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Friends celebrate a graduation to remember

Marsing High School seniors (from left) Tiauna Annmarie Hansen, Shayla Kay Eells and Mercedes Rose Sevy celebrate with a hug after their graduation ceremony Friday night. **In next week's edition of *The Owyhee Avalanche*:** Look for photos of the Marsing Middle School eighth-grade recognition event and the Celebration of Success honoring the students of the year, outstanding staff members and volunteers.

Blayze is your buddy

Memorial bench helps schoolmates bond

Young schoolchildren having a tough day will be able to find a buddy on a new Homedale Elementary bench.

Blayze's Bench was installed last week at the school's playground, and principal Terri Vasquez said the wood-and-steel memorial will be the primary tool in a new initiative planned for the 2017-18 school year.

"If a student is down and feels like they need a

friend, they can sit on Blayze's Bench, and someone from the student body will come over," Vasquez said.

"If you need a buddy, sit on Blayze's Bench."

Beginning with lessons and talks centered on the bench next fall, school staffers will impress upon the students the value of friendship and looking out for one another.

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To preserve and protect: Ranchers, BLM race courts, Mother Nature

Enviros' lawsuit threatens firebreak plan

Nearly two years after the Soda Fire swept across the Owyhee Front, officials are talking about keeping invasive species out and, hopefully, bringing cattle back.

Federal officials held an open house and a range tour last week to update stakeholders on resource rehabilitation.

But at least one man, Reynolds

Creek rancher Jerry Hoagland, focused on how the wet winter could mean more fire danger once the hot, dry summer months take hold.

"If it burns, it's lost," the District 1 county commissioner said. "Every time that burns and reburns, you lose that native component that's there. It's difficult to bring back after the second fire. After the third fire, it's nearly impossible.

"So, any prevention they can

— See *Preserve*, page 14



Jolynn Hook of Wilson shapes a crock on her pottery wheel. Submitted photo

Wilson resident brings artistry to Outpost Days

Clay creations part of annual heritage festival

Folks strolling through Outpost Days this weekend might spot some unique pottery crafted by a woman who lives just down the road from where the event is held.

An arts and craft sale will accompany the annual Owyhee County Historical Society fundraiser takes place Saturday and Sunday at the county historical museum complex in Murphy.

Jolynn and Tristan Hook got married in 2002 while living in Wilson where they reside today. The couple also lived in Oreana for seven years before moving

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Above: Homedale High School industrial arts teacher Mike Greeley and Hailee Garrett are surrounded by Greeley’s students, who built Blayze’s Bench. **Below:** Using one of his sophisticated tools — his left foot — Greeley tamps down playground material as the students place the bench.

✓ Bench: Garrett family moved by functional memorial to baby boy



“We thought it would be a great idea not only (to remember) Blayze and to remember the family, but for the kiddos who need a friend,” Vasquez said.

Built by Mike Greeley’s high school Advanced Design and Engineering class, the bench is in remembrance of Blayze Vernon, the 6-day-old son of Homedale High School graduate Hailee (Garrett) Vernon. Blayze passed away last summer.

Hailee, the daughter of HES counselor Randee Garrett and Gregg Garrett, first learned of the plan to build a buddy bench in Blayze’s memory during her little boy’s funeral.

“I was overwhelmingly surprised,” Hailee said. “I’ve never heard about (a buddy bench) before. I thought, ‘What an awesome way to do that, not as a memorial but something with a purpose.’”

The Homedale Elementary Parent Teacher Organization and school staffers raised money for the materials, and Greeley jumped at the chance for the class project when Vasquez approached him in the fall. Randee Garrett said PTO parent Chris Marston came up with the idea for Blayze’s Buddy Bench.

Greeley’s involvement is fitting because he and Hailee grew close as he coached her in basketball at HHS. The May 23 installation put a cap on Greeley’s final big project for the school district. He decided to retire Thursday.

Gregg Garrett punctuated how strong the bond between Greeley and Hailee had become, recounting the night his daughter tore a knee ligament as a senior in a district tournament game.

“Mike picked her up and carried her in his arms just like she was his own daughter,” Gregg said.

Greeley’s students spent about an hour sinking the three-legged bench into place. The boys and girls — one sophomore and the rest juniors — dug holes for the legs, leveled the bench (using a cellphone app) and set the legs in cement brewed up on the spot.

Afterward, a round of photographs was taken with Blayze’s family and the crew.

“Thanks, guys,” Hailee told the group, fighting back her emotions. “This really means a lot.”

— JPB

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MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCES



American Legion Post 128 Sergeant-at-Arms Rick Sherrow (left) and Cmdr. Darryl Burham salute after placing a flag at the gravesite of Air Force veteran James Murray in the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery on Thursday evening. Murray served in the Korean conflict. He was born July 25, 1930 and died on Feb. 11, 2008.



With the American Legion Post 83 honor guard nearby, Bruneau native and Legionnaire George Turner reads the names of military veterans who are buried in the Bruneau Valley's two cemeteries and the surrounding during Monday's annual Memorial Day observance in Bruneau. Attendee Sandy Black said about 80 people paid their respects. Photo provided by Sandy Black



American Legion Post 128 Adjutant Kathy Barton salutes after placing a flag at the gravesite of Army veteran Kenneth William Rose in the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery on Thursday evening. Rose was born on Feb. 23, 1918 and died Sept. 11, 1980.

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✓ Outpost: Craft fair part of busy weekend

back to Wilson in 2013.

Tristan’s family operates Hook Livestock LLC on upper Reynolds Creek.

Jolynn Hook is a stay-at-home mom for she and Tristan’s two children, son Timothy, 11, and 5-year-old daughter Jocelynn.

When she isn’t taking care of her boy and girl, you would likely find Hook spinning clay on her pottery wheel. Hook learned the craft while she was in high school.

She was reintroduced to the hobby during a pottery class in Nampa to celebrate her 40th birthday.

“That got me started,” Hook said. “A friend found an old kiln in a church basement and gave it to me. Then I ended up buying a wheel, too.”

Besides her high school pottery course and the class in Nampa, Hook is mostly self-taught.

She thinks a spark of artistic creativity runs in the family.

Hook described her mother, Debbie Cox, as “very talented.”

“She does stained glass. She was a seamstress. We grew up dabbling in all kinds of little crafts,” Hook said. “Crocheting, knitting, making little gifts for teachers, we were always doing something.”

Hook said that while she doesn’t make a lot of money from selling her creations, her hobby does bring in enough cash to keep her stocked up on clay.

People will find a wide variety of items at Hook’s booth this weekend, including bowls, vases, sourdough crocks, sauerkraut crocks, cups, mugs, tumblers, butter crocks, soap dishes and spoon rests.

She emphasized that all of her wares are meant to be used around the house, and aren’t merely for decoration.



Jolynn Hook

Hook estimates that she has spent about 300 hours at her pottery wheel building up her inventory for this weekend.

Hook said she tries to make her works affordable for people.

“I think my cheapest (item) is \$8,” she said. “Most of the stuff is around \$20, and then I have a few porcelain vases that are in the \$40s and \$50s.”

Hook also had a booth at Outpost Days last year.

She also put some items up for sale in the museum bookstore more than two years ago after talking with office manager Vivian Good.

“A couple of people I know asked me if I’d ever thought about doing that,” Hook said. “I had friends and family members that kept encouraging me to go take them there to see if Vivian would do it.”

Many of Hook’s pieces are called “agatewear,” which she said makes her pottery unique.

“It’s two colors or three colors of clay mixed together and thrown together,” Hook said. “It looks like a stone with a marbled effect.”

Anyone who purchases one of Hook’s creations will also take home an inspirational message.

“The little thing I put on the bottom of them is, ‘We are the clay,’ ” Hook said. “It came from Bible Scriptures and thinking about God making us each unique.”

— SC

48th Outpost Days schedule

Saturday and Sunday

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

11 a.m. — BLM mustang demonstration

Lost arts displays

Tattooing, blacksmithing
Antique car display

Miscellaneous

Saloon for ages 21 and over
Kids’ corner including a jump house, train ride and petting zoo
Live music at Marsing Depot stage
Food vendors
Arts and crafts sale

Saturday

11 a.m. to noon — Darrell Kelly band
Noon to 1 p.m. — Bill McKeeth trio
1 p.m. to 2 p.m. — Junior Jammers fiddle group
2 p.m. — Treasure Valley Leather Slappers mounted drill team
2 p.m. to 3 p.m. — Music by Gary and Marilyn Everett
3 p.m. — Live auction

Sunday

11 a.m. to noon — Circle “J” cowboy church
Noon to 1 p.m. — Open microphone, jam session
1 p.m. to 2 p.m. — Music by Kelly and Friends (Bob and June Miller)
2 p.m. to 3 p.m. — Music by Diana Diemert and Cowboy Troubadour
3 p.m. — Silent auction closes
3 p.m. to 4 p.m. — Music by Dave Cofell
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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

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

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

Children’s free summer food service
Lunch, 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

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

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

Homedale Farmers Market
3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Bette Uda City Park, Homedale. www.homedalefarmersmarket.com

Friends of Homedale Public Library meeting
4 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

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

Summer reading program
4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

Disc golf play night
6 p.m., all ages and skills, Riverside Park, Homedale. (208) 337-4641

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

HOSA benefit poker tournament
6 p.m., doors, 7 p.m., tournament, \$20 entry, Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., Homedale. (208) 602-5976

Saturday

Outpost Days buckaroo breakfast
8 a.m. to 10 a.m., McKeeth Hall, Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2319

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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

Sunday

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8 a.m. to 10 a.m., McKeeth Hall, Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2319

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Monday
Children’s free summer food service
Breakfast 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., lunch 11 a.m. to noon, Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale

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

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

Tuesday

Children’s free summer food service
Breakfast 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., lunch 11 a.m. to noon, Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale

Blood pressure clinic
10 a.m., free, 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

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

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

Wednesday

Children’s free summer food service
Breakfast 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., lunch 11 a.m. to noon, Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale

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

Military veterans coffee
9 a.m., Phipps-Watson American Legion Hall and Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing

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

Summer reading program
10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Movie time
Noon, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

Wilson Sagehens meeting
1 p.m., Wilson schoolhouse, 10427 Johnston Lane, Wilson.

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

NOCWMA meeting
7 p.m., Natural Resource Conservation Service office, USDA Service Center, 250 N. Bruneau Hwy., Marsing. (208) 896-4544

Homedale Friends of Library group to sell books Saturday

The Friends of the Homedale Public Library are ready for their spring book sale.

The fundraiser will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday at the library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

Proceeds from the sale will benefit various library needs and activities.

Nancy Belknap, secretary of the Friends of the library, said people will find some great sum-

mer reading material at the sale.

“Some of the better ones make great gifts, too,” she said. “They’re lightly, used and there’s something for everyone.”

Books in the sale include works of fiction, non-fiction and children’s books.

All books will be available for purchase by donation.

For more information on the library or the sale, call (208) 337-4228.

Donation will help library update its reading selection

A national program aimed at improving the lives of disadvantaged children by providing book collections is coming to the Homedale Public Library.

Kids Need to Read board member Gary Mlodzik will stop by the library at 10:15 a.m. on Friday, July 21 to deliver 200 new books and give a special Story Time presentation.

Each of the children attending the Story Time program will receive a free book and a copy of Highlights magazine.

The book donation is part of the 12th annual Grow Your Library event.

In a press release, Mlodzik said the idea behind the Grow Your Library program is to encourage literacy and philanthropy.

“Putting a book in the hands of a child and allowing them to expand their horizons is magical,” Mlodzik said. “Allowing that child to make a small effort

in order to share that magic for future generations is a priceless lesson.”

Library administrator Sharla Jensen said she appreciates the work being done by groups like Mlodzik’s.

“I think it’s great when there’s people out there who are willing to do things for rural libraries,” she said.

Jensen added that the donation will mean a wider variety of books for children, and more recent editions.

“He sent a list of what he’s giving us, and a lot of those books are a lot newer than what we have,” Jensen said. “Some of our books that we’ve had in the library have been in there for 20 or 30 years. This gives us a chance to weed some of those out and get some fresh reading material for the kids.”

Mlodzik said the 200 books are valued at \$2,582.

Senior menu

Homedale Senior Center

Salad bar available with each meal:

lettuce, tomato, boiled eggs, peaches, apricots, salad dressing

May 31: Cheeseburger, California blend veggies, baked potato, roll

June 1: Baked ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, roll

June 6: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, beets, roll

June 7: Grilled hot dog on bun, potato salad, carrot salad

June 8: Salisbury steak w/onions & mushrooms, mashed potatoes/gravy, peas, roll

June 13: Taco salad, cheese, salsa, chips

June 14: Spaghetti & meat sauce, string beans, roll

June 15: Pork chow mein, fried rice, California blend veggies, roll

June 20: Chicken & noodles, California blend veggies, roll

June 21: Cheeseburger, California blend veggies, baked potato, roll

June 22: Baked fish, macaroni & cheese, broccoli, roll

June 27: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, California blend veggies, and roll

June 28: BBQ pork on bun, baked potato, broccoli

June 29: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes/gravy, peas & carrots, roll

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Obituary

Johnny Milton Callaway

Johnny Milton Callaway, 71, met his Savior on May 22, 2017 at his home in Caldwell, Idaho. Johnny was born at Mercy Hospital in Nampa on April 23rd, 1946 to Milton and Florence (Crawford) Callaway. He entered the world as a little brother to siblings MaryAnn and Lauren. The family was made complete when his youngest sibling Teresa was born.

Johnny grew up on the family farm in the Riverside area of Caldwell. His education began at the two-room Lakeview Schoolhouse, and ended at Vallivue High School as the first graduating class of 1964. John moved to Oregon to attend college, but soon returned home to help his folks with the farm. In his 20s, John acquired the beloved “40”. This property had been around for generations, and will continue to be a part of the family for generations to come.

In 1968 John married Charlene Thurston and together they had four daughters, Kimberly, Karla, Keri, and Krista. He was an amazing father and was very active in their lives. He loved being involved in 4-H with them, would be seen at all of their sporting events, as well as taking many camping and hunting trips.

In 1979 John and his dad were hired at the Boise Project Board of Control. He began as a ditch rider and retired as the Water Master 26 years later. John loved bringing his crew together and started the



wild game feeds, which continue on to this day. Work was more than a paycheck to John. There he gained friendships that lasted a lifetime.

In 1997 John married Cheryl Engle. They made their home in Caldwell until John retired. They moved to Kooskia, Idaho where they owned property on the Middle Fork of the Clearwater River, known to all as “The Cabin”. It was a place for family and friends to enjoy John’s love for the outdoors. He was an avid hunter, fisherman, artifact finder, huckleberry and blackberry picker, as well as historian on the surrounding area. John was well known in the local community for harvesting sweet corn, his labor of love. In 2012 John and Cheryl moved back to the family farm to be closer to family.

John is survived by his wife

Cheryl Callaway; daughters, Kim Richardson, Karla Callaway (Joe Usabel), Keri (Max) Tinsley, and Krista Callaway; Cheryl’s children, Bron (Cherish) Engle, Misty (Martin) Larsen, and Jason (Sherry) Engle; Sisters, Mary Ann (Steve) Richards and Teresa (Larry) Prescott; Grandchildren, Nick and Kelsey Aevermann, Kambry and Shasta Richardson, Alex, and Charli Tinsley, Gage Callaway, Kosha, Bodee, and Hunter Engle, Cheyenne and Jordan Branen, Austin, Autumn, Aliyah, and Ashton Engle; Great-grandchild Aspen Branen, as well as numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

John was preceded in death by his parents Milton and Florence Callaway; brother, Lauren Callaway; infant brother, Dickie Callaway; Nephew, Dean Callaway; Great Nephew, Austin Blankenburg; Niece, Chelsie Cayford; Grandson, JP Branen.

John’s girls would also like to thank Cheryl for being a wonderful caretaker and companion, being by his side around the clock giving him loving care.

A viewing for John will be held on Wednesday, May 31st from 9am-11am and his Celebration of Life service will begin at 11am. Both services will be held at Flahiff Funeral Chapel in Caldwell, Idaho. Condolences may be given at FlahiffFuneralChapel.com. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Foundation or American Cancer Society.

University of Idaho Extension

Wise pasture management can help control weeds

Weeds can technically be defined as any plant that is growing out of place or growing where it is not wanted.

Weeds compete for resources (soil nutrients, water, sunlight) with desirable plants and can significantly reduce forage quality and production. If weeds are a concern in your pasture, the following steps can help remedy the problem.

First, you need to know what is there. Take a walk through the pasture and identify each plant. If you need help, I suggest obtaining a copy of “Weeds of the West”. This book is an excellent resource. Note the locations of specific weeds. Ask the question, “Why is that weed growing there?” Weeds are often just a symptom of a problem such as too little or too much water. Surrounding properties and irrigation water can be a source. Over-grazing can also be a contributing factor.

Once the weeds and source are identified, determine how to prevent the introduction of new weeds and/or seeds. For example, I noticed a large patch of white-top on my neighbor’s property this year. I visited with him and asked if he minded if I sprayed it for him. He had no objections, so I took my sprayer over and treated the area. I figured that it was better to stop it on his side of the fence! Oftentimes a collaborative effort with our neighbors will be more effective at reducing weeds.

In irrigated pastures, water issues can greatly contribute to weed problems. Efforts should be made

to resolve any issues that prevent even distribution. Timing is also important. Depending on ambient temperatures, pastures should be irrigated every 7-10 days or more frequently when hotter and less frequently when cooler. Irrigation sets longer than 12 hours are likely pushing moisture beyond the effective root zone of the plants. Shorter sets should allow for a shorter return interval.

Grazing management can have a significant effect on pasture quality and weeds. Do not allow animals to graze desirable plants too short. Desirable plants should be left with a minimum of four inches of residual plant height. This will maintain sufficient leaf area for them to capture solar energy and regrow more rapidly. Residual plant height can best be managed by dividing pastures using temporary fencing and instituting a rotational grazing program.

Good irrigation and grazing management practices will treat the causes of most pasture weed problems. The symptoms (the weeds themselves) can then be treated with appropriate herbicides, mechanical, or other treatment methods.

If you have specific pasture weed issues that you would like to discuss, please give me a call at the Owyhee County Extension Office.

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



Scott Jensen

HOSA benefit poker slated Friday

The venue has changed, but the purpose is still the same.

Proceeds from a poker tournament Friday will help Homedale High School senior-to-be Cortnee Smith get to the Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) International Leadership Conference next month.

The poker tournament will start at 7 p.m., one hour after the doors open at the George D. VanDerhoff American Legion Post 32 Hall, 14 E. Owyhee Ave., in Homedale.

The tournament originally was scheduled for the Txoko Ona Basque Center.

The entry fee is \$20 per person, and prizes will be available for the top finishers in the tournament.

For more information on the tournament, call Adam Kent at (208) 602-5976.

Smith and fellow Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency HOSA chapter member Rylie Beus of Parma are eligible for the national competition.

The international meet takes place from June 21 to June 24 in Orlando, Fla.

Smith will take part in the Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Home Health Aide competition.

She qualified for nationals after a third-place finish during the April 6-7 HOSA Future Health Professionals state conference in Boise.

Beus was third in the Healthy Lifestyles competition at the state level.

Death notices

BETTY JANE AHLGREN, 82, of Murphy, died Sunday, May 7, 2017. Arrangements: Bowman Funeral Parlor, Gardeny City. (208) 853-3131

MICHAEL E. BEAVERS, 58, of Melba, died Monday, May 22, 2017 at home. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at Melba Community Baptist Church. Arrangements: Cloverdale Funeral Home, Boise.

ROBERT “DEAN” CURTIS, 68, of Middleton, died Monday, May 22, 2017 at a Boise hospital. Cremation is under the care of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-0833

PARRY HARRISON, 87, of Caldwell, died Thursday, May 25, 2017. A viewing will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. on Friday, June 2, 2017 at the Marsing LDS Chapel, 215 3rd Ave. W., and a funeral service with military honors will begin at 11 a.m. Burial will take place at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery, Boise. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-0833

TINA LYNN KEPNER, 56, of Marsing, died Monday, May 22, 2017. Arrangements: Cremation Society of Idaho

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Children’s fishing extends LeRoy Breshears’ legacy

Annual event held Saturday in Marsing

Marsing’s Island Park will be closed Friday and most of Saturday in preparation for a children’s fishing day.

The 18th annual LeRoy Breshears Memorial Fishing Day takes place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday at the park pond.

Registration forms are available at Logans Market in Marsing, and Matteson’s and The Owyhee Avalanche in Homedale.

The Owyhee County Sheriff’s Posse, sheriff’s office and Idaho Department of Fish and Game join forces each year to give boys and girls from kindergarten through sixth grade a chance to experience the thrill of a landing a rainbow trout out of the pond alongside the Snake River.

The annual event honors the memory of a Marsing man who dedicated his time to teaching hunter safety and ensuring that a generation would learn outdoor

sports, including hunting and fishing.

Breshears earned recognition many times over after becoming one of the state’s first volunteer hunting instructors when the Idaho Department of Fish and Game instituted the program in 1979.

In a 1991 interview with The Owyhee Avalanche, Breshears figured he had taught between 300 and 400 youth hunter safety in the first 12 years of the program. He said becoming a hunting instructor was a natural progression after helping the Homedale Rod and Gun Club’s Junior Shooters program for three decades.

Today, men with Fish and Game, the sheriff’s Posse and OCSO gather each year to make sure Breshears’ legacy of promoting outdoor sports — specifically fishing — endures.

And, by requiring that parents accompany their children to the event, the volunteers on hand Saturday help promote angling as a family event in the process.

Each participant is asked to bring their own fishing gear, but there will be a limited number of



LeRoy Breshears (right) and his wife Arvella show off tokens of appreciation received over the years for his hunter education efforts in a photo from a 1991 feature article in The Owyhee Avalanche.

loaner rods and reels and bait.

The park is closed Friday so Fish and Game can stock the pond with rainbow trout. The fish come from the state hatchery, and many

of the fish that will be planted have been purchased by the Posse from a private hatchery.

There are rod-and-reel awards for the first boy and girl who catch

trout, the largest fish caught by a boy and girl, and the first boy and girl to obtain their catch limits.

The children also will be treated to a hot dog lunch.

Class of 2017 scholarship awards Homedale High School

Samantha Bedolla — Carol Lopez Memorial, Taylor Sauer, University of Idaho Academic Achievement, Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13, and Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP)

Rian Beebe — Lightfoot Foundation, Go On Idaho, Boise State University Frances Woods Education, and GEAR UP

Tyson Carr — U of I Academic Achievement, and GEAR UP

Angel Chavez — U of I Academic Achievement, and GEAR UP

Alexis Conner — GEAR UP

Diana Contreras — U of I Academic Achievement, and GEAR UP

Jacob Deal — Bryan Tolmie Memorial

Wyatt Dorsey — Frank Matteson Memorial, Bryan Tolmie Memorial, Nampa/Caldwell Chambers of Commerce Agri-Business Committee, Northwest Farm Credit Services, United Dairywomen of Idaho Federation/Idaho Dairy Family, United Scholarly-Need Award Eastern Oregon University Foundation, Canyon County Farm Bureau Federation, Eastern Oregon

University Foundation, Oregon Agriculture Foundation Quasi-Endowed, Gleeson, and Eastern Oregon University Athletic

Hannah Downum — BSU True Blue Promise, U of I Academic Achievement, Alfred and Ellie Kiser Freshman, Idaho State University Incremental, and GEAR UP

Misty Ellis — GEAR UP

Alyssa Emery — U of I Academic Achievement, and GEAR UP

Hanna Estes — U of I Academic Achievement, and Charlie F. Peterson

Kendall Freelove — GEAR UP

Jacob Furlott — Homedale Lions Club Scholarship, and GEAR UP

Siri Gierlich — GEAR UP

Riley Haun — Conner Landa FFA/Ag, Far West Agribusiness Association, and GEAR UP

Sarah Jones — U of I Academic Achievement, Fred & Janice Gleave, and GEAR UP

Keaton Kilby — GEAR UP

Tanis Lentfer — U of I Academic Achievement, and GEAR UP

Juan Martinez — Homedale Lions Club

Vany Mata — Homedale Lions Club, and GEAR UP

Megan Maxwell — Conner Landa Athletic, U of I Academic Achievement, and GEAR UP

Emma McMichael — Homedale Lions Club, ISU Bengal Incremental, and GEAR UP

Patrick McMichael — GEAR UP

Lindsey McRae — U of I Academic Achievement

Tanner Miller — GEAR UP

Adrian Monreal — U of I Academic Achievement, and GEAR UP

Shantel-Christine Neil — U of I Academic Achievement, and GEAR UP

Carolina Prado — Homedale Lions Club, U of I Academic Achievement, U of I College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP), U of I CAMP Stipend, and GEAR UP

Ryan Randall — Homedale Lions Club, ISU Bengal Incremental, and GEAR UP

Jason Riha — U of I Academic

Achievement, and GEAR UP

Craig Romriell — GEAR UP

Carlisle Sawyer — U of I Academic Achievement and GEAR UP

Carli Swallow — Evelyn Hood Memorial and GEAR UP

Jessica Tayler — Deward Bell Memorial, MaryJo Pottenger Memorial, U of I Academic Achievement, Idaho State University Bengal Incremental, and GEAR UP

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Brodee Walker — GEAR UP

Marsing High School

Tiffany Mae Beagley — Go Idaho Platinum, Laura Moore Cunningham Memorial, Joe and Bette Churruca Memorial, Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award, and Boise State University Academic Achievement

Angela Michelle Draper — BSU True Blue Promise, Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP), and Idaho Opportunity

Samuel Jacob Galligan — Go Idaho Platinum, GEAR UP, U of I Honors, and Joe and Bette Churruca Memorial

LeAnn Garcia — National Honor Society, Idaho Opportunity, GEAR

UP, Riley Academic Achievement, and Northwest Nazarene University Academic Achievement

Benjamin David Gerthung — GEAR UP, Lewis-Clark State College (LCSC) Counselor Award, LCSC Discovery Day, LCSC Provost, U of I College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) and Marsing Disaster Auction Volunteer Award

Sheyanne Summer Glorfield — MacMurray College Athletic

Oscar Isai Gonzalez — Joe and Bette Churruca Memorial

Tiauna Annmarie Hansen — Go Idaho Bronze, GEAR UP, and Joe and Bette

Churruca Memorial

Arturo Isaac Gutierrez Jacobo — University of Advanced Technologies

Rosalba Jacobo — GEAR UP

Clayton James King — GEAR UP, Go Idaho Bronze, and Joe and Bette Churruca Memorial

Zoe Lynne Kish — Utah State University Non-Resident Deans, Go Idaho Platinum, Idaho Opportunity, and Owyhee Hope

Jose Emilio Ponce — GEAR UP

Bailey Renee Reyes — GEAR UP

Esmeralda Robles — Idaho Opportunity, GEAR UP, Go Idaho Silver, Joe and Bette Churruca Memorial, and U of I CAMP

Tyler Carmen Simonson — Go Idaho Gold, GEAR UP, Joe and Bette Churruca Memorial, and Marsing Disaster Auction Volunteer Award

Elizabeth Michia Stanbery — GEAR UP, Marsing Disaster Auction Volunteer Award, and Idaho Opportunity

Gavin Lee Thorud — GEAR UP, and Advanced Opportunities Early Graduation

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Folks ignore signs prohibiting dumping of items outside of provided bins near the Bruneau sugar beet dump. Photo courtesy OCSO

Volunteers welcome to pitch in with public access cleanup

Crews will meet at GV City Hall on Tuesday

Community volunteers are encouraged to gather in Grand View to kick off a public area cleanup Tuesday.

The cleanup, coordinated by Owyhee County Sheriff’s Deputy Harry Packwood, will tackle public use areas from the Fossil Creek Trailhead south of Murphy to Bruneau and beyond.

Volunteers will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday at Grand View City Hall and then fan out to various

locations.

Packwood said the cleanup day idea grew out of the fact that he has written several tickets for littering. There also has been trash left behind after underage drinking parties in public recreation areas.

Littering violates state law and carries a \$206 fine for the first-time infraction. A second offense is a misdemeanor charge and a larger fine.

“If you see someone littering, get their license plate and a vehicle description and call the sheriff’s office,” Packwood said.

The cleanup will focus on public access points, the recreational areas around C.J. Strike Reservoir and legal dumping areas where prohibited items have been deposited.

The cleanup day had been scheduled for May 20, but was moved back because of a scheduling conflict with Rimrock High School graduation.

Packwood said the county will supply a roll-off dumpster and a dump truck to help with the cleanup.

For more information about Tuesday’s cleanup, contact the sheriff’s dispatch at (208) 495-1154 and ask for Packwood’s voicemail. You can also email Packwood at hpackwood@co.owyhee.id.us.



Reynolds Creek 4-H club members spent some time earlier this spring cleaning up a fishing spot near the Snake River. Submitted photo

Family fishing trip triggers 4-H public area cleanup

by Mia Wilson
Club reporter

Earlier this spring, a member of the Reynolds Creek 4-H club went fishing at a local family fishing spot. When they arrived, they noticed how trashy it was. So at the next meeting, the club decided to get together and clean the area.

On Friday, April 28, the entire club met along the Snake River near Dan’s Ferry Service with trash bags in hand.

With great teamwork, all the kids cleaned all the garbage up and took it to the dump. Everyone should always remember to never litter, and if you see trash on the ground, take the time to stop and pick it up.

“We are a small group, but I really think the kids made a difference with their efforts,” first-year leader Michelle Parr said.

Members present at the cleanup were Loden Jolley, Birch Jolley, Mia Wilson, Tyla Wilson, Alex Worley, Andrew Worley, and Alicia Worley and parents Jenny Wilson, Nanette Jolley, and Michelle Parr (with her toddler Zachary).

Homedale Art in the Park grows

The number of vendors signed up for the annual Homedale Art in the Park has doubled.

Organizer Susan Mansisidor said 55 people have signed up for the June 10 event at Bette Uda City Park. Booths will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Twenty-two of the 28 vendors who reserved space last year showed up.

“We will have everything from unique handcrafted furniture, antler items, jewelry, candles, lotions, soaps, jump houses, food and drinks, snow cones, clothing, books, greeting cards and so much more,” Mansisidor said.

Mansisidor is hoping for a big turnout. She has put the event on 10 local online event calendars and 25 Facebook sites, “and our amazing vendors have been sharing and flooding Facebook with our event.”

For more information, visit www.homedaleartinthepark.com or the event’s Facebook page.



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HOMEDALE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS MARK FINAL WEEK OF SCHOOL



Six-year-old kindergarteners Miah Hibbs (left), daughter of Marcy and Chris Hibbs, and Isabelle Roseborough, daughter of Kristie and Kenny Roseborough, lead the morning class graduation audience in the Pledge of Allegiance on Thursday. Teacher Jennifer Matheson stands behind Isabelle.



Teacher Raymond Smith helps 5-year-old Gassaya Escalante, daughter of Rebecca Lopez, throw a foxtail during last Wednesday's afternoon kindergarten play day at the elementary school.



Alejandro Martinez (left) takes aim with a baseball hoping to get his brother Ventura wet in the dunk tank during first-grade field day on May 23. Alejandro, 7, and Ventura, an eighth-grader, are the sons of Jesus and Griselda Martinez.

Second-graders race past their classmates in a 100-meter dash at Deward Bell Stadium during a May 23 play day. **From left:** Miley Schwendiman, 8-year-old daughter of Sarah and Josh Civan; JaNae Boslau-Boslau 8, daughter of Rebekka Boslau and Joe Gammel; Monica Silverio, 7, daughter of Maria Silverio Juan; and Dakota Ward, 7, daughter of Starr Wood and David Ward.



Front-row fourth-graders, all 10 years old, keep an eye on music instructor Eileen Walker during their opening number on recorders on May 23. **From left:** Jesus Gonzalez-Vega Jr. (parents: Emelia and Jesus Gonzalez); Mikah McBride (parents: Melissa and Matt McBride); Adolfo Aceves (parent: Angelica Aceves); Jose Monreal (parents: Lucia and Francisco Monreal); Nathan Nunez (parents: Elva and Carlos Nunez); Emily James (parents: Dawn and Aaron James); and Mirella Santiago Martinez (parents: Eufrociana and Miguel Santiago).



HMS fifth-graders visit Avalanche, other businesses

Fifth-graders from the classrooms of teachers Mary Jo Larzelier and Angie Swallow at Homedale Middle School stopped by for a tour of The Owyhee Avalanche offices on May 23. Swallow (right) is standing to the left of Larzelier (obscured) near the front door of the building.



Silver City Masons’ Bikes for Books

Homedale Elementary principal Terri Vasquez itemized her students’ performance during the Silver City Masonic Lodge No.13 annual Bikes for Books assembly Thursday.

She pointed out that the number of books read by first-through fourth-graders was one-third more than 2016 despite this year’s participants losing nearly a month of class time because of a snowy January.

Total

This year — 9,030 books
2016 — 6,060
2015 — 5,360
2014 — 4,510

First grade

This year — 1,300 books

Top readers — Derek Rich, 100 books; Donovan Uranga, 70; and Keiser Garrett, 50

Most improved — Josiah Patton

2016 — 2,210
2015 — 2,420
2014 — 1,690

Second grade

This year — 2,330 books

Top readers — Loreai Goettling, 90; Lexi Bixby, 60; Teague Taylor, 60; Diana Mendoza, 60; Claire Salutregui, 60; and Saul Alives, 60

Most improved — Chloe Colyer

2016 — 1,290
2015 — 650
2014 — 380

Third grade

This year — 3,010 books

Top readers — Cora McKerrow, 250; Isaac Gonzalez, 130; and Ava Wilson, 110

Most improved — Drake Jerome

2016 — 620
2015 — 470
2014 — 400

Fourth grade

This year — 2,390 books

Top readers — Allie Bell, 380; Ethan Conger, 190; and Esperanza Arellano, 110

Most improved — Amber Villesenor

2016 — 1,940
2015 — 1,820
2014 — 2,040



Homedale Elementary’s most improved readers stand with principal Terri Vasquez and hold their bookmarks, which were custom-made by Vasquez’s cousin. **Clockwise:** Josiah Patton, 6, first grade (parents: Scott and Nikki Patton); Drake Jerome, 9, third grade (Jeremy and Andrea Jerome); Amber Villesenor, 10, fourth grade (Jonny Villasenor and Wendy Ramirez); and Chloe Colyer, 8, second grade (Steven and Patty Colyer).

Homedale school staffers wrap another year

Gonser named teacher of year

Homedale School District faculty put a cap on the year Friday morning and said farewell to some colleagues.

Sally Gonser was introduced as the district’s teacher of the year by middle school principal Amy Winters.

Mike Greeley made it official, retiring after 30 years teaching industrial arts, and Pam Gibbens also served her final day at the elementary school’s front office.

Superintendent Rob Sauer saluted the teachers for their work with the community’s children, and summed up why many chose education as their career.

“We get to spend our day and our year making a difference in the lives of our kids,” Sauer said. “There’s truly nothing better.”

Sauer also introduced staff members who completed milestone years of employment with the district, including:

- **35 years** — Jim McMillan, high school media center director
- **30 years** — Mike Greeley; Sue Love, bus driver; and Tom Muir, district transportation and



Homedale Middle School and High School language arts instructor Sally Gonser accepted the district’s Teacher of the Year award at Friday’s year-end breakfast.

maintenance director

- **25 years** — Becky Forth and Shelley Townsend, elementary paraprofessionals

- **20 years** — Mark Thatcher, high school science and math teacher

- **15 years** — Tammy Glaser, first-grade teacher; Jan Silva, fourth-grade teacher; Dan Parrill, district maintenance; and Maria Obregon, middle school food service

While Greeley and Gibbens



Homedale Elementary School secretary Pam Gibbens (left) and Homedale High School industrial arts teacher Mike Greeley have retired after a combined 48 years of service.

were retiring, the year-end wrap-up also revealed that sixth-grade teacher Amy Hopkins and middle school math teacher Andrea Ratkowski would be leaving the district for other opportunities.

This year’s teacher of the year, Gonser has worked in the district since 2013. Winters said the woman is known for starting her school day early and staying up late to grade papers at home.

She has taught honors English

at both the middle school and the high school, and she also teaches the HMS journalism class.

Gonser began teaching in Colorado in 1994 before coming to the Treasure Valley to finish her master’s degree at Boise State University.

She returned to Colorado after obtaining her degree in 1999, but eventually returned to the valley to teach at BSU and Caldwell High School.

Her last stop before Homedale was as an eighth-grade English and honors teacher at Jefferson Middle School in Caldwell. She also worked with the school’s 21st Century Classroom program.

Gonser was in tears when she accepted her award, and she singled out Winters in her brief remarks.

“Thanks, Amy, for always believing in me, and thanks to the seventh-grade team,” she said.

It was known that Gibbens would end her 18-year career at the end of this school year, but Greeley wasn’t sure he was starting the next chapter until the final days of the school year.

Sauer presented Gibbens with a glass plaque.

“Her wit is incredibly high,” Sauer said. “You’d better bring

your A game if you’re going to keep up with her.”

The superintendent pointed out Gibbens’ knack for recall, too.

“She knows every student, bus route and probably bus stop,” Sauer said. “The amount of knowledge she has is a little bit intimidating — just how intelligent she is.”

The HES Parent Teacher Organization and school staff teamed up to buy Gibbens a Traeger Grill for her retirement present, Sauer announced.

“To be honest, it’s a huge loss for us,” Sauer said of Gibbens’ departure.

Sauer said Greeley’s departure will leave a similar hole at the high school.

“The students that maybe other people weren’t able to connect to, Mike Greeley was able to connect to,” Sauer said.

“To hear the difference he’s made in their lives is amazing.”

Sauer admitted that he and Greeley, the teachers’ association representative, didn’t always see eye to eye. But their final sit-down on Thursday was different.

“I got a little bit of an emotional reaction thinking about the caliber of man we’re going to lose,” Sauer said.

— JPB

Homedale Chamber mulls downtown improvement idea

An effort to revitalize some downtown buildings could be in Homedale's future.

Randy Shroll, senior economic development specialist with the Idaho Department of Commerce, talked about Operation Facelift at the Chamber of Commerce's May 23 meeting at The Bowling Alley.

The program has helped 11 Magic Valley communities clean up and make improvements to business storefronts.

Shroll said there can be a place for nearly everybody in Operation Facelift.

"This is a program that can involve the youth. It can involve church groups. It can involve the whole community," he said. "That's what's so neat about it."

Property owners looking to fill buildings that had been sitting vacant launched Operation Face-

lift six years ago.

Shroll said Homedale is already off to a good start for being attractive to businesses.

"You have a nice entrance into town," he said. "You've got that big island there with the Welcome to Homedale signs. That's absolutely awesome. Then you drive through downtown, and you've got a lot of nice buildings where people have taken care of their facades."

He added that it is evident there have been some revitalization efforts in Homedale, but more could be done. A decade ago, after a city lobbying campaign, business owners paid a Local Improvement District tax to finance new sidewalks, curbs and gutters and streetlights.

Shroll also said any program developed in town doesn't have to be dubbed Operation Facelift.

"That's just the name they used in the Magic Valley," he said. "You can call it whatever you want. Arco's got a group they call the Pretty City Committee."

Shroll said the first steps in setting up an Operation Facelift project would be to decide how much money should be directed at the effort and how long the project should run. An Operation Facelift can be as short as one night or as long as several days.

Shroll said the program doesn't have to involve a large investment of money, or be on the scale of the previous LID.

"It's amazing what a little water and a little paint will do to make the community look better," he said.

There are usually two judges that come out to scrutinize Operation Facelift projects.

In one town that participated, Shroll said the business that did the best job with a façade improvement won \$1,000 in free advertising on a local television station.

He also said the beauty of Operation Facelift is how simple it can be for a town to tackle.

"Tangible results, easily implementable, low-cost," Shroll said. "You could put as much money into a program like this as you want."

He pointed out that during the first year of the program, one business owner improved the façade of a building that had been vacant since the 1960s. The improvement led to three new tenants renting parts of the building.

Shroll said Operation Facelift could be a good fit for Homedale.

"I'm just really excited that the town is thinking about taking something like this on," he said. "It would be a great project for the Chamber to head up."

Chamber president Gavin Parker said he might send out information regarding Operation Facelift to Chamber members that weren't present at last week's meeting.

He gave the members who did attend some homework.

"You guys think on this and get back to me with any thoughts or ideas," he said. "Give me kind of a summary of your ideas."

Parker expects to talk more about Operation Facelift during the Chamber's next meeting on Aug. 22. The Chamber does not meet during the months of June and July.

— SC

Bruneau-GV elementary students show off knowledge

Project-Based Learning culminated at the end of the Bruneau and Grand View elementary school year.

Kindergarteners through fifth-graders have participated in PBL exercises, field trips and reviews.

Bruneau's public review took place after school inside the gymnasium, and Grand View students completed their PBL review during school hours.

"The final presentation is the most important piece to PBL because work that a student does to 'show off' has to be great, requiring multiple revisions and careful attention to detail," Bruneau-Grand View Elementary principal Ryan Cantrell said.

Cantrell said the public presentations is a chance for the student's family and other community members to celebrate the work. Other audience members are allowed to ask questions to help reveal the presenter's



Bruneau Elementary School student Jacob Bachman shares information on his project about Florida. Submitted photo

knowledge of the subject. and community members who attended the events in support of our students," Cantrell said.



Grand View students hit the dunes

Jolie Amezuquita-Valadez, 6, shows off an item she found in the Bruneau Sand Dunes during a scavenger hunt organized by physical education teacher Natalie Sears. The daughter of David Zaragoza and San Juana Valadez-Arteaga is a kindergartener in Maya Davis' class at Grand View Elementary School. Submitted photo

Homedale Farmers Market starts another run Thursday

One-third more vendors signed up this year

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

The 18-event main season, with markets each Thursday, will run through Sept. 28.

Twenty vendors are signed up for the regular season already. At the beginning of last year's markets, only 15 vendors had signed up.

Vendor fees and a percentage of sales proceeds benefit Homedale schools programs. The market has

recently become a 501(c)3 non-profit.

Market manager Denise Dixon said she's excited to have more vendors this year.

"We will have new baked goods, soaps, and much, much more," Dixon wrote in an email. With the recent bad weather, we will also have vegetable plants and flowers at the market until they run out. Several of our vendors have greenhouses, and their plants are big, beautiful and ready for planting in your garden."

The first Cultivate! children's nutrition class will be held from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., on Thursday. The series for first- through sixth-graders will run through Aug. 17.

Parents can sign their children

up for Cultivate! classes at www.homedalefarmersmarket.com.

"All our classes are hands-on with fun activities each week," Dixon said. "There is no fee for the classes, so there's no reason not to join us."

There is only room for 25 children to participate in the Cultivate! program.

The market's book club will not return this year, but the Friends of the Homedale Public Library will have a booth throughout the season at which folks can obtain used books and baked goods for a donation and support the library.

The markets will also include 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. 17.

The Double Up Food Bucks program is back after debuting at the market last year.

"Food stamp recipients are eligible for up to \$10 in extra bucks to purchase fruits and vegetables," Dixon said.

She also said this year's markets will include a unique advertising opportunity for local businesses.

"If you would like to come down and feature your business at the market, you can do so for free," Dixon said. "No selling, just promote your business."

There will also be a talent search during the June, July and

August markets.

From 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on those Thursdays, youth community members are invited to showcase their performing or visual arts.

Scorecards will be given to people attending the markets, and the performers with the most points will be announced at the end of the Aug. 31 market.

The winners will receive a prize and then give one final performance at the market.

Boys and girls can sign up for the talent search at the farmers market's website.

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

Crews install guardrail as Succor bridge work winds down

Project to end in June; associated landscaping will have to wait

The Succor Creek Bridge replacement project should wrap up next month, but the contractor may have to return in the fall to finish landscaping. Knife River crews are expected to place

pavement markings and install roadway signage this week, Idaho Transportation Department spokesperson Jennifer Gonzalez said. Workers also will construct concrete curbing from the bridge eastward for about 170 feet to channel runoff water to a slope drain. The contractor on the \$2.9 million project placed a polymer epoxy overlay on the bridge deck last week to provide a

traction surface. Guardrail was installed last week, too. A portion of the guardrail was placed along the north side of the roadway from the bridge to River Road. Another barrier was constructed for a 230-foot stretch east from the bridge. The company also spread topsoil on the roadway slopes last week even though the traditional spring seeding season has passed. Gonzalez said the seeding will take

place in mid-October. “This is normal because otherwise the contractor would be required to spray the slopes with water to try and germinate the seed during hotter weather and the success rate is much less favorable,” Gonzalez said. “The contractor will be required to remove weeds that may grow during the summer before the slopes are seeded in the fall.”

Marsing Elementary students make charitable donation again

A group of Marsing Elementary School third-graders stopped by the Ronald McDonald House Idaho (RMHI) in Boise earlier this month to continue a tradition started eight years ago. Students in teacher John Barenberg’s class collected 66 pounds of pop-can pull-tabs over the course of this school year to donate to the charity. This was the first time that Barenberg’s students personally delivered the pull-tabs to RMHI. Barenberg estimated that the water jugs filled with aluminum pull-tabs will be worth about \$15 when they are recycled. “When I told the kids the amount, they were surprisingly OK with it because they knew it’s \$15 that RMHI didn’t have before,” Barenberg said. “Also, going to deliver them was huge for the kids, even more so than the money they donated in pull-tabs. We wanted to help create memories and connections for the kids that they won’t soon forget.” This was the largest amount of pull-tabs ever collected by MES students. Barenberg said last year his students collected 35 pounds of pull-tabs. “The second-highest amount ever collected was 51 pounds,” he said. “So this year we beat the second-highest by 15 pounds!” His students start collecting pull-tabs almost immediately once the school year begins, and the haul is contributed to RMHI in the spring. Barenberg said some pull-tabs



Counterclockwise from right: Clayton Liskey, his mother Trishel Liskey, retired Ronald McDonald House Idaho pull tab project coordinator Mary Hansen, Karla Lucas and her son Tristyn Maus. Clayton and Tristyn are both third-graders at Marsing Elementary School. Submitted photo

have already been dropped off for next year’s donation drive. “Anyone is welcome to start saving and collecting pull-tabs,” he said. “They can save them up over the summer then bring them to MES to add to our collection.” Barenberg has been a third-grade teacher at MES for 30 years. RMHI offers a place for parents to stay while their children receive treatment at nearby St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center. There are 19 rooms in the house on Warm Springs Avenue. Donations to RMHI are used to purchase gas cards, phone cards, bath items, food and clothing for the families staying there. — SC

Grand View Days around the corner

Organizers are hoping for a Grand View Days resurgence this year. The annual festival takes place June 9-11 and will include softball and horseshoe tournaments, fireworks, a parade, a car show, and 5-kilometer fun run, among many other activities. This year’s event is being subtitled “Make Grand View Days Great Again,” but Chamber of Commerce member Cyndi Fullmer said there is no tongue-in-cheek tribute to Donald Trump’s presidential campaign slogan. “It’s just that when it was started, (Grand View Days) was a bigger event, and we want it to grow and be a big event again,” she said. There will be a midway and vendors at city park on June 10, and vendor spots are still available, Fullmer said. Proceeds from the midway will benefit the Rimrock High School Class of 2018. Entries are open for the coed softball tournament and the horseshoe tournament, too. Teams can play in the softball tournament on Friday and Saturday for \$150. Call Brigham Bybee at (208) 598-2457 for more information. The three-day festival begins on Friday, June 9 with the Firemen’s Barbecue at 6 p.m. and fireworks at dark. The softball tournament also starts Friday. Proceeds from the Snake River Rod Run and Grand View Days Car Show benefit the Grand View Youth Night. The entry fee is \$20, and car buffs can register and get a T-shirt for \$30. Call (208) 695-1633 or (208) 587-7373 for more information. Proceeds from the 5K, also scheduled for June 10, will benefit the Rimrock High School cross country team. Registration for the horseshoe tournament will begin at noon on June 10 with the tournament starting an hour later. The Rimrock Senior Center will hold its annual ice cream social Saturday, too. Saturday night’s entertainment includes a street dance with DJ music at 7 p.m. and a live band at 10 p.m. The Sunday, June 11 schedule includes the Lions Club Breakfast at 8 a.m. and Church in the Park at 10 a.m.

Eastern Owyhee library gets ready for summer

Eastern Owyhee County parents can sign up their children for a summer reading program Thursday. The Eastern Owyhee County Public Library in Grand View will stage “Build a Better World” summer reading throughout June. Sessions will be held from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. each Thursday through June 29. The free program is open to preschoolers through young adults and will feature prize drawings, story times, a reading club and more. Families are invited to join the Read-to-Me portion of the program. The summer reading program begins Thursday and also includes: • June 8 — Earth Day • June 15 — Fathers Day craft • June 22 — Cardboard • June 29 — Paper The library’s Preschool Story Time continues at 3 p.m. each Wednesday. A movie will be shown at noon each Wednesday, too. Library staff will present readings at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., on Saturday, June 10 at the city park as part of Grand View Days. Located at 520 Boise Ave., in Grand View, the Eastern Owyhee County Public Library is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. Contact program coordinator Penny Vance at (208) 834-2785 or pennyvanceocl@gmail.com for more information.

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Volunteers mark EMS week

Homedale Ambulance volunteers took a photo for National Emergency Medical Services Week. Anyone interested in joining the crew can call administrator Lisa Rittenhouse at (208) 573-1209. Back row, from left: Tom Fogg, Jeff Blodgett, Jeff Eidemiller, Jason Hoewing, Tonya Garrison, Lindsey Love, and Dayna Gerdes. Front row, from left: Lisa Rittenhouse, Teresa Ryska, Jolene Herman, and April Binford. Not pictured: Ron Brockett, Carri Cooper, Shane Muir, Nicole Garrett, Stacie Harvey, Tom Pegram, Dennis Uria, and Cory Uria. Submitted photo



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✓ **Preserve:** Lightly attended Friday tour showcases fight against invasives

take to keep it from getting too big, to get a handle on it and a less intense situation. We really need the grazing out there to keep the fuels down so they wouldn't reach such a fire hazard."

Managing the increased fuel load that has sprung up after the snowy winter is crucial to keeping the fire risk down, Hoagland said.

But litigation has threatened the innovative targeted grazing a handful of ranchers are carrying out with the Bureau of Land Management's blessing.

During Wednesday afternoon's gathering at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, BLM Boise District fuels specialist Lance Okeson said implementation of the fuel break program of which targeted grazing is a component will continue while stakeholders wait for a federal judge to rule on a Western Watersheds Project injunction request.

Targeted grazing is under way as the BLM tries to install 450 miles of fuel breaks, which Okeson says divide the fuel load continuity and, subsequently, cut down on flame length and wildfire intensity. Four Owyhee County ranchers, including Owyhee Cattlemen's Association past president Daniel Richards, are working on the grazing project.

"Lance's greatest concern is to get these firebreaks in now so we have some preparation (for the fire season)," Hoagland said. "There's no way to stop a lightning strike or an accidental start."

But in its lawsuit, WWP alleges that — in its haste to put emergency stabilization and rehabilitation in motion — the federal agency didn't do enough National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis.

Typically, ranchers are allowed to turn out their cattle after a rest period of two growing seasons. But the Soda Fire's devastation has put the timeline at up to five years in some allotments.

"There are a few allotments later this summer that could be used, but very few," Hoagland said. "Some could be delayed another year or two years because they had to go back in and reseed some of those places that didn't respond the first year."

The U.S. Geological Survey is handling monitoring, and Cara Hastings discussed results both Thursday and during Friday's field tour.

Hoagland said permittees scheduled to turn out cattle in August will receive the data on their allotments by July 15. Ranchers who go out later will receive data by Aug. 1 or Aug. 15.

Crews have tried to repopulate the resource area through drill seeding, aerial seeding and natural recovery.

Hoagland said Friday's tour visited an area near the head of Wilson Creek where seedings were performed just months after the Soda Fire.

"The site we were in was pretty impressive," Hoagland said. "(There was) a diverse number of plants, and last year's wetter winter and this year's moisture really made the seeding remarkable."

Another concern in protecting the resource is invasive weed species. But Hoagland said Friday's tour showed some areas where herbicide treatment has wiped out invasive annuals completely.

"There won't be any danger of fire in those treatments. Bare ground," he said, adding that seedings are planned in the fall.

— JPB



Top: Karen Steenhoff and Bureau of Land Management Boise District fuel specialist Lance Okeson discuss reduced routes because of fuel breaks in the vicinity of her Murphy residence during Thursday's open house. **Above:** U.S. Geological Survey staffer Cara Hastings and Reynolds Creek rancher Elias Jaca (center) share a light moment with other stakeholders while chatting about vegetation rehabilitation.

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Summer Mass nears at Silver City church

BBQ scheduled for Oreana church

With Silver City Road open again, summer Mass is resuming at Our Lady of Tears Catholic Church.

Sunday Mass will be held once a month at 1 p.m.

The Mass schedule includes June 11, July 16, Aug. 13 and Sept. 10.

St. Paul's Parish in Nampa handles summertime Mass at the Silver City church. However, St. Paul's administrative secretary Carol Amador said a priest has not yet been assigned to the Masses.

People are invited to a potluck lunch in the home of church parishioner Dave Wilper after each Mass.

Monthly Mass continues at Our Lady Queen of Heaven in Oreana, which is also part of the St. Paul's Parish. Mass is celebrated at 10 a.m., on the fourth Sunday of each month.

A barbecue follows Mass on June 24. Amador said the cost for the barbecue is \$10 per adult, and \$6 per child.

"The June barbecue is a fundraiser to help with renovations and the upkeep of the church," Amador wrote in an email. "The lunch consists of hamburgers, hot dogs, fries, baked beans, dessert and drinks (no alcohol)."

The remaining 2017 mass schedule at Our Lady Queen of Heaven includes July 22 and Aug. 26.

For more information on either church, call (208) 466-7031.

— SC

Mtn. View Nazarene plans community fair

The community is invited to a Family Sunday Funday Fair next week.

Worship, music and other activities will take place on Sunday, June 11 at Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road between Wilder and Homedale.

A family worship service will be held at 10:30 a.m., and Daybreak Trio will provide music.

After the service, a free hamburger lunch will be served. Food will be available from other

booths for a small donation. Proceeds will benefit various ministries.

There will be door prize drawings during the fair.

A chili cook-off is scheduled, and those interested in participating can call the church at (208) 337-3151 for details.

Other activities planned include the Wagon's Ho! pioneer camp reenactment, inflatables for children, horse-drawn rides from the Owyhee Express Carriage Co., softball games and more.

Summer driver's ed enrollment approaches

Online enrollment for Homedale School District's summer driver's education begins June 15.

The class, which will be held in the mornings Monday through Friday, will run from July 5 to July 24.

Although class size is limited to 18 students, boys and girls from outside the Homedale district are welcome to enroll. The enrollment period ends June 27.

Prospective students must be 14½ years old, and must purchase their learner's permit from the Division of Motor Vehicles before the first class begins.

The cost of the class is \$230, and a learner's permit costs \$21.50

at the DMV.

To obtain a permit, students must be accompanied to the DMV by a parent or legal guardian, and they must bring the following documents:

- Proof of residence
- Birth certificate
- Picture ID
- Social Security number
- Verification of Compliance form, which can be obtained at the Homedale School District office, or where the student attends school.

For more information, contact Luci Asumendi at (208) 850-6351 or lasumendi@homedaleschools.org.

Homedale pool open for business

Homedale's municipal pool is open for another summer, and visitors won't see many changes.

Riley Portwood returns for his second year as pool manager. This is the third summer at the Riverside Park attraction for the Homedale High School graduate.

Portwood just finished his sophomore year at the University of Idaho. He's studying criminology with an eye toward a law enforcement career.

He spent a few hours last week getting the pool ready for Tuesday's opening day, which featured a free swim. Portwood, straightened deck chairs, cleaned up around the administration building and scrubbed the pool's floor and walls as water flowed in.

Two girls with Marsing ties — Dana McGee and Emerson Sauer — will be on the swimming pool staff for the second summer. Sauer now lives in Middleton.

Two girls who just finished their junior years at Homedale High School — Kendall Nash and Ashley Burks — have joined the staff this year.

McGee will lead swim lessons. Ten 30-minute lessons will cost \$20 for residents and \$25 for non-residents. McGee will have lessons for beginner through advanced swimmers.

Folks can rent the pool in one- and two-hour intervals again this year.

A one-hour rental costs \$35, and two hours are \$50. Rental hours are 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

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

Daily swim cost is \$2 per day.

The pool is closed on Sundays.

Family season pass fees include:

- \$45 for one person
- \$65 for two

to purchase season passes. The phone number is (208) 697-2365. No swimming pool business will be handled by City Hall staff this year.



Manager Riley Portwood cleans the bottom of the Homedale swimming pool as it fills up in preparation for opening day.

• \$80 for three

• \$100 for four

City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram said that folks should call the pool for rental, lessons or

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Avalanche Sports

Rimrock sophomore 7th in state high jump

Baseball makes its return after 2 years dormant

Rimrock High School’s lone 1A state track and field qualifier just missed a medal earlier this month.

Sophomore high jumper Phoenyx Wright finished seventh at Middleton High School with an effort of 4 feet, 8 inches.

Wright reached the May 19 state competition as the 1A District III champion.

The Raiders quartet of Taylor Magers, Hannah Field, Laura Gasper and Heidi Pearson just missed the state meet, finishing third in the district 4x400 relay at New Plymouth High School.

The top two teams qualified for State.

The boys’ 4x200 relay team of Anthony Herrera, Christian Nielson, Tyrel Lowe and Todd Marvin also just missed a state berth, taking third at district.

Herrera also rode bulls during the high school rodeo season.

With coach Todd Jensen at the helm, Rimrock fielded its first baseball team since a winless 2015 campaign.

The young Raiders (there were no seniors and only two juniors on the roster) beat the Marsing junior varsity, 20-12, on May 3 for the team’s only win in eight outings.

The softball team, coached by Ashley Merrick, posted a record of 3-10.

Seniors included Madi Burbank and Bailie Jewett.

— *Some information for this article was obtained through the ninth issue of The Rock, the Rimrock journalism class publication.*

ALL-3A SNAKE RIVER VALLEY CONFERENCE TEAMS Kelly repeats as top softball player

Three Trojans land on first team

Dakota Kelly has been named the 3A Snake River Valley conference’s softball Player of the Year for the second straight season.

She is among nine all-conference players from coach Larry Corta’s Trojans.

The junior helped Homedale High School to conference and District III championships again this spring with her arm and her bat.

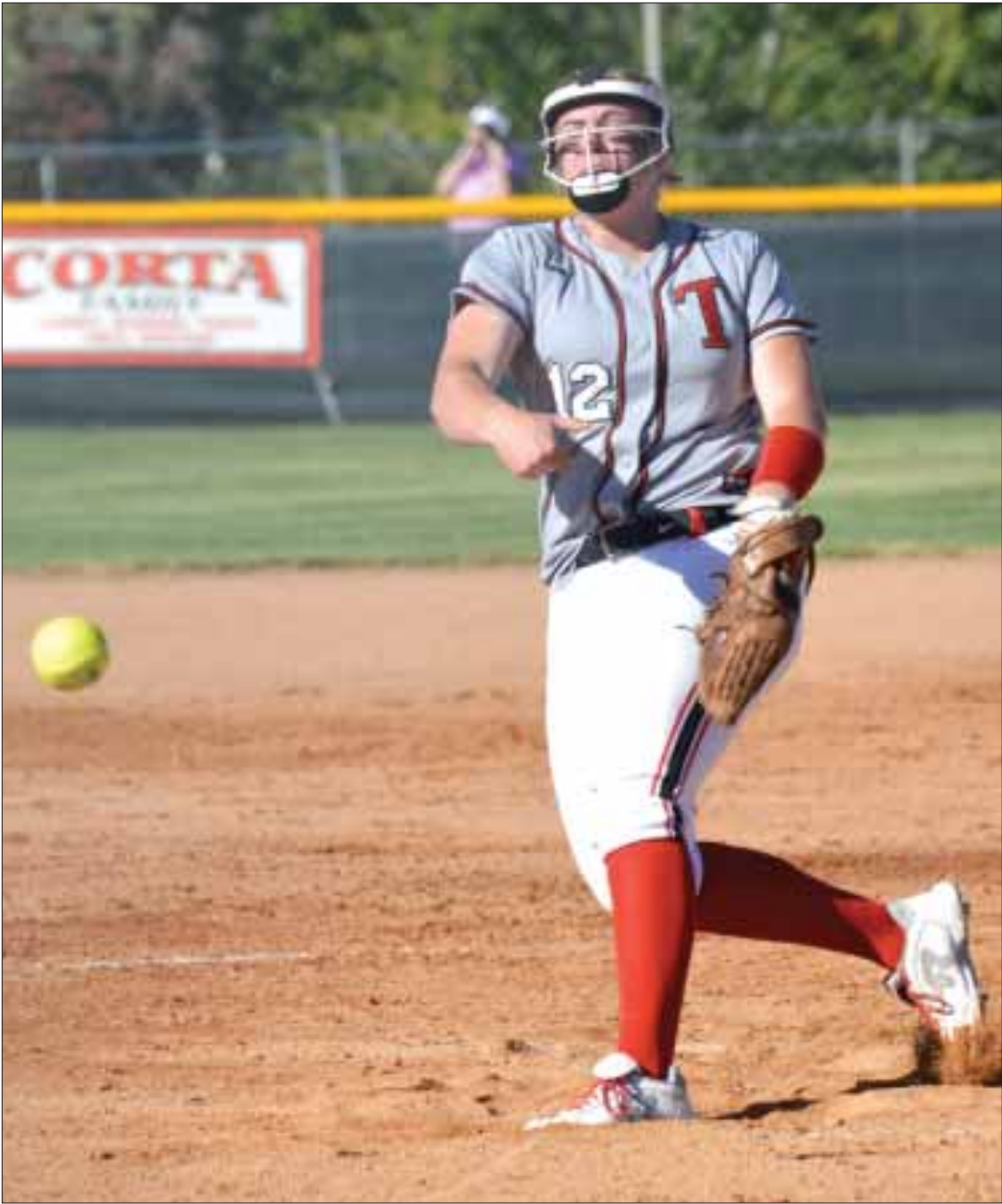
Throwing three no-hitters, the right-hander shouldered the pitching load for the Trojans. She notched 289 strikeouts in 168 2/3 innings. She went 19-7 for the 19-9-1 Trojans, and posted a 2.73 earned-run average and a 1.02 walks to hits per innings pitched (WHIP) ratio.

She sparked the offense, too, with a team-leading 13 doubles, 12 home runs and 63 RBI. Kelly also led the team with a .490 batting average and a .962 slugging percentage.

Homedale’s first-teamers include:

Megan Maxwell, catcher — The senior batted .348 with eight doubles and 31 RBI. She caught 164 innings and posted a .983 fielding percentage while handling more defensive chances than any of her HHS teammates.

Kendall Nash, second baseman — The junior scored 32 runs,



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Junior right-handed pitcher Dakota Kelly fires a pitch against Weiser during the 3A District III Tournament at Sundance Park.

Coaches acknowledge pitching prowess

Many baseball picks played role on mound

Two seniors are among Homedale High School’s all-conference baseball selections.

First-teamer Jake Deal, an infielder and pitcher bound for George Fox University, and second-team pitcher/third baseman Drew Taylor and six other Trojans earned All-3A Snake River Valley conference

recognition.

Coaches tabbed Fruitland’s Casey Rodriguez as the conference’s Player of the Year for the second consecutive season, and Payette’s Tracy Bratcher was named Coach of the Year.

Deal’s brother Drew, a sophomore catcher, and left-handed pitcher Ben Lee, a junior, are Homedale’s other first-team picks.

Trojans teammate Jaylon Hilton, a junior, joined Taylor on the second team.

Three juniors — Jesse Packer, Wyatt

Wolfe, and Jaren Mease — comprise Homedale’s honorable mention selections.

Homedale’s three first-team players hit better than .400, and two of them teamed to win seven games as starting pitchers for coach Burke Deal.

Jake Deal — He led the team with a .404 batting average and 14 RBI. He also posted a .966 OPS. On the mound, Deal went 5-3 with a 0.58 earned-run average and 58

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Homedale doubles teams battled against tough 3A field

Scott Michaelson put some perspective on the Homedale High School tennis team’s trip to the 3A state tournament.

“We didn’t fare too well, although we played well,” Michaelson said.

The Trojans’ No. 1 girls’ doubles team of Makayla Kelly and Mikayla Smith made their first appearance in the final tournament of the season after playing together for two years.

The sophomores lost their first match, 6-3, 6-1, to a Sugar-Salem duo that went on to finish second in the state.

A Weiser team formed late in the season ended the Homedale girls’ tournament in three sets, 6-3, 1-6, 6-4.

“Smith and Kelly had a great season,” Michaelson said. “They only lost to five Idaho teams, going to three sets with all but the top two teams in the state.”

The five Idaho teams that defeated Smith and Kelly finished strong in the state tournament. Three swept the top spots, and the others finished sixth and seventh.

Homedale’s mixed doubles team of senior Ben Holloway and junior Jessica Evans

stepped on the Vallivue High School courts three times for the state tournament.

They won the first set they played, but fell in their opening match, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3 to a Sugar-Salem team that wound up fifth.

After beating Clark Fork, 6-1, 6-0, in their first consolation match, Holloway and Evans ran into a Payette squad that had been formed in similar circumstances as those Michaelson used to build his No. 2 mixed doubles squad.

“I put Ben and Jessica together toward the end of the year hoping to get two mixed

teams into State,” Michaelson said. “Payette also changed their lineup, creating a strong mixed team.”

That Payette team knocked off Homedale’s No. 1 mixed doubles duo — seniors Sarah Jones and Ryan Randall — in the District III tournament.

The Pirates did again at the State, eliminating Holloway and Evans, 6-4, 6-3.

Fruitland eventually eliminated Payette en route to third place at State, but the Grizzlies needed tiebreakers to win both their sets.

Sports

Owyhee among best places for Super Hunt trophies

by Vicky Osborn
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Idaho Super Hunt tags are one of the most unusual hunting opportunities in the West. First, you don't need a state hunting license to enter a Super Hunt drawing. Two, if you win, you have the opportunity to hunt in any open hunt for your species. Every year, 34 hunters win Super Hunt and Super Hunt Combo tags. The drawings began in 2004, which means only 442 hunters belong to this rare winner's circle.

But you can't win if you don't enter, and today is the first deadline to get into this year's drawing. The second deadline is Aug. 10.

And if you're lucky enough to win, you could have the fortune Boise's Gavin Moody did two years ago in the Owyhee Desert.

Moody was hoping for a Super Hunt tag for deer, instead he got the elk hunt of a lifetime.

In his second year of entering the Super Hunt drawing, Moody bought one entry each for deer, elk and moose. Much to his surprise, he drew the elk tag. Moody said he didn't have a hunt in mind, but everyone he talked to recommended the Owyhee Desert and its famous elk herd that consistently produces trophy bulls.

On his first preseason scouting trip, Moody noticed a juniper tree that was stripped of bark about 10 feet up with 2-inch branches broken off.

"It was mangled," he said. Curious what had caused the damage, he realized it was an elk rub, and later on that trip, he spotted the bull that may have been responsible.

"Oh my God, the biggest bull I've ever seen in Idaho steps out," he said. "He's got tips on the tail, and I was speechless. He was just incredible; something you dream about." Moody had to wait three weeks to see if the bull would stick around, and to his surprise, he spotted the elk in almost the exact same spot at daybreak on the first day of his hunt.

Unfortunately, the bull slipped into the timber in a spot that was unapproachable, and "that was the last glimpse I saw of him."

Moody was disappointed, but it didn't last long. All around him he could hear bulls bugling, which continued for several days.

He and his wife, Monica Fackrell, were lulled to sleep each night by howling coyotes, and they woke to the sound of bugling bulls each morning.

"She was so excited to hear them rutting," Moody said.

They also faced some tough early-season hunting conditions with hot weather and a full moon that seemed to make the animals nocturnal and delay the rut. But a storm midway through his hunt changed that. The elk became more active in cooler weather, and the rut kicked into full swing.

"Every elk on that mountain started talking again," he said.

They saw elk daily, including bulls, and it was a rare chance for him to be selective and take the bull he wanted rather than the first one he saw.

"In general hunts, you see a bull, you put him on the ground," Moody said. "This hunt gave me the opportunity to look at elk and judge them."

They spotted a herd traveling along a ridge and got in front of it and waited for the elk to arrive.



Boise resident Gavin Moody shows off the trophy elk he harvested during a Super Hunt in the Owyhee Desert. All rights reserved. Photo provided by Gavin Moody

They heard multiple elk bugling around them, and before long, a bull wandered within 100 yards of them. It was a six-point, Moody said, but not the size of antlers he was seeking.

It walked away, and they could hear another bull approaching.

"This elk walked within 15 yards of us, bugling and carrying on," Moody said. "You could smell him."

But this one wasn't big enough, either.

A third bull walked into view, and Moody said he was a monster.

"I'm thinking 'Wow, this one is big.'"

Moody was ready to fill his tag with this trophy bull, but after

spying it in his scope, he realized one antler was broken off.

Then he passed on a third mature bull. Again, its antlers didn't measure up, but that was about to change.

A few minutes later, a small herd of cows and calves wandered by, and a bull was trailing them. Moody waited for the bull to appear, and when he saw it, he knew it was the one he wanted.

"I didn't count points. I just looked at the size and mass," he said.

Moody had bought a Sako 7mm magnum rifle specifically for the hunt. He had practiced with it, so he was confident shooting out to 400 yards.

But that long-range practice

wasn't needed. "This elk died within 15 yards," he said.

They held their position for a few minutes after ensuring the bull was dead, and watched as another one walked in and sniffed it, then turned and walked away.

He counted six bulls in the vicinity and figured his was the herd bull.

"It was just a fantastic hunt," Moody said. "The number of big bulls was incredible."

Moody said it's his biggest bull elk ever, and regardless of how the animal ranks, the hunt ranked as his best.

"I haven't scored him," he said. "To me, the points don't matter. It was the experience."

From page 16

✓ Softball: Three Trojans receive first-team honors

knocked in 22 runs and hit .358.

Rian Beebe, utility — The senior hit .370 with seven doubles, 21 runs scored and 17 RBI.

Second-teamers for the Trojans are:

Sophie Nash, shortstop — The junior scored a team-high 39 runs and drove in 18 more. She hit .392 with a .927 OPS.

Allison Shenk, outfielder — The junior scored 30 runs and smashed eight doubles. She also had 17 RBI and batted .326.

Josey Hall, first baseman — The junior stepped into a starting role and posted the second-best fielding percentage among front-line players at .978.

Hall had 20 RBI and scored 18 runs.

Olivia Cardenas, outfielder — The sophomore scored 13 runs and knocked in seven. She had a .952 fielding percentage.

Homedale's honorable mention selection is:

Amaya Carter, third baseman — The sophomore hit .373 with 15 RBI and 25 runs scored in 24 appearances. She ripped five doubles.

✓ Pitching: Bulk of HHS honorees are underclassmen

strikeouts.

Ben Lee — Lee was 2-2 and amassed a 1.61 ERA and 27 strikeouts. At the plate, he hit .400 with a .947 OPS, eight RBI and eight stolen bases.

Drew Deal — Team led the team with a 1.014 OPS on the strength of a .400 batting average. He knocked in 10 runs and swiped 11 stolen bases.

Drew Taylor — The senior drove in 12 runs and stole six bases while hitting .333 with a

.948 OPS. He was 2-2 with 20 strikeouts on the mound.

Jaylon Hilton — The junior hit .280 with an .868 OPS. He had eight RBI and four steals.

Wyatt Wolfe — Another junior, Wolfe was 1-1 with a 4.03 ERA and eight strikeouts. He hit .231 with a .674 OPS and eight RBI.

Jaren Mease — The third HHS junior on the honorable mention list had a .646 OPS with a .238 batting average and two RBI and two stolen bases.

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense The Grapevine

What better way to impress his new lady friend, thought Rob, than to take her to his friend’s rancho for an afternoon branding and BBQ? His ’84 model two-horse trailer had been repaired so many times that it looked like a well drillin’ rig! The ’98 pickup was using two quarts of oil to a tank of gas and his horse was ... well, ol’ Yella looked right at home.

Rob was eager as a piddlin’ puppy when he picked up Delilah and headed north outta Los Angeles. One large obstacle lay in the pit of his stomach like a pea in the Princess’s mattress...THE GRAPEVINE! It was a monster of a hill dreaded by truckers and people who still drove a small hatchback. The engine was screamin’ when they finally leveled out at the summit of the Grapevine. Rob gave Delilah a comforting look. She smiled back uneasily. Then the motor blew! A big dent appeared in the hood and it sounded like someone had dropped a Caterpillar track into his fan! They crossed silently into a service station at the bottom of the grade. He assured his sweetheart there was “no problema.”

By dark, he’d borrowed a pickup, and they both agreed returning back home was the best option. He loaded Yella, hooked up the trailer and back over the Grapevine they flew! Halfway down, Rob managed to slip his arm behind Delilah’s neck. Soon she was lulled into discussing her dreams of home and family. She snuggled closer as he noticed a tire bounce by him on the driver’s side! He couldn’t help but see the huge rooster tail of sparks spraying up from beneath his trailer!

Rob wheeled the screeching rig to the shoulder. Together they unwired the trailer doors and Yella stepped out, unhurt. Rob tied him to the highway fence and unhooked the trailer. Rob’s facial tic had returned. He jumped in the pickup and headed south for the nearest place to borrow a trailer. He returned to the scene to find Yella grazing in the median with semis whizzing by on both sides and his date shivering over the still warm axle, forgotten. She, herself, was smoldering.

In the space of 12 hours and 50 miles, he had left his pickup, his trailer, his horse and his girl scattered from one end of the Grapevine to the other.

Next day he towed the pickup to the shop, He left his trailer to be impounded by the State Police. His horse made it home safe, but Delilah changed her phone number, wrote him out of her will and has not been heard of since!

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Letters to the editor

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

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

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Bruneau-GV superintendent quits Trustees appoint interim, seek replacement

The Bruneau-Grand View School District board of trustees held a special meeting Friday, May 26. At our meeting, we accepted the resignation of Dennis Wilson as superintendent of our district. We wish him well as he embarks on new endeavors.

We are committed to using a deliberate and defined interview process to interview and hire an exceptional superintendent to lead our district. We want to share with you how we are proceeding in order to help ensure a smooth transition for our district stakeholders, staff and students.

Here is a recap of the special board meeting held on May 26:

- The board accepted the resignation of Mr. Wilson. His last day with our district will be May 31.
- The board appointed elementary principal, Ryan Cantrell, as interim superintendent to handle all duties of the superintendent position, including the hiring of new teaching and paraprofessional staff, during this transitional period.

- The board will be posting the superintendent and secondary principal position early this week.

- The board will be accepting applications for those positions until they are filled by mission-match candidates who will help us in our quest to improve our school climate and student achievement.

- The board has not yet determined what the admin structure will be moving forward, which is why we opened up both positions. We will interview potential candidates and make this determination based on the strengths and experiences of those hired.

The board is extremely confident with the appointment of Mr. Cantrell as interim superintendent and feels he is highly qualified to handle the duties that need to be accomplished until the position is permanently filled.

Please note that we are working diligently for the district to make sure we have great leadership for next year.

Bruneau-Grand View School District
Board of Trustees
Lori Bennett, chair

From Washington Intellectual property protection ensures safety, genuineness

U.S. Forest Ranger Edward Pulaski helped save the lives of fellow wildland firefighters in Idaho’s 1910 Big Burn. He is credited with using his experience to refine what is known as the Pulaski tool that is still widely used to assist with wildland firefighting. Ed Pulaski’s innovation is on display at the Wallace District Mining Museum & Visitor Center. This Idaho hero and innovator is a fitting representation of the grit and ingenuity that defines Idaho. Idahoans have been at the cutting edge of inventions and developments that have helped people here at home, across the U.S. and around the world. Supporting this ingenuity requires providing practical protections for intellectual property (IP) that are vital to the health of our economy and the future of our country.

The Senate Judiciary Committee, on which I serve, held a hearing to consider the role of Intellectual Property in “Making Our Lives Healthier, Safer, and More Productive.” IP protections include patents, trademarks, copyrights and trade secrets. Matthew C. Allen, acting assistant director for the Intellectual Property Rights Center of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the federal agency that leads the multi-partner effort to respond to intellectual property crime, summarized the importance of intellectual property protection in his testimony: “Investment in ideas requires confidence that industrial, scientific, literary, and artistic innovations will be protected from theft; that consumers can trust that the products they buy are genuine; and that those who seek to profit by stealing the genius of others will be held responsible.” He reported that, “the annual cost to the U.S. economy of counterfeit goods, pirated software, and theft of trade secrets exceeds \$225 billion, and could be as high as \$600 billion.”

The U.S. Department of Commerce estimates that IP-intensive industries support at least 45 million American jobs, and provide more than \$6 trillion to the U.S. gross domestic product (GDP). Economic drivers of significant importance to Idaho rely on IP protections. For example, the agricultural industry relies on intellectual property for plant development and data collection technologies used to improve crop yields. Additionally, substantial research and development investments in the high-tech industry are compromised when trade secrets are stolen and given to competitors.

But, beyond the impacts to our economy and innovation, Americans face serious dangers when products, such as life-saving medicines, auto safety parts, electrical parts and

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more are counterfeited and sold to unsuspecting Americans. Acting Assistant Director Allen reported that, “counterfeit safety components like brake pads, air bags, wheels, and suspension parts are becoming increasingly common.”

In the last Congress, I supported enactment of the Defend Trades Secrets Act (DTSA), introduced by Senate Finance Committee chair Orrin Hatch (R-Utah). The DTSA created a strong national framework for protecting trade secrets and is a useful tool for U.S.-based innovators to protect their inventions in this country. The DTSA also serves as a foundation for encouraging other countries to strengthen trade secret policies. U.S.-based companies are often able to protect their intellectual property here at home but have trouble obtaining equal protection abroad because other countries do not prioritize intellectual property protections — like trade secrets — the same way we do.

The United States has led by example, demonstrating to the rest of the world the importance that we place on protecting trade secrets. Work continues to reinforce protections here in the U.S. while encouraging the strengthening of intellectual property protections to protect Americans abroad. These and other efforts can help ensure that American visionaries have effective tools in place to create the innovative products that fuel our economy and affect lives.

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

Commentary

Financial management

Saving up for daughter’s eventual wedding a great idea

Dear Dave,
My wife and I make good money, and our daughter’s college education is pretty much paid for through pre-paid tuition and scholarships. We just started your plan to get out of debt and take better control of our finances. When we get to Baby Step 5, which is saving for college, can we substitute that with saving for a wedding?

— Bob

Dear Bob,
That would be fine. I’m glad you’re thinking ahead. It’s always a good idea to save toward a wedding if you have the financial resources to do so, because weddings are real and they’re coming.
The average wedding in America today runs around \$35,000. Of

course, you don’t have to pay anywhere near that amount to make it a beautiful occasion. Your household income, debt, savings and other factors will all play into how much you can afford.
Just remember to pay cash for the wedding, Bob. If you have to go into debt to make it happen, then you’re talking about too much money. It’s as simple as that. Crunch the numbers with your wife, and see what you two can handle.
And remember, there’s absolutely no correlation between the cost of a wedding and the success of the relationship!

— Dave

Dear Dave,
My husband and I are in our 50s, and we have just \$12,000 to pay



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off before we’re debt-free. We’ve paid off almost \$70,000 in debt in the past two years. We would like to buy a house soon, but we know we also need an emergency fund. It

would take us almost a year to build up an emergency fund, so should we make adjustments to the Baby Steps because we’re getting older?

— Dawn

Dear Dawn,
No! It shouldn’t take you two a year to build up an emergency fund considering the rate at which you’ve been paying off debt. You need a fully funded emergency fund or three to six months of expenses set aside before you start saving for a down payment on a home.
You’ve been making great progress, and you obviously have a good income to be able to pay off debt that quickly. Maybe in your case you could lean a little more toward the three-month side with your emergency fund before

you start saving for a house. Then, after you’re all moved in, you could revisit the emergency fund and beef it up to six months.
Just stay on course and stick with the plan, Dawn. Fifty isn’t old. You two have plenty of time to get your finances in order, find a great home, *and* look forward to many great years ahead!

— Dave

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Idaho Freedom Foundation

Make local officials commit to protecting taxpayers

by Wayne Hoffman

Local government officials throughout Idaho are beginning the process of hearing from residents about how they’d like their tax dollars spent starting this fall. Cities, counties and other taxing district officials are writing budget blueprints that will be used to pay for police and fire protection, street repairs, water and sewer infrastructure, libraries and more. And some of those elected officials will promise they’re doing everything they can to be mindful of the taxpayers’ dollars.



But, until now, budgeting frugally was rather pointless, because efforts to save money could actually be used against taxpayers in the future. That’s all about to change, thanks to a law that takes effect July 1.
Under current law, local governments are somewhat limited on how much they can increase their aggregate property tax collections from one year to the next. But there’s a loophole, and it’s a big one.
Any thrifty budgeting today can be turned against taxpayers later on. Idaho law allows a local government unit to increase property tax collections by a limited

amount each year. If the local government keeps spending contained and chooses not to collect all the money to which it is entitled, the uncollected amount is counted by state tax collectors as having been “forgone.”
The uncollected taxes are forgone — but not forgotten. State tax officials keep a running tally of all the property taxes that could have been collected but weren’t. And, each year when budgets are being written, local government officials have the option of capturing any or all of the running-total forgone taxes. That’s right, after many years of frugality, forgone taxes continue to accrue, sometimes totaling in the millions of dollars, and if the local government elects to collect that money, it could mean a big increase — an ambush — in property taxes for local residents.
Some local government boards have used annual budget “savings” as a means of hoarding cash that can be used for major projects down the road, eventually hitting property taxpayers with significant increases in their property tax payments. The effects can be devastating. Struggling-to-get-by property owners may be shocked to see their tax statement call for as much as a 20 to 30 percent increase in taxes, even if there’s no increase in the property assessment.
However, the new law that takes effect July 1 will allow budget hawks to pass fiscally prudent budgets and to lock in savings for taxpayers, making a promise not to turn savings into a retroactive tax. Under the law, signed by

Gov. C. L. “Butch” Otter last winter, city councils, county commissions and other taxing districts need only pass a resolution that pledges they won’t collect tomorrow on the money they’re not taking from taxpayers today. Such a statement, which disclaims any future right to collect the forgone taxes, allows local governments to assure their constituents that they won’t be smacked with a big property tax bill in the future.
How effective the new law will be depends entirely on the willingness of local governments to keep spending in check, both now and at some date down the road. And the law’s effectiveness depends on local governments passing a resolution that tells state officials that local officials won’t retroactively collect on property taxes they’re not taking today.
Your local government officials may tell you they’re keeping spending down. But, if they haven’t passed the resolution that stops them from collecting taxes retroactively, put them to the test: Ask if they’re serious about protecting property owners from massive tax increases, or if they’re just pretending.
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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

June 3, 1992

Boards set water allotments

The Gem and Ridgeview irrigation districts joint board of directors set water allotments at 1.5 acre feet for area farmers at the boards’ regular meeting May 19.

According to Clyde Hutton, South Board of Control manager, the boards based their decision on the current water storage in Owyhee Reservoir, and will review the allotment at the next meeting, June 16.

Hutton said the Marsing Pumping Plant, which supplies water to the old Gem Irrigation District, may be forced to restrict irrigation water as well.

He said pumps are currently sucking air because of low water levels in the Snake River.

Rimrock voters pass \$2.52 million bond

Grand View and Bruneau voters passed a \$2.52 million bond for remodeling projects at local schools May 19, with about 68 percent of the voters casting ballots in favor of the bond, according to Ralph Hatch, school superintendent.

In addition, an \$80,000 maintenance and operations levy was passed, with the approval of 75 percent of the voters, Hatch said.

Hatch said the bond will fund a new multi-purpose room and six new classrooms at Grand View Elementary, and two new classrooms at Bruneau Elementary.

The money will also be used to construct a new roof at Rimrock High School.

Hatch said 440 ballots were cast, with 52 percent of the registered voters turning out for the election.

“We thought that was a great turnout,” he said.

A similar bond in November failed with 59 percent approval. The latest bond slipped past the required two-thirds majority approval.

He said the goal is to have the work completed for the 1993-94 school year.

Showalter retiring after 17 years

Longtime Marsing Elementary School secretary, Clara Showalter, is retiring at the end of this year’s summer school session.

Showalter, who has held her position for 17 years, said it took her a long time to make the decision to retire because she has enjoyed her job.

“That’s why it took me so long to decide this,” she said. “I just liked it so much.”

However, she said now that she has decided, she is looking forward to retirement.

“After I made up my mind, it was kind of exciting,” she said.

Showalter said she plans to “sit back and enjoy it for a while,” and then find things to do as she feels like it. She said she has many interests.

She said she would like to do some of the things she and her husband, Gene, have been putting off doing for years because of lack of time.

Commissioners approve equipment use policy

The Owyhee County Commissioners amended the county’s personnel handbook at the board’s regular meeting April 13, adding a resolution requiring that county employees use county vehicles and equipment exclusively for county business.

“Use of a county vehicle or equipment is not a privilege, benefit or right of employment, so no personal use is allowed,” the resolution reads.

According to George Hyer, commissioner, the action was prompted by calls from citizens complaining that county employees were using county-owned vehicles for personal use.

Hyer said the problem has come up in the past, and despite discussion of the matter among employees, has continued to occur.

“The commissioners feel it’s not fair for the taxpayers,” Hyer said. “It’s been a mess all these years.”

50 years ago

June 1, 1967

20 attend BLM land parley at Murphy Thursday

Twenty persons including Owyhee County commissioners attended a public hearing Thursday in the courthouse here on proposed classification of 1,424,300 acres of public land.

The hearing was conducted by Edward C. Booker, Boise District manager of the Bureau of Land Management. Purpose of the hearing was to receive testimony on the plan to classify the lands for continued federal ownership and multiple use management.

Additional comments will be accepted from the public for 30 more days. They may be sent to the state director of the BLM in Boise.

Recreation, fish and game, livestock and agricultural interests were represented.

Lands selected for classification are contained in an area of about 2,500 square miles lying south of Grand View to the Nevada state line, and from the Bruneau River west to Deep Creek and Castle Creek. About 85 percent of the land is federally owned.

Owyhee Rodeo queen, Little Britches winners listed

Cathy Cook, Homedale, was chosen Owyhee County rodeo queen at the conclusion of the Little Britches Rodeo held Monday and Tuesday night in Homedale, sponsored by the Owyhee County Rodeo Association. She is the daughter of Mrs. Ray Cook. First runner-up was Yo Wilhite, Boise, and second runner-up was Connie Morcom, Harper, Ore.

Final results of the 17 events of the one go-round were announced Tuesday.

State park to be created at the Bruneau Sand Dunes

The Idaho State Parks Department and the Bureau of Land Management joined forces Friday to officially create a state park at Bruneau Sand Dunes south of Mountain Home.

Bruneau Sand Dunes State Park, formerly a 3,000-acre tract of public domain, has been the source of public interest for many years. The attraction consists of shuttling sand peaks and dunes up to 425 feet high bordered by several freshwater lakes. The park was purchased from the Bureau of Land Management under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, which allows public agencies to purchase land for recreation purposes for \$2.50 per acre. Prior to purchase of the land, the Parks Department submitted a master plan and development schedule for the area.

Wilhelm Beckert, State Park Director, stated that development of the state park would be undertaken as rapidly as possible; however, he cautioned that a great deal of work in preparing detailed site plans still needs to be done. “We want to develop this park as fast as we can, but we want to take time to do the proper planning and engineering to make sure that we end up with a quality state park,” Beckert said.

Tolsma in action near Cambodia

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Tolsma report that they have received word from their son, Sgt. Donald Tolsma, that he is now with operation “Huston.”

He stated that the scene of the combat is at Jackson Hole near the Cambodian border.

He is expected home in September. His wife, Judy, and daughter, Kelly, live at Boise.

Memorial Day services

Memorial Day services were held by the Homedale Chapter of the American Legion and Auxiliary Tuesday at 10 a.m. on the Homedale bridge. Legion and auxiliary members met on the north side of the park at 9:30 a.m. Mrs. F. E. Dazey, chairman, gave a scripture reading. The Rev. Quincy Fodge of the Friends Community Church gave the prayer. Following the short service and a 21-gun salute, flowers were dropped into the Snake River while the Taps were played.

140 years ago

June 2, 1877

GENERAL NEWS. There is quite a collection of British war vessels in San Francisco harbor.

Roman punches were palmed off on President Hayes at the New York festival, he innocently taking them for water-less.

The Raleigh Observer (Dem.) tells Madison Wells not to be discouraged. It believes Mr. Hayes will “yet reward all his partners in fraud.”

We suppose the faint speck of war in France will serve as a sufficient apology for tacking another dollar onto the price of flour per barrel.

The issue between MacMahon and the republic is defined clearly enough; and one or the other will probably go to the wall within the year.

“Calamity Jane,” a well-known character in Virginia City, Nevada, is in the Black Hills, where she wears buckskin clothes and a broad-brimmed Spanish hat.

IN HIS SPEECH at the Chamber of Commerce banquet ex-Secretary of the Treasury McCulloch put in a word for Andy Johnson’s Administration of which he was a member. He said: “In no public statement has any mention been made of the reduction of the debt under the first Administration. Any one to judge from what they have read would suppose that is commenced under General Grant, while the fact is that previous to his taking office the debt was reduced more than \$200,000,000 while as large a sum was paid out for bounties and debts of the War and Navy Departments. When the history of that Administration is written with an impartial pen, nothing will appear to make its friends or the public blush.”

THERE is a growing feeling among the better class of people living in the northern states of Mexico in favor of annexation to this country. The spirit of commotion and lawlessness which has reigned there for so long a period has had a disastrous influence upon the development of the country, and it is not surprising that a majority of the residents hanker for that peace and prosperity a rich country is capable of yielding. Their present government lacks all the elements of beneficiates in being unable to furnish protection to citizens and their property. Hence the people desire a change and that change must come sooner or later. The annexation of that portion of Mexico to the United States would place this country in possession of one of the most magnificent regions that the sun every shone upon. Ten years under the rule of the United States would so change the aspect of the country and the condition of the people as to make it a paradise and the most desirable region in all the whole world for pleasant homes.

THE COUNTRY has been disgraced on frequent occasions at the Court of St. James, during the past twenty years, by occasional snobbish and contemptible acts on the part of the United States Ministers. The same disease that so frequently breaks out in this country in toadying to foreign potentates, reveals itself in even a worse form among some of our representatives abroad. In the general supposition that these gentlemen possess a fair share of intelligence and ability, and have a certain degree of fitness for these exalted stations, it was felt that they would not disgrace their positions by resorting to the indecencies of snobbery and flunkeyism, always ready to be eagerly embraced by a considerable portion of their fellow countrymen. The latest convert to this imbecility is Mr. Pierrepont, the present American Minister in England, and if President Hayes evinces any desire to respect the will of the people or has any regard for the dignity of American citizenship he will see to it that no time is allowed to elapse in making a change of representation at the Court of St. James. Any and all attempts to sing nobility should be frowned down by the intelligent people of the country and those who render themselves ridiculous by such acts, should be remanded to obscurity without delay.

Public notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marsing City Council will hold a public hearing to consider any and all comments on the following:

Mark Perison, petitioner, is requesting approval of a zoning change from Commercial/Industrial to Residential. The address of the parcel is 117 Old Bruneau Highway, Marsing. Comments will be taken at the public hearing or may be submitted in writing for consideration. Written comments must be postmarked to the Marsing City Hall, P O Box 125, Marsing, ID 83639 or delivered to Marsing City Hall, 425 Main Street. Written comments will be received until 7:00 p.m. on June 14, 2017 and will be read into the record at that public hearing

The public hearing will be held at the City Council Meeting which begins at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at Marsing City Hall located at 425 Main Street, Marsing, Idaho.

Dated this 16th day of May, 2017
5/24,31/2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV-2017-01357

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that William D. Courtright has been appointed personal representative of the Estate of Joseph A. Flanders, Third Judicial District, Owyhee County, ID. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate is required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims shall be forever barred.

Claims must be provided to the undersigned attorney at 2160 S. Twin Rapid, Boise, ID 83709 (208-322-8865) and filed with the Clerk of the Court in Owyhee County. Dated May 22, 2017

Robert Montgomery, Attorney at Law
5/31;6/7,14/2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV 2017-01338 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

MAGISTRATE DIVISION In the Matter of the Estate of CALVIN C. JOHNSTON, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the above named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented or delivered to Laurie Boston and Willean White, Personal Representative of the estate, at 1303 12th Avenue Road, Nampa, Idaho 83686, and filed with the Court pursuant to Idaho Code Section 15-3-804.

Dated this 20th day of April, 2017.

LAURIE BOSTON, Co-Personal Representative
WILLEAN WHITE, Co-Personal Representative
5/17,24,31/2017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV-2017-01359 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Regular Board Meeting of the above named School District will be held on the 12th day of June, 2017 at the school office in said district, at which meeting there shall be a public hearing at 7:00 P.M. on the maintenance and operation budget for the forthcoming school year and the amended maintenance and operation budget for the current school year.

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

This regular meeting and budget hearing is called pursuant to Idaho Code § 33-801, as amended. Dated this 25th day of May, 2017.

SUMMARY STATEMENT -- AMENDED 2016-17 SCHOOL BUDGET AND 2017-18 SCHOOL BUDGET										
	GENERAL M & O FUNDS					ALL FUNDS				
	PRIOR YEAR	PRIOR YEAR	CURRENT	AMENDED	PROPOSED	PRIOR YEAR	PRIOR YEAR	CURRENT	AMENDED	PROPOSED
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2016-17	2017-18	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2016-17	2017-18
REVENUES:										
Beginning Balances	(1,511,764)	(1,106,114)	(914,693)	(1,214,430)	(831,279)	(1,315,565)	(1,729,319)	(1,500,957)	(1,799,720)	(1,671,213)
Local Revenue	(327,487)	(379,636)	(318,510)	(358,853)	(349,632)	(843,809)	(784,922)	(828,976)	(983,046)	(921,529)
County Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Revenue	(5,901,410)	(6,091,701)	(6,271,800)	(6,390,003)	(6,649,585)	(96,415)	(134,596)	(148,429)	(165,514)	(196,691)
Federal Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	(957,553)	(975,943)	(896,961)	(934,366)	(832,318)
Other Sources	-	-	-	-	-	(6,100)	-	-	-	-
Transfers	(33,734)	(30,142)	(30,169)	(30,259)	(22,365)	(559,945)	(485,590)	(420,377)	(299,567)	(183,315)
TOTALS	(7,774,395)	(7,607,593)	(7,535,172)	(7,993,545)	(7,852,861)	(3,779,387)	(4,110,370)	(3,795,700)	(4,182,213)	(3,805,066)
EXPENDITURES:										
Salaries	3,535,832	3,553,249	3,872,760	3,893,090	4,136,838	521,353	526,653	524,440	576,077	570,732
Benefits	1,297,001	1,333,254	1,522,381	1,521,948	1,606,515	218,286	231,719	247,638	251,955	249,723
Purchased Services	1,094,271	1,087,636	1,205,415	1,216,125	1,306,661	68,116	89,991	86,659	116,936	83,690
Supplies & Materials	224,243	229,971	280,588	301,843	284,525	339,094	306,966	256,470	295,667	283,929
Capital Outlay	68,304	72,361	59,310	74,930	61,310	312,452	309,038	1,270,239	1,000,862	1,515,513
Debt Retirement	-	-	-	-	-	392,871	392,798	391,706	391,706	393,951
Insurance & Judgments	52,812	54,374	54,374	54,374	55,463	34	67	67	67	67
Transfers	385,437	74,166	81,919	81,277	80,582	208,242	441,566	368,627	248,549	125,098
Contingency Reserve	-	-	371,367	390,362	320,967	-	-	-	-	-
Unappropriated Balances	1,116,495	1,202,582	87,058	459,596	-	1,718,939	1,811,572	649,854	1,300,394	582,363
TOTALS	7,774,395	7,607,593	7,535,172	7,993,545	7,852,861	3,779,387	4,110,370	3,795,700	4,182,213	3,805,066
Faith K. Olsen, Business Manager 5/31/17										

OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF, WAYNE D. RIDLEY, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Carol Marlene Ridley has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Wayne D. Ridley (the "Estate"). All persons having claims against Wayne D. Ridley or his estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be: (1) presented to the Personal Representative in care of McAnaney & Associates, PLLC at the address indicated below and (2) and filed with the Clerk of the Owyhee County Court, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650.

DATED this 9th day of May, 2017.

McANANEY & ASSOCIATES, PLLC, David P. McAnaney, of the Firm, Attorney for Personal Representative, 1101 West River Street, Suite 100, Boise, ID 83702. (208) 344-7500
5/24,31;6/7/2017

CASE NO. CV-2017-01359 INFORMATION TO HEIRS IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF, WAYNE D. RIDLEY, Deceased.

1. Information is hereby given that on May 12, 2017, Carol Marlene Ridley was appointed personal representative of the Estate of the above-named decedent.

2. This information is being sent to all persons who have or may have an interest in the estate of the Decedent.

3. No bond has been required or filed.

4. Papers relating to the estate of the Decedent are on file in the District Court of the Third Judicial District of the State of Idaho, in and for the County of Owyhee, located in Murphy, Idaho.

DATED: May 18, 2017.
McANANEY & ASSOCIATES, PLLC

David P. McAnaney, of the

Firm, Attorney for Personal Representative
5/24,31;6/7/2017

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Thursday, the 7th day of September, 2017, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m. of said day in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, Ryan M. Fawcett, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

Lots 10, 11 and 12, Block 57, of the Amended Plat of the Townsite of HOMEDALE, Owyhee County, Idaho.

The Successor Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 19 W. California Ave., Homedale, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by MIKE LOREN KITCHENS, a Married Man, as his sole and separate property, Grantor, to Ryan M. Fawcett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION, recorded November 20, 2007, as Instrument No. 263130, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTOR IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506 (4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT HE IS, OR IS NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, monthly installment payments under the Deed of Trust Note dated November 19, 2007, in the amount of \$1,211.00 each, for the months of December, 2016 through April, 2017, inclusive; and for each and every month thereafter

until date of sale or reimbursement. All delinquent payments are now due, plus accumulated late charges, plus any costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure. The accrued interest is at the rate of 6.04% per annum from November 1, 2016. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$132,819.04, plus accrued interest at the rate of 6.04% per annum from November 1, 2016.

DATED This 5th day of May, 2017.

RYAN M. FAWCETT, a Member of the Idaho State Bar, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE
5/31;6/7,14,21/2017

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Thursday, the 7th day of September, 2017, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m. of said day in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, Ryan M. Fawcett, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 4, Block 4, HIDDEN HOLLOW SUBDIVISION, in the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof on file and of record

in the office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho

The Successor Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 413 Mountain View Dr., Marsing, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by JOHN A. RILEY, an Unmarried Person, Grantor, to Ryan M. Fawcett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION, recorded May 13, 2008, as Instrument No. 264999, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTOR IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506 (4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT HE IS, OR IS NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, monthly installment payments under the Deed of Trust Note dated May 7, 2008, in the amount of \$611.00 each, for the months of October, 2016 through February, 2017, inclusive; and for each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reimbursement. All delinquent payments are now due, plus accumulated late charges, plus any costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure. The accrued interest is at the rate of 5.00% per annum from September 1, 2016. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$74,510.30, plus accrued interest at the rate of 5.00% per annum from September 1, 2016.

DATED This 5th day of May, 2017.

RYAN M. FAWCETT, a Member of the Idaho State Bar, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE
5/31;6/7,14,21/2017

NOTICE

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

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE
CASE NO. CV-2017-1379-H
IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
IN RE: Ma. Carmen Bernabe, legal name of child.

A Petition to change the name of Ma. Carmen Bernabe, a minor, now residing in the City of Homedale, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Owyhee County, Idaho. The name will change to Maria Carmen Bernabe. The reason for the change in name is: Her real First Name is only Maria, and her middle name is Carmen.

A hearing on the petition is

scheduled for 10:30 o'clock a.m. on July 19, 2017 at the Owyhee County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

Date: May 22, 2017
Clerk of the District Court, Angela Barkell
Deputy Clerk, Cindy Chaves
5/31;6/7,14,21/2017

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE
CASE NO. CV-17-1355M
IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
IN RE: Evyonne Rose Conger
A Petition to change name

of Evyonne Rose Conger, now residing in the City of Marsing, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Owyhee County, Idaho. The name will change to Evyonne Rose Anderson. The reason for the change in name is: separated from husband (Conger)

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 11:00 o'clock a.m. on June 12, 2017 at the Owyhee County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

Date: May 8, 2017
ANGELA BARKELL
Clerk of the District Court
By: Jamie Wylie, Deputy Clerk
5/17,24,31;6/7/2017

AUCTION

AUCTION

BALTZOR CATTLE RANCH DISPERSAL AUCTION

SUNDAY JUNE 4, 2017

LOCATED: From Jordan Valley OR 10 miles North on Hwy 95 to Mahogany Gap Rd then West to 751 Mahogany Gap Rd Jordan Valley OR 97910.

SIGNS POSTED.

SALE STARTS 11:00 A.M. MOUNTAIN TIME. LUNCH SERVED.

TERMS: Cash or bankable check sale day. No buyers premium. Everything sold as is where is.

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TRACTORS: New Holland T6050 MFWD power shift trans 4 hyd remotes 18.4x38 rubber 4079 hrs w New Holland 840 TL front loader and grapple • New Holland TS 100 MFWD power shift trans 4 hyd remotes 2659 hrs 18.4x34 rubber • Allis Chalmers D 17 std trans 16.9x28 rubber Hydra loader and grapple • Allis Chalmers D14 std trans 13.6x26 rubber • tractor tire chains

PICKUPS AND TRUCK: 1978 Chevrolet Custom Deluxe 10 4x4 pickup V8 4 spd trans canopy good condition • 1979 GMC Camper Special pickup V8 4spd flatbed 4x4 • 1973 GMC 1500 2wd pickup lw box V8 auto trans canopy good cond. • 1966 GMC 4000 single axle truck V6 4spd 2spd w/16' combination bed and hoist

TRAILERS: 20' tandem axle gooseneck stock trailer • 1975 Miley tandem axle 2 horse trailer • JD 400 4 wheel wagon • 4 wheel wagon • 4 wheel wagon running gear

RVS: 2009 Honda Rancher 4 wheeler • 1998 Honda Forman 400 4 wheeler

EQUIPMENT: Bush Hog 10' offset disc • AC 8' tandem disc on rubber • 18' pasture harrow good cond • Van Buiant 8' grain drill single disc w seeder • Valley Mound 5 shank corrugator • New Holland 185 tandem axle pto manure spreader chain poly floor xlent cond • New Holland 519 single axle pto manure spreader • Kirchner 3pt hyd ditcher • Allis Chalmers 2 bottom trail spinner plow • Danuser 3pt pto post hole auger • Snowco 6"x40" pto grain auger • Bush Hog BH16 6' gyro mower • Ace 100 gal stainless steel 3pt sprayer w hand gun • Eversman 3212 12' land plane

HAY EQUIPMENT: JD 568 MegaWide Plus round baler • IHC 5000 diesel swather 12' head and cab • New Holland 1048 stackwagon • Vermeer WRV10 wheel hay rake • Lely 9 wheel 3pt V hay rake • Hesston Roundup 5200 round bale retriever • 3pt round Bale unroller feeder • shop built pull type round Bale feeder • New Holland 283 pto baler • JD 38 sickle mower • Farmhand 8 Bale fork

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FOR RENT

Marsing Storage Inc., Hwy 55 & Van Rd. 10x10 units available, trailer spaces. Call 208-830-1641

YARD SALE

Super Cool Yard Sale. Fri-Sat-Sun, 9am-6pm. 4150 Clark Island Lane off Market Rd between Homedale-Marsing (2.6 miles east of Hwy 95). Hardwood, tools, clothes, baby furniture, lots of cool stuff - too much to list!

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MISC.

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City of Marsing has a job opening for a full time deputy city clerk. Duties include utility billing, cash receipting, AP, permits, liens and minute transcription. Applications may be submitted at City Hall, 425 Main ST, or mailed to PO Box 125 Marsing, ID 83639 no later than 5 pm on 06/16/17. EOE

Tracy's Quality Concrete is looking for experienced concrete finishers. \$15-20/hour DOE. Contact Ryan 208-599-1845

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