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And they're off!

Kindergarteners swarm their section of the Marsing High School football field Saturday morning after the Easter Bunny (Mila Astorquia) dropped her arm to signal the start of another round of the Lions Club Easter egg hunt.

Hundreds of children turned out for the Marsing hunt.

Lions Club member Jim Briggs said the crowd of adults snapped up the annual supply of breakfast burritos, and organizers reported a sellout.

Hunts were held in several different locations throughout Owyhee country Saturday.

For more photos from Easter, see **Pages 8-9A**



Flanked by his wife Mary (left) and daughter Kate, Marsing rancher Ted Blackstock talks about range management and the effects of the Soda Fire during Friday's tour. Mary said the fire cost the family ranch about \$100,000 in losses and expenses to find other pasture because of the two seasons of rest.

Tour spotlights Owyhee range

UI president's tour stresses collaboration

Folks from several backgrounds gathered Friday to learn how the University of Idaho and the unity of interdependence is crucial to preserving Owyhee County's natural resources.

College students, ranchers, university leaders and officials from all levels of government piled

on to two buses for the daylong U of I College of Natural Resources (CNR) President's Tour.

It was the first time in its three-year existence that the informational event focused on rangeland.

The university's CNR advisory board has presented two previous tours highlighting forestry in North Idaho near the Moscow campus. But this year's focus shifted to rangeland, and Owyhee was the prime destination given the challenges of managing public

land for multiple use and recovering from the 2015 Soda Fire.

"Range is definitely becoming a big issue, and the University of Idaho is trying to deal with a lot of those issues with a new rangeland center," Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission executive director Gretchen Hyde said.

"Owyhee County is so unique, and so many of the issues that plague western rangeland are kind of consolidated right there."

— See **Rangelands**, page 10A

Western Alliance Owyhee ties fray

Homedale and Marsing may not be long for the Western Alliance for Economic Development.

Last Wednesday, council members in both cities rejected WAED executive director Tina Wilson's request for letters supporting her newest Idaho Department of Commerce grant to help finance her salary.

Homedale council president Steve Atkins went as far as to sug-

gest that Homedale pull out of the alliance when Wilson also asked the city to increase its financial contribution by nearly \$1,000 in light of the grant amount shrinking \$2,000 to \$28,000 for Fiscal Year 2018.

City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram said the council could re-examine continuing member-

— See **Alliance**, page 13A

In-town irrigation water expected to flow next week

Homedale residents who use the city's municipal irrigation system will soon be able to start watering their lawns.

City public works supervisor Bret Smith hoped to have water in the town's ditches on Monday.

He said South Board of Control directors pushed the water turn-on date because irrigators in other areas of the system don't need service because of the current weather pattern.

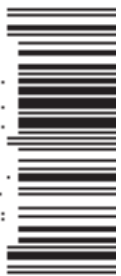
"The South Board has really

low requests for volume right now, because of how wet it's been," Smith said. "None of the out-of-town users, the farmers, need water right now. So it's tough for them to justify bringing it in."

He said the water will be turned on no later than next Wednesday.

The Marsing city system will be turned on no later than Monday, according to city maintenance supervisor Phillip Gibson.

— SC



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Farmers market season kicks off with Spring Fling

Denise Dixon
eyes community
garden near pool

The first Homedale Farmers Market of the year will be held on Saturday.

The Spring Fling will run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Bette Uda City Park, or the old high school gymnasium across East Idaho Avenue from the park in the case of inclement weather.

Manager Denise Dixon said master gardener Jan Aman will lead a gardening class during the Spring Fling, and there will be a class for children as well.

A one-time fee of \$10 will apply for anyone wanting to set up a booth at the Spring Fling. The event is not part of the vending package for summer and holiday markets.

Vendors will also pay five percent of their gross sales at the conclusion of the Spring Fling.

Dixon is reminding vendors that the Spring Fling is not a typical farmers market.

“You cannot sell anything but plants, plant starts and seeds,” Dixon wrote in an email. “If you have homemade flower pots or flower boxes you are welcome

Homedale Farmers Market Spring Fling vendors

Marilyn Evans — Tomato plants (Big Boy, Ace 55 Heirloom, Payette Tomato, Burbank Slicing, Russian Rose, and Independence Day varieties), flower plants, iris tubers, potted perennials (blue flax, hollyhock, and coreopsis), rhubarb plants, raspberry plants

Kayla Widner — Plants: tomato, peppers, cabbage broccoli, cauliflower. Flowers: marigolds, calendula, lobelia, zenias.

Jan Aman/Sage Creek Farms — Perennials, some drought-tolerant

Anna Minor — Vegetable plants, flowers

Homedale High School Art class and FFA — Ceramic planters, tomato and vegetable plants, baskets, basket stuffers

Christine Robinson — Plant seeds

Christa Ryals — Vegetable plants, flowers, herb plants

Note — Food stamp (EBT) funds can be used to purchase plants that grow food.

to sell them as well. If you have your plants in pots you can also sell those.”

Set up for Saturday’s event is from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., and tear down will be from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

The regular season of the markets will run from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., each Thursday from June 1 to Sept. 20 in Bette Uda City Park.

The fall and holiday markets are set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday in November, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the first three

Saturdays in December. Those markets are held indoors at the old high school gym.

People selling items at only the summer farmers markets will pay \$45 this year. Folks who set up booths at both the summer and holiday markets will pay \$65.

To reserve vendor space at any of the markets, contact Dixon at ddixon222@msn.com, by phone at (208) 840-0440, or visit www.homedalefarmersmarket.com.

During a March 23 meeting, Dixon told the Homedale City Council that the market has recently become a 501(c)3 non-profit, too.

Now, she said, in addition to going after more grants, the focus is to get more Homedale residents to come to the park and take advantage of vendors selling fresh produce and crafts and other wares.

“We need more people from

Homedale to come to the market,” Dixon said. “We can get all the vendors, but if they don’t sell their wares, they won’t come back.”

Councilman Aaron Tines commends Dixon on the market’s fortitude despite the fact it took a couple years for attendance to start to pick up.

“I think it’s a good thing for Homedale,” Tines said. “And I think it’s great that you guys stayed with it.”

Dixon has developed a handout of the market’s goals and accomplishments.

Since 2013, the market has provided nearly \$2,800 to several Homedale School District causes including:

- \$300 to the music department for the 2016 and 2017 talent show trophies
- \$500 last year to the middle school cheerleaders
- \$300 in 2016 to build railings on the exterior steps into the old high school gym where the fall and holiday markets are held.
- \$150 to help the high school color guard purchase flags in 2015.
- \$380 in 2015 to help the high school drama club purchase audio equipment
- \$350 to the elementary school in 2015 to purchase T-shirts given to students as reading incentives.
- \$800 over 2013 and 2014 to help the marching band buy uniform pants.

Dixon said the Cultivate! Children’s program will return from June 1 to Aug. 17, taking place from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. each Thursday. The program is always looking for volunteers to help and facilitators to teach, and Dixon

said she is working with Albertsons, Blue Cross of Idaho and U.S. Bank to develop materials. She hopes to double the number of boys and girls who can enroll in the program. As was the case in the inaugural year, the 2017 program will have only 25 openings, so Dixon anticipates another waiting list.

Dixon’s handout also highlights a summer feeding program headed up by Homedale School District food services director Vicki Eby. Free meals for children ages 1-18 will be served from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. each Thursday at the market from June 8 to Aug. 18.

Dixon has applied for additional funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. If received, the \$100,000 grant would help the market from Fiscal Year 2018 through Fiscal Year 2020. She hopes to start a farmer mentor program if the new USDA grant comes through, and she is also applying for smaller grants.

Dixon also wants to find entertainment talent for each farmers market this year.

Dixon continues to formulate her plans for a community garden in town. She first brought up the idea at a Chamber of Commerce meeting, and Mayor Gheen Christoffersen suggested a plot of land near the municipal swimming pool.

At the council meeting, Dixon said she wants to coordinate with the city to develop the ground this year with an eye toward planting next spring.



“I don’t want to rush through it and have it not be successful,” she said.

— JPB and SC

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Marsing council trots out new rules for RVs in town

After a number of complaints from residents, Marsing officials have approved a draft ordinance regulating campers, motor homes and trailers.

Limiting use of recreational vehicles within city limits was discussed during last Wednesday's city council meeting.

Proposed new rules would allow the rigs to be parked and used for 24 hours on public rights-of-way. The city currently doesn't have any regulations regarding RVs on public rights-of-way.

Under the new ordinance, campers, motor homes and trailers could be parked and used for three consecutive nights on private property. Marsing currently allows RVs to be used on private property for one night.

City attorney Stephanie J. Bonney wrote the draft ordinance ap-

proved last week. She said she'll have the new ordinance ready for the council's adoption at its May 10 meeting.

"Obviously what we're doing here is prohibiting full-time occupation, because that is not legal through the International Building Code or anything else," Bonney said. "We don't want people living in them full time."

The draft ordinance stipulates that RVs would only be allowed to be parked on private property in rear or side yards, or a side yard directly adjacent and parallel to driveways. The rigs would not be allowed in front yards.

Residents living in an RV on their property while making home repairs or renovations could apply for a waiver.

The first three violations of the new rule would be punishable

by fines of \$50, \$100 and \$200. The fourth violation would be a misdemeanor.

City maintenance supervisor Phillip Gibson also gave a report to the council.

He said his crews have been busy making repairs to the city irrigation system, applying ground sterilant, sweeping streets and spraying insecticide in the town's two parks.

"And we repaired an electrical main at Island Park," Gibson said. "The water table got so high that where the old electrical line came in, the junction box didn't ground. Water and electricity don't mix,

so we took the box in the ground and put it in the panel box. We used a little better water-tight connector."

Gibson added that improvements are complete to lights on the crosswalk at the intersection of Main Street (Idaho highway 55) and 8th Avenue West (Idaho 78).

Light automation is tied to the safety of children walking to school.

"They are programmed to come on at 6 a.m. and shut off at 8 a.m., and come on again at 3 p.m. and shut off at 5 p.m.," Gibson said. "They work with a button in between those times."

The council also set 7 p.m. on Aug. 9 as the time for the Fiscal Year 2018 budget public hearing.

A \$500 contribution to the LeRoy Breshears Fishing Day also was approved. The annual event is set for June 3 at Island Park.

Ferdinand is hoping the Snake River's water level drops before the annual event.

"In the last 10 years we've had to move it once because of the river," Ferdinand said.

The last time the Breshears Fishing Day had to be rescheduled was in 2011 when it was moved from May to its current month of June.

— SC

Marsing DMV to close early April 28 for retiree

The Marsing Division of Motor Vehicles office will close at 2 p.m. on Friday, April 28 to celebrate a worker's retirement.

Edith Sterkenburg is retiring from the DMV office after more than 20 years with the Owyhee County Assessor's Office.

Anyone who wants to give Sterkenburg best wishes is invited to attend an open house from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., in Marsing on Friday, April 28.

The DMV closure will allow Sterkenburg's co-workers to attend the open house. The office at 19 Reich St., will re-open for regular hours on Monday, May 1.

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Island Park anglers cited for pot

Two men received misdemeanor citations for marijuana possession as they allegedly fished without licenses last Wednesday.


Owyhee County Sheriff's Sgt. Gary Olsen said Caldwell resident Adrian Garcia, 23, and 24-year-old Jesus Dozal of Nampa were found at Island Park in Marsing.

Olsen said the deputy contacted the men after 5:30 p.m. when he spotted a vehicle with no license plates and no temporary registration sticker. One of the men had recently bought the truck.







Both men were issued misdemeanor citations for the drug and fishing offenses, and the deputy warned the pair about getting the vehicle licensed. They face arraignments at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, May 3 in Homedale before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober.

— JPB

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Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 97 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 2,717 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 1,784 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 692,990 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

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Jump Creek curfew violators face drug charges, infractions

People who were in the Jump Creek Rec Area after dark last week got more than just a ticket for violating county ordinance.

Two individuals were cited for misdemeanor drug offenses, Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said.

One group of individuals was ticketed more than nine hours after a deputy spotted an empty 1995 Ford Econoline van in the Jump Creek area after dark. County ordinance prohibits people from entering the Bureau of Land Management recreation area after the sun goes down.

Four individuals in their 20s received various citations after

10:30 a.m. on Sunday when a deputy spotted the van reported parked in Jump Creek at Island Park.

All four were cited for disobeying a county sign and being in Jump Creek after dark, Bowman said. The infraction citations were written when they admitted they had been in the rec area around 1 a.m. that day.

Timothy McDonald Jr., 23, who is believed to be a Canyon County resident, was cited for misdemeanor paraphernalia possession and driving without privileges. He also received an infraction for failing to provide proof of car insurance.

Tre Jarboe, 24, of Sisters, Ore., was charged with misdemeanor marijuana possession and paraphernalia possession.

The other two people cited under the Jump Creek ordinance were Tristian Jarboe, 21, of Nampa and Jessica Cagnolatti, 22, of Sisters, Ore.

Just before 10 p.m. on Sunday, two Emmett residents were cited for being in Jump Creek after dark.

Lou Ann Reid, 45, received only the infraction citation, while 26-year-old Michael Garza was also cited for misdemeanor marijuana possession.

— JPB

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Calendar

Today

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

Preschool Story Time
10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd St. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Bruneau speaker series
Noon, free, RSVP by Monday, April 17, Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2282 or (208) 845-2131

Preschool story time
3 p.m. to 4 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

KidZone makerspace
4 p.m., fifth-graders and up, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

Academic Bowl
4:15 p.m., Homedale Middle School, 3437 Johnstone Rd., Homedale. (208) 337-5780

Grand View Chamber of Commerce meeting
5:30 p.m., Grand View Fire Station, 721 Roosevelt St., Grand View.

Thursday

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting
8 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867

Fit and Fall exercise
10:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Senior center pinochle
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922 Tuesdays and Thursdays

Crafts for Kids
4 p.m., first-graders and up, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

Bruneau-Grand View school board meeting
7 p.m., Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School boardroom, 39678 State Hwy. 78, Bruneau (unless otherwise listed at www.sd365.us). (208) 834-2260

AA meetings
7:30 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

Friday

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

Spring into Wellness Fair
11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Adrian School Cafeteria, 202 High St., Adrian. (541) 709-6944 or mvargas@vfhc.org

Teens and Tweens program
4 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday

Saturday

Our Lady Queen of Heaven mass
10 a.m., Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Oreana Loop Road, Oreana. (208) 466-7031

COSSA Special Olympics carnival
10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., COSSA Regional Technical Educational Center, 109 Penny Lane, Wilder.

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

Senior center dominoes and card games
2 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922 Tuesdays and Thursdays

Monday

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

RS 2477 right-of-way public hearing
6 p.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 17069 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2950

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

Tuesday

Blood pressure clinic
10 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Fit and Fall exercise
10:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Homedale Chamber of Commerce luncheon
Noon, The Bowling Alley, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale.

Senior center pinochle
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922

After-school program
2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2639

After-school Story Time
4:30 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd St. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

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

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

AA meetings
7:30 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

Friday, April 28

Idaho Foodbank drop-off
9 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

All meals include milk variety, and a free breakfast is offered to all students

April 19: Chicken taco, corn, veggie & fruit bar
April 20: Ham/cheese ripper, fresh broccoli, veggie & fruit bar
April 24: Mini corn dogs, steamed carrots, veggie & fruit bar
April 25: Chicken nuggets, mixed veggies, cookie, veggie & fruit bar
April 26: Crispito, corn, veggie & fruit bar
April 27: Pepperoni pizza ripper, tossed salad, veggie & fruit bar, fruit snack

Homedale Middle

All meals include milk variety, and a free breakfast is offered to all students

April 19: Popcorn chicken or hamburger, baked beans, fruit & salad bar
April 20: Pepperoni pizza ripper or PB&J, tossed salad, fruit & salad bar
April 24: Chicken nuggets or orange chicken, steamed rice, broccoli, fruit & salad bar
April 25: Hot dog or chicken patty, potato wedges, fruit & salad bar
April 26: Crispito or ham/cheese sandwich, taco salad, fruit & salad bar
April 27: Pepperoni pizza or PB&J, tossed salad, cinnamon roll, fruit & salad bar

Homedale High

All meals include milk variety, and a free breakfast is offered to all students

April 19: Lasagna or popcorn chicken, roll, corn, salad bar, fruit choice
April 20: Nachos or chef salad, salad bar, fruit choice
April 24: Chicken taco w/corn or deli sandwich w/chips, salad bar, fruit choice
April 25: Beef nuggets w/cheese stick & roasted finger potatoes or pizza hot pocket, salad bar, fruit choice
April 26: Crispito or chef salad, salad bar, fruit choice

Marsing Elementary

All meals include healthy choice fruit and veggie bar

April 19: Beef tacos, rice & beans, corn or PB&J, cheese stick, graham crackers, corn
April 20: Pepperoni ripper, tossed salad, or PB&J, yogurt, tossed salad, rice crispy treat
April 24: Fish sticks, sidewinders or PB&J, yogurt, animal crackers, sidewinders
April 25: Nachos, vegetable or PB&J, yogurt, animal crackers, vegetable
April 26: Lasagna, breadstick, green beans or PB&J, cheese stick, graham crackers, jello

Marsing Middle-High

All meals include healthy choice fruit and veggie bar; salad bar and grab-n-go lunches available daily

April 19: Beef tacos, rice & beans, corn or BBQ chicken sandwich, corn
April 20: Pepperoni ripper, tossed salad or chili cheese fries, roll, rice crispy treat
April 24: Fish sticks, sidewinders biscuit or chicken squealer, sidewinders
April 25: Nachos, vegetable or chili, cinnamon roll, vegetable
April 26: Lasagna, breadstick, green beans or fish sandwich, green beans, jello w/topping

Bruneau-Grand View

All meals include milk variety

April 19: Lasagna, tossed romaine salad, green beans, fruit
April 20: Beef & bean burrito, romaine & lettuce, corn, fruit
April 21: Ham/cheese/bun, potato wedges, fresh broccoli, fresh fruit
April 25: Stromboli, garden spinach salad, mixed veggies, fruit
April 26: Cook's choice

COSSA

All meals include milk variety

April 19: Cheeseburger, tots, salad, fruit
April 20: Soft taco, refried beans, Spanish rice, salad, fruit
April 21: Soup, grilled cheese, salad, fruit
April 24: Baked chicken, macaroni & cheese, peas, carrots, fruit
April 25: Corn dog, broccoli & cheese, carrots, fruit
April 26: Pizza or PB&J, salad, fruit
April 27: Chicken sandwich, tots, salad, fruit

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

Death notices

FRANK LYMAN FACKRELL, 86, a Homedale native, died on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at home. A viewing was held on Thursday, April 13, 2017 at Zeyer Funeral Chapel in Nampa. Another viewing and services were held on Friday, April 14, 2017 at the Kuna LDS Stake Center.

JOSEPH ARTHUR FLANDERS, 61, of Homedale, died on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at home of natural causes. Arrangements Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

WILLIAM NORMAN GRIGG, 54, of Homedale, died Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at a local hospital. Arrangements: Dakan Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-3629

Service notice

KATHLEEN “TASS” HEIM, 64, of Wilder, died on Tuesday, March 21, 2017. Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at Deer Flat Church in Caldwell. Arrangements: Cloverdale Funeral Home, Boise

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April 26: Tuna casserole w/noodles, California blend veggies, roll
April 27: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes/gravy, carrots, roll

Rimrock Senior Center

April 20: Chicken enchiladas, broccoli/cauliflower salad, apple wedges, cookie
April 25: Chili and cornbread, sweet potato fries, green beans, fruit
April 27: Chicken-rice casserole, deviled eggs, green salad, apple sauce

LDS luau, auction planned

The Homedale LDS 1st Ward is holding a youth fundraiser on Saturday, April 29. The luau and auction takes place at 5:30 p.m. at the Homedale LDS Church, 708 W. Idaho Ave. Senior citizens can arrive 30 minutes earlier to be served. Pulled pork dinner costs \$5 per person or \$20 per family. For more information or to buy tickets, call Mechelle Jefferies at (208) 880-8791 or Lance Bell at (208) 406-4374.



Members of the Homedale High School concert band rehearse Friday morning. **Clockwise from left:** Senior Ben Holloway, sophomores Ricky Soto and Mauricia Villarreal, and seniors Patrick McMichael and Sarah Jones. Ben’s parents are Jerry and Cheri Holloway. Ricky is the son of Enrique and Rocio Soto. Mauricia is the daughter of Jose and Miriam Villarreal. Patrick is the son of Brett and Carol McMichael. Sarah is the daughter of Bonnie Jones.

HHS band gigs at District III today

Choir, band leave for Seattle on Thursday

The Homedale High School band embarks on a busy few days today beginning with the District III festival. The festival takes place at Vallivue High School in Caldwell, and then the band and choir takes off for the Seattle Heritage Festival on Thursday. The District III festival set list for director John Zieske’s band includes:
Jazz band — Chattanooga Choo Choo by Mike Warren, Mack Gordon and arranged by Mike Story; El Gato Gordo by Roy Phillippe; and The Judge by Paul Cook
Seventh- through 12th-grade band — Toccata for Band by Frank Erickson; Prelude and Fugue in G Minor by Johann Sebastian Bach and arranged by R. L. Moehlmann; and Washington Post by John Philip Sousa
The jazz band includes

Benjamin Holloway (sr., alto saxophone), Rhyalee Nix (7th grade, alto saxophone), Austin Conant (so., tenor saxophone), Christopher Aguilera (7th, tenor saxophone), Connor Slater (so., trumpet), Tell Morse (so., trumpet), Jefferson Grigg (so., trumpet), Katrina Grigg (8th, trumpet), Mauricia Villarreal (so., trombone), Enrique Soto Aguilar (so., trombone), Lizzy Marsh (so., euphonium), Janae Volk (so., bass), Charley Jerome (so., piano), and Jessica Tayler (sr., drum set).
The seventh- through 12th-grade band includes Alyssa Emery (sr., flute), Sarah Jones (sr., oboe), Adison Wilkerson (fr., clarinet), Jaired Riddle (8th, clarinet), Benjamin Holloway (sr., alto saxophone), Austin Conant (so., alto/tenor saxophone), Emma McMichael (sr., tenor saxophone), Ricky Soto (so., baritone saxophone), Avery Volk (8th, trumpet), Connor Slater (so., trumpet), Jefferson Grigg (so., trumpet), Jose Villa Ojeda (so., trumpet), Katrina Grigg (8th, trumpet), Tell Morse (so.,

trumpet), Tucker Favinger (7th, trumpet), Uriel Neri (8th, trombone), Mauricia Villarreal (so., trombone), Elyzabeth Marsh (so., euphonium), Patrick McMichael (sr., tuba), Jessica Tayler (sr., percussion), Emma Thornton (8th, percussion), Gage Purdom (fr., percussion), and Holden Kleppinger (so., percussion)
The high school choir performed at the district festival on April 10, performing Cantate Domino by Giuseppe Pitoni and arranged by Norman Greyson; Danny Boy, arranged by Julie Knowles; and Brighten My Soul With Sunshine by Joyce Eilers.
The choir includes:
Soprano — Rachel Tayler (fr.), Alex Slawson (so.), Isabel Hernandez (jr.), Leah Patton (jr.), and Jessica Tayler (sr.)
Alto — Mauricia Villarreal (so.), Amber Allen (so.), Alyssa Emery (sr.), and Siri Gierlich (sr.)
Baritone — Joseph Zamudio (so.), Charley Jerome (so.), William Cole (so.), and Benjamin Holloway (sr.)

OCHS gun show scheduled for Murphy

A gun show to benefit the Owyhee County Historical Society will be held later this month. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, April 29 inside McKeeth Hall at the museum in Murphy. Admission is \$4 for adults, and children ages 11 or younger get in free. A Ruger rifle will be raffled off at the end of the gun show. Raffle tickets are \$1 each, or six for \$5 and will be sold at the door. Cinnamon rolls and lunch will be available for purchase during the show. Dealer spots are \$20 for the gun show. For more information, email owyheemuseumdirector@gmail.com or call (208) 495-2319.

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Quantifying Owyhee’s economic dependence on ranching industry

Ranching is the backbone of the Owyhee County economy. With over 78 percent of the county being public land, the ranching businesses are very dependent upon public lands for livestock forage. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) records indicate that more than 350,000



Scott Jensen

Animal Units Months (AUMs, or the amount of forage to feed one cow or cow with calf for one month) in the county come from BLM each year. A recent University of Idaho study estimated that over 64 percent of the forage for the 45,000 head of beef cows is coming from BLM lands in the county. University of Idaho research estimates that each AUM contributes \$60 in output to other businesses and households in the county.



Neil Rimbey

Over the past 37 years, four separate socio-economic studies have been conducted in Owyhee County. In general, these studies

University of Idaho Extension

have focused on potential ranch-level economic and social impacts resulting from proposed management changes on BLM managed lands. The two most recent studies (2002-03 and 2014-16) included a separate economic model of the four southwestern Idaho counties (Owyhee, Canyon, Elmore and Ada) as well as a social assessment.

What have we learned? Over the course of these four studies, we find that we can make some general observations about the economic and social systems in Owyhee County.

First, area ranches are very dependent upon public land forage. Changes in federal grazing policies resulting in reductions in permitted AUMs to area ranches can have dramatic economic impacts on area ranches, both in terms of ranch production and sales and asset values of the ranches.

Ranch-level models and analysis have provided estimates of economic losses associated with grazing reductions ranging from about \$12 per AUM to nearly \$30 per AUM.

Regional input-output models have provided estimates of the impact to other sectors of the county or regional economy close to \$60 per AUM.

Grazing permit values were es-

timated to be between \$150 per AUM and \$310 per AUM.

Ranch-level models have been used to assess the economic impacts of alternative management strategies associated with Greater Sage-grouse, juniper woodland encroachment, and other resource issues. We have found that Owyhee communities are very cohesive, have strong opinions about livestock grazing on public lands, wilderness, recreational uses, and many other current issues in natural resource management.

If you would like to learn more about these studies or read them in their entirety, please don’t hesitate to call or stop by.

It should be no secret that agriculture is a driving economic and social force in Owyhee County. These University of Idaho studies help quantify just how important it is.

— Scott Jensen is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension educator. Neil Rimbey is a retired U of I Extension range economist. The two men joined fellow U of I faculty Paul Lewin and J.D. Wulforth to update the Owyhee County social and community assessment from which this data was taken. Jensen welcomes questions on livestock care. The U of I Owyhee County Extension Office is located at 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing and can be reached at (208) 896-4104 or scottj@uidaho.edu.

Rimrock students learn about leks

Rimrock High School students got a first-hand look at Greater Sage-grouse on Thursday.

Teacher Alan Schoen accompanied ninth- through 12th-graders, and they are the only Owyhee County schoolchildren participating in this year’s Sage-grouse in the Schools program.

The field trip to a sage-grouse lek in Owyhee County is part of an ongoing relationship between Rimrock and the federal government.

And that relationship has been more than educational. It also has been practical.

“We have been working with the (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) with the sage-grouse for the past five years,” Schoen said. “We have been supplying them with fence markers so the bird does not fly into a fence wire and kill itself when spooked.”

The fence markers have been installed on fencing on private and state and federally managed lands that border sage-grouse breeding areas.

The field trip gives the students a chance to see how natural resources are conserved as well as how the bird is protected as they visit areas where the fence markers have been installed.

Although most of the ag classes Schoen teaches at Rimrock deal



Fellow Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School students surround freshman Christian Sharek, who is holding a radio telemetry antenna in his right hand and a receiver in his left hand as he tries to figure out where an elk collar has been placed in the sagebrush. Other identifiable students in the photo include freshmen Nick Lino (light-colored hoodie), Lance Smith (to Lino’s left and behind Sharek), Adam Hogaboam (blue hoodie) and sophomore Ryan Nelson (orange hoodie). Photo courtesy U.S. Fish and Wildlife


with natural resources, the field trip was open to all classes at the school.

“Since we are a small school, this gives students an opportunity to participate in activities that they may not have direct contact with in a particular class,” Schoen said.

Sage-grouse in the Schools is an annual program led by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

in partnership with several organizations, including local working groups, the State of Idaho and The Nature Conservancy.

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Reminiscing Owyhee memories

by
P.T. Rathbone

North Fork fishing trip

My good neighbor and fishing buddy Julio Gaviola was always trying to find his own fishing hole on the North Fork of the Owyhee River.

One day, about 50 years ago, I loaded up my sons, Bob and John, in my pickup. Gary Gaviola took Julio and Mike in their Wagoneer, and off we went. We had a plan! We went up Flint Creek to Townsend’s Ranch where I parked my pickup. We loaded everyone in the Wagoneer and headed south. We knew if we went far enough, we would have to intersect the North Fork.

The road up over the hill was fairly good, but soon it became less travelled. A little while later, it seemed we were following two men on horseback. When one track veered to the right, we knew that was not a road. Julio, not to be deterred, told Gary to keep going.

That was fine until we ran up against a rock and broke the left tie rod end. We had some tools, and soon the tie rod end was loose. I thought we would walk back to my pickup and head to Jordan Valley to get it welded. Silly me. No, we were going to fish, and the river couldn’t be that far away. Ardent fishermen are not easily deterred.

We walked about a quarter of a mile, and sure enough there it was. It was like a sluice, running fast downhill with no holes in any direction, but we were going to try it. It was getting late, and I prayed no one would get a bite as we would have been there all night. No one did get a bite, so we finally decided to give up.

It was probably a mile and a half back to Townsend’s yard and my pickup, and John had left his shoes there so I had to carry him piggyback as the rocks on the road were sharp.

We arrived back in Jordan Valley about 10 p.m. and luckily, we got a welder out of bed. Jordan Valley is a very hospitable place, and the part was repaired. Back to Townsend’s we went, and I drove over the hill as far as I dared toward the Wagoneer. The tie rod was put back together, and we arrived home around 2 a.m.

Julio’s wife was not worried, but Mary was — a little bit.

— P.T. Rathbone is a longtime Marsing resident. If you have an Owyhee County tale you’d like to reminisce about, call (208) 337-4681 or email jon@owyheeavalanche.com for submission information.

Edith Sterkenburg Retirement Open House

Friday, April 28th • 4 to 6 p.m

Edith Sterkenburg from our Marsing DMV office is retiring after 20 years with the Assessor’s office. We will have an open house for Edith on April 28th from 4 to 6 p.m. It will be held at the Phipps/Watson Community Center (American Legion Hall) in Marsing. The address is 126 2nd St. N. Marsing, ID 83639. Anyone who wants to wish Edith well on the next chapter in her life is welcome.

Marsing DMV office will close at 2 p.m. on the 28th

so Edith’s co-workers can participate.

The Marsing DMV office will go back to its regular hours Monday May 1st.

Children flock to Owyhee County Easter egg hunts



Dozens of boys and girls fan out at Sundance Park as part of the 4- to 6-year-old division for the Homedale Chamber of Commerce Easter egg hunt Saturday morning.



Bria Quebrado, 5-year-old daughter of Marsing residents Wendy and Jose Quebrado.



Corra Jaye Shippy, the daughter of Marsing residents Hannah and Anthony Shippy sits with her personalized Easter bucket and the prize basket she won. Logans Market donated prize baskets.



Some Marsing Lions Club Easter egg hunt prize basket winners came in waves. **From left:** Brynn Johnson, 7, the daughter of Brandon and Andrea Johnson; Heston McIntyre, 7, and 4-year-old twins Emmett and Elsie McIntyre. The McIntyre children's parents are Brad and Jill of Marsing.



Eight-year-old Marsing third-graders Anna Quebrado (left) and Breeze Floyd decided to take \$10 cash prizes after picking up golden eggs in the hunt. Anna is the daughter of Christina and Gabriel, and Breeze is the daughter of April and Kirk.



Above: Jordan Palacios, 7, picks up a prize basket for Grades 1-2. His parents are Ashley and Alex Palacios of Meridian. **Below, left:** Kallie Barber, 5-year-old daughter of Marsing residents Courtney and O.J. Barber. **Below, right:** Lincoln Loucks, 2-year-old son of Marsing residents Ginger and Levi.



Jared Nettleton shows off the golden egg he found during the Easter egg hunt at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy. Jared, 3, is the son of Chad and Michelle Nettleton. Submitted photo

Lizard Butte Sunrise Service



Clear skies greeted worshippers who attended the 80th annual Lizard Butte Sunrise Easter Service on Sunday. Many people made the hike all the way to the top of the butte northeast of Marsing to stand near the cement cross. Photos by Nicole Brock



Mary Sonke (left) shares a laugh with Helen Chadez during a Good Friday Lunch at the Homedale Friends Community Church. Sonke is a member of the congregation at the church just north of Homedale over the Snake River. Chadez worships at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in Caldwell.



The Easter Bunny (Allisyn Reynolds) spent one-on-one time with each child then got in on the group photo Saturday after the student council and FFA chapter-sponsored Easter egg hunt at Jordan Valley High School. Photo by Tara Echave

Breakfast, Easter egg hunt draw crowd in Jordan Valley

The Jordan Valley High School Student Council and FFA chapter combined to present the annual Easter egg hunt Saturday, and the FFA Appreciation breakfast also was held. Children were split into three age groups: Pre-school, kindergarten through third grade and fourth grade through sixth grade. Boys and girls also sat down at a craft table and made their own frames to hold their photos with the Easter Bunny. Each child at the hunt was eligible for a drawing

for Easter baskets and prizes. The children chose between a basket or a prize when their name was called. They were able to pick between chicks and baby ducks, bouncy balls, a lamb chair, fishing rods, and traditional Easter baskets. The FFA Appreciation breakfast bar included chorizos, breakfast burritos, muffins, pastries, chocolate covered strawberries, pineapple, oranges, juice, and coffee. — Information provided by Tara Echave

HMS to wrap Academic Bowl at home

The Academic Bowl season closes today at Homedale Middle School. The HMS team is playing host to the 2016-17 finale beginning at 4:15 p.m. inside the school cafeteria, 3437 Johnstone Road. The HMS team includes captain Eli Heck and fellow seventh-graders Breanna Fink, Ben Gentry, Amber McBride, Logan Romans, James Sheaffer, Marcus Simmons, Abigail Henry, and Téa Uranga. The sixth-graders are Ryan Aman, Catie Decker, Elizabet Egusquiza, Maite Frank, Kambell Garrett, Rylan Love, Erikka Mercado, and Bailey Purdom.

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✓ Rangelands: Cooperation, collaboration crucial to preserve resource

The tour, which helps inform the president and CNR advisors so they can make research, policy and curriculum choices, traversed western Owyhee County from Hemingway Butte to Tony and Brenda Richards' ranch and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service station in the Reynolds Creek area to the Hardtrigger/Rat's Nest area off Sommercamp Road to a part of Ted and Mary Blackstock's ranch off U.S. Highway 95 that was devastated by the Soda Fire.

"One of our key missions is engagement," U of I president Chuck Staben said. "And you can't really engage without listening, and that's what we're here for."

Topics included how the Soda Fire impacted ranchers and what ranchers and the Bureau of Land Management are doing together

to fight fires as they crop up and prevent large-scale wild fires in the future. Protecting rangeland from suburban expansion also was a main message.

Some of the university's CNR students, including Hunter Montgomery who has family ties to Owyhee Meat Pack in Homedale, tagged along with state legislators, county officials and BLM leaders as part of a field trip with professor Karen Launchbaugh.

At each tour stop, the common thread was how much all the players in rangeland preservation depend on one another to keep the natural resources viable.

"It's encouraging to see the collaboration and deep understanding of the importance of collaboration," CNR board chair David New said during the event's closing ceremony at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Le-




University of Idaho graduate Chris Schachtschneider discusses how his research revealed that fire managers have to control the sagebrush component on the range in order to control dangerous flame height that can help a wild fire spread quickly



Lt. Gov. Brad Little gave the closing remarks Friday, saying "(By protecting the range) we can protect wildlife whether it be a critical species like sage-grouse or a thousand other species that exist out in the Owyhee. And we'll have baby deer and baby birds and baby every kind of wildlife. But the most important thing is that we have baby ranchers and for the baby ranchers to be able to come back and live on this land. I think from I what I heard today we'll be able to do that."

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gion Community Center.

Richards also spoke of interdependence when the tour buses stopped on the side of Reynolds Creek Road at a spot overlooking a portion of the family ranch that borders BLM ground.

"We have to work together because this is the livelihood of Idaho," Richards said.

The former Public Lands Council president and current county treasurer said another challenge is preserving the range in the face of folks who come from Ada and Canyon counties to play but get the idea of developing some land for a vacation getaway.

"Once you put a house out

there, you're not going to get it back," Richards said.

At each stop, the local presenters — Richards, the Blackstocks and rancher Jerry Hoagland — stressed the importance of the research that the U of I does on the land and in the communities.

Richards said work by U of I researchers helped ranchers put together an idea of the economic devastation of the Soda Fire just days after the flames had been controlled.

Hoagland spoke during the stop for lunch at the Reynolds Creek ARS. He ticked off collaboration with U of I researchers, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to preserve habitat for the Columbia spotted frog, work to expand wetlands and stabilize stream channels and also treatments to beat back juniper encroachment.

The District 1 county commissioner said he and the rest of the board soon will be updating the county land use plan, which aims to preserve agriculture, which is a prime component of the county economy.

But Hoagland said documents such as the recently updated U

of I socio-economic analysis of Owyhee County are vital to preserve land use as well. The county funded the update.


"How the public perceives those operations on those public lands are critical to keep these public lands open and free and yet provide an economically stable opportunity for those ranches," Hoagland said.

One of the study's authors, J.D. Wulforth said the data showed there is a broad understanding across rural, suburban and urban populations about the importance of maintaining rangeland.

"You have folks living in the urban area who want to come recreate out here," he said. "They get it about, 'Yeah, we need to preserve the system. We need to retain the fact that there is community there, and how do we go about doing that?'"

— JPB

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Local business hosts Donate Life fundraiser

In honor of Mike Matteson, Matteson’s Country Stores in Homedale and Wilder are helping to raise awareness about the importance of organ donation.

On Friday, \$1 of every gallon of gas sold at Matteson’s will be handed over to the Donate Life program.

Mike Matteson’s sister, and Matteson’s Country Stores co-owner Kim Mackenzie, said the family felt they had an obligation to highlight the program that gave her brother a fighting chance.

“We also realize that the more people that are signed up, the shorter the waiting period is and

the better your chance of survival is if you had to have a transplant,” she said.

Her brother had a liver transplant on April 14, 2016. He died from complications on July 31, 2016.

“He didn’t survive but the Donate Life program is where you get signed up to be a donor,” Mackenzie said. “They are the ones that start the whole process of donation.”

People can also sign up to win prizes during the fundraiser.

Matteson’s is located at 3 S. Main St. in Homedale, and 124 5th St. in Wilder.

— SC

HES announces one more kindergarten registration

Homedale Elementary School is holding another round of registration in an effort to get more boys and girls signed up for kindergarten.

Parents can bring their children to registration between noon and 4 p.m. on Thursday at the school, 420 W. Washington Ave.

Principal Terri Vasquez said the second registration period was opened for parents who didn’t make last week’s sign-up or screening or those who were unable to bring their children for

screening.

The prospective student must accompany their parent to the registration and screening this week.

Parents also must bring a state-issued birth certificate, the child’s Social Security card and immunization record, and proof of residency if the family is new to the school district. A utility bill will suffice for proof of residency, Vasquez said.

For more information call, the school at (208) 337-4033.

Homedale Elementary drainage fix sought

A drainage problem at Homedale Elementary School could be fixed soon.

The school district is accepting sealed construction bids on a proposed project that will correct a drainage problem near the exterior of one of the building’s wings as well as refurbish the

parking area.

Design West is heading up the bid process for the district.

A pre-bid conference is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. next Wednesday at the elementary school.

Bids must be received by May 3.

Free disc golf play nights slated for Riverside Park

A weekly recreation play night will begin next month at the Riverside Park disc golf course in Homedale.

The free, family-friendly event for all skill levels, including beginners, and all ages will begin at 6 p.m. each Thursday.

Interested players should gather at the first hole near the Riverside

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Marsing High School junior Mason Hall (center) shows Homedale Mayor Gheen Christoffersen where to sign after getting city council approval to re-roof and repaint the original library building behind the Homedale Public Library on West Owyhee Avenue. Hall’s Eagle Scout project will include replacing the roof structure if necessary. Library administrator Sharla Jensen (right) accompanied Hall to the meeting. Councilman Jerry Anderson sits next to Christoffersen.

Homedale council OKs WiFi antenna

HPD loses officer to Caldwell

The Homedale City Council has given the go-ahead for two projects.

The Idaho Military Division will be able to place a WiFi transmitter on the old municipal water tower that looms above the corner of West Colorado Avenue and South 1st Street West.

In his request to the council, Idaho Military Division representative Ben Call said the device and a small amount of hardware would allow a more secure connection between the magistrate clerk’s office and the state Supreme Court computer server.

The transmitter also would improve communications if emergency management were ever needed.

“Anytime we can expand our first-responders’ footprint, it’s a good thing,” Homedale Police Chief and Homedale Ambulance emergency medical technician Jeff Eidemiller said.

The council approved placing the antenna with a 3-0 vote. Councilman Shane Muir was

absent.

The council also OK’d a request from Leavitt Properties to use the city sewer on Pioneer Road.

The unanimous conditional approval to allow a breakroom at Specialty Inc. Wood Products to tie into the city service will go into effect once public works supervisor Bret Smith and city engineer Andrew Kimmel sign off on the design and a way to keep track of usage. The facility has a water well, so only city sewer services are necessary.

Smith told the council that a regional Federal Aviation Administration official says the city must put its airport engineering services out to bid. With no project active, Smith said, the FAA requires the city to begin its five-year re-selection process. Riedesel Engineering currently serves as the town’s airport engineering firm.

During his report, Eidemiller announced that HPD Officer Casey McGrew is leaving the force Tuesday for a job with Caldwell Police.

“The only way to say it is, it sucks to lose him, but that’s just the nature of the beast in small agencies,” Eidemiller said.

“He’s a good officer, and I’m thrilled for his opportunity, but just to let you know we’ll be back in hiring mode.”

The council also has decided to take new proposed animal control ordinance language to the citizens. A workshop or hearing will be scheduled to get feedback on plans to classify dogs as “dangerous” or “potentially dangerous,” rather than identifying specific breeds with a reputation for being vicious.

City attorney Paul J. Fitzer said the constitutionality of ordinances with similar language to Homedale’s current law has been challenged in the courts.

“We’re not in a situation of critical mass right now. We don’t have to run into this thing,” Eidemiller said, approving of the slow revamping process.

“Because it seems like every three or four years we’re bringing the animal control ordinance back to the table. Why don’t we take the time and get everybody’s opinion this time and make this an ordinance we can leave with for a while? I think in the long run it will be more cost-effective.”

— JPB

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Library trustees revive expansion — without WAED

Jackson family offer OK'd; new grant writer sought

The campaign to expand the Homedale Public Library is back on the table.

During a meeting on April 11, the library board decided to find a new grant writer to help reapply for an Idaho Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG). Board members also signed off on pursuing other potential grants for the expansion.

Library administrator Sharla Jensen reported the news to the Homedale City Council last Wednesday.

“I don’t want to do the last-second thing again,” Jensen said, alluding to a recent unsuccessful try. “I want to get going.”

By a 3-0 vote (Councilman Shane Muir was absent), council

members OK’d the new grant try — for a block grant or any other appropriate grant. The next ICDBG application deadline is Nov. 17.

“If we get a hold of the right grant writer, they will tell us the grants that will work,” Mayor Gheen Christoffersen said.

Councilman Aaron Tines also suggested Jensen get in touch with Region 4 Economic Development, even though it’s based in Twin Falls, to get guidance on the best opportunities for the library.

A previous ICDBG grant application was denied in January because the city matching funds total written into the proposal was less than other applications.

The family of longtime library board member Gypsy Jackson could change that with a proposed \$100,000 donation to the cause.

“The Jackson family has been good to our community,” Christ-

offersen said.

Western Alliance for Economic Development executive director Tina Wilson wrote the city’s last block grant application.

Total library construction cost was estimated at \$455,000. The WAED stood to gain \$31,850, or seven percent, for Wilson’s grant-writing services.

But the library board wants to go in a different direction when it comes to the next grant.

Library administrator Sharla Jensen said she is waiting for City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram to send her the name of a grant writer in Boise.

“I was hoping to have it for this meeting, but I haven’t heard back from her,” Jensen said. “He’s not through Western Alliance, so he’s 10 percent or so. He’s going to be a little bit more money if we use him.”

The board was unanimous that the grant administration services

of Wilson would not be used again.

With the Jackson family pledging \$100,000 if the application is successful and officials rename the library for Gypsy, there is a possibility that the grant-writing fee could actually be lower than what Western Alliance would have received. With a larger city match, the net grant application theoretically could be less expensive, and administration fees are based on the total amount sought from the state not the total cost of the project.

Jensen said a new grant writer might be aware of options other than the ICDBG.

“Maybe he also would know of some different grants if that does get (turned down), or if there’s just a better route to go,” she said.

The Jackson family — headed up by Jacksons Food Stores owner John Jackson and his sister

and company executive Andrea Jackson (the children of Gypsy and Dale) — got involved after library board member Carolyn Grooms called Andrea Jackson after the last grant was denied.

“I said, ‘Your mother was on the library board for years, and we’ve been trying to get a new library,’ ” Grooms said. “She said, ‘Yes, I take the Homedale paper and I’ve been reading about it.’ ”

Andrea Jackson called Grooms back a few weeks later.

“John said they’d be willing to contribute \$100,000 if the library was named after their mother, ‘The Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library,’ ” Grooms said.

She told Andrea Jackson that the donation would be contingent on a successful ICDBG application.

The board voted to accept the money on the contingency of landing the grant.

— SC and JPB

United Way sends hundreds of books to Homedale library

A lot of new books are on their way to the Homedale Public Library.

Administrator Sharla Jensen lands more books than she bargained for after contacting the United Way “Book It Forward” program via Facebook and an online application.

“I asked for 155 books,” Jensen said. “Later that night or the next day I got a message back saying, ‘We can definitely

do that, but we could also do more. How about 100 each for Pre-K through third grades, then we can add young adult and adult non-fiction. Can you handle 600 books?’ ”

The new and gently used books were donated to the United Way.

It’s unclear when the books will arrive.

During the April 11 library trustees meeting, Jensen said the United Way titles

will replace books that are showing signs of wear and tear. Duplicates, or books that aren’t used, will go on the book sale shelf.

A grant from the Pilcrow Foundation will provide even more new books.

“The Friends of the Library have to donate some money, and then this Pilcrow grant donates that much back also to buy books for kids,” Jensen said. “The

Friends said they’d do \$300, and (Pilcrow Foundation will) match that.”

The Pilcrow Foundation’s mission is to provide new, quality, hardcover books to rural public libraries across the United States.

The board also agreed to surplus out two old computer towers and a monitor, which will be sold in the next city surplus property auction.

— SC

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✓ Alliance: Board president, Aberasturi urge Homedale to stay the course

ship when they look at budgeting dues during workshops that will take place in the coming months. Marsing Mayor James Ferdinand said he had difficulty seeing the value of the city’s membership.

If Homedale and Marsing leave the Western Alliance, they’ll join Grand View as ex-members on the south side of Snake River. Owyhee County would be the only remaining non-Canyon County member.

Homedale Mayor Gheen Christoffersen and Councilman Jerry Anderson said none of the citizen input they received supported the increase.

According to Christoffersen, the city has spent more than \$11,200 in dues in his nearly four years as mayor.

“I don’t support it, and in fact I’d be for getting out of the Western Alliance altogether. I don’t feel we’re getting our bang for our buck. And if we’re going to pursue the library and that sort of thing and we’re going to have to pay for a grant writer then we ought of just hire one anyway,” Atkins said.

Councilman Aaron Tines agreed.

“I just don’t think that we’ve gotten back what we’ve put into it, and I think this is one of those years that we should act on it,” Tines said. “I think we owe it to our taxpayers to spend their money wisely, and I really don’t think that’s gone on with our membership with Western Alliance for some time.”

Wilson countered by listing projects the city has undertaken during her time with Western Alliance.

“So you don’t feel that the assistance that I’ve given to, like, your farmers market and working with you on the Gem Grant for the sewer line extension or Andrew with TAP grant or interacting with the Chamber of Commerce has been any benefit to Homedale?” she asked.

“I think it’s something that as a city we can handle ourselves,” Tines said.

The sewer line extension on South Main Street – accomplished with the help of a \$28,000 Gem Grant awarded for FY 2015 – was

instrumental in bringing Mountain View Equipment to town.

The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant to build safer routes to the middle school and elementary school was rejected as was the Idaho Community Block Grant that Wilson wrote for the Homedale Public Library expansion.

Wilson has said she helped the farmers market attain 501(c)3 non-profit status.

The city has had discussions to continue seeking grants for both the school routes and the library without mention of enlisting WAED’s help. Later in the council meeting, Tines suggested library administrator Sharla Jensen contact Region 4 Economic Development for guidance in her quest for a building expansion grant.

WAED board president Dave Lincoln and board member Kelly Aberasturi, a rural Homedale resident and District 2 Owyhee County commissioner, also spoke up in favor of the city continuing its relationship with the alliance.

“I think a person needs to look at the big picture,” Lincoln said. “Western Alliance scored a huge win with Treasure Valley Renewables.”

Lincoln said the sorghum processing and biogas plant proposed for Parma will bring 70 jobs paying an average of \$40,000 annually. He and Wilson both said the development would have an impact on Homedale, including employment and a need for housing.

Lincoln said fellow WAED board member and Canyon County commissioner Tom Dale estimates the economic impact would be five times the workers’ salaries.

Housing demand in Homedale already has increased even without the plant’s existence. Later in the meeting, the council discussed the fact that 10 houses have been built in the Santa Fe residential subdivision downtown in the latest renewal of construction.

Aberasturi and Lincoln both said the city would see big benefits in the next few years.

“You guys are getting enough dairies over here to maybe get a cheese factory,” Lincoln said. “There is a lot of opportunity in

the near future, and you have to be ready for it.”

Owyhee County serves as the fiscal agent for the WAED.

“I totally understand where you guys are coming from. I actually expected you guys not to re-up because of the money situation,” Aberasturi told the Homedale councilmen.

“I would like to see you guys re-up for another year or so because there are big things coming.”

Wilson also received a less than enthusiastic response from Marsing officials.

While Wilson didn’t request an increase in financial support (which is \$1,457 annually), she did request a letter supporting her Department of Commerce grant application.

“I’m asking if you would continue supporting the Western Alliance for the next year,” she said. “And if so, would you mind signing a letter of support like you did last year?”

Ferdinand immediately met her request with skepticism.

“As you know, Tina, I’ve been back and forth supporting the Western Alliance over the years, prior to you as well,” the current mayor and former city councilman said. “I’m continuing to try to figure out the benefit that we see in the City of Marsing.”

Wilson countered that she works with the Marsing Chamber of Commerce on a regular basis, helped facilitate events with the Sunny Slope Wine Trail, put The Spot Pizza and The Sandbar Café on the wine trail’s map and helped Pete Smit with the application for the Idaho Community Development Block Grant to purchase The Sandbar Café.

Councilman Cory Percifield questioned how valuable Wilson’s

services are to the Chamber.

“Would the Chamber of Commerce pay the 1,400 bucks a year?” he asked.

Wilson admitted that the Chamber probably would not pick up the bill for what she does.

Council member Jolyn Green asked what Wilson does to bring new businesses into Marsing.

“I get referrals from the Idaho Department of Commerce,” Wilson said. “I work with the Boise Valley Economic Partnership, which refers things into Owyhee and Canyon County.”

She added that keeping businesses from moving out of town is her first priority, and attracting new business comes second.

Wilson claimed that financial constraints limit what she can do for communities.

“I do not have funding to attend trade shows,” she said. “The Western Alliance runs on a very slim budget.”

According to information Wilson provided The Owyhee Avalanche during the Homedale City Council meeting, 79.6 percent of

the annual budget — or \$62,550 of \$78,536 – goes to Wilson’s salary and benefits. Nearly \$10,000 more is spent on a car lease, automobile insurance and vehicle fuel and maintenance.

And Wilson told the Homedale council that she anticipates the cost of employee benefits and car insurance to rise.

At the conclusion of the 20-minute discussion in Marsing, Ferdinand reiterated his doubts about the city providing a letter of support.

“Tina, I’m just not sure that there’s a fiduciary benefit to the city,” he said. “But if the council wants to make a motion to approve membership, I would sign it.”

Green agreed with the mayor, saying she doesn’t think the city’s relationship with WAED is worth the investment.

Percifield also sided with Ferdinand and Green.

“In the three years that I’ve been here, nothing came of it,” Percifield said. “I just don’t see it.”

— JPB and SC

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Firefighters compete, COSSA benefits

Proceeds from a carnival and chilly dumpster-diving competition will help the Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency Coyotes team compete in the Special Olympics state summer games.

Volunteer firefighters from Homedale, Marsing, Wilder, Parma and Notus have collected pledges and will dive into a clean dumpster filled with cold water at the carnival. The activity is a Special Olympics fundraiser creation similar to the

ALS Association's Ice Bucket Challenge from a few summers ago.

The Dumpster dive is part of the carnival, which will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday at the COSSA Regional Technical Educational Center, 109 Penny Lane, Wilder.

There will be food and drink available as well as games, including a cupcake walk.

Proceeds also will be used to fund the school's Special Olympics athletic program

throughout the year.

The COSSA Special Olympians also compete in bowling and spend time practicing at The Bowling Alley in Homedale.

The state summer games take place June 9-10 in Twin Falls. The Southwest Idaho summer regional games will be held on May 20 at Caldwell High School.

Kimberly Hale, Homedale Middle School special education teacher and COSSA Coyotes organizer, is planning the carnival.

Informative call turns into DUI

Authorities were looking for Russell Berbes for a civil matter.

When an Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy found him, the 53-year-old Grand View resident was charged with driving under the influence.

"The deputy had been looking

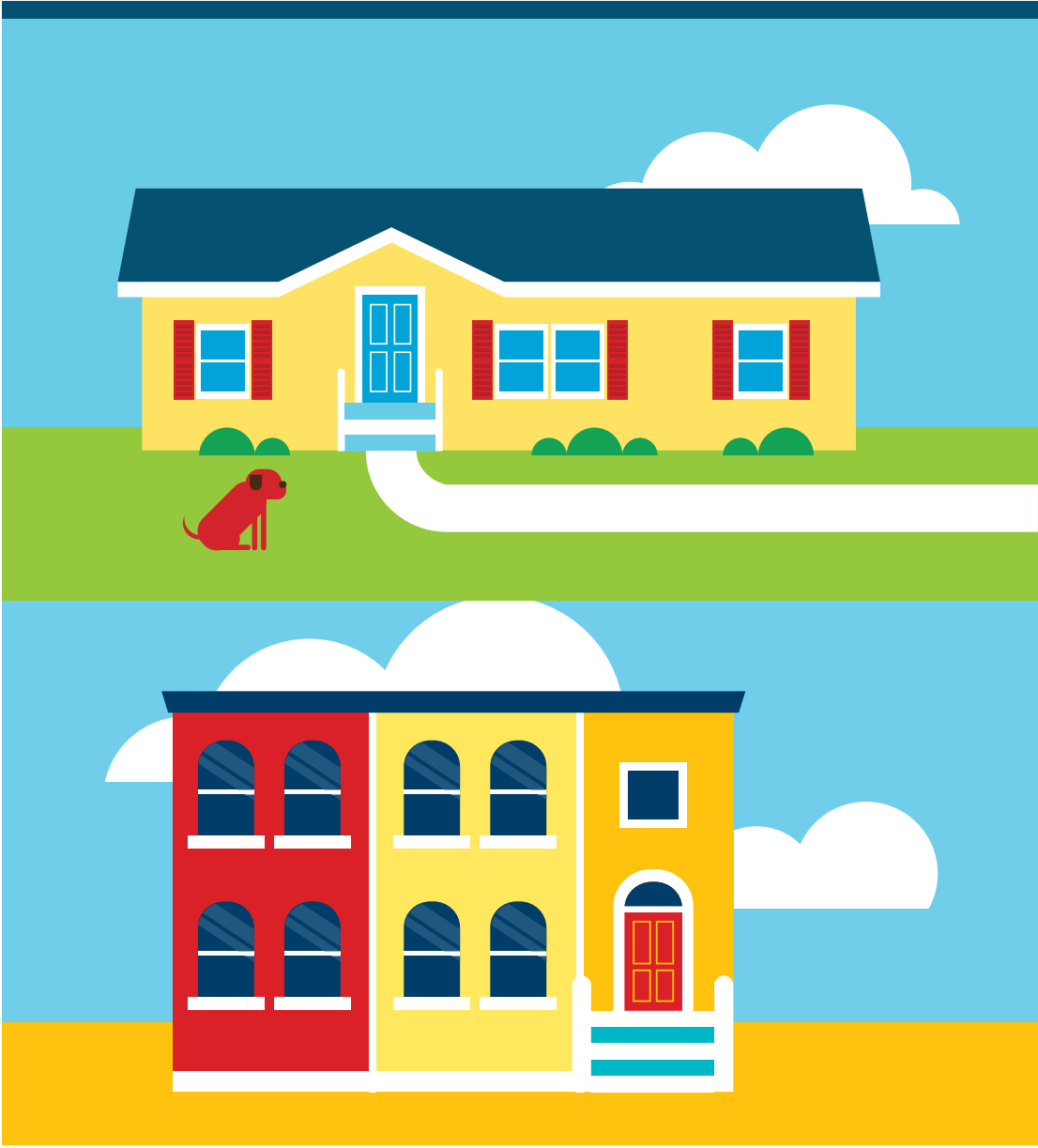
for him in reference to notify him for a civil standby," sheriff's Sgt. Gary Olsen said.

But the deputy detected the smell of an alcoholic beverage on Berbes when he tracked him down last Wednesday at a store at the entrance to the town.

Berbes will be arraigned at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 1 before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober on a misdemeanor DUI charge.

Olsen said Berbes' blood-alcohol concentration read .120 and .113.

— JPB



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Polling places set

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Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the following voting locations:

- **North Homedale** — Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.
- **South Homedale** — Magistrate court building (City Hall), 31 W. Wyoming Ave.
- **North Marsing** — Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N.
- **South Marsing** — University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W.
- **Wilson** — Wilson Schoolhouse, 10427 Johnston Lane
- **Oreana** — Oreana Community Hall, 18092 Oreana Loop Road
- **Grand View** — Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave.
- **Bruneau** — American Legion Post 83, 32536 Belle Ave.
- **Mail-in ballot precinct** — Riddle
- **Absentee (mail-in or in-person)** — Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78 (mailing address: P.O. Box 128, Murphy, ID 83650)

Friday is the last day for voters to pre-register. Election Day registration will be available, and prospective voters must bring their state-issued identification card to the polls.

May 5 is the last day to request a mail-in ballot, and May 12 is the last day for in-person absentee voting.

Call the Owyhee County Clerk's Office at (208) 495-2421 for more information.

Property owners in Marsing and Bruneau will face taxation questions in addition to making choices in governing board elections.

Marsing Fire District officials will seek a permanent budget increase of \$315,000 annually. Fire commissioners want to build and equip a substation at the intersection of Walker Lane and Marsing Road in Canyon County.

The budget increase also would pay for compensation to bolster volunteerism as well as fund upgrades to fire and extrication equipment and keep up with the increasing costs of running a fire district.

The Bruneau Water and Sewer Association seeks a \$2.2 million, 40-year revenue bond to pay for sewer improvements.

Only two governing boards in the county will see contested elections on May 16.

Recent appointee John Demshar will face David "Hap" Duryee and Robert Wolfe in a three-way race for the Homedale Highway District Subdistrict 2 position.

In the Bruneau-Grand View School District, board chair Lori Bennett, who resides in Zone 3, will see a challenge from RaeLynn Schkade. Longtime Zone 5 trustee Howard Field will go up against Steve Boren.

Suspect formally charged with punching deputy

A 44-year-old man already in jail on a drunk driving charge now faces a felony for striking a peace officer.

Rene Elizondo was served with a Nampa Police arrest warrant April 10 as he sat in Owyhee County Jail on two alcohol-related misdemeanor charges.

Sheriff's Sgt. Gary Olsen said the warrant was delivered after Nampa Police completed its investigation into an incident at a hospital in that town in the wake of Elizondo's March 13 arrest south of Marsing on suspicion of driving under the influence.

On March 18, Elizondo allegedly punched an OCSO reserve deputy who was with the inmate after he had been taken to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center-Nampa for the second time in four days.

A fugitive from California, Elizondo was taken to the hospital twice after his March 13 booking. Marsing Ambulance transported him 5½ hours after his arrest when he complained of a rapid heartbeat and shortness of breath. Elizondo had admitted that he had swallowed methamphetamine when he was pulled over. The second trip to the hospital was triggered when he began detoxifying from swallowing the illicit drugs.

Elizondo remains in custody in Murphy on misdemeanor charges of DUI-second offense and having an open alcohol container in a vehicle.

He entered a guilty plea to the DUI charge on April 10, and county Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery dismissed a misdemeanor count of driving without privileges.

Elizondo already has been fined \$221.50 for infractions of speeding and failing to provide proof of auto insurance.

No other court dates have been set.

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Uranga goes low as 3A SRV golf drama heightens

Casey Grove is strapping in for another fun few weeks.

Homedale High School cleared the field by 22 shots last Wednesday to win its first 3A Snake River Valley conference golf meet of the season.

With freshman Daniel Uranga edging Fruitland's Jake O'Neil for medalist honors,

Homedale finished at 181 at Rolling Hills Golf Course in Weiser. Parma (203) was second, and Payette's four golfers were bunched within five strokes of one another for a third-place 225.

"Payette played well today," Grove said. "It is shaping up for a tight SRV race going forward."

Homedale played the third nine-hole conference meet of the season after deadline Monday at Scotch Pines in Payette. Other 3A SRV contests take place at 3 p.m. on Tuesday at TimberStone Golf Course and at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3 for the Trojans' home meet at River Bend Golf Course in Wilder.

The 3A District III Tournament, an 18-hole competition, will be held at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 9 at TimberStone.

The top district golfers will move on to the 36-hole state tournament May 15-16 in Idaho Falls.

— See *Golf*, page 3B

Owyheean lead Melba past MHS

Huskies rebound to rout Vandals

Two Owyhee County residents helped Melba High School deny determined Marsing in a 2A Western Idaho Conference baseball game.

The Mustangs rallied from two deficits and rolled to a 16-5 victory in a six-inning game on the Huskies' field April 11.

Tristen Stimpson led off the game with a double and went on to score four runs from the top of the Mustangs' batting order. Fellow Owyheean Tim Reinertson was 2-for-5 with two runs scored and two RBI.

— See *MHS*, page 5B

Rimrock's Phoenix soars in high jump

Wright's PR, coed relay finishes pace Raiders

Rimrock High School excelled in coed relay races Friday at the Wildcats Invitational in Parma.

Sophomore Phoenix Wright achieved a personal record to win the girls' high jump at 4 feet, 8 inches.

But the Raiders turned in several strong finishes in coed relays, including a runner-up showing in the 4x400. Anthony Herrera, Laura Gasper, Ian Burbank and Heidi Pearson teamed up for a 4-minute, 54.37-second race.

Levi Nanney, Valeria Lino, Todd Marvin and Mylee Meyers finished third in the sprint relay. Nanney and Lino ran 100-meter

— See *Rimrock*, page 3B



Senior right-hander Jake Deal fires a pitch toward the plate — and his younger brother Drew, who is catching — during last week's conference showdown with Fruitland at John Jackson Field.

HHS, Fruitland spar again

Trojans suffer second straight one-run SRV loss

Two of the conference's best pitchers locked into a duel when Homedale and Fruitland played a 3A state championship rematch.

The Grizzlies scored what turned out to be the winning run on a third-inning error to beat the Trojans again, 2-1, at John Jackson Field in a 3A Snake River Valley conference game played April 10.

— See *HHS-Fruitland*, page 3B

Classic duel

Recent results in the Homedale-Fruitland baseball rivalry:

April 10 — Fruitland 2, HHS 1

May 21, 2016 — Fruitland 8, HHS 5

May 12, 2016 — Fruitland 2, HHS 1

April 29, 2016 — Fruitland 5, HHS 4

April 6, 2016 — HHS 1, Fruitland 0

April 23, 2015 — HHS 4, Fruitland 3

Note — Prior to the 2015 win, HHS hadn't beaten Fruitland in baseball in 15 seasons.

Trojans take apart three foes

Kelly notches two no-hitters, three home runs

So much for the rivalry.

Dakota Kelly ripped her team-leading fifth home run and fired a no-hitter in Homedale High School's 10-0 shellacking of Fruitland on April 10.

The Trojans routed their rivals in five innings at Sundance Park as Kelly threw a no-hitter for the second time in seven days. She would end the week with another no-hitter against Buhl.

The junior right-hander moved her 3A Snake River Valley conference scoreless streak to 18 innings. The only conference squad to score against Kelly is Weiser, which played host to the Trojans in a 3A SRV game after deadline Tuesday.

By the end of the week, Kelly had boosted her offensive and pitching statistics considerably.

She has now thrown three no-hitters this year with 161 strikeouts over 98 2/3 innings.

Kelly is hitting .492 with seven home runs and 39 RBI, all of which lead the team by a wide margin. She also has a .952 slugging percentage.

In their only conference game last week, the Trojans (10-7-1 overall, 4-0 in conference) made the most of nine hits and took advantage of four Fruitland errors.

Dazsha Zamora scored on a wild pitch to fuel Homedale's

— See *Trojans*, page 4B



Dakota Kelly



Dazsha Zamora

Sports

Symms, Furlott win three events at state meet locale



Junior Max Mertz runs the leadoff leg in Homedale's third-place effort in the boys' 4x200-meter relay Thursday in Middleton. Photo by Machele Randall

Two Homedale High School athletes won three events at the Middleton Invitational.

Eva Symms swept the girls' throws Thursday in a track and field meet that attracted four of the five teams that will compete in the 3A District III championship meet next month.



Jacob Furlott

The junior captured the shot put with a heave of 35 feet, 10 1/4 inches, and senior teammate Carli Swallow was fifth at 31-5.

Symms won the discus with a throw of 111-9.

Competing on the track that will play host to next month's 3A state meet, senior Jacob Furlott captured the boys' 100-meter sprint in 11.42 seconds, and he was runner-up in the 200 with a personal-best 23.25.

Freshman Caleb Smith logged two personal records to finish fifth in both the 100 (11.68) and 200 (23.25).

Homedale junior Lainey Johnson out-kicked Parma's Riley Morgan to finish second in the girls' 400. Johnson ran a 1-minute, 3.77-second race, beating Morgan by .22 of a second.

Smith and Furlott ran the final legs of the boys' 4x200 relay. Max Mertz started the race, and Kendall Frelove ran the second segment as the Trojans finished third in 1:34.88.



Junior Eva Symms lets fly during her championship performance in the girls' shot put at the Middleton Invitational on Thursday. Photo by Machele Randall

Senior Carlie Sawyer finished third in the girls' triple jump, attaining 32 feet. Junior Ember Christensen's season-best 30-1 1/2 was good for fourth in the event. Sawyer was fifth in the long

jump at 15-7. Sawyer's all-around day also included fourth-place showings in the 100 (13.4) and 200 (28.42). Johnson's season-best 28.5 gave her fifth in the 200.

Homedale Trojans

Athlete Spotlight

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Baseball
Drew Deal, so., C
Singled and showed hustle behind the plate in loss to Fruitland

Softball
Kendall Nash, jr., 2B
11-for-19 (.579), 8 runs, 9 RBI in 5 games

Track and field
Lainey Johnson, jr., sprints
Out-ran a fellow 3A SRV athlete for 2nd in Middleton 400

Golf
Daniel Uranga, fr.
Posted low score of meet (38) Wednesday in Weiser

Tennis
Austin Conant, so., boys' singles
Moved into the No. 2 spot and won in singles debut vs. Weiser

Baseball
Varsity
Wednesday, April 19, home vs. Nyssa, Ore., 5 p.m.
Friday, April 21 at Payette, 5 p.m.
Saturday, April 22, home vs. Wilder (DH), noon and 2 p.m.
Monday, April 24, home vs. Parma, 5 p.m.
Tuesday, April 25 at Baker, Ore., 5 p.m. MDT
Wednesday, April 26 at Fruitland, 6 p.m.
Junior varsity
Wednesday, April 19, home vs. Nyssa, Ore., 2 p.m.
Friday, April 21, home vs. Payette, 5 p.m.
Wednesday, April 26, home vs. Fruitland, 5 p.m.

Softball
Varsity
Friday, April 21 at Payette, 5 p.m.
Monday, April 24, home vs. Parma, 5 p.m.
Wednesday, April 26 at Fruitland, 6 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, April 20 at Ontario, Ore., 5 p.m.
Friday, April 21, home vs. Payette, 5 p.m.
Tuesday, April 25, home vs. Nyssa, Ore., 5 p.m.
Wednesday, April 26, home vs. Fruitland, 5 p.m.

Track and field
Friday, April 21 at Vale (Ore.) Invitational, 3 p.m.

Tennis
Wednesday, April 19 at Payette, 4 p.m.

Golf
Monday, April 24 at Baker (Ore.) Invitational (18 holes)
Tuesday, April 25 at 3A Snake River Valley conference meet (nine holes), TimberStone GC, Caldwell, 3 p.m.

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Sports

Marsing athletes post personal records in Middleton

Justin Yetter posted a pair of personal records Thursday to highlight Marsing High School's performance at the Middleton Invitational.

The senior sprinter finished 11th in the 400 meters at 55.84 seconds, and broke the 25-second barrier with a 24.92 to finish 15th in the 200.

Junior Landry Villa grabbed a PR in the 3,200 with a 14th-place time of 11 minutes, 21.07 seconds, and his season-fastest 5:15.43 for 13th in the 1,600.

Senior Sam Galligan was 11th in the shot put at 38 feet, 9½ inches, and finished 13th in the discus with a throw of 105-3.

Fellow senior Karl Isert set a career record with a 20.62-second effort in the 110 hurdles, which placed him 18th.

Sophomore Sefora Arriaga ran a personal-best 6:52.03 in the 1,600.

Fellow 10th-grader Chloe Martinez registered a shot put throw of 25-½ and a discus effort of 58-10 in the girls' throws.

✓ HHS-Fruitland: Teams meet again next Wednesday to close SRV slate

From Page 1B

It was the fifth one-run ball-game in the past six contests in the series, which had seen Fruitland win every matchup for 15 years before Homedale prevailed (by one run) in April 2015.

Fruitland has beaten Homedale in four consecutive meetings, including last year's state championship final (an 8-5 Grizzlies victory) and 3A District III title game (ironically a 2-1 Homedale loss at John Jackson Field).

Three of those four losses have come by one run, and the Trojans' last victory over the Grizzlies was a 1-0 gem on April 6, 2016 at John Jackson Field.

The Grizzlies (11-3 overall, 3-1 in conference at week's end) and Trojans (7-5, 2-2) close out the 3A SRV regular season at 5 p.m. next Wednesday in Fruitland.

Battling last year's conference co-player of the year Casey Rodriguez, Homedale senior right-hander Jake Deal held the Grizzlies in check last week, scattering four hits and striking out seven.

He allowed only three walks, but it was the third inning that doomed the Trojans.

Senior Mat Murphy, an all-con-



Left: Jake Deal fouls off a pitch from Fruitland's Casey Rodriguez. Right: Ben Lee hits the dirt to steal second base in the early-going of the April 10 conference clash with Fruitland at John Jackson Field.



ference first-teamer last spring, doubled to lead off the inning and crossed the plate for a 2-0 Fruitland lead when HHS second baseman Jaren Mease committed an error on a two-out grounder.

Homedale's only run was unearned in the fifth inning. Jaylen Hilton reached on an error to start the rally, and he scored when Rodriguez uncorked a wild pitch one strike away from escaping the inning.

The Trojans committed three errors in the first three innings then settled down for perfect defense the rest of the way.

Deal got out of a situation with runners on second and third in the next inning with a strikeout and Murphy's floating liner to Mease.

Drew Deal led off the bottom of the first inning with a single for one of only four HHS hits against Rodriguez, who struck out 10 and walked just one.

Mease lined a one-out single in the second inning.

Ben Lee blooped a base hit down the right-field line with two outs in the third, but Rodriguez worked his way out of the two-out, two-on jam.

Homedale's other hit came off Wyatt Wolfe's bat with two outs in the fourth inning.

Last week's loss marked the second straight one-run conference setback for Homedale, which traveled to Walter Johnson Field to challenge another tough league opponent in Weiser on Tuesday after deadline. The Trojans lost, 3-2, to Payette at home on April 4.

✓ Rimrock: Girls' relay foursome grabs third place

From Page 1B

legs, while Marvin covered 200 meters and Meyers finished with a 400. The team posted a time of 2:17.58.

Rimrock's girls' 4x100 relay team was third in 58.05. Makayla Davies opened the race followed by Pearson, Lino and Meyers.

Two coed relay teams finished fourth.

Taylor Magers ran the final leg in the 4x200, and teammates Herrera, Pearson and Burbank ran the first three segments. The team attained a 1:51.3 time.

Davies and Lino book-ended the coed 4x400 relay, and Tyrel Lowe and Christian Neilson ran the middle two legs.

The Raiders finished fourth in 4:28.27.

Nanney ran a 200 leg, and

Marvin covered the 400 portion as Rimrock's boys finished third in the sprint medley in 4:21.28. Dylan Ross ran a 200 leg, and Ezekiel Holmes closed the event with the final 800 meters.

Burbank finished fourth in the boys' 300-meter hurdles, running a personal-best 47.57. He was sixth in the triple jump with another PR of 35-10½.

Freshman D-O Draper finished fourth in the 1,600 with a PR of 5:20.96.

Herrera was fifth in the 200, running a personal-best 25.37.

Freshman Hannah Field notched a pair of PRs in the girls' hurdles. She was third in the 100 in 16.89, and fourth in the 300 hurdles at 55.44.

Pearson was fifth in the girls' 400 at 1:14.61.

✓ Golf: Swallow shoots 56 in 3A SRV meet

From Page 1B

Uranga filed another argument in his case as one of the top golfers in the conference last week when he fired a season-low 2-over-par 38 to win the individual medal by one stroke over O'Neil.

Homedale juniors Kaden Henry and Scott Matlock broke 50, carding 45 and 47 respectively.

Freshman Spencer Fisher, the Trojans' final qualifying scorer, notched a 51, while senior Tanner Miller came in at 59.

The Trojans' lone female golfer, Shanlee Swallow, dropped her score to 56.

April 11: Uranga leads Trojans at RedHawk Invitational: Ignoring a delay and cold and rainy conditions, Uranga fired an 82 to pace a group of three Trojans at the Nampa Christian-hosted 18-hole tournament in Nampa.

"Daniel played outstanding

considering the weather conditions," Grove said.

Grove brought only three golfers to the par-72 course in south Nampa because Matlock and Henry were back home taking the SAT with many of their junior classmates.

Fisher carded a 103, while Miller chimed in at 113.

Cole Valley Christian's Jack Curran had the low round at 4-over-par 76.

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Sports

Trojans JV sails past Marsing on 7-run 6th inning

Homedale High School’s junior varsity used a quick-strike mentality to take control against Marsing last Wednesday.

Clayton Wolfe led off the bottom of the sixth inning with a triple and scored on Garrett Bettleyon’s ground-ball single to snap a tie and set up the Trojans’ 9-2 non-conference victory.

Homedale scored seven runs in what turned out to be their final at-bat to complete a season sweep of the Huskies.

The Trojans owned a 2-0 lead when Marsing struck to knot the score in the fourth inning.

Dwight Sevy and Boone Sevy delivered back-to-back singles to start the rally.

Tyler Wood got Marsing on the board with a one-out base hit, and Boone Sevy stole home for the tying run with Riley Bryant at the plate.

Bryant smacked a two-out single and stole second, but was stranded when Homedale starter Joaquin Oliveros struck out Wes Ireland to end the threat.

Karsen Freelove was 2-for-4 with two runs scored and two RBI for the Trojans. He tripled in the third inning and gave HHS a 2-0 lead on Mason Kincheloe’s sacrifice fly. Freelove chased two runs home with a line-drive single in the sixth.

Wolfe was 3-for-4 and came within a home run of the cycle. He plated Kincheloe with the Trojans’ first run with a two-out single in the first. Kincheloe ripped a triple to start things.

Boone Sevy was 2-for-2 for Marsing, and Bryant also singled.

Bettleyon was 2-for-4 for the Trojans, while Wolfe and Ismael Garcia both doubled.



Left: Homedale junior varsity players Garett Elordi (left) and Ismael Garcia collide while going for ball. Right: Marsing center fielder Cole Wainman makes one of his four putouts. Photos by Dan Pease

Homedale JV sends 22 to plate in sixth vs. Fruitland

Homedale High School clobbered Fruitland pitching in a 3A Snake River Valley conference junior varsity game played in Payette County.

Three players — Mason Kincheloe, Clayton Wolfe and Garett Elordi — collected four hits apiece in the Trojans’ six-inning, 24-6 victory April 10 on the Grizzlies’ field.

Kincheloe and Wolfe smacked back-to-

back triples to start the sixth inning, and Homedale erupted for 16 runs to set up the mercy rule.

The Trojans sent 10 players to the plate before the first out was recorded. Fruitland pitchers put six batters on base by walk or a hit batsman in that span.

Three of Kincheloe’s hits came in the sixth inning. He doubled in his second at-bat in the inning to plate Jason Puri

and Karsen Freelove for a 16-4 edge. Puri scored on Kincheloe’s base hit as the Trojans started through the batting order for the third time in the inning with a 22-4 lead.

Elordi also had two hits in the sixth inning and finished with three RBI. Kincheloe and Wolfe knocked in four runs each.

Isamel Garcia was 2-for-3 with three runs scored, and Brady Trout scored twice

and drove home two runs.

Jake Collett and Mason Rountree also ripped triples.

Starting on the mound, Wolfe struck out 13 batters in 4 1/3 innings. Collett and Kincheloe also pitched as the three teamed on a seven-hitter.

Eric Collin led Fruitland, going 3-for-4 with two runs scored, while Ben Shurleff posted three RBI.

✓Trojans: Two-time reigning champs win 3 of 4 on weekend road trip

From Page 1B

two-run rally that snapped a scoreless tie in the bottom of the second inning.

Kelly also singled and finished with three RBI. Josey Hall went 3-for-3 with two runs scored.

Amaya Carter and Sophie Nash also knocked in runs.

Saturday: Homedale 11-16, Buhl 0-7 — Kelly threw her third no-hitter of the season — and second of the week — as the Trojans started their second non-conference road doubleheader in as many days with a rout.

Homedale scored four times in the sixth inning to set up the 10-run rule.

Kelly struck out 13 and walked just one.

She was 3-for-3 with two RBI and a double at the plate.

Hall sparked the offense with five RBI and two runs scored.

Amaya Carter doubled twice and knocked in two runs, and Kendall Nash was 3-for-4 with two runs scored.

The host Indians scored six runs over its final two at-bats in Game



Kendall Nash connects on a pitch early in last week’s conference game against Fruitland at Sundance Park.

2, but the Trojans prevailed after a late-game slugfest.

The teams scored 17 runs in the final three innings with Homedale building on a 5-1 lead with three runs each in the fifth and sixth innings and closing the game with a five-run seventh.

Amaya Carter and Kelly had three hits each as the Trojans amassed 19 hits. Kelly also hit her seventh homer of the season.

Five Homedale players — Megan Maxwell, Sophie Nash, Rian Beebe, Kendall Nash and Zamora — had two hits each.

Zamora was 2-for-5 with two runs scored and four RBI. Kendall Nash knocked in three runs.

Kelly struck out nine.

Friday: Homedale 16-7, Filer 1-9 — The four-game road trip began with a non-conference doubleheader split as the Trojans’ comeback fell short in the finale.

Filer snapped a 3-3 tie with three runs in the third inning against a combination of Olivia Cardenas and Kelly in relief. Homedale committed seven errors in the game, leading to three

unearned runs.

Homedale held a 3-0 lead after a half-inning, but was never able to regain the lead after Filer scored three in the bottom of the first and then took the lead in the third.

Kelly, Maxwell and Amaya Carter doubled. Maxwell was 3-for-4 as the Trojans out-hit Filer, 13-9. The Nash girls, Carter and Kelly had two hits each.

Homedale scored three runs over its last two at-bats, but a two-run rally in the top of the seventh fell short.

In the opening game, Kelly struck out six, tossed a three-hitter and homered to lead a four-inning rout.

Kendall Nash was 4-for-4 with two doubles and four RBI to lead a 14-hit attack. The Trojans scored 11 runs over the second and third innings.

Filer didn’t break through until the bottom of the fourth.

Kelly was 2-for-4 with six RBI, and Sophie Nash went 3-for-4 with three RBI. Cardenas was among five Trojans to score two runs each.

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Sports

Determined Huskies can't end softball skid

Glorfield drives in four runs in 2A WIC losses

McCall-Donnelly High School scored twice in the top of the sixth inning to finally gain control of a seesaw battle with host Marsing.

The Huskies suffered their seventh consecutive loss Saturday, 10-6, in a 2A Western Idaho Conference game.

Marsing grabbed the lead on Sheyanne Glorfield's three-run home run in the third inning, and tied the score twice more over the next two innings.

The Huskies (6-8 overall, 1-3 2A WIC) pulled within a run, 7-6, in the bottom of the sixth before the Vandals put the game away.

Emily Loucks was 2-for-4 with two RBI, and Aubrey Villa went 3-for-4 with a double and

run scored. Autumn Bennett came into the game late and ripped a run-scoring double, while leadoff hitter Emma Heitz had a double and scored a run.

April 11: Melba 21, Marsing 4 (5) — Glorfield and Autumn Bennett knocked in runs in the late stages of the Huskies' conference loss at home.

The Mustangs blew open a 6-0 lead with 13 runs in the fourth inning.

Marsing pushed a run across in the bottom of the fourth then posted three runs in its final at-bat. Glorfield, Autumn Bennett, Alex Grant, Ashley Loucks and Mercedes Sevy all came up with singles.

Pitcher Sammi Runkle held the Huskies to four hits, while Melba capitalized on 10 hits and four Marsing errors. Runkle had seven strikeouts.



Marsing senior Sheyanne Glorfield watches the flight of her home run ball Saturday. Photo by Dan Pease

One Melba infielder gets out of the way and another dives for the bag as Marsing's Tyler Wood beats out an infield hit in an April 11 conference game on the Huskies' field. Photo by Dan Pease



✓ MHS: Wood's fly ball fuels Saturday win

From Page 1B

Reinertson's fourth-inning single triggered a three-run rally that erased the Huskies' final lead of the game. He also pitched around two hits in sixth inning and struck out one as the Mustangs shortened the game via the 10-run rule.

Jaden Kinney drilled a two-run single in the bottom of the first inning to tie the score, 2-2, and Boone Sevy's RBI hit brought in Isiah Prado with the go-ahead run with two outs.

Marsing (5-7 overall, 2-2 in the 2A Western Idaho Conference at week's end) took a 5-4 lead in the third inning when Kinney scored on a passed ball and Tyler Wood

smacked a double to bring in Prado with another go-ahead run.

Melba scored the game's final 12 runs.

Dwight Sevy was 4-for-4, and Wood went 3-for-3 for MHS.

Three Huskies — Clay King, Kinney and Prado — laced two hits apiece.

Saturday: Marsing 11, McCall-Donnelly 1 (6) — Aggressive base running helped the Huskies erase a first-inning deficit and kept their visitors winless in 2A WIC play.

Prado singled to bring in Clay King and tie the score, 1-1. King had stolen second and moved to third on Dwight Sevy's base hit after leading off the inning with

a walk.

Sevy stole third and put the Huskies ahead for good, 2-1, when he scored from third on Tyler Wood's fly ball to the shortstop.

Boone Sevy was 3-for-4 with two doubles and three RBI, and he scored the game-ending run in the sixth inning on Cole Wainman's grounder to first base.

Wainman and Wood knocked in a pair of runs, and Joaquin Oliveros' two-run single highlighted the Huskies' seven-run outburst over two innings.

Dwight Sevy scattered four hits after the first inning and finished a complete-game victory with five strikeouts.

MARSING HUSKIES Athlete Spotlight



Baseball
Boone Sevy, so., RF
Four hits, 2 doubles, 4 RBI in two games



Softball
Autumn Bennett, fr., CF
Knocked in two runs in 2A WIC play



Track and field
Sefora Arriaga, so., distance
Achieved PR in Middleton Invite girls' 1,600



Golf
Brooke Labit
Returns to action today with tournament in Star

Baseball

Friday, April 21, home vs. New Plymouth, 5 p.m.
Monday, April 24 at Nampa Christian, 5 p.m.
Tuesday, April 25 at McCall-Donnelly, 5 p.m.

Softball

Friday, April 21, home vs. New Plymouth, 5 p.m.
Monday, April 24 at Nampa Christian, 5 p.m.
Tuesday, April 25 at McCall-Donnelly, 5 p.m.

Track and field

Thursday, April 20 at Payette-Weiser meet, Payette, 3 p.m.
Wednesday, April 26 at 2A Western Idaho Conference meet, Nampa, 4 p.m.

Golf

Varsity boys

Monday, April 24, home for 2A Western Idaho Conference meet (nine holes), TimberStone GC, Caldwell, 3 p.m.

Junior varsity boys

Monday, April 24, home for 2A Western Idaho Conference meet (nine holes), TimberStone GC, Caldwell, 3 p.m.

Varsity girls

Wednesday, April 19 at 2A Western Idaho Conference meet (nine holes), Riverbirch GC, Star, 3 p.m.

Monday, April 24, home for 2A Western Idaho Conference meet (nine holes), TimberStone GC, Caldwell, 3 p.m.



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Public invited to scrutinize RS 2477 maps Monday

County commissioners hold final meeting on all maps

The Board of County Commissioners will preside over a public meeting Monday night to analyze the overall group of 161 U.S. Geological Survey quadrants being used in the RS 2477 validation process.

The eighth and final public meeting on the proposed maps starts at 6 p.m. inside the Owyhee County Courthouse.

The goal is to establish a baseline for rights-of-way categories on federal lands.

County Planning and Zoning coordinator Mary Huff, who has been heading up the project, said both courtrooms in the courthouse might be used to spread out the 161 maps for viewing.

County commissioners have held seven meetings to tap into the public’s knowledge of rights-of-way in an attempt to classify them in one of four categories. Institutional and historical knowledge is necessary because the BOCC abandoned most public roads in 1948, and how those roads were used over the next 28 years is crucial to establishing the rights-of-way.

Rights-of-way on private lands are not subject to the RS 2477 process.

After Monday’s meeting, commissioners will move forward with asserting the rights-of-way in federal court.

The process began with the enactment of the Omnibus Public Lands Act of 2009 that made the Owyhee Initiative law and created the Owyhee Wilderness. The commissioners have until 2019 to validate the rights-of-way in court. Forty of the 161 maps contain wilderness areas, and validation would help prevent closure of existing roads in wilderness as well as help inform future BLM travel management planning.

The commissioners have retained Boise-based public lands attorney W. Alan Schroeder for the process, and he has attended previous public meetings to explain the five criteria property owners are asked to use for classification:

- **Group A** — Rights-of-way to be ratified at RS2477, including those that cross federal land and public roads that were established prior to Oct. 21, 1976.
- **Group B** — Rights-of-way that cross federal land to provide access to private property or state lands that were established before Oct. 21, 1976.
- **Group C** — Rights-of-way across federal land that existed before Oct. 21, 1976 for administrative and management established through BLM grazing permits. These rights-of-way also include water and mineral rights.
- **Group D** — Rights-of-way to provide livestock trailing across federal land that included grazing and stock water rights that existed before Oct. 21, 1976.
- **Group E** — Rights-of-way across federal land that doesn’t qualify for the other four groupings.



Young roper goes for a ride
Clancy Miller, 6, of Marsing roped a calf on his own during his family’s March 26 branding. Clancy is a kindergartener, and his parents are Jason and Tori Miller. Submitted photo

Homedale FFA shines at State

Chapter captures several awards at leadership confab in Twin Falls

Thirty-three Homedale FFA members made the trek to Twin Falls on April 5 to the Idaho FFA Leadership Conference, along with over 1500 FFA members from throughout the state.

The week was packed with leadership workshops, sessions, business meetings and competitions. The chapter came home with many awards that represented the breadth of the Homedale Agriculture department and the FFA program.

In the career development events (CDEs), the Horse Evaluation team judged halter and performance classes and gave oral reasons defending their placings. Homedale finished second, just a few points from winning the title.

Homedale fielded a young team with eighth-graders Kaitlyn Missamore and Ainslee Evans placing fourth and sixth, respectively. Two other first-year FFA members, Delaynie Dorsey and Aleita Falen rounded out the team.

The livestock judging team of Ben Holt, Spencer Fisher, Lauryn Fisher and Cobey Christoffersen placed fourth in the Invitational Livestock Judging event.

The novice Floriculture team of Juliette Larzelier, Reigan Rupp, Isabella Tamura and Gracie Dines placed ninth in the girls’ first state-level competition. Advisor Sue Poland said the team did very well in the event, which takes more than four hours to complete.

The nursery team of Tylee McKay, Jenna Rupp, Lindsey McRae and Kyle Rupp, which

also has rookies on the roster, placed ninth.

The Farm Business Management team of Gage Purdom, Caitlyn Pate, Kenna McKay, Gwen King and MaKenna Dewitt placed ninth.

“This was another team of first year members, so the future looks very bright for the Homedale FFA chapter in these competitions,” Poland said.

On April 7, proficiency winners and state degree candidates were recognized and scholarships were presented. Homedale had 12 members earn the highest degree that can be given at the state level, including juniors Lyndsey Salutregui, Kaylee Dewitt, Meryssa Oakley, Lauryn Fisher, Jesse Packer, Krista Mayer, Tylee McKay, Jordan Packer, Kayden Turner, and seniors Wyatt Dorsey, Tanis Lentfer and Lindsey McRae.

Lindsey McRae was also received the elite honor of state Star in Placement. It is awarded to the member who has the best Supervised Agriculture Experience (SAE) program in placement. Lindsey is a valuable member of the Volk ranching operation. She was awarded a \$500 check as well as a belt buckle.

Five members earned gold honors on their proficiency awards, with three state champions. Those applications will be forwarded on to national judging this summer, and the members earned a \$350 check.

Those winners included:

- **Lauryn Fisher** — Diversified Livestock Production champion
- **Ben Holt** — Placement in Beef Production champion
- **Lindsey McRae** — Placement in Diversified Agriculture champion
- **Madison Fisher** — Sheep Production gold
- **Wyatt Dorsey** — Placement in Dairy Production gold

Scholarship checks continued to flow, too. Jenny Bautista, a 2016 Homedale High School graduate and retiring Idaho FFA secretary, was awarded a \$1,500 scholarship. She attends the University of Idaho. Riley Haun earned a \$1,000 scholarship from the Idaho FFA Foundation.

On April 8, more awards were handed out.

Homedale was placed in the top three in the Scrapbook competition, and Riley Haun accepted the gold emblem for her work on the National Chapter application. The application will be moved on to the National sifting process this summer.

Poland said Bautista delivered an inspiring retiring address that brought many tears to the audience.

Junior Krista Mayer ran for state office this year, learning the ropes as a junior so she can run again in 2017-18.

Ryan Criffield, Clayton Wolfe, Jaeger Rose and Spencer Fisher served as Courtesy Corps workers, and Brooke Pfof wowed the audience with her piano skills during the opening of the April 6 night session.

The chapter thanks Mrs. Dorsey and Mrs. Fisher for helping chaperone the students while they were in Twin Falls.

Semi driver cited in wreck

No one was seriously injured Thursday when a semi rear-ended a pickup towing a trailer on Idaho highway 55.

Owyhee County Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said Caldwell resident Dell Bowman, 53, was cited for following too close after the 2017 Freightliner

drove into the back of a 1996 Ford F250 on the highway near Edison Road west of Marsing.

The truck driver was heading west on Idaho 55 when he drove into the rear quarter panel of the pickup driven by Donald Trogdon, 56, of Boise. Trogdon had slowed to turn onto Edison.

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Rimrock FFA’ers gain experience

Rimrock High School FFA sent 15 students to the state leadership convention earlier this month in Twin Falls.

Most of advisor Alan Schoen’s

young students are preparing for future competitions. The horse team of junior Lewis Rutan, sophomores Miley Meyers and Todd Marvin and freshman Dally Rutan finished in the middle of the pack in the judging contest, Schoen said.

“We have a group of freshman that are interested in competing in the parliamentary contest next year, so they attended to observe the best teams in the state so they

have a better idea of what they need to do to compete at a high level,” Schoen said.

Rimrock’s other state attendees were sophomores Dalton Allison and Ray Draper and freshmen D-O Draper, Lance Smith, Adam Hogaboam, Christian Sharek, Riatta Rutan, Hannah Field, Laura Gasper, and Heidi Pearson

The FFA chapter held its annual student auction Tuesday after deadline.

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Classifieds!



Homedale Middle School teacher David Correa (left) helps 13-year-old Diego Morales build a robot during a recent Friday Youth Club meeting at the First Presbyterian Church in Homedale.

Students’ Friday club thrives behind Homedale mentors, volunteers

The Homedale Friday Youth Club continues going strong, serving an average of 40 children each week.

The club, which meets at the First Presbyterian Church, was developed to give students a place to go and things to do on the Fridays when school is out in Homedale.

“The program promotes positive community relationships as we seek volunteers to come and share their talents with our students,” Homedale Middle School teacher and program mentor David Correa said.

About 40 students turn out each week for the Friday enrichment activities available for students ages 4-13.

On a recent Friday, the older children were busy building robots with help from Correa and fellow middle school teacher Sean McCracken.

High school students serve as volunteers to help at different activity stations. Some HHS students also have performed Senior Projects in conjunction with the program.

Grant money allows the program to serve breakfast and lunch each week as well as fund field trips and technology opportunities, such as the robotics exercise. The children in the robotics program visited the Discovery Center of Idaho in Boise two weeks before tackling their construction projects at the church.

Another field trip will send students to The College of Idaho Planetarium in Caldwell on April 28.

“We are very thankful to the First Presbyterian Church of Homedale for giving the children a facility in which they can thrive and develop meaningful relationships with adult mentors,” Correa said.



Angel Nolasco, 10, makes a fix to his robot as Homedale Middle School teacher Sean McCracken looks on.

— JPB



Signs near the eastern edge of the Idaho highway 19 pavement rehabilitation work zone near 4th Street West alert motorists of the project, which was scheduled to begin Monday.

Idaho 19 pavement rehab under way

Motorists are asked to slow down and pay attention for the next three weeks as Idaho highway 19 pavement rehabilitation takes place west of Homedale.

Work on about five miles of roadway from the Oregon line to West 4th Street began Monday and should take about three weeks, according to Idaho Transportation Department District 3 spokesperson Jennifer Gonzalez. As part of a \$518,000 project, Central Paving crews will mill and pave the two-lane highway only during daytime hours, or roughly 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The contractor has until May 17 to complete the work, including roadway paint markings.

Motorists will be assisted

through the construction zone by flaggers, and in some cases flaggers and pilot cars.

The work began last week on the far west side of the project zone, and it will be coordinated to avoid interfering with the Succor Creek Bridge replacement.

According to an email from ITD District 3 project coordinator Kelley Lower to the City of Homedale, the first stages of work will include soft spot repair to ensure that the new overlay will provide a smooth driving surface.

When the Central Paving crews enter the Succor Creek bridge work zone, the temporary automatic traffic signals will be switched off and flaggers will be in place.

ITD reports dangerous driving habits in Idaho 51 work zone

Impatient motorists have been reported in the area of the Loveridge Bridge replacement project outside Bruneau.

Traffic on the bridge, which takes Idaho highway 51 across the Snake River, is down to one lane, and motorists have been running the temporary traffic lights set up to regulate travel on the span.

Idaho Transportation Department District 3 spokeswoman Jennifer Gonzalez confirmed that extra patrols by Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office and Idaho State Police have been requested.

“We are working closely with the sheriff’s office and ISP about these concerns. This obviously is

very dangerous to anyone working in the construction zone or traveling in it,” she said.

“We encourage everyone to slow down, pay attention and give yourself enough time. ITD wants everyone to get to their destination safely. That also includes our own crews getting home to their families at night.”

ITD District 3 project coordinator Kelley Lower reported in his latest email to government officials that extra patrols in the Succor Creek Bridge project area west of Homedale has cut down on the number of motorists running the temporary signal on Idaho 19.



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First-responders summit crystallizes emergency protocol

Preparing for worst-case scenarios was the focus of a gathering earlier this month inside McKeeth Hall at the Owyhee County Historical Museum in Murphy.

Attendees included representatives from all of the fire districts around the county, Gem and Homedale Highway Districts, Owyhee County Sheriff's Office and ambulance personnel.

County emergency services coordinator Jim Desmond and Dale Nalder, Idaho Office of Emergency Management southwest area field officer, moderated the April 3 event.

Topics included how government agencies handle disasters, lessons learned from the Soda Fire, mutual aid agreements for emergencies and equipment needs.

Desmond said the county also asked for a current list of equipment agencies are using.

"In approximately 2009 or 2010, the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security arranged for a contractor to visit each of the responders in our county to compile a list of equipment to comply with the federal requirement to 'type' the equipment," Desmond wrote in an email. "The 'type' was based on National Incident Management System (NIMS) categories. It was easy to assess what capability any given responder agency had and could possibly bring to a regional event."

He added that the original list hasn't ever been updated.

The national stockpile of medicine that could be used in case of pandemic was also discussed.

"We're working with health districts in preparation for any kind of a mass vaccination program such as the H1N1 flu event that occurred several years ago," Desmond said. "In that event, we had local vaccination sites such as the one at the Homedale Armory."

Nalder said it is critical for people in leadership positions to remain in charge during a disaster.

"If you're a fire chief and you're driving hose, rethink that," he said. "If you're the road and bridge supervisor and you're in a road grader, rethink that. I can get you road grader operators all day long. We can't get people who know what you guys know."

He also pointed out that communication is essential for making sure people are where they need to be.

"We had a situation during the Soda Fire where we needed more help. We said, 'Let's get Melba Fire,' " Nalder said. "We called dispatch, and they said, 'Melba Fire has been on scene for 18 hours.' That's the kind of stuff that's important for the emergency operations center, or emergency coordination center — to have for the big-picture view."

Desmond said he put himself through the Incident Command System 400 class several years ago to give him an idea of what emergency managers deal with during a disaster.

"But I'm not an incident commander," Desmond said. "God forbid that I would ever be an incident commander. The function that I served in the Soda Fire was to support the incident commanders. If you need something, you let me know, and we'll work to get it. If you need something, and you've already arranged to get it, let us know and we'll document it so we can pay for it later."

Desmond said no other meeting like this for first-responders has been held since he became the county's emergency services coordinator.

"I have over the years met frequently with individual responders," he said. "We have also had some smaller group meetings specific to fire or other events hosting a smaller group of responders."

Desmond added that he got positive feedback from a number of the participants, and didn't hear any negative comments.

— SC



Second-graders Ashlyn Harkins (left) and Baylee Waters check out one of the girls' bicycles that are up for grabs in the fifth annual Bikes for Books contest. Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13 members delivered the bikes to the Homedale Elementary School library Thursday.

Silver City Masons make reading rewarding again

Homedale program expands to middle school

Local Masons have expanded their student literacy efforts.

Senior Warden George Decker and Junior Warden Blake Titus from Silver City Lodge No. 13 placed eight bicycles on display at Homedale Elementary School on Thursday.

But that's just the beginning of the Masons' involvement in getting Homedale first- through eighth-graders to read more.

This year, Homedale Middle School students are in a reading competition to win one of four Kindle readers that the Masons have provided.

The elementary school's fifth annual Bikes for Books contest will last three months. It started Feb. 13, and boys and girls have until May 18 to read as many books as they can.

"This reading program is a huge motivator for our students," HES principal Terri Vasquez said. "The kids love to read and take comprehension tests to get the chance to win one of the amazing bikes with helmet that the Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13 provides."

A week after the contest closes, on May 25, eight winning tickets will be drawn during a year-end assembly. Each bike winner also receives a helmet.

Students earn entries into the drawing by accumulating Accelerated Reader (AR) points.

When a student finishes reading an AR title, they take a comprehensive test on the book. For every 10 AR books they read or for reaching set AR points milestones, a student receives an entry.

Reading is exponential

Homedale Elementary students have steadily increased their reading capacity during the Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13 Bikes for Books campaign:

2016	— 6,060 books
2015	— 5,360 books
2014	— 4,510 books
2013	— 5,460 books
4-year total	— 21,390
Average	— 5,347.5 per year

The contest has had a noticeable impact on literacy among elementary students.

"Our struggling readers improve their reading skills as they battle for a chance to win the bike, and our advanced readers are challenge to read more chapter books," Vasquez said.

Except for a dip in 2014 when the school district switched to a four-day week, HES readers have read more and more books each year.

Last year, the first- through fourth-graders read 6,060 books.

"I have been astounded by the number of books our students read and the high levels of comprehension they receive," Vasquez said.

"It is fun to see the ticket jar fill up and see the big smiles on the students' faces as they drop another ticket in the jar."

The eight bikes delivered last week will be on display in the school library, providing tangible motivation for the young readers. Eight bicycle helmets were included with Target kicking in \$100 toward

the safety gear.

This is the first year for the HMS program. Four electronic readers — Kindle readers that do not have the full features of Kindle Fires — will be awarded through a drawing. One student in each grade will win.

"The middle school sought out the Masons' support for reading similarly to what they do for the elementary school because we no longer have the Accelerated Reader program and because we're always looking for ways to motivate students to read," HMS principal Amy Winters said.

The school has a goal of reading hundreds of thousands of pages. The reading window opened April 5, and the contest closes May 4.

"The building is trying to 'Read to the Moon,' which is 238,900 miles away, by reading the number of pages for every mile it is to the moon," Winters said.

So far, students have read approximately 18,500 pages.

Each HMS student has a goal of 663 pages, and students receive one entry in the Kindle drawing for every 10 pages they complete.

There is more incentive, too.

If an individual reaches the 663-page milestone, the student receives an adult-style coloring book and colored pencils and gets his or her name on a poster on display at the front of the school.

"Grade-level (teaching) teams have also come up with competitions to have their advisory classes out-read the other grade-level advisory classes," Winters said.

The Kindles will be awarded in May sometime.

— JPB

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Jordan Valley eighth-grader Blaise Warn (foreground) uses a stylus and wears 3D glasses to work on a project through zSpace technology on a computer on loan from the Malheur Educational Services District's Frontier STEM Hub program. Photo by Cassidy Corrigan



3D computer brings virtual learning lab to Jordan Valley

New technology has brought new worlds to Jordan Valley schoolchildren.

Middle school and elementary school students wrapped up a two-week course of virtual reality learning on Tuesday.

Viewing three-dimensional images on a large computer monitor with the aid of special glasses and using a stylus, students have been able to explore and experiment in ways only mostly city kids could in the past.

The students were using a dozen machines placed in the elementary school computer lab by the Malheur Educational Services District's Frontier STEM Hub.

"It's really new. It's different technology," Malheur ESD Frontier STEM Hub coordinator Nickie Shira said. "It's amazing to see the kids interacting with it."

The technology from a company called zSpace enables students to explore the human body system through virtual dissection. Other programs, with preloaded lesson plans, cover history, Earth sciences and even internal combustion mechanics. Teachers also have the option to customize lesson plans to their educational objectives.

"There are lessons aligned with the curriculum, and the students are asked to do specific tasks they would not be able to do in our school setting," fourth- through sixth-grade teacher Kim Johnsrud said.

Johnsrud's students and kindergarteners and second-graders taught by Lisa Young have been using the computers daily. First-year agricultural and science teacher Cassidy Corrigan has brought seventh- and eighth-graders down from the mid-high school to use the technology, too.

"It's worth the walk!" Johnsrud said.

While the computers have been used for specific subjects, such as human body systems and the western migration, there has been a lot of free-form experimentation to help the children get used to the zSpace technology.

Corrigan's students have been creating their own rollercoasters and chain reactions in a virtual reality called "Newton's Park."

"I love it because students are able to immerse themselves in the project to see the laws of physics at work and apply them," Corrigan said.

The combination of virtual reality and augmented reality turns the lessons into fun activities for the students, Shira said.

"The kids can dissect things (virtually), and they wear 3D glasses and the objects come off the screen and look like they're floating in front of them," she said.

Johnsrud said the virtual dissection offers a different dimension as well. During dissection of the human eye, as students tapped on each layer of the virtual organ, the layer floated away and a label with the name of that part of the eye structure appeared.

Animal dissection is also an option with zSpace, and that impressed eighth-grader Blaise Warn.

"What was really cool was that you could take an animal and pull it apart and see their skeletal system, their digestive system and all their muscles and stuff," he said. "It made it easier and more fun to learn about than just looking at pictures."

One aspect of the stylus is a student touching a deer's heart

could feel it beat, Johnsrud said.

It hasn't all been science and history lessons, though. The students also have had time to stretch out with more recreational pursuits.

"We've done a few days of just free explore and modeling with clay," Johnsrud said. "You're given a ball of (virtual) clay, and you can manipulate it into whatever you want."

"It's incredible what some of the kids can do, especially if they're artistic."

When the computers first arrived two weeks ago, the elementary students also tackled part of their social studies curriculum by studying western expansion. The children had to stock a covered wagon, so they were able to tap on a virtual backpack and search for items that would be necessary on an Oregon Trail trip.

And just as those prairie schooners brought those items and those people to new sights and experiences, so does the zSpace technology transport country kids to new adventures.

"We want to provide STEM opportunities for all of our students," Shira said. "A lot of things are available to kids in town, but we want to reach out to our more rural kids."

Jordan Valley eighth-grader Kiana Quintero understands that idea very well.

"Virtual reality was created to help students gain knowledge and experience in a classroom without having to go anywhere," she said.

— JPB

Jordan Valley High School journalism teacher Tara Echave contributed to this article.

— Ed.

Public input sought on weed treatments

The treatment of noxious weeds is on the minds of many as spring moves along.

The Jordan Valley Cooperative Weed Management Area will seek public input on herbicide treatments at its next meeting.

The meeting takes place at 7 p.m. on Monday at the Jordan Valley CWMA office, 508 Swisher Ave., in Jordan Valley.

In addition to the public outreach, the meeting agenda includes discussion of an Idaho grant and helicopter treatments in areas such as Reynolds Creek, Jordan Valley and McDermitt, Nev.

In a flyer about the next meeting, JVCWMA coordinator Eric Morrison urged the public to turn out to provide their voice, saying such input is vital to JVCWMA's continued success.

Before Monday's meeting, area landowners are encouraged to make the 2 p.m. Thursday meeting in McDermitt, Nev., to discuss perennial pepperweed.

The treatment is expected to occur in June.

Treatment of whitetop (a k a hoary cress) could take place next month, according to the minutes from the JVCWMA's March 27 meeting. Treatments will take place in the Jordan Valley area, at the Jordan Valley Rodeo Grounds, and in the Cow Creek and Crowley areas.

A Whitetop Wipeout grant for \$23,214 will help with the Jordan Valley area.

An Upper Reynolds Creek treatment is anticipated in Owyhee County, depending on the success of an Idaho State Department of Agriculture grant.

Oregon grants that JVCWMA has received include a \$44,992 appropriation that pays for chemical and some assistance to fight noxious weeds.

The JVCMA meeting also covered Scotch thistle and the Idaho Grazing Board's \$2,500 contribution to the organization.

Bruneau Jr. Rodeo set for next month

Entries are now being accepted for this year's Bruneau Junior Rodeo.

The one-day event will begin at 9 a.m., on Saturday, May 13 at the Bruneau Rodeo Grounds.

The arena is located on Hot Creek Road about a half-mile south of Idaho highway 78 and two miles west of Bruneau.

Event organizer Tammy Miller said the rodeo is open to boys and girls ages 16 and younger.

"The youngest age is any kid under 5 who can walk," Miller wrote in an email. "The 5-and-under category is for kids who are really too young or inexperienced to compete in the riding events. We want to include everyone, since lots of kids who are little bitty have to come over with older siblings anyway."

Entries must be postmarked and notarized by May 3.

Participants must be residents of Owyhee or Elmore counties, the Duck Valley Indian Reserva-

tion, or Jordan Valley, Ore.

Entry fees for youth ages 5 and younger are \$4 per event. Children ages 6-16 will pay \$7 per event.

Events include:

- Stick horse barrel racing
- Dummy roping
- Goat tail untying
- Pole bending
- Barrel racing
- Keyhole racing
- Flag racing
- Breakaway roping
- Goat tying
- Adult/child team roping

Custom belt buckles will be given to all around winners.

Boys and girls will be required to wear pants, boots and a hat or cap during the competitions.

Entry forms can be obtained through bruneaujuniorrodeo@gmail.com or look for Bruneau Junior Rodeo on Facebook.

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Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense Pick it out



The newspaper photo showed them leaning into the harmony like four caroling coyotes! The caption named the pickers and said they were members of a new country singing group. It announced that they would be playing at the Dairy Queen on Thursday. The owner explained that the Troubadours would be appearing at the restaurant for a while, playing for hamburgers and exposure.

It ain't easy to get into show business! It's a long way from Monte Vista, Yreba, or Blue Earth to Nashville.

Music has always been a part of my life. My family emigrated to Oklahoma from Texas. Grandpa played old-time fiddle. He taught his kids. I've been seconding good musicians as long as I can remember.

And it's still goin' on! I married into a nest of Okies who play the same good music I grew up on. They sing and play and let me hammer and pound along behind 'em. I've never really minded playin' second fiddle. You can't be good at everything. But there was a time when I shined!

Workin' cows in the fall is somethin' I've always enjoyed. Some of these ranches I worked were a hundred miles from a K-Mart! It might take several days to preg check 2,000 head, so when I showed up I'd take my guitar. There weren't VCRs and satellite dishes in the old days. I was a welcome diversion.

After a day's work, we'd clean up, have supper and then make music and tell stories in the cookhouse. Sometimes there'd be a cowboy who could sing or a day work uranium miner who'd played the mandolin. We had a high ol' time every night!

Now days, I've gotten to know folks like Ed Bruce, Red Steagall, Michael Martin Murphy, Charlie Daniels, Reba McEntire, Larry Gatlin, Riders in the Sky, Mo Bandy, Vince Gill, Chris LeDoux and others not quite so famous but just as talented. I admire their ability, but I don't envy it. Even if I'd had a portion of their gift and ambition, I suspect I'd still be playin' at the Starlite Inn in Idaho Falls six nights a week.

I'd have spent my life chasin' fame instead of chasin' cows. And I'd have missed all those nights singin' in the cookhouse to a bunch of cowboys starved for entertainment.

I'd probably belong to a group that hadn't named ourselves yet. One seeking a new identity at every engagement. A side man, at the Trailer Court Christmas Concerto. Strummin' rhythm guitar with Pinto and the Play for Food Band.

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More legislators ready to represent citizens again

The 2017 session of the Idaho Legislature is over. I am looking forward to warm weather, the work to be done on the little farm, and visiting with citizens to hear your voice and be prepared to represent that in the next session.

I have enjoyed every moment serving as a legislator for District 23A. To be able to give voice to those you represent is such an honor and yet so humbling. When thinking of the highlights of the session, one thing that comes to mind was being able to read on the floor of the House a letter sent to me from someone in my district. That was absolutely representing the voice of the people.

During the last two full days of the session we were presented with the decision to indebt the state by another \$3 million — money that can only be used for road construction in five specific areas of the state and will not be available until 2018. “It will be paid back with money from the feds.” Remember, we are “the feds.” The state will be paying 8 percent interest on this money. We are told that Idaho runs a balanced budget. I find this hard to accept when close to one-third of our budget is our federal money and our federal bank account is \$20 trillion overdrawn.

The grocery tax repeal was left to the last day, a veto by Gov. C. L. “Butch” Otter cannot be overridden without calling the legislators back to session. Only the governor can do that. It was proposed by some citizen-minded Representatives that, rather than Sine Die, we recess for 10 days and come back and either retire the session or repeal a veto, as the governor had already expressed his displeasure with the grocery tax repeal. The governor wanted tax relief for corporations. We were told by leadership that there was not enough in the body who would stand to override a veto.

— See *Citizens*, Page 11B

2017 session a mix of disappointment, hope for future

As we turn out the lights at the House offices for 2017, I'm encouraged by what I've learned over the past few months and am looking forward to visiting with friends and neighbors about their impressions of the session. In trying to sum up the session here, I do it with the full knowledge that I will be unable to cover all issues and answer all questions. I would encourage anyone wanting additional information to contact me. I'm always happy to talk and look forward to hearing from you and sharing ideas. With that, my highlights (and lowlights) of the 2017 session:

During this session, I introduced two pieces of legislation. The most successful piece, House bill 205, set flat recording fees for common documents in an effort to simplify the recording process with your counties. I presented the bill through the House committees, the House floor and the germane Senate committee. H 205 was then signed into law by Gov. C. L. “Butch” Otter on April 4. It was an exciting process for me because it isn't often that a freshman legislator works a bill successfully all the way through to the governor in their first year of service.

House bill 80, the other legislation I introduced, had a different yet similarly positive outcome. Working in collaboration with Public Health Districts 3 and 4, Owyhee and Elmore County commissioners and Sen. Bert Brackett, the legislation I presented would have set a fair funding formula for health districts in Idaho code. Districts 3 and 4 currently receive approximately \$2 less per capita than other districts throughout the state. A way to level the field needed to be found. After introduction,

— See *Future*, Page 11B

Letter to the editor

Retiring Marsing DMV clerk looks back on 20 years

In September 1996, I applied for and was hired for the DMV job in Marsing. I started work on Sept. 25, 1996 in Marsing at City Hall where the DMV was located.

In the beginning, I didn't have many customers, which was a good thing. I had to learn a lot of laws and regulations regarding the processing of driver's licenses and identification cards plus titles and renewing and issuing registrations on all kinds of vehicles.

Over the next few years, more and more customers kept coming. By the end of 2007, we had outgrown our small space in City Hall of Marsing. The Owyhee County Commissioners and Brett Endicott, assessor, decided the DMV needed its own building and purchased a building on Reich Street in Marsing. We moved into our new location in January 2009. We loved having more work space.

Even in our present building, the customer number keeps growing, so we added another person. Recently, we have added yet another person.

When I started, I had a part-time person that only worked

two days a week if I needed help. Then in a few years, I had a full-time person working with me. When we moved to our present building, I needed another full-time person. Now we have four full-time people.

I have enjoyed my job working with everyone for the most part. I have worked DMV for 20½ years. Now I need time to relax and enjoy life doing projects at home, travelling with my husband, camping and gardening.

I want to thank all of you for your support and kindness to me. I feel blessed to live and work in such a caring community.

Edith Sterkenburg
Marsing

The public is invited to an open house at 4 p.m. on Friday, April 28 at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N. The Marsing DMV office will close early that day.

— Ed.

Commentary

Financial management

Too much house payment affects all aspects of life

Dear Dave,
I read where you recommend having your house payment or rent at an amount that’s 25 percent or less of your monthly take-home pay. Does this figure include property taxes and insurance, too?
— **Mark**

Dear Mark,
Yes, it does. I’m trying to keep you from being “house poor.” Did you know you can qualify for a house payment, with taxes and insurance, that’s close to half of your take-home pay? That’s ridiculous! When you don’t have room in your budget to do anything else that matters because your house payment is so large, that’s what we call house poor.
When your income minus your basic living expenses equals almost nothing, it means your basic living

expenses are way too high. Being in this kind of situation keeps you from saving for really important stuff like investing, retirement, and college for your kids. I’m trying to position you where you can get the house and everything paid off so you can become wealthy. Remember, your most powerful wealth-building tool is your income.
When we talk about driving a crappy car, not going out to eat, or not going on vacation — those are *temporary* things. It’s all about living like no one else, so that later you can live and give like no one else!
— **Dave**

Dear Dave,
My husband and I own a small business. One of our relatives asked for a job recently, and we both have reservations about hiring



Dear Becky,
Having a small business doesn’t give relatives a free pass to employment. As entrepreneurs, you have the right and responsibility to do what’s best for your company. And you don’t have to hire anyone — even a relative — who’s not a good fit.
There are situations where hiring a family member can actually be a plus. If a relative is qualified and the kind of person who understands they’ll have to bust it every single day and perform at a level equal to or above your other team members, that can be a special and productive thing. A relative who is a problem child, however, can be a nightmare in both your professional and personal lives.
Ask yourself a few questions: Would you hire this person if they weren’t part of the family? Would you hire this person because they would make a good team member? If the answers are no, then you don’t hire them — period.
Be kind about the situation, because there may be some bruised feelings. But the bottom line is you have to do what’s best for your business, your immediate family, and your team.
— **Dave**

— *Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including The Total Money Makeover. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 12 million listeners each week on 575 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.*

✓ Citizens: Legislators with new loyalties resist business as usual in Boise

From Page 10B
Castle Doctrine is alive and well. This well-crafted constitutionally correct proposed legislation is ready for a hearing the first week of the 2018 session. I am so proud of those 19 legislators who co-sponsored last session. There are brave patriots in the Legislature, and the number is growing, who are strong and will represent your voice, who will embrace liberty and work tirelessly to ensure that it is protected for future generations of Idahoans
This session, citizen-centered legislators, who are not standard establishment fall-in-line representatives, pushed back against the broken process. While the media may try to continue to stir up controversies concerning the session, the reality is, many legislators are beginning to question the top-down control of leadership and the suppression of the voice of citizens.
Every action made by these citizen-minded legislators was in accordance with the constitution of the State of Idaho, the Constitution of the United States, and the rules of Mason’s Manual of Legislative Procedure. This offended some who are devoted to the “process” and not to their constituents, or the oath of office that they took. Citizens are ready to be represented by their elected representatives. We no longer want to be told that all is well, that those we elected will take good care of us. We claim the liberties granted to us by our Creator, outlined by the Constitution, and defended and protected by the blood of those who came before us.
This summer will be filled with opportunities to visit with citizens of the district. I am looking forward to getting to know as many as possible. There will be monthly meets

in each of the counties in the district. If you are interested in attending or if you would like to host one or have a group that would like to host a question-and-answer, please contact me.
It is a pleasure to be your voice. We can and will make a difference. Together we will stand. The future is ours to shape. Thank you for the opportunity. Thank you for participating and contacting your representatives.
— *Christy Zito (R-Hammett) occupies Dist. 23, Seat A of the Idaho House of Representatives. The 2017 session marked the beginning of her first term. She can be reached by phone at (208) 590-4633, by email at czito@house.idaho.gov, or on Facebook. This column was generated from her latest constituent newsletter.*

✓ Future: Legislator’s door open for post-session constituency contact

From Page 10B
the bill was referred to Health and Welfare, one of my committees, and the chairman and I offered to hold the bill in the hope that the districts could come to agreement on their own. Fortunately, they seem to be on the path to fairness, and final formula results are due out this summer.
Beyond my personal projects and the hundreds of other bills that were researched and introduced, two major issues stood out. The 2017 legislative session truly came down to tax relief and transportation funding. As a freshman, it was particularly interesting to watch the legislative process of negotiation and deliberation. Ultimately, I do think the legislation sent to the governor was for the benefit of all Idahoans.
First, the heartbreaker, our failure to provide tax relief for all in an environment of surplus. The House passed multiple tax cut proposals, one of which, the original House bill 67, I co-sponsored. H 67 originally cut income tax in an effort to make Idaho’s rates more competitive, and I was hopeful that with its passage a meaningful tax cut was in the works. Unfortunately, the Senate “radiator capped” the bill and amended it into a completely new piece of legislation known as the grocery tax eliminator while retaining the original bill number. I also supported this amended bill. As you probably now know, the governor vetoed the bill in a controversial manner, and the legislation is now subject to a lawsuit. Only time will tell if grocery tax relief will indeed become a reality for Idahoans.
Transportation funding legislation achieved much greater success. Both an emergency funding bill and the comprehensive funding plan passed both houses and became law. The emergency funding bill will provide assistance to repair road damage because of the extreme winter weather. The comprehensive funding bill takes a three-pronged approach to road funding by authorizing GARVEE bonding, extending the surplus eliminator and allocating 1 percent of state sales tax receipts to Idaho roads. Although not a perfect solution, this new funding formula provides great promise for adequate state transportation maintenance.
In the next few weeks and months, I will be scheduling town hall meetings, as well as meeting with local leaders

as we look forward to the 2018 session. As I’m sure many noticed this year, things pile up and become unpredictable at the end of session. Priority legislation for our district must be started early for the best chance of success. If you would like to be on the mailing list for these events and a weekly letter, please email me or give me a call. We are also reworking the website meganblanksma.com over the next month to provide a discussion page and a comment form.
The process of governing will only be successful with your participation, so please let me know your thoughts and suggestions. I look forward to hearing from many of you over the summer and fall. Thank you again for the trust you put in me be a voice for District 23 in the Idaho State Legislature.
— *Megan Blanksma (R-Hammett) occupies Dist. 23, Seat B of the Idaho House of Representatives, serving Owyhee, Elmore and the rural portion of western Twin Falls counties. The 2017 session marked the beginning of her first term. She can be reached at mblanksma@house.idaho.gov or (208) 580-4207.*

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Transportation (chair)

Resources & Environment

Term expires 2018

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

April 22, 1992

May 11 is date set for jail ground-breaking

The Owyhee County Commissioners have set Monday, May 11, at 2 p.m. as the date for ground-breaking ceremonies for the new criminal justice facility at Murphy.

The announcement was made Friday, during the special meeting to consider the various bids for constructing the new facility.

According to Owyhee County Clerk Barbara Jayo, the commissioners tentatively accepted bids on nine of the 15 categories of construction. Bids for the remaining six categories were rejected and will be either re-bid or negotiated, Jayo said.

Authorization of the negotiating procedure, the clerk explained, is under Idaho Code 31-4012. The section authorizes the commissioners, after rejecting bids, to adopt a resolution declaring, after finding it to be a fact, that it (the thing sought to be accomplished by the bid) “can be performed more economically by day labor...at a lower price in the open market.”

The clerk added that the commissioners expect the total costs of the facility to be well within the estimated expenditures of \$1.7 million.

Water situation called “bleak”

According to irrigation district officials, the water situation for this summer will be tight.

“It looks pretty bleak,” said Clyde Hutton, South Board of Control Manager.

Hutton said farmers can expect between 1½ and 1¾ acre feet of water, compared to the 4 acre feet they received last year.

“It won’t be more than one and three-quarters,” he said.

He said storage at Owyhee Reservoir was 164,100 acre feet Monday morning, with 232 cfs inflow.

Last year at this time, storage was 283,844 a.f.

Seven to vie for school dist. trustee positions

Four Homedale and three Marsing citizens have declared candidacy for school trustee positions that will come available this spring.

The deadline for filing petitions was Friday at 5 p.m.

Dick Freund was the only person to declare candidacy in Zone 5.

Three declared candidacy for the Zone 1 position that will be left vacant when Ron Geertson’s terms ends.

Lynn Phelps, Mary Sonke and Steve Richards will oppose each other in Zone 1 in the May 19 election.

For Marsing, Zone 2 and Zone 4 positions will open. Doug Cook declared candidacy for the Zone 2 position, currently held by Earlene Durrant.

John Chadez, incumbent, will run for re-election in Zone 4, and will be challenged by Don Benton.

Girls’ State delegates chosen

Five local girls were chosen as delegates and alternates for Girls’ State this year, to be held June 14 to 20 at Albertson College in Caldwell.

Toni Belknap and Shaana Frederick were chosen as delegates and Jenny Johnstone and Shelley Stansell were chosen as alternates. All four are Homedale students.

Rebecca Carillo, Wilder, was also chosen as a delegate.

Homedale and Marsing clash; Trojans win 10-5

In baseball, it’s a hard thing to watch your opponents start off with a home run, and not feel a little desperate. The Marsing Huskies found that out last Tuesday, when Homedale’s Tony Uranga led off the game with a home run to deep center field. The blast set a tone for the game, and despite Marsing’s two-out, three-run rally in the seventh inning, the contest was never very close.

For the game, Luke Hays had three hits, Tony Uranga and Perry Grant had two, and Josh Hays, Frank Hendry, and Trent Galloway all had one. For the Huskies, Jesse Long had three hits, one a triple, and Casey Percefield and Chad Showalter each had a hit apiece.

50 years ago

April 20, 1967

Kent installed as PTA president

Lawrence Kent was installed as the new president of the PTA during the regular monthly meeting Monday night at the Washington grade school multi-purpose room.

Other officers installed were: Herbert Fritzley, vice president; Mrs. Bob Paxton, secretary; and Mrs. Ansil Graber, treasurer. Darrel Reisch, high school principal, conducted the installation ceremony. Mrs. Paxton and Mrs. Graber were presented with a red and white carnation corsage and Kent and Fritzley received a carnation boutonniere.

Bridge location hearing called for Grand View

A hearing to determine the location of a new bridge across Snake River for the Grand View area will be held April 28 at 8 p.m. at the multi-purpose room in the Grand View school building.

The meeting has been called by the Owyhee County Commissioners and they request all interested residents of the area to attend the meeting so that the area will be well represented and that the site chosen will be the most beneficial to the Grand View area can be decided.

High school music students to perform at District Three festival

The Homedale band, chorus, vocal and instrumental ensembles and soloists will be participating in the District Three music festival at The College of Idaho, Caldwell, on Friday and Saturday, April 21 and 22.

The chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Hollis Selders, will sing “Adonamus Te Christe” by Palastrina; “Black is the Color of My True Love’s Hair,” a folk song; and “This Train,” a spiritual.

Jack Matteson, tenor soloist, will sing “Memory” by Ganz. The Zeldersingers will sing “Night Fall in Skye.”

The concert band will play “Overture in E Flat” by Charles Carter; “Castle Gap March” by Clifton Williams; and “Fantasy” by Frank Erickson.

Other instrumental presentations will include: Charles Runger, trombone soloist, “Forest Moods” by Zobel; Brent Fry, coronet soloist, “Czardis” by Monti; Carey Inouye, trumpet soloist, “the Magic Trumpet” by Burke; Lynn Evans, pianist, “Study in G Flat” by Chopin; and Peggy Higgins, pianist, “Rhapsody in Blue” by Gershwin.

The flute trio, consisting of Marilyn Curtis, Marcia Richards and Lynn Evans, will perform “Classic Fantasy” by Waln. The high school clarinet choir will play “Allegro Rococo” by Koepke.

All these numbers are judged by three outstanding college music educators and are given a grade rating, according to Duane Root, band director.

Homedale gains 6-1 diamond win

Errors were the main contributing factor to the outcome of Tuesday’s baseball game between Homedale and Marsing in which the Trojans won handily 6-1.

Marsing committed six field errors and this in conjunction with too many walks by Bill Bish hurt the Marsing nine. Homedale hurler Hays struck out 10 foe batters. Mike Percifield scored the lone Marsing tally on an overthrow. Marsing is 3-2 for the year. Homedale is 4-1.

Friends church bell rings again

The old church bell at the Homedale Friends Community church, which was taken down when the new addition was built, has been erected and is again calling worshipers to church.

The bell was erected as a memorial to Mrs. Nellie Murphy, who was a faithful church attendant for many years. Memorials given at the time of her death were used for this purpose at the request of her family.

Because of its weight, the bell was not placed on the church when it was rebuilt. Recently new steps were built on the west side of the church and these make a base for the bell tower.

140 years ago

April 21, 1877

THE CENTENNIAL commissioners have, by a decision of the Supreme Court, been reluctantly compelled to pay back to the Government the million and a half voted by Congress to help the great Exhibition. A just decision. Thanks to Congressman Springer, of Illinois for this.

WAR IN EUROPE is inevitable, judging from the tenor of the latest dispatches. Russia is preparing in dead earnest for the conflict and Turkey seems ready for the fray. The plot thickens and it seems more than probable that the other European Powers, including England, will become participants in the struggle.

THE EMPIRE CLAIM. Fairview, April 16

Editor Idaho Avalanche: In your last issue you made mention of some high-handed jumping at the Empire which reminds me of a notice I recently saw in the Avalanche of the re-location of the original Empire by W. H. Dewey, and claiming 750 feet south from the main shaft. It so happens that the Empire Company owned but 140 feet in that direction. It might have been better for Mr. Dewey to have examined the county records before jumping so far, or even squinted over the ground. He might have found my mine shaft 50 feet deep and a little further on one to the depth of 150 feet; if some one has not pulled them up. And as far as my not complying with the law, I would say that he had better wait until the smoke of my last shots clear away so that he may see better where to stick up his notices. I don’t blame the boys for squabbling for such a bonanza as the Empire, but in doing so they must keep off my toes.

James Monroe.

DRY CREEK ITEMS. John Rucker and Henry Eckers gave a party on the evening of April 5th. They are about leaving for Atlanta. There were about twenty couples present. The ladies were neatly attired and the gentlemen displayed much gallantry. At midnight all partook of a splendid lunch prepared by Mrs. Sheck and Miss Mary Steel. After supper dancing commenced again and continued until morning. Music was furnished by Mr. Buckingham. It was one of the most pleasant affairs of the kind that has every occurred in Dry Creek.

School re-opens here on Monday with Mr. D. Richardson as teacher, a new man. Success to him. The last teacher got whipped.

Mr. Johnson, Mr. Clemens and Mr. Kingsley left here recently for Kalton to bring in freight to the valley.

Crickets are very numerous here and one cannot walk over the fields without stepping on them. The farmers are discouraged and fear that everything will be eaten up this year.

W.D.

AS IF the Administration had not trouble enough with contending factions at the South and starveling office beggars everywhere, the piano men have arisen in their might to bore him. Agents of a dozen manufacturers are laying siege to the White House, and contending for the privilege of putting a new piano in the place of the old one which has withstood the pounding of the Grant family for some years past. They ask no money, but, like that other evil genius who obtained Aladdin’s treasure be offering an even trade of new lamps for old, are willing to take the worn-out instrument in full payment for one fresh from the factory. With the persistence of lightning-rod men, the piano brigade have given no rest to the unfortunate Hayes for weeks, and, as his musical entertainments heretofore have been confined to solos by Uncle Birchard’s centennial ram and have not therefore qualified him for a judge of instruments, he has appointed a commission of skilled musicians, composed of bass drum blowers and hand-organ artists, to decide which of the offered pianos shall hereafter grace the music-room of the Executive mansion.

Public notices

FAIR HOUSING MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, April 2017 marks the 49th anniversary of the passage of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, commonly known as the Federal Fair Housing Act; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Human Rights Commission Act has prohibited discrimination in housing since 1969; and

WHEREAS, equal opportunity for all-regardless of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status or national origin-is a fundamental goal of our nation, state and city; and

WHEREAS, equal access to housing is an important component of this goal-as fundamental as the right to equal education and employment; and

WHEREAS, housing is a critical component of family and community health and stability and

WHEREAS, housing choice impacts our children’s access to education, our ability to seek and retain employment options, the cultural benefits we enjoy, the extent of our exposure to crime and drugs, and the quality of health care we receive in emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the laws of this nation and our state seek to ensure such equality of choice for all transactions involving housing; and

WHEREAS, ongoing education, outreach and monitoring are key to raising awareness of fair housing principles, practices, rights and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, only through continued cooperation, commitment and support of all Idahoans can barriers to fair housing be removed;

NOW THEREFORE, I, James Ferdinand of City of Marsing, Owyhee County, do hereby proclaim April 2017 to be FAIR HOUSING MONTH In the City of Marsing, Owyhee County, State of Idaho.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand at the City of Marsing, Owyhee County in Idaho on this 12th day of April in the year of our Lord 2017.

James Ferdinand, Mayor
Janice C. Bicandi, City Clerk-Treasurer
4/19/2017

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Sealed bids will be received by the Homedale School District for the construction of the Homedale Elementary School drainage and parking lots. Work will be awarded under one (1) General Contract and will include Site Work. All bids must be a lump sum basis; segregated bids will not be accepted.

Sealed bids will be received by Design West Architects and Homedale School District, until 2:00 pm, prevailing local time, on May 3, 2017. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud at the time and places stated for receipt of bids. Bids received after the time fixed for opening will not be considered.

Project Documents will be available electronically (PDF format) at no cost upon request from Design West Architects, P.A., designwest@designwestid.com beginning April 17, 2017 for Licensed Contractors in the State of Idaho. Contractors may obtain hardcopy sets by paying the cost of reproduction, which will not be refunded.

There will be a Pre-Bid Conference at The Homedale

Elementary School for all interested bidders on April 26, 2017 at 3:30 MDT.

Bid security in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid must accompany each bid, in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders, made payable to the Homedale School District. Performance Bond and Labor and Materials Payment Bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount will be required within five (5) days after receipt of properly prepared Agreement between Owner and Contractor.

The Owner reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject any or all bids. No bidder may withdraw his bid after the hour set for opening thereof, or before award of Contract, unless award is delayed for a period exceeding thirty (30) days.

This Public Works project is not financed in whole or in part by federal-aid funds. Bid proposals will be accepted from those contractors only (prime contractors, subcontractors, and/ or specialty contractors) who, prior to the bid opening, hold current licenses as public works contractors in the State of Idaho.

All work shall be performed under Title 54, Chapter 19, of the Idaho code governing Public Works Contracts. Each bidder shall identify his Public Works Contractors State License Number in space provided on the Bid Proposal Form.
4/19,26/2017

INVITATION TO BID BUS MAINTENANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: Sealed bids will be received in the District Office of the Superintendent of Schools located in Bruneau, Idaho 83604, 39678 State Highway 78, Telephone (208)-834-2260, until 5 o’clock p.m., May 11, 2017 for bus maintenance, materials and services for two years, 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school year.

Please pick up the bus maintenance information packet with specifications and bid forms at the District Office, 39678 State Highway 78 Bruneau, Idaho. For additional details contact Superintendent Dennis Wilson at 208-834-2260.

The bids will be opened at the regular board meeting May 11, 2017 at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School Library, at 7 p.m.

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept the bid deemed best, or reject any and/or all bids and to waive any technicality.

By Order of the Board of Trustees, Joint School District No. 365, 39678 State Highway 78, Bruneau, Idaho 83604, JayDene Aquiso
4/19/2017

LEIN SALE

On May 1st, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at 3751 Pioneer Park Lane, Homedale, Idaho 83628 will be sold a 1974 Fleetwood 14x70 03-47 Vin#5983
4/19,26/2017

NOTICE OF SALE CASE NO. CV-2016-01095 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

Nationstar Mortgage LLC, d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company, Plaintiff, vs.

SCOTT WILLIAMS, AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH

SWINDELL; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; and Does 1-10 as individuals with an interest in the property legally described as:

A parcel of land situated in the Northeast Quarter Southeast Quarter of Section 26, Township 3 North, Range 6 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter Southeast Quarter, Section 26, Township 3 North, Range 6 West, Boise Meridian; thence North on the East line of said Northeast Quarter Southeast Quarter a distance of 808 feet to a point; thence West on a line parallel to the South boundary of said Northeast Quarter Southeast Quarter to a point in the centerline of the Owyhee Project South Canal; thence meandering Southeasterly along the centerline of said canal to the intersection with the South line of said Northeast Quarter Southeast Quarter; thence

East along the said South line to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER with the Mobile Home located thereon..

Which may commonly be known as: 5095 Sage Rd., Homedale, ID 83628, Defendants.

Under and by virtue of an Order for Sale of Foreclosure executed on February 9, 2017 and entered with the Court on March 1, 2017 and Writ of Execution issued on March 15, 2017, out of and under the seal of the above-entitled Court on a Judgment recovered in said Court in the above-entitled action on the 1st day of March, 2017, in favor of the above-named Plaintiff, I am commanded and required to proceed to notice for sale to sell at public auction the real property described in said Order for Sale of Foreclosure and Writ of Execution and to apply the proceeds of such sale to the satisfaction of said Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure with interest thereon and my fees and costs. The property directed to be sold is situate in Owyhee County, State of Idaho, and is described as follows, to-wit:

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TOGETHER with the Mobile Home located thereon.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 9th day of May, 2017 at the hour of 10:00 o’clock a.m., at the location of Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy, Idaho, I will attend,

offer and sell at public auction all or so much of the above-described property thus directed to be sold as may be necessary to raise sufficient funds to pay and satisfy the Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure as set out in said Order for Sale of Foreclosure to the highest bidder therefore in lawful money. The time period for redemption of the above property is six (6) months from the date of sale herein.

The Sheriff, by a Certificate of Sale, will transfer right, title and interest of the judgment debtor in and to the property. The Sheriff will also give possession but does not guarantee clear title nor continue possessory right to the purchaser.

DATED This 3rd day of April, 2017.

Owyhee County Sheriff
By: Perry Grant
Derrick J. O’Neill, ISB #4021, RCO LEGAL, PC, 300 Main Street, Suite 150, Boise, Idaho 83702 Telephone: 208-489-3035 Facsimile: 208-854-3998 doneill0@rcolegal .com, Attorneys for Plaintiff
4/12,19,26/2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV2017-01229 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHIEE

In the Matter of the Estate of EUGENE CHARLES CLARKE, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been appointed personal representatives of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of the Notice to Creditors, or within 60 days after the undersigned mailed or delivered a copy of this Notice to such persons, whichever is later, or said claims will be forever barred.

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

DATED this 30th day of January, 2017

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3/29;4/5,12,19/2017

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION HAS BEEN FILED TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF IDAHO: NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT, TRANSFER NO. 81194

JERRY LISAAC and KAYLA G ISAAC, 28283 SHOO-FLY CUT-OFF RD., BRUNEAU, ID 83604; has filed Application No. 81194 for changes to the following water rights within OWYHEE County(s): Right No(s). 51-13071, 51-13073. The purpose of the transfer is to change the point of diversion to an existing well located on the applicant’s property. Water will be used at the current place of use generally located west of Mormon Boulevard and south of Shoo-fly Cutoff Road, 9 miles southwest of Bruneau, Idaho. The proposed point of diversion is located approximately 0.3 miles northwest of the currently

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For additional information concerning the property location, contact Western Region office at (208) 334-2190; or for a full description of the right(s) or proposed transfer(s), please see www.idwr.idaho.gov. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-222. Any protest against the proposed change(s) must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 Airport Way, Boise, ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 5/8/2017. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

GARY SPACKMAN, Director
4/19,26/2017

PUBLIC NOTICE: Vale District BLM Programmatic Shrub Restoration Environmental Assessment

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Vale District Office, has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) (DOI-BLM-ORWA-V000-2017-0012-EA) for public review and input. The EA analyzes the BLM’s proposal to implement shrub planting treatments within native plant communities that have the potential for restoration and/or improvement of sagebrush steppe landscapes on public lands administered by the BLM. The EA also analyzes the effects of the proposed action in Lands with Wilderness Character, Greater Sage-grouse habitat and permitted uses such as grazing. These shrub plantings would increase shrub cover and move vegetation communities administered by the Vale BLM District Office towards the historical fire regime, improve ecosystem function, improve native shrub habitats for special status species and wildlife, and provide a future seed source to support natural dispersal.

These documents may be viewed from the Vale District ePlanning website for the Vale District Programmatic Shrub Restoration and Planting EA, listed under Documents in the left column, at: <http://bit.ly/2mNRf0p>

You can submit issues or concerns in writing to one of the following communication tools: E-mail: BLM_OR_VL_Mail@blm.gov, Subject: District Programmatic Shrub Restoration Environmental Assessment, Fax: 541-473-6213, Mail: Vale District BLM Office, 100 Oregon Street, Vale, OR 97918; ATTN: Naomi Wilson. To be considered, your comments must be postmarked by Monday April 24, 2017. If you need further information or would like to receive a hard copy of these documents, please contact the Vale District office at 541-473-3144.

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<p>Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale 711 W. Idaho, 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am</p>	<p>Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church - Oreana 2016 Mass Schedule - the following Saturdays at 10:00am Jan. 23 - Feb. 27 - Mar. 19 - Apr. 23 - May 28 June 25 - July 16 BBQ - Aug. 27 - Sept. 24 - Oct. 22 - Nov. 26 - Dec. 17 All are welcome! For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031</p>	<p>Amistad Cristiana de Wilder UMC Esquina de 4 y calle B Domingos Servicio: 12:00 pm El Ropero (Banco de ropa) Miercoles 12- 2pm Martes y Jueves: 6:30 pm Ingles Sabados: 12:00 pm Arte Infantil Todo en Espanol, Inf. 989 7508</p>

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Sports

Trojans lose 3A SRV tennis opener at Bette Uda courts

Conant wins in boys' singles debut

With some tennis players taking care of academic responsibilities, Homedale High School managed just three victories in its conference opener at Bette Uda City Park.

Weiser rolled to victory, 9-3, on April 11 in a 3A Snake River Valley conference dual meet originally scheduled for Washington County.

The match was moved to Homedale because of a scheduling conflict with Weiser's middle school tennis program. The Trojans will travel to Weiser on Thursday, April 27 for the second-half match.

Sophomore Austin Conant dropped into the boys' singles ladder and won his debut match at No. 2 with a 7-6, 6-2 decision against the Wolverines' Mitchell Westover.

Conant stepped in to the singles action as sophomore Joseph Zamudio shifted to play first doubles with William Cole. The Trojans' top girls' singles player, Eva Symms, missed the match to take SATs with many other Homedale juniors.

Cole and Zamudio fell, 6-1, 6-0, to Bridger Bumgarner in the only boys' doubles match played. The Wolverines earned the second point by forfeit.

Homedale's No. 1 girls' doubles team of Mikayla Smith and Makayla Kelly dispatched Hannah Alder and Alecia Lundberg, 6-3, 6-1.

The Trojans' other victory came in the top mixed doubles match with seniors Ryan Randall and Sarah Jones pushing Philip Soulen and Taylor Colella to the limit in the first set of a 7-5, 6-4 triumph.

April 10: Homedale 7, Nyssa, Ore., 4 — Smith and Kelly rallied from a tough second-set loss to take the No. 1 girls' doubles victory in the only three-set match of the non-conference dual meet at Bette Uda City Park.

Homedale's top girls' doubles team beat the Bulldogs' Cally Riddlesbacher and Savannah Kessler, 6-4, 5-7, 6-3.

The Homedale girls prevailed against Nyssa, collecting 4½ out of a possible six points, while the boys' meet ended in a tie.

Homedale easily one two of the three boys' singles matches. No. 1 Ben Holloway trounced Eli Esplin, 6-0, 6-1, and third-seeded Joseph Zamudio breezed in the first set of a 6-0, 6-2 win over Christian Medina.

Symms, who is splitting duties between tennis and track, rolled past Nyssa No. 1 Anita Benjamin, 6-1, 6-0, in girls' singles. Isabel Hernandez, playing at No. 2, held off the Bulldogs' Hailey Long in the second set of a 6-0, 6-3 triumph.

Lindy Phariss and Keyara Hardman teamed up at No. 2 girls' doubles to beat Hope Brezanski and Sierra White, 6-2, 6-3, to complete the Trojans' sweep in the ladder.

Jones and Randall downed the Benjamin/Esplin team, 6-2, 6-1, in the No. 1 mixed doubles match.



Senior Ryan Randall reaches to make a shot during the No. 1 mixed doubles match against Weiser on April 11. Randall and his partner, Sarah Jones, captured their conference-opening match. Photo by Machele Randall

Homedale JV softball downs Marsing again

Gracie Dines and Krista Mayer scored three runs apiece last Wednesday as Homedale High School's junior varsity completed a season softball sweep.

The Trojans (10-3-1 overall) broke out against Marsing with a five-run second inning and rolled to a 13-3 non-conference victory.

The game was halted with two outs in the bottom of the fifth when the Trojans gained a 10-run lead.

DeLaynie Dorsey and substitute Ashley Sifuentes posted two RBI each for the host club at Sundance Park.

Louisa Metcalf, Hailee Bennett and Ashley Loucks drove in the Huskies' three runs. Leadoff hitter

Emma Heitz counted a double among her two hits. Alex Grant and Aubrey Villa both singled twice for Marsing.

Cortnee Smith got the victory for Homedale, striking out seven and walking just one.

April 10: Homedale 9, Fruitland 0 — Abby Gray went 3-for-4 and knocked in two runs to lead the Trojans to a 3A Snake River Valley conference win on the road.

Dines and Smith each laced a pair of singles for Homedale (2-1 in conference), and Gwynneth Mullins and Dines scored two runs apiece.

Lizzy Schamber and Smith teamed up to limit the Grizzlies to three hits.



Marsing pitcher Emma Heitz delivers a pitch during the Huskies' non-conference loss to the Homedale junior varsity last Wednesday. Photo by Dan Pease

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