay a fee to carry a weapon concealed. It's a big day for freedom. Equally important, it's a big day for the safety and security of all Idahoans.

Permitless-concealed carry is one the great achievements of the 2016 legislative session, made possible by the tenac-

Starting Friday, Idahoans will be able to defend them-

of the 2016 legislative session, made possible by the tenacity of gun rights champions who had the vision of a state where people don't need a permit as part of their Second Amendment rights. The pro-self defense victory serves as a contrast to the efforts taking place in Washington, D.C., where progressive politicians, surrounded daily by professional armed security, and their allies in the media, have used every tragedy that has involved a gun to try to upend the Second Amendment.

Idahoans have long enjoyed, as a staple of their state constitution, the right to openly carry. But lawmakers have resisted the right for Idahoans to conceal their weapons

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Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington Boisean's perseverance pays

off with Trevor's Law passage

Trevor Schaefer of Boise not only fought hard and survived after being diagnosed with brain cancer at the young age of 13, but also he has fought for the past seven years to get legislation through Congress and to the President's desk that will help others through the documentation and tracking of childhood and adult cancer clusters in Idaho and around the nation.

In 2010, Trevor shared his story with me, and he and his mother, Charlie Smith, and Susan Rosser proposed cancer cluster legislation. I worked with Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.) to introduce the original bill in 2011 and similar legislation again in 2013. To help advance the bill, Trevor testified before the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee (EPW), on which I serve. Trevor and his family have worked to raise awareness of cancer clusters and the possible links of clusters to toxins in the environment. The Schaefer Family has also helped build support for legislation to assist communities experiencing suspected cancer clusters. Every step of the way, Trevor stayed with the legislation and overcame many hurdles. His perseverance is an example to me and an honor to Idaho.

I worked with EPW Committee Chairman Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.) and Ranking Member Barbara Boxer to write and include the Trevor's Law language in the final compromise legislation of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) reform bill. The bill, which the U.S. Senate recently passed by unanimous voice vote and the House of Representatives passed by a vote of 403-12 in May, was signed into law by the President last Wednesday.

Trevor's Law makes the following important changes:

- The law would strengthen federal agency coordination and accountability when investigating potential "clusters" of cancer:
- It would increase assistance to areas impacted by potential cancer clusters; and
- It would authorize federal agencies to form partnerships with states and academic institutions to investigate and help address cancer clusters.

The enactment of Trevor's law is a significant milestone in how cancer clusters will be identified,



Legislation's namesake Trevor Schaefer, right, Sen. Mike Crapo, and Trevor's mother Charlie Smith sign Trevor's Law legislation outside the U.S. Capitol last Wednesday. Photo courtesy Crapo's office

monitored and treated in the United States. As a two-time cancer survivor, I recognize that cancer can come from many sources. This law may provide the answers to questions that many families face when confronting cancer, and finding ways to help Americans fully understand cancer clusters is important. Through increasing federal agency coordination and accountability and providing more resources to affected communities, families will have more information and tools to maintain health and well-being. The enactment of Trevor's Law is also a testament to the determination and commitment of many people — including Trevor Schaefer and his mother, Charlie Smith — in never giving up on enacting this law that will benefit Americans nationwide.

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

Commentary

Financial management

Temper generosity with wise personal savings plan

Dear Dave,

I've heard you talk about the importance of giving using the phrase "outrageous generosity." But at what point does outrageous generosity become foolish overspending?

— Josiah

Dear Josiah,

This is a good question. Your first mandate is to take care of your own household. The Bible says if you don't do this, you're worse than an unbeliever. So start with your own family. Are you able to take care of the basic lifestyle and needs of your family? The pursuit of giving shouldn't interrupt the food on your own family's table.

The Bible also says in the house of the wise there are stores of choice food and oil, but a foolish man devours all he has. You need to be saving, too, in order to be biblically wise. If you spend everything you make, or, for that

matter, if you gave away everything you make on an ongoing basis, it would be foolish.

There are individual times where people may be called to give in an extreme way, but I'm talking about a pattern of living or way of life over an extended period of time. If you just say you're going to give away your whole income and let the government support you at the expense of your family, that's not biblical. And it's not a wise way to live your life.

— Dave

Dear Dave,

I make \$38,000 a year working in the trade show industry, and I'm about to start Baby Step 3. It took 14 months to pay off \$8,000 in debt for Baby Step 2, so I'm wondering how long it should take to save up my three to six months of expenses. I've also not done a lot toward retirement. I'm 52, and I'm worried about that. How can I stay motivated in the Baby Steps



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and handle retirement worries?

— **Donna**

Dear Donna,

The general time frame I look at for saving up a fully funded emergency fund is six months to a year. Your take-home pay should be about \$3,000 a month, so three to six months of expenses will

probably be in the neighborhood of \$8,000 to \$10,000. If it took you about a year to pay off that much in debt, then it should take about a year to accomplish this.

But if you start building retirement right now and have an emergency, you know what you'll use? You'll use your retirement. That's why the emergency fund comes before retirement in the Baby Steps. The average household income in America, which is often two incomes, is around \$52,000. I would challenge you to think about and work toward what you could be doing at age 60 that will make you that much or even more.

You're probably working really hard for that \$38,000. In your 50s, if you're starting over — or if you start making a lot more — we call that an "encore career." So I want you to start thinking fresh again. Don't quit today, but you're going to be making \$38,000 eight years from now unless you start aiming

at something else.

All this is as much an answer to your retirement fears as trying to leapfrog and start doing retirement without an emergency fund. Put your emergency fund in place over the next 12 months, and start doing some goal setting and thinking. Maybe you'd like to *own* a trade show or events company by that time.

Ask yourself, "What would I do if I could do anything?" Because you know what? You *can* do anything!

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is America's trusted voice on money and business, and CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven 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. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.

Americans for Limited Government Supreme Court blocks executive amnesty—for now

by Robert Romano

In a 4 to 4 tie, the Supreme Court has upheld lower court rulings that enjoins the Obama administration from moving forward with executive amnesty for 4.5 million illegal immigrants with U.S.-born children.

The ruling upheld a preliminary injunction put in place by the U.S. District Court of Southern District of Texas and the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. The original rulings also granted standing to the State of Texas to sue against the amnesty.

Texas Republican Gov. Greg Abbott hailed the ruling as a victory.

"The action taken by the President was an unauthorized abuse of presidential power that trampled the Constitution, and the Supreme Court rightly denied the President the ability to grant amnesty contrary to immigration laws," Abbott said. "As the President himself said, he is not a king who can unilaterally change and write immigration laws. Today's ruling is also a victory

for all law-abiding Americans — including the millions of immigrants who came to America following the rule of law."

Abbott was referring to the repeated instances where Obama said he could not just change the law unilaterally without Congress.

For example in November 2013, the president said, "If, in fact, I could solve all these problems without passing laws in Congress then I would do so. But we're also a nation of laws. That's a part of our tradition."

Obama was responding to a heckler at a San Francisco speech who insisted "You have a power to stop deportation for all undocumented immigrants in this country."

"Actually, I don't," was Obama's initial response.

He added, "The easy way out is to try and yell and pretend like I can do something by violating our laws, and what I'm proposing is the harder path, which is to use our democratic processes."

That is, until he found little political support in Congress

for his position. And then he just went ahead and changed the law unilaterally a year later.

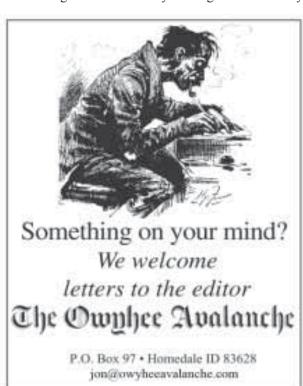
The case now proceeds to trial in the district court before Judge Andrew Hanen, who issued the original injunction.

Meaning, for now, the Obama executive amnesty is dead, with another round of court rulings on the merits of the case to be decided, which encompasses whether President Barack Obama had authority to defer prosecutorial action against an entire class of illegal immigrants.

While it is possible lower courts could rule quickly on the matter, there is little chance it would be back before the Supreme Court until next year at the earliest, after the presidential election.

At the ballot box, not in the courtroom, may come the pivotal moment when the final fate of executive amnesty is decided.

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



√ **Rights:** Display Second Amendment support though Reveal your Conceal placard campaign

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tional debate about mass shootings, terrorism and national security

That's why the next several days, weeks and months are a great time to, as the Idaho Freedom Foundation says, "Reveal your Conceal." Go to IdahoFreedom.org/Reveal-Your-Conceal and tell the world why your Second Amendment rights are important to you and why you've decided to carry concealed. It might be because you want to defend your family or your friends and neighbors. It might be because you believe we're all safer — at the checkout line, movie theater or gas station — when we have a means of self-defense. Maybe you have a personal story of how

your Second Amendment right saved your life or the lives of people dear to you. If so, please share it.

With Independence Day just around the corner, it's time celebrate and to educate. Let's do so that other Americans who are not so blessed as we are in Idaho will come to understand and appreciate what the U.S. Constitution means when it says: the right of the people to keep and bear arms is not to be infringed.

— Wayne Hoffman of Nampa is president of the Idaho Freedom Foundation, which on the IFF website is described as a non-partisan educational research institute and government watchdog.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

July 3, 1991

Paul's Market expansion begins

Work began Monday on an expansion of Paul's in Homedale that is expected to make the local store the largest supermarket outlet between Caldwell and Ontario for area shoppers. Paul's in Homedale is already the biggest grocery store in Owyhee County.

The expansion, expected to be completed in about mid-September, will lead to the establishment of a new hot deli department here, along with new floral and video rental facilities. A courtesy counter will also be established where area shoppers may purchase money orders, among other transactions.

Council disagrees over how to fix up island

The city of Marsing received the green light from the state of Idaho in April to begin their dump station project at the Marsing Island Park, but the project is still in the planning phase.

The city council members started the preliminary work on the project more than a year ago. So far, the city has spent about \$12,000 on engineering costs for the island, and now have what they believe to be a workable plan, according to Janice Bicandi, City Clerk.

The city was held up when a plan to access the island from the north end, off the road to Gustafson Inc., failed.

However, some disagreement still exists among the council members on how the island should be developed.

The state approved a \$52,370 grant for the city in November of last year, but the grant was subject to legislative approval. The grant was through the Idaho RV Advisory Committee of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The city budgeted \$40,000 for the project, according to Mayor Gene Showalter.

Part of the cost of the project will be the construction of a new access road to the north side of the island, where the dumping station will be located. Large RVs cannot pass under the bridge.

ICA: Grazing fee would control land, hurt environment

The Idaho Cattle Association blasted an amendment by Rep, Mike Synar (D-OK) to hike federal grazing fees 400 percent over the next four years calling the move a threat to Idaho's ranchers and rangeland resources. The amendment, which was tacked onto the House Interior Appropriations bill as a maneuver to avoid committee consideration, passed the House by a 232-192 vote.

"Congressman Synars (D-OK) amendment is an end-run political move to bypass the normal process allowing fair consideration of the issue by the appropriate authorizing committee," said ICA President Dan Hammond of American Falls, "If passed, the amendment would be devastating to over 3,000 permit holders in Idaho as well as the resource."

Currently, cattlemen pay a grazing fee of \$1.97/Animal Unit Month (AUM) to graze livestock on federal lands.

Volk wins second

Jake Volk of the Homedale Mat Club took an impressive second place at the Western Regional National Wrestling Championships, which drew some 1,500 wrestlers from 11 states to Boise State last week.

Flagpole erected in park to honor veterans

U.S, Army Airborne Trooper Mike Griffith, the latest local man to come home following Desert Storm battle action, was among a handful of people at Homedale City Park Monday to view a new flagpole being placed there that was inspired by U.S. troop participation in the Persian Gulf War.

The flagpole is also meant to honor area veterans of past conflicts, including Vietnam veterans whose military service has so often been slighted or overlooked in the past, according to several local people active in the lighted flagpole project.

50 years ago

June 30, 1966

Sale of Owyhee Chronicle is announced

Sale of The Owyhee Chronicle, effective July 1, was announced today by Mr. and Mrs. Everett Colley.

New owners are Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mills. Mr. Mills has worked as advertising manager at The Chronicle for the past month. The Mills live in Caldwell at present, but hope to move to Homedale soon. Mrs. Mills will join her husband in publishing the paper.

The Colley family has owned The Chronicle for nearly 35 years. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Colley purchased the weekly in 1932, shortly after it had been started by Chas. O. Davis. Mr. Colley died in 1938 and various younger members of the Colley family worked on the paper and helped Mrs. Colley run it until April, 1941, when Everett and Kenneth Colley formed a partnership to publish The Chronicle and later The Wilder Herald. Kenneth was called into service during World War II, but returned to publish the Herald after the war, and later continued his education, climaxed by obtaining a law degree. He now is in practice at Corvallis, Ore.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Colley have continued with the paper, assisted by Mrs. Grace Colley, who makes her home here, and will continue to publish the Wilder Herald, assisted by Mrs. Clara Branen, long-time Herald office employee.

Colley said he and his wife "hope to catch up on their fishing and hunting this fall, and Homedale will always be their home."

Attend Convention at Portland, Ore.

David Vance and Michele Knight represented Homedale High School at the National Thespians Convention at Matteson High School at Portland, Ore., June 20-24. They were housed on the campus of Portland University. They joined a group from Boise High School attending the convention and report it was a wonderful experience.

David and Michele were qualified to attend as officers in the Homedale High School Thespian Club.

Hamilton Watch presented by president of U of I

Alfred Joseph Eiguren was congratulated by University of Idaho President Ernest W. Hartung upon receiving the Hamilton Watch award. Eiguren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Eiguren, was selected the graduating engineering student who most successfully combined proficiency in his major field with notable achievements in social sciences and humanities.

Junior bowlers place in state tournament

Homedale youths and teams placing in the 3rd annual Idaho State Youth Bowling Tournament at 20th Century Lanes in Boise included:

Singles – Prep boys, Kim Tolsma, 1st, 516.

All events – Prep boys, Kim Tolsma, 1st, 1474.

Handicap Awards

Teams – Junior boys, Homedale, 2997, 1st.

Doubles – Junior boys, Dan Uranga, Dennis Tanikuni, 1261, 2nd.

Prep girls – Maria Stone, 609, 2nd.

All events – Prep boys, Allen Echeverria, 1965, 1st.

This is the fourth time a team instructed by Ray and Virginia Tolsma has taken first place in the state

and Virginia Tolsma has taken first place in the state tournament. Their team took first in the state tournament 3 times from Meridian and once from Homedale.

Succor Crik Sam Sez:

"Don't keer how hot it gits. I got my rockin' chair parked in the shade."

Homedale Locals

Mrs. Estelee Tuttle arrived home Wednesday, June 22 from a trip to Indiana and Illinois by plane. She also attended the Cardinals ball game in St. Louis, Mo. While at St. Louis, Mrs. Tuttle toured the farm of Gen. Grant, near the city.

140 years ago

July 1, 1876

CENTENNIAL NOTES – Philadelphia, June 10, 1876. Editor Idaho Avalanche: The Idaho Cabinet of minerals is a very good one and with the others from neighboring States and Territories attract considerable attention in the United States Government Building; but Mexico draws visitors to her section like a magnet by exhibiting a circular mass of pure silver weighing 4,000 pounds, and valued at \$72,000. As such a thing is a great curiosity and temptation here, the exhibitors appropriately adorned it with the following label: "Visitors will please not handle."

Sweden carries of the palm for the best show of iron and steel. Twenty-eight exhibitors contribute, and among them the two largest establishments in the Kingdom, those of Moloto and of Saudark. Huge columns and pyramids of iron and steel bars and pipes, with great screens, tower above the roofs of the buildings, on which are arranged tires, bars and ingots on every side.

THE APPEARANCE of the president of the United States at a political demonstration such as recently occurred in Washington, is a matter deserving of the strongest condemnation. Not only that, but President Grant disgraces his high office by an exhibition of partisan sympathy calculated to justify the impression that he is the President of a party and not the Chief Magistrate of the entire nation. But whatever party a President happens to be elected, it is dignified, honorable and becoming to him to show the world that the Executive officer of the Government can keep himself aloof from the influence of partisan feeling when it takes the shape and form of a public meeting. Such an exhibition is simply disgraceful.

CROOK HAS been doing some heavy fighting lately, and quite heavy losses in killed are reported on both sides. The Crows and the Snakes assisted in fighting the Sioux. It is reported that our troops met with quite a serious repulse. Crook narrowly escaped an Indian bullet. The Sioux were superior in number and had the advantage of position.

KIND WORDS - Frank R. Starr, Esq., our able correspondent at Horseshoe Bend, bids us a kind adieu in the following note, dated at that place June 19th: "I leave here for Horseshoe Bend to-morrow and from thence to Benicia, where I shall in future reside. Farewell to the Avalanche and its able editor and correspondents. I must say that I have enjoyed communion with congenial spirits. The liberal stand taken by the Avalanche and its straightforward way of dealing with the momentous questions of the day must eventually bring it up to the highest niche in the journalistic temple. If the Territory comes out all right, your paper is sure to ride the top wave as it has the popular favor. Good bye; may the fates deal kindly with you and yours." We are sorry to part with our old friend "Arion" and while thanking him for his kind words of encouragement, we sincerely hope that his future career may be attended with the fullest quota of happiness and prosperity.

A SALUTE of twenty-one guns was fired here on Thursday in honor of the St. Louis nominations. O. H. Purdy, Esq., and other Democrats, engineered the matter. Later in the day a bonfire was built and Hon. F. H. Ensign and others spoke to the crowd in enthusiastic endorsement of the nomination of Tilden and Hendricks.

THE UNITED States Senate, by a vote of 24 to 22, rejected the bill which passed the House, transferring the management of the Indians to the War Department. The rejection of this salutary measure will have the effect of giving a fresh lease of power to the thieving crew of agents who have been plundering the Government for so many years under the beneficent influences of the "peace policy." The reign of the plunderers, however, will probably be of short duration.

ublic notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC **HEARING** BEFORE THE OWYHEE **COUNTY PLANNING &** ZONING COMMISSION

On July 20, 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 Leslie and Lavada Loucks seeking to establish a 21 lot residential subdivision on approximately 27 acres of a 46.64 acre parcel, identified as parcel number RP03N04W275476A. The property is in a residential zone and is situated in a portion of the W1/2 of the SW1/4 of Section 27, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 1:00 pm, the Commission will hear a request for a conditional use permit filed by Franklin United Inc. seeking to add retail/commercial fuel dispensers and islands to their existing bulk plant located at 36873 State Highway 78, Grand View, Idaho. The subject parcel is approximately half an acre and is identified as parcel number RP05S03E229500A. The subject parcel is located in a multi-use zone located in a portion of the $SE^{1/4}$ of the $SE^{1/4}$ of section 22, Township 5 South, Range 3 East, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 2:00 pm, the Commission will hear a request for a conditional use permit filed by Peter and Jennifer Krause seeking to establish a private outdoor shooting range and training facility located at 22301 Oreana Loop Road, Oreana, Idaho. The subject parcels total approximately 680 acres, and are identified as parcel numbers RP04S01E360001A and RP04S01E258400A. The subject parcels are located in an agricultural zone and include all of section 36, and the SWSE¹/₄ of Section 25, both in Township 4 South, Range 1 East, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County,

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.

NOTICE OF PENDING **ISSUE OF TAX DEED**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, AS FOLLOWS: That a delinquent entry was entered as of January 1, 2011, in the records of the County Treasurer as Tax Collector of Owyhee County, State of Idaho, for the following properties:

Parcel RP00820002002AA, Shagaye Dalton, 1003 12 Ave So, Nampa, ID 83651

Property known as Lot 2 Block 2 Shari Hill Estates Phase 1 in section 92N 4W, Owyhee County, Idaho, and having a commonly referred to physical address of 6350 Shari Hill Way, Marsing, Idaho.

Tax: Late Charge: Interest: \$319.24 \$144.38** Costs: \$ 1079.36 TOTAL

Parcel RP0M0120350000A, Katherine E Pike, PO Box 999, Marsing, ID 83639

Property known as E2E2SESW

Less Tax 5 Section 35 2N 4W Owyhee County, Idaho, and commonly referred to as Pike Mobile Home Park.

\$1163.06 Late Charge: \$ 23.26 \$615.06 Interest: \$144.38** Costs: **TOTAL** \$ 1945.76

Parcel RP02N04W356602A, Katherine E Pike, PO Box 999, Marsing, ID 83639

Property known as Tax 5 Less Tax 13 Section 35 2N 4W, Owyhee County, Idaho

\$383.98 Tax: Late Charge: \$7.68 \$203.06 Interest: \$144.38** Costs: \$ 739.10 **TOTAL**

**Pursuant to Idaho Code §63-1005 (3), amounts will increase as additional cost and fees in the tax

deed process are added. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED, that if said delinquent entry is not redeemed on or before July 18, 2016, by payment of said unpaid taxes together with late charge, interest and all unpaid costs and expenses up to the date of said payment at my office as Tax Collector, Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, ID, I shall thereupon, as required by law, make application to the Board of County Commissioners of Owyhee County, State of Idaho, for a hearing to be held on July 25, 2016, or as soon thereafter as said application can be heard at the Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, Idaho, for tax deed conveying the above described property to OWYHEE COUNTY, State of Idaho, absolute title, free of all encumbrances, except any lien for taxes which may have attached subsequently to the assessment hereinafter referred YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED, that the record owner or owners or any party of interest as defined by §63-1005, Idaho Code, may appear in person or by counsel, and if appearing, shall have adequate opportunity to be heard for the purpose of protesting the procedures used in taking this tax deed. NO OTHER TYPE OF PROTEST WILL BE HEARD. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that inquiries and objections concerning this notice of the information contained therein shall be directed to the **OWYHEE COUNTY TREASURER** at 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650; or by calling (208) 495-1158 no later than five (5) working days before the hearing date.

Dated this 17th day of June,

Brenda Richards COUNTY TREASURER and EX-OFFICIO TAX COLLECTOR FOR OWYHEE COUNTY, **IDAHO**

6/22,29;7/6,13/16

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV 2015-0740 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF

OWYHEE IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DENNIS ARTHUR CRANDALL, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the estate of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of

this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

Dated: June 15, 2016.

Belen Crandall Fuentes, Personal Representative, c/o STEWART TAYLOR & MORRIS PLLC, 12550 W. Explorer Drive, Suite 100, Boise, ID 83713 6/22,29;7/6/16

NOTICE OF HEARING CASE NO. CV-2014-0390 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL **DISTRICT OF** THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF **OWYHEE**

In the Matter of the Estate of HARRY LEE MELTON, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Personal Representative of the above-named estate has filed her Petition for Order Approving Final Settlement and Distribution of the above-named estate, a copy of which is on file with the aboveentitled Court. The estate consists of personal property together with real property located in Owyhee County, State of Idaho. Hearing upon said Petition will be held on the 1st day of August, 2016, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., in the above-entitled Court, at which time objections to said Petition will be heard.

DATED this 22nd day of June, 2016.

Karen Ranae Jolley, Personal Representative

By Frank W. Stoppello, Attorney for Personal Representative, 620 West Hays Street, Boise, Idaho 83702 Phone (208) 336-1020 6/29;7/6,13/16

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S **SALE**

On the 20th day of September, 2016, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. of this day (recognized local time), on the front steps of The Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650, in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, TitleOne Corporation, an Idaho corporation, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash or cashier's check (cash equivalent), in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale in compliance with Section 45-1506(9) Idaho Code, the following described real property, situated in Owyhee County, State of Idaho, and described as follows

That part of the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 8, Township 3 North, Range 5 West of the Boise Meridian, described as follows, to-wit:

COMMENCING at the Northwest corner of the West One Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 8, Township 3 North, Range 5 West Boise Meridian; thence South along the West line of said Northeast of the Northeast Quarter 460 feet; thence North 43° East a distance of 265 feet; thence North 30° East a distance of 315 feet to a point on the North line of said Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; thence South 88°52'51" West along said North line a distance of 338.29 feet more or less to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that according to the County Assessor's office, the address of 2863 State Hwy 19, Homedale, ID 83628, 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 Pete A Cameron and Brenda L Cameron, as Grantor(s), to TitleOne Corporation, an Idaho corporation, as Successor Trustee, and Triple B LLC, as Beneficiary, recorded May 30, 2014, as Instrument No. 283992, in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION (45-1506) (4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THATTHEYARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The beneficiary hereby gives notice that a breach of obligation for which said transfer in security has occurred, the nature of the breach being:

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust Note, as evidenced in paragraph 6 under section B of the Deed of Trust the entire loan balance immediately due and payable in the amount of \$37,689.57, for Principal, together with unpaid accrued interest owing in the amount of \$827.41, as of May 12, 2016. All amounts are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and all are accruing until the date of sale, full satisfaction, or reinstatement of the obligation.

The failure to pay past due real property taxes in Owyhee County for the year 2014 and the first half of 2015, in the amount of \$1,067.94, and failure to bring said real property taxes current.

Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

Dated: 05/23/2016

TITLEONE CORPORATION Successor Trustee By: Sheri Coleman, Trust Officer

Order No. 16271140 Cameron / 595498

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE At 11:00 o'clock A.M.

(recognized local time) on October 13, 2016, at the Lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, located at, 20381 St Hwy 78, Murphy, ID, First American Title Company Inc., as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash,

in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in Owyhee County, Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 7 of Block 3 of BIG SKY ESTATES NO. ONE, part of Government Lot 4, Section 4, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof filed October 26, 1978 as Instrument No. 156593 in the office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho.

Information concerning the foreclosure action may be obtained from the Trustee, whose telephone number is (208) 785-2515. According to the Trustee's records, the street address of 504 White Cloud Cir, Homedale, Idaho 83628 is sometimes associated with said property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession, or encumbrances to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Real Estate Deed of Trust for Idaho executed by, Rodney K Roberts and Beth C Roberts, husband and wife, as Grantor(s), Stewart Title of Idaho, Inc., as Trustee, for the benefit and security of, The United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, as Beneficiary; said Real Estate Deed of Trust for Idaho was recorded July 28, 1994 as Owyhee County Recorder's Instrument No. 213341

The default for which this sale is to be made is as follows: Failure to make the monthly payment of \$589.68 due for the 26th day of May, 2015 and a like sum of \$589.68 due for the 26th day of each and every month thereafter;

The above Grantor(s) are named to comply with Section 45-1506(4)(a), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation. As of May 17, 2016 there is due and owing on the loan an unpaid principal balance of \$42,580.16, accrued interest in the amount of \$3,386.00, subsidy granted in the amount of \$7,432.56 and fees currently assessed in the amount of \$1,329.42 for a total amount due of \$54,728.14. Interest continues to accrue on the Note at the rate of 7.5% per annum with a per diem rate of \$8.99 after May 17, 2016. All delinquencies are now due together with any late charges, advances to protect the security, and fees and costs associated with this foreclosure. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause said property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

DATED June 8, 2016 FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY, INC., SUCCESSOR

TRUSTEE

By: /s/ Kaitlin Ann Gotch, Trust Officer

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Public notices

NOTICE OF HEARING
ON NAME CHANGE
CASE NO. CV-2016-0992
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
FOR THE STATE OF

IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

IN RE: John Manuel Birmingham, Date of Birth: 10/11/1963

A Petition to change the name of John Manuel Birmingham, now residing in the City of Givens Hot Springs, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Owyhee County, Idaho. The name will change to Jack Manuel Birmingham. The reason for the change in name is: For more than 50 years, every personal and legal document, including every form of identification, used by John Manuel Birmingham has stated his first name as "Jack." The name change is necessary so that he can legally continue

to use the name "Jack" although his birth certificate lists his name as "John."

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 10:30 o'clock a.m. on July 11, 2016 at the Owyhee County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

DATE: 6/7/2016 Angela Barkell, Clerk of the District Court

By: Lena Johnson, Deputy Clerk

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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO: Timothy Romaine, You have been sued by Charlene Romaine, the plaintiff, in the District Court in and for Owyhee County, Idaho, Case No. CV2016-947-H

The nature of the claim against you is for Divorce.

Any time after 20 days

following the last publication of this Summons, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the case number, and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at: 31 W Wyoming, Homedale, ID 83628 Phone 208-337-4540 and served a copy of your response on the other party, whose mailing address and telephone number are: PO Box 983, Marsing, ID 83639 / 208-509-9744

A copy of the Summons and Complaint/Motion can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the other party. If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.

Date: June 2, 2016 Owyhee County District Court, By: Cindy Chaves, Deputy

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