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## Bold Basque colors fly on a bright, sunny day

Ben Monasterio whips the Basque flag above kneeling dancers during a joint performance of Ikurina (Flag Dance) featuring the Oinkari Basque Dancers and Herribatza Dantzariak at Sunday's annual Txoko Ona Basque picnic in Homedale. The event featured a Catholic Mass, egg toss games and Txingak (weight carrying) and Mus (card game) competitions.

## Lions hope small cars give demolition derby a big boost

With an eye on the future, organizers are looking to the past of the Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derby.

For the first time in more than a decade, a compact car heat will be run during Tuesday's 36<sup>th</sup> annual

event at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds.

Lions Club president Will Pryor said the inclusion of the compact car heat — also known as a minis heat — and the children's Power

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Caleb Curt isn't just the point of contact for the compact car derby. He hopes to make some contact with a 1997 Subaru Legacy wagon Tuesday. Team Mazda Subaru donated the all-wheel-drive vehicle.

## Marsing bridge meeting slated

Replacement to start next year

Folks are invited to give input on the upcoming Snake River bridge replacement in Marsing.

The Idaho Transportation Department will present design plans at an open house from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday in the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center located at 126 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. N., in Marsing.

ITD public involvement coordinator Adam Rush said design blueprints will be on display and

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Traffic crosses over the Snake River bridge into Marsing on Monday morning.

## Marsing's Third of July gives freedom to enjoy the Fourth

The July 3<sup>rd</sup> Celebration of Our Nation means different things to folks around Marsing, but one thing is certain: They like it a lot.

Danny Bowers has been manager of Marsing Hardware and Pump since 2012.

Bowers said he always attends the fireworks display and the events associated with it.

"I think it's great," he said. "It's a great get-together for the community."

He added that his store usually sees a spike in sales during the annual event.

"I'd say business goes up for that holiday," Bowers said. "More flags, umbrellas, lawn chairs, ice chests. Things of that nature."

This is the seventh year that the Marsing Chamber of Commerce has coordinated the Third of July celebration. The event was previously organized by the Marsing Lions Club, which launched it more than 37 years ago.

Ashlie Corder of Marsing started watching the fireworks show a couple of years ago.

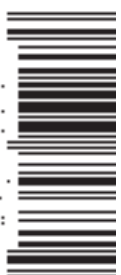
"I think it's awesome. It's really good," Corder said. "I just think it's cool that I can watch it from my house. Then because they do it on the Third, we can do other stuff on the Fourth."

She also likes how the event brings Marsing residents together.

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## Homedale swimming pool closed indefinitely, Page 3

- Cracks surface in bottom of the 55-year-old pool's shallow end.
- City has spent more than \$50,000 on the pool in past five years.



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# Prep begins for centennial fair

This will be a significant year for the Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo.

The annual event started in 1917, is turning 100 years old.

The fair will run Aug. 7 to Aug. 12. The Owyhee County Rodeo runs from Aug. 9 to Aug. 12.

Fair board manager and secretary Ginger Loucks stopped by a meeting of the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners (BOCC) earlier this month to talk about this year's festivities.

She brought along this year's fair book to show the commissioners.

"It's full of all kinds of fun stuff," Loucks said.

The 2017 fair book has a vintage appearance, and includes photos and newspaper pieces from the early years of the fair.

"All the newspaper clippings that are in here actually came from old newspaper articles, so it's really fun," Loucks said. "Debbie (Titus) worked on the book, too, she did a lot of the work. Tiffany (Hipwell) did the cover, she did an awesome job."

Titus is the office manager for the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office in Marsing while Hipwell is a fair board member. Folks working on the fair book visited The Owyhee Avalanche to peruse the archives for pertinent articles.

Loucks said she learned a few things about the first years of the fair while sifting through the old articles.

"They would race horses across the Snake River, that was the beginning of the fair," Loucks said. "When everyone came to that (event), they brought pies and

had the pie-eating contest. But it seems like it was just a one-day event. The very first one was called The Owyhee County Fair, then they switched it over to The Snake River Valley Fair."

The moniker of The Owyhee County Fair returned several decades later.

Loucks also told commissioners about a few of the events planned for this year's fair.

"There's lots of entertainment and different things for kids and people," she said. "On Friday night (Aug. 11), we're going to have a big celebration like a birthday party. We're going to have cake, a clown and balloons."

Folks are invited to bring their branding irons for an event at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 10.

"We're going to put up a fence that will be 40-foot-long and about 6-foot-high," Loucks said. "We decided we'd do a wood fence that would be really fun since it's our 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. So at six o'clock we're going to have a 'Brand the Fence.'

The fence will be built in a location where trees that died during the winter had stood. The other side of the fence will be used for advertising.

Loucks is working on getting 100<sup>th</sup> birthday commemorative coins, T-shirts and hats to sell during this year's fair.

During the meeting, plans to build a new fairgrounds exhibit hall to replace the 60-year-old Armory were also discussed.

The BOCC intends to apply for an Idaho Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) to help fund construction of a new hall.

"After the fair, we will make the decision to tear down the armory or postpone it for another year," BOCC chair Kelly Aberasturi said during last week's Western Alliance for Economic Development meeting in Greenleaf. "My guess is we're going to tear down the building."

"We hope to go forward and have a really nice building in place by this time next year."

The Homedale Public Library board is also working to reapply for an ICDBG to expand the existing 1,300-square-foot library.

District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi, BOCC chair, said the two grant applications aren't meant to conflict with each other.

"I understand that the City of Homedale is still going forward with the library grant," he said. "I don't want to step on anybody's toes, but this is something that we just need to move forward with. I don't want the library to think that we're going behind them. It's just that we need to move forward."

Civil Dynamics Engineering of Caldwell is in the process of drawing up blueprints for the new fairgrounds exhibit hall.

While a design for the building is still in the works, Aberasturi said he has an idea of what the structure might cost.

"In my mind, depending on what the building materials cost, my beginning point was about half a million," he said.

The idea is to have a map of the master plan for the fairgrounds, the layout of the new Armory, and a list of future projects for the grounds posted at this year's fair for people to comment on.

— SC

# Man arrested after pursuit down U.S. 95

A Nampa man was arrested early Monday morning after leading authorities on a high-speed chase down U.S. Highway 95.

Alexis Nungaray, 19, remained in custody in Owyhee County Jail on Monday after Homedale Police Officer Shane Witt arrested him at U.S. 95 and Ustick Road in Canyon County to end a pursuit that began just before midnight.

He has been charged with underage driving under the influence, a misdemeanor, and felony eluding of a peace officer. Witt said Nungaray passed field sobriety tests, but admitted to drinking. His blood-alcohol concentration measured at .066 and .069.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said the pursuit began when a deputy tried to stop Nungaray's vehicle during an after-hours patrol at the Jump Creek Rec Area. A second deputy joined the chase once the pursuit reached U.S. 95.

Nungaray's vehicle reached speeds of 80 mph on northbound Jump Creek Road, and he sped through Homedale on U.S. 95 at 105 mph before crossing the Snake River into Owyhee County, Bowman said.

Nungaray was arrested after bringing his vehicle to a stop in Canyon County. Bowman said no charges are expected against a 21-year-old male passenger.

— JPB

# Fourth of July closures announced

## Holiday to delay Avalanche arrival

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

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

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners will convene as usual on Monday, July 3, at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy.

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

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

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

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

The Owyhee County Historical Museum will be closed for the holiday. Its regular hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

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

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

Both senior centers in the county — Homedale and Rimrock in Grand View — are closed Tuesday.

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

The July 5 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche will arrive a day late because of the postal holiday.

# Grand marshal nominations open

Nominations are now being accepted for Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Parade grand marshal.

The theme of this year's parade is: "100 years of Tales and Trails at the Owyhee County Fair."

Nomination forms can be found in the fair book, or people can send a nomination letter to parade coordinator Jolyn Green at P.O. Box 695, Homedale, ID, 83628.

The letter should include contact information of the person submitting the nomination as well as who the nominee is and why they are worthy of serving as grand marshal as well as the nominee's contact information.

The nomination deadline is Tuesday, Aug. 1.

The parade will take place at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 12 in downtown Homedale.

There is no requirement to pre-register an entry. Registration begins at 8 a.m. the day of the parade at the Homedale High School parking lot and at Deward Bell Stadium on Riverside Drive. Judging begins at 8:30 a.m.

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# More problems surface at Homedale pool

Facility closed; pass-holders to be compensated if closure drags on

For the second time in as many summers, repairs are needed at Homedale City Pool.

The pool was shut down indefinitely — except for swimming lessons — last Wednesday when a large bubble was detected in the floor of the pool. After one day of lessons, the city closed the pool entirely and the search for repair bids began.

“We are going to drain the water down below the crack today so we don’t have water getting under what is cracked already,” city public works supervisor Bret Smith said Friday.

Smith said reopening the pool this summer depends on what he hears from contractors.

“Our greatest hope is that we’re able to open up for part of the season,” Smith said. “We don’t know that for sure.

“We’re sure sorry this has come up. We know this is a disappointment to the community.”

In case of an extended closure, city officials already have begun working on a plan to “make it right” with season pass holders, Smith said. He added that a flood of people purchased passes the day before the closure.

Smith said the exact cause of the crack isn’t known, and finding out the details may be an extensive process.

“For some reason, this pool lining has failed to adhere properly in that area (and) water has gotten underneath it,” city public works supervisor Bret Smith said.

“Water gets in and undermines that adhesion, which causes it to crack.”

Speculation on the causes range from the liner not surviving the climactic conditions in Homedale, including the unusually harsh winter and the pressures from the water table created by the high-flowing Snake River.

For now, the plan is to fix the immediate problem.

“We’re going to diagnose and fix everything that’s on the surface,” Smith said. “But as far as knowing if there are bigger, underlying issues: If the need rises to that, I would ask the mayor and council to look at that. If it turns

into that big of a project, we’re going to want to start looking at grants.”

The pool opened late last season after Reflection Pool and Spa of Kuna repaired similar cracks in the wall of the pool’s deep end.

Before the complete closure last week, open swim was suspended, and a private pool party scheduled for the weekend had to be cancelled, City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram said.

Swimming lessons continued through last Wednesday because the instructor could keep the children away from the affected area.

Last year’s repairs, which pushed the pool opening into June, cost \$1,500.

The entire pool was resurfaced, a new cement deck constructed and new stairs built in 2012. The city paid Gem Gunite Pools of Nampa \$48,000 for that comprehensive project.

When cracks began forming and plaster fell from the pool wall last year, Smith said — contrary to the original contractor’s instructions — all water was drained in the winterization process shortly after the work, and that didn’t give the new surface time to cure and promote adhesion.

Water was kept in the deep end of the pool this winter, but there was no water in the shallow end where the new cracks have formed.

“The nature of the facility is it’s not able to be filled in the wintertime,” Smith said.

Smith spent time Thursday trying to contact contractors to get an estimate on the cost of the latest repairs. He said he was unsure when work could begin or how long it would take.

Smith said that he doesn’t believe the current maintenance and care program led to the latest cracks, but he suspects the new cracks are connected to the last year’s problems.

“It may be related to what brought about those repairs,” he said. “The same problem that surfaced is what we’re seeing here.”

The city has spent nearly \$52,000 repairing or refurbishing the 55-year-old pool since 2012, including the major rehabilitation project, last year’s repairs and replacing a broken diving board.

— JPB and SC



Homedale city public works supervisor Bret Smith points to more cracks that appear to be developing in the municipal swimming pool Monday morning.

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## New closing time for Murphy DMV office

Folks will have to show up a little earlier to get registrations and titles at the Division of Motor Vehicles branch in Murphy.

The registration and titles office began closing at 4 p.m. on June 19.

“We are all going to start taking half-hour lunches up here,” County mapper and deed clerk Leslie Hinton said in explaining the earlier closing time. “The only closing time that’s affected is registration and titles. The drivers license has always closed at four o’clock.”

To ensure that DMV wait times are as short as possible, Hinton is asking people to come prepared.

That includes bringing in the plate number, sticker number, the bow number for boats, vin number, driver’s license, correct mailing address, correct physical address and any of those items that apply for whomever is on the registration or title.

Anyone renewing a driver’s license will be required to pass an eye test, and may need to bring

their glasses.

Hinton reminds people that written exams close at 3:30 p.m.

“The earliest I’ve ever seen anybody knock that test out is 10 minutes,” Hinton said. “Then if they want a driver’s license too, we can’t have them testing at four o’clock because we close everything at four.”

She added that the assessor’s office in Murphy is still open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

“It’s just the DMV part that’s closing at 4 (p.m.), Hinton said.

Hours at the Marsing DMV are also 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., with a closing time of 3:30 p.m. for written exams.

The Grand View DMV is still temporarily closed. The office located inside City Hall closed on March 30 after the retirement of longtime DMV clerk Shirley Sargent.

County Assessor Brett Endicott and city clerk Jodi Jewett said the office could reopen sometime next month.

## Succor Creek Bridge needs repairs

Flaggers will be back at the Succor Creek Bridge in Homedale today controlling traffic on Idaho highway 19.

Idaho Transportation Department District 3 project coordinator Kelley Lower says repairs are

needed for the joints between the concrete sleeper beams and the concrete approach slabs on the new bridge west of town.

“When the joint material was placed, it was placed too full and the extra material has to be re-

moved to keep it from eventually pulling out as traffic drives over it and pulls at the extra material,” Lower wrote.

Knife River Construction plans to have all the work completed today sometime after 5 p.m.

## Homedale parade entries still open

Folks can still enter the Independence Parade, which will be held downtown hours before Tuesday’s Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derby.

Entry forms are available at five locations in Homedale and Marsing, and entries also can be accomplished by visiting the Homedale Lions Club’s Facebook page.

The parade will head east down Idaho Avenue at 9 a.m. Tuesday, and it will include derby cars on trailers, classic cars, equestrian entries, floats, tractors, motorcycles, marchers and trucks.

Entry forms can be found in Homedale at City Hall (31 W. Wyoming Ave.), Homedale Floral (2 W. Owyhee Ave.), and Moxie Java Café Leku Bistro (404 U.S. Hwy. 95). Registration paperwork is also available at Marsing Hardware and Pump (222 Main St.) and the Whitehouse Drive In (909 Main St.) in Marsing.

Entries can be returned to drop-off boxes in those locations.

Parade lineup will begin at 8 a.m. on Tuesday at the Homedale High School parking lot.

For more information, call Larry Wass at (208) 941-1813 or Elly May Wass at (208) 991-7167 or email homedalederbyparade@yahoo.com.

## Homedale man hurt, woman killed in I84 crash near Malta

A Boise woman died Friday when a vehicle driven by a Homedale man rolled on Interstate 84 in south central Idaho.

According to Idaho State Police, the single-vehicle accident occurred before 11 a.m. at milepost 244.7 near Malta.

Samuel Taylor, 25, of Homedale was behind the wheel of a Dodge Neon when he drove into the median and overcorrected on westbound I84.

The vehicle rolled and came to rest in the right lane of travel.

Taylor’s passenger, 29-year-old Megan Erickson of Boise, was ejected and died at the scene. ISP reports she was not wearing a seatbelt.

Taylor, who was wearing a seatbelt, was transported by air ambulance to Portneuf Medical Center in Pocatello.

The westbound lanes were blocked for about three hours.

### Corrections

Two details in the Homedale School District coverage in last week’s edition were incorrect.

- Memorial Day was removed from the list of holidays for staff during the economic downturn nearly 10 years ago.
- Only certified/instructional staff are eligible to receive the annual stipend for service in the district of 15 years or more.

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# Calendar

## Today

**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

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Breakfast, 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m., lunch, 11:10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School, 39678 State Hwy. 78, Bruneau.

**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

**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

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

## Thursday

**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

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

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Breakfast, 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m., lunch, 11:10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School, 39678 State Hwy. 78, Bruneau.

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

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Lunch, 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

**Summer reading program**  
Noon, 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](http://www.homedalefarmersmarket.com)

**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

**Marsing bridge open house**  
4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing. (208) 334-8119

**Children’s free summer food service**  
Dinner, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Homedale Farmer’s Market, Bette Uda City Park, 200 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

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

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

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

**English language class**  
7:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., free, Homedale LDS church, 708 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 504-9533

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Breakfast, 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m., lunch, 11:10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School, 39678 State Hwy. 78, Bruneau.

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

## Saturday

**Free lunch**  
Noon 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

**Celebration of Independence**  
6 p.m., cookout and music, Bette Uda City Park, East Idaho Avenue, Homedale

## Monday

**Children’s free summer food service**  
Breakfast, 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m., lunch, 11:10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School, 39678 State Hwy. 78, Bruneau.

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

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

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

## Tuesday

**Homedale Lions Club derby parade**  
9 a.m., downtown Homedale. (208) 250-9128

**Fourth of July Demolition Derby**  
6 p.m., tickets at Owyhee Auto Supply in Homedale or Marsing, Owyhee County Fairgrounds, Homedale. (775) 388-7305

## Wednesday

**Children’s free summer food service**  
Breakfast, 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m., lunch, 11:10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School, 39678 State Hwy. 78, Bruneau.

**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

**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

# Homedale water gets clean annual review

The City of Homedale’s drinking water consumer confidence report is available for review.

There were no contamination violations reported.

The federally mandated document outlines the municipal water system’s performance in 2016, including itemizing how contaminant levels stack up against government regulations and how well the monitoring protocol complied with government guidelines.

The report can be viewed between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

While public works supervisor Bret Smith reports contaminant levels fall within acceptable parameters in the eyes of state and federal environmental agencies,

Homedale did receive one monitoring violation last year.

Monthly water samples were taken, and a total of 56 tests were conducted.

The city was dinged for failing to report residual chlorine levels for one sample day, but the monitoring violation was corrected, according to the report. Apparently no samples were taken in March 2016, but three samples were taken each month the rest of the year.

There are 874 metered connections on the city’s system, which is charged by one active well and a backup well.

Barium, fluoride, two types of radium and copper have been found in historical testing, but at levels that are acceptable under governmental guidelines.

## From page 1

# ✓ Bridge: 60-year-old span, Idaho 55 to see major work

people will learn about the history of the bridge and why replacement is necessary.

“The improvements that are being made to the bridge, as well as the roadway, and we’ll give them a general heads-up on construction activity,” Rush said.

The existing bridge carrying Idaho highway 55 over the Snake River was constructed in 1955. According to ITD, approximately 6,500 vehicles cross the bridge every day.

The proposed two-lane bridge will have wider shoulders, and the north side will include an eight-foot sidewalk for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Comments made by the public during Thursday’s open house could lead to changes in the final design.

“There is time to make some tweaks or modifications,” Rush said. “If the public has improvements to the project, there is time to make some changes.”

An exact start date for construction has not been determined, but it will be during the summer of 2018.

Marsing Mayor James Ferdinand has spoken with ITD representatives several times about the construction only affecting one of the town’s Third of July Celebration of Our Nation events.

However, it is unknown if it will be the 2018 community gathering or the 2019 event.

“The construction could be as short as 20 months, or it could be 24 months,” Rush said. “But we do like to work with the local stakeholders in the community and see what we can do to modify a schedule.”

He added that what hours or days of the week the work will take place hasn’t been decided.

“Once we get a contractor on board, they may have some ideas regarding the hours of operation,” Rush said.

One lane of traffic will be open at all times during the construction. Temporary traffic lights at each end of the bridge will direct the flow of vehicles.

Drivers will be asked to slow down in the construction zone.

“They should plan for a little extra time in their daily commute to be able to be directed across the bridge by the temporary traffic signals,” Rush said. “And a construction zone often means a reduction in the speed limit.”

The project includes repaving 2.3 miles of Idaho 55 between Marsing and the U.S. 95 junction. Improvements include extending curbs and gutters, updating and adding several pedestrian ramps, and improving drainage.

Exactly when the work on Idaho 55 will happen also hasn’t been determined, but it will be included in the overall 20- to 24-month project timeline.

ITD started working on plans to replace the bridge and rehabilitate Idaho 55 in 2015. The new bridge is expected to have a minimum lifespan of 50 years.

The estimated cost for the bridge is \$9.9 million, and the estimate for the Idaho 55 improvements is \$3.8 million, bringing the total to \$13.7 million.

Rush is hoping for a good turnout on Thursday.

“We encourage people to attend and to sign in,” he said. “That gives us their contact information. We like to gather emails from members of the public so when we go to construction we can send out updates.”

For more information on the open house, email [adam.rush@itd.idaho.gov](mailto:adam.rush@itd.idaho.gov) or call (208) 334-8119.

— SC



# The unique livestock handling perspective of Temple Grandin

Dr. Temple Grandin was the keynote speaker at a meeting for state beef quality assurance coordinators that I attended in Denver a couple of weeks ago. This is the second time that I have had opportunity to hear her speak. Dr. Grandin is autistic. She describes the way her brain works as thinking in pictures. She is incredibly insightful and has an attention to detail that is second to none.



Scott Jensen

Dr. Grandin is most widely known for her work in the design of livestock handling facilities. Approximately half of the cattle that are harvested at meat plants in the United States go through facilities that she designed. Following are some take-home messages: When working livestock through your corrals, be observant. Are there areas in your corrals, alleyways, or chute where animals consistently balk? If so, take the time to determine the cause. It could be something as simple as a piece of trash on the ground, shadows,

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or an opening where they can see people movement on the outside. You may need to get in the alleyway or chute yourself, down on a cow's eye-level. Most of the time simple adjustments such as taping a piece of cardboard over a small opening to prevent cattle from seeing outside movement or picking up a paper towel from out of the alleyway can improve the flow of cattle through the facility and reduce the need for prods. According to Dr. Grandin, about 50 percent of the problems in livestock movement can be solved with improvements to handling facilities. The other 50 percent of the issues are a result of handling and management. This is often more difficult to resolve. It is imperative that we model ourselves and train our employees and family members on what is and isn't acceptable in regard to handling animals. Calm, quiet handling can pay dividends. Animals that are handled calmly generally become calmer themselves and safer to work around. Understanding animal behavior and low-stress livestock-handling principles will improve your ability to work cattle quietly and

calmly. This is the essence of good stockmanship. If you are interested in improving your stockmanship skills, one good resource is a book titled "Stockmanship" written by Idaho's Steve Cote. I have a few copies available at the Owyhee County Extension office. One statement that Temple Grandin made on the importance and value of stockmanship was, "Stockmanship does not get enough credit. Stockmanship pays through better animal performance." Dr. Temple Grandin has written several books about animal handling and autism. There was a movie made about her in 2010. There are also several YouTube videos of her speaking on a variety of subjects. I think there is much we can learn about animals and people from her unique perspective. — Contact Scott Jensen at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension at [scottj@uidaho.edu](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. W., in Marsing and can be reached at (208) 896-4104.

# Obituary

## Jimmy Oleta Bell Swinney

Jimmy Oleta Bell Swinney, 65, of Homedale, died suddenly June 16, 2017 of an apparent heart attack. She was born March 2, 1952, the only child of James and Grace Simpkins Swinney. Jimmy was a member of the Church of Christ and graveside services were conducted Thursday, June 22 at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery by Luke Carter, Minister of the Nampa

Church of Christ. She attended Marsing schools and lived in this area all of her life. Survivors include Aunts Martha Hawmann, Della Moore, Mary Agnes Prescott and Margaret Hamaker. Also an uncle Linnard Simpkins, numerous cousins, friends and the Homedale Senior Center gang. Memorials may be made to the Homedale Senior Center.

# Death notices

**JON MICHAEL CUSON**, 60, of Marsing, died on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at a local hospital. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

**BRADEN GLEN FILLMORE**, 20, of Jordan Valley, died on Saturday, June 17, 2017. A celebration of life will be held at 4 p.m. on Monday, June 26, 2017 at Jordan Valley City Park.

**DONALD CLAY OLSEN**, 83, a 1952 Homedale High School graduate who attended Central Cove School, died on Friday, June 16, 2017. Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 1, 2017 at King of Glory Lutheran Church in Boise.

# Senior menus

## Homedale Senior Center

Salad bar available with each meal:  
lettuce, tomato, boiled eggs, peaches, apricots, salad dressing  
June 28: BBQ pork on bun, baked potato, broccoli  
June 29: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes/gravy, peas & carrots, roll  
July 4: Closed  
July 5: Cheeseburger/bun, carrot, baked potato, roll  
July 6: Taco salad, cheese, salsa, sour cream, lettuce, taco chips

## Rimrock Senior Center

June 29: Hamburger w/bun, sliced tomato & pickles, fries, pasta salad w/veggies, fresh melon  
July 4: Closed  
July 6: Baked fish or pizza, potato salad, broccoli orange salad, fruit, herb bread stick

# Homedale woman graduates from George Fox University

A Homedale resident finished her degree at George Fox University with a spot on the spring 2017 semester Dean's List. Melanie Schroeder was among more than 900 students to receive degrees during April commencement exercises. She earned a Bachelor's degree in

English from the Newberg, Ore., school. Nearly half of the graduates also received four-year degrees. She also gained inclusion on the Dean's List by maintaining at least a 3.5 grade-point average while carrying 12 or more hours of graded work during the term.

# Grand View Chamber to show free movie in park

A free family movie will be shown at dark in the Grand View City Park on Saturday, July 8. The Chamber of Commerce will screen "Shrek." Anyone wearing a Make Grand View Days Great Again T-shirt will receive free candy. The shirts were available during the annual

homecoming celebration. Chamber spokesperson Cyndi Fullmer said the organization would like to show a movie every other week this summer. Folks planning to come to the movie are asked to bring their own chairs, blankets, snacks and bug spray.

**Marsing Lions announce new officers**

The Marsing Lions Club installed their 2017-18 officers during a dinner and meeting held June 20 at The Bowling Alley in Homedale. **From left:** Steve Sloyer, president; David VanWassenhove, vice-president and Tail Twister; Laura Bowman, treasurer; Dist. 39W Gov.-elect Tim Vincent; Sharon VanWassenhove, secretary; Jeannie Drennon, Lion Tamer and Tail Twister; and Jolyn Green, past president and Tail Twister. Submitted photo

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# Homedale airport leases to change

## Realtor: Wilson-era policy stifles property sales

To make real estate transactions more feasible, the Homedale City Council has reversed its airport hangar lease policy.

During a brief special meeting held before the June 19 budget workshop, council members followed through on a promise made earlier in the month and lengthened airport property leases to 20 years. A review will be conducted every five years.

The previous airport lease template, established eight years ago, called for a maximum five-year lease. Other airport leases not grandfathered at the time of the previous council’s decision, will be converted to 20-year leases when they come up for renewal, City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram said.

Airport business owner Carl Johnson, who owns three hangars, had requested the change in the airport’s lease terms during the council’s regular meeting on June 14.

Johnson’s real estate agent, Red Dory, claimed the five-year lease restricted Johnson’s ability to sell his hangars. Dory said financial institutions will not consider mortgages on airport property with such a short-term lease.

Johnson’s appearance was hastened by the fact that he is close to an agreement to sell one of his hangars. He owns Johnson Helicopters and Airflair Aviation LLC, and his lease runs through 2020.

Pegram’s research into the matter backed up Dory’s claim that short-term airport leases are un-

usual in Idaho.

Pegram said two Idaho airports have annual leases, but the Federal Aviation Administration suggests 20-year terms.

City attorney Paul J. Fitzer was instructed to draw up new lease terms in time for a special meeting because Johnson’s sales transaction was imminent and the city council had cancelled its second meeting of the month.

Fitzer said he was comfortable with changing the lease terms as long as the new language built in incremental increases to ensure the lease kept up with current property values thus preventing the city from undercharging for a municipal asset.

A previous city council reduced the length of the leases to five years in January 2009 during Mayor Harold Wilson’s administration.

The change was ratified at a time when the city was trying to promote development at the airport, which recently had been expanded.

Then-public works supervisor Larry Bauer said the lease term had been reduced to prevent people from entering a long-term lease and then waiting an extended period of time to start building on the lot.

Of the current group of 20 leases, only one is up for renewal this year. Sixteen others will expire in 2020, while one is up in 2023. Another lease expires in 2029, and another is in effect until 2031.

The city receives \$9,325 in lease payments each year, and average of \$466.25 per lessee.

Some lessees pay more because they have multiple lots at the airport, but individual annual lease rates range from \$150 to \$2,310.

— JPB



### 4-H’ers serve JV

**Above:** The South Mountain Livestock 4-H club made two walking paths and planted floors and bushes in front of the Jordan Valley Post Office recently. **From left,** Kyndra Williams, Shaliee Rutan, Jayden Skinner, Kelsey Gluch, Cassity Gluch, and Allisyn Reynolds. **Right:** The club raised funds selling Jordan Valley Big Loop Rodeo programs. **From left:** Kelsey Gluch, Cassity Gluch, Shalliee Rutan, Allisyn Reynolds, 4-H leader Doug Rutan, and Jayden Skinner. Submitted photos



# Idaho Power reduces hours of Swan Falls Dam access

New safety guidelines will affect the public’s ability to return to the north side of the Snake River when visiting Swan Falls Dam.

Idaho Power Co., announced Friday that the foot path over the dam will close at night. The new public access hours — from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. — began Monday.

“While we would prefer to leave the

access the way it has been, the increase in vandalism and unsafe behavior, which mostly occurs after dark, has forced us to make a change,” Idaho Power environmental supervisor Fred Noland said.

The path used to be accessible 24 hours a day, but access is now limited after the installation of gates that lock automatically


at 9 p.m. The gates will be under video surveillance.

Anglers, hikers, photographers and others often park at Swan Falls Dam, which features a large park, boat launch and campground.

The walking path takes visitors across the face of the dam to the south side of the Snake River in Owyhee County.

Anyone who finds themselves on the south side of the river at 9 p.m. will still be able to return through the gate, which will only open in one direction between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. Propping or holding the gate open will set off an alarm.

More information about the dam and adjacent recreation facilities is available at idahopower.com/swanfalls.



## Reminiscing Owyhee memories

by  
P. T.  
Rathbone

## Another fishing trip in the Owyhees

Years ago, after my boys grew up and left home, I hired adventurous kids who wanted to see a mountain. They were students from Texas A&M.

The first student was Alton Terry from Spring, Texas. Spring is north of Houston with no mountains in sight. We met him at the plane, and he looked over toward Council at a snow-covered mountain and asked how far that was. I told him it was probably over 100 miles. He couldn’t believe it. He was a good young man — hard-working, deeply religious and very smart.

He took delight in teasing Mary. One of the first nights here, we had ice cream for dessert. He asked if it was Blue Bell, and Mary said it was Meadow Gold. He said he would have his mama send up some Blue Bell.

He soon joined our fishing group with the Gaviolas. Sometimes we would go on a Sunday. I would ask Alton if he wanted to go, and he would tell me that being in the hills fishing was like being with God and it was fine with him. We usually went in the middle of the week so we would have the creek to ourselves.

One time we took him to Squaw Creek near Juniper Mountain. We caught some nice trout and decided to check out another creek. Along the road, we met a rattlesnake. Alton got really excited, so we stopped and got our irrigating shovel behind his head. Alton grabbed the snake behind its head and squeezed it so hard it was two inches wide. We milked its fangs then dropped it down and chopped off the head. We threw it in the back and continued on to the next fishing hole.

Later, we took him to Big Springs to show him that great spring where the water just boils out of the ground. It was getting dark, so we decided to go up on a ridge and build a fire and have some weenies and beans.

Alton grabbed that snake out of the back and butchered it like a pro. He got a big limb of Mountain Mahogany and draped the snake on it and roasted it on the fire. After it was cooked, he took it over to Julio to see if he wanted a bite. I thought Julio might kill him! I was too tired to try eating snake, so Alton settled down and ate it like a kid eats watermelon.

Alton’s grandparents were from Louisiana, and he said they would eat anything that wouldn’t crawl away fast enough. He was a chip off the old block.

We learned later that once while we were away, LeRoy Breshears and he cooked and ate a beaver in our kitchen. I don’t think Mary ever knew about that. He teased Mary a lot about wanting her to cook him up some gophers.

Alton was a great worker, and we stay in touch. I was Best Man at his wedding, but that is another story.

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



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# Local VFW post plans flag retirement ceremony Monday

## Post 11065’s vintage pickup will carry flags in parades, too

The local Veterans of Foreign Wars outpost is planning several patriotic displays next week as part of Independence Day celebrations.

The Wilder-based Samuel C. Phillips III VFW Post 11065 draws membership from Parma to Murphy in Owyhee and Canyon counties. Most of its officers hail from Marsing.

Post Cmdr. Daniel Carlson, one of the

Marsing contingent, said Post 11065 members will perform a flag retirement ceremony at 3 p.m. at Island Park on Monday ahead of the town’s Third of July Celebration of Our Nation festivities.

“We’ll be showing people the proper way to dispose of flags,” Carlson said.

Flags have been donated, but Carlson said the VFW post will continue to take candidate flags for the retirement ceremony, which entails lighting the flags afire in a burn barrel and then later burying the ashes.

“When the flag is torn up, even when it touches the ground or has been insulted, that flag is supposed to be retired,” Carlson said.

The retirement ceremony begins much like a flag presentation ceremony at a military funeral. The ceremony’s detachment folds the flag and gives a salute then the flag is placed in the fire.

Carlson said the Young Marines chapter from Caldwell will participate in the ceremony along with VFW post members.

For more information on the flag retirement, or to donate a candidate flag, contact Carlson at (208) 230-7513 or 250-7780, or Quartermaster Harry Schumacher at (208) 459-7501.

The VFW also plans to fly the American flag and armed services flags from its 1955 GMC pickup at parades in Homedale and

Greenleaf on Tuesday.

VFW Post 11065 meets on the second Thursday of every month at the VFW Hall in Wilder, 208 3<sup>rd</sup> St. When Mountain Standard Time returns in November, meetings switch to 9 a.m. on Saturdays for the winter months.

In addition to Carlson and Schumacher, other VFW officers include:

- Adjutant Roger Knapp, Wilder
- Service Officer Dick Burman, Marsing
- Sr. Vice-Cmdr. Scott Syme, Parma
- Jr. Vice-Cmdr. Albert Erickson, Parma

Most of the post’s members live in Owyhee County, Carlson said. — JPB

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## ✓ Third: Area residents proud of annual celebration

“I think it’s a really good community activity. I think it really unites them,” Corder said. “And they have different activities for kids, so I think that’s nice.”

Jill McIntyre lives in Canyon County on a farm just over the Snake River from Marsing.

She has been going to the Third of July celebration since 2007.

“We just really enjoy the fireworks every year,” McIntyre said.

The fireworks are scheduled to explode over the Snake River at dusk on Monday. The show lasts about 25 minutes each year.

McIntyre had an idea for another possible attraction during the Third of July events.

“I like how Melba does a fun run for the Fourth,” she said. “I think those kinds of things are fun. But I like how Marsing does it on the Third so we have more freedom on the Fourth to do other things as well.”

Like Corder, McIntyre also appreciates how the event brings people together.

“That’s what makes it fun. You see the community all out there participating and having a good time,” McIntyre said. “They always do a good job, and I’ve always enjoyed it. I don’t have any

complaints.”

Logan’s Market manager Vicki Green has been going to the Third of July events for 25 years.

She had rave reviews for the Marsing tradition.

“I think it’s fantastic,” Green said. “It brings everybody together down at the river at the park for the barbecue. You see a lot of people you haven’t seen in a long time.”

Her favorite parts of the annual event are the fireworks display and the Lions Club barbecue.

Green also said the Third of July brings a lot of business into her store.

“It spikes at least 35 percent,” she said. “We always bring in two, or three, or four extra people for the Third and Fourth. We’re busy from the moment we open until we close. We have to lock the doors at 10 o’clock, and they’re still trying to get in.”

Green added that despite the long lines at the checkout counter, she always looks forward to the community gathering.

“I like it because I like the people,” Green said. “You meet a lot of new people because they come from everywhere.” — SC

# Marsing fireworks show price tag bigger than past three years

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

The pyrotechnics are scheduled to explode over the Snake River at dusk on Monday.

Chamber president Julie Scheu said the fireworks show will cost the Chamber \$5,500 this year, but the City of Marsing is pitching in \$2,000 of that total. The Chamber spent \$5,339 last year, \$5,241 in 2015, and \$5,300 in 2014.

The city council also donated \$2,000 for the fireworks in each of the past three years.

Scheu said the higher price for Monday’s fireworks display will mean a bigger and better show.

“It did allow us to have more fireworks this year,” she said.

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

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

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

Prices are \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens, \$5 for ages 5 to 12 and free for ages 4 and younger.

The barbecue is one of the Lions Club’s major community service projects that helps them put on the Easter egg hunt and bingo, and helps fund scholarships for high school seniors and eyesight testing at the elementary school. The club has been hosting the barbecue for more than 37 years.

Last year, other food items were available from 10 food trucks operated by businesses located throughout the Treasure Valley.

Marsing Lions Club member Jim Briggs organized this year’s barbecue.

He said the out-of-town food trucks did affect the fundraiser’s bottom line.

“We don’t know exactly how much we lost, but I know we ended up with a few extra roasts at the end of the day,” Briggs said. “The year before, we completely sold out. So we were probably down 25 percent from two years ago.”

This year, other food items that will be available for purchase at booths in Island Park are primarily from Marsing-based businesses: The Sandbar Café with a Cause, Charros Mexican restaurant and K&R kettle corn.

Two booths will be operated by businesses located outside of Marsing: Powderhaus Brewing Co., of Garden City, and Maui Wowi coffees and smoothies of Meridian.

Popular music will be played during the barbecue and after the fireworks at a booth operated by Idaho Central Credit Union.

Representatives from the Bureau of Land Management will staff a booth with information about the federal agency.

The Chamber will have a booth selling bottled water and soda.

The Sandbar Café’s shuttle bus will run up and down Main Street from the MHS gymnasium to Island Park. Folks are encouraged to park at the gymnasium to avoid traffic congestion.

Children’s amusement rides will be available for a fee. — SC

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John Zsiray, former photojournalist at The Owyhee Avalanche, snapped a photo of the Owyhee Reservoir while flying over Oregon recently.

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Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 97 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 628

cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 306 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 695,016 acre-feet of water on Monday.

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

Homedale officers make more narcotics arrests

Meth, cocaine, marijuana seized

Homedale Police officers made four drug possession arrests in a six-day span recently.

Two separate arrests were made Friday, including one in which a Homedale man was allegedly found in possession of nearly eight grams of methamphetamine.

Jesse Ruiz, 25, was taken into custody shortly after midnight at the intersection of North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street West and West Montana Avenue.

Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said Ruiz was arrested on suspicion of felony controlled substance possession and misdemeanor paraphernalia possession.

Ruiz allegedly was found with 7.9 grams of methamphetamine.

Eidemiller said no other details are available as the investigation continues.

• Shortly after 9 p.m. on Friday, a Texas man was arrested on suspicion of marijuana possession after he ran a stop sign on West Colorado Avenue approaching South Main Street.

Kevin Wayne Wilson, 21, of Horizon Texas has been charged with misdemeanors for possessing drugs and paraphernalia. He also received an infraction for failing to stop at a stop sign.

Eidemiller said after the HPD K-9 unit alerted to the possible presence of narcotics, a Tupperware container filled with a marijuana grinder and a glass pipe was found inside a drawstring bag. Officers also located marijuana cigarettes, rolling papers and multiple lighters.

• A 19-year-old Nampa man was arrested for marijuana possession on June 17 after the car he was riding in was pulled over for speeding.

Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said Nicholas Alejandro Villa was cited for misdemeanor possession

after 7:30 p.m. on South Main Street.

The vehicle in which Villa was a passenger was stopped for driving 52 mph in a 35 mph zone.

After contacting the men, the responding officer located marijuana in the car, and Eidemiller said Villa admitted the pot was his.

The driver, Bryan G. Pereda Gastelum of Nampa, was cited for speeding.

• Shortly before 1:30 a.m. on June 16, 20-year-old Colton Scott Osborn of Mountain Home was arrested for felony cocaine possession and misdemeanor paraphernalia possession.

Osborn’s vehicle was stopped on West Idaho Avenue because of expired tags, Eidemiller said.

A canine was dispatched, and the dog subsequently hit on a coin holder inside Osborn’s vehicle.

Responding officers found three baggies of a white substance, a hypodermic needle and a spoon with residue. Eidemiller said the white substance and residue tested presumptive positive for cocaine.

Osborn was arraigned Friday on two counts of felony drug possession and misdemeanor paraphernalia possession. He sought release from Owyhee County Jail in a court hearing Monday in Murphy.

Osborn also has been cited for failing to register his vehicle and failing to provide proof of insurance, both infractions.

Osborn also faces felony burglary and three counts of felony grand theft in an unrelated case.

He was due in court June 19 for a pretrial hearing for burglary and grand theft. He is accused of stealing a Rossi .327 caliber revolver, a Savage .17 caliber rifle, a Remington 721 .270 rifle and a Mossberg 12-gauge shotgun from a Homedale-area resident in late October.

— JPB

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# Several past champions back in derby discussion

Folks have until noon Tuesday to buy advance tickets to the Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derby.

The derby takes place at 6 p.m. on Tuesday inside the rodeo arena at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds.

Lions Club president Will Pryor said online ticket sales will close six hours before the derby begins. Tickets can be purchased by visiting the Lions Club’s Facebook page and finding the link on vendor site Ticketbud.com.

Pryor said tickets for all three sections of the arena are selling briskly.

Admission for the covered grandstand (A section) is \$20.

Seats in the B section cost \$15, and C section seating that shares the same side of the arena as the beer garden go for \$12.

There are 29 cars in this year’s field, including four for the revived compact car heat.

A couple drivers are doubling up between the big cars and the “minis,” so the tentative driver roster numbers 27.

Last year’s champion, Homedale’s Paul Stuart, won’t be in the field this year, but several former champions are expected back, including

- Leonard Hurd, Emmett (2003 and 2006)
- Dusten DeCaney, Payette (2005)
- Tyler Maxwell, Homedale (2007)
- Chester Conklin, Parma (2008)
- Jake Ferguson, Homedale (2010)

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## ✓ Derby: Minis, Power Wheels aim for new blood

Wheels derby heat are the latest attempts to ensure the popular event continues to thrive for years to come.

“This is our way of getting (novice drivers) to the next level,” Pryor said. “The compact cars are the entry level to the derby, and hopefully it’ll bring them into the big cars.”

The Power Wheels Kids Derby, which is open to boys and girls ages 4-8, is run ostensibly as a filler between heats. But even that event, which is in its second year, can be a feeder program for the main event.

“It’s 50/50 (entertainment and feeder). The kids that did it loved it, and the crowd really liked it from what I could tell last year,” Pryor said.

“It gets us a little more involved with the kids, and maybe we catch a bug with a young kid that goes there to the compacts to the big cars.”

The Lions Club hasn’t been shy about trying to find ways to grow the event. A pick-up truck derby was floated a couple years ago.

This year, four veterans of the Homedale derby helped get the Cherry Festival demolition derby rolling in Emmett.

“It has potential, and some of the reason we did that is to get the interest (in demolition derby) built up,” Pryor said.

There were five entrants total, and a young hometown driver was declared the winner. Pryor said the man was stoked about the prospect of running in a Homedale derby, but his car was too badly damaged to make this year’s field.

Although Paul Stuart competed in Emmett, the reigning Lions

Fourth of July champion isn’t in the field to defend his title.

Other Homedale drivers who competed in Emmett were Mike Miller, Chris Folger and Kyle Orris.

Those three men are among the 27 drivers that could put cars in the arena for the Fourth of July show.

With a couple drivers doubling up in the compact car heat, Homedale’s event will have a car count of 29.

“We did this for the car count, and this is something that is a very easy build,” Pryor said of the compact car heat. “You could probably build one of these cars in 20 hours. It takes between 150 and 200 hours for the big cars.”

“We’re hoping this will entice more drivers.”

Driving in the mini heat are former derby champion Chester Conklin of Parma, Robert Brown of Caldwell and Homedale residents Caleb Curt and Brent Burton.

Like Conklin, Curt is a Lions Club member. He is coordinating the compact car derby this year.

Pryor said it has been at least 10 years and maybe as long as 20 years since the derby has featured a compact car heat.

Entrants can run nothing bigger than a 4-cylinder engine (and Pryor surmises a 3-cylinder engine is possible), and the tire diameter has to be 13 inches or less.

Although one can never take driver disclosures as the gospel, according to entry information this year’s compact car field includes a 2001 Chevrolet Cavalier, a 1996 Toyota, and a 1997 Subaru Legacy all-wheel-drive model.

— JPB

## Safety is Job No. 1 for derby staff

### New starting configuration among upgrades

The Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derby has always been near and dear to Will Pryor’s heart.

This year’s 36<sup>th</sup> annual installment tops them all, even though it has yet to be held.

“It means way more to me this year since we were that close to losing it last year,” Pryor said.

The future of the derby was in doubt last year after a consolation heat mishap injured four men seated in the drivers grandstand.

But, as it always does, the Lions Club huddled to come up with new safety precautions and move the event forward.

The derby’s return was solidified when Farm Bureau Insurance of Idaho stepped up, Pryor said.

“We didn’t know until March whether we were going to have the insurance coverage,” he said. “Farm Bureau took very, very good care of us.”

Pryor added that the Owyhee County offices of Wayne Hungate and Dave Cereghino in Homedale led the way in helping out those who suffered injuries in last year’s wreck.

New features triggered by the accident include a new starting configuration, the hunt for more resilient safety barriers and an elimination of the grandstands in the northwest corner of the Owyhee County Fairgrounds rodeo arena. For years, drivers and pit crews got a bird’s-eye view of the action from those bleachers, but last year’s incident made organizers realize how

### Firecracker Fiasco cancelled

The planned return of the Firecracker Fiasco has been called off.

Organizers hoped to hold a series of team competitions Thursday through Saturday as a ramp-up to the Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derby.

Teams of 10 people were sought to compete in volleyball, Frisbee golf, volleyball, beanbag toss (cornhole), bowling, and a closest-to-the-pin golf challenge.

The Lions Club and the Homedale High School basketball teams attempted to organize this year’s event.

The games were cancelled because of a lack of interest.

The Lions Club began talk of reviving the community challenge last year. Realizing there wasn’t enough time to get it off the ground last year, proponents decided to wait until 2017 for the reboot.

The Firecracker Fiasco was a regular complementary event during Derby time about 25 years ago.

precarious the location was.

“We’re relocating the drivers, and we cannot have the full-arena hits, so the start of the derby will look different than it normally does,” Pryor said.

Farm Bureau’s support, which includes a \$2,000 corporate sponsorship, has helped sweeten the pot for the field of drivers, which could number as many as 27 this year.

“This corporate sponsorship from Farm Bureau was huge for us,” Pryor said. “We’re going to work on getting more corporate sponsors.”

Part of the expanded prize money could help popularize the new starting procedure, Pryor said.

Competitors will no longer park on the north and south ends of the arena and wait for the green flag to trigger a mad, full-speed dash to the center.

This year, competitors will drive counter-clockwise around a large beach ball to start every heat. The first driver to hit the ball or pop it

wins \$100.

After a visit to the inaugural Cherry Festival demolition derby in Emmett on June 17, Lions Club derby organizers have more ideas on improving safety going forward.

The wooden logs will be back this year, but Pryor says exhaustive work is being done to find cement barriers known as K-rails for future events. The Emmett derby used those structures, which resemble jersey barriers found in highway construction zones.

Emmett derby organizers were able to secure a donation of the barriers, which Pryor said are easy to move. The barriers aren’t round like logs, so the possibility of a car hopping out of the arena is diminished.

“We’re really, really trying to figure out how to get some K-rails,” Pryor said. “It will not happen this year, but we’re trying to feel around (to get some) for maybe next year.” — JPB

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# Avalanche Sports

## Owyheean reaches his third national H.S. finals rodeo

Nicholson  
qualifies with  
state cutting title

A second cowboy with Owyhee County ties will perform in the National High School Finals Rodeo next month.

Tyler Nicholson, who is a recent Melba High School graduate, is no stranger to the rodeo, which will take place July 16-22 in Gillette, Wyo.

The sixth-generation Owyhee County rancher qualified for

his third National High School Finals Rodeo by winning the state championship in boys' cutting at the Bannock County Fairgrounds in Pocatello earlier this month.

The 18-year-old, who finished second in the state competition in 2015 and 2016, posted the highest score in three go-rounds at the Idaho State Finals Rodeo earlier this month. He held a 15-point margin of victory in average. Aboard his horse Sly Fly, the four-time state rodeo qualifier won this year's state short go with a perfect score of 150.

As a junior, Nicholson won

— See **Rodeo**, page 14



Melba High School graduate Tyler Nicholson performs during the state finals rodeo cutting horse competition. Submitted photo

## Rivercats' winning streak ends in Baker

Pitching still  
carries Legion  
single-A squad

The best start in the modern history of Owyhee County American Legion baseball has ended.

Two runs triggered by miscues halted the Owyhee Rivercats' season-opening 13-game winning streak Friday.

Spring Creek, Nev., tied the game on an error in the sixth inning then pushed across an unearned run with two outs in the top of the seventh for an 8-7 triumph in the Baker City tournament.

The loss was the first of four consecutive one-run games for the single-A Rivercats (15-2).

Owyhee had clawed back from a 5-0 first-inning deficit against Spring Creek to snag a 7-6 lead in the fourth inning.

Drew Deal doubled to lead off the inning and tied the game on his brother Jake's sacrifice bunt.

Owyhee surged ahead with two outs. Jaylon Hilton singled, stole second and scored on Chase Stoddard's base hit.

Five Rivercats had two hits apiece, including the Deal brothers, Hilton, Stoddard and Drew Taylor, who ripped a pair of doubles. Garrett Bettleyon also collected a double.

**Sunday: Rivercats 5, Bishop Kelly 4** — Jake Collett wiggled out of trouble in the top of the seventh, leaving the go-ahead run in scoring position.

— See **Rivercats**, page 14

## Friday last day to enter HHS volleyball benefit

Entries are open for a fundraiser grass volleyball tournament.

Friday is the last day to register a team for the tournament, proceeds of which will help the Homedale High School volleyball program.

The fundraiser takes place on Saturday, July 8 at Deward Bell Stadium.

Registration costs \$20 per person or \$15 per person for high school players.

The tournament begins at 8 a.m. and includes pool play and a single-elimination tournament. A barbecue will be available at the

conclusion of pool play at noon. Championship play will begin at 5 p.m.

Divisions include 2-on-2 for high school freshmen through seniors and 2-on-2 for women as well as a 4-on-4 coed bracket for adults.

Participants must sign a waiver the day of the tournament, and players younger than 18 must have their parent or guardian sign the waiver.

For more information or to register, email HHS volleyball coach Jessica Willson at jwillson04@gmail.com.



The eighth-graders who represented Homedale on Team Idaho were, from left, Jon Breshears, Brayden Christoffersen, Milo Mertz and Barton Strack. Submitted photo

## HMS all-stars taste victory

Four Homedale eighth-graders made contributions in Team Treasure Valley's eighth-grade all-star football game victory.

The athletes selected for Team Treasure Valley and Team Idaho lived in the College of Southern Idaho dormitories while practicing in preparation for the June 17 game at Canyon Ridge High School in Twin Falls.

Team Treasure Valley rolled, 22-6.

Outside linebacker Brayden Christoffersen got half a sack when Team Treasure Valley tackled the opposing quarterback in the end zone for a safety.

Other Homedale Middle School athletes who saw time were Milo Mertz, who got three passes from the H-back position; center Jon Breshears, who played the whole game despite giving up 30 to 40 pounds to opposing defensive linemen; and Barton Strack,

who picked up a few assists on the defensive line.

Another group of Homedale athletes also played in the seventh-grade all-star game.

The eighth-grade all-stars are now among the freshmen working out with the Homedale High School football program as it prepares for the 2017 season.

Coach Matt Holtry's squad begins its summer camp next Wednesday at Deward Bell Stadium.



Sports

This week’s games

**Today** — vs. Canyon County Cobras, John Jackson Field, 6 p.m.  
**Thursday** — at Nampa Braves, Rodeo Park, 7 p.m.  
**Saturday** — at Moscow, 3 p.m.  
**Sunday** — vs. St. Maries, Orofino (2), noon  
**Monday** — at Orofino (2), noon  
**Wednesday** — vs. Eagle Vipers, John Jackson Field, 6 p.m.

✓ Rivercats: Intense endings

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Collett came up with the save, pitching three innings in relief of Jake Deal, who allowed one run over the first four innings.

Owyhee scored three times to take a 4-0 lead in the second inning, mounting a two-out rally. Ismael Garcia walked and eventually scored on a passed ball, and Drew Deal came home on Ben Lee’s base hit.

Hilton led off the fifth with a single and scored on Tyler Woods base hit.

**Saturday: Baker 11, Rivercats 10** — The Barley Brown Brewers scored a run in the bottom of the seventh to cap a four-run comeback and a walk-off win.

Owyhee scored nine consecutive runs — including a six-run sixth inning — to take a 10-7 lead.

Baker snapped a 1-1 tie with six runs in the third.

Taylor drilled a two-out solo home run to give Owyhee a 1-0 lead in the second inning. He also smashed a two-run double in the sixth.

Jake Deal went 2-for-5 with three RBI and a double. Drew Deal also doubled and scored twice.

**Saturday: Rivercats 9, Elmo 8 (8)** — Jake Deal’s only RBI of the game gave Owyhee a walk-off victory. Lee scored the winning run on Deal’s base hit.

Owyhee led, 8-1, before Elmo scored seven times in the top of the sixth.

The Rivercats scored three runs to snap a 1-1 tie in the fourth inning. The Rivercats added four additional runs in the fifth.

Stoddard and Woods knocked in two runs each. Owyhee collected a dozen hits, all singles.

**Friday: Rivercats 5, Baker 0** — Jake Deal and Hilton teamed up for a two-hit shutout in the tournament’s opening game against the hosts.

Batting leadoff, Drew Deal reached base with three singles and scored three runs.

Jake Deal, Hilton and Lee smacked doubles and drove in runs.

Woods also delivered an RBI.

**Thursday: Rivercats 10,**

**Emmett 1** — Owyhee pitchers held the Blue Devils without a hit for the first five innings of an easy victory at John Jackson Field in Homedale.

Jake Deal struck out the side in two of the first three innings, finishing with nine strikeouts and one walk. A second base runner got on board in the second inning after a dropped third strike.

Hilton struck out two in two innings, and Drew Deal finished the domination with a strikeout in two innings.

Jake Deal knocked in the Rivercats’ first run with a double in the three-run first inning. He was part of three consecutive base runners.

Owyhee added two more runs in the second inning with three straight singles from Drew Deal, Lee and Jake Deal.

Stoddard had two singles, and seven players drove in runs, including Jake Deal’s two RBI and one apiece from Lee, Bettleyon, Hilton, Stoddard, Woods and Collett.

Jake Deal and Ismael Garcia notched doubles.

**June 20: Rivercats 6, Parma 0** — According to incomplete stats on GameChanger.com, every Owyhee player picked up a hit in a shutout victory in Ontario, Ore.

**June 19: Rivercats 8, Vallivue 5** — Drew Deal’s extra-base hits bookended the Rivercats’ pivotal eight-run fifth inning.

Twelve batters visited the plate during a rally that erased Vallivue’s 3-0 advantage.

Deal tripled and scored on Lee’s single, and he capped the uprising with a two-run double.

Jake Deal, who reached on a three-base error, tied the game when Hilton singled.

Vallivue mounted a comeback in the top of the seventh, bringing the potential winning run to the plate with the bases loaded. But Taylor, who had allowed an unearned run, got the final out to finish his one inning of relief.

Lee struck out seven over the first six innings and go the win.

Drew Deal and Lee notched three hits each. Drew had three RBI, and Lee drove in two runs.



Jim Dines and his wife Sharon are the hosts for Idaho Power Co.’s campsites at C.J. Strike Reservoir near Bruneau. Idaho Power photo

Homedale native helps C.J. Strike campers feel welcome

From Idaho Power

If it’s early morning at C.J. Strike Reservoir near Bruneau, you can probably find Jim Dines on the dock near the park, casting for crappie or perch.

As the campground begins to stir, Jim will make the rounds, chatting up the campers, answering questions and doing his best to make their stay at Idaho Power’s North Park as pleasant as possible.

“I really like to communicate with the people,” Jim said. “You get in good with ’em, and they talk with you and offer to take you out in their boat and go fishing.”

Jim and his wife, Sharon, are starting their seventh year as camp hosts at C.J. Strike. Previously, they hosted at campgrounds along the Oregon Coast. But Jim, a retired Simplot maintenance worker who was born and raised in Homedale, is glad to be back in the Gem State.

“I like helping people enjoy the campground and enjoy their stay. And Sharon’s always making them cupcakes,” he said.

North Park is one of dozens of recreational areas Idaho Power operates. The company maintains campgrounds, day-use parks, boat ramps and other recreational spots across our service area, from American Falls to Hells Canyon. Idaho Power manages another 30,000 acres of habitat lands.

The utility’s stewardship helps fulfill its obligations under the federal licenses that allow operation of operate hydroelectric projects.

Another feature is a series of geocaches Idaho Power employees placed along the Snake River in 2015. Nicknamed “powercaches” the 12 hidden containers are located in the Hells Canyon, C.J. Strike, Swan Falls and Hagerman areas.

Geocaching, is a globally popular family-friendly outdoor recreational activity where participants use a GPS-enabled device or smart phone to find hidden containers called geocaches.

When explorers find one of our geocaches, nicknamed “powercaches,” they also find information highlighting Snake River history, the features and benefits of the dams, including electricity generation, flood control, irrigation and recreation.

“Geocaching brings people to these places, many for the first time, to discover aspects of Idaho Power’s hydropower, parks and recreation areas, and the environment and geology that would otherwise be easily overlooked,” said Cindy Sorensen, Idaho Power Environmental Technician Lead. “All of our clues are educational. Regardless of where you visit, you’ll leave knowing something you didn’t know before.”

Idaho Power’s recreational sites are located across its service area from American Falls to Hells Canyon.

“One of the best parts of living in Idaho is having access to the outdoors,” Idaho Power recreation supervisor Fred Noland said. “Our employees take pride in providing and maintaining facilities to help our customers and visitors enjoy everything we have to offer.”

In its latest customer newsletter, Idaho Power reports that heavy winter snow and a cool, wet spring have made early-summer conditions ideal for outdoor adventure. Parks and campgrounds are green; ponds and creeks remain full of water.

Brownlee Reservoir in Hells Canyon, one of the region’s most popular recreation destinations, is filling up again after being lowered early in the year in order to catch the spring runoff.

Idaho Power campsites are available on a first-come, first-served basis, and there is a 14-day stay limit at all of our campgrounds.

Idaho Power offers discounted camping fees to service-disabled veterans and campers over 60. For veterans with any level of service-related disability, overnight camping fees are reduced by 50 percent. Seniors receive \$2 off summer rates and \$1 off winter rates.

✓ Rodeo: Two Owyheean making the trip next month to Gillette, Wyo.

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the NHSFR short go and finished sixth overall.

Scott and Sherri Nicholson’s son earned the National Cutting Horse Association rookie of the year award in 2015. He earned a spot on the Team Cinch Idaho

all-stars each year between 2014 and 2017 by finished in the top four in the state finals rodeo. The top four competitors also qualify for the national finals rodeo.

He cut his teeth on cutting while working in the family ranching operation on the 3,800-acre

Boulder Creek Ranch and other ranches from Owyhee County to Valley county.

“The sport of rodeo and cutting has taught me to always do your best, have fun, and live with the results,” Nicholson said. “I have gone to State knowing that I

could do it, but also knowing that whatever is in God’s will, that is what I what to happen — win, lose or draw.

“It has been an experience competing at the state and national finals. I feel very fortunate to have the caliber of horse to compete

on. His name is Sly Fly, and we are a team.”

Nicholson thanked his parents and horse trainer, Jody Cada, for helping him accomplish his dreams.

Marsing’s Wes Ireland is scheduled to ride bulls at the NHSFR next month.



# Looking back...

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

## 25 years ago

July 1, 1992

### Local kids place in golf tournament

The Junior Elks Golf Tournament was held at the Fairview Golf Course in Caldwell June 24 and 25. There were approximately 60 participants.

Andrea Bideganeta brought home a trophy for 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 10- and 11-year-old girls’ division. The girls played 18 holes over the two-day period.

Playing 10 holes, John Bideganeta placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the 8- and 9-year-old boys’ division, and his brother Jason Bideganeta placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the same division. The parents of the three are Joe and Val Bideganeta of Wilder.

### Well rehabilitation to begin this week

Homedale city officials accepted a bid of \$15,720 for rehabilitation work to be done to a city well Thursday, according to Edna Grimes, city clerk.

Bill Doty Drilling and Pump Co., Caldwell, offered the only bid for the work, public works supervisor Larry Bauer said.

Bauer told council members at the June council meeting that he did not expect much response to the advertisement for bids because most local drilling companies are already involved in projects.

The well to be rehabilitated is the old Tom Morris well, located along Highway 95 across the river, Bauer said. He said it was drilled in about 1979.

The company will pull the pump, acid wash and clean the well, rehabilitate and replace the pump, and install the chlorination system.

Bauer said the city currently has three wells in operation, and one for back-up. The Morris well will make the fourth.

### Retired principal Fritzley concerned about changes

Herb Fritzley has spent 31 years in the Homedale school system, his entire career in education, and said he has seen major changes over the years.

He announced his retirement this year, after serving 29 years as Homedale Elementary principal.

His first two years were spent as a teacher, teaching social studies, math and physical education.

Fritzley came to Homedale after earning first his bachelor’s and then master’s degree in school administration from the University of Idaho in Moscow.

“I was looking for a district that had stability,” he said.

Fritzley said he only planned to stay in Homedale three or four years. However, when he had a chance a few years later to return to Moscow, where he had grown up, he turned it down to stay in Homedale.

“I don’t regret it,” he said. “It’s been a very fruitful and special experience for us.”

He said teachers and administrators today face many new challenges. For example, they are working largely with children from “dysfunctional families,” Fritzley said.

He said in one Homedale classroom this year, only four out of 25 kids were living with their natural parents.

He also said there are many latchkey kids, and most are not getting the proper supervision or support from their parents in furthering their education.

### New weigh station under construction

A new state-of-the-art weigh station is under construction on Sommercamp Road south of Marsing, according to Steve Hutchinson, assistant engineer for District 3 of the Idaho Department of Transportation.

Hutchinson said the station should be completed by the middle or end of July.

He said the “multitude of needs” brought about the construction of the new station, which will replace the current station at the junction of Highway 55 and Highway 95.

Hutchinson said the old weigh station will be closed as soon as the new one is completed.

However, he said the state will keep the property to be used as a roving weigh station when needed.

## 50 years ago

June 29, 1967

### Idaho’s first Greenspan Grant for Homedale

Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman today announced the first Greenspan agreement in Idaho — a \$1,732 Federal grant to School District No. 370 of the town of Homedale — to assist it in purchasing 11.5 acres of cropland for a public park and recreation area.

In addition, the agreement provides \$103 in cost-share assistance toward installing conservation work the land will need for water sports, boating, fishing, picnicking, baseball, softball, football and track.

Total cost of the 11.5 acres to be diverted from corn and other feed grains is \$3,465 Greenspan land-acquisition assistance is calculated on the basis of what a farmer would have received under the Cropland Adjustment Program (CAP) over a 10-year period for diverting land out of certain crops and into conserving uses. But in no case can such aid exceed 50 per cent of the cost of the cropland.

### Grassman’s tour held at Muller Ranch Friday

More than 50 men toured the Muller Brothers’ M & M Ranch in the Wilson community south of Marsing Friday morning.

The ranch is owned by Jim and Edgar Muller. Edgar, who makes his home on the ranch and is the general manger, was chosen 1966 winner of the Owyhee County Grassman’s Award.

Due to the wide area encompassed by Owyhee County, it has been the practice of the Grassmen’s Committee to tour the ranch of the winner the following summer, rather than attempt to tour the ranches of each candidate.

Owyhee County’s area is divided into four sections: Homedale, Marsing, Grand View and Bruneau, with a candidate chosen from each area.

Owyhee County has had the distinction of having four district winners, two of whom went on to become state winner, during the last seven years, according to Jesse Wilson, Owyhee County agent, and public relations member of the committee.

### Homedale 4-H’ers to tour Europe

Two 4-H members from Homedale were among a group of 60 other 4-H youths from three states who left Saturday for an extended tour of Europe. They were Cliff Eidemiller and Tresa Middleton, both high school graduates from Homedale this spring.

The Goodwill Ambassadors left for Europe from Spokane, Wash., on June 25. The tour will last about six weeks.

The group will fly from Spokane to Washington D.C. for three days orientation with leaders of the People-To-People program. Delegates will also tour the State Department and learn about the country’s foreign policy.

They will then fly to Amsterdam and on to London. From London they will fly to Glasgow, Scotland where they will stay on farms with Scottish youths. They will then fly to Amsterdam. They will tour Holland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Berlin, Czechoslovakia and Austria.

### Motorcyclists to wear headgear

Idaho Department of Law Enforcement officials say the new state law requiring motorcycle and motor scooter riders to wear protective headgear goes into effect Jan. 1, 1968.

Warner C. Mills, law enforcement department commissioner, said specifications for the type of helmets to be worn are being drawn and that public hearings will be held throughout the state before final plans are adopted.

### Baseball results

The Homedale 10-year-olds won their sixth straight ball game by defeating Kuna 19 to 5 June 22. Winning pitcher Doug Cook struck out 10 and gave up seven hits. Homedale had 18 hits led by Billy Burley, Richard Fritzley, Don Drum and Tony Aberasturi

On June 27 the Homedale 10-year-olds lost their first game in seven starts to Vallivue by a 5 to 4 score. Don Drum and Danny Landa struck out nine batters.

## 140 years ago

June 30, 1877

INJUN MEAL. James Timmons better known as “Pedro Jim,” states that while he was riding in the vicinity of Company Ranch in Jordan Valley last Sunday evening, after returning from the meeting at Mill’s, he saw five mounted Indians crossing the fields and moving towards the hills. He rode up towards them and intimated a desire to have a talk. They refused to be interviewed and putting their horses on the run got out of sight as rapidly as possible.

Winnemucca and his associates who come to town on Friday departed laden with grub. The citizens gave them flour, bacon and a variety of other articles. Our people generally are liberally disposed towards the Indians. The latter, however, should be compelled to go to their reservation without delay. Even admitting that they are friendly to the whites their presence in this vicinity just now is creating serious alarm in many families living in thinly populated settlements of the valleys.

Many of the residents of Jordan Valley find themselves without guns at present and in some instances it is their own fault that they are thus situated. At various times during the past year or two and even quite recently settlers have been disposing of their guns to Indians, and now many of the former are without arms entirely. Such criminal carelessness as this now finds only about one gun in every third or fourth house in the Valley.

About a month ago four Indians were seen riding up through Jordan Valley one Sunday at an unusually rapid rate. They seemed in a great hurry riding much faster than usual and not desiring to stop and talk with any one. Mr. Canter and other gentlemen who saw them think that they may have been en route to the Nez Perce region.

Mr. Goodrich of Jordan Valley has had an old Indian in his employ for some time. When the war broke out he says he knew all about the trouble for weeks previous. When questioned about the attitude of the Piutes he said “they no go.”

OWYHEE VOLUNTEERS. Several meetings have been held at Champion Hall in this place during the past week for the purpose of completing a volunteer organization. Much interest has been manifested in the proceedings and the meetings have been generally well attended. John M. Wilson was elected Chairman and William Moody Secretary.

The general orders of Governor Brayman who is ex-officio Commander-in-Chief were read at the first meeting and O. H. Purdy, C. M. Hays and E. H. Moore were appointed to a committee to draft rules and regulations for government of the organization.

The report of the committee was subsequently adopted, and it was ordered that each member of the company be required to affix his name to the rules adopted and support the same.

The enrollment list was left at the post office for signatures, and the Sheriff was authorized to visit Fairview and obtain further signatures. He subsequently secured quite a number of names there.

On motion of J. A. Wilson it was ordered that proxies be received in writing from members who cannot attend the next regular meeting, which on motion of Mr. Purdy was appointed for eleven o’clock a.m. Sunday next.

The resolutions adopted specify the dangers to be apprehended from roving bands of Indians in this country, who a few years ago murdered our people, drove off our stock and destroyed property, and whose movements at this time are not fully comprehended; that for the purposes of protection against savage atrocities, an independent corps of volunteers be formed to be known as the “Owyhee County Home Guard,” whose duty shall consist of rendering service as may be required in repelling Indians.

CALVARY COMING. Some two hundred cavalry en route to the scene of the Indian War in North Idaho will arrive in Jordan Valley to-morrow.



Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense Balin' wheat



Glen said J.T. liked old pickups, too. But sometimes they had a mind of their own.

Early one summer morning, J.T. loaded his good dog, Sam, and headed down to the wheat field. It had been cut, and he planned on balin' some wheat straw as long as it still held the dew.

It was a fine western Kansas mornin'. J.T. made two passes around the wheat field before the sun burned off the moisture. He parked the 930 Case with the New Holland round baler and decided he could make it to Winona just in time for coffee shop communion. He leaped aboard his '79 Ford 4-wheel-drive and cranked the engine. Unfortunately, it didn't crank back!

Starter problems, he knew. It had happened before. Something electrical that required a little short-circuiting wizardry. He raised the hood. Sam lay under the tractor waiting in the shade for his command to "Load up!"

J.T. had no manual choke, so he wedged a shotgun between the seat and the foot feed. Diggin' through his Snap On hi-tech tool kit, he fished out a fence stay and a pair of pliers. He shorted the faulty electrical connection. The starter kicked over and the engine caught. It was at that moment that J.T. realized that the ol' '79 was in gear!

It lunged into motion! He slammed the hood and dove out of the way! Out across the wheat field it chugged, pickin' up speed! Sam came out from under the Chase tryin' to jump in the back, but it was goin' too fast!

Down through the stubble it rumbled followed by man and dog in hot pursuit! The ol' pickup displayed an unerring sense of direction and seemed to navigate itself through the bogs, rock piles and round bales. On several occasions, when it was slowed by a mud hole or a steep rise, it looked like Sam might catch up. But the pickup had lots of pasture experience and always managed to elude the poor ol' dog who thought he was bein' left behind!

Finally, it nosedived into a washout, knocking the 12-gauge out of position and died of natural causes. J.T. followed the tracks and found it face down up against the bank. Sam was in the back where he belonged, but breathin' heavy.

J.T. eventually made it to the café around noon to tell the story. Everyone said it sure gave new meaning to the term "gunning the engine!"

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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.

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Invasive species prevention Open check stations 'round the clock

by Rep. Mat Elperding and state Sen. Jim Rice

Benjamin Franklin famously said that a "penny saved is a penny earned." This centuries-old wisdom is relevant today in Idaho where Democrats and Republicans are working together to fight the single-most potentially devastating foreign invader of our state: zebra and quagga mussels.

That may not be the answer you were expecting, but it's true. Zebra and quagga mussels threaten Idaho's waterways, electrical infrastructure and agricultural communities. If they make it into our rivers, lakes and streams they will devastate Idaho waters and cost more than \$90 million every year to deal with. While the Idaho Legislature has taken some important first steps in combating this menace, more work is needed.

Zebra and quagga mussels are not native to the United States. They were introduced to the Great Lakes region by cargo ships from the Black Sea. From there, this invader moved west into Arizona, Nevada, Utah and most recently Montana. These mussels can reproduce a million times over in a year. They are sharp and coarse and can attach themselves to infrastructure, wedge themselves into hydroelectric machinery and spread into irrigation pipes. They also ruin beaches in short order. To call them an existential threat to Idaho is an understatement.

We call the zebra and quagga mussels foreign invaders because the biggest threat to Idaho comes from boaters who 1) travel from out of state to Idaho or 2) travel to infested waters and then come back into Idaho. For example, Lakes Mead, Powell and Havasu are already infested. Boaters

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Americans for Limited Govt. Senate Obamacare replacement improvement .on House version

by Robert Romano

The GOP Senate majority has released its discussion draft of its plan to repeal and replace Obamacare, which Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) said on the floor that "There will be ample time to analyze, discuss, and provide thoughts before legislation comes to the floor."

The American people should be pleased that McConnell has not rushed to bring the final version of the Senate proposal to repeal and replace Obamacare to the floor, for there is much to discuss.

The discussion draft ends the tyranny of the individual and employer mandates, phases out Medicaid expansion — although perhaps not soon enough — but also provides states more flexibility in implementing Medicaid.

The Senate bill even improves on the House version by eliminating the "continuous coverage" penalty, which, according to Kaiser Health News, "increases premiums for people who buy insurance if they have gone 63 consecutive days without a policy during the past 12 months. Their premiums would rise by 30 percent and that surcharge would last for a year." That's gone now, leaving no vestige of the individual mandate.

Overall, the Senate bill appears to stick to many of the parameters of the House legislation, including creating a meaningful opt-out for states to get out from under Obamacare's crushing Section 1302 regulations as the House version did via the MacArthur amendment.

These state waivers should be strengthened by providing for automatic approval as the MacArthur Amendment does. That way, a future president cannot attempt to administratively re-institute Section 1302 nationwide. This is critical. State opt-outs were the cornerstone of the compromise that got through the House, and should be fully reflected in the Senate version — and protected to avert any future implementation of Obamacare regulations without a vote

of Congress.

Elsewhere, there is obviously more that can be done.

Neither the House nor Senate bills ends the American Medical Association's monopoly on doctor certification via control of medical schools; the Food and Drug Administration monopoly on approving new drugs; and the government-created state-by-state insurance monopolies. They do not address medical malpractice reform.

Also, solo physicians and small practices could be given a waiver to the MACRA (Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act) mandate, which requires electronic medical records in order for doctors to treat Medicare patients. At a time when there are more seniors than ever entering the Medicare program, they will need as many doctors as possible to treat them.

Forcing electronic medical records on Medicare doctors is compelling many doctors to simply stop treating Medicare patients. With a limited waiver for smaller practices, seniors could get at least a few more options for care.

Other obvious areas for improvement would be to give consumers the option of going across state lines to purchase insurance, as Republicans have been promising on the campaign trail for several election cycles.

Sens. Ted Cruz (R-Texas), Ron Johnson (R-Wis.), Mike Lee (R-Utah) and Rand Paul (R-Ky.) opened the door for additional changes focused upon lowering consumer healthcare costs in a joint statement, saying, "Currently, for a variety of reasons, we are not ready to vote for this bill, but we are open to negotiation and obtaining more information before it is brought to the floor. There are provisions in this draft that represent an improvement to our current healthcare system, but it does not appear this draft, as written, will accomplish the most important promise that we made to Americans: to repeal Obamacare

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Commentary

Financial management  
Selling motorcycle of memories not worth small dent in debt

**Dear Dave,**  
My husband and I aren't seeing eye-to-eye on a motorcycle. The bike was my dad's, and I got it four years ago when he passed away. I'd like to keep it because I grew up riding it with him, and I still ride it today. My husband thinks we should sell it to pay off debt. We make about \$60,000 a year, and we have about \$36,000 to go before we're debt-free except for our home. The bike is worth about \$2,300. What do you think?

— Amanda

**Dear Amanda,**  
There's no way I'd sell that bike. If it were just a miscellaneous motorcycle, I'd sell the thing in about 20 seconds. But this bike is unique and special because it was your dad's. There's only one of those in the world.  
It's like a lady in the same scenario saying she has a \$2,300 diamond on her hand that's her

wedding ring. Would I tell her to sell it? No way! This bike is very much woven into the fabric of your life and your fondest memories. As a rule, you just don't sell things like that.  
Now, there may be extreme cases sometimes where a person might have to consider selling something of that magnitude. If you were in a truly awful situation making \$10,000 a year and the ring is worth \$200,000 while you're \$100,000 in debt, you'd have to give it some thought.  
But there's no way I'd sell that bike in your case!

— Dave

**Dear Dave,**  
My fiancé told me the other day he's going to buy a failing restaurant with his mom, sister, and a family friend. None of them have any food service or business experience, and he has never said anything about wanting to own a



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restaurant.  
When I questioned him about it, he said it was his mother's idea. I don't want to be part of this, and it wouldn't be his first big surprise decision, so I told him I would walk away from the marriage if he pursues this. I feel bad about it, because he didn't really do

anything wrong. Do you think I'm making a wise decision?

— Carla

**Dear Carla,**  
Yes, he did do something wrong. He put his controlling mommy ahead of his bride-to-be, and it sounds like it's not the first time he's made big decisions without consulting you. Any man who doesn't consider the feelings of his wife or fiancée in an important decision-making process is not marriage material. I think your decision was heartbreaking, but wise.  
Going into a partnership with family like this is unwise. There's a lot of messed up stuff in his family dynamic. And it's not like you won't support your man and his dreams and decisions, but those dreams need to contain wisdom and consideration for you. Otherwise, any dream will fast become a nightmare.  
I know it hurts, Carla, but this

was not the right guy for you. Money problems are one of the biggest causes of divorce in America today. Trouble with in-laws is another, and you almost signed up for both. I'm sorry you had to make such a tough call.  
If you want to salvage this, you could explain to him that he needs to make better decisions to win your hand again. In this case, making better decisions means involving you in the process, and giving your thoughts, feelings, and opinions the respect they deserve.

— Dave

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✓ Stations: Revenue increases help, but more appropriations are needed

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who travel to those waters pick up quagga mussels in their bilge water (whether they know it or not), or the mussels attach directly to the boats. Once that happens, the boats transport the mussels to other states to infest new waters. For now, Idaho's only line of defense is our 19 boat-check stations at our borders. Two of those stations are in Owyhee County, located at the crossroads of highways in Marsing and Bruneau.  
During the past session, the House and Senate passed two bipartisan bills that become law on July 1. The first bill raises the out-of-state boat tag fee from \$22 to \$30. The extra money will be used for prevention efforts. The second piece of legislation approved a \$3 million increase in the Department of Agriculture budget, primarily to fund boat check stations. These bills were the result of the work of a bipartisan working group, but more needs to be done.

The federal government has jurisdiction over Lakes Mead, Powell and Havasu, three of the most infested waterways in the West. They need to take responsibility for the watercraft that navigate those waters. Any boats coming out of infested waters should be inspected by the feds before they leave. In addition, Idaho's Department of Agriculture needs to work with state, federal and tribal agencies to make sure boats do not enter our state with viable quagga mussels. Finally, the State of Idaho needs to appropriate enough resources to keep our state check stations open on a 24-hour basis. As it stands now, most Idaho inspection stations are open dawn to dusk. While our state officials do a great job, there are too many boaters who cross into the state after dark who risk exposing our waters to the quagga mussel.  
We understand that Idaho is a conservative state, but preventing this species from destroying our waterways

is worth the investment. It will be far cheaper to spend the money now on prevention than to deal with the consequences later. A few million dollars spent today could prevent a hundred million dollars per year in economic damage down the road.  
"A penny saved is a penny earned." This is good advice. However, when it comes to keeping the quagga mussel out of Idaho, pinching pennies is bad policy. We need to invest more to prevent this problem from infesting the waters in our state.  
— Dist. 19, Seat A Rep. Mat Erpelding (D-Boise) is the Democratic Minority Leader in the Idaho House of Representatives. He holds degrees from Idaho State University and the University of Idaho.  
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✓ Obamacare: Employer, individual mandates could be in their final days

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and lower their healthcare costs."  
And this is how legislation should happen, drafts proposed, individual senators providing input and negotiating changes, the public informed in advance of votes, and eventually passage through both houses with the president's signature. A far cry from the "You'll have to pass it to read it approach" taken by Obama, Reid and Pelosi that

delivered the nation the failed Obamacare plan.  
The framework for a deal is basically in place, and if through the efforts of Cruz, Johnson, Lee and Paul the health care system becomes more free market and less state-control focused providing more individual choices, the legislative process will have worked the way it is supposed to. And most importantly, the American people will no longer be compelled to buy health insurance packages

that they cannot afford with deductibles that make it useless in all but the most extreme circumstances.  
The Obamacare replacement bill has turned an important corner and with a few improvements, will hopefully soon be heading for home.  
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The Homedale Jt. School District #370, Canyon and Owyhee Counties, proposes to increase the following fee by an amount that exceeds one hundred five percent (105%) of the fee charged last year. The proposed percentage increase of the fees is listed below.

Fee	Current (2016-17) Fee	Next Year (2017-18) Fee	Percent Increase
Elementary Lunch	\$1.65	\$1.75	6.06%
M.S. & H.S. Lunch	\$1.90	\$2.00	5.00%

This fee is being increased due to Federal Regulations.

All citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the increased fees request. The hearing will be held on July 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Homedale School District Board Room, 116 East Owyhee, Homedale, Idaho.

Faith K. Olsen  
Business Manager

## MURPHY AIRPORT MEETING PUBLIC NOTICE

The Murphy Airport is participating in the Airport Layout Plan process. A public meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Owyhee County Historical Society Museum and Library, 17085 Basey Street in Murphy, ID. The public is invited to come learn more about the project, ask questions, and provide feedback. More information about the Airport Layout Plan is available by contacting Rick Patton at GDA Engineers at 307.587.3411 or rpatt@gdaengineers.com. 6/28;7/5/2017

## NOTICE INVITING BIDS

The Homedale Highway District is calling for bids for the seal coating of approximately 14.5 miles in the District. The bids must be delivered to the District on or before 5:00 P.M. MDT, 7/7/2017, either personally or by mail to: P.O. Box 713, Homedale, Idaho 83628, or hand delivered to 102 E. Colorado Avenue, Homedale, ID 83628. The sealed bids shall be opened at a special meeting at 5:00 P.M. MDT, 7/7/2017, at the Homedale Highway District office located at 102 E. Colorado Avenue, Homedale, Idaho 83628. For more information,

contact Stewart Constantine at 208-337-3500, or Terri Uria at 208-249-1118. The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept the bid deemed best or to reject any or all bids and to waive any technicality. Terri Uria, Secretary 6/21,28/2017

## NOTICE

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## NOTICE OF HEARING CASE NO. CV2017-1414-H 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: CONNER JOSEPH HOILAND A Verified Petition to change the name of the minor child, Conner Joseph Hoiland, now residing in Homedale, Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Owyhee County, Idaho, by the minor child's biological mother, Chelsea D. Troxel. The Petition

proposes to change the child's name to Conner Joseph Troxel. The reason for the change is as follows: the minor child's current last name, Hoiland, derives from the child's biological father; the minor child's biological father has not played a significant role in the child's life and the child is being raised by his biological mother; the minor child's mother and brother bear the last name of Troxel; and it would be in the minor child's interest to bear the last name of Troxel. The name of the minor child's biological father is Jordon M. Hoiland, whose last known address was 217 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Emmett, Idaho 8617. A hearing on the Petition is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017, at the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 31 Wyoming Ave, Homedale, ID 83628. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change. DATED this 8 day of June, 2017. Russell G. Metcalf, P.O. Box 385, Homedale, ID 83628 Clerk of the Court, Angela Barkell By: Cindy Chaves, Deputy Clerk 6/14,21,28;7/5/2017

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# Meth, scales found in Marsing traffic stop

A Caldwell man faces multiple drug charges after a Thursday traffic stop in Marsing.

Gary Eugene Allison, 47, was arrested after 1 a.m. on Main Street near 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue West after an Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputy pulled over a gray 2003 Mitsubishi Eclipse for a non-functioning headlight.

Deputy Cody Hammond requested Homedale Police’s K-9 drug detection unit after making pulling Allison over, sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said.

“The suspect became nervous when the dog showed up,” Bowman said.

The drug dog alerted to the driver’s seat area, and law enforcement personnel located 18.2 grams of methamphetamine and miscellaneous drug paraphernalia, Bowman said.

The paraphernalia included scales and bags.

Bowman said further charges may be pending.

Allison was arraigned Monday afternoon in Murphy before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober.

According to the Idaho Supreme Court case repository, Allison also

faces misdemeanor drug charges in Canyon County and was convicted of possession of LSD, a felony, in Elmore County in 2004.

## Nampan arrested for pot

A 33-year-old Nampa man who had a medical marijuana card was arrested on misdemeanor charges for marijuana and drug paraphernalia possession shortly before midnight on Saturday.

Bowman said Andrew Heidebrink produced a medical marijuana card when a search of his vehicle turned up glass pipes and a plastic container filled with marijuana. Pot prescriptions aren’t legal in Idaho.

A sheriff’s deputy stopped Heidebrink near Cemetery Road on U.S. Highway 95 between Homedale and Marsing because he failed to maintain highway speed. Bowman said Heidebrink’s speed in the 55 mph zone wavered between 40 mph and 55 mph.

After detecting the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle, the deputy conducted a search that turned up a grinder, rolling papers and two additional glass pipes in the glovebox.

— JPB



Joslyn Corder (left) and Vivian Blauer make sensory bottles containing Karo syrup, beads and shells at the Lizard Butte Library in Marsing last Wednesday. Joslyn, 2, is the daughter of Hayzen and Ashlie Corder. Vivian, 3, is the daughter of Mike and Amy Blauer.

# Summer reading concludes at Lizard Butte Library

The summer reading program at Marsing’s Lizard Butte Library wraps up today.

The free program — themed Build a Better World — is open to all boys and girls in preschool through 18 years of age. No library card is needed.

Other library programs include:  
• Preschool story time — 10:30 a.m., every Wednesday

- Game night — 6 p.m., the second Friday of each month
- Book club — 7 p.m., the first Monday of every month

The library is located at 111 3rd Ave. W.

For more information about the library or the summer reading program, email lizardbuttlibrary@yahoo.com or call (208) 896-4690.

— JPB

# Wrong-way driver charged with DUI

A Homedale man was arrested for suspicion of drunk driving after being spotted driving on the wrong side of the street.

Andrade Jesus Cortez, 23, was taken into custody around 9 p.m. on June 19 after failing a field sobriety test, Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said.

Eidemiller said an HPD officer stopped Andrade’s vehicle after the driver failed to use his turn signal and was driving in an erratic pattern, including driving in the wrong lane of travel on South 1<sup>st</sup> Street West.

After initiating the stop on South 1<sup>st</sup> Street West between Kansas and Utah avenues, the officer detected signs of possible intoxication, Eidemiller said.

Cortez failed field sobriety tests and was taken to the police station for blood-alcohol concentration analysis.

Eidemiller said Cortez was arrested for misdemeanor driving under the influence after providing samples of .152 and .146. The legal limit is .08.

# Drunk driver placed on probation

A Marsing man who spent nearly a month in jail after his arrest has been placed on probation for driving under the influence.

Rigoberto Ruiz Rojas was placed on two years’ probation during a June 19 sentencing hear-

ing before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober in Murphy.

Rojas must pay \$800 in fines and court costs, and won’t be able to drive for six months.

Grober suspended the remainder of a 180-day jail sentence. Rojas

had spent 28 days in Owyhee County Jail after his May 23 arrest.

Rojas was credited two days in a jail and ordered to pay \$172.50 for misdemeanor driving without privileges. He must pay \$157.50 for his second offense of failing to provide proof of insurance.

# Man hurt, UTV driver charged

Other charges are possible in an off-road vehicle accident that sent a man to the hospital.

Owyhee County Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said the investigation continues into the circumstances surrounding the wreck of a Polaris Razr around 10 p.m. on Sunday in Grand View.

The driver, 32-year-old Brandon Wolfe of Grand View, was cited for leaving the scene of an accident. The Polaris apparently flipped on River Road in Grand View.

His passenger, Mountain Home resident Cody Hardwick, 23, was treated at a local hospital for a broken clavicle and scratches.



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