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## Flags, fireworks, food put focus on freedom

### Homedale celebrates with morning parade, mangled metal

**Right:** Sunny Slope resident Harry Schumacher, an Army veteran who served in Vietnam, places a flag on the Samuel C. Phillips III Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 11065 truck, which led the Independence Parade on Tuesday in Homedale. **Below:** Homedale resident Caleb Curt (30.2) upends Alex Smith during the Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derby mini heat.



### BBQ, pyrotechnics delight Marsing crowd

The Marsing Lions Club barbecue booth was a popular spot during the Third of July events on Monday. **From left:** Stan Cahill, his wife Dawn, Lions Club past president Herb Churruca and volunteer Shonie Jarvis. More celebration photos, **Page 10**

## Homedale budget expanding again, nears \$4.6 million

### Tax levy won't rise despite 8% increase

Taxes won't be going up in Homedale even though the city's budget could increase by as much as \$337,000.

Elected officials and department heads recently concluded annual budget workshops, settling on a proposed appropriation that

approaches \$4.6 million.

Two years ago, the city's budget was nearly \$1 million smaller. The proposed Fiscal Year 2018 budget marks an eight percent increase over the current \$4.21 million appropriation.

Homedale's annual budget has increased approximately \$1.06 million (or 29.9 percent) in the four years since Mayor Gheen Christoffersen took office.

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## Owyhee receives record PILT check

### Bulk of \$1.34M helps current budget

The county's property tax replacement for public lands has topped \$1.3 million for the third time in the past four years.

The \$1,340,027 Payment in Lieu of Taxes check received in Murphy last week is the largest annual compensation ever for Owyhee County.

The U.S. Department of Interior announced a record \$464.6 million in distributions to 1,900 local governments nationwide. Idaho counties are receiving \$30 million.

The federal government has been distributing compensation for lost revenue because of property tax-exempt public lands for 40 years.

But Board of County Commissioners chair Kelly Aberasturi warns there is always the possibility that the payments could halt. If that happens, the officials will have to look at cutting and conserving.

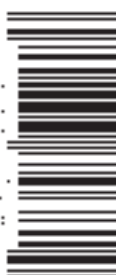
"All that will also be dependent on continued PILT because there is talk of cutting back on PILT," the District 2 commissioner from Homedale said. "It's all talk right now, but when the government is broke, and they're trying to save

— See **PILT**, page 4

### Idaho's top PILT recipients

Idaho counties that received the most PILT funding in FY 2017 payments and the amount of public lands in each:

County	Payment	Public land
Elmore	\$2.36 million	1.35 million acres
Cassia	\$2.25 million	922,439 acres
Blaine	\$2.06 million	1.3 million acres
Twin Falls	\$1.69M	638,181 acres
Idaho	\$1.67 million	4.5 million acres
<b>Owyhee</b>	<b>\$1.34 million</b>	<b>3.63 million acres</b>
Bonneville	\$1.31 million	588,991 acres
Fremont	\$1.1 million	702,064 acres



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# MRW district receives final Soda Fire reimbursement

Clerk: State  
agency's error  
shorted volunteers

Nearly two years after the event, the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners (BOCC) has paid off the last bill from the Soda Fire.

During a June 26 meeting, the BOCC approved spending \$20,378.50 from the general reserve fund to pay the remainder of a bill to the Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District.

On Aug. 1, 2016, the BOCC paid MRW \$22,520.50 from the general reserve fund for services provided in combating the fire.

The county was later informed that the total amount of the claim from MRW was \$85,798, and the Idaho Office of Emergency Management (IOEM) was reimbursing the county for half of that amount (\$42,899).

County Clerk Angie Barkell explained the discrepancy between the two bills was caused by an error made by the IOEM.

“The difference in the amounts came because they got the call logs from the sheriff and they left off some,” Barkell said. “They

*“That will be the very end of this. Hallelujah.”*

— **Angie Barkell**  
Owyhee County clerk

left off some calls so our share and the disaster money from the state was almost \$86,000. The sheriff actually had all the information we needed.”

District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland asked for clarification on what that meant for full payment to MRW.

“We have to increase our share,” Barkell said. “We paid them the \$22,000. We have to increase our share by \$20,378.50.”

MRW public information officer Louis Monson said he was glad to receive the remainder of the payment.

“The delay did affect our bottom line, and we were forced to move funds from our building fund to support operations,” Monson said. “These new funds will go into our building, equipment and maintenance accounts.”

He added that the delay did

not stop MRW from responding to fires in the area.

The general reserve fund started Fiscal Year 2017 with a balance of \$143,211. After the payment of \$20,378.50 to MRW, it now has a balance of \$122,832.50.

Barkell said this is the only time the general reserve fund has been tapped during FY 17.

According to Idaho Code, a county's general reserve fund may be used for any "unforeseen contingency arising, which could not reasonably have been foreseen at the time of making the budget, and which shall require the expenditure of money not provided for in the budget."

The general reserve fund can provide expenditures to meet emergencies such as fire.

Barkell noted that the latest payment to MRW represents the final bill the county owed for fighting the Soda Fire.

“That will be the very end of this,” Barkell said. “Hallelujah.”

— SC

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# Variety of fires keeps MRW crews busy

Quick action by several people made life a little easier for Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire volunteers Monday afternoon.

Ten firefighters responded to a brush fire at about 3:40 p.m. near the weigh station at the junction of Idaho highway 45 and 78. A disabled vehicle appears to have been the cause of the blaze, which bystanders were already attacking when personnel arrived in six pieces of equipment and personal vehicles.

“MRW would like to thank the several civilians that were working with shovels to control the fire when we arrived,” district public information officer Louis Monson said.

At 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, an MRW heavy brush truck and crew responded to an unattended campfire at the Bureau of Land Management Rabbit Creek

Trailhead near Murphy.

A busy few days began shortly after midnight Saturday when a structure fire was reported on China Ditch Road.

The close proximity of many responders helped keep the blaze in check, Monson said.

“Due to several volunteers living in the area, response was quick and tragedy was avoided,” Monson said.

Some volunteers arrived in private vehicles, but MRW units on scene included a command vehicle, a quick attack rig, a brush truck, two tenders and an engine.

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## ✓ PILT: Building fund monies could help match any fair building grants

money, programs like this are easy to cut.”

Aberasturi said President Donald J. Trump is looking at ways to cut the federal deficit, and PILT and the U.S. Forest Service’s Secure Rural Schools funding programs could be in the crosshairs.

But Aberasturi is confident the Idaho congressional delegation will continue its push to make PILT funding permanent.

“With 14 western states, there should be 28 senators on board with keeping it,” Aberasturi said. “Then, with the (House of Representatives), it will be very hard to get rid of it.

“They may cut it back. We might go back to 60 percent of 70 percent (of full payment). It’s just a possibility they have to be ready for.”

If funding eventually is reduced, some county services and other aspects of appropriations will feel the ax, Abersaturi said.

Owyhee County has more than 3.6 million acres under federal management, primarily through the Bureau of Land Management.

“For Owyhee County, the 1976 Act authorizing Payment in Lieu of Taxes is a critical component of funding our county relies on,” county Treasurer Brenda Richards said. “With over 75 percent of Owyhee County being public land that cannot otherwise collect property tax, the PILT funds bring a significant amount of revenue that assists our county in carrying out required functions while also helping to assure stability

in the county’s economic base, which is intertwined with that public land.

“PILT funds (policy) allowing locally elected government officials the discretion to use them where they see the need makes sure the decisions on those funds are the best for the county.”

The federal government’s compensation formula pays per acre based on each county’s population. Owyhee County receives about 34 cents per acres, while Ada County, which has more people but less BLM ground, receives nearly \$4 per acre, Aberasturi said.

County Clerk Angie Barkell saidthe FY 2017 check will be split between the current budget to fulfill the anticipated revenue and the building trust fund. The check arrived on June 26, and \$1 million was put into the current budget. The remaining \$340,027 was placed in the trust fund which in the past has been used to purchase property to expand county facilities. Most recently, the fund was tapped to buy and refurbish the house that became Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery’s offices.

The building trust fund now has \$1.84 million. Aberasturi said theoretically the money could be used for matching funds, such as any possible block grant used to build a community center at the fairgrounds in Homedale.

The trust also could be utilized to help fund a new septic system for the county courthouse or as part of any plan to upgrade the

Owyhee PILT funding	
Fiscal year	Payment
2017	\$1,340,027
2016	\$1,312,017
2015	\$1,187,555
2014	\$1,303,868
2013	\$1,216,850
2012	\$1,245,549
2011	\$1,221,211
2010	\$1,209,356
2009	\$1,181,049
2008	\$1,151,480
2007	\$726,207
2006	\$729,305
2005	\$716,258
2004	\$701,243
2003	\$682,283
2002	\$594,479
2001	\$566,318
2000	\$368,447
1999	\$349,064
Total	\$17,802,566
— Source: Department of the Interior	

septic system and Murphy’s antiquated water system.

In previous years, the county used the annual payments to seed a building fund. Recently, however, the Board of County Commissioners has used the PILT money to fund annual appropriations.

Since 1999, Owyhee County has received more than \$17.8 million through PILT funding. The previous record-high compensation came last year when the county deposited a check for

of the donations is contingent on a successful grant try.

The police department’s budget will rise nearly 11 percent to \$548,728. Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller is seeking a seventh full-time officer, which accounts for the majority of the increase (he told the council in workshops that a new officer would cost about \$47,000). If the proposed budget is approved after the August public hearing, the police budget will have grown by more than \$90,000 over the past two years.

The increase in city support for the police department, library, parks and streets and highways budgets will cause the city’s general fund to grow 10.51 percent to \$835,971.

The city’s airport budget, bolstered by \$15,000 in grants, will increase 25 percent to \$25,000.

The parks budget is set to increase 12.16 percent and has gained more than \$27,000 since FY 2016. The general fund will supply more than \$67,000 to support the municipal swimming pool.

— JPB

\$1,312,017.

Owyhee County has the second-largest swath of public lands in Idaho. Only Idaho County, with more than 4.5 million acres, has more, and it received nearly \$1.7 million.

Owyhee’s payment ranks sixth among the state’s counties.

Elmore County, home of Mountain Home Air Force Base and 1.35 million acres of public lands, gets the largest check at \$2.36 million.

Cassia County (\$2.25 million for 922,439 acres) and Blaine County (\$2.06 million for 1.3 million acres) are the other governments in Idaho that receive more than \$2 million annually.

“As a kid who grew up in northwest Montana and whose sons graduated from the same high school as I did, I know how important PILT payments are to local communities that have federal lands. These investments are one of the ways the federal government is fulfilling its role of being a good land manager and good neighbor to local communities,” Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said.

“Rural America, especially states out west with large federal land holdings, play a big part in feeding and powering the nation

and also in providing recreation opportunities, but because the lands are federal, the local governments don’t earn tax revenue from them. PILT investments often serve as critical support for local communities as they juggle planning and paying for basic services, such as public safety, firefighting, social services and transportation.”

Using a formula provided by statute, the annual PILT payments to local governments are computed based on the number of acres of federal land within each county or jurisdiction and the population of that county or jurisdiction. Since PILT payments began in 1977, Interior has distributed nearly \$8 billion to states and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

The Interior Department collects more than \$8.8 billion in revenue annually from commercial activities on public lands, such as oil and gas leasing, livestock grazing and timber harvesting. A portion of these revenues is shared with states and counties. The balance is deposited in the U.S. Treasury, which in turn pays for a broad array of federal activities, including PILT funding to counties.

— JPB

## ✓ Homedale: Employees scheduled to get raises; elected officials’ salaries remain same

Since FY 2013, the city’s annual appropriations have risen \$1.31 million or 39.8 percent.

City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram is putting the final touches on the FY 2018 budget, which will be subject to a public hearing on Aug. 9. The new fiscal year begins Oct. 1.

The council has approved three percent pay raises for all city employees, but Pegram said library administrator Sharla Jensen decided to divvy her salary increase up among her staff. Elected officials will make the same amount as a year ago (\$8,400 for Christoffersen and \$13,524 split among the four city councilmen).

Last week, Pegram said that, although there is an eight percent jump in the budget, the city will receive enough revenue from property taxes and other sources to avoid taking steps to increase the tax levy on the town’s property owners.

The city is in line to receive nearly \$425,000 from property taxes. The town’s levy rate remains the highest among all gov-

Steady climb	
A look at how the City of Homedale’s appropriations have risen in recent years:	
FY 13	— \$3.29 million
FY 14	— \$3.44 million
FY 15	— \$3.54 million
FY 16	— \$3.62 million
FY 17	— \$4.21 million
FY 18	— \$4.6 million

ernmental entities in the county.

The biggest proposed increases come in the public library and law enforcement budgets.


The Homedale Public Library budget is set to increase more than 21.5 percent to more than \$846,000. Pegram said that bump includes budgeting for \$150,000 in donations and a \$500,000 Idaho Community Development Block Grant that could be obtained in the ongoing quest to expand the library.

The library board of directors has yet to file a block grant application, and at least \$100,000

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# Bruneau 4-H club planning 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary bash

The Bruneau Canyon 4-H Club will mark 60 years later this month.

Bonnie Colyer was the founding first leader of the club in 1957. Today, her great-granddaughter — Piper Colyer — is one of a handful of third-generation members.

More than half of the 27 boys and girls in the club are either second- or third-generation members.

The club will celebrate the milestone potluck picnic at 6 p.m. on Friday, July 14 at the Bruneau park.

Current co-leader Deidre Erwin said anyone that has had anything to do with the local 4-H club over the past six decades is invited to come to the celebration.

The club is providing pulled beef sandwiches and cake for dessert.

Folks planning on attending are asked to bring side dishes.

RSVPs are requested. Call Kelli Prow at (208) 867-9783.

The club is known for its annual pallet drive fundraiser. Major community service projects each year include the Easter egg hunt at the park, cleaning up the Bruneau Rodeo Grounds and helping with the Bruneau Booster Club auction and dinner.

Current club leaders include Deidre and Russ Erwin and Matt Tindall. Matt's mother and father, Dave and Celia, were longtime leaders. The Erwins took over the helm two years ago when Dave Tindall retired, and Matt became a leader last year.

Bill and Judy McBride, who served for 10 years, led the club before Celia and Dave Tindall assumed the reins.

# NW Owyhee CWMA directors take summer off

Board members of the Northwest Owyhee Cooperative Weed Management Area are taking a break for the summer.

The panel will not have meetings in July or August.

The next gathering for NOCWMA officials will be at 7 p.m., on Wednesday, Sept. 6, in the U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center, 250 N. Bruneau Hwy., in Marsing.

The public meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month.

The NOCWMA was formed as a component of the Owyhee Conservation District.

The management area's priority is to prevent the introduction, reproduction and spread of noxious weeds and invasive plants into and within northwest Owyhee County.

# Seattle U. honors HHS grad

A Homedale student has made the Seattle University Dean's List.

Hattie Mertz, the daughter of Jamie and Zel Mertz, is part of the College of Nursing honor roll for the spring 2017 quarter.

Hattie is a 2015 Homedale High School graduate.

# Death notices

**LLOYD M. COMBE**, 53, of Adrian, Ore., died on Thursday, June 29, 2017 at University of Utah Hospital. Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 8, 2017 at 909 Emerald Slope Road, Nyssa, Ore. Burial will take place at Owyhee Cemetery. A celebration of life will take place at Adrian Community Church, 401 3<sup>rd</sup> St.

**JACK D. HUNT**, 86, who taught in Homedale and Marsing, died on Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2016 at his Caldwell home. A celebration of life was held in Caldwell on Tuesday, July 4, 2017. Arrangements: Dakan Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-3629



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# Wilson Butte 4-H busy ahead of fair

## Club raffling half-pig

The Wilson Butte 4-H club has been quite busy this year with attending general 4-H meetings, field days, demonstration day and community service projects.

The club has volunteered and assisted with community events, including the Melba and Marsing community auctions, the Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire fundraisers, along with Outpost Days.

Members have cleaned the outsides of the Owyhee Extension office in Marsing, the MRW fire station in Givens, the Pioneer cemetery, the Wilson schoolhouse and neighboring MRW Fire building, the Wilson and the Reynolds cemeteries.

We also cleaned and pulled everything out of the Wilson schoolhouse to wax the hardwood floor. Afterward, members participating in the cooking projects had made a selection of cookies for us all to taste and judge.

The club has held workdays to practice showing their animals and other projects with hands-on activities in anticipation of the Owyhee County Fair. A barbecue followed at Blackstock Ranch, and pictures were taken for record books.

At this time, club members are selling raffle tickets for a half of pig cut and wrapped as a fundraiser. Tickets can be obtained from any Wilson Butte member for a \$1 a ticket or six tickets for a \$5 donation or by calling (208) 896-4104.

Wilson Butte 4-H club members are:

**Bottom row, from left:** Jonathan Ineck, Gabriella Noe, Hannah Moos, and Kiana McFadden

**Middle row, from left:** Bailey Moos, Jessica Mussell, Sophia Mussell, Jacquelyn Sotelo, and Mikayla Sotelo

**Top row, from left:** Jordan Ineck, Colton Brown, Hayden Higgins, Browdy Bowers, Ethan Kukla, and Landry Kukla

Submitted photo



# HHS graduate now V.P., branch manager at Nampa bank

Chris Batt also serves on Caldwell Chamber, Rotary boards

A Homedale High School graduate has received a promotion at Idaho Independent Bank.

The Idaho Business Review reports that Chris Batt is now a vice president and branch manager at Idaho Independent Bank's Nampa branch.

Batt, who was named to the IBR's Accomplished Under 40 list in 2015, has spent 12 years in the banking industry. His entire career has been spent with Idaho Independent Bank.

He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Idaho and completed his MBA at Boise State University.

Batt is active in the Caldwell community as president of the Rotary Club and chairman-elect and treasurer of the town's Chamber of Commerce.

He graduated from Homedale High School in 1995.

# Keep family time going past Fourth

With the Fourth of July being a big festivity for many, there are usually big plans for families and friends to get together and share in fun activities and great food.

For most, once this holiday has come and gone, there are no more real events to look forward to throughout the rest of the summer and before children need to go back to school in the fall. Instead of making this the case for you and your family, try to incorporate new activities into your routine, including making your meals a little more creative and exciting.

According to University of Florida Extension, research supports that eating dinners as a family a minimum of four times a week has positive effects on child development. Family dinners are linked to a lower risk of obesity, substance abuse, eating disorders, and an increased chance of graduating from high school. One way you can start is by switching up dinner; cook out on the grill, which will also keep the house cooler. Instead of eating inside at the dining room table, try the patio to enjoy outdoor time as a family. If you and your family do not regularly eat meals together, this could be a fun way to start, and you can incorporate different games, or unique recipes, similar to a daily/nightly or just weekly modified Fourth of July celebration.

If your family is always on the go, it can be difficult to eat dinners together, so try starting with two days a week and make it a priority in your family's schedule. The key is small steps to build up to a regular routine of everyone being together.

To jazz up recipes and make them fun, you could make dessert a mixture of fresh fruits that you have cut into different shapes. Add a little homemade whipped cream, and your dessert will go perfectly with the conversation of seeing how everyone is doing and what new and fun things they are learning throughout their summer.

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## Free movie in Grand View park

Families can watch the 2001 film “Shrek” for free Saturday at Grand View City Park.

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The Chamber plans to screen a movie in the park every other week throughout the summer, and people should bring chairs, blankets, snacks and bug spray to enjoy the show.

# Treasurer named NACo convention Owyhee delegate

## Richards’ ICA post saves money on trip to Ohio

Brenda Richards will hit the road with Owyhee County’s interests in mind again.

During a June 26 meeting, the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners named the county treasurer as a voting delegate to the National Association of Counties (NACo) 82<sup>nd</sup> annual conference and exposition.

The event will be held in Columbus, Ohio on July 21-24.

Richards said dues-paying counties such as Owyhee are entitled to send a voting delegate to the conference.

“The commissioners formally voted to send me along with my voting credentials for Owyhee County as I was already scheduled to go in my capacity as the Western Interstate Region (WIR) director,” Richards wrote in an email.

In her WIR capacity, Richards attends NACo functions representing all Idaho counties as the elected board member from the Idaho Association of Counties (IAC).

“All of my travel and registration costs as the WIR representative are covered by the IAC,” Richards wrote. “As chair of the IAC Public Lands Steering Committee for the past three years, it also allows me to take the Idaho issues to the NACo Public Lands Steering Committee and share concerns and champion solutions.”

She also serves as vice chair on the NACo committee for Pay-

ment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT), and she formerly held the position of national president for the Public Lands Council.

Richards was elected to the two-year term WIR position at September’s annual IAC meeting.

“In this capacity I have attended the NACo and WIR events for IAC,” Richards wrote. “I recently attended the WIR annual meeting May 23-26 in Sun River, Ore., as the IAC representative — again, at no cost to the county, but with tremendous benefits in the form of representation, information, leadership and addressing issues.”

Richards has attended five NACo legislative conferences in Washington D.C. The trip to Columbus marks her second NACo annual conference.

As Owyhee’s voting delegate, she will be able to participate in the association’s annual election of officers and policy adoption.

Some of the issues at the conference that may be of interest to the county include: agriculture and rural affairs, justice and public safety policy, improving drinking water quality, healthcare and cyber security.

“I guess one of the most important things is that the county will get representation, information, and input on the issues important to us at no out-of-pocket cost to the county in my capacity as the IAC Western Interstate Region representative,” Richards wrote.

— SC

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# Marsing gets relief after court costs oversight resolved

Payment formula never updated after OCSO pact reinstated

A data entry problem affecting legal fees owed to the City of Marsing from the county has been resolved.

Marsing recently received payments of approximately \$9,000 to make up a shortfall in the city's share of court costs.

According to Idaho Code, if a law enforcement agency is under contract to provide services for a city, 90 percent of fines from citations written within city limits go back to the city. Marsing puts the court fine revenue into its general fund.

County Clerk Angie Barkell said a notation on each citation issued designates how and where the money should be allocated.

"So, say (sheriff's Deputy) Chris Even, he can write tickets in Homedale, Marsing or the county at large," she said. "If he hands in his ticket that has a check box of where it was written, it should go to Marsing, Homedale or the county."

However, Barkell said Marsing had been short-changed because one of her deputy clerks did not know that the protocol to enter the city's code into the computer system.

The protocol problem was compounded when the law enforcement contract between the county and city expired, too.

"Way back when, someone told her to use the county code," Barkell said. "When they were having that issue with their contract, and we didn't have a contract for that number of years, the funds were just coming back to the county."

The city terminated the law

enforcement agreement in 2012, the final year of Daryl Crandall's only four-year term as county sheriff.

A new contract was signed on Sept. 14, 2015 and took effect less than a month later on Oct. 1 for the start of Fiscal Year 2016.

However, even though a new contract was approved — giving a piece of the pie back to Marsing — how the codes were entered never got updated, Barkell said.

"What we had to do, and it was time consuming, was go back and pull all those tickets, void the ones that had been paid that should have been Marsing, re-enter them with the proper code, then re-enter the payment," Barkell said. "So it just took us a while to get through it."

Shortchanged for all of FY 2016 and the majority of FY 2017, the city has now been paid in full.

Barkell did not know exactly how much was owed to the city from citations issued while data entry error was occurring.

"I don't have any way to ascertain what was current and what wasn't," Barkell said.

Marsing City Clerk Janice Bicandi also didn't have an exact figure on what funds came from the delinquent payments.

"The money that was coming in, we don't have any clue how much was from the past or how much was the future," Bicandi said. "It all goes into what they just call court fines. We don't ever see any of that paperwork that goes through the courts."

— SC

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Steve Richardson with H2O Pool and Design of Meridian working on repairs to the Homedale municipal swimming pool on Friday. The pool was filled with water again by Monday.

# Homedale pool open again

Patch work may be tip of iceberg for city, though

A free day of swimming went off as originally planned Tuesday after repairs to Homedale city pool.

But the work may be just beginning.

For the second year in a row, the city had to pay at least \$1,500 to repair the pool's gunite surface.

A crew from H2O Pool and Design of Meridian worked Friday and Saturday to repair cracks in the bottom of the pool's shallow end. The project wrapped up Saturday, and the new plaster cured before the facility was reopened for the summer on the Fourth of July.

After the 4-hour free swim Tuesday afternoon, the pool is now open for open swimming, private parties and swim lessons. Call (208) 697-2365 for more information.

"We appreciate everybody's patience," city Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram said.

H2O Pool and Design gave an estimate of \$1,550 to repair the pool. Last year, a Kuna contractor charged \$1,500 to repair several

cracks in the pool's north wall.

A long-range repair may be on the horizon, however.

Councilman Aaron Tines confirmed Friday that city public works supervisor Bret Smith has looked into what it might cost to redo the entire liner for the second time in four years.

The city could be looking at a \$40,000 price tag after spending \$48,000 on a resurfacing project in 2012.

"Ultimately, I think we're going to have to do what we did before and allocate funds to do a full replacement liner," Tines said.

But it's unclear if the resurfacing failed because of conditions, workmanship, maintenance or even the nature of the original install more than 50 years ago.

Tines said contractors who have done both patch jobs voiced

concerns about the installation and design of the pool.

"Their concern is if there are some structural issues with it," Tines said.

The heavy winter snowfall, runoff and the abnormal rise in the water table also are concerns. The pool is designed to float in place, but city officials want to explore whether that a higher-than-usual water table because of the rising Snake River may have compromised the pool.

"After this season is done and over with, then we need to see what (the issue) is," Tines said. "Is it a liner situation or a structural issue?"

"That something that's in the works because we have to figure out what's going on down there."

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# Independence in Owyhee

Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derby mainstay Lacey Sevy (right) sings the National Anthem as the crowd stands for the flag Tuesday inside the Owyhee County Fairgrounds rodeo arena.



The Wilder-based Samuel C. Phillips III Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 11065 performed a flag retirement ceremony at Island Park on Monday. **From left:** Quartermaster Harry Schumacher, Richard Schumacher from VFW Post 63 in Boise, Post 11065 Cmdr. Daniel Carlson and Young Marines Cpl. Samuel Nava.




Sydnee Shanley (left) and sister Erika Shanley accept a framed photograph of their brother, Brett, before Tuesday's derby. Lions president Will Pryor made the presentation and announced that the No. 21 (Brett's car number) will be retired from competition.



Mark Williams (left) pounds Chris Folger during the third heat of the Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derby. Williams' drove late friend Brett Shanley's 1965 Chrysler Imperial to the derby title and also won crowd favorite for best-looking car Tuesday.  
**In next week's Avalanche:** Full results and more photos.



Fireworks explode over the Snake River during the Third of July Celebration of Our Nation events at Marsing's Island Park.



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Marcelino Cruz of Nampa showed patriotism while giving boys and girls rides on his train ride during the Third of July events at Marsing's Island Park.





**Firefighters help control flames in Marsing city limits**  
*Marsing Rural Fire District volunteers put water on a wood pile blaze that sparked up on Kerry Street on the morning of June 27.*

## Input sought on Murphy airport

How the Murphy airport can best meet the needs of the public and the county will be discussed during a meeting.

The gathering will be held at 6 p.m., next Wednesday inside McKeeth Hall at the Owyhee County Historical Museum complex, 17085 Basey St., in Murphy.

The Cody, Wyo., branch of GDA Engineers is developing a layout plan for the Murphy airport.

County emergency services coordinator Jim Desmond said the county secured a small airport planning grant this year from the Idaho Transportation Department's Division of Aeronautics.

"The grant work will provide a narrative report discussing the airport, its circumstances, design, uses, future maintenance and operations plan," Desmond wrote in an email. "The report will include scaled drawings of the airport layout, airspace, property ownership and land use/zoning."

He added that the layout plan — which won't cost Owyhee County any money outside of personnel costs for in-kind work — will not make the airport eligible for federal funds.

"The grant was fully funded by the state in the amount of \$30,000," Desmond wrote. "(The) county is providing 'match; in the form of involvement of myself, (Planning and Zoning administrator Mary Huff), Assessor's Office support (mapping) and the planning meeting participation of individual users and agencies who make use of the airport."

Rick Patton, an aviation planner at GDA Engineers, also explained what the plan will entail.

"The Murphy plan will have a short report describing briefly the users, the community and some general aviation information," Patton wrote in an email. "The core of this plan will be the drawing set, which will present the airport graphically and the area(s) affected by the use as an airport, like the approach and departure paths, parking area and property."

Copies of drawings of the existing airport will be available at the meeting.

Patton doesn't think there is any perceived need for changes to the existing layout of the airport.

"At the moment I don't know

## Drivers get probation

A Marsing man has been placed on probation after completing a rider for his third drunk driving conviction.

Geoffrey Stewart Hoadley appeared before Third District Judge Thomas J. Ryan on June 23, more than a year after his latest arrest for driving under the influence.

He was convicted of a felony charge on Nov. 23 and ordered to serve in the Idaho Department of Correction

After reviewing the retained jurisdiction, Ryan placed Hoadley on three years supervised probation.

Hoadley has been convicted of DUI three times since 2003, including misdemeanor DUI in Owyhee County in 2010. The first

drunk driving conviction came in Canyon County.

• A Nampa man received credit for 38 days spent in Owyhee County Jail in Murphy after his misdemeanor DUI conviction.

Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober imposed sentencing on Juan B. Gonzalez Estrada on June 26.

Gonzalez Estrada must serve nine months probation. His driver's license has been suspended for six months following his May 20 arrest outside Marsing.

Gonzalez, whose blood-alcohol concentration was measured at .191 (more than twice the legal limit), has to pay \$750 in fines and court costs.

Grober suspended the balance of a six-month jail sentence.

## Fire season arrives on lightning bolts

Wildfire season flared up in Owyhee County last week.

Lightning strikes sparked two brush fires on June 27 in the Bureau of Land Management Twin Falls District.

By Thursday, high winds and low relative humidity helped the Centennial Fire burn more than 18,500 acres about 10 miles south of Hammett.

The Sand Point Fire erupted about two miles south of the Snake River but never grew larger than the nearly 7,900 acres it reached last Wednesday.

Both fires were contained Thursday evening, and crews had them under control Friday night.

The Saylor Creek Rangeland Fire Protection Association was among the agencies that cooperated with BLM personnel on the Centennial Fire. BLM used six engines, three dozers and two aerial units.

Resources of the Sand Point Fire included four engines, three

aerial apparatus, a hotshot crew and a hand crew.

On June 26, lightning ignited 17 fires in the BLM Boise District. One of the largest blazes burned 11 miles northwest of Grand View.

The Yeti Fire consumed approximately 3,800 acres on the first night it burned. The fire grew to 4,000 acres when it merged with the Bigfoot Fire, which started about a mile away on June 26.

Containment came at 10 p.m. on June 27 and control was achieved at about 6 p.m. last Wednesday.

Several other starts were reported south of the Orchard Training Range near Baja Road, but no specifics were provided.

Late on June 26, an Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy diverted traffic at the Idaho highway 78/Idaho 51 split. Authorities shut down a three-mile stretch of Idaho 51 for about an hour to allow BLM firefighters to set controlled burns.



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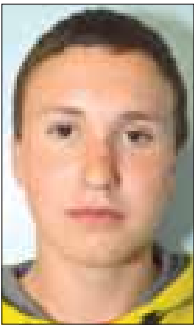
## Young Homedale thrower heading to Jr. Olympics

Thomas Symms gets PR at Meridian regional

Thomas Symms lives to throw the discus, and that dedication is sending him to the Junior Olympics national meet. The 14-year-old incoming Homedale High School freshman will travel to the University of Kansas later this month after finishing third at the regionals. “He’s a real hard-trying competitor,” Symms’ grandfather and trainer Kenneth Fast said. “He loves to practice every day.” Symms’ potential burst forth in the spring when he broke the 40-year-old Homedale Middle School discus record.

Competing with a 1.6-kilogram apparatus designed for high school athletes, Symms finished third during the Region 11 Junior Olympics on June 24 at Mountain View High School in Meridian. The top five athletes in each age group qualify for nationals. Competing against older athletes, Symms flung the discus 131 feet (or 39.07 meters officially) to grab the bronze medal in the 15- to 16-year-old age group. Representing YMCA Team Idaho against the top throwers from Utah, Nevada and Montana, Symms uncorked the best

discus throw of his career, surpassing the 126-feet, 5-inch (38.53 meters) effort achieved during the Snake River Association Junior Olympics Championships on June 17 at Northwest Nazarene University. He finished third at NNU. Symms’ grandfather points out that the discus Thomas is throwing this summer is 60 percent heavier than the 1-kilogram disc he threw just a few months ago as a



Thomas Symms

middle schooler. The Hershey National Junior Olympics Track and Field Championships will be held July 24-30 at the University of Kansas. His grandparents will be there to cheer him on, Fast said. In the meantime, Symms most assuredly will continue to train on the cement slab that has been converted into a throwing ring at the family ranch. “He works there two hours every day practicing,” Fast said. “He just loves to throw. That’s something he just does so enthusiastically.” “He’s just a pleasure to work with.” — JPB



Owyhee Rivercats catcher Drew Deal tries to get down a bunt during a single-A American Legion game against the Canyon County Cobras at John Jackson Field in Homedale last Wednesday. He leads the team with a .561 batting average through Sunday.

## Rivercats’ Taylor tags opposing pitchers

County’s American Legion squad still on a tear

The Owyhee Rivercats showed a knack for hitting last week in American Legion baseball action. The single-A squad (19-4) sprayed extra-base hits all over the field during a busy week that included five games in North Idaho. Drew Taylor led the offensive outburst, battering opposing pitchers for 19 total bases, six RBI, three doubles, a triple and a home run in the two games. He hit .714 (10-for-14) in the final four games of the week. Taylor raised his summer batting average to .479 this summer, and he leads the team with a .761 slugging percentage. But Drew Deal leads the squad

with a .561 clip that includes 37 runs scored and 25 RBI, both of which are also team highs. **Sunday: Rivercats 16-11, St. Maries 1-9** — Drew Deal threw a five-inning one-hitter as Owyhee rolled in an opening game halted by the 10-run rule. Deal struck out seven after giving up an unearned run in the top of the first inning. The Rivercats wasted little time erasing the early deficit, notching 11 runs in their first two at-bats. Tyler Wood was 2-for-4 with three RBI. Ben Lee and Jaylon Hilton scored three runs each. Hilton was 2-for-2 with two

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### Patriotic flair for today’s game

According to a schedule provided by the Owyhee Rivercats, there is one week left in the single-A American Legion regular season. Three of coach Burke Deal team’s final five games are at John Jackson Field in Homedale. The team played a doubleheader in Orofino on Monday after deadline. At 6 p.m. today, the Rivercats play host to the Eagle Vipers. According to Homedale resident Bruce Peterson, an American Legionnaire, a local American Legion honor guard will present the colors during the National Anthem this

afternoon. Final games include: • **Friday, 7:30 p.m.** — at Treasure Valley Stars, Fruitland H.S. • **Monday, 6 p.m.** — vs. Middleton Marauders, John Jackson Field • **Tuesday, 6 p.m.** — vs. Treasure Valley Stars, John Jackson Field • **Friday, 6 p.m.** — at Emmett Blue Devils The Single-A West District tournament begins on Sunday, July 16 in Middleton. The state tournament begins on Thursday, July 27 in Nampa, and regionals are set for Eugene, Ore., in August.

## Landa tourney field shrinks

Lack of night games forces change

Organizers of the ninth annual Conner Landa Coed Softball Tournament are getting ready for this year’s showdown. The popular tournament is scheduled from Friday, July 14 to Sunday, July 16 on all five fields of Homedale’s Sundance Park. The tournament will begin at 5 p.m. on July 14 and go until dusk. Games will run from 7 a.m. until sunset on July 15, and again on July 16, from 7 a.m. until about 4 p.m. Conner’s mom, Virginia Landa, said some teams had to be cut when night games were cut. “It has just become ridiculously expensive to rent the lights,” Landa said. “We had to eliminate several teams, and that’s been really tough because everybody wants to play. But the local teams are all in for sure, which is the most important.” She estimates that about 55 teams will battle in four divisions during the tournament. That compares to 68 teams in last year’s games. The tournament registration deadline has passed. Teams paid \$300 each to get into the field. The tournament raises money for college scholarships and Sundance Park improvements. The fundraiser is named after Virginia and Chris Landa’s son, who died in a car accident in

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# Sports

## ✓ Legion: Three pitchers combine to blank Canyon County squad in league contest

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RBI, and Taylor was 2-for-2 with two runs scored.

Jake Collett ripped a run-scoring double in the first inning.

The second game was tighter as Owyhee endured another opponent bent on mounting a late comeback.

The Savages scored six times in their final at-bat, but Wood ended the drama after surrendering a pair of unearned runs.

Owyhee scored two runs in each of the fourth, fifth and sixth innings after St. Maries had rallied to cut the Rivercats' lead to 5-3 in the third inning.

Chase Stoddard's RBI single capped the Rivercats' three-run first inning. Hilton singled home a run in the fourth.

**Saturday: Moscow 18, Rivercats 17** — Moscow scored nine times in the bottom of the seventh inning to take a one-run lead then completed a slugfest victory with seven more runs in the eighth.

Owyhee led, 10-2, after six innings. The Rivercats regained the lead, 14-11, with four runs in the eighth. They scored three runs in the top of the ninth inning, but couldn't complete another comeback.

Taylor was 5-for-5 with two doubles and a triple. He scored four runs and knocked in three.

The Rivercats tallied 19 hits as Ismael Garcia and Stoddard both had doubles.

Wood scored four runs, and Stoddard and Drew Deal notched three RBI apiece.

Four of Moscow's final seven runs were unearned, and the team had 16 hits.

**Thursday: Rivercats 9, Nampa Braves 5** — Mason Kincheloe smacked a two-run triple to highlight Owyhee's six-run fifth in-

ning in which most of the damage was done after two outs.

The uprising, which also included Taylor's run-scoring double, marked the final pieces of the Rivercats' 9-0 start on Lofholm Field at Rodeo Park in Nampa. The Nampa park will be the site of this year's state tournament.

Taylor hit his second home run of the summer — and the second in the span of a week — to lead off the fourth. He also homered as Owyhee won the Baker City tournament on June 25.

Nampa scored four times in the bottom of the seventh inning before Jake Deal closed the door to finish off a complete game. Only one of Nampa's five runs over its final two at-bats was earned.

Drew Deal was 3-for-5 with a pair of doubles and three RBI.

Ben Lee was 2-for-4, while Collett and Kincheloe scored two runs each.

**Last Wednesday: Rivercats 7, Canyon County 0** — Left-handed starter Lee wiggled out of jams with a dazzling array of pitches, and relievers Jaron Mease and Hilton helped slam the door on a shutout at John Jackson Field.

Lee struck out 10 batters in six innings. He went to a three-ball, two-strike count on two batters in the second inning, but wound up fanning the side and stranded two runners.

The Cobras left half of their eight runners on base in the first two innings and managed just four hits — all against Lee.

After leaving the bases loaded in the first inning, Owyhee used heads-up base running to break through for three runs in the second.

Taylor led off with a hard single through the infield and then went from first to third when Collett

beat out a bunt. Taylor scored the game's first run on a passed ball, and Collett came home on Drew Deal's sacrifice bunt.

The Rivercats closed the inning with a 3-0 lead after Garret Bettleyon scored on a wild pitch.

George Fox University-bound Jake Deal brought home Lee with a fourth inning triple and scored on Hilton's grounder.

Taylor, Collett and Stoddard each went 2-for-2. Drew Deal had two RBI, and Taylor scored twice.

**June 27: Vallivue 15, Rivercats 12** — The highest scoring game of the season saw Owyhee lose for the third time in five days.

The host Titans wiped out a two-run deficit with nine runs in the bottom of the sixth inning at Wolfe Field in Caldwell.

The Rivercats scored four runs in their final at-bat, but the comeback try came up short.

Vallivue collected a league victory despite managing just nine hits. The Titans took advantage of three Owyhee errors and nine walks from Rivercats pitching.

Owyhee rallied from a 3-0 deficit with five runs in the third inning. Wood smashed a two-run double, and Drew Deal also had a double in the inning.

Owyhee tacked on two more runs in the fourth inning. Lee ripped an RBI triple as Drew Deal scored the second of his three runs, and Lee came home on Hilton's base hit.

Hilton notched another RBI with a sacrifice fly that brought home Lee in the sixth.

Lee and Collett had two-run doubles in the seventh.

The Rivercats committed two of its three errors in the bottom of the sixth as Vallivue sent 13 batters to the plate.



Drake Jerome (left) and Todd Thatcher making marble runs during an activity in the summer reading program at the Homedale Public Library Thursday afternoon. Drake, 9, is the son of Jeremy and Andrea Jerome. The parents of Todd, 10, are Mark and DeAnn Thatcher.

## Homedale library Story Time features fun with balloons

Children can look forward to having a good time with balloons and learning a few things about nature at the Homedale Public Library this week.

The Story Time program at 10:15 a.m. on Friday will be about aquatic creatures and balloons.

Boys and girls will hear a reading of "The Three Little Fish and The Big Bad Shark" by Ken Geist.

"Where Do Balloons Go?" by Jamie Lee Curtis will also be read. Afterward, children will make a balloon-powered sponge boat and play games with balloons.

The theme of Thursday's noontime summer reading program will be "Neighborhood Nature."

Youth will read "No One But You" by Douglas Wood and "Stanley the Builder" by William Bee.

Activities will include making a nature journal, creating leaf rubbings, and creating a self-watering planter with a water bottle.

The summer reading program continues through July 13.

The free lunch program is held during the summer reading program every Thursday beginning at 11:30 a.m. The summer feeding program is open to all children 18 and younger.

The library is located at 125 W. Owyhee Ave. Call (208) 337-4228 for more information.

## ✓ Landa: Expense of portable lighting forces organizers to scale back tourney size

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April 2009.

For the first five years, the event was called the Conner Landa-Daniel Miller tournament. In 2014, Miller's family decided to end its participation in the fundraiser. Daniel Miller, a Homedale High School graduate,

and HHS freshman Conner Landa died three days apart on the same weekend in 2009.

Tournament director is 1991 HHS graduate Chris Hoshaw, who is a cousin to the tournament's namesake.

Game Time Sports won the A Division championship last year

with Bohica taking B Division honors, Snackies capturing the C Division and Thundercats grabbing the D Division crown.

For more information on the event, call Hoshaw at (208) 989-2947.

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## Sheriff's Posse rifle raffle returns

Tickets are now available for the annual Owyhee County Sheriff's Posse raffle.

Entries cost \$10 each and are available from any Posse member.

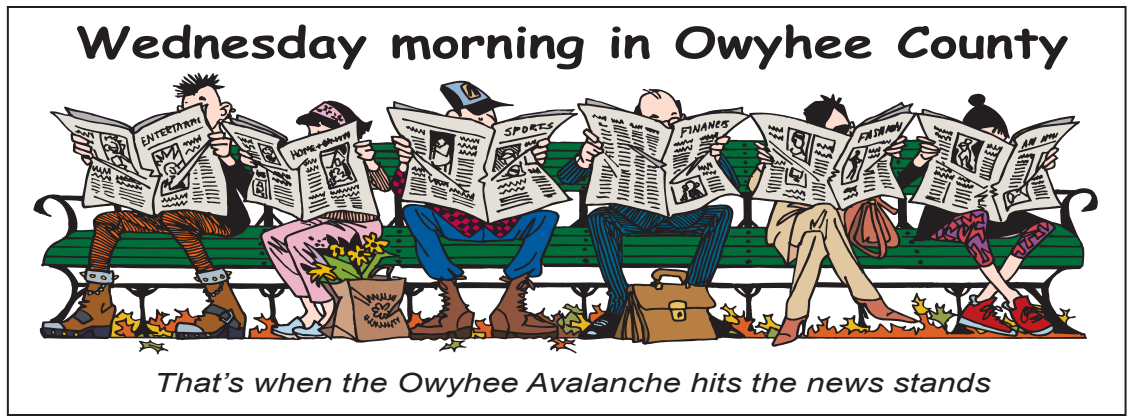
The grand prize is a Henry's Golden Boy .22 lever-action rifle with a 20-inch octagon barrel, walnut stock and a brass buttplate

and receiver. A hard case is also included in the prize package.

Runner-up prize is a Big Horn 24-gun safe.

Only 300 tickets are being sold.

The winners will be announced during the Saturday, Aug. 12 performance of the Owyhee County Rodeo in Homedale.



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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense  
White Oaks Rodeo

The Fourth of July weekend means different things to different people. Each of us may have a special memory of some Fourth of July. Maybe it's when you got married or had a baby or took that vacation to Yellowstone. To a lot of folks in the livestock business, it means RODEO.

The Independence Day that stands out in my mind was years ago. The big rodeo at White Oaks, New Mexico. You probably won't find White Oaks in your Rand McNally because it's a ghost town, but it's down around Carrizozo and Capitan north of the Mescalero Indian reservation. It wasn't exactly a card-carryin' PRCA show, so it was right down my alley!

Two pardners and I arrived the mornin' of the Fourth in a fish-drownin', hat-soakin', slicker-testin' downpour! We entered up without looking at the stock. Just then, the arena director on a four-wheel-drive came up the draw drivin' the bucking stock. There were mares and colts, range, ready and, to say they were thin, would be kind. The bull ridin' turned out to be cow ridin' (they also doubled as doggin' stock).

The facilities were not quite National Finals approved. The arena was two football fields long and fenced in by sheep wire and cedar posts. The chute gate was made out of airport landing and baling-wired to a railroad tie. Airport landing, for those of you who weren't in the Seabees in the Pacific, is a sheet of corrugated steel, 6 feet-by-8 feet and dotted with grapefruit-sized holes. Each sheet weighed about 300 pounds!

By the time the tape deck played "Barebackers Get Ready," the arena was a "five-buckle-deep" quagmire!

This was to be Conrad's first bareback ride. We got the riggin' down on the fightin' mare, and I lent him my spurs. We kept whispering instructions and encouraging words. He reared back, pointed his toes and nodded his head. The four men on the airport landing grunted it open about 18 inches before it stuck! The mare bolted to the daylight. Con's first voluntary leg movement ended by lodging his left spur in a hole in the corrugated steel sheet! He had one hand in the riggin' and one foot stuck fast to the chute gate. He bravely hung on until he was 20 feet long from hand to toe! Then he lost his grip and dangled, head down, from the gate, his hat cutting a furrow in the mud as he swung back and forth like a pendulum.

"All that cowboy gets is your applause!"

My turn came, and they lowered me down on the mustang's back. It was like straddling a 2-by-8. I called for the pony. We escaped the chute, but she never bucked! She broke in to a dead run and covered the 200 yards like the Starship Enterprise! It was beginnin' to look like she might not slow down. I bailed out just before she cleared the arena fence and lit out for parts unknown.

By the end of the rodeo, I looked like a dyin' duck in a thunderstorm, Con's ankle was the size of his head and the chute was in pieces. We were lucky, though. I heard later a feller broke his leg and one of the doggers was never found!

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From Washington  
Return civility to our political climate

I wanted to share with you a few thoughts about last months's congressional baseball shooting in Virginia. My thoughts and prayers have been with House Majority Whip Steve Scalise (R-La.), his family, and all those affected by this tragedy. I'm also grateful for the brave Capitol Police whose prompt action saved untold lives and for the first-responders who arrived at the scene. They are true heroes.

Violence has no place in our political system and, as Americans, we must unite in condemning it.

This should be a time of reflection for all of us. This is the moment for all of us — Democrats, Republicans, independents and the media — to come together and unite; to check our rhetoric; to calm, not inflame.

The political environment in 2017 is toxic. It is unlike anything I've ever seen before. It's gotten progressively worse since I was first elected to Congress in 2010, but what I have seen in the past few months, with the change of administrations, is unprecedented. It's time for all of us to take stock of the political tone in our country — how and why it's gotten this bad — and how each of us can improve it.

As a congressman, I see a big part of my job as calming the political waters, not inflaming them. When President Obama was in office and I was holding town halls, I would get a lot of hostile questions about President Obama. I would always remind my friends that it was OK to disagree with the president, but we should be respectful in the way we talk about him.

When people demanded Obama's impeachment, I would respectfully disagree and remind them that we can't impeach someone just because we don't like him or disagree with him or because he said something that was untruthful. I would always argue that the best way to defeat Barack Obama was at the ballot box, not through impeachment proceedings.

The media needs to take stock, too. We are engulfed in a media culture of "report, then verify," driven by "gotcha" moments to fuel "viral" videos. In too many parts of America — and especially in our nation's capital — we are seeing people who, for lack of a better term, are losing their minds in hating people who disagree with them politically. And all too often, the media is fanning the flames.

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I am stunned that the New York Times is sponsoring a play in which President Trump is assassinated. I was shocked and disgusted by the Kathy Griffin pictures, and more recently, I was alarmed when Johnny Depp somehow thought it was OK to declare that maybe it was time for an actor assassinate a U.S. president again.

It's OK to disagree about politics. But disagreement shouldn't equal hate. As an adult, I often disagreed politically with my mother. She was a Kennedy Democrat, and I am a Reagan Republican. But I loved her, and she loved me. I respected her views, and she respected mine. We, as Americans, can respect each other even when we disagree. And even when we disagree, we can work together to achieve common goals to improve our country.

Let's start believing the best in each other, instead of the worst. Let's not assume that people on the other side of us politically are evil. Let's believe that their intentions are noble even when their policies are wrong. Let's do our part to make our politics and our country a better place, a more hopeful place, and a place where all of us can feel respected and valued.

— Republican Rep. Raúl Labrador, of Eagle, has represented Idaho's First Congressional District since 2011. He has mounted a bid to become Idaho's next governor.

Americans for Limited Govt.  
Proposed spending cuts could bolster federal tax cuts in final budget shakeout

by Robert Romano

Sixty-nine percent of the \$3.8 trillion federal budget consists of so-called "mandatory" spending. That is, \$2.7 trillion of spending that occurs automatically whether or not Congress votes to adopt a budget or even pass a single appropriations bill — a constitutionally dubious process, but there it is.

Much of it includes things like Social Security (\$910.2 billion), Medicare (\$588.4 billion), Medicaid (\$368.3 billion), food stamps (\$96 billion) and unemployment payments (\$32.3 billion). It also includes interest owed on the nearly \$20 trillion national debt, now \$429.9 billion, including \$145 billion of interest paid to government trust funds.

This spending occurs on autopilot and tends to increase every year as the population of people eligible to receive the benefits increases. This is why they are often called entitlements, because recipients are "entitled" to receive them under the law, although many readers might take exception to that term because they paid taxes into those programs. Fair enough.

But because that spending increases almost every year, it is refreshing to finally see a proposal coming out of Congress that would cut other parts of it — without touching Social Security or Medicare that seniors depend

on.

The House Budget Committee, led by Chairwoman Diane Black (R-Tenn.) has put a budget on the table that would actually cut so-called "mandatory" spending over the next decade by \$200 billion off of the baseline. It actually started out as \$150 billion of cuts, but another \$50 billion was added to offset planned increases in defense spending.

Guess mandatory spending isn't so mandatory after all.

It may seem comparatively small, a little less than 1 percent of the mandatory spending budget, but Black says it's a start.

"I strongly believe that we need to begin to address mandatory spending and to change the culture of Washington with real reforms. This is an important first step that we can continue to build on in future Congresses," Black said in an emailed statement.

It could add up. For example, if Congress found \$200 billion of 10-year cuts in mandatory spending every year, after five years, that would add up to \$1 trillion of real savings over 15 years.

That's still a ways to go to get to the \$2.5 trillion of

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# Commentary

## Financial management

### Helping parents buy house affects chances to buy own house

**Dear Dave,**

My dad wants me to buy a house on a 30-year loan for him and my mom in my name, and let them make the payments. I'm 24 years old and have a good credit score and a nice apartment, but my job depends largely on how the oil industry is doing. My dad filed bankruptcy nine years ago, and he's already \$150,000 in debt again, so he's never been very responsible with money. I think this would spell big trouble for me, but I'm sure he will be mad if I say no. What are your thoughts?

— Emmanuel

**Dear Emmanuel,**

Yeah, I think doing something like this would spell big trouble for you. If your dad is irresponsible with money — especially to the point of having to file bankruptcy

— what makes you think he'll make these house payments on time?

I know this would be an uncomfortable conversation to have with your dad, but you need to brace yourself and just do it. Be respectful and explain exactly why you won't do this. Think about it, Emmanuel. When he doesn't pay the bill on time, it's going to screw up your credit score. And when you get ready to buy a house, guess what? You're going to have trouble qualifying because you already own a house. Most people don't make enough money to qualify to buy two homes.

Basically, your dad is asking you to not buy a house so they can have one. I can't tell you how to make your dad OK with saying no to this, but I can tell you that your answer *should* be no. Let him and your mom know that you love



them both, but this is something you just can't do.

— Dave

**Dear Dave,**

My wife just had our first child. Now, we now have about \$3,000

in medical bills not covered by insurance. We've got \$8,000 in our emergency fund, and I make between \$25,000 and \$30,000 a year. Should we try setting up a payment plan with the hospital, or is dipping into our savings a better idea?

— Matt

**Dear Matt,**

I'd write a check today and knock out that hospital bill. This falls under the heading of "emergency" in my mind, so pay the bill and jump back into rebuilding your emergency fund. You've done a really good job of saving on your income, but let's see what we can do about making better money in the future. Extra practical training in your field, or more education in the classroom, could increase your income quickly. Your emergency

fund needs to be a little bigger as well, and it'll be a lot easier to make this happen if you're making more money.

I'm sure you're a hard-working guy, but it's going to be tough for even a small family to make it on what you're bringing home now. The unexpected can become a common occurrence when there's a little one in the picture. Congratulations!

— Dave

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## From Washington

### Russia's behavior justifies strong sanctions

Over the course of the past three months, the Senate Banking Committee, on which I serve as Chairman, has held hearings assessing the impacts of the current sanctions regime against Russia. The committee found that despite existing sanctions, Russia remains a hostile, recalcitrant power, and that in Russian President Putin's calculus, the costs of the sanctions do not outweigh the benefits of occupying Crimea and contributing to unrest in Ukraine, continuing to support the Assad regime's assault on civilians in Syria, and conducting cyber-attacks on people, companies, and institutions. Many on both sides of the aisle feel that the United States needs to be much stronger in its response. The U.S. Senate overwhelmingly passed, by a bipartisan vote of 97-2, legislation I introduced that would expand and strengthen sanctions on the Russian Federation to uphold America's respect for territorial integrity, human rights and liberty.

The legislation was accepted as an amendment to the underlying Iran sanctions bill, which ultimately passed 98-2, and it represents a bipartisan agreement among the leadership of the two Senate committees of jurisdiction: Banking Committee Ranking Member Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio) and me as Chairman; and Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Bob Corker (R-Tenn.) and Ranking Member Ben Cardin (D-Md.).

In a speech before the Senate, I had the opportunity to detail the legislation that would maintain and substantially expand sanctions against the government of Russia in response to the violation of the territorial integrity of the Ukraine and Crimea, its brazen cyber-attacks and interference in elections, and its continuing aggression in Syria.

This legislation has four main objectives: It would escalate and expand the current sanctions regime against Russia; it would create new sanctions against Russia; it would engage Congress at a higher level than before by ensuring that Congress is notified when the president wants to impose certain sanctions or when he lifts others; and it would increase the U.S. Treasury Department's ability to track illicit finance, including illicit flows linked to Russia.

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The need for this legislation was underlined by the fact that many Americans have deep concerns about Russia's behavior over the past few years. Since coming to power, Putin has become increasingly belligerent, nationalistic and autocratic.

Currently, the United States has imposed sanctions on Russia for: Russia's invasion and annexation of Crimea and its role in supporting the separatist movements in eastern Ukraine; Russia's increasing cyber-attacks and cyber espionage against the United States; Russia's support for the Assad regime in Syria; and Russia's complicity for corruption. Although this is not an exhaustive list, it demonstrates the lengths to which Putin will go to seize power and influence in the international arena.

The times call for clarity of purpose, and a correct amount of pressure. This step taken by the Senate signals to the world the United States' unflagging commitment to the sanctity of territorial integrity, human rights and good governance.

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

## ✓ Spending: Cutting mandatory spending could help lower deficit

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mandatory spending cuts proposed over the next decade in the Trump budget, but it's progress.

So far, it is not clear where the \$200 billion of cuts will specifically fall, as House committee leaders hammer out the details. But, Americans for Limited Government president Rick Manning said it's a step in the right direction.

"We have to get the nation's \$20 trillion debt under control, and Congress' part in that is to clamp down on spending. The House's constitutional role is to set the stage for the nation's spending priorities. Chairwoman Black's budget is doing what Congress is supposed to do, which is to set priorities and make choices," Manning said.

Manning also called on Congress to build on the proposal, with even more cuts: "The only amendments that should be accepted to Chairwoman Black's budget are additional deficit-reducing cuts."

To that end, there is a major incentive in Congress' budget rules. The budget bill Black is working on is supposed to become the basis of the tax cut bill Republicans want to pass on budget reconciliation. Rightly or wrongly, tax cuts get counted toward the deficit by the bean counters at the Congressional Budget Office.

That means, the bigger the spending cuts that go into the bill, the bigger the tax cuts Congress will be able to get via the budget rules.

Just one more reason for the American people to root for more spending cuts in the budget as this legislation winds through the budget reconciliation process.

After President Trump signs the budget is signed into law, don't forget to thank Chairwoman Black when you get your tax refund next year.

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**Note** — Hoagland and Merrick are up for re-election in 2018; Aberasturi in 2020



# Looking back...

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

## 25 years ago

July 8, 1992

**Derby draws record crowd**

The Homedale Lions Club’s 11<sup>th</sup> annual Fourth of July Demolition Derby drew possibly the largest crowd in the history of the event Saturday night, according to Alan Bahem, organizer.

“I bet it was the biggest crowd we ever had,” Bahem said.

Bahem said he could not give an accurate estimate of the number in attendance.

However, he said the individuals taking tickets at the gates stopped about 7 p.m. and let people in without charging them because the stands were full.

“We didn’t want to charge them to stand,” Bahem said.

The winners in this year’s derby were as follows:

Big cars: 1<sup>st</sup> place – Crawford Cook; 2<sup>nd</sup> place – J.B. Salutregui; 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Roger DeAugustineo; and consolation heat – Neal Troxel.

Compact cars: 1<sup>st</sup> place – Gheen Christoffersen; 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Joe Colley; and consolation heat – Gheen Christoffersen.

Rob Townsend won the trophy for the best appearing car.

**“Firecracker Fiasco” termed a success**

Nine teams participated in this year’s annual Fourth of July Firecracker Fiasco in Homedale.

According to Kevin Barlow, organizer, the event was a success.

“It was really a lot of fun,” Barlow said.

The fiasco events began Thursday with the bowling competition. Volleyball and horseshoes were held Friday, and the competition wrapped up with softball and golf (closest to the pin) Saturday.

The top six teams were given points in each event.

The Corta team was the winner of the overall competition with 36 points, followed by Gibson with 30, and Unknowns and SMX with 18.

Barlow said special recognition goes out to Ida Burt and Rich Richardson for their help with the event. He said Burt has been helping with the fiasco for five years, and Richardson for three years.

**Archeologists excavate Indian house near Bruneau River**

Archeologists and students from Idaho State University are uncovering the remains of what appears to be a 300-year-old Native American house structure on the banks of the Bruneau River near Bruneau.

Dr. Ernest Lohse, director of the excavation, believes that the dwelling is unique and important since it’s the only such structure that has been scientifically investigated from the period just before Native Americans made contact with Europeans in Idaho. Archeologists hope to recover enough of the refuse from the original floor of the dwelling to determine the daily activities of the people who lived there.

**Trustees interview supt. applicants**

Homedale school trustees narrowed the list of potential Homedale superintendents to four at a special meeting June 29, according to Faith Olsen, school district clerk.

The deadline for applications was June 24, and Olsen said there were 17 applicants for the position. Interviews began Tuesday and will continue today.

The board voted to offer Dean Vance the position of interim acting superintendent, until a permanent superintendent is named.

The board also accepted the resignation of Cindy Simpkins, high school P.E. teacher, and voted to offer Mona Lewis the position of high school volleyball coach, previously held by Simpkins.

Jill Noble was hired as second-grade teacher, John Cossel as half-time science teacher at the secondary level, and Cheryl Learst, of Michigan, was offered a contract for 7<sup>th</sup> grade language arts teacher last week, Olsen said.

## 50 years ago

July 7, 1967

**Pet coyote attracts audience when she sings**

Meet “Fisti”, pet coyote of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Tucker. The Tuckers have raised her from a tiny pup after she found in a coyote den two years ago, and she became a popular house pet who loved to romp with the grandchildren.

She is the center of attention, as Sunday sight seekers drive by the Tucker home at Melba and stop in amazement to see a full grown coyote very much at home in the yard.

For some of the time she was allowed to run loose until she suddenly seemed to realize she was supposed to hunt for her food and discovered a nice fat chicken made a tasty meal and required little effort to catch. She also developed a taste for pet cats and a strong dislike for the enormous police dog, which she would chase to the house howling for help. So she was put on a long chain and only turned loose to play with the children while someone watched the chickens and dog.

She continues to entertain visitors who try to get her to “sing,” which she refuses to do only to join the children when they sing.

**Town names aid navigation**

Every Idaho community is having its name faced to the sky in bright 20-foot, yellow letters as an aid to aerial navigation over and across the Gem State.

Chet Moulton, State Aeronautics Director, says his department is painting an air marker comprising the town name and directional symbol, mileage to the nearest airport, on a prominent roof in each Idaho community.

These air markers, says Moulton, follow international design, symbols, and colors. The 1967 project marks five times on a renewable cycle of every three years, that Idaho has scheduled every one of its towns for an aerial signpost for the air traveler.

Two college men, Kent Briggs and Jim Howard d/b/a Briggs and Howard Signs, will perform this air marking service during the summer of 1967 and will be calling upon merchants or building owners in towns throughout Idaho for proper easement authority for the installation of these signs. They are properly equipped and experienced in the care of roofs and application of paints to various roof types.

The 1967 program is scheduled for completion in September provided necessary roof-use easements are promptly forthcoming from all communities.

**Wranglers first in Weiser parade**

The Owyhee Wranglers entered their first parade of the year at Weiser on June 23.

The costume of the Wranglers: blue jeans, white, long-sleeved shirts with five small red horseshoes, red string tie and topped with the traditional white hat, won first place for the club. They had 13 horses in their entry.

“The Wranglers hope to bring many more trophies home to Homedale,” stated Miss Suzann Neal, publicity chairman.

They also entered the Fourth of July parade at Boise, Fifteen Wranglers rode then. Bill Ferguson loaned the club a large stock truck for transportation.

**Bredy places seventh in the chicken cooking contest**

Mrs. Lucille Bredy of Homedale brought home honors for Idaho by placing seventh in the portable appliance division at the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Delmarva Chicken Festival and National Chicken Cooking Contest at Dover, Del., June 21 through 24. The seventh-place prize is a five-piece set of patio furniture. Her entry was “Chicken with Oyster Bay.”

**Ladies attend book meeting**

Mrs. Ira VanDerhoff and Miss Hazel Aldrich attended a meeting of the Book Selection and Reference Center at Boise, Friday.

There were two films — one on the making of picture books and the other on conducting picture book story hours. There was discussion about judging children’s books and evaluation of books brought from their own libraries.

## 140 years ago

July 7, 1877

WEISER ITEMS. The fort is completed.

Several Nez Perces were sent here on Monday.

A scare on Monday night resulted in the firing of several shots, what at is not known.

Great excitement over Monday’s dispatches announcing the death of nineteen more men.

E. Egan, chief of the Snakes, has gone to the Payette; he intends giving the hostiles a wide berth.

One of the soldiers here called another “a son of a gun” and got shot for his pains.

Nearly everybody in this section of the country have congregated here. Many of us are without arms, when shall we get them?

The last dispatch says the Indians have gone towards and are moving direct for the Weiser.

During the last stampede one fellow got so excited that he went off with another man’s wife and didn’t know it until she asked him for a chaw of tobacco.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN NOTES. In my recent letter from this place I inadvertently made some mistakes in my report on mining operations here. I stated that the Hastings Brothers “jumped” the Crown Point mine, etc. Mr. Ben Hastings is indignant at the imputation he is made to lie under by this statement. It seems the Crown Point was located under the old mining law and could have been relocated after the first of last January. Not wishing to buck against the company, when they were apparently going to work the mines, the Hastings Bros. did not avail themselves of the opportunity to jump the mine, being willing to give the company a show to work it. However, no work was done on it, and during the first week in April Ben Hastings re-located it and has since held it, and, by the decision of the United States Commissioner, his re-location was legal and will hold good in law. He did not “jump it” but merely re-located it as any one could have done, as no assessment work had been done last year.

Also regarding the Nora mine, the shaft is down eighty-five feet instead of fifty and Mr. Quayle has the best ledge in Owyhee County. He has lately struck the footwall in the ledge. Before this, he only had one wall. The ledge proper is now very nearly five feet wide and rapidly widening. Every one that has visited this ledge unhesitatingly pronounces it the best mine in the county. Several miners who have seen it say that it is one of the best they ever beheld. It is most truly the banner ledge, of South Mountain, and the average of the ore is \$200 a ton. His dump is a splendid showing of high grade galena and carbonates. It is the opinion of men who pretend to be posted on base metals, that Mr. Quayle has sunk his shaft on a large body or pocket of galena, as is often done in base metal camps.

South Mountain is destined ere long to be a great camp. This, no one can be found to gainsay, and such ledges are veritable bonanzas, as the Mona, and of South Mountain act as starting in the new era of prosperity that cannot long be delayed.

There is the usual rumor of a furnace being started here this fall, and I think it highly probable that such will be the case as some of the boys are trying hard to effect it.

The Colonel has returned, preferring the rustic seclusion of his native hearth to the wild excitement and bustle of Silver. Dow Vincent, the old war-horse, has also come back, after a desperate, but ineffectual crusade against the irrepressible crickets. They cleaned him out, and he had to fall back on South Mountain. The late heavy frosts appear to have destroyed all the “garden truck” in the country near here.

A couple of the boys who went out on a hunting and fishing expedition came to an untimely end by the Indian war in the North. South Mountain is now prepared for a siege, as Johnny Donnelly has arrived which just fills up the garrison to a war footing, “all good men and true.”

The Piutes are moving back in the foothills. They disclaim any hostile intentions and depreciate war. I don’t think the Piutes in this vicinity are prepared for a war, as they have no powder and can’t get any.



# Public notices

**BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION**

On July 26, 2017 beginning at 10:00 am, the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hear testimony in the Annex Building of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 17069 Basey St., Murphy, Idaho on the following matter at the time listed below.

Beginning at 10:00 am, the Commission will hear a request for a conditional use permit filed by Dennis Boyd seeking to add a second single-family residence to his property located at 13763 Guffey View Lane, Melba, Idaho. The subject parcel, RP01S02W291200A is 40 acres in size and is located in an agricultural zone situated in the SW¼ of the NE¼ of Section 29, Township 1 South, Range 2 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Copies of the proposed project are available for review in the Planning and Zoning office. For additional information please contact the Planning and Zoning office at 495-2095 ext. 2.  
7/5/2017

**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 rpatton@gdaengineers.com.  
6/28;7/5/2017

**LIEN SALE**

Carol Morgan, 5119 N. Edison Rd. Marsing, Idaho 83628. Unit B-6. 13x13 Containing tools and misc. household items.

Leta Perez, 2412 E. Chicago Caldwell, Idaho 83605. Unit E-16. 9x12 containing books, Jackson Java sign, dressers and misc household items.

Trent Tetpon, P.O. Box 72, Homedale, Idaho 83628. Unit E-10. 9x16 containing guitar with amp, toys, small safe and misc. items.

Items are located at Hwy 95 Self Storage, 3685 Hwy 95, Homedale, Idaho 83628. Items in storage unit will be auctioned off on 07/15/2017 at 1:00pm by sealed bid. Bids will be accepted between 9:00am to 1:00pm.

Hwy 95 Self Storage, 208-337-3417  
7/5,12/2017

**NOTICE**

Market Road Storage abandoned storage sale on 07/08/2017 at 8-9am, 4595 E Market Rd Homedale, ID 83628.

Antonio Lopez #1, 515 S Beach St Kennewick, WA 99336. Unit contains household items.  
6/28;7/5/2017

**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

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROPOSE OR PROMULGATE NEW OR CHANGED AGENCY RULES**

The following agencies of the state of Idaho have published the complete text and all related, pertinent information concerning their intent to change or make the following rules in the latest publication of the state Administrative Bulletin.

*The proposed rule public hearing request deadline is July 19, 2017 unless otherwise posted.*

*The proposed rule written comment submission deadline is July 26, 2017 unless otherwise posted. (Temp & Prop) indicates the rulemaking is both Temporary and Proposed. (\*PH) indicates that a public hearing has been scheduled.*

**IDAPA 02 – DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, PO Box 790, Boise, ID 83701-8552**

**02.01.01 - Idaho Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Idaho Department of Agriculture.**

**02-0101-1701**, Chapter repeal.

**02-0101-1702**, Chapter rewrite renames chapter and conforms rules of procedure to Idaho’s statutory code.

**02-0214-1703, Rules for Weights and Measures.** Incorporates by reference the 2018 NIST Handbook 44.

**IDAPA 09 – IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, 317 Main St., Boise, ID 83735**

**09-0130-1709, Unemployment Insurance Benefits Administrative Rules.** (Temp & Prop) Clarifies benefit claims filing process and provides department needed flexibility to relocate claims center due to natural disaster or financial necessity.

**IDAPA 10 – BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND**

**PROPOSED 2017-2018 BUDGET FOR BRUNEAU CEMETERY DISTRICT**

BRUNEAU CEMETERY INCOME:  
OWYHEE COUNTY REMITTANCE FUNDS: \$14,100.00  
BURIALS \$1,475.00  
PLOT FEES \$1,500.00  
DONATIONS \$80.00  
\$17,155.00

BRUNEAU CEMETERY EXPENSES:  
POWER \$2,200.00  
MOWER \$6,000.00  
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TAXES \$500.00  
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INSURANCE FUND \$350.00  
\$17,155.00

EMERGENCY WELL REPAIR FUND \$37,311.00  
EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE FUND \$10,690.00  
7/5/2017

**PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS, 1510 E. Watertower Street, Meridian, ID 83642**

**\*10-0102-1701, Rules of Professional Responsibility.** (\*PH) Clarifies the requirement that consultants and subconsultants follow the Qualifications Based Selection statute Section 67-2320, Idaho Code.

**IDAPA 16 – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE, PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0036**

**16-0310-1705, Medicaid Enhanced Plan Benefits.** (Temp & Prop) Deletes the restriction that limits exception reviews to only participants who require residential high or intense supportive living services to allow all developmental disability waiver participants the option to pursue exception review.

**16-0601-1701, Child and Family Services.** (Temp & Prop) Increases the foster care reimbursement rates by 20% as appropriated by the 2017 legislature.

**IDAPA 20 – DIVISION OF VETERANS SERVICES, 351 Collins Road, Boise, ID 83702**

**21-0101-1701, Rules Governing Admission, Residency, and Maintenance Charges in Idaho State Veterans Homes and Division of Veterans Services Administrative Procedure.** (Temp & Prop) Conforms rule to Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Department of Health and Human Services, recently updated regulations for long-term care facilities.

**IDAPA 35 – IDAHO STATE TAX COMMISSION, PO Box 36, Boise, ID 83722-0410**

**35-0101-1701, Income Tax Administrative Rules.** Adds 2017 tax brackets retaining 5 years of data history; updates the amount of guaranteed payments that are sourced as compensation for services; adds language stating that the amount of grocery tax credit is \$100 for tax years 2015 and after.

**35-0109-1701, Idaho County Option Kitchen and Table Wine Tax Administrative Rules.** Adds appeals provision to rule and incorporates by reference provisions of IDAPA 35.02.01, Tax Commission Administration and Enforcement Rules.

**35-0110-1701, Idaho Cigarette and Tobacco Products Tax Administrative Rules.** Incorporates by reference provisions of IDAPA 35.02.01, Tax Commission Administration and Enforcement Rules.

**35-0112-1701, Idaho Beer Tax Administrative Rules.** Adds appeals provision to rule and incorporates by reference provisions of IDAPA 35.02.01, Tax Commission Administration and Enforcement Rules.

**NOTICES OF ADOPTION OF TEMPORARY RULE ONLY**

**IDAPA 35 – Idaho State Tax Commission**

**35-0103-1705, Property Tax Administrative Rules** (eff. 7-1-17)T

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROMULGATE - NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING**

**IDAPA 02 – Department of Agriculture**

**02-0214-1701 and 02-0214-1702, Rules for Weights and Measures** (meetings scheduled)

**02-0414-1701 and 02-0414-1702, Rules Governing Dairy Byproduct** (meeting scheduled)

**02-0602-1701, Rules Pertaining to the Idaho Commercial Feed Law** (to participate respond by 7/19/17)

**02-0612-1701, Rues Pertaining to the Idaho Fertilizer Law** (to participate respond by 7/19/17)

**02-0621-1701, Rules for Voluntary Public Services of the Idaho Department of Agriculture Laboratories** (meeting scheduled)

**02-0641-1701, Rules Pertaining to the Idaho Soil and Plant Amendment Act of 2001** (to participate respond by 7/19/17)

**IDAPA 08 – State Board of Education**

**08-0202-1708 and 08-0202-1709, Rules Governing Uniformity** (to participate respond by 7/14/17)

**08-0203-1709 and 08-0203-1710, Rules Governing Thoroughness** (to participate respond by 7/14/17)

**08-0501-1701, Rules Governing Seed and Plant Certification** (to participate respond by 7/14/17)

**IDAPA 13 – Department of Fish and Game**

**13-0104-1701, 13-0104-1702, and 13-0104-1703, Rules Governing Licensing** (to participate respond by 7/26/17)

**13-0108-1702, 13-0108-1703, and 13-0108-1704, Rules Governing the Taking of Big Game Animals in the State of Idaho** (to participate respond by 7/26/17)

**13-0117-1701, Rules Governing the Use of Bait and Trapping for Taking Big Game Animals** (to participate respond by 7/26/17)

**IDAPA 15 – Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (Office of the Governor)**

**15-0202-1701, Vocational Rehabilitation Services** (meeting scheduled)

**IDAPA 16 – Department of Health and Welfare**

**16-0305-1701, Rules Governing Eligibility for Aid to the Aged, Blind, and Disabled (AABD)** (meeting scheduled)

**16-0308-1701, Rules Governing the Temporary Assistance for Families in Idaho (TAFI) Program**

(meeting scheduled)  
**IDAPA 18 – Department of Insurance**

**18-0102-1701, Insurance Policy Titles** (meeting scheduled)

**18-0108-1701, Filing for Life Policy Forms** (meeting scheduled)

**18-0120-1701, Cancellation of, or Refusal to Renew Automobile Insurance Policies** (meeting scheduled)

**18-0122-1701, Sale of Insurance by Vending Machines** (meeting scheduled)

**18-0125-1701, Title Insurance and Title Insurance Agents and Escrow Officers** (meeting scheduled)

**18-0130-1701, Individual Disability and Group Supplemental Disability Insurance Minimum Standards Rule** (meeting scheduled)

**18-0135-1701, Guidelines Respecting the Use of Claim Forms for Disability Insurance Claims** (meeting scheduled)

**18-0156-1701, Rebates and Illegal Inducements to Obtaining Title Insurance Business Rules** (meeting scheduled)

**18-0173-1701, Rule to Implement the Individual Health Insurance Availability Act Plan Design** (meeting scheduled)

**IDAPA 19 – Idaho State Board of Dentistry**

**19-0101-1701, 19-0101-1702 and 19-0101-1703, Rules of the Idaho State Board of Dentistry** (to participate respond by 7/26/17)

**IDAPA 23 – IDAHO BOARD OF NURSING**

**23-0101-1701, Rules of the Idaho Board of Nursing** (meeting scheduled)

**IDAPA 35 – Idaho State Tax Commission**

**35-0102-1702 and 35-0102-1703, Idaho Sales and Use Tax Administrative Rules** (meeting scheduled)

**35-0103-1706, Property Tax Administrative Rules** (See Bulletin for information)

**35-0105-1701, Idaho Motor Fuels Tax Administrative Rules** (See Bulletin for information)

**35-0106-1701, Hotel/Motel Room and Campground Sales Tax Administrative Rules** (meeting scheduled)

**IDAPA 61 – STATE PUBLIC DEFENSE COMMISSION**

**61-0107-1702, Rules Governing Standards for Defending Attorneys That Utilize Idaho’s Principles of an Indigent Defense Delivery System** (to participate respond by 7/21/17)

Please refer to the Idaho Administrative Bulletin **July 5, 2017, Volume 17-7**, for the notices and text of all rulemakings, proclamations, negotiated rulemaking and public hearing information and schedules, executive orders of the Governor, and contact information. **Issues of the Idaho Administrative Bulletin can be viewed at [www.adminrules.idaho.gov/](http://www.adminrules.idaho.gov/)** Office of the Administrative Rules Coordinator, Dept. of Administration, PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0306 -Phone: 208-332-1820; Email: [rulescoordinator@adm.idaho.gov](mailto:rulescoordinator@adm.idaho.gov)

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**CASE NO. CV-2017-01398**  
**IN THE DISTRICT COURT**  
**OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL**  
**DISTRICT OF**  
**THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN**  
**AND FOR THE COUNTY OF**  
**OWYHEE**

In the Matter of the Estate of: WILLIAM N. GRIGG, aka WILLIAM NORMAN GRIGG, Deceased.  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that William W. Grigg has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.  
Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED: this 15<sup>th</sup> of June, 2017  
Michael E. Duggan, Attorney for Personal Representative, P.O. Box 26, Caldwell, Idaho 83606-0026  
7/5,12,19/2017

**THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION HAS BEEN FILED TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF IDAHO:**  
**NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT TRANSFER NO. 81737**  
**J TERRY FIELD, PO BOX 217, GRAND VIEW, ID 83624; has filed Application No. 81737** for changes to the following water rights within Owyhee County(s): Right No(s). 2-2176A, 2-2405A. The purpose of the transfer is to redefine 24 acres associated with the place of use affecting 0.45 cfs of water. Water

will be used at the current place of use two miles west of CJ Strike Reservoir, along State Hwy 78.  
For additional information concerning the property location, contact Western Region office at (208) 334-2190; or for a full description of the right(s) or proposed transfer(s), please see [www.idwr.idaho.gov](http://www.idwr.idaho.gov). Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-222. Any protest against the proposed change(s) must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 Airport Way, Boise, ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 7/24/2017. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.  
GARY SPACKMAN, Director  
7/5,12/2017

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## FOR SALE

**1 acre building lot,** Homedale School District, Canyon County side on Morris Place. Call 208-250-0442 for more info.

**1982 Honda 450 CB.** Great condition, very dependable, good gas mileage, great commuter, 30k well maintained, some records available. We have owned it a few years but its a great fun bike. In overall good condition. Comes with helmet & cover. Asking \$1650. OBO Call Gary 541-520-6340

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Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 95 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 527 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 306 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 676,765 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

## Irrigation boards to gather Tuesday

South Board of Control (SBOC) manager John Eells doesn't expect it to be a very long meeting when the men who manage the southern end of the Owyhee Project gather next week.

"I really don't have anything, just pay the bills," Eells said.

The next round of monthly meetings takes place Tuesday at 118 S. 1<sup>st</sup> St. W., in Homedale.

The Ridgeview Irrigation District board of directors meets at 7 p.m.

The Gem Irrigation District board meets at 7:15 p.m.

The South Board of Control meets at 7:30 p.m.

Typical items that come up include a review of finances, paying bills, and a summary of any needed equipment repairs.


For more information, call (208) 337-3760.

Eells said the irrigation season is now in high gear around Homedale and Marsing.

"Everybody is a little bit behind because of the wet spring, but they're starting to catch up now," he said. "Water usage just kicked up to maximum. We've maxed out the canals, and we're pumping all the water we can."

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Malheur County Farm Bureau President Jeana Hall (left) presents Malheur County Fair Manager Lynelle Christiani (middle) and Fair Board Chair Shad Hansen (right) \$10,000, donated by ScottsMiracle-Gro, for the reconstruction of buildings that were destroyed during the severe winter storms. Submitted photo

## Farm Bureau facilitates Malheur Fair donation

Local farmers are helping the Malheur County Fairgrounds put the pieces back together.

The county's Farm Bureau made a \$10,000 donation June 19 on behalf of ScottsMiracle-Gro.

The money will be used to help reconstruct fair buildings destroyed during the severe winter. Iconic Girvin Hall at the fairgrounds in Ontario, Ore., was among the structures affected by the record-setting winter.

"The Malheur County Farm Bureau Board of directors voted to give the entire sum to the Malheur County Fairgrounds so the funds could benefit the community at large," Malheur Farm Bureau president Jeana Hall said.

As host to the Malheur County Fair in August, the fairgrounds attract attendees and youth participants from the Jordan Valley and Adrian areas. The fair will be held Aug. 1-5 this year, one week before the Owyhee County Fair in Homedale.

"So many of us in Malheur County have used the fairgrounds through 4-H, FFA, Farm Bureau, the county fair, and other events. It's part of our culture and our heritage. We felt it was important to help rebuild those facilities as soon as possible," Hall said.

Malheur County Fair manager Lynelle Christiani said, "The Malheur County Fair Board is so grateful to have received this donation from Malheur County Farm Bureau and ScottsMiracle-Gro in the amount of \$10,000. The level of our appreciation may be beyond words.

"The fair board and I realize that the Malheur County Fairgrounds is not everyone's priority, and we are so touched when someone steps up and helps out. It gives us the boost we need to keep going on this uphill journey we're facing. This donation allows the Fair Board to breathe easier. It will allow us to fully focus on preparing for fair and not just the financial wreckage created by the winter storms."

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