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## Pleasant weather brings out crafts, classic car buffs



**Left:** Two award winners parked side-by-side Saturday at the Wagons and Wheels car show at Homedale's LDS church. On the right, is the 1962 Pontiac Bonneville convertible owned by Boise's Ray and Shirley Greene that was judged best restored. Next to the Bonneville is Parma resident Jeff Parker's best truck award-winner, a 1966 GMC. Also in the row: A 1956 Chevy sedan delivery owned by Eagle's Rick Lashbrook and Marsing resident John Clark's 1937 Plymouth coupe. **Right:** Caldwell resident Karen Jensen, right, buys a handmade wooden seam ripper from Chaos Wood Turning owner Wayne Breshears during Saturday's Homedale Art in the Park event at Bette Uda City Park. For more photos of the car show, see **Page 12**. Additional vendor photos from the second annual Art in the Park are on **Page 13**.

## Homedale boy awaits new heart Richards winds down PLC presidency at OCA summer meeting

### Winchel family raising funds to help with medical expenses

If you saw Brandon Winchel sitting in his front yard, you probably wouldn't guess that the 11-year-old Homedale boy is dealing with serious health issues.

The son of Brandon and Casey Winchel attends Wilder Middle School and looks healthy. His mom says folks are often surprised to hear that her son needs a heart transplant.

"Last year he was diagnosed with tachycardia and bradycardia," Casey Winchel said. "He ended up getting a pacemaker put in, but it was six months before he got the pacemaker. Bradycardia is where his heart rate drops too low, and tachycardia is where it shoots through the roof."

With those two conditions, Brandon cannot maintain a steady heart rate. No doctor had ever diagnosed his heart problems until last year.

"In Missouri, where we're from, we took him in all the time, every six months for his check-up," Casey said. "I kept telling them for years, 'Something's wrong. He doesn't have the energy

— See **Heart**, page 5A



Brandon Winchel, 11, lends a hand during a car wash Friday afternoon in the Homedale AutoZone parking lot. Proceeds will help fund a heart transplant for Brandon.

### Reynolds Creek rancher to speak in Silver City

For Brenda Richards, ranching is a passion, a lifestyle and a livelihood.

During her two-year term as Public Lands Council national president, which draws to a close this summer, the Reynolds Creek rancher has traveled the West and to Washington DC delivering a message honed by 25 years of helping shape policy as a rancher and a public servant.

She comes home Saturday to deliver her final chat to the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association membership as PLC president.

The 138th annual meeting begins at 9 a.m. inside the Silver City schoolhouse. For more

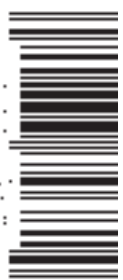


Brenda Richards has been a fixture at Owyhee Cattlemen's Association meetings for several years.

information on the event, see the special edition in this week's issue of The Owyhee Avalanche.

During the summer meeting at Silver City, she'll most likely give updates on her three trips

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# Officials in home stretch for county fair preparations

Monday is the final day to nominate a grand marshal candidate for the Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Parade.

The grand marshal selection is one of several moving parts for the run-up of the 83<sup>rd</sup> annual fair, which takes place Aug. 8 through Aug. 13 at the fairgrounds in Homedale.

The rodeo will be held from Aug. 10 to Aug. 13. Information on rodeo entries for both the local and Idaho Cowboy Association events can be found on Page 16A of this week's edition of The Owyhee Avalanche. Entries for local events are being taken today only.

The parade will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 13.

Grand marshal nomination forms can be found on Page 17 of this year's fair book. Send nomination forms to Owyhee County Fair Parade, P.O. Box 695, Homedale, ID 83628.

For more information on the grand marshal selection or the parade, call event coordinator Jolyn Green at (208) 318-3982.

No pre-registration is required for the parade. Registration takes place at 8:30 a.m. the day of the event and judging will be held at 9 a.m.

The usual events are back for the fair this year, but fair manager Ginger Loucks said the popular siphon tube setting contest will return in 2016.

A ditch for the contest is part of the improvements being undertaken this summer ahead of the fair.

Other improvements include a new cover for the main concession

area between the Tumbleweed Theatre and the Livestock Barn.

The fair office has been moved into a building behind the Tumbleweed Theatre stage, and the old office has been leveled. The small animal barn also was torn down to make room for expansion of the Tumbleweed Theatre area.

Loucks previously said the fair board has launched a plan to replace the Homedale Armory building with a new exhibition hall that would include a new fairgrounds office.

Loucks said the siphon tube-setting contest was a late addition for this year's fair and, therefore, doesn't appear in the fair book.

Some of the other activities planned throughout fair week include:

- The opportunity to nominate a fair board member to kiss a pig during the swine show.
  - Watermelon seed spit-off
  - Veggie creature contest
  - Items Made by a Man contest.
- This is a new contest in which men will be able to show off their creativity.

• Cookie contest judged by the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners

- Cow pie contest
- Best theme decorations contest
- Salt block lick contest
- Nature's Wonder contest
- Roping contest
- Talent show
- Pedal tractor pull
- A Bountiful Harvest contest
- Tractor driving contest
- Coloring contest for children 12 and younger



Kyle Pennington with Pennington Construction of Middleton donated his time Thursday to start construction of a new ditch at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds in Homedale. The ditch will be the site of a siphon tube-setting contest at this year's Owyhee County Fair.



A new concessions booth at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds in Homedale as of Thursday morning. Finishing touches will include replacing fan blades and installing lighting and appliances.



A new concrete pad adjacent to the Tumbleweed Theatre has been placed where the small animal barn once stood at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds in Homedale. The new fair office stands behind the Tumbleweed Theatre.

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# Homedale LDS church plans back-to-school clothing giveaway

Children needing clothing items before school resumes are invited to a back-to-school clothing giveaway. It will be held at 6 p.m., on Tuesday at the Homedale LDS Church, 708 W. Idaho Ave. Anyone with gently used items for donation can call Angie Layne, (208) 697-0778 or Margie Skinner (208) 871-1538.





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# OCSO secures grant for new boat

Owyhee County is now accepting bids for a new river boat to be used by the sheriff's office.

The county landed a grant of \$46,518 from the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation to purchase the vessel.

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners approved the grant agreement during a July 18 meeting.

Sheriff Perry Grant referred questions about the new boat to marine deputy Milt Greenwood.

The county will have to match 20 percent of the cost of the boat. Greenwood thinks the vessel will cost about \$63,000, meaning the match will be around \$12,600.

The matching funds would come out of the county's vessel fund, which is seeded with proceeds from boat registration fees. Officials say the county gets revenue only when boaters who use local waterways to designate Owyhee County as their primary county.

The new vessel will mostly be used for any sort of river rescue.

"If you have a boat that swamps or capsizes, if you have a boat that breaks down, we can send this boat out there to get it," Greenwood said. "Last year, we had everything from duck hunters that capsized to kayaks that tipped over."

"Then on top of that we do regular patrol work. This time of year we're looking for people playing with fireworks or doing something that may cause a fire."

The county is accepting sealed bids for the boat through Aug. 5. Greenwood said the sheriff's office is looking at either a Custom Weld Viper or an Extreme Shallow Kingfisher.

Grant told commissioners that he hopes to have the new boat on the water in the spring.

Greenwood stated that it will probably be docked at Murphy.

"That way we can launch from Walters Ferry and go up towards Swan Falls or down to Marsing," Greenwood said.

The new boat will bring the county's fleet of marine vessels back to three.

"It's going to be replacing one that we've already sold," Greenwood said. "We had one that one guy put it best, 'That boat couldn't get out of its own way.'"

The boat was sold last year and the revenue went back into the county's waterways budget line.

The motor on another OCSO boat recently seized, requiring \$6,500 worth of work. Green-

wood expected the repairs to be complete late last week.

With that vessel out of commission, the sheriff's office was down to one boat.

"If something were to happen to our last boat, we can borrow one from Idaho Parks and Rec," Greenwood said. "Then because we share the river with Elmore County, and Ada County, and Canyon County, if we get really desperate we can call them."

The sheriff's office has four facilities at which boats can be stored: Grand View, Murphy, Marsing, and Homedale. However, Greenwood said they do not keep a boat at the Homedale location.

When the office is down to one boat, the vessel is kept at the eastern end of the county.

"We keep it at Grand View because probably 99 percent of the use for that boat is at C.J. Strike," Greenwood said.

He further explained that if dispatch receives a water-related call, odds are that it will be at C.J. Strike.

Greenwood stated that it is important for the sheriff's office to have appropriate boats in the right places in the event of an emergency.

"If you don't have the right equipment and the right stuff there, it just prolongs it," Greenwood said. "If you find whatever you're looking for right away, it just helps on all aspects of it."

— SC

# State grant could help Owyhee County with public defender budget

Money made available during the last Idaho legislative session could help the county save some cash to pay its public defender.

Lawmakers established a grant fund of nearly \$5.4 million to help counties pay for public defenders.

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners (BOCC) discussed the new fund during a July 18 meeting.

District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi, BOCC chair, said that the state public defense council came up with the idea for the fund.

"All counties are able to put in for the grant. It's \$25,000 or 15 percent, whichever is greater. Because our amount to the public defender is a certain amount, it's the \$25,000," Aberasturi said.

Owyhee County deputy clerk Brook Russell stated that the public defender line is budgeted at \$100,000 for Fiscal Year 2016, including salary and office supplies.

"His actual contract pay is \$8,333.33 per his monthly claim submitted," Russell said.

The county has until Monday to submit a grant application.

"The money has pretty much already been appropriated by the state," Aberasturi said. "It's just getting through the grant period

and we have to have it done by (Monday), then they'll award the grants."

William Wellman of Nampa is the county's public defender.

"Every conflict attorney has to have a contract with the county," Aberasturi said. "We can't just go out and have anybody. They have to be on contract. That's the way the law is written now."

Around \$4.3 million of the fund would pay for indigent defense cases. The remainder of the grant money would be directed at operational costs and office personnel wages.

Aberasturi said this is still a work in progress, because the public defense council is doing the rule-making right now.

"This first year, they're pretty much just going to roll those grants through," Aberasturi said. "If your public defender was \$100,000, you can apply for \$25,000 and put that against that."

Until this year, the state hasn't provided any money to help counties to pay for a public defender.

A guideline from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services states that anyone is eligible for public defense if their monthly income does not exceed 187 percent of the federal poverty line.

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## ✓ Meeting: Ranchers must promote their operations like businesses

to Washington D.C. to testify in congressional hearings on grazing policy, sage-grouse conservation and government overreach.

But she may leave out one major part of her typical pitch (because she'll basically be preaching to the choir otherwise):

Ranching is a business, and public lands grazing allotments are an asset just like a pickup truck or an ATV or a horse or the cattle themselves.

And, just as the grazing permit is an asset vital to a ranching business, it is crucial to the rural communities that its owners call home.

She has taken that exact point on the road to several organizations, including the Western Governors' Association and California's state cattlemen's association. She says urbanization has desensitized folks not familiar with the cattle industry to the important link

between permits and prosperity in rural communities.

"Especially when you get back east, a lot of them don't understand when you come out to visit our area, those functioning ranches, functioning counties, functioning communities (are) what makes you want to come out here," Richards said. "It's what makes good sage-grouse habitat. It's what makes good grazing. It's what makes people want to come recreate and get away from it all.

"And if you take that component, the people and the businesses out, you destroy the communities. You change the dynamics of the counties. You're changing the whole aspect that works."

Richards strikes the theme in an attempt to get her western ranching colleagues to change their own narrative when speaking to environmental groups, politicians and even everyday people.

"It's kind of empowering," she said. "You are businesspeople. You know your business. Talk about it as a business. Talk about your permit as an asset."

The thrust of the message: Public lands permit renewal is a linchpin for any cattle operation, and attempts from the government or environmental groups to stop the renewal may not only close a ranch, it may hurt a business and the community that depends on it.

"If you steal my permit, you've just taken an asset to my business because we own that preference to graze," she said.

The role that public lands ranchers play in rural communities goes beyond moving cows and providing jobs and food, though. During September's PLC national convention in Boise, Richards hopes to have a panel discussion spotlighting how ranchers also

serve in positions of governmental and general leadership — such as county commissioners — throughout the West.

Richards has been such a leader for the better part of the past quarter-century. She's in her second elected term as Owyhee County treasurer, she has served on the Bureau of Land Management Boise District Resource Advisory Council and the OCA board of directors.

She has two years remaining on the PLC board as past president, and that will cap an eight-year run that also included stints as secretary/treasurer and vice-president.

"I do feel I've had a lot of very unique experiences," she said. "I've been privileged to have that, and work on having even the tough conversations with the people that you feel like you don't want to be talking to because

they're trying to put you out of business. But you still do it."

Those conversations are endured for the good of the industry, her family's livelihood and the livelihoods of her friends and colleagues.

"I think the disappointment is that it's hard to convey, to get the common sense through sometimes, and that's frustrating," Richards said. "I wish I could have done more to help remedy some of these things. It would have been great to fix the Owyhee 68 issue. That's an unrealistic expectation.

"It would have been really encouraging to have the state and local sage-grouse plan be (the template for the national policy), but you don't have control over that, so you just work on it."

— JPB

## ✓ Heart: Doctors didn't diagnose combination of ailments right away

like other kids his age would have.' I called the delivery doctor to get birth records to see what his heart rate was the day he was born. His was a very low heart rate. Why wasn't it diagnosed then?"

She further explained that Brandon's heart isn't as strong as it should be, and the pacemaker isn't doing enough to help like doctors hoped it would.

"The blood flows, but not at the pressure that it should," Casey said.

She added that her husband's relatives have a history of heart problems.

Because of his heart conditions, Brandon has a hard time keeping up with other boys and girls.

"He gets tired very easily. He gets fatigued very easily. Overall he's just exhausted all the time," Casey said. "You won't see him walking anywhere. He'll either ask for a ride or he's on his bike, and he always has a buddy with him."

Before he got the pacemaker, Brandon was sleeping 21 hours a day.

The boy is currently No. 772 on the transplant waiting list.

"And that's not just heart transplants. The waiting list is for every type of transplant there is," Casey said. "They don't separate it from kidney to lung to heart."

If a new heart for Brandon becomes available, the transplant surgery would be done in Spokane, Wash.

However, the family has no idea when the phone call might come.

"It could be 10 minutes from now. It could be a week from now. It could be tomorrow morning," Casey said.

Doctors have not given the family a timeline for when

Brandon absolutely must have a new heart.

"They said the worst-case scenario is that he will always be run down," Casey said. "The worst-case scenario is he keeps the heart he has, and just hope for a long life."

While the transplant surgery would be covered by insurance, the family is trying to raise \$2,000 for additional expenses.

"Obviously we have co-payments, and we have medicines that we have to buy, and it's stuff that his insurance won't cover," Casey said. "If they have to take him to Spokane, we follow. The \$2,000 will cover our cost of going back and forth, and pay for his medicines and co-payments."

A car wash in the Homedale AutoZone parking lot and a yard sale at the family's home last weekend raised \$542, or more than a quarter of the goal.

Folks can help by making a donation at any US Bank in the account under the names of Casey and Brandon Winchel.

Donation jars have also been placed at three Homedale businesses: Frosty Palace, RehabAuthority, and Pruett Tire Factory.

Casey stated that while her son is scared, he doesn't want other people to know about what he's going through.

"When he's by himself, and it's just us, he talks to us about it," Casey said.

Meanwhile, Mom and Dad are doing their best to stay strong.

"We don't let people see us break down too much because if you do that, then who are you being strong for?" Casey said. "We're holding it together for him."

— SC



From left: Destiny Winchel, 10, Traci Winchel, 13, and Sabrina Orris spent their Friday afternoon washing cars and trucks in the Homedale AutoZone parking lot to raise funds for Brandon Winchel's heart transplant.



From left: Mom Casey Winchel, 11-year-old Brandon Winchel, and the boy's father, Brandon Winchel.

# Death notices

**JOYCELYN ELOISE COLLETT**, 87, of Grand View, died Saturday, July 23, 2016 at Ashley Manor in Mountain Home. Services will be held at noon on Saturday, July 30, 2016 at Knight Community Church in Grand View. Burial will follow at Riverside Cemetery. A gathering will be held after services at Rimrock Senior Center, Grand View. Arrangements: Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel, Mountain Home.

**DUANE MYERS**, 84, who worked on a Jordan Valley farm as a boy, died Friday, July 15, 2016. There will be no services, and a private interment will take place at a later date.

# 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*

*Milk served every day*

- July 27: Chicken bacon ranch stuffwich, broccoli w/ranch, apple sticks
- July 28: Turkey/cheese sandwich, applesauce cup, carrot sticks w/ ranch
- July 29: PB&J sandwich, yogurt, pineapple chunk cup, cucumbers 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)*  
July 27: Ham/cheese on roll, pasta salad, carrot salad  
July 28: Roast beef, mashed potatoes w/gravy, California blend veggies, bread  
Aug. 2: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, beets, roll  
Aug. 3: Hot dog, baked potato, spinach

## Marsing Senior Center

*Vegetables served every day*  
July 27: Meatloaf, potatoes  
July 28: Polish sausage, potatoes

## Rimrock Senior Center

*Juice served every day*  
July 28: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, tomato & cucumber salad, garlic bread sticks, pears

# Week left to comment on sage-grouse hunt

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is taking comments until Thursday, Aug. 4 on a proposed 2016 sage-grouse hunting season.

The agency has put forth two options for a seven-day season running from Sept. 17 to Sept. 23.

In both options, all of Owyhee County would be open.

The Owyhee Local Working Group on sage-grouse conservation didn't take an official position on the proposals as was incorrectly reported in The Owyhee Avalanche. But several members expressed support of a restricted season, and comments were forwarded to Fish and Game.

The first option is the same rules as last year in which Owyhee County saw a restrictive seven-day season with a daily bag limit of one bird and two in possession.

Last year marked the first time in years that both zones in Owyhee County had been open to hunting. In the past, the hunting area east of the Bruneau River had been closed.

A second 2016 option offered for comment would be to re-open Elmore County east and south of U.S. Highway 20 and north of Interstate 84. That area has been closed since 2012 because of wildfire impacts and low population numbers.

Under Option 2, the rest of Elmore County would remain closed as would Washington, Adams, Payette and Gem counties.

Hunters can vote for their preference and comment online when they view the proposals at <https://idfg.idaho.gov/comment>. Hunters may also visit their regional Fish and Game office, including the Southwest office in Nampa.

# Obituaries

## Edward Jimmy “Jim” Hugo

Edward Jimmy “Jim” Hugo, age 64, son of Delfin “Felix” and Josephine Hugo, died of terminal brain cancer Wednesday, July 13, 2016 at his home in Queen Creek, Arizona, surrounded by loved ones.

Jim was born January 3, 1952 in Blythe, California. He had a twin brother, Joe, who only lived a few short months. His family moved to Wilder, Idaho in 1953 where he spent his childhood years. He raised his 4 children in the Treasure Valley and lived there until he moved to Arizona in 2003 and worked as a Produce Manager for Albertson’s. He



married Rosanna Faccio in May of 2009.

Jim is survived by his wife, Rosanna; his children: Michelle Hugo (Clarkston, WA), Jeff

Hugo (Meridian, ID), Justin Hugo (Emmett, ID), Teresa Hugo (Boise, ID); stepchildren: Anthony Faccio (Queen Creek, AZ) Alisha Faccio (Queen Creek, AZ) Brianna Svatek (Okinawa, Japan), James Faccio (Mesa, AZ) and 8 grandchildren; his mother, Josephine; his brothers: Delfin “Junior”, Alex and Richard; his sisters: Kathy and Christine. He was preceded in death by a sister, Mildred; twin brother, Joe and his father, Felix.

A Memorial Service will be held July 30, 2016 at Stephen C. Guerber Park in Eagle, Idaho at 6 PM.

## Brett Randall Shanley



Brett Randall Shanley, our blue-eyed baby boy, was the second child born to Kurt and Nicole Shanley on March 11, 1994. He joined his big sister, Erika, who was four years older. We knew from an early age that Brett wasn't the type of person for a passive interest. He was either not interested or it became a passion.

His first interests, as just a tiny little guy, were the vacuum cleaner and the lawnmower which progressed to loving anything with a loud engine. This led Brett, at age three, to escaping from the house into his dad's pickup and putting it into neutral and then backing into the street — numerous times. This behavior could only be curbed by his dad having to place a big chain on the front door.

At the age of four, Brett became a big brother to Sydnee. Shortly after the arrival of his baby sister, the Shanley family moved to their present home west of Homedale in the country. This new environment opened up a whole new world for Brett with many adventures exploring the big outdoors. Brett enjoyed bird hunting trips with his dad, uncles and family friends. Later he enjoyed annual hunting trips to Cow Creek with his dad and friends.

The country also provided a great opportunity for his next passion — motorcycle riding. From motorcycles, it was a natural progression to derby cars. By age six, it is pretty safe to say that Brett had become an authority on derby cars — to the extent that his suggestion for the theme and paint scheme for his Uncle Nick's car in 2000 made it possible for him to win the “best-looking” car trophy. His derby car obsession forced his dad out of retirement so that he could supervise the building of the car and become crew chief and head strategist. This began years of planning and preparation for the day when he would have his own derby car. This entailed literally thousands of his drawings which he would proudly display in his room, on

the fridge or any open wall space he could find. In the year 2015, this obsession paid off with Brett Shanley taking home the trophies for Best Looking Car and the Championship.

Brett participated in many activities growing up, including baseball, raising 4-H pigs, Optimist football, basketball and wrestling where his dad nicknamed him Captain Insano. Of all these early activities, the sport he loved the most was football. He was a wide receiver and a defensive back wearing the #21 jersey. Brett was proud to be a 4<sup>th</sup> generation Trojan.

Brett was not a fan of crowds or of any attention being brought to himself, but his love of Homedale football brought him back to town on Friday nights — even when he was attending school in Pocatello.

Through his loves and obsessions, he developed many lifelong friendships. Brett graduated from Homedale High School in 2012. During his high school years, Brett developed an interest and a talent for welding, which led him to attend ISU's welding program.

In 2012, Brett became an uncle to Erika's daughter. Oaklee was a great source of joy and adoration in his life. She lovingly referred to him as “MY Uncle Brett.”

Even though he hated crowds, he didn't let that keep him from attending his sister Sydnee's

softball games. If he didn't feel up to all the people, you could find him parked in his big black Dodge pickup by right field.

In the last two years, Brett has helped his dad at the family tarp business but had plans to go back to ISU and finish his last semester at welding school. Recently in his spare time, he greatly enjoyed making modifications and tinkering on his pickup in his dad's shop. His early love of all vehicles had carried on into adulthood.

We are grateful that Brett was lucky enough to grow up in the close-knit community of Homedale. Here he was surrounded by grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and a large network of friends.

Because Brett was an extremely private person, not many knew of his personal struggles. He overcame many difficulties in his life and continued fighting until the time of his death. To be loved by Brett was a very special thing, and he has left a great impact on all those who loved him. Though his passing leaves a void in the lives of all who adored him, we can be comforted that now Brett is free.

Brett leaves behind his parents, Kurt and Nicole, his sisters, Erika and Sydnee, his niece, Oaklee, his grandmother, Lida Sweet, his grandparents, Rick and Mil Shanley, his uncles, Greg (Lisa) Sweet, Wally (Julie) Sweet, Nick (Jessica) Shanley, Kyle (Vanessa) Shanley, an aunt, Janet (Byron) Grassman, and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Monte Sweet, his uncle, Randy Shanley, his great-grandparents, and his childhood friend, Conner Landa.

In closing, in lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations are made in Brett's name to Homedale High School football. His service was held on Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Homedale High gymnasium at 11:00 a.m. with interment immediately following at the Homedale/Marsing cemetery. Condolences can be given at [www.flahifffuneralchapel.com](http://www.flahifffuneralchapel.com)

# Thinking education after high school

With the summer nearing an end and a new school year about to begin, it is an important time for teens to start taking a serious look at their future educational options.

While some individuals may not feel that higher education is something they want to pursue, it is still worth sitting down and logically discussing. Within the past 10 years the Treasure Valley has greatly increased the available choices for students; from expanding Treasure Valley Community College locations, the establishment of the College of Western Idaho, as well as program expansions available from both Boise State University and the University of Idaho.

Because there are increasing opportunities to increase knowledge through certificate programs, and two-year and four-year degrees, it is time to take another look at continuing education. The increased options allow for easier access to education and provid-



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ing more affordable choices. Yet, pursuing education still requires money. When you decide to approach the college talk with your child or grandchild, consider these factors that should be discussed:

- What does the student hope to get out of college?

Having an idea of what they hope to get out of their education can greatly alter the school that they are considering attending and can have major impacts on what they hope to obtain after completing their classes, their certification program or their degree. Sitting down and having an end-plan in mind can seriously direct where the teen may want to pursue an education and through what program.

- How much will college cost?

Sitting down and really considering what the ultimate goal of pursuing higher education is can be a reality-check moment when the discussion turns to how much it will cost. While education options have increased in the area and have helped make the cost more affordable, it is still no secret that post-secondary education can

be a costly endeavor. Ensuring that this is factored in early on is crucial as the important decisions are made about where to attend.

- What financial options do they have available to pursue?

Starting to discuss this topic when the teen is younger allows more time to plan and look for “outside” funding sources. While there is the option of pursuing financial aid that can provide federal grants and loans, an even better avenue to pursue is scholarships. These sources of funding are heavily underutilized nationwide and what some fail to realize is that some scholarships are renewable, meaning that the teen can receive the scholarship and if they maintain the requirements, they can reapply and receive the same scholarship and funding again.

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# 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](http://www.homedalefarmersmarket.weebly.com)

### Homedale city public meeting

5 p.m., city water facility plan and improvements, Homedale City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641

### Homedale City Council meeting

6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641

### TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting

6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867

### 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

## Saturday

### OCA summer meeting

9 a.m., Silver City Schoolhouse, Silver City

### Adrian All-Alumni Reunion

11 a.m., registration, 12:30 p.m., potluck picnic, Adrian schools cafeteria, High Street, Adrian, Ore. (541) 339-3531

### Free lunches

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

### Summer movie series

6:30 p.m., Free. Featuring Harry Potter films. Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

## Monday

### Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

### Adult book club

7 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. First monday of every month. (208) 896-4690

## Tuesday

### 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

### 4-H record book interviews

Noon to 4 p.m., American Legion Post 83 hall, 32478 Belle Ave., Bruneau. (208) 896-4104

### Senior center bridge

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

### Fall sports parents meeting

6 p.m., Homedale High School, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4613

### Back to school clothing giveaway

6 p.m., Homedale LDS Church, 708 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. To donate gently used items call (208) 697-0778 or (208) 871-1538

### 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, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing

### Coffee club

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

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FLINT – The saw-mill of Mr. Eves in Flint District is turning out lumber now-a-days. Col. Fogus expects to erect a quartz mill there this Fall. Is now increasing his laboring force is that district. Mr. Black is expected with his five-stamp mill in a few weeks, and will have it in operation as quickly thereafter as possible. Several more ledges have recently been discovered – among them a very large and rich one by Fred Warnkee and Swart. It is reported to be seven feet of solid quartz, with a streak of almost pure black sulphurets of silver. This seam is about four inches in width. Business is liable to be very brisk in Flint this Fall and Winter.

SPECIMENS OF Owyhee quartz and native silver will be on exhibition at the Great Paris Exposition of January, 1867. There will be specimens of Poorman ore forwarded which will be the wonder of the assembled representatives from every part of the world. It requires a sight at many things to convince the incredulous, but the specimens that will be on exhibition in Paris will open the optics and convince the mind of many a Johnny Bull and Frogeater of the riches of Owyhee.

# Safety, resource protection behind new Cove Rec rules

The Bureau of Land Management will institute new rules at the Cove Recreation Site at C.J. Strike Reservoir.

With the new regulations, which take effect Thursday, Aug. 4, the BLM hopes to improve public health and safety, protect resources and enhance visitor experiences in the area, which is located within the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area.

“Most visitors already follow the rules we’ve now posted at the site,” NCA manager Amanda Hoffman said. “Formalizing them ensures we can continue to provide safe, high-quality recreation experiences for all visitors and protect plants, soils and visitor facilities as outlined in the management plan for the area.”

Recreationists use the BLM-managed site for camping, fishing, hiking, boating, waterskiing and swimming. Folks picnic at the Cove Rec Site and also view wildlife there.

The rules address recreation activities and visitor use at the site’s 29-unit campground and day-use facilities, which have seen steadily increasing use in recent years as southwest Idaho’s population has grown. Signage at

the site will detail the rules, which are also available on the BLM Idaho website.

The federal agency recently outlined the reasons for some of the rules:

- Limiting camping to developed campsites and stipulating the maximum number of campers per site will prevent erosion and degradation of land surrounding the campground.

- Prohibiting off-highway vehicle (OHV) use in the campground will help ensure the safety of visitors and prevent resource damage from unauthorized travel.

- Requiring removal of trash and other solid waste and restricting dumping of graywater and blackwater to approved areas ensures public health at the site

- Designated quiet hours and limits on leaving vehicles and camping gear unattended for longer than 24 hours will enhance visitors’ enjoyment.

Hoffman noted that user fees — which must be paid immediately upon arrival at the campground — support maintenance, enhancement and protection of the site’s recreation facilities.

More information is available at the Cove Recreation Site page at [www.blm.gov](http://www.blm.gov).

## Ways to submit a calendar item

Drop off: at 19 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale; Mail: P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628, Fax: (208) 337-4867; email: [jon@owyheeavalanche.com](mailto:jon@owyheeavalanche.com). For information, call (208) 337-4681.

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

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**Sending a friend out in style**

*A procession of classic cars leaves the funeral of Cecil Eugene Hill of Homedale on Thursday morning on East Owyhee Avenue by Flahiff Funeral Chapel. Mike Rice leads the pack in his purple 1971 Plymouth, followed by Ron Stone in his black 1955 Pontiac. The vehicles accompanied Hill's pickup, which was carrying his casket, to Marsing-Homedale Cemetery for a graveside service.*



## Marsing man pleads guilty to lewd charge

More charges await in Owyhee

A Marsing man facing felonies for alleged lewd conduct with a minor in Ada County has been arrested on a similar Owyhee County warrant.

Wyatt Tuttle, 22, has entered a guilty plea in Fourth District Court to a felony count of lewd conduct with a child under 16. He is scheduled for sentencing in Boise before Judge Richard D. Greenwood at 3 p.m. on

Wednesday, Aug. 17.

Last Wednesday, Tuttle was served with an arrest warrant in Ada County Jail stemming from a felony lewd and lascivious charge in Owyhee County, according to sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman.

"Ada County (Sheriff's Office) worked (the case) and found he had violations over here," Bowman said.

No information on Tuttle's Owyhee County court appearances was available at press time.

In the Ada County case, Tuttle

originally was charged with two felony counts of lewd conduct with a children under 16 and another felony to induce, cause or permit a minor under 16 to witness an act of sexual conduct.

The Ada County case was filed on March 23, and Tuttle entered a guilty plea in May.

— JPB

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# Idaho Power begins next phase of Snake River island, channel rehab

## Construction focuses on islands near Marsing

Idaho Power has begun a project to improve water flow in a stretch of the Snake River downstream from Walter's Ferry.

The work is part of the company's effort to improve water quality and gain approval for a new license for its hydroelectric projects in Hells Canyon.

The Bayha Island Research Project focuses on a pair of small islands in the Marsing area and is part of the broader Snake River Stewardship Program, which aims to help the company fulfill state and federal water-quality requirements necessary to get a new long-term license for the Hells Canyon Complex.

Rock and gravel dredged from the river will be used as fill material, in addition to material being

excavated from the property of a nearby landowner. The in-river and wetland work is expected to be complete by Oct. 31. Revegetation, using thousands of native plants, will run from September through October, and again in the spring of 2017.

Bayha Island is a 1.8-acre triangle of land that is part of the Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge. It is covered in brush, small willow trees and a mix of native and non-native plants. Neighboring Wright Island is smaller, and was almost completely covered with invasive plants before the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service conducted a controlled burn earlier this year. None of the Idaho Power construction work will be done on the existing refuge islands.

The river in this stretch suffers from slow-moving water, excessive nutrients and sediment from agricultural runoff, excess aquatic vegetation, high water temperatures and low oxygen levels.

Increasing the water velocity will address many of these issues. The Bayha project will help the company measure the potential benefits of doing additional projects like this in the mid-Snake.

"This is really uncharted territory for the company, but we have a lot of science and a lot of expertise behind us, and we think this has the potential to show real benefits for this section of the river," Idaho Power Environmental

Supervisor Ralph Myers said.

The company is working with The Freshwater Trust, a non-profit organization with offices in Oregon and Idaho, which has extensive experience in river rehabilitation work. Washington-based Goodfellow Brothers, Inc., is performing the Bayha Island construction work.

The concept is simple, according to Myers: Increase the area of wetlands and floodplains around the perimeter of the islands and along the riverbank, squeezing the river through a deeper, narrower channel. The actual in-stream work is pretty complicated, however.

"Although the highly visible part of the work is just starting, this project has been in the works for a couple of years now," Myers said. "A major effort was required to design the project, coordinate with various state and federal agencies and acquire the necessary permits."

Preparation has included surveying the existing wetlands, taking core samples from the river bottom, spraying invasive weeds, installing flow monitors and water-temperature logging equipment and even burning Wright Island, which was choked with invasive species including tamarisk, thistle and peppergrass.

More information about the Snake River Stewardship Program is available at [idahopower.com/river](http://idahopower.com/river).

# COSSA special ed teacher recognized for stellar service

A Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency (COSSA) employee will receive special recognition for her work next week.

Diana Zigars is director of special education for the COSSA consortium. She has been selected as the 2016 outstanding special education administrator by the executive board of the Idaho Association of Special Ed Administrators (IASSEA).

Zigars will receive her award at the Thursday, Aug. 4 IASSEA awards luncheon in Boise.

She is in charge of about 85 school employees in the COSSA system.

"I oversee all of the special education programs staff, personnel, for Homedale, Marsing, Notus, Parma and Wilder School Districts," Zigars said.

Zigars lives in Meridian and started working as director of special education at COSSA in 1996. She was a physical education teacher before she got into special education.

Zigars moved to Idaho from California seeking what she described as "a slower pace of life."

"When I lived in Southern California, I drove two hours in the morning and two hours in the afternoon on the freeways to go into Los Angeles," Zigars said. "So when I moved here I gained four hours of my life."

She added that each of the five

school districts she works with are very independent.

"They highly regard their independence for their communities, but yet they have worked together since 1969 to give better services

for the students of their school districts through the COSSA programs," Zigars said.

She also stated that she was previously involved with the IASSEA and is thrilled about her recognition from the organization.

"I was actually on the IASSEA publications committee years ago," Zigars said. "I consider it an honor to get the award. It's an honor to even be thought of."

Parma School District superintendent Jim Norton nominated Zigars for the award.

"I think the world of him, too," Zigars said. "He's a very highly respected superintendent."

The letter and email from the IASSEA informing her that she won the award surprised her, and Zigars stated that she had no idea that she had been nominated.

She thanks Norton and COSSA staff members for supporting her.

"I was very honored and touched," Zigars said. "I think that COSSA is a wonderful program. It is a very smart program. It was very innovative when they started it. They give their students opportunities that they probably wouldn't have otherwise."

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## BLM delays horse gather

The Bureau of Land Management has rescheduled a wild horse gather aimed at reducing grazing impacts in an area of the Soda Fire.

The gather, which was planned for this week, now has a tentative date of Aug. 23.

Officials hope to capture half the wild horses currently roaming in the Three Fingers Herd Management Area, which is west of the Owyhee Reservoir.

The BLM Vale District said public viewing opportunities will be available for the two- to four-day horse gather.

The herd population is estimated at 202 currently, and the Appropriate Management Level (AML) for the area is 75 to 100.

The horses actually have started to graze outside the HMA and are encroaching on areas affected by August's Soda Fire, which is impacting rehabilitation efforts, the BLM said in a press release. Grazing in the burned area can promote the spread of "exotic annual" weeds, and the BLM also said the horses' heavy grazing jeopardizes the health of the surrounding eco-

system, including rangelands, wetlands and wildlife habitat.

The Three Fingers HMA is about 25 miles south of Vale, Ore., and south of Leslie Gulch Road. The area's northern border is the Owyhee Dam.

The Vale District BLM will host public viewing days near the capture site as horses are gathered and sorted. Viewing may be scheduled on short notice but can accommodate a maximum of fifteen people each day. Those interested in viewing should contact Larry Moore at [l2moore@blm.gov](mailto:l2moore@blm.gov) or (541) 473-6218 for more information. Viewing opportunities and gather reports will be available at <http://stg.or.blm.gov/or/resources/whb/fingers2016.php>.

The BLM plans to return 25 mares and 25 studs to the range to re-establish the AML.

The horses removed from the range will be relocated to Oregon's Wild Horse Corral Facility in Hines. Those horses will be available for public viewing from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, and the animals will be made available for adoption later this year.



**Library salutes summer with ice cream**  
*Homedale Public Library youth services coordinator Carol McMichael hands Lily Ormond an ice cream cone containing ice cream the children made in an activity during Story Time at the library Friday morning. Lily, 6, is the daughter of Katie and Chris Ormond.*

Story Time celebrates Olympics

During Friday’s Story Time at the Homedale Public Library, children will focus on the Olympics. Two books will be read during the 10:15 a.m. program.

Boys and girls will hear a reading of “The Berenstain Bears Ready, Get Set, Go!” by Stan and Jan Berenstain. “Mustache Baby” by Bridget Heos will also be read.

Library youth services coordinator Carol McMichael said

children will also play games, including balloon tennis, straw javelin, and discus.

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.

Homedale council to take up library issues

Action items involving the town’s public library are on the Homedale City Council agenda Thursday.

Council members will be asked to appoint Mike Aebischer as the newest member of the library board of directors.

Also listed under the mayor and council report section of the meeting is the council possibly authorizing Mayor Gheen

Christoffersen to sign a contract with library expansion architect Tad Jones of Boise.

Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller is scheduled to discuss options of obtaining a new patrol vehicle for the department. Council members will hear information on leasing or buying a police car.

The council meeting begins at 6 p.m. on Thursday inside City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

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### Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 45 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 115 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 188 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 322,866 acre-feet of water on Monday.

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

Homedale library chief refines 5-year strategic plan

Architect Tad Jones of Jones Design Studio, Inc., of Boise will soon begin a site survey for a proposal to expand the Homedale Public Library.

In moving forward with ideas for future growth at the library, administrator Sharla Jensen has honed a five-year plan originally unveiled during last month’s library board meeting.

Hiring Jones fulfilled the first step in the plan. Other elements include:

- August-October 2016 — Complete preliminary requirements for Idaho Department of Commerce Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Refine and approve architectural renderings for library addition
- November 2016 — Apply for CDBG and U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Community Facilities Grant for library addition
- January 2017 — Begin construction of library addition. Start preliminary requirements to place taxing district initiative on the Owyhee County and Canyon County ballots in November 2019
- January 2017-2019 — Apply for additional grants to pay for additional furnishings and materials. Also, apply for grants from the Idaho Department of Energy for energy efficient lighting and HVAC system
- Continue to meet preliminary requirements to become a district library
- January 2019 — Construction of addition complete
- January-November 2019 — Promote, survey public, etc., for November taxing district vote in Owyhee County and Canyon County
- November 2019 — Taxing district formation question on ballots in Owyhee County and Canyon County
- November 2019-2021 — Apply for additional grants to expand programming

With the addition of a meeting room for the library and the community, some of the following programming ideas could be implemented shortly after the library addition is complete, at no extra cost for staff or need to expand library hours. The programming could take place

in the meeting room during the library’s normal hours without disturbing library patrons.

Examples of possible programs include:

- Classes for General Education Diploma
- English as a Second Language classes
- Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM)/Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math (STEAM) equipment and programs
- Satellite classes with the College of Western Idaho
- After-school programs
- Adult classes
- Book clubs
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# Wagons to Wheels welcomes car collectors

## Homedale car show crowns winners

Some of the winners from Saturday's Wagons and Wheels car show at the Homedale LDS church included, from left, Jessica Hipwell, 9, and Emeline Hipwell, 7, holding the Idaho Chariots car club award that their parents, Murphy's Tiffany and Doug Hipwell, won for their 1965 Plymouth Belvedere; Bodie Ponton, owner (along with his wife Renee) of the 1966 Chevy Nova best engine winner; Matt Elliott and Brittany Goodall beside the best classic winner, a 1968 Chevy Camaro; and John and Kerry Elliott, winners of the best in show for their 1966 Chevy II SS.



## Restored asphalt racer revs up oval track memories

Star resident Ken Appleby, facing, and Stan Fuller of Nampa share old racing stories as folks check out the restored racecar that Fuller's father Morrie "Fireball" Fuller raced in the 1960s at Meridian Speedway during Saturday's Wagons and Wheels car show at the Homedale LDS church.

Stan Fuller has spent years restoring his father's old car. The project started when he found out the body of old No. 13 was in a field in the Treasure Valley. He tracked down other pieces of the racecar and what had been lost was reconstructed.



Nampa resident Mark Briscoe's yellow 1969 Chevy Camaro, which won the best paint award, is parked between another Camaro and Greenleaf resident Steve Jett's 1971 Chevy pickup.

## Wagons and Wheels winners

Trophy winners from Saturday's Wagons and Wheels car show held at the Homedale LDS church:

- Best in show** — John Elliott, Nampa, 1966 Chevy II SS
- Best paint** — Mark Briscoe, Nampa, 1969 Chevy Camaro
- Best truck** — Jeff Parker, Parma, 1966 GMC pickup
- Best engine** — Bodie Ponton, Twin Falls, 1966 Chevy Nova
- Best classic** — Matt Elliott, Nampa, 1968 Chevy Camaro
- Best custom** — Karen Reolle, Wilder, 1937 Ford hardtop convertible
- Best late model** — John Russon, Homedale, 2011 Ford Roush Mustang
- Best restored** — Ray and Shirley Green, Boise, 1962 Pontiac Bonneville convertible



A 1946 Mercury convertible owned by Joe Reger of Meridian (right) is parked next to Wilder resident Karen Reolle's 1934 Ford hardtop convertible, which won the best custom award.

# Homedale Art in the Park doubles in size



Homedale residents Marilyn and Gary Evans check out a pitcher in Julie Cloud’s Cloud 9 Art booth during Saturday’s second annual Homedale Art in the Park at Bette Uda City Park. Organizer Susan Mansidor said more than 30 vendors signed up for the event, doubling the size of the crafts fair compared to last year’s inaugural go-round. Art in the Park will move to the third Saturday in June next year, Mansidor said.



**Above:** Homedale’s Stacey Kelly adjusts Basque-themed woodworking merchandise at her County Line Designs booth. **Right:** Rita Haggerty of Greenleaf sold textiles such as potholders, aprons, table runners and potato bags at her RT Handcrafts booth at Saturday’s Art in the Park.



Wilder’s William Azbill, left, chats with vendor Jeremy Skousen of Ontario, Ore. Skousen’s woodworking booth featured items he makes at home, including some that incorporated chalkboards.



Anna Minor brings dozens of her needlepoint and embroidery creations to the Homedale Farmers Market each week. Folks can also find aloe vera and garlic bulbs at her booth.

# Minor majors in needlepoint at Homedale Farmers Market

Original needlepoint creations aren't the only thing folks will find at Anna Minor's booth in the Homedale Farmers Market, but Minor would tell you that needlepoint is her specialty.

Minor sets up a booth that some people call "Minor Needle Art & Embroidery Crafts" every week at the market in Bette Uda City Park. The Homedale Farmers Market runs from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. each Thursday through Aug. 25.

Minor had been doing embroidery on pillowcases as gifts until someone asked her if she would like to sell her creations.

"I really love the creative process doing some custom sewing," Minor said. "But realistically, I am the fourth generation of home crafters that have sold their creations. I found out when I discovered that their local newspapers spotlighted them."

She is married to Patrick Minor and the couple lives south of Marsing. Minor is retired and previously worked in food service, home health care, and commercial sewing.

Before getting involved with the Homedale Farmers Market, Minor sold her items at flea markets, and holiday markets in the Boise area.

Minor has been known to spend a lot of time honing her needlepoint skills.

"During the winter, I do about 30 to 35 hours a week, but during the summer not as much time," Minor said.

When she's not working on a needlepoint or embroidery project, Minor also enjoys cooking and researching her family history

Folks will find a lot more than just pillowcases at her booth.

"(You'll find) items that attract my attention like table runners, dish towels, crocheted kitchen items such as scrubbers, pot holders, wash cloths, tote bags and macramé hangers," Minor said.

People can also pick up home-grown garlic bulbs and aloe vera plants at her booth.

Minor stated that she really enjoys the four hours she spends each week at the market.

"The Homedale Farmers Market is a great place to meet your neighbors and friends, and to get unique and quality gifts and food stuffs," Minor said. "I also want people to know that I do all the needlework by hand, not by machine."

— SC

# Farmers Market children's program covers weed control

Boys and girls participating in the Cultivate! program at the Homedale Farmers Market on Thursday will learn a lot about organic weed control.

Market assistant Kim Ellsworth 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 read labels on plant containers with instructions about spacing plants to discourage growth of unwanted plants.

"The second activity will be to learn the method of using cardboard and mulch as a weed block option," Ellsworth said.

She learned about organic weed control while working at several organic farms.

"I've also read the research and seen the effects of using chemicals on our food, especially on how the soil reacts, how the plants react, how the animals that co-habitate the Earth react, and how my own body reacts," Ellsworth said. "I simply choose to live a different way that takes into consideration more than just my own needs when it comes to growing food."

She also wants to show the boys and girls that buying a commercial spray product isn't the only method to avoid weeds.

"The use of harsh chemicals is often how people get rid of unwanted plants, but there are safer and better ways to do this that I wanted to teach people," Ellsworth said.

The Homedale Farmers Markets will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., each Thursday in Bette Uda City Park through Aug. 25.

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

Visit [www.homedalefarmersmarket.weebly.com](http://www.homedalefarmersmarket.weebly.com) for a vendor application, or contact market manager Denise Dixon at [ddixon222@msn.com](mailto:ddixon222@msn.com) or (208) 848-0440 for more information.

— SC

# Ranchers reminded about dangers of noxious weed

This is the time of year when poison hemlock is in full growth in Owyhee County and other parts of Idaho.

The noxious weed can be fatal to all forms of livestock.

"Poison hemlock pretty well is toxic to anything, including people," University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Educator Scott Jensen said.

Jensen said the good news is that cattle will avoid poison hemlock most of the time.

"When there's nothing else to eat is when they typically would have a problem with it," Jensen said. "Every part of the plant is poisonous — roots, stems, leaves, flowers. The whole thing is bad."

Poison hemlock grows to a height of about five feet. The plant has a smooth, green stem that is usually spotted or streaked with purple dots. The leaves are finely divided and lacy, and the flowers are small, white and clustered.

The plant doesn't generally grow in pastures and is most common along ditch banks and canals.

"(It can be found in) places where there's a little bit more moisture. There's plenty of places where it's pretty thick," Jensen said.

Poison hemlock is a biennial plant, meaning it grows for two years, flowers, seeds, and then dies.

The weed can also kill horses, goats, or sheep.

People should wear rubber gloves when pulling the weed. They should also put the plant in a plastic bag and dispose of it in a trash receptacle.

Jensen advises ranchers to take care of poison hemlock on their property early in the season.

"Because the toxicity's not going to leave even if the stalk is dead and dried out," Jensen said. "So the best time to treat it is before it gets up and growing."

To kill the weed, he recommends the herbicide Dicamba with 2,4-D.

"It's rated as having good control of it," Jensen said.

Most agricultural supply outlets sell the chemical.

Ranchers or other ag producers with questions about poison hemlock can call Jensen at (208) 896-4104, or Jordan Valley Cooperative Weed Management Area coordinator Eric Morrison at (541) 586-3000.

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# OHR unveils its plans



**Above:** A rendering showing what the planned addition to Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation will look like. The expansion will include a fenced-in courtyard shared with the existing building. OHR executive director Chase Gunderson said the courtyard would feature a walking path, a covered sitting/dining area, and a garden. He added that it has not been determined when construction will begin, or when the expansion might be complete. **Below:** Folks chat next to the OHR flagpole, which is sporting the Ensign Group flag award formally presented last week.

## Event celebrates award, expansion

Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation unveiled its expansion plans during a public award celebration last Wednesday.

The ceremony included the formal presentation of the Ensign Group flag, which signifies the OHR parent company’s highest quality award.

Officials also took the opportunity to show off plans for the expansion of the Homedale facility to the east toward the corner of West Owyhee Avenue and North 1<sup>st</sup> Street West. The new building will have 18 beds, a bathroom and shower in each room, a large gym, and a dining room.

Christopher Christensen, founder and president of Ensign Group, and the company’s chief operating officer, Barry Port, presented the flag to OHR executive director Chase Gunderson and director of nursing Georgia Nelson.



# DUI, other charges filed in separate driving incidents

Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested two driving under the influence suspects in the span of less than 24 hours last week.

A 69-year-old Caldwell man was charged with misdemeanor DUI and indecent exposure after witnesses said he urinated in the Logan’s Market parking lot before 7 p.m. on Thursday.

Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said Dale Sharp was in a parked 2001 Hyundai passenger car when he was arrested in the parking lot.

A woman accompanying Sharp apparently nearly fell into a beer cooler inside the supermarket. A Marsing Ambulance crew checked out the woman after reports that she had hit her head, Bowman said.

Sharp was charged with misdemeanor DUI after he registered a .120 blood-alcohol concentration after Homedale Police personnel administered the BAC test at the scene.

Less than a day earlier, an OCSO deputy arrested 60-year-old Norman James of Homedale on suspicion of DUI.

James was pulled over near the intersection of Y Road and U.S. Highway 95 south of Homedale shortly before 10 p.m. last Wednesday.

Bowman said the man was arrested for misdemeanor DUI after registering a .133 BAC. James also refused to finish the field sobriety test protocol after failing the first two examinations, Bowman said.

The man was pulled over originally for speeding when he was clocked going 74 mph in a 55 mph zone.

Bowman said James was cited for speeding and failure to provide insurance, too.

— JPB

## Woman breaks leg in Jump Creek fall

A 24-year-old woman suffered a severely fractured leg in a fall at Jump Falls Recreation Area last Wednesday.

Owyhee County Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said the woman fell about 14 feet from the trail when she took an ill-advised shortcut. He said her male companion tried to discourage her.

“They were walking back to the parking lot, and she tried to take a shortcut off the very top of the canyon,” Bowman said.

Bowman said she suffered a compound fracture of the right leg and a head injury.

Idaho Mountain Search and Rescue was dispatched and later cancelled when emergency personnel, including sheriff’s Posse members, were able to get the woman out of the area about an hour after the incident was called in.

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# Percifield tourney returns to Marsing for another year

## Thirty-six teams set for annual softball fest

Thirty-six coed softball teams will be at Marsing High School this weekend for the annual Percifield Memorial Tournament.

There will be about 75 games played on fields at MHS from Friday to Sunday. Teams come from throughout Southwest Idaho. Games start at 5 p.m. Friday, and at 8 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The tournament began 33 years ago and is named for brothers Mike and Tim Percifield. The games were first played under the Marsing Coed Softball Tournament banner in 1983.

JW Chadez, who coordinates the tournament with his wife Amy, said Amy’s dad, Tim Percifield, died of a heart attack in the middle of a baseball game at the age of 30.

Years later, Tim’s brother Mike also passed away, so organizers decided to simply call the annual fundraiser the Percifield Memorial Coed Softball Tournament.

Chadez thinks everybody will be leaving the fields around 6:30 p.m. on Sunday.

“I like the championship games to be no later than 4 (p.m.), but I’d like to get them to about 3 (p.m.),” Chadez said. “I have to

play with the brackets. It always varies.”

There will be three different divisions again this year, upper, middle, and family. In 2014, there were four divisions.

“I’m combining A and B,” Chadez said. “I’m trying to take the best B teams and the few A teams. I’m trying to pick and choose there, and keep people where they want to play because it keeps it fun for everybody.”

All three 2015 championship teams are back for this year’s tournament.

Last year, the A Division champions were Uranga’s Gang. Always Going Deep won the B Division, while team CKT was the Family Division champion.

The home run derby will begin around 7:30 p.m. Saturday after the last game of the day. It is named after Elias Villanueva, the child of a tournament participant. Handicapped since birth, Elias died about eight years ago.

The derby entry fee is \$5, and Chadez expects 30 to 45 people will participate this weekend.

The winner will receive half of the money from derby entry fees and a trophy named in Villanueva’s memory. The rest of the derby entry fees help pay tournament costs.

Three other awards will also be handed out after the tournament ends Sunday.

The Kim Panzeri award goes

to the athlete deemed the best overall player in the tournament. It has been awarded since 1991 in memory of a tournament participant who died at age 19 in a car accident.

The J.R. Kent award is given to a big supporter of the games. Kent died in 2011.

The Chris Salove Community Award goes to a person who provides tremendous help for the tournament. It’s named for the former Marsing businessman and Owyhee County commissioner who died in 2012.

The entry fee for teams in this year’s tournament was \$225.

In past years, proceeds from the fundraiser have provided equipment and pitching machines for the Marsing Rec youth baseball and softball program, and financed construction of a visitor’s dugout at the MHS baseball field.

Donations have also been made to high school athletic programs, and some money has been used to sponsor athletes at football camps.

“We’re trying to loop it into Marsing youth sports, like the Optimist football,” Chadez said. “We try to fund any of those sports that need it.

“Last year, we helped junior high basketball. We bought them water bottles. We just put it to wherever somebody needs a little bit of money.” — SC

# County rodeo entries open

Local entries for the Owyhee County Rodeo are open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. today.

Call (208) 33-7-3666 to enter the following events for the Aug. 10-13 rodeo at the fairgrounds in Homedale:

- Mutton Busting for boys and girls for ages 5-7 and weighing up to 55 pounds
- Steer riding, open to ages 8-13
- Wild cow milking
- Wild horse race

- Local team roping

Idaho Cowboys Association rodeo entries will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday with callbacks from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday.

Enter at [www.icarodeo.com](http://www.icarodeo.com) or by calling (208) 366-2326 or faxing to (208) 366-7967.

The draw will be posted on the ICA website and [enterup.biz](http://enterup.biz).

Gates will open at 7 p.m. each day for the rodeo with pre-rodeo events beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Admission is free for slack on Wednesday, Aug. 10.

Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$7 for youth and senior citizens on Thursday, Aug. 11, which is Kick Cancer Night.

Admission is \$12 for general admission and \$7 for youth on Friday and Saturday night, Aug. 12-13.

Advance tickets are available at Matteson’s in Homedale and D&B Supply locations in Nampa and Caldwell.

# Drunk driver jailed for no license

A Grand View man awaiting sentencing on one driving under the influence conviction has received his punishment for a subsequent drunk driving

charge.

Willie Keith Rabey was given a suspended sentence and credit for 23 days already served in Owyhee County Jail for his June 25 misdemeanor DUI arrest when he appeared before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober on July 18 in Murphy.

Grober placed Rabey on two years’ probation and suspended his driver’s license for a year, and Rabey must pay \$1,150 in fines and court costs.

During the same stop, Rabey also was charged with a third or subsequent offense of driving without privileges. For that

misdemeanor, Grober ordered the man to serve a week behind bars, but allowed Rabey to do so through a work release program.

Rabey also must pay a \$157.50 for a misdemeanor offense of possessing an open container of alcohol while driving. He also must pay \$90 in fines and fees for running a stop sign.

Rabey is scheduled for an Aug. 29 sentencing hearing after pleading guilty to misdemeanor DUI after an April 28 arrest. He was also charged with misdemeanor driving without privileges in that incident.

— JPB

# MHS softball coach resigns after two years

Marsing High School softball coach Barry Kendall has resigned.

“I stepped down about the middle of June. It was not an easy decision, but it was a decision I had to make,” Kendall said.

“Simply put, it had to do with time and business. I did not feel like I could put in the time that was required for the team and maintain my work relationships as well.”

Kendall coached the Huskies for two seasons, getting them within a victory of a 2A state tournament play-in game in 2016.

The softball coaching job opening has been posted on the school district website.

“I will continue to support the Marsing programs and wish the best for the team and especially the kids,” Kendall said. — JPB

# HHS fall sports parents meeting set

Parents of athletes participating in Homedale High School’s fall sports are invited to a meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

The meeting will cover several aspects of the sports programs, including the school’s new sports website ([www.trojansports.net](http://www.trojansports.net)) and the new student-athlete registration system through Varsity News Network.

Parents will be able to register their child in any sport they wish to participate in, and also have the opportunity to fill out all necessary

insurance questions, provide emergency contact information and other details that will produce a paperless file.

Parents will be able to pay sports fees online, eliminating a trip to the high school.

Online registration also creates a sport-specific alert list, so athletes and parents can receive updates and news from their coaches.

HHS football practice begins Monday, Aug. 8, while cross country and volleyball practices start on Friday, Aug. 12.

# Rimrock preparing for sports season

Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School is gearing up for the fall sports season, and all athletes must have physicals completed before the first day of practice.

Information on athletics can be found online at [www.sd365.us](http://www.sd365.us) or by calling the school after Monday.

High school football practice begins on Monday, Aug. 8, and all other fall sports begin Friday, Aug. 12.

The Raiders will compete in volleyball and boys’ cross country. The school also has a co-op with Mountain Home for girls’ soccer.

All athletes must have insurance. Proof of self-insurance must be on file, or athletes can purchase insurance through Rimrock.

Each athlete entering sixth through ninth grade and 11<sup>th</sup> grade must have a physical obtained after May 15 with the record on file at Rimrock prior to participation in athletics. Parent consent forms also are required.

Physicals are available through Valley Health Clinic in Grand View. Call (208) 834-2929 for an appointment.

Sports forms are available on the school district website or at the school.

There are participation fees: \$50 per high school sport and \$25 per junior high school sport.

High school athletes must pay \$50 per sport for high school, and it’s \$25 per sport for junior high.

Valley Health Clinic in Grand View will provide athletic physicals. Call (208) 834-2929 for an appointment.

Students must have physicals before the first day of practice.

# Local NFL youth skills competition on horizon

Owyhee County youth are invited to compete in the annual NFL Punt, Pass and Kick competition next month in Nampa.

The local competition will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 4 at the Nampa High School football stadium.

A local competition previously had been held in Marsing.

Registration is free and open to boys and girls ages 6-15. Competitors will receive free T-shirts while supplies last.

Age division champions at the local level will qualify for the sectional tournament in September.

The regional competition will be held during a Seattle Seahawks game in November, and the next level of competition takes place during halftime of the NFC Championship Game next year.

For information, visit [NFLPPK.com](http://NFLPPK.com) or call Idaho state chair Ken Wilson at (208) 880-1099.

Have a news tip?

Call us!

337-4681

# Looking back...

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

## 25 years ago

July 31, 1991

**OCA president Lowry: Many issues still up in the air**

Tim Lowry gave his final speech as president of Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association Saturday at the association’s annual meeting in Silver City. Lowry said although he has worked hard as president, it seems as if there are many issues still up in the air.

“I feel like a juggler juggling some potentially dangerous instruments,” he said. “Those things are hanging over all of our heads. Fortunately, I’m going to move off the stage now.”

Lowry spoke of the wild and scenic river study currently being undertaken by the Bureau of Land Management as part of an effort to develop a Resource Management Plan for the area. He said the results so far show a move away from multiple use, and said he is disturbed by that.

The potential hike in grazing fees on public lands was also a major concern of Lowry’s. He said he is concerned about what would happen to the cattle industry if a sharp increase in fees came about.

“It would be a tragic loss if it ever came about,” he said.

“The picture that is being painted of us...that we have no feeling toward the resource, is a false picture,” he said.

Lowry also said he is concerned because he has seen a shift in the way the government operates when it comes to issues such as private property.

“It seems things are getting turned a little upside-down,” he said.

Lowry said he believes instead of protecting the constitutionally guaranteed rights of citizens the government is chipping away at them.

“The government has no responsibility,” he said.

He also said the government does not give citizens these unalienable rights, and should not be allowed to take them away.

“I’m afraid the government is forgetting the basic principle,” he said.

**County ordinances best way to protect federal lands**

The answer to many of the problems cattlemen are facing today may lay within the county government system, according to Karen Budd, a resource law attorney from Cheyenne, Wyo.

Budd comes from a family of ranchers. She was a special guest speaker at the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association’s annual convention in Silver City Saturday.

Budd said when it comes to protecting federal lands, county commissioners may have the best opportunity, since they have the authority to be involved in land-use planning before the public.

“Counties must take the initiative,” she said.

She said a recent Supreme Court case has made it possible to file suit against the federal government in state court, and have the case heard by local judges rather than federal judges. She said this will benefit counties since local judges are more in tune with the issues in their communities than federal judges.

She said a small county in New Mexico has just finished funding a study on what part counties can play in planning for land use within the county. The county is willing to make the information available to other counties that are attempting to develop land-use ordinances to protect federal lands.

**Dozen students from county attend business program**

Twelve Owyhee County students interested in careers in business were among nearly 500 students from across Idaho participating in a one-week program on the private enterprise system conducted at Boise State last week.

The Homedale students and their business sponsors included Kory Bean, Dan Wiebold Ford; Marne Boian, Edmark Chevrolet; Marnie Dye, First Security Bank of Idaho; Mickie Eguia, Grange Mutual Life Co.; Jennifer Ethington, Thorne Printing & Office Supply; Camille Felty, Union Fertilizer; and Tasha M. Salisbury, RMH Co.

## 50 years ago

July 28, 1966

**Efforts to ‘boost up’ interest in Fair parade**

Renewed efforts to “boost up” the Owyhee County Fair parade, which is one of the most climatic events of the four-day fair, has been made by the members of the Alpha Omega Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi.

Since the chapter was first approached by fair board officials last winter to be in charge of directing and supervising all the parade activities and also managing the fair queen contest, the members literally “rolled up their sleeves” and started their initial plans to trying their best to make this year’s parade the biggest and best ever to be held in Homedale, and at the same time to give the winning candidates of the fair queen and the two princesses and attendants more public recognition and honor, according to Mrs. George Murray, President.

Sixteen members were appointed as chairmen of various committees. Correspondence and personal contact were made to several out-of-town organizations as well as every organization, youth groups, churches, riding clubs and commercial establishments within the county. Responses from several of the organizations have been received assuring the committee that they plan to participate in the parade, according to Mrs. Bryce Peterson, General Chairman.

Included in the entries are: The Eh-Capa Indians riding club from Boise, the El Korah Shriners motor patrol also from Boise, the colorful Royal Highlanders from Caldwell, the 25<sup>th</sup> National Guard band from Caldwell under the direction of Bill Rankin, the Paiute Indians from the Duck Valley Indian Reservation, McDaniel’s accordion band and a number of commercial floats from Marsing and the community organization floats.

Line-up for the parade entries will start on Owyhee Avenue near the Owyhee bowling lanes at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 20. Official judging will start at 9:15 before the parade commences and will also be judged during the actual parade. The judges’ stand will be in front of the American 95 service station. Five out-of-town judges will score the parade entries on the point system. There will also be an information booth located near the starting parade line.

**Ron Cegnar solos at Homedale airport**

Ron Cegnar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Cegnar, successfully soloed for the first time at the Homedale airport Sunday. He was piloting a Piper J3 Cub with 85 horsepower.

Cegnar is a senior at the University of Idaho, Moscow, and is majoring in agricultural economics. He states that he plans to use his flying in his future career and hopes to have his private pilot rating in a few weeks.

Cegnar is a student of Bill Davidson, resident flight instructor and former Naval aviator.

**Grange to donate ticket money for playground**

The State Line Grange decided to donate their 40 percent of the proceeds from the fair queen ticket sales for playground equipment to be placed in the Homedale City Park at the regular meeting Tuesday night. Miss Colleen Paxton is the queen candidate for the grange, reporter Mrs. George Ferguson reported.

**GOP holds ‘meet your candidate’ reception at G.V.**

Some fifty guests attended the Republican “Meet Your Candidate” reception held at the Grand View elementary school last Friday.

Walter Yarbrough, Grand View, who is running for senator from District 13, introduced the candidates.

Those present included: Bob Purcell and Jim McClure, both running for U.S. Representative from District 1; Edsen Deal, Secretary of State candidate; O. T. Hansen, Inspector of Mines candidate; and Ernest Allen and G. M. Brown, seeking the two representative seats from District 13.

The county Republican candidates on hand were: Roy Loucks and Lanford New, seeking Owyhee County Commissioners seats; and Jim Blaine, running for Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney

## 140 years ago

July 29, 1876

NO GOLD THERE – Franconi City, July 28, 1876 – Editor Idaho Avalanche:

I have just returned from a fruitless search for a rich discovery in way of placer mines, said to have been recently made by a couple of Dutchmen thirty or forty miles west of us in Baker County, Oregon. The vague reports in circulation concerning the discovery are, I think, without foundation. The Dutchmen alluded to, having been living near the Cow Creek Lakes and have been absent for some time in the mountains. A young man told me he set them across the Owyhee River some time ago, and at that time they told him they had discovered placer diggings that prospected five cents to the pan but did not say where. I did not cross the Owyhee for I would have “lieve” undertake to fine a “needle in a hay stack” as two Dutchmen in the mountains beyond the Owyhee. I examined the country around the south-eastern side of Mahogany Mountain, but saw nothing that I took to be auriferous. I found better agricultural and meadow lands than I expected to meet with in that region.

My route was down Cow Creek. The farm, nine miles from here, is that of Mr. McIntyre, the next Mr. Jackson’s, the next Knight’s, adjoining Mr. Westgate’s.

Westgate’s farm is only twenty miles from Silver City, and what was formerly the military post of Camp Lyon, (abandoned as a post a few years ago).

Two miles down the creek is the residence and stock ranch of Con Shea. He has a fine comfortable dwelling and commodious barn, but cultivates no land. Although there are thousands of acres of rich agricultural land all round him he doesn’t even plant a garden, or patch of potatoes. His cattle and horses range upon a thousand hills extending from the head of Cow Creek to the Owyhee River, a distance of forty miles.

ASPECTS OF THE CAMPAIGN – It is becoming evident that the Presidential campaign is not to go forward without the usual amount of scurrility and billings-gate from a portion of the press. This disreputable business is confined mainly to the party “organs” whose conductors seem to act as though the bespattering process was essential in order to ensure them their bread and butter hereafter. Our observations compel us to state that journals supporting Hayes and Wheeler are striving to monopolize this dishonorable business by flings at “Slippery Sam” and “Rotary Tom” as some of them are pleased to term the Democratic candidates for President and Vice President. Misrepresentation, personal abuse and unbecoming diatribe seem to have been the staple arguments used by many journals thus far during the campaign. Republican papers assail the Democratic standard bearers for delay in issuing their letters of acceptance while Mr. Wheeler’s letter has only been made public within two or three days. The same papers also harp upon the soft money proclivities of the Democrats while it is well known that the Republicans are as deep in the mud as their opponents are in the mire on this question. The truth is that the number of greenbackers in the Republican ranks to-day is much greater than the number to be found among the Democrats, and in justice to the Democratic House it must be said that measures pertaining to and looking to the substitution of coin for paper money have fared infinitely better in that body than such measures have in the Republican Senate as a record of the proceedings of the session thus far will show. There is also a disposition manifested, by the bread and butter hirelings, to revive the “bloody shirt” business and make it an element of warfare in the campaign, with a view to creating as much hate and ill feeling as possible between the two sections of the country. This is all wrong. Unwise appeals to the passions and prejudices of voters will accomplish no good in this campaign, as the people are sick of it and are clamorous for reform in abuses that have grown out of the demoralized condition of public affairs, which such a course has aided in bringing about. An aggressive policy doesn’t always win especially when the spirit which dictates it is at variance with common sense and prudence, leaving out the more important question as to whether such policy is suggested by a careful review of the field of operations and the possible material that may be evoked from the enemy later in the campaign.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense  
Timed event man

In the world of rodeo, cowboys usually fall into one of two categories: rough stock riders or timed event men. Each looks on the other with suspicion. Bronc riders can't imagine havin' to drag a horse and trailer all over the country, and ropers think bull riding is uncivilized!

Jack and Russell entered the punkin roller at Bokchito, Oklahoma. They were both 16 and invincible! On arrival, they discovered a mix-up. Jack entered in the bareback and Russell in the calf roping. Jack complained, "I told Mr. Ward to put me in the calf ropin' and Russell was ridin' bares! Besides, Russell's bought a brand new riggin'!" Which, of course he had! Not only that, Russell had a new set of custom-made bronc spurs and had just attended Mel Autry's rodeo school!

The secretary glared at him and growled, "Well, Jack, you better see if it fits your hand, 'cause I ain't changin' the order!"

They stomped around cussing the contractor, the secretary, their luck and each other's event. But as the National Anthem played over the speakers, Jack was down in the chute tryin' to pound his left hand into Russell's right-hand riggin'!

Minnie Mouse was an 800-pound grulla mare. Jack made some comment about stick horses and shetlands. 'Bout not wantin' to hurt her. Russell ignored him. Jack was sorta scratchin' his spurs a little and thinkin', "By, gosh, this ain't bad! I'm winnin' the bareback! Easier than I thought."

At the quarter mile pole Minnie Mouse bogged her head, planted her front feet and exploded in midair! By the time she lit on all fours again, Jack had both legs on the left side and was laid across her like a roll of carpet!

He couldn't get his hand free! With all his weight stickin' out like a wind vane on the starboard side, he began to drag the little mare right. From his vantage point on the wing tip, Jack could see the arena fence flashing by at eye level. He was stuck hard and fast and pulling her closer and closer. Big square ties and net wire began clickin' by like a railroad bed.

"Gosh," he thought, "I hope it's cheap wire..."

He needn't have worried. He hit a tie! The collision was so calamitous it knocked the mare down!

At the conclusion of this spectacular exhibition, the crowd applauded wildly. As Jack hobbled out, the gate a man in yellow boots and a bolo tie asked him where he was gonna be appearing next.

Standing in the parking lot after the rodeo, Jack observed what a sorry job Russell had done in the calf roping.

— Visit Baxter's Web site at [www.baxterblack.com](http://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.

Letter to the editor  
Grand View citizens, officials must stick to facts

I ask Grand View citizens to attend city council meetings. Instead of rumor, gossip and innuendo, come listen and find out for yourself.

The council must know what is going on in the city, make appropriate motions and pass or defeat them.

When the present council was sworn in, John Morrison said it would take some time to get up to speed. That is because he had not regularly attended meetings. Council members received the employee manual, which, apparently, none bothered to read. Meeting minutes are available, if any of them wanted to come in and read them. They receive information packets well before meetings so they know what's on the agenda and why it is there.

Staff meetings are held at least once a week so employees know what projects are important and why.

The city clerk's job description is in the employee manual.

Council members receive the audit, so they will be informed and prepared to make the yearly budget. Apparently, none have read the audit either.

The present city clerk provides the benefit of being able to write grants and get project funding.

The mayor is to run meetings, sign checks, sign the minutes after approval, sign any other papers to enact what the council has approved, make public appearances at various functions and other various duties. He serves in an advisory capacity for the council.

**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:

- E-mailed to [jon@owyheeavalanche.com](mailto: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.

The council makes motions and votes on them. No one else makes the decisions.

The mayor and council and employees are here to serve the people, not take a position of power to serve their own interests.

I encourage citizens to attend meetings, especially if you plan to seek city office. You cannot make wise decisions if you do not know what is really going on.

Do not depend on rumors and gossip.

Opal Ward  
Grand View

Ward is a former mayor and city councilperson who is one of three people who have expressed an interest to be Grand View's next mayor. — Ed.

Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington  
Dual federal regulation of pesticides hampers Zika fight



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Director Dr. Tom Frieden and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Gina McCarthy recently announced that aerial insecticide applications are an important tool for combating the spread of Zika on the U.S. mainland and territories. This reiterates the need to enact legislation I introduced, along with a bipartisan group of senators including fellow Idaho Sen. Jim Risch, that would remove redundant, time-consuming and costly permitting requirements on the nation's pest control professionals as well as farmers, ranchers, municipalities, water users and forest managers.

I recently co-led a letter calling on President Obama to support relief from the overregulation of pesticide users, including mosquito control authorities, to more effectively address current and future threats to public health. As the legislative debate continues, the President must work with Congress to enact long-term pesticides regulatory reform to effectively respond to the Zika virus and future, similar health concerns.

The House of Representatives passed the Zika Vector Control Act, which contains the regulatory relief objectives in S. 1500, the Sensible Environmental Protection Act, that I introduced. Members of the House and Senate worked with the Administration to create an agreement to address the spread of Zika that included some flexibility for mosquito control applicators to allow mosquito-specific pesticide spraying. However, a filibuster by Senate Democrats prevented the bill from moving forward.

In the letter, we asked the President to consider the comments and warnings of his Administration officials and expressed growing concern that, "If the Administration does not work with Congress to address this potentially life-threatening issue, the Zika crisis in Puerto Rico will certainly spread to the continental United States, threatening the health and safety of all Americans, especially women of childbearing age and millions of unborn children." Administrator McCarthy commented that spraying can

be accomplished "safety and effectively." CDC Director Frieden said, the continental U.S. would have been sprayed months ago if we had the alarming widespread Zika epidemic Puerto Rico is experiencing today.

For more than 30 years, the EPA has implemented a comprehensive regulatory structure for pesticide applications under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). The statute requires pesticides to be evaluated (undergoing more than 100 tests) and registered with the EPA. Users must comply with agency-approved, uniform labeling standards. In testimony before Congress in 2011, then-Director of the EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs Dr. Steven Bradbury characterized the EPA's intensive scrutiny of pesticides under FIFRA as "a rigorous battery of tests."

Despite the extensive regulation, a 2009 court decision forced the agency to also require Clean Water Act (CWA) permits for certain applications of pesticides in or near water. This duplicative regulatory requirement went into effect in 2011, resulting in mosquito and vector control organizations having to deal with duplicative federal regulations that divert staff time and budgets away from mosquito control. S. 1500 would clarify congressional intent that CWA permits are not required for FIFRA-compliant pesticide applications in or near water.

The more we learn about Zika, the more frightening the virus and its complications become. As Congress debates the response to Zika, enactment of S. 1500 would provide needed regulatory relief that allows our mosquito control authorities to do their jobs and more effectively address the threat of Zika without creating adverse effects on the environment. I will continue to work for approval of this legislation.

— 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 Insurance, trust good plan to look after special needs child

**Dear Dave,**  
Our daughter is a special needs child, who doctors say will live about half as long as the average adult. There’s also a good chance she will be under our care her entire life. We just finished Baby Step 3 of your plan, so we have all of our debt paid off except for the house, and we have an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses saved. We have health insurance, too. However, we were wondering how the situation with our little girl affects retirement planning and college funding?  
— Jonathan

**Dear Jonathan,**  
I know this may sound strange, but the situation with your daughter really doesn’t affect things all that much. The only real difference is that it sounds like you’ll be responsible for your sweet daughter for the foreseeable future — not just until she’s 18 or 21.

If you don’t already have it, you and your wife should both buy 10 to 12 times your annual incomes in term life insurance. Make sure the money from the policies is set up to go into a special needs trust that would be managed for her care. That way, your baby will be taken care of in the event something unexpected happens to you.  
Otherwise, just keep following my plan. Baby Step 4 means you start putting 15 percent of your income into pre-tax retirement plans, like Roth IRAs and mutual funds. Baby Step 5 is college funding, if that’s a consideration for her, followed by paying off your home early. Then, of course, the last Baby Step is building wealth and giving.  
Financially speaking, you’re looking at filling a need in the event of your deaths. This should be covered by life insurance or investments. If you reach a point where your investments



are substantial, and money from those things can adequately cover her needs and the needs of your family, then you can always drop the insurance policies.  
God bless you all, Jonathan.  
— Dave  
**Dear Dave,**  
My husband has his own one-

man painting business, and I help him with the books. We were wondering how you know when it’s time to implement a price increase. Also, what should the increase be?  
— Lauren  
**Dear Lauren,**  
I grew up in the real estate business, so I’ll use the apartment-complex model as my example. If your building is completely full, then it’s time to raise prices a little bit until you have a vacancy. In this type of scenario, you want a healthy level of vacancy, meaning you’re always going to be losing some customers as you go up in prices.  
In your husband’s case, if he’s booked through the end of the month, he’s way underpriced. Just keep on turning in your bids, and don’t make a big deal about things. It isn’t like a tenant, in your case, where you’re going back time and time again except in rare cases. You might start with a 10 percent

increase, and see what happens for a while. If that goes well, wait a bit and raise them another 10 percent.  
There are only so many hours in a day this guy can work, so the only other option is to take on staff. But before I start staffing, I’m going to raise prices and cut the number of customers that way. In most cases with the construction business, if you show up when you say you will, complete the job when you say you will, and you do high-quality work, there’s almost no ceiling on what you can make!  
— 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 Donald Trump’s blue-collar appeal threatens Democrats

by Rick Manning

Donald Trump’s acceptance speech showed America two important things: that he is not the standard-issue Republican candidate standing above the workers hoping they will vote for him, and that the GOP has unified behind his candidacy.  
The ugly truth is that Republicans have lost the popular vote in five of the six past presidential elections, and have lost the Electoral College-vote-heavy rust belt states of Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin in all six of those general election tests. That is 24 years of failure in states that have each had Republican governors and state legislatures in the past two years.  
Trump’s heartfelt personal, job and national security message not only puts the rust belt in play, but resonates with all Americans who have seen their ability to make a living threatened or lost, watched dumbfounded as violence against the police has been seemingly accepted by our nation’s leaders, all the while being horrified by the terrorist attacks and beheadings that are seemingly the new normal under the Democrats, even as those same leaders attack every American’s constitutional freedoms and beliefs.  
Trump speaks directly to these voters, who have found that the Democratic Party that many of them once felt represented them, has completely abandoned them. Thursday night, Donald Trump looked those voters in the eye and promised to be their voice. A voice that will tell the truth rather than subtle lies couched as political correctness. Trump promised to be a voice that will stand for them and against the corporate cronies who have fixed the system against them. And he promised to be a voice for them by restoring common-sense governance that

encourages a safe environment for their families to thrive and their opportunities to grow.  
Rather than run a failed wash, rinse, repeat campaign, Trump’s appeal to put America first in trade deals, restore law and order, enforce our borders and protect our national security demonstrates that he is going to fight for traditional blue collar, Democrat and Independent voters in the Great Lakes states and beyond against a corrupt opponent saddled with a globalist record that is despised by these voters. The political brilliance of changing the electoral map from one where the GOP candidate had no margin for error to one where there are more big, battleground states in play automatically puts Hillary on the defensive in traditional Democrat strongholds like Pittsburgh, where it is Trump’s rhetoric that is much more familiar and popular.  
Trump recognizing that the rule of law must be restored through the appointment of Scalia-like Supreme Court Justices and that our tax and burdensome regulatory systems have hobbled the U.S. economy resulting in the hollowing out of America’s manufacturing sector and the hamstringing our energy sector to the detriment of workers.  
Ironically, in a bygone era much of Trump’s rhetoric could have been delivered by a labor state Democrat, but today it is the GOP nominee who is speaking for the workers’ aspirations, while the Democrats have as their standard bearer the ultimate corporatist insider candidate beset by her personal avarice and corruption.  
Trump is a political risk for the GOP, because some of his rhetoric diverges from the beaten path, but failure to attract a majority in five of the past six presidential elections proves the need to take that chance. His speech

demonstrates that he will speak to the positive aspirations of Americans who are tired of being taken for chumps by the politicians they send to D.C. And not being a politician by trade, Trump’s rhetoric is believable, because it isn’t the empty words of a pandering senior citizen carrying hot sauce and playing Pokemon Go to appear to be cool, but rather the words of someone who is dedicated to restoring our nation’s economic and military strength. A man who believes the words he says and seeks the office of the Presidency not for personal aggrandizement but to use his talents to help redirect a nation that has lost its way.  
As a limited government advocate, there were some areas of Trump’s speech that raised concerns, but when compared to Hillary Clinton’s anti-First, Second, Fifth and Tenth Constitutional amendment positions, it was clear that Republican Convention attendees had decided that any differences needed to be put aside to focus on beating Hillary Clinton.  
The Republican Party has united around Donald Trump even as his acceptance speech was an open invitation to Independent and Democrat voters to join him in his fight to make America great again. The next few months will determine if Obama’s policies will be cemented and expanded through both legislative and judicial appointments, or if America’s legacy of individual freedom will be protected and restored. In Cleveland, Donald Trump showed that he understands the enormity of the stakes.  
The fight for America has been joined, and the battleground will be blue-collar voters, a massive voting bloc that Hillary Clinton wishes would just go away.  
— Rick Manning is the President of Americans for Limited Government.

### Contacting U.S. senators

<b>Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho)</b> <b>Local office</b> 251 E. Front St., Ste. 205 Boise, ID 83702 Phone — (208) 334-1776. Fax — (208) 334-9044	<b>Washington, D.C., office</b> 239 Dirksen Senate Building Washington, DC 20510 Phone — (202) 224-6142. Fax — (202) 228-1375 E-mail — <a href="http://crapo.senate.gov/contact/email.cfm">http://crapo.senate.gov/contact/email.cfm</a> <b>Term expires 2016</b>	<b>Sen. Jim Risch (R-Idaho)</b> <b>Local office</b> 350 N. 9 <sup>th</sup> St., Ste. 302. Boise, ID 83702 Phone — (208) 342-7985. Fax — (208) 343-2458 <b>Washington, D.C., office</b> 483 Russell Senate Office Bldg. Washington, DC 20510
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# Public notices

## OWYHEE COUNTY 2016 MURPHY FLAT ROAD PAVING PROJECT ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Separate sealed BIDS for the Owyhee County—2016 Murphy Flat Road Paving Project will be received by Paragon Consulting, Inc., at their office located at 157 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Kuna, Idaho 83634 until 2:00 p.m. local time on August 11, 2016, and then publicly opened and read aloud.

The project consists of constructing approximately 2.0 miles of a 3-inch thickness of asphalt paving, with a typical width of 24-feet on top County prepared base, including:

- 2.0-mile of base preparation prior to paving.
- Approximately 4,600 tons of plant mix paving.

It is the intent of the Project Documents and Drawings to describe the work required to complete this project in sufficient detail to secure comparable bids. All parts or work not specifically mentioned which are necessary in order to provide a complete project shall be included in the bid and shall conform to all Local, State and Federal requirements.

The work performed under this contract shall start before September 30, 2016 and be complete in its entirety on or before October 14, 2016.

There are no Federal funds utilized in this project.

The Project Documents and Drawings may be examined at the following locations:

- Owyhee County – 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, ID 83650
- PARAGON CONSULTING, INC. – 157 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Kuna, ID 83634 (Issuing Office)

In determining the lowest responsive bid, the OWNER will consider all acceptable bids on a basis consistent with the bid package. The OWNER will also consider whether the bidder is a responsible bidder.

Before a contract will be awarded for work contemplated herein, the OWNER will conduct such investigation as is necessary to determine the performance record and ability of the apparent low bidder to perform the size and type of work specified under this Contract. Upon request, the bidder shall submit such information as deemed necessary by the OWNER to evaluate the bidder’s qualifications.

All bids must be signed and accompanied by evidence of authority to sign.

Bids must be accompanied by Bid Security in the form of a bid bond, certified check, cashier’s check, or cash in the amount of 5% of the amount of the bid proposal. Said bid security shall be forfeited to Owyhee County as liquidated damages should the successful bidder fail to enter into contract in accordance with their proposal as specified in the Instructions to Bidders.

Owyhee County reserve the right to reject any or all proposals, waive any nonmaterial irregularities in the bids received, and to accept the proposal deemed most advantageous to the best interest of the County.

Date July 25, 2016  
Kelly Aberasturi, Chairman  
Dates Advertised: July 27, 2016 and August 3, 2016

## BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

A public meeting will be held on August 9, 2016 at 6:00 pm

in the annex building of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 17069 Basey St. in Murphy, Idaho. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear public comments on the proposed road categorizations of RS2477 rights of way shown on USGS quadrangle maps within portions of the following townships and ranges:

4N5W; 4N6W, 3N4W, 3N5W, 3N6W, N½ of 2N4W, 2N5W, 2N6W, 1N5W, 1N6W, 1S5W, 1S6W, 2S5W, 2S6W, S½ of the S½ of 3S4W, 3S5W, 3S6W, 4S4W, 4S5W, 4S6W, 5S4W, 5S5W, 5S6W, 6S4W, 6S5W, 6S6W, 7S4W, 7S5W, 7S6W, 8S2W, 8S3W, 8S4W, 8S5W, 8S6W, 9S2W, 9S3W, 9S4W, 9S5W, 9S6W.

The categories group the rights of way located on federal lands in accordance with Owyhee County Resolution 2011-21, which established the final groups and criteria for such groups. **No groups cover rights of way located on private lands.** The proposed maps are available for viewing in the planning and zoning office located in the annex building of the Owyhee County Courthouse at 17069 Basey St. in Murphy during regular business hours Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 12:00pm, and 1:00pm to 5:00pm.  
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## REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS FOR WATERWAYS MARINE VESSEL

Owyhee County will accept sealed bids addressed to: Clerk of the Owyhee County Board of County Commissioners, Waterways Marine Vessel, P.O. Box 128, Murphy, ID 83650, no later than close of business at 5 pm (Mountain Standard Time, henceforth “MST”) August 1, 2016.

Schedule of events are as follows:

- RFB issue July 18, 2016. Publish dates July 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. Full bid details will be available at [www.owyheecounty.net](http://www.owyheecounty.net).

- Written questions should be submitted no later than close of business JULY 29, 2016 and addressed to the Owyhee County Clerk, PO Box 128, Murphy, 83650, can be faxed to 208-495-1173 or emailed to [abarkell@co.owyhee.id.us](mailto:abarkell@co.owyhee.id.us)

- Questions will be answered by close of business August 3, 2016.

- RFB response deadline is close of business, AUGUST 5, 2016.

- Opening of bids will commence at 10:00 am (MDT) AUGUST 8, 2016 at the Owyhee County Courthouse. At the discretion of the Commissioners, bid award may be made immediately following opening or may be deferred to a later time or date.

Complete RFB and specifications may be obtained from the Owyhee County Clerk, Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, ID 83650 or on-line at [www.owyheecounty.net](http://www.owyheecounty.net) Owyhee County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.  
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## CITY OF HOMEDALE NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The City Council of the City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho will be accepting comments from the public regarding the City of Homedale Water Facility Planning Study and proposed water system improvements. The water facility planning study

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FY2017 PROPOSED BUDGET

Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 (FY2017)  
**CITY OF HOMEDALE**

**Notice** is hereby given that a public hearing pursuant to Idaho Code 50-1002, will be held for consideration of the proposed budget for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017 (**FY2017**). **A proposed Budget Hearing will be held at Homedale City Hall, 31 W Wyoming at 6:00 p.m. on August 10, 2016.** Copies of the proposed city budget with details are available for review at Homedale City Hall during normal business hours. All interested persons are invited to appear.

### Funds EXPENDITURES

01 General
02 Streets & Highways
03 Parks
04 Library
05 Local Improvement District
06 Law Enforcement
25 Water
26 Sewer
27 Sanitation
30 Airport
60 Irrigation

**TOTAL EXPENDITURE (all funds)**

### Property Tax Levy REVENUES

General Fund
Park & Rec

**Total Property Tax:**

### Revenue Other Sources

01 General
02 Streets & Highways
03 Parks
04 Library
05 Local Improvement District
06 Law Enforcement
25 Water
26 Sewer
27 Sanitation
30 Airport
60 Irrigation

**Total Other Sources**

**TOTAL REVENUE (all funds)**

Alice E. Pegram  
Homedale City Clerk/Treasurer

and the proposed water system improvements with maps showing the proposed improvements are available for viewing at Homedale City Hall.

The public comment period will be from Wednesday, July 20, 2016 and will end on Wednesday, August 3, 2016. Written comments will be accepted at Homedale City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave, P. O. Box 757, Homedale, Idaho 83628. City hall is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, telephone 208-337-4641 and email [cityofhomedale@cablone.net](mailto:cityofhomedale@cablone.net).

A public meeting will be held from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm on July 28, 2016 where details of the project options will be outlined and verbal comments received.

The intent of the proposed water system improvements include:

- Replacement of water lines smaller than 6-inches in diameter
- Elimination of dead end water mains
- Drilling of new water well
- Replacement of the 12-inch trunk line from the water storage tank

After considering and addressing comments received at the public meeting and during the public comment period the City Council will determine the project option(s) they wish to pursue. A detailed environmental evaluation (draft Environment Information Document) will be performed on the selected alternative. The proposed improvement projects less than \$100,000 are intended

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FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
ACTUAL	PROPOSED	PROPOSED
\$724,428.00	\$753,855.00	\$756,441.00
\$309,765.00	\$272,600.00	\$279,485.00
\$96,045.00	\$127,345.00	\$137,670.00
\$68,508.00	\$70,111.00	\$696,557.00
\$42,757.00	\$42,567.00	\$44,567.00
\$433,809.00	\$458,625.00	\$494,439.00
\$798,321.00	\$794,026.00	\$810,542.00
\$712,230.00	\$728,413.00	\$731,094.00
\$115,000.00	\$120,000.00	\$122,000.00
\$110,025.00	\$110,000.00	\$20,000.00
\$129,450.00	\$148,425.00	\$162,570.00
\$3,540,338.00	\$3,625,967.00	\$4,255,365.00
\$341,000.00	\$351,230.00	\$389,800.00
16,700.00	17,250.00	20,531.00
\$357,700.00	\$368,480.00	\$410,331.00
\$383,428.00	\$402,625.00	\$366,641.00
\$309,765.00	\$272,600.00	\$279,485.00
\$79,345.00	\$110,095.00	\$117,139.00
\$68,508.00	\$70,111.00	\$696,557.00
\$42,757.00	\$42,567.00	\$44,567.00
\$433,809.00	\$458,625.00	\$494,439.00
\$798,321.00	\$794,026.00	\$810,542.00
\$712,230.00	\$728,413.00	\$731,094.00
\$115,000.00	\$120,000.00	\$122,000.00
\$110,025.00	\$110,000.00	\$20,000.00
\$129,450.00	\$148,425.00	\$162,570.00
\$3,182,638.00	\$3,257,487.00	\$3,845,034.00
\$3,540,338.00	\$3,625,967.00	\$4,255,365.00

July 27th & Aug. 3th

**NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING**  
The Commissioners of the HOMEDALE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT have tentatively adopted the 2016-2017 Budget for said district as set forth below. A public hearing for the adoption of such budget will be held at the Moxie Java, 404 US Highway 95, Homedale, Idaho at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 9, 2016.

## HOMEDALE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT - PROPOSED BUDGET

Beginning Fund Balance	
State & Local Tax Revenue	
Ambulance Charges	
Interest Income	
Permits	
Total Revenue and Beginning Fund Balance	
Professional Fees	
Equipment & Building Improvements	
Utilities & Phones	
Contingency Fund	
Education and Training	
Dues & Memberships	
Wages & Payroll Expense	
Gas, Oil & Tires	
Insurance	
Repairs & Maintenance	
Property Taxes	
Supplies	
Meals & Meeting Expense	
Ending Fund Balance	
Total Expenditures & Fund Balance	
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to be funded through City Capital Improvement Funds. There are no proposed project improvements for the treatment system.



# Public notices

## NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

On November 10, 2016 at the hour of 11:00AM, of said day, on the steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 20381 State Highway 78 Murphy, ID 83650. Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashier's check, certified check or teller's check, (from a bank which has a branch in the community at the site of the sale), money order, State of Idaho check or local government check, or cash equivalent in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the same time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit:

Lot 10, Block 3, Big Sky Estates No. One, Part of Government Lot 4, Section 4, Township 3 North, Range 5 WBM, City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof on file and of record as of October 26, 1978 as Instrument No. 156593, in the office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho.

THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE, SECTION 60-113, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE STREET ADDRESS OF: 503 White Cloud Place, Homedale, ID 83628, MAY SOMETIMES BE ASSOCIATED WITH SAID REAL PROPERTY.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by Veletta M. Gilmore and Ty T. Collins, as Grantor to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as Trustee, for the benefit and security of United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture, (formerly Farmers Home Administration or Rural Economic & Community Development) as Beneficiary, recorded September 29, 1999 as Instrument No. 230012, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is failure to:

Make principal and interest payments as set forth on said Deed of Trust and Promissory Note. The original loan amount was \$76,000.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of 7.125% per annum, as evidenced in Promissory Note dated September 29, 1999. Payments are in default for the months of October 2015 through and including May 2016 in the amount of \$551.19 per month and continuing each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reinstatement. The balance now due is \$60,887.39 in Principal; Interest is \$2,757.45, subsidy granted is \$54,407.04, and fees currently assessed are \$1,428.06 computed through May 17, 2016 with interest accruing thereafter at the daily rate of \$12.1476. In addition to the above, there is also due any late charges, advances, escrow collection fees, attorney

## NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Commissioners of GEM HIGHWAY DISTRICT, Marsing, Idaho, Owyhee County, Idaho have tentatively adopted the 2016-2017 budget for said district as set forth below. A public hearing will be held for the adoption of the budget at the Office of the District at 1016 Main Street at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, August 9, 2016. The budget is available for public inspection at the District Office between the hours of 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday. Call 896-4581 for an appointment.

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016  
Stella J. Bush, Secretary-Treasurer

**Proposed Budget Oct. 1, 2016 – Sept. 30, 2017**

<b>Anticipated Beginning Balance:</b>	\$ 556,889
<b>Anticipated Revenue:</b>	
County and Local Revenue:	
Property Tax including penalties & interest	50,000
Ag Equipment Replacement Tax	2,112
Sales Tax	10,000
Interest	250
Miscellaneous	10,500
State Revenue:	
Highway Users Fund	330,000
<b>Total Anticipated Revenue:</b>	<b>\$ 402,862</b>
<b>Anticipated Budget Balance:</b>	<b>\$ 969,751</b>
<b>Anticipated Expenditures:</b>	
Gas, Oil & Tires	20,000
Insurance & Bonds	15,000
Labor & Salaries	115,000
Lease	10,000
Office Expense	7,500
Payroll Taxes & Benefits	30,000
Legal & Accounting	8,000
Repair & Maintenance	10,000
Roads & Bridges	250,000
Shop Expense	4,000
Utilities	8,500
Weed Control	20,000
Contingency	100,000
<b>Total Anticipated Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$ 598,000</b>
<b>Anticipated Ending Budget Balance:</b>	<b>\$ 361,751</b>

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### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting of qualified voters of the Lizard Butte Library District will be held on the 4th of August, 2016 from 5:30 to 6:30pm at the Lizard Butte Library in the said library district, Marsing, Idaho, at which time there will be a public hearing on the maintenance and operation budget for the forthcoming year.

This special budget hearing is called pursuant to section 33-2725 of the Idaho Code as amended.

General Fund		
Lizard Butte Library District		
October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017		
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>2015-2016</b>	<b>2016-2017</b>
Property Tax	\$58,287.00	\$61,255.00
State Replacement Funds	\$ 3,419.00	\$ 3,419.00
Sales Tax & other	\$ 5,274.56	\$ 7,480.47
Grants & Matching	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Carry Over	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$81,980.56</b>	<b>\$87,154.47</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Plant Operations	\$16,800.00	\$18,000.00
Library Supplies	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 3,000.00
Book Purchase	\$13,915.56	\$15,932.47
Insurance	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,357.00
Election/Legal	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Summer Reading/Story Time	\$ 2,065.00	\$ 3,065.00
Salaries	\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00
FICA	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,500.00
Literacy	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Contingency	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$81,980.56</b>	<b>\$87,154.47</b>
Capital Outlay	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Bond Repayment		
October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017		
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>2015-2016</b>	<b>2016-2017</b>
Property Tax	\$62,000.00	\$62,000.00
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Bond Repayment:		
Principal	\$35,499.75	\$36,964.12
Interest	\$22,160.25	\$20,695.88
Audit	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Contingency	\$ 340.00	\$ 340.00

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fees, fees or costs associated with this foreclosure.

The balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$115,294.43, excluding interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder or in this sale, as trustee's fees and/or reasonable attorney's fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

Dated: July 7, 2016  
Alliance Title & Escrow Corp.,  
By: Melissa Ambriz, Trust Officer  
877-947-1553 File No.: 315246 /  
Customer Ref No. CSC Account No 14987448

This communication is on behalf of a debt collector and is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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CITY OF GRAND VIEW PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017			
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing, pursuant to Idaho Code 50-1002, will be held for consideration of the proposed budget for the 2017 fiscal year (FY 2017) from October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017. The public hearing will be held at City Hall, 425 Boise Ave, Grand View, Idaho at 6:00 pm on Wednesday August 10, 2016. All interested persons are invited to appear and show cause, if any, why such budget should or should not be adopted. Copies of the proposed City budget in detail are available for current charge per copy at City Hall at 425 Boise Ave, Grand View, ID, during regular office hours 9:00 am to 3:30 pm - Monday through Thursday. City Hall is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone desiring accommodations for disabilities to the hearing, contact City Hall at 834-2700 at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing. The proposed FY 2017 budget is shown below as the FY 2017 proposed expenditures and revenues.			
EXPENDITURES			
Fund Name	FY 2015 Actual Expenditures	FY 2016 Budgeted Expenditures	FY 2017 Proposed Expenditures
City General Fund			
Administration	\$67,572	\$72,676	\$81,722
Grants	\$69,005	\$0	\$0
General Fund Total	\$136,577	\$72,676	\$81,722
Parks	\$6,600	\$9,285	\$5,600
Sewer	\$219,366	\$185,800	\$186,028
Street	\$41,518	\$38,030	\$48,228
Water	\$330,360	\$284,332	\$302,923
Grand Total All Funds	\$734,423	\$614,816	\$624,501
REVENUES			
Fund Name	FY 2015 Actual Revenues	FY 2016 Budgeted Revenues	FY 2017 Proposed Revenues
Property Levy-Taxes			
General	\$34,591	\$34,044	\$35,200
Street	\$15,599	\$18,951	\$19,000
Total Tax Revenue	\$50,191	\$52,995	\$54,200
Other Revenues			
City	\$32,980	\$38,632	\$46,522
Grants	\$69,004	\$0	\$0
Parks	\$6,600	\$7,050	\$5,600
Sewer	\$219,366	\$186,513	\$186,028
Street	\$25,918	\$25,141	\$29,228
Water	\$330,360	\$304,485	\$302,923
Other Revenue	\$684,231	\$561,821	\$570,301
Grand Total All Revenues	\$734,423	\$614,816	\$624,501
Tammy M. Payne City Clerk / Treasurer Publish 07/20/2016 Publish 07/27/2016			

NOTICE		
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a special meeting of the qualified voters of the Eastern Owyhee County Library District will be held on the 9th day of August 2016 at 5:00 PM at the Eastern Owyhee County Library in said library district at 525 Boise Avenue, Grand View, ID at which meeting there will be a public hearing on the maintenance and operations budget for the forthcoming year. This special meeting is called pursuant to Sec. 33-2713-A IC as amended.		
BUDGET EASTERN OWYHEE COUNTY LIBRARY OCTOBER 1, 2014 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2015		
REVENUES	2015-2016	2016-2017
Property Taxes	36,706.00	38,425.00
Personal Property	350.00	350.00
Sales Tax	8,000.00	9,000.00
Equipment Replacement	2,616.00	2,616.00
Memorials, Gifts, & Grants	100.00	100.00
Fund Raisers		
Pacific Corp Judgement		
Cash Forward Balance	28,020.03	13,000.00
TOTAL	75,792.03	63,491.00
EXPENDITURES		
Salaries	21,416.04	23,074.00
Books	9,000.00	9,500.00
Supplies	2,400.00	2,900.00
Technology	2,500.00	1,000.00
Contingency	22,775.99	8,000.00
Equipment	1,000.00	1,000.00
Fixed Charges	4,000.00	4,200.00
Insurance	1,700.00	1,500.00
Legal Service	200.00	200.00
Maintenance	2,600.00	1,500.00
Operation of Plant	7,000.00	10,117.00
Travel & Training	1,200.00	500.00
TOTAL	75,792.03	63,491.00
Dated this 21st day of July 2016. Eastern Owyhee County Library Leslie Field, Co-Chairman of the Board Tammy Gray, Clerk of the Board		

Got News?

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

# Public notices

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD  
HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT  
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To: All Interested Persons  
Legal notice is hereby given that public comment will be taken on Wednesday, **AUGUST 10th** at the Homedale Highway District office located at 102 East Colorado Avenue in Homedale at 6 p.m.

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**HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT**

**DATED:** July 14, 2016  
Terri Uria, Secretary  
7/20,27;8/3/16

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
CASE NO. CV 2016 - 1026  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE**

**Magistrate Division**  
In the Matter of the Estate of BETTY JEAN ISHIBASHI, Deceased.

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Dated: July 19, 2016  
Dale R. Dickson, Personal Representative c/o Wm. F. Nichols, ISB #3496, White Peterson Law

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2016/2017 PROPOSED BUDGET**  
The public hearing on the proposed Budget for the 2016/2017 fiscal year will be held on August 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Location of the hearing will be the Bruneau Fire Station.

	2016 Budget	Actual	2017 Budget
Utilities	\$1350	\$761.39	\$1000
Training	\$2500	\$1465	\$2500
Building/Property Equipment	\$200	\$291.96	\$950
PPE	\$1750	\$1884.22	\$2000
New Equipment	\$1750	\$1686.60	\$1750
Maint./Consumables	\$2750	\$2425.34	\$2350
Insurance	\$1500	\$1500	\$1500
Administrative	\$200	\$138.67	\$200
QRU Rent	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>Total Proposed Budget</b>			<b>\$22,250</b>
Emergency Contingency Fund	\$58,328.57		
Property Tax	\$19,406		
Sales Tax	\$2538		
Ag Replacement	\$160		
Other (Grants, Donations, etc.)	\$3439		
<b>Grand Total Income 2015/2016</b>	<b>\$25,543</b>		
<b>Total Anticipated Income 2016/2017</b>			<b>\$80,578.57</b>
7/20,27/16			

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE**

T.S. No. 033323-ID Parcel No.: RPB03000030050A  
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE On 10/25/2016 at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), at the OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOBBY, 20381 HIGHWAY 78, MURPHY, ID 83650, in the County of Owyhee, SYDNEY K. LEAVITT, ESQ., a member of the State Bar of Idaho, of ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit: LOT 5 OF BLOCK 3 OF HIDDEN HOLLOW SUBDIVISION, IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER, SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, BOISE MERIDIAN, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE

RECORDER OF OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: 405 LIVE OAK AVENUE, MARSING, ID 83639, is commonly associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, 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 TAFFETA ENRICO, A MARRIED WOMAN, AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, as Grantor(s), to SUSAN J. ROBINSON, IDAHO ATTORNEY, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC., SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR WMC MORTGAGE CORP., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 2/27/2006, recorded 3/1/2006, as Instrument No. 255388, official records of Owyhee County, Idaho. Please note: The above named Grantors are named to comply with Idaho Code Section 45-1506(4)(a); no representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for the

obligation. The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to make monthly payments when due from 5/1/2015 and all subsequent monthly payments thereafter, including installments of principal, interest, impounds, advances, plus any charges lawfully due under the note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust, Deed of Trust and as allowed under Idaho Law. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust as of 6/20/2016 is \$54,715.03 including interest, costs, fees, including trustee and/or attorney fees and costs, and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation thereunder or in this sale and to protect the security associated with the Deed of Trust, as authorized in the Note, Deed of Trust or as allowed under Idaho Law. Because interest, late charges, fees, costs and expenses continue to accrue, the total amount due varies from day to day. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after receipt of funds to satisfy the debt. For further information, write the Trustee at 4375 Jutland Drive, Ste. 200, San Diego, CA 92117, or call (866)931-0036 DATED: 6/20/16 SYDNEY K. LEAVITT, ESQ., a member of the State Bar of Idaho, of ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP  
7/6,13,20,27/16

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE**

On Tuesday, the 8th day of November, 2016, at the hour of 11:00 o’clock a.m. of said day in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, Ryan M. Fawcett, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 2 of Block 4 of Hidden Hollow Subdivision, situate in the SWSW, Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho.

The Successor Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 405 Mountain View Dr., Marsing, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by PATRICIA NIELSEN, an Unmarried Woman, Grantor, to Ryan M. Fawcett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., recorded May 30, 2014, as Instrument No. 283983, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho; and assigned to the IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION by Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded on June 27, 2016, as Instrument No. 290059, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTOR IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506 (4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT SHE IS, OR IS NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, monthly installment payments under the Deed of Trust Note dated May 29, 2014, in the amount of \$435.00 each, for the months of February through June, 2016, inclusive; and for each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reimbursement. All delinquent payments are now due, plus accumulated late charges, plus any costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure. The accrued interest is at the rate of 3.625% per annum from January 1, 2016. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$60,474.69, plus accrued interest at the rate of 3.625% per annum from January 1, 2016.

DATED This 8th day of July, 2016.

RYAN M. FAWCETT, a Member of the Idaho State Bar, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE  
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# OWYHEE CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

## 138TH ANNUAL SUMMER CONVENTION

### **SATURDAY**

**9 a.m.** — Registration at the Silver City schoolhouse

**9:30 a.m.** — Business meeting

Pledge

Membership bit drawing

Introductions and President's report

*Daniel Richards*

BLM fuel breaks projects

*Lance Okeson*

### **Break**

Deck o' cards raffle

County Natural Resource Committee

*Jim Desmond, Chad Gibson*

OCA Beef Heifer Replacement Program

**Noon** — Potluck lunch

Owyhee County socio-economic study report

*J.D. Wulforst*

Reports and updates

*Idaho Cattle Association - Laurie Lickley*

*Owyhee Rangeland Fire Protection Agency - Doug Rutan*

### **Break**

Public Lands Council

*Brenda Richards*

Deck o' Cards Raffle

Honorary Life Members

Resolutions

New Business

Election of Directors

**5 p.m.** — Social hour

**6 p.m.** — Dinner by Cross Country catering

*\$12.50 for adults, \$6 for youth 10 and younger*

**9 p.m.** — Dance with music from Runnin' for Cover

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### **SUNDAY**

**7 a.m.** — Coffee available at historic Idaho Hotel

**8 a.m. to 10 a.m.** — Breakfast at Idaho Hotel

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**10 a.m.** — OCA board of directors meeting

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# 138TH SUMMER MEETING

## Ranchers focus on fire, protecting resource

Nearly a year after the Soda Fire, the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association holds its summer meeting with prevention and recovery on its members' minds.

Shortly after president Daniel Richards opens his final meeting, the focus will shift to the resource upon which each rancher relies to keep business moving forward.

The 138<sup>th</sup> annual summer meeting opens inside the Silver City schoolhouse with 9 a.m. registration before the gavel falls at 9:30 a.m.

Lance Okeson, a Bureau of Land Management Boise District fuels specialist, will lead off the presentations with an update on the agency's fuel breaks projects.

One project has grown out of the Soda Fire. BLM crews have begun carving a network of fire breaks in an effort to splin-

ter the fuel load. Richards deployed cows on a targeted grazing assignment on 200 feet of either side of a road along a power line near his family's Wilson home.

"They're making steps in the right direction," Richards said about the BLM's efforts to keep the fire danger at bay.

The outgoing president also said the resource is bouncing back nicely less than a year after nearly 280,000 acres burns.

"As far as the ground, it's beautiful," Richards said. "There's tons of grass out there. I think the country is recovering very well from it."

That robust recovery makes the fuel breaks projects and others like it important because when the grass rebounds the fine fuels return.

Owyhee Rangeland Fire Protection

Association chair Doug Rutan will give an update on the ranchers coalition that helped in the Soda Fire's early stages.

Jim Desmond and Chad Gibson will discuss the Owyhee County Natural Resource Committee.

With the threat of grazing cuts because of the Owyhee 68 litigation and Soda Fire rehabilitation, University of Idaho sociologist J.D. Wulffhorst will give an update on the Owyhee County socio-economic study.

One of Wulffhorst's colleagues in the study, Neil Rimbey, will receive one of three OCA Honorary Life Member awards. Ranchers George and Donna Bennett and longtime Owyhee County-based state brand inspector Gary Penny also will be saluted. — JPB

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# INCOMING PRESIDENT

## Family's leadership legacy continues

When Chad Nettleton accepts the gavel Saturday as the new president of the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association, he will bring with him a long history of family ranching experience.

The fifth-generation rancher's family has been involved with the OCA since the organization was founded in 1878.

"It's special for me to be a part of something that my ancestors helped create," Nettleton said.

He has been on the association's board of directors for six years.

As a young boy, Nettleton saw his dad Paul serve on the OCA board and remembers how active his father was with the cattlemen.

"When I was asked to be on the board, it just made sense," Nettleton said. "I wanted to support the industry and the community."

He added that becoming president was the next logical step in serving the association. He has been on the board with his father, who is serving a second stint as an OCA director.

Nettleton, 37, has been married to his wife Michelle since 2013. The couple has two sons, Jarret, 2 and Kase, 1.

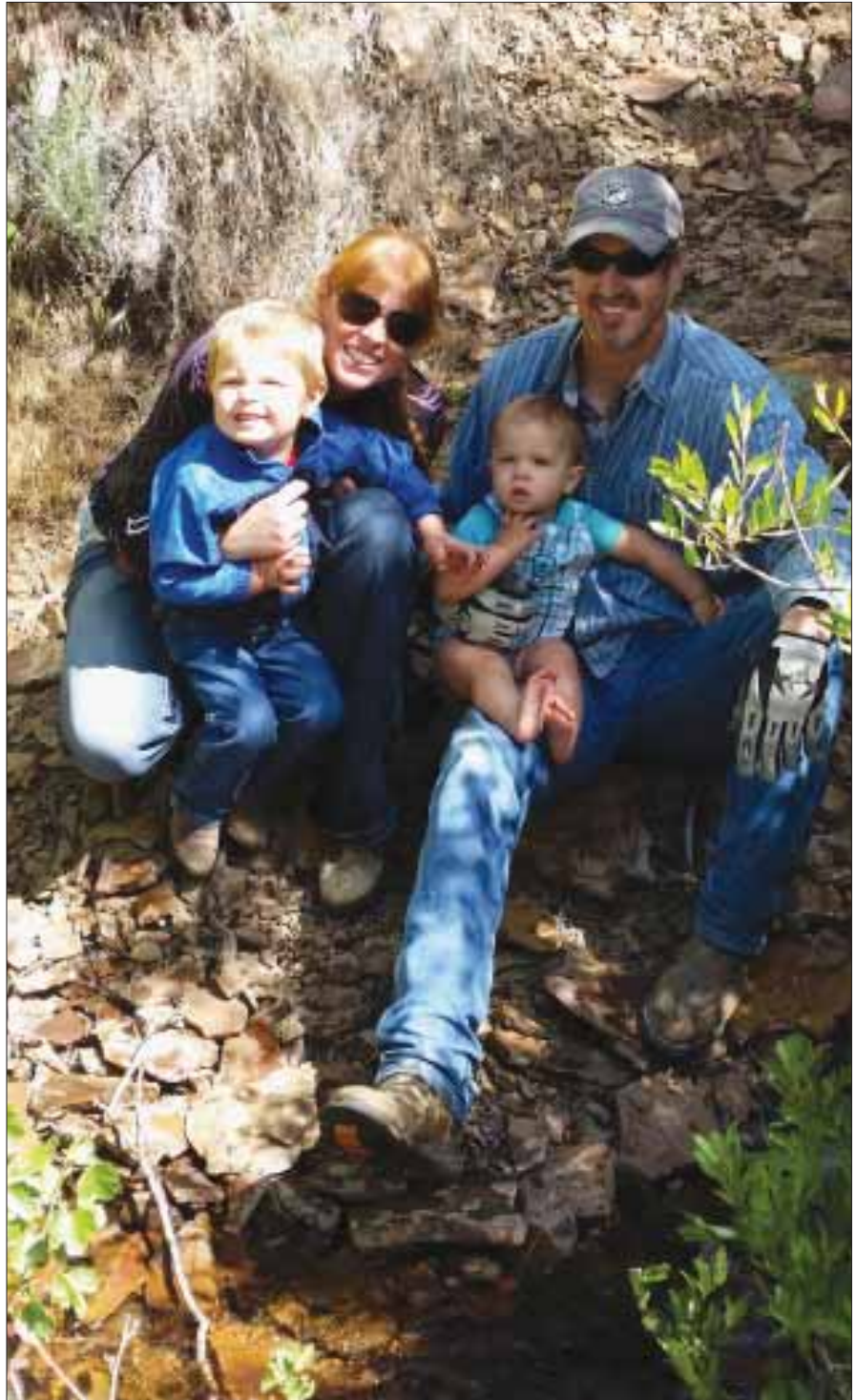
Nettleton says he has a typical father-son relationship with Paul, other than the fact that they work together.

"We hear out each other's ideas and then try to figure out the best course of action on what we think is the right way to go in doing different things," Nettleton said. "Usually we can pretty cordially weigh the pros and cons and come to the right decision."

Those chats with his father could help serve Nettleton as he guides the OCA during his one-year term as president. Issues the group faces include the continuing Owyhee 68 grazing permit renewal saga and Endangered Species Act issues.

Nettleton thinks the Bureau of Land Management is creating the biggest challenges for public ranching.

— See *Legacy*, Page 21B



Chad Nettleton, right, is ready to go to work as the next Owyhee Cattlemen's Association president. **From left:** Wife Michelle, 2-year-old son Jarret, 1-year-old son Kase and Nettleton. Submitted photo

# OUTGOING PRESIDENT

## Presidency forged by crisis closing

Even with four years' experience on the board of directors, Daniel Richards' Owyhee Cattlemen's Association presidential term quickly became a trial by fire last summer.

Less than two weeks after he was installed, the now-29-year-old found himself leading the county's ranchers through a crisis while still trying to keep the wheels on the fledgling cattle business he and his wife Bailey were trying to move ahead.

The Soda Fire flared up — and at one point burned within about 70 yards of the couple's house off Idaho highway 78 in the Wilson area — just as Richards was adjusting to being the guy with the gavel.

"It was definitely a major experience I was not planning for," he said. "You really don't plan to have to deal with all that. You usually hope you don't have to when you're president, but I got the short straw there."

So Richards found himself juggling his roles as a businessman, an industry leader and an Owyhee Rangeland Fire Protection Association member.

"You just keep throwing it," he said.

"I got a lot of help from the board and (OCA board secretary) Scott Jensen in particular to keep the Cattlemen's portion of it straight also while I was juggling my deal as well."

His wife, Bailey — a woman who has built savvy through watching her father, Kenny, and grandfather, Vern, run cattle operations and lead the OCA as president — also helped keep Richards straight not only in the heat of the fire but through all the issues that presented themselves in the past year.

"Substantial," Richards said of his wife's role in keeping things running smoothly during the early chaos of the fire and recovery — and beyond into the rest of his presidency.

Bailey was able to help get the

— See **Presidency**, Page 20B



*Daniel Richards, standing near a chute on the family's Wilson property with his wife Bailey and their 17-month-old son Luke, will preside over the OCA summer meeting Saturday and then serve one more year on the board of directors as past president.*

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The tradition dates back three generations to when Donna's grandfather, Alfred Tindall, homesteaded on Mary's Creek south of Grasmere.

Donna was surprised to be named a life member, and said the honor is greatly ap-

preciated.

Her husband of 53 years had a similar reaction.

"It's something I never thought too much about," George said. "I never thought I would be one. It was a surprise when I heard about it."

The Bennetts have two children — Scott and Debbie — and two grandchildren — Courtney, 22, and Nick, 18.

As life members, the Bennetts hope to continue their OCA involvement.

"I feel like we need to be. We need to have a voice," Donna said. "If I can be

that voice, that's great."

Donna added that she and her husband have always been supportive of the OCA. George was the group's president in 2000 after serving as a director for five years.

George stated that he's always had a good relationship with OCA leadership. His daughter's fiancé, Scott Bunderson, is director now.

"They always carried a big stick so to speak," George said. "If they say something, people listen. It's got quite a bit of clout."

— See *Bennetts*, Page 24B

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# OCA LEADERSHIP



*The Owyhee Cattlemen's Association board of directors for 2015-16 includes, from left, Adam Duckett (director), Daniel Richards (president), Jake Miller (director), Chad Nettleton (vice-president), Lynn Bachman (director), Lorna Steiner (director), Scott Bunderson (director), and Paul Nettleton (director).*

## 2015-16 board of directors

### Daniel Richards

**Position:** President

**Age:** 28

**Occupation:** Rancher

**Family:** Wife, Bailey (four years), son Luke (17 months old)

**Residence:** Wilson

**OCA membership:** 20 years

Joined board in 2011

**Background:** The 2005 Melba High School graduate is wrapping up his one-year presidential term Saturday. ... Re-



**Daniel Richards**

ceived a Bachelor's degree in Animal Science with Business Option in 2011 from the University of Idaho. ... fifth-generation rancher is the son of 2004 OCA president Tony Richards and former board member Brenda Richards. ... In-laws also served as OCA president (Kenny Kershner, Bailey's dad, served in 2014; and Vern Kershner, Bailey's grandfather, served in 1990)

### Chad Nettleton

**Position:** Vice-president

**Age:** 37

**Occupation:** Joyce Ranch co-manager

**Family:** Wife, Michelle (four years),

sons Jarret (2 years old) and Kase (1)

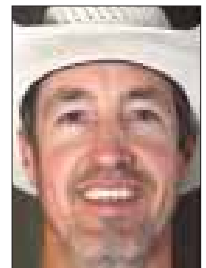
**Residence:** Sinker Creek

**OCA membership:** Five years

Joined board in 2011

**Background:**

Great-great grandfather Matthew Joyce Sr. founded the family ranch on Sinker Creek in 1865. ... BS in Agricultural Systems Management from University of Idaho. Dad, grandfather and uncles have served on OCA board ... Board term



**Chad Nettleton**

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# OCA LEADERSHIP

## Cattlemen's board of directors

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expires in 2018

### Ken Bahem

**Position:** Past president

**Age:** 57

**Occupation:** Owner, Ken's Custom Tent and Canvas

**Family:** Wife, Sylvia (27 years), four children (Kortney, Konner, Cody and Tara)

**Residence:** Homedale

**OCA membership:** 30 years

Joined board in 2010

**Background:** Joined board at the behest of former president Bodie Clapier. ... Term ends after this weekend's meeting. ... His uncle, Ernie, was OCA president in 1970



Ken Bahem

### Lorna Steiner

**Position:** Director

**Age:** 55

**Occupation:** Rancher

**Family:** Husband, Johnny (34 years), sons JR (29; wife, Sammie) and Jake (27; wife, Ashley)

**Residence:** Oreana

**OCA membership:** Five years (Johnny was a member previously)

Joined board in 2014

**Background:** Second female director in OCA history. ... "It's been interesting learning what the board and OCA really can influence and achieve for the ranching community." ... "I'm interested in going through the whole board term through presidency; however, I will work with the other board members and do what best serves the board and the OCA."



Lorna Steiner

### Lynn Bachman

**Position:** Director

**Wife:** Tiffany

**Residence:** Bruneau

Joined board in 2012

**Background:** Fifth-generation rancher. ... Family members Lynn (1942-47), Earl (1951-52) and Frank (1989) all served as OCA president. ... Graduate of the Leadership Idaho Agriculture program



Lynn Bachman

### Jake Miller

**Position:** Director  
**Age:** 35

**Occupation:** Cattle supplement dealer, Miller Livestock Solutions

**Family:** Wife, Tammy; children: Royce, 8; Rose, 6; and Roland, 3)

**Residence:** Bruneau

**OCA membership:** Three years  
Joined board in 2013

**Background:** Son of a former OCA board member. ... Term ends with this meeting.



Jake Miller

### Paul Nettleton

**Position:** Director  
**Age:** 66

**Occupation:** Cattlemen

**Family:** Divorced. Four grown children (three daughters and one son)

**Residence:** Silver City (Murphy)

**OCA membership:** Lifelong member  
Joined board in 2015

**Background:** A lifelong OCA



Paul Nettleton

member, Nettleton served previously on the board from 1984 to 1987. ... His great-grandfather, Matthew Joyce Sr., was a founding member of the OCA in 1878. ... His uncle, Jim Nettleton, was OCA president in 1955-56, and his father, Hugh, was treasurer in the 1930s. ... His great uncle, Jim Joyce, and uncle, Joe Nettleton, also served on the board of directors.

### Scott Bunderson

**Position:** Director

**Age:** 44

**Occupation:** Tax accountant, rancher

**Family:** Engaged to Debbie Bennett

**Residence:** Nampa (has ranched in Owyhee County for more than 15 years)

**OCA membership:** 15-plus years

Joined board in 2015

**Background:** Bunderson was asked to become a director in 2015 to fill vacancy left when past president Kenny Kershner left the board. ... Bunderson said it's a possibility that he will seek the OCA presidency. ... His fiancée's dad, George Bennett, was OCA president in 2000.



Scott Bunderson

### Adam Duckett

**Position:** Director

**Age:** 37

**Occupation:** Operator, South Mountain Ranch

**Family:** Wife, Stephanie

**Residence:** Melba

Joined board in 2014



Adam Duckett

# HISTORY OF LEADERSHIP



*Left: Then-president Matt Tindall presides over the 2012 summer meeting in Silver City.*

*Right: Then-OCA president Mark Frisbie, right, thanks 1990 OCA president Vern Kershner for a donation from the Jordan Valley Rodeo Association during the 2011 winter meeting in Oreana.*



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### Owyhee Cattle and Horse Growers Association

(no list available prior to 1935)

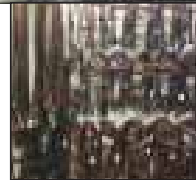
1935-41	Frank Gusman	1963	John Malmberg	1977	George Earll
1942-47	Lynn Bachman	1964	Walt Morgan	1978	Ted Cossel
1948-50	Milford Vaught	1965	Walt Yarbrough	1979	Ray Colyer
1951-52	Earl Bachman	1966	Don Davis	1980	Frank Davis
1953-54	Dick Gabica	1967	Lee Stanford	1981	Ted Gammett
1955-56	Jim Nettleton	1968	Bill Tindall	1982	Gene Tindall
1957	Gene Davis	1969	John Tyson	1983	Elias Jaca
1958	Frank Maher	1970	Ernie Bahem	1984	Rand Collins
1959	Ed Riddle	1971	Dick Bass	1985	Forest Fretwell
1960	Alvin Benson	1972	Ben Panzeri	1986	Eric Davis
1961	Frank Baltzor	1973	Bob Collett	1987	Craig Malmberg
1962	Arsen Alzola	1974	Pete Jackson	1988	Dave Tindall
		1975	Bill Ross	1989	Frank Bachman
		1976	Don McKay	1990	Vern Kershner
				1991	Tim Lowry
				1992	Bill McBride
				1993	Ted S. Blackstock
				1994	Ted Hoffman
				1995	Jerry Hoagland
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				1999	Richard Brandau
				2000	George Bennett
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				2002	Kenny Tindall
				2003	Charlie Lyons
				2004	Tony Richards
				2005	Brian Collett
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# OCA LEGACY



*Nancy, left, and Pete Jackson make their way down the aisle toward the podium to accept the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association Honorary Life Member award during the 2013 winter meeting in Oreana.*

## Old Timers Awards and Honorary Life Members

Prior to 1968	1976	Elmer C. Johnston	1985	Jim Alzoa
Emmett Fry	1977	Perle Davis	1985	Bill Maher
Ralph Sampson	1978	Marvin Jess		Art Bahem
1968		Joe Nettleton	1985	Emeline Nettleton
Ralph Stanford		Albert Black		Rollie Patrick
Norman MacKenzie		Frank Baltzor		Dick Benham
1969		Adam Blackstock		George Johnstone
Henry Hatton	1979	No one chosen		Henry Brandau
Albert Harley	1980	Lee Stanford	1986	Al Curtis
1970		Ed Muller		Jay Thompson
Jonas Bass	1981	Cliff Feltwell		Clayton Turner
Kirby Forman		Everett Townsend		Bill Tindall
Earl Bachmann	1982	Joe Turner	1987	Harold Markley
Hugh Nettleton		Grant Strickland		Curley Heath
1971		Cliff McMahan		Willie Panzeri
Milford Vaught	1983	Dick Gabica		Bob Harris
Omar Stanford		Albert Harley	1988	Frank Maher
Angel Bilboa		Paul Black		Owen Barton
Zack Montini		Bob Gluch	1988	Fostino Alzola
Bill Burghardt	1984	Walt Yarbrough	(cont.)	Bob Davis
Theron Adcock		Noy Brackett	1989	Monk Stimmel
1972		Johnny Miller		
Ray Pershall				
Al Mackey				
1973				
Walt Adams				
1974				
No one chosen				
1975				
Marion Wroten				

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# OCA LEGACY

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	Don McKay	Gene Davis	2005	Juanita Johnstone
	Rufus Lequerica	Hazel Hanley		Dick and Barbara Jayo
1990	Arsen Alzola	Tom Skinner		Virginia Belknap
	Bill Swan	1997	2006	Fred and Lodice Grant
	Chuck Dougal	Ray and Bonnie Colyer		Bob Kelly
	Gertrude Anderson	Frances Field		Barbara and David Lahtinen
	Gusty Elordi*	1998	2007	Elias and Inez Jaca
1991	Chet Tindall	Tom and Celia Hall	2008	Ernie and Sherry Bahem
	Bill Tindall	Jack and Elvira Potter		Walt Nilles
	Ruby Staples	Gene Stanford	2010	Benny and Mary Panzeri
1992	Roy Hoagland	1999		Forest and Nancy Fretwell
1993	Ted Cossel	Joe Black	2011	Tom and Connie Hook
	John Malmberg	Ronald Hutchison		Chad Gibson
	Don Davis	Herb Mink	2012	No one chosen
1994	LeRoy Beaman	Merv Robinson	2013	Pete and Nancy Jackson
	Walt Morgan	2000	2014	No one chosen
1995	Calvin Johnston	Bud Greeley	2015	John Biar
1995	Joe Churruca	Clarence and Virginia Miller		Vern and Bonnie Kershner
	Bill Lowry	2001		Tim Nettleton
1996	Bob Collett	2002		John Richard
	Bus Cummings	2003		
		2004		
		Frankie Dougal		
		Virginia Stanford		
		Dick and Karen Bass		
		Curt Strickland*		

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# HONORARY LIFE MEMBER

## OCA salutes state brand inspector

Gary Penny has never operated a cattle ranch in Owyhee County, but he knows just about every rancher in the area, and also knows a lot about the industry.

Penny, 64, has worked as a state brand inspector since 1988. He will be named an Owyhee Cattlemen's Association Honorary Life Member on Saturday.

Penny is mostly retired but still works part-time when the brand inspection department is short on staff.

After the Soda Fire, some ranchers had to take their cows to Nevada, which requires a brand inspection.

"We had a couple of guys that didn't work out, so we were short-handed," Penny said. "I think we've got that problem worked out. Here lately I haven't been doing too much. With this job, you're either sitting around with nothing to do, or you're supposed to be in three places at the same time."

Penny lives on the lower end of Reynolds Creek, and has been married to his wife Sherry for 20 years.

Between them, the couple has three daughters: Tara, 39, Amanda, 36, and Stephanie, 31.

Penny was born in Nampa, and graduated from Nampa High School.

However, he stated that he grew up in Owyhee County when his dad, Roger, started "dragging him around" the area when he was about 6 years old.

"I guess it kind of stuck. This was always where I ended up," Penny said. "I've known a lot of the people over here since my younger days from one end of the county to the other."

Penny was the supervisor of the Caldwell state brand inspection district for about 15 years, but gave up the position to be a regular brand inspector for Owyhee County.

"When I went to work for the brand department, I already had a pretty good relationship with most of the people over here," Penny said. "I've hunted, and fished, and trapped, and cowboyed



*Gary Penny built a reputation for unflappable and unwavering integrity in his years checking irons and ear tags as part of the Idaho brand inspection department. Submitted photo*

over here since my younger days. So I've covered most of the county at one time or another."

Part of Penny's background with the ranching culture dates back to when his family owned a saddle shop in Nampa.

"I built my first saddle when I was 15," Penny said. "One thing led to another. My dad bought out a couple of different saddle makers. That's kind of when I started cowboying."

He would go on to work at several feedlots around the county.

"I needed a little more than cowboy

wages, so I put in for a brand inspector job and eventually got hired," Penny said.

He has known most OCA directors and members for most of his life.

Brenda Richards, national president of the Public Lands Council and Reynolds Creek rancher, first met Penny when she was moving cattle after relocating to Idaho from Nevada.

"That guy does his job with the amount of integrity that you can't believe. He doesn't care if you're family, he doesn't

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## ✂ Inspector: Penny skilled western craftsman, too

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care if he's known you for 100 years," Richards said. "That man looks at every iron, every earmark and that integrity that he brings to the job, and that dignity he brings to the job is incredible. The integrity. It gets harder and harder to find true friends, but that guy. He is solid. He is solid as they come."

She added that Penny has always supported her in everything she's done.

"When I was up for county treasurer, it wasn't instant support. He came and he asked me some pretty good questions," Richards said. "I appreciated it. And I answered them, and they were tough ones. And he looked me straight in the eye and says, 'You got my vote,' but it wasn't a given. It was not a given."

Penny was surprised when he heard he was being named an honorary life member.

"It kind of came out of nowhere," he said. "It's pretty humbling actually. I've never run any cows over here, I've had some cows in my life, but I never was a cattleman over here."

Outgoing OCA president Daniel Richards stated that Penny has done a lot for the association over the years.

Those efforts included building a saddle for the Owyhee 68 benefit, and Penny is also a silversmith.

"He has donated silver conchos to raffle off for the cattlemen's," Richards said. "He's done that at least twice and he approached the cattlemen on that."

Penny thinks the federal government is the No. 1 threat to the county's ranchers because of BLM overreach.

He added that cattlemen have no choice to keep fighting in defense of the industry.

"The Owyhee Cattlemen's Association is known for their involvement in issues," Penny said. "Cattlemen over here are very active, and if they ever give up it's definitely gone. As long as they keep fighting, we have a chance."

He also thinks that from a state brand inspector's perspective, Owyhee County cattlemen might be easier to work with compared to some ranchers in other parts of Idaho.

"Ninety-nine percent of the people that run cows in Owyhee County are really decent and outstanding people," Penny said. "They've always backed the brand department. Every part of the state has a little bit of a different way of doing business."

In looking back on his time with ranchers and the county, Penny's voice wavered with emotion when he reiterated that receiving the recognition from the

OCA will be a humbling experience.

"I've been over here since I was a kid going to dances at Oreana, and Murphy, and Silver City," Penny said. "It feels really good to be a part of it."

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# HONORARY LIFE MEMBER



*The OCA is honoring Neil Rimbey for his work to humanize the effects of changing public lands grazing policy.*

## Putting faces to the numbers game

Neil Rimbey works with numbers to help ranchers, but — ironically — cattlemen can't seem to find a proper way to adequately sum up the man's value to the industry.

"I don't know how you quantify that," Public Lands Council national president and Reynolds Creek rancher Brenda Richards said.

The University of Idaho range economist, who says he'll retire "sometime between now and Jan. 3," has been quantifying the importance of Owyhee County's natural resources to the ranchers that call the place home for four de-

cares.

The 2016 Owyhee Cattlemen's Association Honorary Life Member Award recipient has been building economic models — and friendships — south of the Snake River since shortly after he arrived in Idaho 40 years ago.

"What's really interesting about Neil is there is so much credit that should go to him because he truly gets it," Richards said. "He isn't just an economic number-cruncher. He actually gets the importance back to the community — the sociological importance, the economic importance of the benefits that

we bring.

"He gets it all, and he has a really good way of bringing it all back together."

In another development that many who follow the plight of public land ranchers may find ironic, Rimbey's initial contact with Idaho ranching life was actually funded — in part — by the Bureau of Land Management.

As a U of I research associate, Rimbey helped put together the economic snapshot for the federal agency's first grazing environmental impact statement during a year of study between 1978 and

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## Numbers: Rimbey plans to retire by January

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1979.

That research led to the Idaho Legislature creating a rangeland team that would be based in Southwest Idaho. So began a Northern California native's relationship with Owyhee County cattlemen, but the 20-something who grew up in a similar high desert agriculture-centric community in Alturas County wasn't the least bit intimidated.

"Not so much because of the way I got involved," Rimbey said. "The ranching community had approached the university saying, 'We need some help.'"

At that time, the Owyhee Action Committee had been formed and funded with a first-of-its-kind self-assessment on animal units monthly (AUM). A study was contracted, and Rimbey spent eight months at ranch families' kitchen tables cobbling together data on production practices and spending patterns.

"They were very open and honest with me, and I took that information and summarized it into some budgets that were used in assessing what would happen if changes were made in grazing practices," Rimbey said.

It's essentially the same work he has been doing ever since, although the driving forces may be similar yet different these days.

In the late 1990s and again in 2002-03, Rimbey teamed with sociologists to put together a socio-economic study measuring how crucial public lands ranching is to rural communities. Aaron Harp helped with the first study, and J.D. Wulforst worked on the second analysis. Wulforst and Rimbey are now wrapping up the update to the 2002-03 study.

"We're pretty close," he said. "The first two components are done and pretty solid. I'm in the process now to try to summarize the ranch-level stuff."

Information also was gleaned from four producer panels from this spring.

"Bringing some of the social aspects into it brings the people (in) because then it's not just the economics," Rimbey said. "How do these communities

fit together? How do people react to stresses whether it's economic or something else?"

"And both Aaron Harp and J.D. Wulforst have brought quite a bit to those different aspects."

From the beginning, Rimbey's body of work has been tied to the National Environmental Policy Act, and as the employment makeup of the BLM changes, such studies are becoming more important to ranching communities.

"NEPA says, 'Thou shalt include the social impacts and the economic impacts along with the environmental impacts, and they're on equal footing,'" Rimbey said. "But because of a lack of expertise within the agencies — with BLM particularly — in the social sciences, those two critical components have been lacking."

Rimbey said the agency's grasp of that aspect of NEPA studies seemed to have loosened more after BLM's Idaho economist retired and the position was consolidated in the Salt Lake City office under a multi-state coverage area.

"I'm not sure that the decision-makers within the agency still have an appreciation for those (components), but NEPA is pretty specific that those are part of the decision process," he said.

Rimbey said he's proud that data he has collected goes beyond Owyhee

County and provides "some pretty solid analysis" for issues such as the ranch-level economic impact of changing Greater Sage-grouse conservation strategies.

"It captures several birds with one stone, if you will," he said. "The models and analysis that are developed for Owyhee County are also being used on a broader perspective on a regional and national basis."

It is Rimbey's work to ensure the socio-economic aspect is brought to light and his relationships with ranchers that led the OCA board of directors to salute him as he prepares to retire to his 7.5-acre Caldwell ranch with his wife of 44 years, Sue, to dote over four ("soon to be five," he says) grandchildren.

"I'm completely surprised and very humbled," the 65-year-old said. "I figured, just like the agencies and the environmental groups, that I've (ticked) off as many people within the organization as I've made friends with."

"But by the same token, if you go out and talk to people and get very personal information from them and you keep coming back and coming back, over time you're going to develop some friendships. And I have some very good friendships that have developed over the years with the ranching community and others in the county." — JPB

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## Presidency: Richards juggled fire, family, OCA

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message out even when Daniel wasn't around the house to answer phone calls.

"We'd talked to each other about the issues quite a lot, so she knew what I was thinking on the issue and could just relay the information," he said.

"I think it helped to have good comments or good feedback to him when he was discussing issues," Bailey said. "There was more substance to it than, 'Yes or no.'"

Daniel and Bailey approached the presidency just as they approach their business, which they've been building ever since he accepted the invitation to join the OCA board of directors.

Daniel was 24 when he became a director, and his rise through the ranks coincided with the development of his cattle operation.

"I don't know if there was more of a

challenge, but you dang sure learn a lot in a hurry," Daniel said.

Although he doesn't plan to re-run on the board any time soon — "maybe in 30 or 40 years," he says — Daniel is glad he accepted the challenge at this stage in his life.

"It was actually probably good to have it happen now because you learn more about the network of things at the beginning of your business instead of learning it later on," Bailey said.

Daniel will spend the 2016-17 year as past president and then retire from the board. He plans to focus on his own business for a while at that point.

Not that he hasn't had an eye on his outfit and his public lands grazing allotment in the meantime.

After the Soda Fire, he entered into a fuel breaks experiment with the Bureau of Land Management through which he

would target graze a strip of his permitted ground along an existing utility road. The result was a 2-inch stubble height in a 200-foot-wide swath on either side of the road. The strip could evolve into a firebreak from the Owyhee Front to Homedale in the agency's Owyhee Field Office.

"It's something that both the ranchers and the BLM are very much in support of," Daniel said.

The fuel break will follow the existing road along an electrical transmission line.

"The goal of it was to break up the fuel continuity so if the fire did come that was one spot that they could actually make a difference fighting the fire and pit it out right there instead of just a solid mat of cheatgrass," Daniel said.

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## Legacy: Another Nettleton takes OCA gavel

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"They're feeling environmental pressures and political pressures," Nettleton said. "BLM relations is probably, without a doubt, the No. 1 challenge I see."

He also stated that it would be nice to see the Owyhee 68 situation resolved during his presidency, but he doubts if that could happen in one year.

Nettleton graduated from Melba High School in 1997, and he earned an agricultural systems management degree with a minor in agricultural economics from the University of Idaho in 2002.

However, working at the ranch and watching his dad taught him a lot more than he ever learned in school.

"There's no substitute for being out there and learning from people who have been doing it, and seeing what works and what doesn't," Nettleton said.

His great-great-grandfather, Matthew Joyce Sr., founded the Joyce Ranch on Sinker Creek in 1865. After Joyce Sr.'s death in 1893, the ranch was operated by his sons, Matthew Jr. and Jim Joyce. In 1908, Nettleton's great-grandfather Villo Nettleton, who had married Maggie Joyce, took over for Matthew Jr. and Jim, who were increasingly called away from the ranch. Nettleton's grandfather Hubert began managing the ranch in 1935 and passed the torch to his son, Paul Nettleton, in the 1970s.

The heritage of the ranch means a lot to Chad Nettleton.

"I almost feel like I'm running it for the next generation almost more than myself," Nettleton said. "I'm looking at things so far down the road because I want to see that heritage continue generation after generation."

Nettleton says he and Paul do their best to stay true to the roots of the ranch.

"We still do a lot of things the old ways: The branding and moving cows most of the time the same way it was done 100 years ago," Nettleton said. "There are obviously better uses for the space and better structures that we could put in, but we don't. We balance the old with the new."

Nettleton will enter the OCA leadership position in the footsteps of outgoing

president Daniel Richards, who described himself as a "quiet, behind-the-scenes" leader.

"I would think I'm a little more outspoken when compared to Daniel, at least in the smaller group settings," Nettleton said. "He's a little bit more reserved than

I am."

Nettleton holds his 29-year-old predecessor in high esteem.

"He's just a super guy. He's easy to get along with," Nettleton said. "He takes care of business, and he's well organized. He's just a pleasure to be around." — SC

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# OCA SECRETARY

## Jensen plays vital role in board business

Even if it's implicit, Owyhee Cattlemen's Association secretary is part of the job description for whoever runs the county Extension Office.

But, for Scott Jensen, helping the OCA run its business is really more than just part of his work as University of Idaho Extension Educator.

It's a way to experience in some small way his lifelong dream of being a cowboy.

"It's always been a little part of who I am, and what I wanted to do," he said.

Jensen's first job after getting his Animal Science degree at Brigham Young University was working on a ranch in Texas.

After nearly a decade as an Ag educator at Nampa High School, Jensen accepted a job with the U of I. Four years later, in 2004, he transferred to the Marsing office and became the cattlemen's secretary just like the county agents before him.

"There was a comfort level from Day 1, and I would have to say it probably stems as much from my predecessor out here," Jensen said.

"I understand that in Owyhee County you can live here a long time, and you're still an outsider. And for whatever reason whoever the Extension agent is has been pretty readily accepted and pretty readily trusted. I think I'm privy to a lot of things that a lot of ranchers would keep private.

"I think just because of good people before me; that's part of the reason I was able to step in and the transition was pretty easy."

OCA president Daniel Richards said Jensen's role and his innovations — such as the deck o'cards raffle that raises money at each membership meeting — are key to the organization's progress.

"Boy, he does a good job on top of all the other stuff he has to do," Richards said. "He's extremely helpful to the



*Board secretary Scott Jensen is more than just the guy who frustrates folks twice a year in the deck o'cards raffle.*

president. He's kept me up to speed on a lot like when comments are due. He collaborates with the board and writes a lot of the comments."

The 52-year-old Jensen has been married to his wife, Sharla, for 27 years. They have eight children and four grandchildren with another on the way next month.

Jensen's job is much more than keeping books and taking notes, though.

"He's heavily involved in the industry,

and he's really helping to keep us in business," Daniel Richards said. "He does a lot of really good things for us that if nobody was doing them, it would make it tougher on us."

Jensen is quick to point out that the U of I Extension Office staff, such as Debbie Titus, pitches in to help with OCA business, including mailings, gathering the resolutions for meetings and the financial accounting.

— See *Jensen*, next page

## Æ Jensen: U of I staff keeps ranchers in saddle

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But, just like ranching is a way of life for cattlemen, the secretary post is more than an occupation for Jensen.

"I truly believe in the mission of the OCA, so I guess I've gotten a lot of personal satisfaction from being able to help and trying to move things forward," he said.

He tries to keep things lively, too, with his administration of the card raffle during general meetings in February in Oreana and July in Silver City. Jensen said he came up with the idea after seeing it done during a Leadership Idaho Agriculture conference.

"I got the board to give it a try, and it has been extremely popular and folks just seem to enjoy it," he said.

Anyone in the hall can buy a card for \$10. After an audience member draws a card, Jensen uses humor and a fun-loving frustrating cadence to whittle



*Ranchers listen for the winning card from Scott Jensen during a winter meeting.*

down the field to the winning card.

Richards said the deck o'cards is one of the OCA's most productive fundraisers, and that the association has been fortunate to get quality door prizes donated, including rifle scabbards from Ken's Custom Tent and Canvas, and gift

certificates and merchandise from Idaho Cowboy Supply.

"You sit through that meeting for so long, and it gets pretty monotonous," Richards said. "It's nice to get up and stretch your legs and lighten the mood."

— JPB

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## ⌘ Bennetts: Pair works for community, resource

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Outgoing OCA president Daniel Richards pointed out that the Bennetts have done a lot of work with the association and deserve the recognition of honorary life members.

"With the amount of involvement they've had over the years, we felt that would be a fitting award for them," Richards said.

The Owyhee County Sage-Grouse Local Working Group is another effort that Donna is passionate about. She is a charter member and chairs the panel that was formed in 1995 and is dedicated to preserving sage-grouse habitat.

Donna said a lot of people don't realize how important it is to keep the bird off the endangered species list.

"If it's listed then it could potentially make most of the ranchers sell out and quit," she said. "It not only would affect federal and state ground, but it also goes into private ground. We don't know what the grazing restrictions would be yet."

Brenda Richards is national president of the Public Lands Council and is also a Reynolds Creek rancher.

She stated that Donna has been critical to the OCA because of her background in doing business with other ranchers, and said Donna stands her ground when she needs to.

"She's astute enough to know when to listen and try to incorporate and try to get

some of the people to work together. And there are a lot of things that because she's so credible she can get a point across to some of the academics, some of the people maybe from the Treasure Valley who may have questions and don't understand the role that the county and local ranchers play in conservation," Richards said. "She's able to get that point across that it is critical for us to get buy-in on the collaborative effort. And that local sage-grouse working group wouldn't be what it is without Donna's effort. It just wouldn't. She's just tireless."

Donna also serves on the Bureau of Land Management Boise District Resource Advisory Council.

Being a RAC member has given Donna an idea of what it might be like to work for the federal agency, which can be advantageous to help her fellow ranchers.

"You get a feeling of what's coming up, and hopefully you can guide the BLM a little bit in the right direction," she said.

She said that, at one point in time, the BLM was good at working with ranchers, but now she believes that the federal government has now given the agency too much power over ranching operations.

Donna also thinks preserving natural resources in the Owyhees is best left to local control.

"The only reason it's pristine is because active ranchers have kept it that way," Donna said. "The Soda Fire is a good ex-

ample. Through the years, if there was a fire in Owyhee County it didn't go far because the cattlemen kept the grass grazed down."

George agreed with his wife.

"I think the public grazing is an awful big issue," George said. "I'm not sure how we're going to solve that, but I think it's a necessary thing and I hope we can keep it going."

He also thinks ranchers are facing an increasing amount of pressure, and not just from the BLM.

"We have a few environmental people scattered around, but there's not a majority of them," George said. "I just hope that between the county commissioners and the association they can hold their ground."

Donna describes other ranchers in the area that she's met over the years as "tremendous friends."

"We've got friends all over Owyhee County and even further," Donna said.

George remembers forging many good relationships while OCA president.

"We met a lot of people that have meant a lot to us the last few years," George said. "It's been quite an experience."

Donna is administrator/secretary/treasurer for Grand View Ambulance. She and George are also two of the five members on the service's board of directors. The Bennetts helped launch Grand View Ambulance in 1974.

"We had a couple really serious accidents, and it took so long for help to come that everybody down here was beginning to think, 'We better do something,'" Donna said.

The service's first ambulance was donated by the Glenns Ferry Lions Club. George obtained his Emergency Medical Technician certification shortly before Donna became EMT certified.

The couple continues to volunteer for the service because Donna said it is a job that has to be done.

"We're doing it because there's a need, and there's tremendous satisfaction in helping people," Donna said. "There are quite a few people walking around that we've actually saved." — SC

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# IN MEMORIAM

## Allen Baltzor

*Nov. 5, 1935 to Sept. 13, 2015*

Allen Baltzor died at age 79 because of complications from an ATV accident.

He was born to Frank and Mary (Carter) Baltzor in his Aunt Ida Baltzor's home in Wilder. With his brother Jim, who passed away in January 2016, he was raised on Tom's Creek and Cow Creek. He attended elementary



school in the one-room Cow Creek school and high school at Jordan Valley, graduating in 1953. In 1955, he graduated from Links School of Business studying to be a court reporter.

He spent vacations and weekends helping his parents on the ranch. After school, he spent two years in California helping his grandfather, James V.A. Carter, with racehorses.

Allen married Virginia in 1957 and began ranching full time with his parents. Allen loved the land and livestock — cattle, sheep or horses.

He was a member of St. Bernard's Catholic Church and served on the Jordan Valley Elementary School Board. He was the Jordan Valley 4-H livestock leader for 10 years as well as a lifetime member of The American Quarter Horse Association. He also held memberships in the Idaho Wool Growers, American Sheep Industry, and American Hereford Association. A longtime member of the Jordan Valley Rodeo Board, he served as vice-president during the past few years. He was also an Oregon Brand inspector for 37 years.

## James Baltzor

*June 18, 1934 to Jan. 3, 2016*

Known as Jim or Popi, James Baltzor was born in Wilder and graduated from Jordan Valley High School in 1952.

He grew up with his younger brother Allen on Thomas Creek and Cow Creek where their parents, Frank and Mary Carter Baltzor, ranched.

In 1953, Jim joined the U.S. Army and



was stationed at Fort Ord, Calif. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal as the Korean War drew to a closed. After serving two years, he was honorably discharged with the rank of corporal.

Jim returned to Jordan Valley and married Arlene B. Eiguren. They would raise three children on a Cow Creek ranch.

Jim worked as a cattle brand inspector and also served on the Jordan Valley Rodeo board. He was a charter member of the Jordan Valley Lions Club and also served with the Elks.

Jim worked as a Malheur County Sheriff's deputy after 22 years of ranching. In 1980, he and Arlene moved to Cabbage Hill in the Pendleton, Ore., area where he worked briefly for the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office.

Jim learned a new skill as a rawhide braider and silversmith and made reatas, reins, bridles, spurs, buckles and jewelry.

After retirement, he and Arlene traveled country. They bought a home in Athena, Ore., in 2007, where he lived the rest of his life.

## Joseph Black

*June 16, 1928 to June 16, 2016*

Fourth-generation horseman Joseph E. Black of Bruneau died on his 88<sup>th</sup> birthday. He was a cowboy, rodeo roper, horseman and rancher.

Joe descended from a family who originally settled in the Bruneau Valley prior to Idaho statehood. As a young man growing up in Bruneau, Joe spent the majority of his summers cowboying in the hills of Owyhee County. Joe graduated from



Bruneau High School in 1946 and later attended The College of Idaho.

Joe married Margaret Fenwick, a ranch girl from Jordan Valley, and they started what grew to be a family of nine children. Joe supported his young family by running cattle ranches his father Albert had put together and by winning at rodeos throughout southwest Idaho, eastern Oregon, and northern Nevada.

Starting with the Dickshooter/Camas Creek Ranch, Joe and Margaret soon expanded their own cattle operations by acquiring additional ranches as their children grew and began to develop interests and involvement in the family business.

Joe taught and encouraged his sons and grandchildren in their own roping endeavors. He supported their roping ambitions by traveling and roping with them as well as attending their roping competitions throughout the West.

Known for his infectious smile, boisterous laugh and distinct handclap, Joe traveled constantly to attend his grandchildren's sporting events. He was a loyal supporter to friends and family. While visiting old friends who were homebound or struggling with health issues, Joe brought his love and good cheer in order to improve their circumstances.

# IN MEMORIAM

## Joe Churruca

*March 22, 1921 to May 31, 2016*

Lifelong Marsing resident Jose "Joe" Luis Churruca, 95, died of natural causes in Nampa.

Joe was the 2<sup>nd</sup> son of first-generation Basque immigrants, Carmen and Frank Churruca. His early childhood was spent in the Boise Valley area. In 1930, his fam-



ily moved to Marsing. He played high school football and graduated from Marsing High School in 1940.

In 1943, he married Elizabeth Ann "Bette" Willin. Together, they were blessed with 4 children.

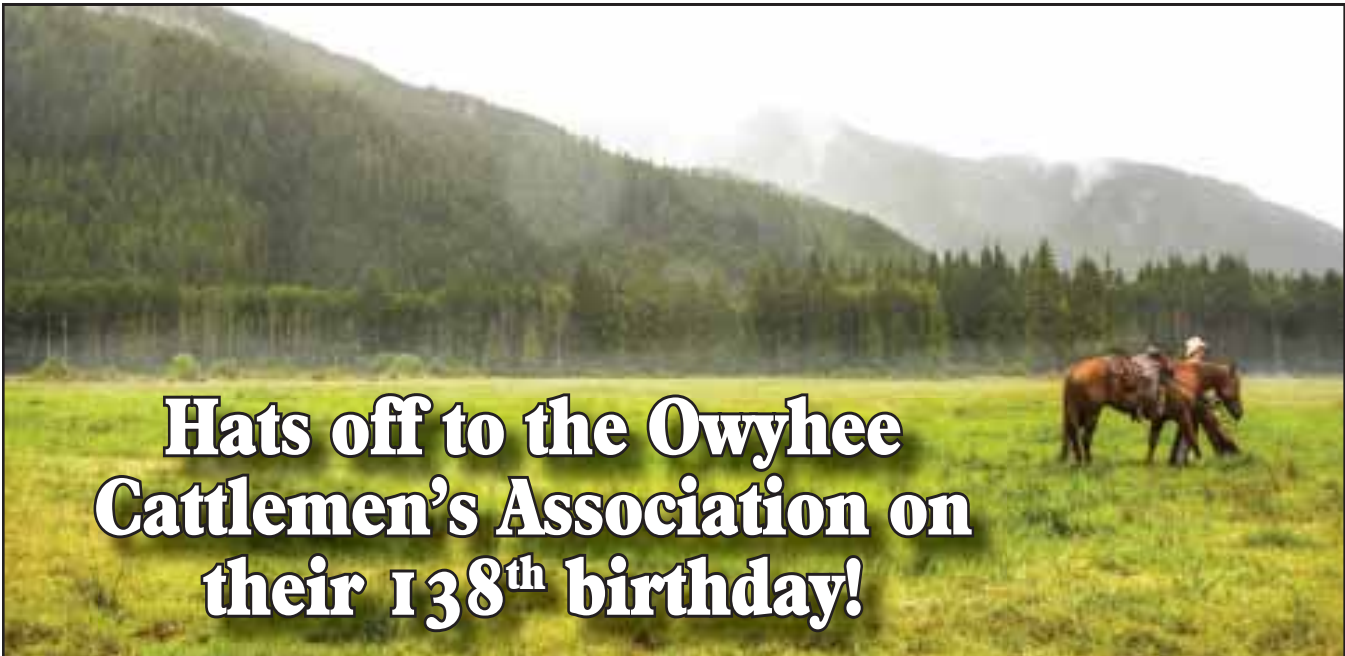
Joe spent his life as a farmer and Black Angus cattle rancher. He was instrumental in helping establish the Marsing-Homedale Alfalfa Seed Co-op. Joe received awards from the National Cattlemen's Association and won Owyhee County Grassman of the

Year. Joe served on the Labor Camp Corp., FHA Committee, and was an active supporter of 4H youth.

He loved his family, hunting & fishing. He was a supporter of the Marsing Disaster Auction and Marsing Senior Center.

After his wife died 2002, Joe continued to live on the farm.

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# IN MEMORIAM

## Evelyn Cummings

*Oct. 31, 1924 to June 20, 2016*

Ranching with her husband, Bus, in the Reynolds Creek area, Evelyn Cummings was active in the Cowbelles as a state and national officer.

Born the third child of Charles and Ella Kiester in Hannibal, Mo., Evelyn moved to Marsing with her parents at a young age and graduated from high school there.

She married Bus in 1947 after they met at a dance. They adopted three children, and Evelyn raised them during a life as a ranch wife that included helping with chores and cooking large meals for family and hired hands.

Bus and Evelyn raised purebred Hereford cattle on Reynolds Creek before they moved to Calwell and raised Tarentaise cattle.

Evelyn was a longtime 4-H leader in Owyhee and Canyon counties, and she served as a Canyon County Fair superintendent in the 1980s.

## Robert Bonnell

*Sept. 18, 1926 to Aug. 29, 2015*

Robert Grete Bonnell, 88, of Caldwell, was born in Silver City to Hubert H. and Edna Bonnell. He attended school in the old mining town and graduated from Washington High School in Portland, OR in 1944.



He married Val Jean Dunn in 1956 and later, they divorced. He married Beryl Reed in 1967.

He served in the U.S. Army in World War II in the Philippines, returning home and graduating from the University of Idaho with a BS in Engineering.

He loved to ski, fish and hunt and loved a good steak. He will be remembered for his wonderful sense of humor.






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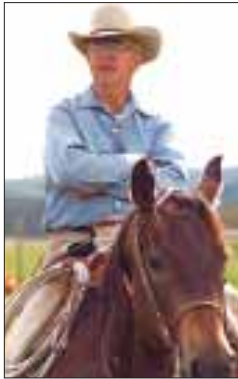
# IN MEMORIAM

## Bob Kelly

*Aug. 25, 1918 to July 13, 2015*

Bob Kelly, a 2006 Owyhee Cattlemen's Association Lifetime Member honoree, was born in Owyhee County, Idaho to C. F. (Fred) and Ana Kelly. After graduating eighth grade, he went to work in the cattle business.

He enlisted in the Army at the outbreak of World War II and served in Europe as a sergeant with the 807<sup>th</sup> Tank Destroyers. He commanded a tank squad nicknamed "The Kelly Ridgerunners," receiving the



Bronze Star for his service.

After the war, he married Lena May Carothers of Oreana. They ranched near Givens Springs until 1952 when they moved to Grangeville where he began his saddle-making career with Ray Holes, a highly regarded saddle maker at that time.

They raised their family of four children on a cattle ranch, which he managed. He also lent a hand to his brother-in-law, Bob Carothers, who managed a big Salmon River ranch. He was known for his expert horse shoeing and training. Co-founding a 4-H horse club enabled him to pass his knowledge of horsemanship onto the next generation.

After building over 1,700 saddles for

Ray Holes, they moved to Tres Pinos, Calif., and began building saddles and braiding rawhide under his own name. They enjoyed the local ranching culture, helping out with the riding and at the brandings.

In 1982, they returned to Owyhee County, settling near Homedale where he continued his career. He enjoyed roping at the local brandings and working on the family ranch on Hardtrigger.

Bob was recognized for his work when he was invited to display one of his saddles at the Museum of Western Art in Flagstaff, and when in 2003, he was inducted into the Buckaroo Hall of Fame. He also received the Don King Lifetime Achievement Award from the Academy of Western Arts.



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# IN MEMORIAM

## Dolores Ihli

*May 3, 1932 to Feb. 7, 2016*

Dolores V. Ihli, 83, of Nampa, was born in Jordan Valley, Ore., to Bernice Maher Birmingham and Richard Birmingham in Jordan Valley, OR.

She married Nicholas K. Ihli on Sept. 29, 1951 at St. Hubert's Catholic Church in Homedale. They had three children, Patrick, Teresa and Gerri.

Dolores worked as the Owyhee County Treasurer and later opened the Ihli Title and Escrow Company in Murphy.



## Shirley Murdoch

*Nov. 7, 1933 to Dec. 6, 2015*

Shirley Cox Murdoch, who passed away at the age of 82 at Cornerstone Hospital in Tucson, Ariz., grew up in Oreana and attended elementary school and high school in Grand View.

Born in Nampa to Theron and Edith Adcock, Shirley was known for her kind, thoughtful and loyal treatment of friends.

She enjoyed her ranch life on Pickett, Harts and Catherine Creek, and enjoyed the summers over the mountain on Meadow Creek. She was known as a great cook and for her love for sewing, which resulted in many shirts for her grandchildren.

Shirley ran a large ranch in Oreana. For nine years she raised and showed quarter horses across eight states. Shirley

and her husband, Oliver Cox, had many prized quarter horses. She belonged to the American Quarter Horse Association, Intermountain Quarter Horse Association, Lower Snake River Association and Cattlemen's. Later, Shirley

and Dennis Murdoch were involved in breeding and showing paint horses. In 2004, Shirley moved to Tucson, AZ to enjoy her retirement with Henry Vega. They enjoyed going to the casinos and traveling.



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# IN MEMORIAM

## Merv Robinson

*Aug. 7, 1924 to Aug. 11, 2015*

Former Oreana storekeeper and postmaster Merville A. Robinson was born in Burley to Samuel Ernest Robinson and Florence Harrington Robinson.

Merv attended Burley schools, where his passion for sports enabled him to letter in every sport. After graduation he attended and played football for



Idaho State University. After his first semester he enlisted in the Marines and was shipped overseas where he worked as a telephone lineman in the Pacific Islands. He finished his tour of service alongside other veterans by being some of the last in helping restore order in China near the end of World War II. He was discharged from the military in the spring of 1946 where he returned to his family's farm in Burley.

In November 1946 he met and married Peggy Johnston of Castle Creek,

Idaho. Through the years the family farmed and ranched. They also ran the Oreana store, where Merv served as postmaster.

In 1978, Merv accepted the position of executive director for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office in Owyhee County where he served until 1987. Peggy and Merv returned to ranching in Oreana.

Merv and Peggy Robinson had two children, a son Ralph (born in 1947) and a daughter Celia (born in 1952).

## Dan Skinner

*Aug. 12, 1926 to Jan. 23, 2016*

The son of Silas Kirkland and Johanna Murray Skinner, Daniel Herbert "Dan" Skinner grew up on the Skinner Ranch in Jordan Valley. A resident of Caldwell, he died at his daughter's Homedale home.

He attended school through the 10<sup>th</sup> grade in Danner, graduating in 1944 af-

ter junior and senior years in Caldwell.

Dan returned to the ranch and — after a brief enrollment at Oregon State University — began a lifelong career in the cattle industry.

He worked on the family ranch and worked with his father, brother and nephew.

He married Cathy Ross in 1973 and they raised two daughters.

Dan served on the Jordan Valley Rodeo Board, the Lions Club and the Antelope Grazing Association.

He began flying to the ranch, and airplanes are still used at the ranch today.

Dan retired to Caldwell in 2001.

## Gordon Stanford

*July 3, 1964 to Dec. 23, 2015*

Gordon Eugene Stanford, the oldest of three boys born to Jerry and Charlene Stanford, was raised on a ranch on Upper Cow Creek and graduated from Jordan Valley High School in 1982.

After high school, he worked as a ranch hand for various ranches in Nevada and Jordan Valley.

In 1995, Gordon married Lindsey Gammett. Out of this marriage came three children: Zach, Charlie (Triston) and Connor. He loved spending time with his kids in the outdoors.

Gordon is remembered as a kind and loving man who had an influence on many people and for his willingness to help.



## Russell Rutan

*Oct. 22, 1926 to Jan. 8, 2016*

Russell Kendall Rutan was born in Wilsonville, Neb., and moved with his family to Melba at the age of 4.

After graduation from Melba High School, he farmed before enlisting and serving during the final days of the Okinawa Campaign with the Sixth Marine Division in World War II, then with occupation forces in China.

On June 15, 1951 he married Faye Skeen, and two daughters were born — Yvonne and Rhonda. After Faye's death, he married Patricia Schwartz on Sept. 15, 1955, and Debbie and David

completed the family.

They farmed until 1975 and moved to Nampa in 1977. From 1979 to 1998 he worked for or managed ranches at Horseshoe Bend, Reynolds Creek and Grand View. For about 12 of those years, he worked in Owyhee County with his son.

Russ served on the Melba School Board for nine years, five as chairman. He helped plan Melba's first Polio Auction, now called Melba Community Auction, and later served two years as chairman.

## Hal Tolmie

*July 7, 1935 to Oct. 30, 2015*

Homedale resident Harold "Hal" Tolmie served on the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners, and was part of the Owyhee Initiative.

He graduated from Homedale High School in 1953.

Hal served in the Army from May

1955 to May 1957.

He married Judy (Thomas) on Sept. 6, 1957. They lived in Boise until 1968 then spent a year in Payette before returning to Homedale, to open Tolmie's Furniture and Appliance store until retirement.

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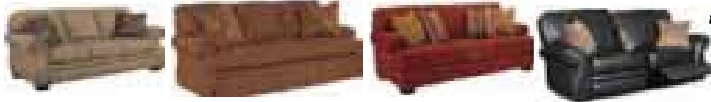
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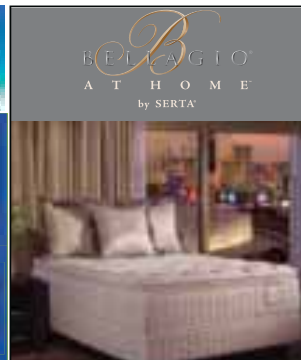


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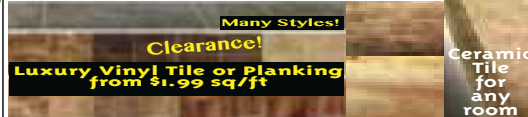


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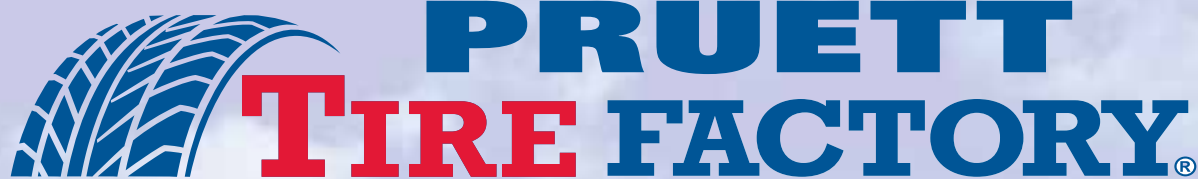
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