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## County finalizes RS 2477 maps

60-day protest period begins

The first lengthy phase of Owyhee County's RS 2477 saga has come to a close.

During its July 3 meeting, the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners (BOCC) signed Resolution 2017-21 establishing the final maps for rights-of-way categories on federal lands.

County commissioners held eight meetings to tap into the public's knowledge of rights-of-way in an attempt to classify them in one of four categories. Institutional and historical knowledge was necessary because the BOCC abandoned most public roads in 1948, and how those roads were used over the next three decades was crucial to establishing the rights-of-way.

Angie Barkell created the maps in a role prior to assuming the county clerk position.

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

Once a 60-day protest period ends, county commissioners will move forward with asserting the rights-of-way in federal court.

A notice regarding protest applications appears in this week's edition of The Owyhee Avalanche.

"The start date of the protest

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### Summer fun keeps sliding along

Daniel Breithaupt (left) and Ryne Quigley have fun in the Bette Uda City Park playground on Thursday. Daniel, 9, is the son of Michael and Alisha Breithaupt. Ryne, 10, is the son of Scott and Tanya Quigley.

## Fast fire forces Bruneau Dunes closure

Loveridge  
Fire contained  
Monday evening

A brush fire that forced evacuations from a state park grew 10 times its original size overnight Sunday, but was contained about 26 hours after it started.

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office supervised evacuations at the Bruneau Sand Dunes State Park on Sunday night, and volunteers from the Grand View and Bruneau Fire districts provided protection for homes threatened by the Loveridge Fire.

Closed through Monday afternoon, the state park was reopened by 8:30 that night. Idaho highway 78 was restricted for a time for the safety of firefighters and the public.

The fire had burned 4,000 acres when it was first reported around 4:30 p.m. on Sunday. With high winds and low humidity, the fire spread to its final documented size of 38,645 before it was contained at 6 p.m. on Monday.

Crews remained on scene for mop-up and monitoring for hotspots. Officials anticipated gaining control of the fire by 8 p.m. on Tuesday.

— See **Fire**, back page

## Jewett serves two governments under one roof

New Grand View  
clerk hops from  
bank to City Hall

A longtime employee of the Bruneau-Grand View School District is now spending her workdays at

Grand View City Hall.

Jodi Jewett became the new city clerk on April 3. On Monday, she started working for Owyhee County as well at the Division of Motor Vehicles branch in Grand View. The DMV office is also inside City Hall.

Jewett worked at US Bank in Grand View for about five months

after being at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School for three years as an administrative assistant. She was employed with the school district for 11 years in various capacities.

Jewett accepted the city clerk job when the bank branch shuttered its doors on March 31.

"When the bank here in Grand

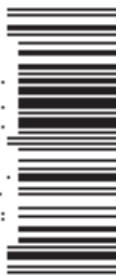
View closed, this position came open, so I just applied for it," Jewett said. "It was really good timing."

In addition to her office experience gained at the bank and school district, Jewett also brings along knowledge of another professional field.

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Jodi Jewett



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From left: Guy Colyer, Pat Schaffer from Marsing, and Cathy Colyer with their heifers, and Jeanne Davis with her steer at the Owyhee County Fair in August 1960.

## Bruneau Canyon 4-H continues multi-generational mission

### Friday potluck marks 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary

The Bruneau Canyon 4-H Club celebrates helping generations of youth enjoy fuller lives with a potluck picnic Friday night.

More than half of the current members have connections to previous generations that have worked through the 4-H curriculum with the Bruneau Canyon organization.

The club will supply pulled beef sandwiches for the picnic, which begins at 6 p.m. at the Bruneau park. Members and alumni and their families or anyone else with a connection to the Bruneau Canyon club's history are invited to the party and bring side dishes.

RSVP by calling Kelli Prow at (208) 867-9783.

Bonnie Colyer was the club's founding leader in 1957, and her great-granddaughter is among the third-generation members, which also include Paisley Prow, Mackley Prow, Ily Gen-



Cathy Colyer with her steer at the fair in August 1958, the second year of the Bruneau Canyon 4-H club's existence.

nette, Kasey Derrick, Maisa Tindall and Walter Jones.

Second-generation members include Ainsley Erwin, Mitchell Erwin, Trinetey Bachman, Elsie Bachman, Jacob Bachman, Odin Hipwell and Tyler Hipwell.

Even the history of leadership is generational.

Current leaders Deidre and Russ Erwin and Matt Tindall have children in the group.

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.

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.

## Homedale council may take step in library grant process

The Homedale Public Library's expansion project could get a new grant writer tonight.

The city council is scheduled to discuss hiring someone to write the applications to get money to build a proposed 3,600-square-foot addition on property adjacent to 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

The council's seemingly light agenda kicks off at 6 p.m. today inside City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

In its April meeting, the library board of directors voted to apply for another Idaho Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG), but decided to move forward without the services of Western Alliance for Economic Development executive director Tina Wilson.

Wilson wrote the unsuccessful grant application last year.

The city council voted to leave the WAED altogether earlier this year, too.

Library administrator Sharla Jensen has written an \$846,490

Fiscal Year 2018 budget that includes anticipated revenue of \$500,000 for a grant and \$152,000 in donations. The family of longtime library board member Gypsy Jackson has committed \$100,000 to the expansion project if the city's ICDBG try is successful and the council agrees to rename the library in Gypsy's memory.

The council also will discuss and could finalize a list of police department surplus equipment tonight, too.

Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller also may provide updates on staffing and recent cases his officers have handled.

Public works supervisor Bret Smith probably will provide an update on the recent swimming pool repair as well as other projects around town during his report.

This will be the first council meeting since June 14. The council typically meets twice each month.

## Marsing council could reconsider financial support to Sandbar

The City of Marsing could reinstate its funding contribution to The Sandbar Café with a Cause tonight.

The city council meets at 7 p.m. inside City Hall, 425 Main St.

Last month, Marsing Mayor James Ferdinand announced the suspension of a \$375 monthly stipend. The money, increased from \$150 monthly when the Marsing Senior Center converted into the Sandbar, helps pay the organization's water bill. The city had long supported the senior center with the original figure.

Café executive director Kimberly Coonis said the organization's board chair, Pete Smit, will attend tonight's meeting to discuss the monthly stipend.

In November, the council agreed to increase the stipend to \$375 on the condition that the

funding would be re-evaluated in six months. No Sandbar representative showed up for the June review, and Ferdinand rescinded the support.

Final approval of the Meadow Brook residential subdivision could come tonight. The council has tabled a vote at each of their past three meetings.

Council members gave unanimous preliminary approval in March to the development proposed by Les and Lavada Loucks.

Council members will probably hear a report by maintenance supervisor Phillip Gibson tonight. Gibson typically gives the city leaders an update on projects his crews have been working on around town.

The usual departmental reports will also be presented tonight.

— SC

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# City council examines first engineering firm for wastewater plan

The first of handful of engineering firms interested in helping the Grand View with its wastewater issue will make a pitch to the city council tonight.

The council holds its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. inside City Hall, 425 Boise Ave.

Mayor Ed Collett said that the first of about three engineering firms will make proposals in the coming months as the city moves forward on ensuring its wastewater treatment system complies with state and federal regulations.

The mayor said the city is in the midst of a three-year window to develop a wastewater plan.

Great Western Engineering representatives from Boise will make their pitch to the council tonight.

The city has one sewer lagoon in operation, but the secondary lagoon — which Collett describes as an overspill lagoon — is bordering on not meeting environmental agency standards.

“The lagoon we’re using is in compliance, but we have a secondary lagoon. Our overspill lagoon hasn’t been checked and may not be in compliance,” Collett said.

After choosing an engineer to make a course of action, the city will have three years to solidify compliance.

Collett said the city is in compliance now, but could teeter to non-compliant status if no attention is paid to the potential problem.

According to the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, the city has been awarded a \$32,500 grant for the \$65,000 project. Grand View must match the remaining 50 percent.

The grant will fund a study of inflow and infiltration problems and bring both city lagoons into compliance, according to the DEQ Fiscal Year 2018 planning grant priority list.

Collett said more grants could be obtained for any work that’s needed, but the city most likely will have to come up with more matching funds.

With the Division of Motor Vehicles branch reopening in City Hall, the Grand View City Council will discuss a rental rate tonight.

Before the DMV office closed in March, Owyhee County paid the city monthly rent for the space the service used.

Now that City Clerk Jodi Jewett will wear two hats at City Hall, the council has agreed to offer the city a reduced rent of \$1,500 per year.

Collett said the \$125 monthly rent is \$25 less on a monthly basis than the previous charge.

— JPB

# Fisherman drowns in Snake River

County officials recovered the body of a suspected drowning victim from the Snake River on Monday.

David Richard Marrs, 55, of Nampa was reported missing before 10:45 p.m. on Sunday near the Walters Ferry bridge.

Owyhee County Coroner Aaron Tines released Marrs’ identity Monday evening after his family had been notified.

Sheriff’s Sgt. Gary Olsen said the Marrs’ body was pulled from the water before 11 a.m. Monday.

The sheriff’s office began the search after receiving word that Marrs went missing while fishing from the riverbank with his son.

— JPB

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# Grand View DMV reopens

## City Hall hours change to accommodate clerk’s dual role

The Division of Motor Vehicles branch in Grand View is back in business.

During a meeting on July 3, the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners (BOCC) approved new contracts for a shared employee at Grand View City Hall.

One contract took effect immediately and runs through September 30, or the end of Fiscal Year 2017. Another contract will be in effect for FY 18.

Jodi Jewett took over as the new city clerk on April 3, after former City Clerk Tammy Payne tendered her resignation on Dec. 30.

Jewett will now serve as DMV technician from 7:30 a.m. to noon, Monday through Thursday. She will run City Hall from noon to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. The new hours took effect on Monday.

The city plans to lower the rent it charges Owyhee County

for DMV office space inside City Hall. Mayor Ed Collett said the city council will look to modify the rent because of the employee-sharing development.

Folks will still be able to pay city bills during the morning by using a drop box inside city hall.

Jewett will work a total of 36 hours a week at a wage of \$14 per hour plus benefits.

The DMV office closed on March 20 after the retirement of longtime DMV clerk Shirley Sargent.

Grand View City Hall is located at 425 Boise Ave., Grand View.

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## ✓ Jewett: New clerk well-known in town because of previous bank, school positions

“I also have a degree in health care administration and management from the University of Phoenix,” she said.

Jewett has been married to her husband Travis for 22 years. The couple has three daughters — Kyla, 21, Bailie, 18, Sami, 14 — and 9-year-old son Kolton.

Jewett said the idea of a shared employee between the county and city came up while she was still working at the bank.

“Before I even came on board here at the city, they were trying to combine the position into one,” she said. “Somebody said I would be a good candidate, so that’s how they asked if I would be willing to try both positions together.”

She emphasized that while City Hall’s official hours will now be in the afternoons, an effort will be made to accommodate some regular city business.

“People will still be able to pay their payments,” Jewett said. “I’ll have a drop box on the counter. So City Hall will still be open for them to drop their payments off.”

And, Jewett isn’t concerned about the change in working part-time to full-time.

“No, not at all,” she said. “Because I worked until 5:30 or 6 o’clock at the high school. So I’m still off sooner. It was just really long hours out there.”

Grand View Mayor Ed Collett thinks Jewett is a perfect fit to serve both the county and the town she lives in.

“She’s really good and smart and can handle that,” Collett said. “I think it’s going to be a great asset to the community with her in that position.”

— SC

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# Calendar

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Grand View City Council meeting**  
6 p.m., Grand View City Hall, 425 Boise Ave., Grand View, (208) 834-2700, Monday through Thursday

**Homedale Highway District meeting**  
7 p.m., Homedale Highway District office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., Homedale

**Marsing City Council meeting**  
7 p.m., Marsing City Hall, 425 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4122

**Marsing Fire Commissioners meeting**  
7:30 p.m., Marsing Fire Hall, 303 Main St.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Owyhee Gardeners meeting**  
1 p.m., Lizard Butte Library community room, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 546-1829

**Owyhee Watershed Council meeting**  
3 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (541) 372-5782

**Homedale Farmers Market**  
3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Bette Uda City Park, Homedale. [www.homedalefarmersmarket.weebly.com](http://www.homedalefarmersmarket.weebly.com)

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

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

**Homedale school board meeting**  
7 p.m., district boardroom, 116 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4611

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

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

**Friday**  
**Children’s free summer food service**  
Breakfast, 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m., lunch, 11:10

a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School, 39678 State Hwy. 78, Bruneau.

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

**Grand View Lions Club meeting**  
11:30 a.m., Grand Owyhee Restaurant, 230 Main St., Grand View.

**Conner Landa Memorial Softball Tournament**  
5 p.m., Sundance Park, West 1st Street South, Homedale. (208) 989-2947

**Bruneau Canyon 4-H Club anniversary**  
6 p.m., potluck celebration, Bruneau park. RSVP: (208) 867-9783

**Game night**  
6 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. Youth 12 and older, 2nd Friday of each month. (208) 896-4690

**Saturday**  
**Conner Landa Memorial Softball Tournament**  
7 a.m., Sundance Park, West 1st Street South, Homedale. (208) 989-2947

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

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

**Sunday**  
**Conner Landa Memorial Softball Tournament**  
7 a.m., Sundance Park, West 1st Street South, Homedale. (208) 989-2947

**Our Lady of Tears mass**  
1 p.m., Our Lady of Tears Catholic Church, Silver City. (208) 466-7031

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

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

**Tuesday**  
**Foot clinic**  
8:30 a.m., \$12, appointment necessary, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

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

**Foot clinic**  
9 a.m., call for appointment, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922 Tuesdays and Thursdays

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

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

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

**Eastern Owyhee Library board meeting**  
5 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

**Marsing Lions Club meeting**  
7 p.m., Marsing Senior Center, 218 Main St., Marsing. (208) 318-3982

**Friends of Eastern Owyhee Library meeting**  
7 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library meeting room, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2324, (208) 832-1949 or (208) 834-2785

**Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire meeting**  
7 p.m., Wilson Fire Station, 10427 Johnston Lane, Wilson.

# Senior menus

**Homedale Senior Center**  
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July 12: Sausage & biscuits, mashed potatoes/gravy, beets  
July 13: Beef brisket, mashed potatoes/gravy, peas & carrots, roll  
July 18: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, California blend veggies, roll  
July 19: Macaroni & cheese, hot dog/bun, carrots  
July 20: Salisbury steak w/onions & mushrooms, mashed potatoes/gravy, beets, roll  
July 25: Baked ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, roll  
July 26: Baked fish, baked potatoes, broccoli, roll  
July 27: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, California blend veggies, roll


**Rimrock Senior Center**  
July 13: Italian meat sauce over pasts, green salad, jello salad, whole grain bread  
July 18: Roast beef, potatoes/gravy, spinach salad, fresh fruit, cake, ice cream  
July 20: Chicken salad sandwich, crescent roll, sandwich veggies, melon zucchini bread  
July 25: Lasagna w/meat sauce, coleslaw, cottage cheese & eggs, fruit cups, roll  
July 27: Hot dog/bun, sauerkraut, fries, pasta salad w/veggies, pickle spears, fresh fruit

## Correction

Contrary to reporting in a June 28 article, the City of Homedale took three coliform samples in March 2016 as part of its water quality monitoring.

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# Record keeping vital to quality assurance in beef animals

Most beef cattle producers are familiar with beef quality assurance (BQA) and the importance of following BQA recommended practices to help ensure consumer confidence and maintain beef demand.

BQA was started by producers in the 1980s in an effort to reduce drug residues in beef products. Today, drug residues are almost non-existent in fed cattle and a very minor issue in non-fed (cull) cows and bulls.

Even with this good news, it is important for every beef and dairy (all dairy cows eventually end up as beef) producer to take responsibility in preventing illegal drug residues. This goes for every individual raising meat animals!

The best method to ensure that only “clean” animals are marketed is to keep written records of every animal that is treated. Several national beef quality audits have shown a need for improved record-keeping by producers and feeders. The 2011 audit showed that less than half of respondents always use written records to track drug withdrawal times. Eleven percent of respondents



Scott Jensen

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never used written records. Most of us simply do not have very good enough memory to suffice. There is clearly room for improvement.

Maintaining a permanent record of all animal health product use is essential to preventing drug residues and maintaining consumer confidence in beef. Treatment records may be kept on individual animals, or on entire groups that were worked and/or treated at the same time.

Whether the records are for individuals, or for groups, they should:

- 1) identify the animal(s) treated,
- 2) specify the date(s) of treatment,
- 3) list the drug administered,
- 4) record drug lot numbers,
- 5) list the dosage given,
- 6) provide the route of administration,
- 7) identify the injection site,
- 8) identify the person who administered the drug,
- 9) show the withdrawal period for the drug administered, and
- 10) list date that treated animals can safely be marketed/slaughtered. This will help prevent treated animals from being prematurely marketed, prior to them clearing the required drug withdrawal period.

Every federally approved animal health product has a withdrawal period printed on the label or package insert. Withdrawal periods represent the amount of time it takes for an animal to metabolize an administered animal health product and the amount of time it takes for the product concentration level in the tissues to decrease to a safe, acceptable level.

In terms of marketing beef cattle, a withdrawal period is the time from the last administration of the drug (animal health product), during which beef and beef products should not be marketed into the food supply. Withdrawal periods may be extended when combinations of drugs are used or when drugs are used in an extra-label (off-label) manner, which can only legally be done under the supervision of your veterinarian, within the context of a veterinary-client-patient relationship. In these situations or at any time a producer is uncertain of a specific drug withdrawal period, a veterinarian should be consulted.

— Contact Scott Jensen at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension at [scottj@uidaho.edu](mailto:scottj@uidaho.edu). Jensen is the U of I county extension educator, and he welcomes questions on livestock care. The U of I Owyhee County Extension Office is located at 238 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. W., in Marsing and can be reached at (208) 896-4104.

# Homedale’s Madison Conant completes Air Guard basic

A recent Homedale High School graduate has completed basic military training.

U.S. Air Force Air National Guard Airman 1st Class Madison N. Conant graduated from basic training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

The 2016 HHS graduate is the daughter of Lily A. and Jason M. Conant of Homedale and granddaughter of Homedale residents Dave and Irene Slawson and Lori and Michael Conant. Her brother, Ryan M. Jensen, lives in Payette.

Airmen who complete basic



Madison N. Conant

training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

# Dinner, auction to help HHS grad’s cancer fight

A dinner and auction is scheduled to help a former Homedale resident’s fight against cancer.

The benefit for 1990 Homedale High School graduate Donnie Gerdes begins at 6 p.m. on Friday, July 21 at the Payette County Fairgrounds in New Plymouth.

After a no-host bar for social hour, a tri-tip dinner sponsored by Colewell Ranches will be served at 7 p.m.

The dinner costs \$15. The live auction begins at 8 p.m. Lots include tickets to the Mickey and the Motorcars performance at the Malheur County Fair in Ontario, Ore., barnwood-framed pictures, a handmade quilt, horse tack, horseshoe art, and farrier services.

Anyone from the Homedale area wishing to donate or help out with auction items can contact Stacey Kelly at (208) 830-7977.

# Sheriff’s office offers free OHV instruction Saturday

The Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office will offer the final scheduled Off-Highway Vehicle safety and instruction class of the year on Saturday.

The free course will be held at 9 a.m. at the Bureau of Land Management Hemingway Butte OHV Trailhead on Upper Reynolds Creek Road off Idaho highway 78.

While Saturday marks the last scheduled class, Sheriff Perry Grant has authorized OHV safety classes be formed whenever two or more citizens request instruction. Anyone with questions about Saturday’s class or setting up future instruction can call OCSO dispatch at (208) 495-1154, ext. 2 and leave a message for Sgt. Kenny Hoagland.

All classes are offered free of charge.

Saturday’s course covers OHV safety and operation and state laws

and county ordinances governing recreation. The class also provides more information about UTVs, ATVs and other vehicles used for recreation in Owyhee County.

At the end of the day, participants will receive a card certifying they’ve successfully completed the class.

The sheriff’s office reminds recreationists that fines may be imposed for violating laws and ordinances governing OHV operation.

OCSO officials stress that training and the enforcement of OHV laws are in place in an effort to prevent off-highway accidents that have resulted in injury and death in the past.

# El-Ada taking funding assistance requests

The El-Ada Community Action Partnership will distribute \$3,055 in awards from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to organizations in Owyhee County.

Public or private organizations can apply for funds through El-Ada Community Action Partnership’s Owyhee County coordinator, Olga Valero, at (208) 337-4812. The El-Ada county office is located at 15 W. Colorado Ave. in Homedale.

The deadline to apply is next Wednesday. The selection board, staffed by local representatives, will decide the funds distribution.

To be considered for funding an organization must be a private voluntary non-profit or unit of government that has an

accounting system, practices non-discrimination and has a demonstrated ability to deliver emergency food or shelter programs. Private organizations must have a board of directors.

The money was earmarked for Owyhee County by a congressionally empowered national board that targets areas of highest need across the nation. That board includes representation from FEMA, the Salvation Army, the American Red Cross, United Jewish Communities, Catholic Charities USA, National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA and the United Way of America.

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The Corta family on the ranch in the mid-1930s. **From left:** Joe, Al, Simon, Carmen, Jim, Ben, Mitchell (a.k.a. Mike), Eugenia and Edward.

## Remembering the Corta Ranch on Soldier Creek

The saying goes, “A picture is worth a thousand words,” but I have to keep this story to 500 words or less — even though there is an entire volume of information in this picture.

Through conversations with Eugenia and Gary Acordagotia, Annie Corta Davis, information in period documents, regional history books plus my own recollections, I’ve pieced together a description of this family portrait.

This is a picture of the Corta Family at their sheep ranch on Soldier Creek. Gary said the Chevrolet pickup was new when the picture was taken. It only has a couple dents in the fenders and still has some gloss in the paint, so that puts it sometime between 1934 and 1936.

Eugenia, second from the right next to Edward, was 13 at this time. She was born in 1923, so that nails it down to 1936. Mike (or, his given name, Mitchell) is to her right then Ben, who married Annie Krzesnik, who is my Aunt Mary Soran’s sister. This is why wherever I go, I’m at a family reunion. Next in the photo is Jim, then Carmen, who a year after this picture was taken would marry Tony Jesenko. Next is Simon, who I remember ran a gas station in Jordan Valley during the 1970s (Conoco, I think, on the highway through town). There is Al and then Joe. When Pedro Corta died, his brother Justo came over from Spain and married Maria. Joe was the first-born son of this



union in 1899, and he lived at the ranch up into the 1960s.

The ranch itself was part of the grazing reserve for Camp Three Forks about a mile up the road to the east. The military post was purchased by James McLafferty, who partnered with Jacob Deary in a horse ranch. That lasted until 1882 when the partnership was dissolved and Deary became the sole owner. That same year, Chauncey Bacheler bought the grazing reserve from Deary, which possibly helped him buy out his former partner.

C. D. Bacheler put in a dairy and eventually had a post office at the ranch until he moved his operation to DeLamar in 1891.

The ranch was operated by Charles Deaken, who along with Mr. Deary and others were postmasters until the post office was moved to Lone Tree and eventually eliminated in 1906.

Mr. Bacheler died in 1907, and around this time Pedro



### Reminiscing Owyhee memories

by  
Stan  
Soran

Arritola bought the ranch and sold it to Justo Corta, though I haven’t been able to find out exactly when the purchase was made. Justo would have only been 24 years old at the time, but from what I’ve read these Basques were fast learners in their new home country.

In 1918, the Department of the Interior, for reasons known only to them, decided that the homesteaders and settlers living on parts of the military reserve would have to repurchase the ground they had paid for and worked the last several years. I have copies of letters to Gov. Gooding, Sen. Borah and others from these people asking them to intervene.

Some bought the land again at a preferred reduced rate. Some walked away. The Corta Family stayed on and made improvements to the ranch — irrigation and buildings.

In 1934, the Taylor Grazing Act was passed in response to

problems with overgrazing of the range. One of the provisions of the act was that if an outfit was to qualify for grazing allotments, they had to prove they had a base of operations. This was to run out the tramp operators who were mostly sheep men. That may be one of the reasons for this picture as well. It clearly shows everyone with arms crossed, hands on hips, bands of sheep in the background, and says, “Yes, we have a base of operations.”

Eugenia said the ranch was the main camp for several sheep operations on and around South Mountain. By the late 1940s, most of the Corta Family had married and moved away from the ranch and the sheep business.

The ranch was still a busy place during lambing and shearing time, though, and I remember meeting Basque-speaking herders and bands of sheep into the early 1960s.

In 1957, the ranch was sold to Fred Eiguren. Joe Corta worked for Fred and lived at the ranch.

By the 1970s, cattle were the only livestock using the range, and sometime in the 1990s, Rand Collins built a nice log house at the ranch where he lives with wife Janie and mother Betty.

On the right side of the picture is a shed that probably was used to lambing that stood up into the 1960s then being used to cover equipment before it fell under its own weight.

Behind the shed are fruit trees planted by Mr. Bacheler that more recently have provided food for the birds in the area. The log building was moved from Camp Three Forks. Most of the fort’s structures were moved to homesteads and ranches in the area. All these building logs were skidded 10 miles from South Mountain, the wood reserve for the military post. Next to that is a rock barn that Mr. Bacheler built for his dairy.

The fences were built of willow and juniper posts and lasted well into the 1970s.


The wagon up on the hill, I eventually purchased from Rand Collins and, with the help of Mike Hanley, it became a basis for a stagecoach. And that’s another story.

In writing this, there are several blank spaces where I had to connect to dots that were not there. If any of you readers have information to add, I would be more than glad to hear it.

— Caldwell resident Stan Soran’s family has a long history of Owyhee County capers. Since the 1950s, the Soran Family has had a mine on Soldier Creek. Four generations of family and friends have hiked, hunted, played, panned, partied, mined, built, burned and rebuilt at the “Cabin.” If you have an Owyhee County tale you’d like to reminisce about, call (208) 337-4681 or email [jon@owyheeavalanche.com](mailto:jon@owyheeavalanche.com) for submission information.

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Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 92 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 328 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 260 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 657,277 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


# Probation for man who skipped felony sentencing hearing

A man arrested in May for failing to appear in court has been sentenced to probation for felony driving under the influence. Marsing resident Jose Pedro Mendoza must serve three years’ supervised probation after his sentencing before Third District Judge Thomas J. Ryan on June 23 in a Murphy courtroom. Mendoza was charged with felony DUI in October because it was his third or subsequent drunk driving arrest. He entered a guilty plea to the charge in March, but failed to show up for his May 26 sentencing at which time a \$50,000 bench warrant was issued. Ryan suspended a state prison term of between two and five years and gave Mendoza credit for 24 days he has already spent inside Owyhee County Jail. Ryan also imposed 90 days of discretionary jail time to be used by Mendoza’s probation officer if necessary. The man has been ordered to pay \$640.50 in court costs.


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Black Henbane (left) and perennial pepperweed are two of the noxious weeds that the local cooperative weed management areas can help control. Submitted photos

# There’s still time to battle noxious weeds

## CWMAs throughout county can help landowners

Three regional groups are in place to help landowners fight noxious weeds in Owyhee County. Cooperative weed management areas (CWMAs) provide free chemical to landowners in each region in the battle against a variety of weeds. The appropriate chemical and label rates are crucial in the fight. Noxious weeds that can be treated throughout July include:

- Scotch Thistle
- Musk Thistle
- Diffuse
- Russian Knapweed
- Spotted Knapweeds
- Houndstongue
- Perennial Pepperweed
- Black Henbane
- Purple Loosestrife
- Dalmation Toadflax
- Leafy Spurge
- Yellow Starthistle

The CWMAs cover different areas of the county:

- The Northwest Owyhee

CWMA serves the northern region, including Homedale, Marsing, Givens Hot Springs, Guffey, Reynolds Creek and Murphy. For more information, contact Gina Millard at (208) 896-4544, ext. 102 or gina.millard@id.nacdn.net or Tammie Hedges at (208) 845-2668 or support@newenvironment.us.

- The Eastern Owyhee CWMA covers Grand View, Oreana, Bruneau, Three Creek, Grassmere and Duck Valley to the Nevada border. Rayola Jacobsen is the point of contact at (208) 338-0019 or rayola\_1@msn.com.
- The Jordan Valley CWMA covers the Jordan Valley area on both sides of the state line. Contact Eric Morrison at (208) 249-4746 or jvcwma@qwestoffice.net.
- District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi is the Owyhee County weed supervisor and can be reached at (208) 249-4405 or kaberaasturi@co.owyhee.id.us.

# ATV wreck sends man to hospital

A Walters Ferry man was airlifted to a local hospital after an ATV accident. Richard Charles Davis, 54, complained of neck and chest pain and an apparent broken wrist when emergency responders arrived on Rabbit Creek Road, Owyhee County Sheriff’s Sgt. Gary Olsen said. Around 2 p.m. on Sunday, Davis was aboard a red 2006 Kawasaki Brute on Rabbit Creek Road near Upper Reynolds Creek Road when, for unknown reasons, he left the road and traveled down an embankment. Olsen said the embankment is about 105 feet deep, but it’s unclear when Davis was separated from his machine. Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Quick Response Unit responded, and Davis was flown from the scene.

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# Driving with lights off leads to DUI charge

An Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputy arrested a man on suspicion of driving under the influence Saturday.

Sheriff’s Sgt. Gary Olsen said Hans Nederend IV, 30, of Marsing was initially stopped for driving with his headlights off at 1 a.m. near the elementary school on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue West.

Nederend, who was driving a 2017 Ford SUV, failed field sobriety tests and was charged with misdemeanor DUI.

His blood-alcohol concentration read at .158 — nearly twice the legal limit of .08 — and .144.

# Homedale man back in custody

A man wanted for a felony probation violation has been returned to Owyhee County.

Eric Padilla, 28, of Homedale arrived at the county jail in Murphy on Sunday night.

He was brought in on suspicion of violating the supervised probation he was placed under after his 2011 conviction for felony theft by receiving or possessing stolen property.

According to the Idaho Supreme Court case repository, a \$50,000 probation violation warrant was issued in August 2015.

Padilla also has a pending case for a 2009 drunk driving arrest.

Owyhee County Sheriff’s Sgt. Gary Olsen gave details of two other warrant arrests:

- Johnathan Christophel of Winnemucca, Nev., turned himself in Sunday to face charges stemming from a 6½-year-old case involving misdemeanor marijuana and drug paraphernalia possession charges.

An Idaho State Police trooper arrested Christophel, now 25, in December 2011. The man never showed up for his arraignment, and a warrant was issued.

- A 46-year-old man was arrested on a Valley County warrant shortly before 2 a.m. on Sunday at the junction of U.S. Highway 95 and Idaho highway 55.

William Wittkopf was initially pulled over for running illegal lights on his vehicle, but the responding deputy arrested him after discovering the existence of a misdemeanor probation violation warrant.

Wittkopf was given a verbal warning for the illegal lights, Olsen said.



*Above:* Homedale volunteer firefighter Matt Landa concentrates a stream of water on smoldering portions of a structure fire Monday morning. Hot-spot flare-ups on the fire at a Johnstone Road residence were reported throughout the day Monday. *Below:* The fire burned brightly early Monday morning. HFD photo



# Structure blazes keep HFD busy

Homedale Fire volunteers stayed engaged with a large structure fire Sunday and Monday.

A building located on Johnstone Road south of Homedale was reported ablaze at 9 p.m. on Sunday.

The remnants were still smoldering Monday, so an HFD unit rolled to the scene again as a firefighter kept an eye for hot spots.

A garage caught fire in the 700 block of West Oregon Avenue, and firefighters responded after 7:30 a.m. on Thursday.

# Homedale Highway project bid approved

Sections of four roads in the Homedale Highway District will see chip-seal work later this summer.

The district board of commissioners approved the only bid submitted for the work during a special meeting Friday.

Winn & Co., Inc., of Buhl, which is no stranger to area roadwork, submitted the only bid

Road from Johnstone Road west to South Stateline Road

- 3.5 miles of Sage Road from South Side Road to Nielson Lane
- 1.9 miles of Y Road from U.S. 95 south to Cemetery Road

When work begins, traffic will be reduced to one lane, and flaggers will direct motorists. Constantine reminded folks that

there will be loose gravel, and motorists should travel at a slower speed.

Commissioners discovered that seal-coating costs about \$5,000 per mile in today’s market.

Constantine said the high cost of materials prevented the district from including 1.1 miles of Nielson Lane in the project.

— JPB

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# Seed company plants improved look at library

Alforex’s Homedale community service continues

Alforex Seeds personnel recently worked on growth in the community through a landscaping project.

Employees from the company’s Homedale location spent two hours weeding and planting at the town’s public library on July 1.

“They did a great job, and the grounds at the library look amazing,” Homedale Public Library administrator Sharla Jensen said.

The company’s third annual community service project, organized by Alforex site leader Sheila Matteson, brought 13 employees to the library at 125 W. Owyhee Ave., to beautify the grounds around nearly 40-year-old library.

“I’d been searching for a community project in our town and had several conversations with Sharla about the possible improvements the Alforex team could assist with at the library,” Matteson said.

Alforex provided labor to pull weeds, spray herbicide, plant shrubs, repair flowerbed borders and install bark.

“It was a lot of fun to bring the Alforex team together to make improvements to our library,” Matteson said.

Jensen said no library funds were used on materials. She donated flowers and bark, and the top soil came from Alforex, Jensen said.

Alforex employees have conducted community service projects in Homedale each of the past three years.

“We pick one community service project a year and usually accomplish it during the summer during our down season to give back to our community,” Matteson said.

Alforex’s community service campaign began with a project to improve the Sundance Park concession stand. Last year, a crew made picnic tables for the Owyhee County Fairgrounds.

“Alforex is committed to giving back to our community, and this is the company’s ongoing efforts to build more interaction with the community,” Matteson said.

She added that the local plant welcomes ideas for future community service projects.



The Alforex Seeds crew that helped landscape the Homedale Public Library grounds included, **standing from left:** Tony Sifuentes, Freddie Carrillo, Ralph Rangel, Ardy Carrillo, Lora Ingram, Adrian Gonzales, Sheila Matteson, Stacey Wolfe, Claudio Garcia, Sam Woods and Chuck Fisher. **Front:** Miguel Aguilera. **Not pictured:** Tony Fisher. Submitted photo



Alforex employees planted greenery near the old library (above) and around the perimeter of the current building (right).



# Homedale library launches book-to-movie club

The Homedale Public Library is inviting men and women age 18 and older to join its new book-to-movie club.

The club will meet at 10 a.m., each Tuesday starting next week.

“Hidden Figures” by Margo Lee Shetterly will be the first selected reading for the club. The book highlights the true story of the black female mathematicians at NASA involved with the feminist and civil rights movement, whose calculations helped fuel some of America’s early achievements in space.

Library administrator Sharla Jensen said that once the club finishes a book, participants will watch a movie adapted from the book. The group will then meet one more time to discuss the movie version of the book.

Jensen added that two more potential books and movies have

been chosen for the new club. Folks can suggest future club selections by leaving a message on the library’s Facebook page, by calling (208) 337-4228, or by sending an email to homedalelibrary@yahoo.com.

Participants are asked to bring their own copies of selected books if possible. Some copies of the books may be available to borrow from the library.

**World’s wonders wrap summer reading**

The library’s final installment of the Build a Better World summer reading program will feature a Seven Wonders of the World guessing game for the theme Wonder Walkers.

The featured story during Thursday’s program is “Rosie Revere, Engineer.” The children will make a pool noodle finger

flinger and enjoy other activities.

Library staff reminds children to bring their reading logs so they can earn library bucks for every hour they have read.

The program runs from noon to 1 p.m., but the summer lunch program starts at 11:30 a.m.

**Fairy tale Story Time continues Friday**

An old classic and a book new to the library will be read at Story Time at 10:15 a.m. on Friday.

“Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs” will continue the fairy tale theme, while a new title, “Little Miss, Big Sis” will be read, too.

Snow White-themed activities will follow, such as a cardboard mirror craft and a dwarf craft. Children also will go “mining” with the dwarfs in search of shapes and colors.



Roxanne Barroso (left) helps her 6-year-old daughter Aniyah make a balloon-powered sponge boat during an activity at Story Time in the Homedale Public Library on Friday.



# Classic wheels help Sandbar secure meals



Sandbar Café with a Cause director Kim Coonis said 27 classic cars cruised in for the inaugural car show. Proceeds benefitted the Marsing Meals on Wheels program.



Jason Roberts (left) holds the Wheels 4 Meals People's Choice award after his 1964½ Ford Mustang received 44 votes Saturday at the Sandbar Café with a Cause Meals on Wheels fundraiser.



Marsing resident John McClenaghan wipes down his 1932 Ford coupe as car enthusiasts got their machines prepared for Saturday's show.



Classic car fans chat near a row of vehicles fronted by Marsing resident Jason Roberts' People's Choice award-winning Ford Mustang. Saturday's show and shine featured a predominance of Ford and Chevrolet products with a couple of imports thrown in for good measure.



# Sheriff: Nevada pot legalization could mean more arrests

Out-of-state residents among latest in custody

Two of three recent drug possession arrests logged by Owyhee County Sheriff's deputies involved Nevada residents.

Sheriff Perry Grant said he expects to see more Nevada residents involved in county drug cases now that the neighboring state has legalized the recreational use of marijuana.

Both states sharing borders with Owyhee County — Oregon and Nevada — have legalized the recreational use of marijuana.

Although Nevada's law went into effect on July 1, both cases involving residents from that state developed days before.

- Douglas L. Francis, 61, of Reno, Nev., was arrested on suspicion of marijuana possession after being pulled over for speeding within the Marsing city limits on June 27.

After Francis was stopped on Old Bruneau Highway, a deputy found a marijuana pipe under the vehicle's front seat and about 1.4 grams of pot in a breath mints tin located in the car's center console.

Grant said Francis was cited for driving 10 mph over the 25 mph speed limit. The sheriff said law enforcement agencies are beginning to cite for traffic violations to ensure probable cause for any subsequent vehicle searches. Previously, if a misdemeanor or felony arrest resulted after a stop, the infraction was waived.

Francis faces a 9 a.m. arraignment next Wednesday on the misdemeanor marijuana possession charge. The hearing

before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober will take place in a Homedale courtroom.

- A 38-year-old Spring Creek, Nev., man faces drug and weapon charges after being arrested after a traffic stop initiated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Grant said a county deputy was dispatched to milepost 4 on Idaho highway 51 after Brian S. Moring was stopped before 2 p.m. on June 26.

The BIA officer reportedly found a glass pipe, two bags of marijuana and a weapon in the vehicle.

Grant said OCSO got involved because Moring isn't a member of the Shoshone-Paiute Tribe and, therefore, his alleged crimes are under county jurisdiction.

He will be arraigned at 9 a.m. on Monday in Murphy on misdemeanor charges of marijuana possession, drug paraphernalia possession and carrying a concealed weapon without a permit.

- The latest drug possession arrest came on July 4 when a woman riding in a speeding vehicle was charged with misdemeanor marijuana and paraphernalia possession.

After stopping a speeding vehicle on U.S. Highway 95 near Dobbin Road, a deputy found a substance that tested positive as marijuana in a small bottle and also a glass pipe with burnt residue.

After a canine search of the vehicle, a bag filled with marijuana was also found.

The car's passenger, 23-year-old Cathie Luna of Meridian, was arrested on a misdemeanor drug charge.

Grant said the driver was cited for speeding, but faces no other charges.

— JPB

# Man seeks reduced bond after arrest on assault charge

A 19-year-old man faces a preliminary hearing this morning on an assault charge.

James Michael Frazier of Nampa was arrested last month for an alleged aggravated assault against his grandmother.

Frazier's public defender also will seek to reduce his jail bond during the 9 a.m. hearing before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober in a Murphy courtroom.

Frazier was arrested on a felony

charge after a June 27 incident at a resident in the 5700 block of Pasco Road in Marsing.

Owyhee County Sheriff Perry Grant said that deputies are investigating the theft of old coins at the same residence two days before the alleged assault.

OCSO has a person of interest in the alleged theft in which several 1895 silver dollars valued at more than \$1,000 and other coins were taken.



Homedale resident Nick Stewart (left) keeps a close eye as Lions Club member Chad Christiansen directs the loader operator's delicate removal of Stewart's vehicle from the engine compartment of Parma driver Chester Conklin's entry. Stewart drove over Conklin's right fender and got stuck during an early hit in the second heat.



Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derby veteran Chris Folger, a hometown driver, whoops it up after winning the Lions Club's award for best-looking car prior to the 2017 derby. Club president Will Pryor (back to camera) made the announcement.

## Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derby

| Results   | Transfers to main event (\$100 each)  |
|---|---|
| <b>Farm Bureau main event</b> — 1. Mark Williams, Homedale, \$2,000; 2. Daniel Ineck, Marsing, \$1,500; 3. Mike Miller, Homedale, \$1,000 | <b>Heat 1 qualifiers</b> — Jakabee Osborn, Homedale; Joey Reyes, Homedale; Caleb Curt, Homedale |
| <b>Consolation winner</b> — Antone Badiola, Homedale, \$860   | <b>Heat 2 qualifiers</b> — Mitch Young, Homedale; Cole Pryor, Homedale; Nick Stewart, Homedale  |
| <b>Compact championship</b> — 1. Chester Conklin, Parma, \$1,000; 2. Alex Smith, \$750; 3. Robert Brown, Homedale, \$500                  | <b>Heat 3 qualifiers</b> — Chris Folger; Mark Williams; Mike Miller                             |
| <b>Rookie of year</b> — Justin DeAugustineo, Homedale   | <b>Heat 4 qualifiers</b> — Justin DeAugustineo; Daniel Ineck; Cory Bridges, Jerome              |
| <b>Twisted Metal</b> — Mark Williams  | <b>Beach ball winners (\$100 each)</b>  |
| <b>Road Rage</b> — Mike Miller  | <b>Heat 1</b> — Rocky Conner, Homedale  |
| <b>Best-looking car, Lions</b> — Chris Folger, Homedale   | <b>Heat 2</b> — Seth Bayes, Homedale  |
| <b>Best-looking car, crowd</b> — Mark Williams  | <b>Heat 3</b> — Dusten DeCaney, Payette   |
|   | <b>Heat 4</b> — Lance Bell, Homedale  |

## U.S. 95 striping set near Jordan Valley

Road work continues on U.S. Highway 95 west of Jordan Valley.

The Oregon Department of Transportation reports that road striping was scheduled to begin Monday. Motorists can expect minor delays during the painting project, which should wrap up next month.

The pavement repair and chip seal projects have been completed on the 41-mile stretch of highway between Jordan Creek and Burns Junction.



# Avalanche Sports

## Marsing's Farrens flies to Aussie hoops tourney

All-2A WIC standout part of Down Under Games

Mackenzie Farrens is in the midst of notching an impressive addition to her basketball résumé. The incoming Marsing High School senior is on Australia's Gold Coast until July 22 for this year's Down Under Games. Farrens said she's the only Idaho athlete on a team that features girls from New Mexico and Colorado.

"I was kind of surprised because could have chosen anybody else," she said. "It's kind of cool how you're going to represent one small town, but you're going to represent Idaho." Farrens' mother, Kris, said her 17-year-old daughter rounded up sponsors and enlisted help from family and friends to make her trip to Australia a reality. There were car washes,

a spaghetti feed at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa, and a silent auction at Caldwell's Indian Creek Steakhouse. "In order for her to have accomplished this wonderful opportunity we as a family would like to thank family, friends, and all the generous sponsors from this area that has made this dream come true," the Farrens family said in a release announcing Mackenzie's Down Under selection. The work began in March after MHS principal Tim Little

told the All-2A Western Idaho Conference first-teamer she had been contacted through the school for the "once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Kris said. Justin Farrens is Mackenzie's father. The 5-foot, 10-inch Mackenzie has been a leading scorer for the Huskies, helping them to the 2A state tournament last season under coach Jake Dugger. Playing post, Mackenzie averaged 13.5 points per game



Mackenzie Farrens

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## Rivercats steam toward top seed in Legion postseason

District tourney starts Monday in Middleton

With only one loss in league play by the end of the week, the Owyhee Rivercats are in prime position to start the postseason with a top seed. The county's single-A American Legion baseball team could be the No. 1 seed when the West District Tournament begins Monday in Middleton. The top four teams in the standings earn direct passage to the tournament, while the remaining eight squads will battle for seeding Saturday. Coach Burke Deal's team ended the week with a 23-4 overall record. The Rivercats wrapped up the home portion of their season after deadline Tuesday with a league game against the Treasure Valley Stars.

Owyhee's final regular-season games will be played at 6 p.m. at visiting ballparks. The Rivercats meet the Payette Packers on Thursday and the Emmett Blue Devils on Friday. The Rivercats' strong league season sets them up for an automatic bid into the West District tourney. Three Treasure Valley teams (split between the West and East portions of the district) will



Jake Deal looks for the incoming throw as he slides into third base with a first-inning triple last Wednesday.

qualify for the state tournament at Nampa's Rodeo Park. A Nampa Legion team gets one of those spots as the host squad. The two other qualifiers will be the champions of the West and East tournaments. If Nampa wins the East tournament in Meridian, though, the runner-up will get

into the state tournament. The district tournament is scheduled to run through Saturday, July 22, and the state tournament starts on Thursday, July 27. The single-A regional tournament is scheduled for Eugene, Ore., from Aug. 3 to

Aug. 6. **Friday: Rivercats 11, Treasure Valley 5** — Owyhee scored eight runs over its final three at-bats, getting enough of a cushion to survive the Stars' three runs in the bottom of the seventh and win its sixth consecutive game.

Chase Stoddard doubled home a run in the fifth inning as the Rivercats started their late-game barrage. Tyler Wood had a pair of RBI singles in his final at-bats in the sixth and seventh innings. Jake Collett pitched the first

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## Slimmed-down Landa softball tourney begins Friday

No night games will be played at Sundance

Local softball teams ranging from the region's top players to groups of family members and friends will hit the diamonds again this weekend to honor Conner Landa. The ninth annual Conner Landa Memorial Coed Softball Tournament runs Friday through Sunday at Sundance Park in Homedale.

All five softball fields will be utilized as four champions – in brackets based on skill levels – are crowned and outstanding players determined by Sunday afternoon. Fewer teams are able to play in the popular tournament this year. Only about 55 teams will compete because organizers have decided against renting expensive portable lights to keep the action going until nearly midnight as had happened in the first eight tournaments. The action begins at 5 p.m. on Friday,

and games will be played until dusk. The Saturday and Sunday games begin at 7 a.m. and will last until about 4 p.m. Awards and champions will be announced near the concession stand after the conclusion of championship games Sunday afternoon. 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 April 2009.

The tournament is played in honor of Conner Landa. The son of Chris and Virginia Landa died in a 2009 car crash. Conner's cousin, 1991 Homedale High School graduate Chris Hoshaw, is the longtime tournament director. Champions from last year's tournament included Game Time Sports (A Division), Bohica (B Division), Snackies (C Division) and Thundercats (D Division). For more information on the event, call Hoshaw at (208) 989-2947.



# Owyhee County Church Directory

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| <p><b>Calvary Fellowship Homedale</b><br/>Pastor Rich Wright<br/>4220 E Pioneer Road<br/>Church time is 10:00 am on Sunday &amp; Wednesday at 7:00 pm<br/>River Youth Sunday 6:00pm<br/>(208) 880-4033</p>   | <p><b>Golden Gate Baptist Church Wilder</b><br/>Pastor Robert Potter, Jr., CLP<br/>Corner of Second and "B" Streets<br/>Church time is 11:00 am on Sunday<br/>Call (208) 880-4308 for information</p>   | <p><b>Our Lady of Tears Church Silver City</b><br/>Mass Summer Schedule 1pm<br/>June 11 • July 16 • August 20 • Sept. 17<br/><i>All invited to potluck after each mass at the home of Dave Wilper</i><br/>For more information, call<br/>St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031</p> |
| <p><b>Iglesia Misionera Biblica Homedale</b><br/>Pastor Silverio Cardenas Jr.<br/>132 W Owyhee • 337-5975<br/>Servicios: Vier - 7pm - Oracion<br/>Mier - 7pm Predicacion<br/>Dom - 10am Esc. Dom y 6:30pm<br/>"Una Iglesia Diferente."</p>                                     | <p><b>Knight Community Church Grand View</b><br/>Pastor Ivan Shetler<br/>630 Idaho Street<br/>208-834-2639<br/>Sunday School 9:30am<br/>Worship Service 10:45am</p>   | <p><b>Crossroads Assembly of God Wilder</b><br/>Pastors Ron &amp; Martha<br/>Hwy 19 &amp; 95, 890-9132<br/>Sunday School 9:30am<br/>Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am<br/>Sunday Evening Worship 6pm<br/>Wed. Bible Study 7pm</p>   |
| <p><b>Assembly of God Church Homedale</b><br/>15 West Montana, 337-4458<br/><br/>Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am<br/>Sunday Evening Service 6:00pm<br/>Wed. Bible Study 7:00pm<br/>Wed. Children &amp; Youth Ministries 7:00pm</p>  | <p><b>Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale</b><br/>17434 Hwy 95, 337-3464<br/><br/>Sunday School 9:30 am<br/>Worship Services: 10:45 am Sundays<br/><br/>www.homedalefriends.org</p>  | <p><b>Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church Caldwell</b><br/>1122 W. Linden St.<br/>459-3653<br/>Mass:<br/>Saturday 5:00 pm<br/>Sunday 9:30 am<br/>Spanish Mass: Saturday 7:00 pm<br/>Spanish Mass: Sunday Noon</p>   |
| <p><b>Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Homedale</b><br/>337-4248<br/>Sunday Services 10am<br/>Pastor Sean Rippey<br/>Adult and Children Sunday School 9-9:45am<br/>Visitors Always Welcome!<br/>Call Church for Prayer requests</p>   | <p><b>Chapel of Hope Hope House, Marsing</b><br/>Look for the Blue Church<br/>South Bruneau Hwy at the Hope House<br/>Welcoming Families, especially those with special needs children.<br/>Keith Croft, Pastor 880-2767<br/>Jake &amp; Alisha Henriouille, Youth Pastors 761-6747<br/>Sunday Services at 10 am</p>                                     | <p><b>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale</b><br/>708 West Idaho Ave 337-4112<br/>Bishop Mark Thatcher<br/>Bishop Robert T. Christensen<br/>Sunday 1st Ward 1pm<br/>Sunday 2nd Ward 9am</p>   |
| <p><b>Homedale Baptist Church Homedale</b><br/>212 S. 1st W.<br/>739-5952<br/><br/>Sunday Worship 11am-Noon</p>  | <p><b>Wilder Church of God Wilder</b><br/>205 A St. E, 649-7698<br/>Pastor Ray Gerthung<br/>Sunday School 9:45am<br/>Sunday Service 11am<br/>Sunday Eve. 6:00pm<br/>Wed. Eve. 7:00pm</p>  | <p><b>Mountain View Church of the Nazarene Wilder-Homedale</b><br/>26515 Ustick Road<br/>337-3151<br/>Sunday School 9:30<br/>Worship 10:30<br/>Adult &amp; Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm<br/>Children's Caravan Program</p>   |
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| <p><b>Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing</b><br/>Pastor Daniel Swaim<br/>116 4th Ave. W., 859-2059<br/>Sunday worship:<br/>Morning: 11am-Noon• Evening: 6-7pm<br/>Sunday School 9:45am-10:45am<br/>Wednesday evening 7pm-8pm</p>  | <p><b>Nazarene Church Marsing</b><br/>Pastor Bill O'Connor<br/>649-5256<br/>12 2nd Avenue West<br/><br/>Worship Services - Sunday 11am and 6pm<br/>Sunday School - 9:45am<br/>Mid Week TLC Groups</p>   | <p><b>Trinity Holiness Church Homedale</b><br/>119 N. Main<br/>Pastor Samuel Page<br/>337-5021<br/>Sunday School 10am<br/>Sunday Morning Worship 11am<br/>Sunday Evening 7pm<br/>Thursday Evening 7:30pm</p>   |
| <p><b>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Marsing</b><br/>215 3rd Ave. West, 896-4151<br/>Sunday 1st Ward, 1:00 p.m.<br/>Bishop Rowley<br/>Sunday 2nd Ward, 9:00 a.m.<br/>Bishop McIntyre</p>  | <p><b>Vision Community Church Marsing</b><br/>221 West Main Marsing, Idaho<br/>208-779-7926<br/>Sunday School 9:30 a.m.<br/>Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.<br/>Adult, Kids &amp; Youth Meetings Wed. 7:00 p.m.</p>   | <p><b>United Methodist Church Wilder</b><br/><i>Exploring the Bible: Public Invited</i><br/>2nd &amp; 4th Tuesday: 4-5pm<br/>Corner of 4th St. &amp; B Ave.<br/>Pastor Dave Raines<br/>208-880-8751<br/>Sunday Service 9:30am</p>  |
| <p><b>First Presbyterian Church Homedale</b><br/>320 N. 6th W.<br/>Sunday Morning Worship 11am<br/>Sunday School 11am<br/>208-473-9331</p>   | <p><b>Calvary Holiness Church - Wilder</b><br/>Corner of 3rd St. &amp; B Ave.<br/>Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. • Sunday Worship: 11:00 a.m.<br/>Sunday: 6:00 p.m. • Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.<br/>calvarypantry@gmail.com<br/>Food Pantry hours:<br/>2nd Friday of month 5-7pm<br/>4th Friday of month 12-2pm<br/>Calvary Holiness Food Pantry Wilder Idaho</p> | <p><b>Garnet Seventh-Day Adventist Church</b><br/>16613 Garnet Rd., Wilder<br/>208-649-5280<br/>Email: garnetSDA@icloud.com<br/>Worship 9:30am<br/>Sabbath School 10:45am<br/>Wednesday Bible Study 7:00-8 pm</p>  |
| <p><b>Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale</b><br/><br/>711 W. Idaho, 463-9569<br/>Pastor Jose Diaz<br/>Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am</p>   | <p><b>Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church - Oreana</b><br/>2017 Mass Schedule -<br/>the following Saturdays at 10:00am<br/>May 27 - June 24 (BBQ follows) - July 22 -<br/>Aug 26 - Sept 23 - Oct 28 - Nov 25 - Dec 16<br/>All are welcome! For more information, call<br/>St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031</p>                                    | <p><b>Amistad Cristiana de Wilder UMC</b><br/>Esquina de 4 y calle B<br/>Domingos Servicio: 12:00 pm<br/>El Ropero (Banco de ropa) Miercoles 12- 2pm<br/>Martes y Jueves: 6:30 pm Ingles<br/>Sabados: 12:00 pm Arte Infantil<br/>Todo en Espanol, Inf. 989 7508</p>            |

## Sports

### ✓ Farrens: Incoming senior sees trip as prep for season

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and led the Huskies’ with a 12.6 nightly rebounding average as a junior. She was Marsing’s only first-team all-conference selection after posted 11 double-doubles in 14 regular-season games.

She also has spent many off-seasons playing summer ball, including last year on an Idaho squad that traveled to Portland and Las Vegas for tournaments.

Now, she’s in Australia, representing Team Idaho. The odyssey began Monday, and includes sight-seeing, basketball practice and a two-day tournament, according to www.

downundersports.com.

“I know that we’re going to be pushed hard,” Mackenzie said. “Basically it’s learning how to work as a team around girls you don’t know and learning new stuff and getting better.”

Mackenzie just wrapped up summer basketball with her prospective MHS teammates. She’ll be one of the senior leaders in the winter, and she thinks the Down Under experience will help.

“I’ll be in better shape, and I’ll learn some things to help the team get better,” she said.

— JPB

### ✓ Legion: Rivercats take six-game win streak into final week of regular season

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six innings with seven strikeouts to get the win. Only one of the three runs Treasure Valley tallied against Stoddard was earned in the seventh.

Drew Deal and Ben Lee both went 2-for-4.

**Last Wednesday: Rivercats 16, Eagle 8** — Owyhee gave up a first-inning run for the third consecutive game, but Stoddard’s seven RBI nearly matched the Vipers’ production single-handedly at John Jackson Field.

Jake Deal knocked in four runs in Owyhee’s fifth consecutive victory.

Stoddard capped his 3-for-4 outing with a grand slam in the sixth inning. He had a two-run single in the third, and knocked in a run with a second-inning double.

Eagle scored the game’s first run on a two-out single against Owyhee starter Lee in the top of the first.

The Rivercats struck back quickly in the bottom of the frame when Jake Deal pounded a triple to drive in Lee and then crossed the plate when Jaylon Hilton singled. The consecutive hits were the first of 15 in the game for Owyhee.

Jake Deal also had a two-run single in the second inning. He and Lee were each 3-for-4 with three runs scored.

Drew Deal pitched one-hit ball over the final three innings in relief of Lee, who got the victory.

**July 3: Rivercats 3-10, Orofino 1-3** — Jake Deal’s two-run double put Owyhee in front in the team’s final at-bat in the opening game of a doubleheader on the road.

With the game tied, 1-1, Drew Deal sparked the go-ahead rally with a one-out single. Ben Lee was hit by a pitch before Jake Deal’s double into left-center field.

Orofino led, 1-0, after scoring an unearned run against Jake Deal in the bottom of the opening inning. The right-hander picked up two of his eight strikeouts in the first inning, but Orofino took advantage of an error and a double to get the lead.

Deal threw 5 1/3 innings of hitless ball before Orofino broke through again in the seventh.

Chase Stoddard scored an unearned run as Owyhee tied the game in the fourth inning. He scored on Jake Collett’s two-out single.

The Rivercats wasted no time taking control in the finale, scoring four runs in the top of the first and taking on another four-spot in the sixth.

Collett helped his own cause with a 2-for-2 plate performance that included a double and three RBI. He got the complete-game victory, too, scattering seven hits and striking out five. Only one of Orofino’s three tallies was earned.

Drew Taylor and Tyler Wood both rapped doubles, with Wood and Lee notching two hits apiece.



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# Looking back...

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

## 25 years ago

July 15, 1992

### Board names new superintendent

The Homedale School Board named a new superintendent at the board’s regular meeting Monday night. Dick Peters of Cambridge will assume his duties in Homedale July 21. Peters was offered a two-year contract, with a salary of \$49,500 for the first year. In other action, the board swore in Dick Freund and Mary Sonke as school trustees and reorganized the board for the 1992-93 school year. Frank Haylett is the new chairman of the board, and Petra Rose is the vice-chair.

### Commissioners to establish drug testing, dress code

Policy manual changes and clarifications were a main part of the agenda of the Owyhee County Commissioners regular meeting Monday afternoon in Murphy. The board has declared all county facilities to be a “drug-free workplace,” and will initiate a mandatory drug-testing program for all county officials, employees and other personnel.

The testing will be an ongoing, random program, involving over 100 people, the commissioners said. The program will follow government guidelines pertaining to testing, laboratory evaluation, and confidentiality, according to Gary Aman, program coordinator. The commissioners discussed complaints and observations concerning “unprofessional dress in the courthouse” of county employees, and agreed to meet with officials of the various departments to draft and appropriate dress code for all county personnel. Chairman Dick Bass stressed the importance of professionalism concerning dress of public servants, and urged a policy be adopted soon.

### 71 Livestock Assn. to celebrate 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Friends and neighbors interested in the 71 Livestock Association are invited to attend the association’s anniversary country breakfast Saturday, July 18, at the Cherry Creek School, 36 miles west of Rogerson. The organization is celebrating 75 years of cooperative efforts by the association members, the United States Forest Service, the Department of Fish and Game and the Bureau of Land Management.

### Council to hold two meetings each month

Homedale City Council members amended city ordinance at the council’s regular meeting Wednesday night to allow for two regular meetings each month. The council will begin meeting the second Wednesday and the fourth Thursday of each month in August. The time of the meetings was also changed to 6 p.m. “This will better serve the public,” said Frank Haylett, council member. In other action, the council approved a \$5 monthly surcharge to be assessed on city sewer bills, beginning August 1, for 48 months. Paul Fink, mayor, said the fee should generate about \$200,000 in the four-year period. Although the repairs will be costly, Fink said collapsing sewer lines are something the city must deal with. “There is no alternative,” he said. The money collected from the surcharge, combined with \$40,000 currently in the city’s budget and an anticipated state grant, will cover the cost of the repair work, Fink said.

### Marsing has new council member

Baldemar Elizondo has recently been appointed to the Marsing City Council. Elizondo is a teacher at Marsing Elementary School, where he said his main job is to recruit migrant students to the Marsing school system. He said he is happy to be on the council, and wants to serve as a “facilitator for the community.”

## 50 years ago

July 13, 1967

### Homedale Cannery to open Friday

Officials of the Homedale Cannery announced that the plant will open Friday following repairs after extensive damage done recently by local youths, announced Mrs. Ostella Brown. Ten members of the Homedale Cannery Association met Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Lucy Stutheit for the purpose of electing officers for the 1967 canning season, selecting operators for the cannery and to set the wheels in operation for the opening. The following officers were elected: Mrs Ostella Brown, president; Mildred Look, vice-president; Mary Stutheit, secretary; and Lucy Stutheit, treasurer. Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Carpenter, who have operated the cannery for the past several years, were again chosen to do so this year.

The Homedale Cannery is a non-profit organization and open to the public upon payment of a \$1 registration fee and the cost of the cans used. The plant was set up originally by the federal government so that area residents could can vegetables and fruits more safely by the steam-pressure method and thus be encouraged to store away safely the abundance of produce and fruit available in this rich agricultural area.

### Bruneau uplands classification is approved

Proposed classification of nearly 1½ million acres of public domain land in central Owyhee County for multiple-use management by the Bureau of Land Management has met with approval by land users and citizens who attended meetings and a public hearing last month to discuss the proposal with BLM personnel. Classification for multiple use management provides for livestock grazing, development of wildlife habitat, mining, outdoor recreation and other public values. The lands will be retained in federal ownership foreseeable future but may be reclassified for other uses if necessary. Lands selected for classification are contained in an area of about 2,500 square miles lying south of Grand View to the Nevada state line, and from the Bruneau River west to Deep Creek and Castle Creek. About 86 per cent of the land is in federal ownership. The Secretary of the Interior was granted authority by the Classification and Multiple Use Act of 1964 to determine which lands have significant public values. Those are to be retained for multiple use management. Others will eventually be classified for disposal through exchange or direct sale.

### Lake Owyhee Resort sold

Lake Owyhee Resort has been sold, and the new owner, Cy Webb, took over operation of the resort July 1 from former owner Bill Bates. Webb said he would be assisted at the resort by his sons Clarence and Phillip Webb, formerly of Reno, Nev. Webb is from the Los Angeles area. Webb said Sunday evening he has many plans for the future of the resort, including year-round operation if warranted. At present time, he and his sons are busy re-activating equipment and boat docks. Cabins, grounds and other facilities will come in for renovation as soon as possible. In any event, Webb said he would still be in the area whether the resort is kept open year-round or not. He plans to accommodate bird and wild game hunters in the fall months and enthusiastic fishermen because of the year-round open fishing season at the lake.

### Marsing voters OK mill levy

Patrons of Marsing School District No. 363 voted 108 to 37 in favor of a special four mill tax levy for maintenance and operation, according to Howard May, high school principal. This is a two-mill decrease from the six-mill levy in effect last year, May continued.

## 140 years ago

July 14, 1877

**The Indian Budget.** Winnemucca and his Piutes of the valley below here are now reported to be as quiet as lambs. Joseph hasn’t as yet to into the trap prepared for his reception. He will endeavor to give it a wide berth. Friendly Indians usually evince a disposition to remain so until the hostiles get the better of the situation. It is doubtful whether much will be accomplished with Gatling guns and mountain howitzers in hunting the Indians. The recent capture of grain and stock from the Indians by troops near Salmon River had a demoralizing effect upon the redskins. If the soldiers catch Looking Glass, we hope they will not only be able to see through him but will make bullets whistle through him in every direction. Camp Lyons is one of the most important posts in this section of the country. It occupies a commanding situation, is easy of access and ought to be garrisoned without delay.

**Auction sale.** The sale of the effects of the late Dr. Colmache took place at the Granite Block on Saturday afternoon. There was quite a large gathering present and the bidding on some articles was quite spirited. Many of the effects, however, and more especially the surgical instruments, went off for a “mere smidge.” Some of these instruments were quite elaborate, the original price of the entire collection being \$81,000. Less than one-tenth of this amount was realized from their sale, owing to the scarcity of money and the lightness of demand for such costly goods here now. The Doctor’s gold watch, which was valued by many at \$500, was sold for \$155, Mr. James Graham being the purchaser. His medical library sold for \$47.00 and was bought by E. Nugent.

**Mining notes.** The developments in the Empire continue to be quite satisfactory. In the program of operations on the ledge from which so much fine rock has been extracted, the prospects have been such as to justify the belief that the richest portion of the new body here is yet to be encountered. There are two large ledges in this mine, the old or main ledge having a straight course from the vicinity of the surface down. The other ledge inclines toward the old one at an angle of about forty-five degrees and the junction is believed by practical men to be effected at a point about 700 feet below the surface. On the 5<sup>th</sup> level, the distance between the two ledges is about 170 feet. On the 6<sup>th</sup> level, the distance is reduced to 75 feet. At the point where work on the winze from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> was recently discontinued, owing to the flood of water, the distance between the two ledges is reduced to about ten feet, and unless all signs peculiar to formations on War Eagle Mountain fall there must be a magnificent bonanza in the immediate vicinity of the lowest point of operations yet reached in the mine. In the meantime, the stopes are yielding a fine supply of good ore, and there seems to be plenty in almost every direction. We visited the mine recently in company with Superintendent Crutcher and were astonished to witness the ease displayed in chipping off rich specimens, which seemed to abound at various points along the ledge known as the Hidden Treasure. This ledge seems to be nowhere less than two feet in width, and at many points branches beyond three feet being so liberally streaked with gold in some places as to give the lead the appearance of a most remarkable development. If a man with capacious pockets visiting the mine had the privilege of filling them, he would have no trouble in packing off the wages of a miner for a month or so and the temptation even to an honest editor is such as to cause an intense desire to be a bonanza king by a shorter process than that meted out in the slow receipt of subscriptions and advertising. Altogether we are inclined to the belief that there is a brilliant in store for the Empire, which however, must depend to some extent upon the character of operations to be followed up hereafter.



Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense Pestilence



Piojos! Lice! The biting kind. You see 'em everywhere  
They're thick as thieves on cattle's backs and crawlin' in their hair!  
  
And ticks the size of Tootsie Pops transfuse a cow a day!  
And two can pack a yearlin' off or pull a two-horse sleigh!

A team of scabies mites can slick a pen of weaners clean  
And make you wish you'd never heard of two-dip quarantine!  
  
But sheep don't get off easier, there's nasal bots and keds  
Plus maggots from a screwworm strike that every herder dreads.

There's deer flies, blow flies, horn flies, house, face flies, horse flies, warbles.  
There's pinworms, hookworms, lungworms, tapes, nasty, horrid, horrors!

As if them buggers ain't enough row croppin' can be worse!  
It's hard to make a cotton crop if ballworms get there first!

And if you think I'm blowin' smoke try growin' grapes or pears  
When aphids, thrips and nematodes all take their rightful shares.

They took ol' Noah at his word, "Go forth and multiply!"  
But man has stepped into the breach and raised the battle cry!

We're fighting back with pesticides, with dips and sprays and dust.  
With tags and bags and fogging guns, "Insecticides or Bust!"

We apply them airily, we mix it from a sack,  
We give it in a shot nowdays or pour it down their back.

We hire consultants left and right to give us sound advice  
So we can fight this pestilence of worms and flies and lice

We tell ourselves God gave us brains to halt their ill effect  
And, though He made all living things He gave us intellect.

So, how come we can't beat these bugs? Methinks we've too much pride.  
Though God made us, remember: He ain't always on our side!

— Visit Baxter's Web site at [www.baxterblack.com](http://www.baxterblack.com) for more features and to purchase Baxter Black books, CDs and DVDs.

Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee Fun in the (speckled) sunlight



For an event that wasn't advertised very well, Saturday's Wheels 4 Meals car show did just fine, thank you very much.  
A handful of Owyhee County classics cruised in for the inaugural fundraiser at the Sandbar Café with a Cause.  
In all, 27 cars showed up for the Meals on Wheels benefit held in the restaurant's parking lot.  
It was a decent turnout for a first-time effort with a good mix of muscle, custom and classic machines. There was even a fairly loud Chevy Nova drag racer and a couple of late model vehicles, including a contemporary Chevy Camaro.  
Sandbar officials came up with a clever name for a smart fundraiser, and people turned out to see what all the fuss was about. That's all you can ask for in a first-time event.

For my money, there aren't enough car shows in Owyhee County, but of course I'm biased. I like the idea of keeping my car close to home and also having events to share with our readers.  
A car show to help get nutritious meals to the elderly and home-bound in the Marsing area is something that everyone should be able to get behind.  
It's too bad that space at Island Park will be limited for the next two summers because of the replacement of the Snake River bridge. The park would be a perfect venue for an expanded Wheels 4 Meals show.  
With a little planning and a lot of promotion, the car show could easily outgrow the Sandbar parking lot, although the trees in the space were much appreciated because of the heat of the day.  
Keep cruisin'.

From Washington Nationwide project preserves military veterans' individual stories

Idahoan William Russell Woodfin Sr. served as a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was interviewed in 2001 by a longtime member of my staff, the late Linda Norris, as part of collecting a first-hand account of his service for the Veterans History Project. First Lieutenant Woodfin discusses "bravery":  
"I always say this to high school or elementary schools when I talk to them that I hope no one thinks I'm brave. I did so little compared to many who lived, but particularly those who died . . . Bravery to me is being scared to death, but some way, with the help of your God, overcoming the fear. You don't overcome it, but you're able to go on, bear up, and do what you have to do. And that's an hourly, daily thing . . . I'll tell you as nearly as I can so that I hope you understand it."

Discomfort with being considered "brave" is a common thread among the veterans I meet, who despite their great service, consider their fellow service members, not themselves, to be the true heroes. First Lieutenant Woodfin's interview and other personal service accounts of Idaho veterans and veterans nationwide can be viewed on the Veterans History Project (VHP) website, at [www.loc.gov/vets/](http://www.loc.gov/vets/). Congress established the Veterans History Project in 2000. Since then, the Library of Congress' American Folklife Center has been working with the public to collect veterans' oral histories — now amounting to 104,830 collections. As explained on the project's website, the Veterans History Project "collects, preserves, and makes accessible the personal accounts of American war veterans so that future generations may hear directly from veterans and better understand the realities of war."  
The collection is an enormously enriching resource. The majority of the collections of veterans' experiences are interviews, diaries, journals and memoirs. In addition to archiving this important part of our nation's history for all Americans, the collections have been used for museum exhibits, academic papers, news articles and more. The VHP can be searched for the accounts of veterans of certain wars and from specific states, including those from Idaho veterans. If you have the opportunity to help collect the stories of veterans you know, the Veterans History Project website contains guidelines for conducting interviews and submitting stories to the project.

U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo Republican (term expires 2022)

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Veterans' unedited audio or video recorded interviews, photographs, letters, diaries, journals, military documents, two-dimensional artwork, maps and unpublished memoirs are among the materials accepted to the VHP. Accepted materials collected must fall within VHP's 30-20-10 Rule: 30 minutes is the minimum length required for recorded interviews; 20 pages is the minimum number of pages required for memoirs, diaries or journals; and 10 is the minimum number of original photographs, letters, maps or pieces of artwork required and the minimum number of pages required for military documents.  
While progress is being made to ensure the histories of our nation's heroes are not lost to time, the collection contains less than 1 percent of the stories of veterans nationwide and 1 percent of Idaho veterans' stories. Thank you to Idaho veterans and their families who have provided 1,315 collections for the project so far. Over the years, I have been honored to participate in interviewing Idaho veterans for the project. Sitting with Idaho veterans, hearing their first-hand accounts and learning from their examples of limitless service has been immensely rewarding.  
  
— 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.

Noon Friday is deadline for letters to the editor.



# Commentary

## Financial management

### Listen to your wife on preserving emergency fund

**Dear Dave,**  
Sometimes our budget gets busted because of home improvements and various other things. I think we should take money from our emergency fund when this happens, but my wife says it should come out of our restaurant or fun money. What's your opinion?

— Josh

improvements or whatever the problem area may be.

On a month-to-month basis, if you have \$200 budgeted for household repairs, and any work turns out to be \$300, I'd rather you cut back on eating out or another non-essential category to make up the difference.

Your wife is right on this one!

— Dave



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**Dear Josh,**  
Overspending isn't an emergency. If you budget a set amount in one category, and you go over that amount, you've got to reduce something in another area to stay within your budget for the month.

If something happens on a pretty regular basis, it's not an emergency, it's a predictable event. That means you need to budget a larger amount for home

**Dear Dave,**  
I've accepted a promotion that would take me from an hourly wage to a salaried position. Do you have any advice for negotiating a salary?

— J

**Dear J,**  
The quick and simple answer to this question is you negotiate it based on what you're worth to

reference. Another thing you can do is research some of the more reputable career websites and develop a compensation study based on comparable positions in your area.

If you're a valuable team member of mine who's moving from hourly to salary, it wouldn't be a "negotiation" — it would be a discussion. Honestly, most positions are priced initially at the amount you can be replaced for in the new role. In other words, what's the going rate for someone in your position?

If it were me, I'd produce two or three well-researched compensation studies. Give them to your bosses, and talk it through with them. Depending on the size of the company, they may not have done that much work figuring it out themselves.

It's kind of like deciding what to ask for when you sell a car. You try to appraise it for what it's worth in the marketplace to other people. That's the way you have a discussion. It's not that you're telling them what to do or presenting an ultimatum, you're asking questions and presenting information. If someone did that in my office with a respectful and professional manner, it would go a long way.

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including *The Total Money Makeover*. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 13 million listeners each week on 585 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at [daveramsey.com](http://daveramsey.com) and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.

## Americans for Limited Government

### Congress takes off with much business on the table

by Peter Hong

As Americans celebrated the 241<sup>st</sup> anniversary of our nation's independence, our representatives in Congress celebrated with us — in recess.

That should come as no surprise to anyone who follows the work habits of Congress. According to the calendar put out by House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, the House of Representatives will be in official session for only 147 days this year. That means your elected representatives will be off for 218 days — about 60 percent of the year. The average full-time employee may find this particularly outrageous, given that he or she generally puts in 240 days each year.

Two hundred forty days versus 147 days? At a minimum annual salary of \$174,000? It's no wonder that Congress' job approval numbers seldom break 20 percent.

Of the 218 days Congress is out of session, the bulk of the time Congress is officially in recess. Congress generally schedules weeklong, sometimes two-week recesses around federal holidays and Easter/Passover.

Congress also takes the entire month of August off. While Congress has traditionally broken for the summer since its second session in 1791, August recess was only made official in 1970 when Congress (who else?) passed the "Legislative Reorganization Act" (LRO). Yes, Congress enshrined its own summer break in federal law.

According to Senate Historian Betty Koed, August recess was created because Congressional sessions, by the early 1960s, had grown from part-time affairs to full-time, year-long assemblies with few scheduled breaks. For example, the Senate in 1962 met from January to October with no recess; the following year, it convened in January and adjourned in December, taking no longer than a three-day weekend off. Yes, there was a day when members of Congress worked — just like you.

Since the statutorily required August recess was first invoked on Aug. 6, 1971, Congress has readily complied, except in rare cases — such as in 2005, when Congress returned mid-recess to pass emergency aid for victims of Hurricane Katrina. Also, the LRO suspends the recess

if "a state of war exists pursuant to a declaration of war by the Congress," which hasn't happened since 1941. Barring war or an act of God, Congress shuts its doors for the summer.

Though recesses are referred to as "district work periods," lawmakers use them for various purposes: constituent work and meetings, overseas travel, fundraising, and, yes — personal vacation. The five-week August recess is particularly popular for official travel abroad called "Congressional Delegations" (CODELs). While CODELs do involve high-level meetings with world leaders and some real work, they can be used to mask taxpayer-funded trips under the guise of official business. One particular CODEL to Israel in 2012 generated an FBI probe when it was discovered that after a night of carousing, lawmakers stripped down for a late-night swim in the Sea of Galilee.

Most Americans are dissatisfied — rightly and wrongly — with this Congress, but the frustration of many might have been placated had Congress actually accomplished something in its first 84 legislative days. Having already completed 57 percent of its schedule this year, the top accomplishment of the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress is the Senate confirmation of Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch — no small victory. Congress also passed about 15 resolutions under the Congressional Review Act rescinding various regulations issued in the waning days of the Obama Administration.

Otherwise, the trophy mantle is pretty much empty and rapidly gathering dust. The House passed its version of the Obamacare overhaul, but the Senate left town without taking a single vote. The same goes for defanging the job-killing Dodd-Frank Act and the Frankenstein monster it created, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. The budget is in shambles with liberal Republicans refusing to pass needed spending reductions for sacred entitlement programs, like Medicaid and food stamps. Neither tax reform nor infrastructure is even on the launching pad.

And on the much-promised wall between the U.S.-

Mexican border, the most tangible, symbolic reminder of the 2016 campaign? Silence.

What Congress did pass in May was a \$1.1 trillion spending bill to keep the government open till Sept. 30. The bill maintained so many liberal priorities that the Washington Post declared it a "win" for Democrats, enough to give the resistance confidence they can block the Trump agenda.

So, if Republican voters are frustrated and wondering why they voted and are stuck paying for a Congress that hasn't delivered, they've got plenty of evidence to back them up. And with only 63 legislative days scheduled for the rest of the year, a budget left to pass, the debt ceiling set to expire in September, and distractions like North Korea emerging, the prospects aren't promising. If only Congress could buy some more time.

They can — but it's going to cost them their cherished August recess.

In June, the House Freedom Caucus called on Speaker Paul Ryan to cancel the August recess "to accomplish the priorities of the American people." As it became increasingly clear that the Senate would not vote on its health care bill before the July recess, 10 senators signed a letter calling for the August recess to be shortened or canceled. Organizations like Americans for Limited Government have pushed lawmakers to cancel their summer break so Congress can "get to work."

Congressional leaders would be wise to heed these suggestions. Voters entrusted them with power in November to pass an agenda for making America great again; in its first 84 official days, Congress has come up woefully short.

Our elected officials behave much like schoolchildren. Historically, the prospect of losing out on recess time has been the only consistent way to goad them into action. With the clock working against them, lawmakers' only option for delivering on even part of what they promised may be declaring that this time, school's not out for summer.

— Peter Hong is a contributing editor at Americans for Limited Government.

### Letters to the editor guidelines

- Letters to the editor submitted to The Owyhee Avalanche must be no longer than 300 words, signed and include the writer's address and daytime phone number.
- The deadline for submitting letters is noon on Friday:
  - Email to [jon@owyheeavalanche.com](mailto:jon@owyheeavalanche.com)
  - Fax to (208) 337-4867

- Mail to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628
  - Drop off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale



# Public notices

## BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Notice is hereby given in regard to the Owyhee County RS 2477 Validation Process as established in Owyhee County Resolutions 2011-01 and 2011-21.

On July 3, 2017 the Owyhee County Board of County Commissioners Adopted the Final Maps, as referenced in paragraph 8 of Resolution 2011-11.

The Owyhee County Board of County Commissioners hereby provides notice, as required by applicable law, as to the availability for the review of the Final Maps, and gives the public sixty days (60-days) from the first publication date of this notice for the public to submit a written protest to any specific right-of-way and/or to the grouping of any specific right-of-way on the Final Map.

Any protest must be timely filed with the County Clerk of Owyhee County.

Any Protest must be submitted on a form specified by the County Clerk of Owyhee County.

The protest submission form may be obtained by contacting the County Clerk of Owyhee County at [abarkell@co.owyhee.id.us](mailto:abarkell@co.owyhee.id.us) ("RS 2477 Final Maps Protest" in the subject line), or by phone to 208 495-2421, or by US Mail to: Owyhee County Clerk, "RS 2477 Final Maps Protest", P.O. Box 128, Murphy, ID 83650.

Filed protests must be delivered to Owyhee County Clerk, "RS 2477 Final Maps Protest", PO Box 128, Murphy, ID 83650. 07/12/17

## 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.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby givin that the Bruneau Cemetery District will hold it's annual budget meeting at 30073 Hot Springs Road in Bruneau, Idaho at 2:00 p.m. on Monday July 17, 2017.

A copy of the proposed budget will be posted at the Bruneau post office. Lezlie Rahn-Secretary, Bruneau Cemetery. 07/12/2017

## 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  |
| IRRIGATOR                       | \$3,150.00  |
| TAXES                           | \$500.00    |
| BURIALS                         | \$1,475.00  |
| MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS           | \$3,480.00  |
| INSURANCE FUND                  | \$350.00    |
|                                 | \$17,155.00 |
| EMERGENCY WELL REPAIR FUND      | \$37,311.00 |
| EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE FUND      | \$10,690.00 |
|                                 | 7/12/2017   |

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

## 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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# OCHS to hold ribbon cutting for new museum building

## Ice cream social, tours to follow

The Owyhee County Historical Society will help county museum staff show off the new expansion building next week.

At 7 p.m., on Friday, July 21, a ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held for the new building in the county historical museum complex, 17085 Basey St., Murphy.

Museum director Amy Johnson said a general meeting of the historical society with ice cream and socializing will immediately follow the ribbon cutting.

There is no fee to enjoy the ice cream social, but folks are asked to bring a topping (not ice cream syrup) to share. Donations to the museum will be accepted during the gathering.

An exhibit inside the new building is titled “Real Horse Power” featuring horse-drawn farming machinery, wagons

and buggies. Local author and rancher Mike Hanley will attend the debut of the exhibit with his chuck wagon, Johnson said.

During the ice cream social, Johnson said she hopes to sell more commemorative tiles of various sizes to help finance the completion of the new building.

Prices are \$100 for a 6-by-6-inch tile, \$500 for a 12-by-12-inch tile and \$1,000 for an 18-by-18-inch tile. The tiles can be personalized with a name, brand, or logo. They will be hung on a wall inside the new building once it is completed.

“We still need to install a septic system and restrooms, as well as sheetrock the walls,” Johnson wrote in an email. “In addition to the ice cream social, the main museum building will be open, and I will be hosting behind-the-scenes tours, which will include the vaults and archives.”

Call the museum at (208) 495-2319 for more information.

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### ✓ RS 2477: County opens protest process

is the date of first publication,” county emergency services coordinator Jim Desmond said. “The notice starts the 60 days.”

The protest period closes Sept. 11.

The process began with the enactment of the Omnibus Public Lands Act of 2009 that made the Owyhee Initiative law and created the Owyhee Wilderness. The commissioners have until 2019 to validate the rights-of-way in court. Once recognized under the law, the rights-of-way will be used as an informational tool in any future Bureau of Land Management travel management planning.

Forty of the 161 U.S. Geological Survey quadrant maps contain wilderness areas.

District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi, BOCC chair, said a lot of work went into creating the final maps.

“This has been a long, drawn-out process,” he said. “It is very critical for the citizens of Owyhee County and the future of Owyhee

County. This board and previous boards have agreed that this is very important for Owyhee County.”

Desmond explained how the map protest process works.

“According to the resolution, these are final and, just like a BLM final decision, can be protested,” Desmond said. “These aren’t proposed final, these are final. If there’s a protest, and the county acts on the protest to change something, then we can put out revised finals.”

The application form for appeals will be posted on the county’s website at [www.owyhee-county.net](http://www.owyhee-county.net).

County Planning and Zoning coordinator Mary Huff, who has been heading up the project, said folks can stop by her office to view the final maps. The P&Z office is located inside the county courthouse annex, 11069 Basey St., in Murphy.

“The full-size maps are in my office and will be available still for review for the next 60 days,”

she said.

Five criteria were used to create the classifications for the maps:

- **Group A** — Rights-of-way to be ratified as RS 2477, including those that cross federal land and public roads that were established prior to Oct. 21, 1976.

- **Group B** — Rights-of-way that cross federal land to provide access to private property or state lands that were established before Oct. 21, 1976.

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- **Group D** — Rights-of-way to provide livestock trailing across federal land that included grazing and stock water rights that existed before Oct. 21, 1976.

- **Group E** — Rights-of-way across federal land that don’t qualify for the other four groupings.

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### ✓ Fire: Lightning strike suspected cause

Originally, Bureau of Land Management officials had said the fire spread to 42,000 acres and was still active as red flag conditions persisted Monday.

“We had high winds that kicked it up pretty extensively,” BLM spokesperson Kelsey Brizendine said Monday morning.

But the fire’s size was reduced once containment was achieved.

Although the investigation continues, Brizendine said lightning was the suspected cause of the fire, which burned in grass and brush.

BLM firefighters from both the Boise and Twin Falls districts were fighting the fire, and Brizendine

said personnel from local range-land fire protection associations were also battling flames.

The fire started about eight miles southeast of Bruneau, but by Monday was burning in a northwesterly direction because of prevailing winds.

Sheriff’s Sgt. Gary Olsen said the BLM requested the evacuations from the state park’s campgrounds at 9 p.m. on Sunday.

In addition to threatening homes on Saylor Creek Butte, the fire was also a threat to sage-grouse habitat.

The BLM reported nine engines, four aircraft, two dozers and two water tenders were deployed at

the height of fire activity.

#### Mop-up under way on fire SW of Adrian

The BLM Vale District reported Monday morning that crews were conducting mop-up operations on a 1,370-acre fire.

The Diamond Butte Fire had no activity, according to a Monday report, after work from resources that included a dozer, Type 4 engines, Type 6 engines and a hand crew.

The fire burned near a recreation area, priority sage-grouse habitat and a stretch of Wild and Scenic River about 35 miles southwest of Adrian. — JPB



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