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Irrigation water flows in Owyhee Project

After back-to-back meetings on Thursday and Friday, the Joint Board of the Owyhee Project decided to turn water into the irrigation system Monday.

Water deliveries for some irrigators serviced by the Owyhee Reservoir will be available today.

This year's allotment will be the full 4 acre-feet with no excess available, South Board of Control manager John Eells said.

Eells said the Gem Pumping Plant will begin drawing water out of the Snake River for the old Gem Irrigation District on Monday.

Irrigation service for city dwellers in Homedale and

Marsing should be available during the week of April 16, Eells said.

Irrigation directors will meet on Tuesday at the South Board of Control office, 118 S. 1st St. W., in Homedale.

Next week's round of meetings mark a switch to nighttime gatherings, which will run until November.

The Ridgeview Irrigation District board will meet at 7 p.m., and the Gem board will convene at 7:15 p.m. The South Board directors, comprised of each Gem Irrigation District director and Ridgeview chair Bret Nielsen, will meet at 7:30 p.m.

— JPB

Area egg hunts a success



A young participant gets some help in the 3-and-under division of the Marsing Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday at the high school football field. For more Easter egg hunt photos, see Page 10



1-year-old Courtney Wozniak finds the egg during the annual Easter egg hunt at Sundance Park in Homedale on Saturday, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Courtney is the daughter of Lori Hamilton of Homedale. For more Easter egg hunt photos, see Page 10

Targeted grazing fuels reduction starts in Owyhee Front

Local ranchers graze cattle on cheatgrass through June

Owyhee County ranchers are helping the Bureau of Land Management implement an experimental targeted grazing project in the area burned by the 2015 Soda Fire.

The project aims to reduce fuels and

associated fire risk while protecting rehabilitation efforts.

Participating local ranchers will graze livestock along 36 miles of Owyhee Front roadways from approximately Marsing to Murphy from now through June.

Although some targeted grazing was carried out on a smaller scope last year, this is the first time the entire Owyhee Front has been incorporated in the plan,

acting BLM Owyhee Field Manager Lance Okeson said.

Ted Blackstock, Doug Burgess, Daniel Richards, Tim Miller and the Junayo Ranch, operated by Kelly Clemens, have cattle out on the range this spring.

"I'm really impressed with the effort," Okeson said.

This targeted grazing effort is part of the larger Soda Fuel Breaks project

designed to reduce fuels, specifically annual grasses such as cheatgrass. The work will help provide firefighters a better opportunity to prevent wildfires from burning a landscape that is still recovering three years after the 443-square-mile wildfire.

"We've made important gains in rehabilitating the area burned in the Soda Fire with the help of many

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Malmberg honored for half-century of service

Marsing Fire stalwart retires from board

After nearly 50 years with the Marsing Fire District, Bob Malmberg is hanging things up — literally.

The longtime fire commissioner who got his start as a volunteer fireman 47 years ago has negotiated some more space in the 1st Street North home he shares with his wife, Judy, so he can mount on the wall a few more trinkets from his life of public service.

The latest award is certainly the biggest. He received a fire ax, inscribed on the head and handle to commemorate his time with the fire department.

The patriarch of what is now three generations of service in Marsing accepted the ax during the first fire commissioners meeting at which he had no official role since 1986. He also showed it off at a firefighters meeting last month.

“They got me on that,” Malmberg said of the surprise award. “I didn’t have an inkling.”

It took some time for Malmberg to finally nail down how long he had worked on the fire department.

“When you’re having fun, you don’t know how long it is,” he said.

For the record, he joined the department in 1971 and spent the next few decades fighting fires and driving for the Marsing Ambulance Service before he was elected to the board of commissioners.

“He’s a very community-oriented guy,” current Marsing Fire Chief Brion Showalter said. “He’s done a lot in the community, and he’s been on a lot of boards.”

Malmberg served under four fire chiefs, including Wilbert “Shorty” Mayer, Julio



Retired Marsing volunteer firefighter and commissioner Bob Malmberg (second from right) shows off his lifetime appreciation ax with (from left) Fire Chief Brion Showalter, Commissioner Jim Bower and Commissioner Jake Astorquia earlier this month at the board of commissioners meeting. Photo by Dick Downum

Churruca, Ralph Haken and Joe VanWassenhove. He was assistant chief with Haken and VanWassenhove.

He earned a 2002 certificate of merit for his volunteer hours and was honored by Nampa Valley Grange No. 131 as Fireman of the Year, which turned into the 2002 state Fireman of the Year from the State Grange.

Malmberg has been on the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Posse since 1974. His 40-year commemoration, including a commendation from C. L. “Butch” Otter, occupies a small part of his remembrance display in the dining room of his home.

“I need more space on the wall,” he said.

Serving his community runs through Malmberg’s veins. It’s quite possibly in his DNA, as his son and grandson continue to uphold the family tradition. Another son, Rob, also was active in Marsing emergency services before moving to Hermiston, Ore., nearly 30 years ago.

“He’s always instilled the sense of giving back to the

community and that we should always do our part where we are located to helping others,” his son, Tony, said.

“That was one of his biggest things growing up because it doesn’t matter, just go help them.”

There may not be enough space for the community to express its gratitude for Bob Malmberg’s unwavering dedication.

“He’s very devoted to the fire department,” Showalter said. “He was always there to call for the ambulance, Posse and fire department.”

“He was always there.”

Showalter said Malmberg was much more than a body on the firefighting crew.

“He was very intelligent about fires,” Showalter said. “He could make a plan and do it very quickly. He’d assess a fire and put it out.”

The common-sense approach continued after Malmberg defeated Gene Jayo by 11 votes for a spot on board of commissioners in 1986.

With Malmberg on the board,

commissioners have worked to update equipment. The oldest piece of equipment these days is a water tender built in 1985. No other vehicle is older than the 2010 pumper. There are two pumpers, a new water tender and three brush trucks, including one outfitted for rescues.

“We built two brush trucks ourselves,” Malmberg said.

Showalter said anyone with a proposal before the commissioners had to do their homework.

“When you took something to the board, (Malmberg) and Jerry Floyd, the were very good at analyzing the price,” Showalter said. “They made you do your work to minimize the cost.”

Malmberg takes pride in the cantankerous commitment to what’s best for the public dollars entrusted to the fire board.

The final pride and joy for Malmberg was the effort to build a second fire station in Canyon County at the corner of Marsing Road and Walker Lake Road.

A groundbreaking should take place later this year. Showalter said the final plans are in the architect’s hands and next will be submitted to the building manufacturer.

Malmberg said a particularly nasty bout of influenza led to the decision to step away from the fire board, but he’s hanging on to his Posse membership.

Jake Astorquia has succeeded Malmberg as the Zone 1 fire commissioner, and he serves with Jeff Percifield and Jim Bower.

Astorquia is part of the next generation that will serve, and you can bet there will be a Malmberg in the fold.

Bob’s grandson, Tyler, was voted on to the fire department roster in February.

“We’re always giving back and following the leads

of our predecessors,” Tony said. “You’ve got people like Brion Showalter and (fire commissioner) Jeff Percifield — all pillars of the community — and you just follow in their footsteps.”

“They set the example, and you try to live up to them. There are countless individuals who step up in that community. It’s amazing.”

Bob Malmberg has been stepping up ever since the aftermath of the famous Morfitt department store fire. He said he was asked to join the department after that blaze. Three years later, Sheriff Tim Nettleton came to call for the Posse.

“Bob knew the area so well, and where people lived,” Bob’s wife, Judy, said. “Tim Nettleton started coming to our house, or the new deputies or firemen when they had a call.”

“Bob knew just about where everybody was.”

That institutional knowledge also makes Malmberg an important veteran for the Posse’s search and rescue responsibilities.

Malmberg is thankful to his employers who allowed him the flexibility to be as involved as he was with the Posse and fire department.

“In 27 years with Dobbin Implement, they never complained about my time with the fire department and ambulance,” he said. “At Bowman Produce, for 12 years, they never complained.”

Although Malmberg can appear gruff and no-nonsense, he has a soft spot for his community and a determination to work for its betterment.

“If I didn’t care for the people on both sides of the river in the fire district, I wouldn’t have done it,” he said.

— JPB

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New playground will be placed in Riverside Park

Homedale’s disc golf course will see changes

Homedale city maintenance workers took down Riverside Park’s decades-old softball backstop Friday in preparation for the installation of new playground equipment.

Public works supervisor Bret Smith said part of the metal piping from the backstop will be repurposed to reinforce a handrail leading from Main Street down into Riverside Park on the back side of the municipal swimming pool.

The rest of the piping, which city crewman Oswaldo Gonzalez Martinez worked to cut into more manageable lengths Friday afternoon, will be stored and used as needed in other projects.

The playground equipment has been in storage since last year when the city used part of its \$50,000 grant from the High Five! Idaho Children’s Health Collaborative. The equipment cost about \$30,000.

The 60-foot-by-40-foot footprint of the playground equipment will require a



Oswald Gonzalez Martinez uses a backhoe to pull down the Riverside Park backdrop as public works supervisor Bret Smith steadies the structure.

reconfiguration of Riverside Park’s nine-hole disc golf course.

Smith and disc golf course founder Dave Downum hashed out changes Friday.

One tee box will be moved to an elevated site in the west corner of the park adjacent to East Washington Avenue. The basket near the old softball backstop will be moved to

another location in the park, and two other holes and tee boxes also could be moved.

In other spring developments at Homedale parks, crews put a fresh coat of paint on the Bette

Uda City Park restrooms and repaired stall doors and mesh in the vent near the top of the walls.

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The concrete slab for the boat ramp gets pushed into the Snake River at Island Park last Thursday as Civil Dynamics' Kirby Cook looks on. Assisting with moving the slab are, from left, Marsing City's Ed Lowder, Precision Grading and Excavation President Gunner Bradford, and Marty McWilliams, an estimator for Precision.



Kirby Cook from Civil Dynamics gives direction to Precision Grading and Excavation's president Gunner Bradford last Thursday, as the latter pushes the last of the concrete slab for the boat ramp at Island Park in Marsing.



John Eells (left), manager of the South Board of Control, presents a plaque to maintenance supervisor Jim Engle at his retirement party on Friday. Engle has been with SBOC for 29 years in total, over two separate stays.

Weather

	High	Low
Mar 27	no reading	
Mar 28	61	28
Mar 29	63	35
Mar 30	61	29
Mar 31	69	30
Apr 01	63	35
Apr 02	65	35

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Historic appointment for Adrian FFA'er

Sundee Speelmon (right), from the Adrian FFA chapter, was elected state reporter at the Oregon FFA State Convention held in Redmond, Ore. Speelmon, standing next to her FFA advisor Emma Miller, is the first Adrian student in 20 years elected to the state officer team. Submitted photo

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✓ Grazing

partners,” BLM Boise District Manager Lara Douglas said. “Targeted grazing allows us to experiment with a new tool to protect those gains, while at the same time supporting traditional land uses.” The Idaho Rangeland Resources Commission (IRRC) is partnering with the BLM to raise awareness of the targeted grazing efforts with both the local community and visiting recreational users who may see livestock on roads. “We are pleased to see the targeted grazing project moving forward,” IRRC executive director Gretchen Hyde said. “Ranchers are excited about helping the BLM achieve their objectives with the fuel breaks. We feel it makes sense to graze off the cheatgrass in a timely manner, when it’s palatable to livestock and before it becomes a fire hazard.” IRRC officials have contacted off-road vehicle recreation groups to give them a heads-up that cattle will be grazing along the Owyhee Front this spring as part of

the experimental project. The BLM has posted road signs in the project area to inform and educate recreation users and the general public about the project. The goal of this targeted grazing project is to reduce vegetation to a height of 2 inches or less for 200 feet on both sides of the selected roads by late June, prior to peak fire season. Should a fire come through the area later, flame lengths will be greatly reduced, making fire suppression much safer and more effective. “Fuel breaks are a tremendous asset for firefighting in the Owyhees,” acting BLM Owyhee Field Manager Lance Okeson said. “By creating a solid anchor point with an extensive fire break at the foot of the Owyhees, we go a long way toward protecting multiple-use sage-steppe habitat for wildlife, which we’ve worked so hard to restore after the Soda Fire.” For more information, contact Okeson at (208) 896-5913.

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School menus

Homedale Elementary

Veggie bar, fruit bar, and choice of milk and juice available each day
April 2: **Breakfast:** Choc. chip muffin, string cheese, peaches **Lunch:** Hamburger, French fries
April 3: **Breakfast:** Cherry frudel, yogurt, applesauce **Lunch:** Chicken drumstick, mixed vegetables, hot roll
April 4: **Breakfast:** Maple brown sugar bar, string cheese, pears **Lunch:** Orange chicken, steamed rice, steamed broccoli, fortune cookie
April 5: **Breakfast:** Large breakfast round, applesauce **Lunch:** Cheese pizza ripper, tossed salad
April 9: **Breakfast:** Cereal bar, string cheese, peaches **Lunch:** Corn dog, tater tots
April 10: **Breakfast:** Mini bagel, yogurt, applesauce **Lunch:** Fish nuggets, steamed broccoli
April 11: **Breakfast:** Fruit & grain bar, string cheese, pears **Lunch:** Spaghetti, green beans
April 12: **Breakfast:** Cinn. pull apart, applesauce **Lunch:** Chicken patty sandwich, coleslaw, brownie

Homedale Middle

Fruit & salad bar, choice of milk and juice available each day
April 2: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza or cereal, fresh apple **Lunch:** Popcorn chicken or hamburger, baked beans
April 3: **Breakfast:** Waffle sticks or cereal, yogurt, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Sloppy Joe or Rib-B-Que, green beans
April 4: **Breakfast:** Muffin or cereal, string cheese, pears **Lunch:** Pork chop or chicken tenders, mashed potatoes w/gravy, hot roll
April 5: **Breakfast:** Donut or cereal, yogurt, peaches **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza ripper or PB&J sandwich, tossed salad, cookie
April 9: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick or cereal, orange wedges **Lunch:** Hot dog or chicken patty, potato wedges
April 10: **Breakfast:** French toast sticks or cereal, yogurt, applesauce **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets or orange chicken, steamed rice, broccoli, fortune cookie
April 11: **Breakfast:** Muffin or cereal, string cheese, pears **Lunch:** Spaghetti or corn dog, green beans
April 12: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon UBR or cereal, yogurt, peaches **Lunch:** Calzone or PB&J sandwich, tossed salad, brownie

Homedale High

Salad, fruit choice and choice of milk and juice available each day
April 2: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick or frudel or cereal, yogurt **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza ripper or BBQ chicken ranch wrap, potato chips
April 3: **Breakfast:** Bagel w/cream cheese or breakfast sandwich or cereal, yogurt **Lunch:** Beef taco or burrito, corn
April 4: **Breakfast:** Breakfast boat or maple breakfast sandwich or cereal, yogurt **Lunch:** Orange chicken, steamed rice, egg roll or PB&J stacker, pork & beans, fortune cookie
April 5: **Breakfast:** Donut or yogurt parfait or cereal, string cheese **Lunch:** Nachos or chef salad-grab n’go, cookie
April 9: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza or fruit & grain bar or cereal, yogurt **Lunch:** Turkey, mashed potatoes/gravy or chicken nuggets w/mashed potatoes/gravy, dinner roll
April 10: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll or breakfast sandwich or cereal, yogurt **Lunch:** Crisпитos and refried beans or chef salad-grab n’go
April 11: **Breakfast:** Breakfast plate or French toast sticks or cereal, yogurt **Lunch:** Chick. tender, mashed potatoes w/gravy, roll or corn dog, tater tots
April 12: **Breakfast:** Donut holes or rolled taco or cereal, string cheese **Lunch:** Spicy chick. sandwich or cheeseburger, potato wedges

Marsing Elementary

Veggie bar, fruit bar and choice of milk available each day
April 2: Chicken sandwich, green beans or PB&J, green beans, snicker doodle cookie
April 3: Beef taco, refried beans, Spanish rice or PB&J, carrot sticks
April 4: Tater tot casserole, whole wheat roll, buttered corn or PB&J, buttered corn
April 5: Cheese burger, seasoned fried or PB&J, seasoned fries
April 9: Chicken nuggets, whole wheat roll, steamed carrots or PB&J , steamed carrots, chocolate chunk cookie
April 10: Super nachos, mixed vegetables or PB&J, mixed vegetables
April 11: Lasagna, garlic bread, green beans or PB&J, green beans, jell-o
April 12: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, buttered corn or PB&J, buttered corn

Marsing Middle/High

Veggie bar, fruit bar and choice of milk available each day
April 2: Chicken sandwich, green beans or Philly sandwich, green beans, snicker doodle cookie
April 3: Beef taco’s, refried beans, Spanish rice
April 4: Tater tot casserole, whole wheat roll, buttered corn or meatloaf sandwich, buttered corn
April 5: Cheese burger, seasoned fries
April 9: Chicken nuggets, whole wheat roll, steamed carrots or pork taco, carrots, chocolate chunk cookie
April 10: Super nachos , mixed vegetables
April 11: Lasagna, garlic bread, green beans, jell-o
April 12: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, buttered corn

Bruneau/Grand View

Milk and fruit offered daily
April 4: **Breakfast:** Hash browns & waffles **Lunch:** Chili, coleslaw, applesauce, cinnamon roll
April 5: **Breakfast:** Mini Cinnabon **Lunch:** Chicken wrap, fries, baby carrots
April 9: **Breakfast:** Cereal bar **Lunch:** Mac attack, tossed Romaine salad, baby carrots
April 10: **Breakfast:** Pancakes **Lunch:** Orange chicken, oriental rice, stir-fry veggie
April 11: **Breakfast:** Biscuits & gravy **Lunch:** Nachos, whole wheat tortilla chips, refried beans/salsa, corn
April 12: **Breakfast:** Bagel & cream cheese **Lunch:** Corn dog, tots, baby carrots, fresh fruit

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Milk and fruit daily

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Salad bar available with each meal:
Lettuce, tomato, boiled eggs, peaches, apricots, salad dressing
Milk available each day
April 4: Taco salad w/salsa, chips, cheese, sour cream, rice
April 5: Beef & broccoli, rice, roll
April 10: Oven baked chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, beets, roll
April 11: Spaghetti & meat sauce, green beans, roll
April 12: BBQ pork, macaroni & cheese, Calif. blend veggies, roll

Rimrock Senior Center

All meals are served with milk & fruit juice
April 5: Fish taco, coleslaw, corn, stuffed celery, canned plums, rice
April 10: Pork chops, potatoes & gravy, sauerkraut, tossed salad, orange apple craisin dish, muffin
April 12: Chili w/ground beef and beans, broccoli cauliflower salad, applesauce, cornbread
April 17: Roast beef dinner, mashed potatoes & gravy, peas & carrots, canned gravy, whole- wheat roll
April 19: Hamburgers on bun, lettuce, pickle, onion, potato salad, fresh fruit, cookie

Birth



Piper DeNae Licht

Tristen and Nolan Licht of Spring Creek, Nev., announce the birth of a daughter, Piper DeNae, born on Sunday, March 4, 2018 in Elko, Nev. She weighed 9 pounds, 9 ounces and measured 22 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Ric and Terri Uria of Homedale. Paternal grandparents are Jon and the late Mary Licht of Spring Creek, Nev. Maternal great-grandparents are Roxie and Gary Deshazer of Wilder.

Obituaries

Spencer William Beus

Spencer William Beus, 89, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and brother passed away on March 29, 2018, at his home in Grand View, Idaho. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM, on Thursday, April 5, 2018, at the Grand View Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, with interment preceding at 10:00 AM, at the Hilltop Memorial Cemetery, in Nyssa, Oregon. Arrangements are under the care of Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel, in Mtn. Home.

Spencer was born January 20, 1929, in the home of his parents, William James Beus and Leone Blood, at Clinton, Utah. He was the oldest of 3 brothers (Kent, Gary, Don) and 2 sisters (Terry, Sandra). He spent his early years in Clinton, Philadelphia, Burley, Idaho, Vale, Oregon, and Nyssa, Oregon.

He served an LDS Mission in Western Canada. Upon returning, he attended BYU and enlisted in the US Air Force,



serving stateside as an Airborne Radio Technician during the Korean War. In June 1953, he married Nani Joy Child in the Salt Lake Temple. They were happily married for over 64 years and were blessed with 8 children, one of whom died in infancy (Richard Lee).

Spencer served faithfully in many church callings. He was recently released as a temple worker in the Boise Idaho Temple. He worked for Boeing Aircraft and for Corning Glass Works in Corning, New York, where he was involved in the early development of fiber optics. His strong desire to provide a farm life for his family led to a variety of adventures

and cherished experiences in Oregon, Washington, Michigan, and Arizona.

Spencer loved hard work, flying, reading, and especially times spent with his family. He often said the most important thing a man could do for his family was to love their mother, which he did. He leaves to his posterity a rich legacy of faithfulness to God and family, service to others, and a cheerful attitude.

Spencer is survived by his wife, Nani, Grand View, 7 children: Mark (Brenda), Riverton, Utah; Sharon Merrill (Robert), Safford, Arizona; Ray (Nanci), Mesa, Arizona; Eric, Owyhee, Nevada; Renae Gheen (Mark), Genola, Utah; Kathleen Baker (Bryce), Kuna; Reed (Michelle), Orem, Utah; 39 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; brothers Kent (Clara) and Gary (Carol); deceased brother Don (Susan); and sister Terry Conklin (Jerry), all of Washington, Utah; and sister Sandra Burch, Houston, Texas.

Ina June Collins



Ina passed away Tuesday, March 27th, 2018 in Nampa. She was born in Stockton, Kansas to Walter and Pearl Timmons.

Ina is survived by her husband and soulmate Stan Strasbaugh; her sons: Joe, John, and Alvin; stepchildren: Kristen, Jennifer, and Lonnie. She leaves fourteen grandchildren, twenty-three great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild, her

sisters: Georgia, Paulene, and Neva; and one brother George.

Ina was preceded in death by her parents, one sister, Edna, and two brothers, Frank and John.

Ina will be remembered for her love of life and family. Services were held at 11:00AM Tuesday, April 3rd, 2018 at Alsip and Persons Funeral Chapel, 404 10th Avenue South Nampa, ID 83651.

Death notice

MURIEL GRACE MARTIN, 89, Parma, died Monday, April 2, 2018 at her home of natural causes. Arrangements: Dakan Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-3629

REBECCA CARDENAS, 61, of Homedale, died on Sunday, March 25, 2018 at home of natural causes. A viewing with a Rosary recital was held Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. A funeral service was held Thursday, March 29, 2018 at St. Paul's Catholic Church, Nampa. Burial followed at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale (208) 337-3252

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DRAFT POLE CREEK MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation will be holding a public meeting on Thursday, April 12, 2018 at the Human Development Center (HDC) in Owyhee, Nevada to present the Draft Pole Creek Management Plan, a management plan for the Tribes' 1,660 acre property in Owyhee County south of Grand View, Idaho at the edge of the Pole Creek Wilderness.

The Pole Creek property was purchased under Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) Wildlife Mitigation Program as partial mitigation for wildlife habitat lost due to the construction of the Federal Columbia River Power System.

The Tribes invite you to attend this public meeting to learn more about BPA's Wildlife Mitigation Program, the Pole Creek property, the management plan and to provide opportunity for public comment.

Public Meeting Information:

Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018

Time: 2:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time (MST)

Location: Duck Valley Indian Reservation, Human Development Center (HDC), Owyhee, NV (just south of BIA police station)

Please contact Carol Perugini, Wildlife Mitigation Biologist at (775) 763-6015 if you have any questions.

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Calendar

Today

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

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

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

NOCWMA meeting
6 p.m., U.S. Department of Agriculture Resource Center, 250 N. Bruneau Hwy., Marsing. (208) 896-4544, ext. 102

Thursday

Health fair
9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Lions Hall, 902 Bassett St. (U.S. Hwy. 95), Jordan Valley.

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

Friday

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

Faith-based support group
2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Vision Community Church, 221 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 455-3660 or songtobe@gmail.com

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

Saturday

Free lunch
Noon to 12:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419

Monday

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

Homedale library board meeting
1 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3228

Faith-based support group
2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder. (208) 455-3660 or songtobe@gmail.com

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

Tuesday

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

Homedale Senior Center board meeting
1:30 p.m., open to public, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

After-school program
2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho Ave., Grand View. (208) 845-2019

Kindergarten screening

4 p.m. to 8 p.m., call for an appointment, Marsing Elementary School, 8th Avenue West, Marsing. (208) 649-5411, ext. 4

Gem Highway District meeting
6 p.m., district office, 1016 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4581

Bruneau-Grand View school board meeting
7 p.m., Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School library, 39678 State Hwy. 78, Bruneau. (208) 834-2260

Marsing school board meeting
7 p.m., school district office boardroom, 8th Avenue West, Marsing. (208) 896-4111

Ridgeview Irrigation District meeting
7 p.m., South Board of Control office boardroom, 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

Gem Irrigation District meeting
7:15 p.m., South Board of Control office boardroom, 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

South Board of Control meeting
7:30 p.m., South Board of Control office boardroom, 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

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

Senior center board meeting
1 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Melba school board meeting
5 p.m., district office, 511 Broadway, Melba. (208) 495-1141

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., City Hall, 425 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2700, noon to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday

Owyhee County Democrats meeting
6:30 p.m., the Spot Pizza, 12 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 250-2458 or pamkarroy@outlook.com

Owyhee County Democratic caucus
7 p.m., the Spot Pizza, 12 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 250-2458 or pamkarroy@outlook.com

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

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

Thursday, April 12

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

Owyhee Conservation District board
Noon, USDA Service Center, 250 N. Bruneau Hwy., Marsing. (208) 896-4544, ext. 102

Owyhee Gardeners meeting

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Water quality can affect performance of mixed pesticides

It appears that Spring may finally be here to stay. With the longer days and warmer temperatures, many weeds are beginning to appear. If you decide to treat them with pesticides, there are a few things that you should consider.



Be sure to positively identify the weed or weeds you would like to kill. Once you have identified the weeds, you can then find an herbicide that is labeled for those weeds. Be sure to read and follow the label as the label is the law. There will be mixing instructions, application rates, and timing recommendations. Your success will increase if you follow the label instructions. Additionally, any restrictions on re-entry, grazing livestock, harvesting, etc., will be listed.

Effectiveness of pesticides can be greatly affected by the quality of water used to mix the pesticide. Water pH, hardness, and any suspended solids can all negatively affect pesticide performance.

Most pesticides perform best in slightly acidic water (pH 4-6.5). There are some, however, that require slightly alkaline water for best performance. The water pH can affect how long pesticide molecules remain intact before degrading. Many pesticides will degrade rapidly in Owyhee County water that tends to be slightly alkaline.

Water hardness can diminish pesticide performance as negatively charged pesticide molecules are drawn to positively charged aluminum, calcium, iron, sodium, and magnesium molecules common in hard water. These new molecules that are formed often cannot enter the target pest or enter at a much slower rate, thus reducing effectiveness.

Suspended solids or sediments in the water have a similar effect on pesticides. Pesticide molecules bind to sediments in the water making them unavailable for plant uptake.

For best pesticide performance, you should test your water and treat as necessary. If the pH is outside of the recommended range, use buffering agents or mild acid products to adjust to the recommended pH. If water hardness is an issue, use conditioned water that has passed through a water softener. There are also water conditioner products that can be added directly to the tank. Use a clean water source to eliminate sediment issues.

Even with ideal water conditions, most pesticides will break down over time. Some pesticides will become ineffective within just a few hours. I have noticed this with glyphosate. Prior to learning about the breakdown of tank-mixed pesticides, I would frequently mix up a tank of glyphosate in the evening, so I could start right off spraying in the morning. I was frequently disappointed with the effectiveness of the spray treatment. For maximum effectiveness, mix pesticides just prior to spraying.

Following these recommendations should help you be more successful in treating weeds. As you plan your attack, be sure to read and follow the pesticide label. It will be to your advantage in waging a war against weeds and, remember, the **label is the law!**

— Scott Jensen is the University Idaho Owyhee County Extension educator. He welcomes questions on livestock care. The U of I Owyhee County Extension office is located at 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing and can be reached at (208) 896-4104. Contact at scottj@uidaho.edu.

You can find a comprehensive listing of local events online at www.theowyheeavalanche.com. Click on the "Calendar of Events" link on the left-hand side of the page.

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

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MMS construction to break ground Thursday

Beniton Construction is set to break ground on the new middle school tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. in Marsing.

The first stage of the project was the demolition of the old school district office, which occurred on March 11. The district offices will be housed in the high school until the later stages of the construction, when they will be relocated in the existing middle school.

The groundbreaking ceremony will include the Marsing School Board and a special guest, Alpha Muldoon Percifield. Percifield is a 1939 graduate of Marsing High School.

Beniton will be providing hard hats and shovels for the occasion. The construction company, along with Design West Architects, has been the driving force with the project.

Over spring break, underground work such as relocating sewer lines was completed.

“We relocated some of the sewer lines and redefined where some of the lines tied in,” Marsing Schools Superintendent Norm Stewart said. “It’s changed some of the dynamics of the things underground that you of course never see or think about.”

The transformer for the cafeteria has been relocated to a temporary location until the construction has been completed. It will then be moved to a permanent position.

After the groundbreaking, the construction on the middle

school will begin in earnest.

In late May, after the school year ends, the elementary playground will be relocated, as well as the athletic parking.

Also in late May, selected demolition will begin in the cafeteria. When it was originally built there was a wall that was designed to come out to allow for expansion and will come out as part of the construction.

That work needs to be completed prior to summer school starting in the end of July, Stewart said.

“We have a projected move-in for the new middle school as being spring break next year,” Stewart said.

“Once the middle school kids have been moved into the new school, then we can look at the renovations to the old school for the new district offices.”

After the middle school has opened and school is still in session for 2018-2019, renovations will be happening at the high school.

The high school’s library will be changed into the new music room. The library will be moved into the new building, as will the high school’s administrative offices.

“By the beginning of the (2019-2020) school year, all construction should be completed,” Stewart said.

Stewart noted that they received some great bids for the project that actually leaves them some surplus from the \$13.5 million bond.

“The bids came in about \$13.1 million, so we’re



Workers laid down new sewer lines in front of the Marsing schools over spring break in preparation of the middle-school construction. The ground-breaking will be taking place at the site tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. The project is being spear-headed by Beniton Construction and Design West Architects.

looking at potentially working on some other projects that need to be done here,” Stewart said. “The school board will have to prioritize what it thinks is the biggest need.”

Items Stewart discussed as a need for the schools are restrooms back near the athletic fields, and renovations to the middle school in anticipation of the district offices’ relocation. That item was not calculated into the original bond.

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Homedale Easter Egg Hunt



The annual Easter egg hunt on Saturday at Sundance Park in Homedale, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, brought out even the youngest of children, including Alazae Rodriguez, seven months old, who came with her mother, Debbra Patterson of Homedale.



Greyson Landa, 2, doesn't need dad's help gathering this egg during the annual Easter egg hunt held Saturday at Sundance Park in Homedale. Greyson is the son of Taylor Landa of Homedale.

Marsing Easter Egg Hunt



Mila Astorquia entertained youngsters as the Easter Bunny during the annual Marsing Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday.



Murphy Easter Egg Hunt



Children gathered at the Owyhee County Courthouse for the Annual Murphy Easter Egg Hunt. Photos submitted by Bev White



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County Democrats to pick state delegates

The Owyhee County Democratic Party will caucus next Wednesday to elect delegates for the state convention.

The central committee meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m., at the Spot Pizza, 12 Sandbar Ave., which is just off Main Street in Marsing.

The caucus will begin promptly at 7 p.m.

Anyone currently registered as a Democrat in Owyhee County is invited to participate in the caucus either as a voter or as a candidate to be delegate.

The state convention will be held June 29-30 in Caldwell. Delegates have the opportunity to influence party platform going into the 2018 election cycle.

County Democratic chair Pam Roylance said that Idaho First Congressional District candidate James Vandermaas will be on hand to give his views and answer questions.

To learn more about the Owyhee County Democratic Caucus, contact Roylance at (208) 250-2458 or by email at pamkarroy@outlook.com.

For more information on the caucus process, contact the Idaho Democratic Party at (208) 336-1815 or by email at info@idahodems.org.

Marsing to hold kindergarten screening

Marsing Elementary School's kindergarten pre-registration and Meet the Teacher event takes place Tuesday.

Parents can call (208) 649-5411, ext. 4 to set an appointment for their incoming kindergartener's screening.

The event will be held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the school on 8th Avenue West.

Parents must bring their child, a certified copy of their child's birth certificate, and their child's immunization records.

Students eligible to enroll in kindergarten for the 2018-19 school year must be 5 years old before Sept. 1.

Jordan Valley wellness fair slated

The Malheur County Community Advisory Council (CAC) is sponsoring Thursday's Spring into Wellness fair.

The latest stop for the fourth annual tour featuring resources and screenings will run from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 902 Bassett St. (U.S. Highway 95).

The Jordan Valley event is the third of seven fairs planned through mid-June.

Some of the screenings available include:

- Eye tests
- Blood sugar and blood pressure testing
- Bone density screening
- Oral health exams

There will be representatives from more than 25 agencies to answer questions.

Children and adult bicycles will be raffled off, and there will be door prizes.

Other fairs are planned in Nyssa (May 5), at Willowcreek Elementary in Vale (May 17), Ontario Lions Park (May 26), and Vale's Wadleigh Park (June 14).

Fair sponsors include Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization (EOCCO), Malheur County Health District, Ontario Saint Alphonsus, Northwest Health Foundation (NWHF), Oregon Problem Gambling Resource (OPGR), and Building Healthy Families.

For more information, contact Karina Carbajal, Spring into Wellness Coordinator, at (208) 739-2966 or via email, kcarbajal@vfhc.org.

Public meeting set for Tribes' property south of Grand View

How tribal property south of Grand View will be managed is the subject of public meeting planned in Owyhee, Nev., next week.

The Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation will present the draft Pole Creek Management Plan during a 2 p.m. meeting on Thursday, April 12 inside the Human Resource Center.

Public comment will be accepted.

The center is located at 1935 Nevada Hwy. 225 in Owyhee, Nev., south of the Bureau of Indian Affairs police station.

The 1,660 acres under the purview of the management plan is at the edge of the Pole Creek Wilderness.

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For more information, contact wildlife mitigation biologist Carol Perugini at (775) 763-6015.

Albertsons to host Eating Healthy with Diabetes store tour

Homedale's Albertsons will host a free Eating Healthy with Diabetes class and store tour Saturday.

A registered dietitian and Albertsons' in-store pharmacist will lead the free class beginning at 10 a.m.

During the 90-minute presentation, attendees will learn about food choices to help them feel better and attain better blood sugars.

New blood sugar meters will be available for free for anyone in the class who needs one.

The class is open to anyone who is diabetic, prediabetic or a caregiver of someone with diabetes.

The tour will focus on carb-counting success, creating a diabetes-friendly meal, portion size tips and other tips.

The pharmacist will provide information about glucose meters, testing tips, recommended vaccinations, A1c testing and other health screenings. Group classes and other services available for people with diabetes and prediabetes also will be discussed.

To get more information on class participation, contact registered dietitian Molly Tevis at (208) 939-9850 or molly.tevis@albertsons.com.

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Eddie from the Homedale Public Library drops the winning entry in the Egg Drop contest held last Friday in front of the old historic library. The goal was to protect an egg from breaking by encasing in various items, such as foam, balloons, and bubble wrap, not to exceed three pounds. There were about a half-dozen entries.

Homedale Teens and Tweens work on mystery

The Homedale Public Library will be getting buggy during Story Time at 10:15 a.m., on Friday. Youth services coordinator Carol McMichael will be reading the stories “I Like Bugs,” by Margaret Wise Brown, and “It’s Not Easy Being Big,” by Stephanie St. Pierre. After the stories, the children will make bug hats and play, “Swat the Bug,” an alphabet learning game. Also on Friday, at 4 p.m., the Teens and Tweens will be working together to solve a murder mystery. The library is located at 125 W. Owyhee Ave. in Homedale. For more information on library programs and activities, call (208) 337-4228.



Library installs new handicap doors

Barry Huskey from Commercial Glass in Boise installs new mechanisms to make the door to the Homedale Public Library handicapped-accessible. The new device features a post-mounted exterior push plate. The equipment and installation costs \$4,250 and is being paid for by the library’s Together Treasure Valley grant (\$2,700), \$250 donations from Farm Bureau and Wayne Hungate. Tamura Farms has agreed to pay the remaining total. Jeff Haylett of H & H Electric has donated his time to help with the electrical needs.

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Conscious Clothing

Homedale native gains experience as CottonWorks ambassador through U of I

by Amy Calabretta
University of Idaho
Designing apparel is about more than making a fashion statement for Morgan Morrisroe (Megan Aman). It also involves selecting textiles that are sustainable and empowering others to use clothing as self-expression.

A Homedale native, Morrisroe is helping to promote the conscious selection of textiles as an ambassador with CottonWorks.com, a website created by Cotton Incorporated, a not-for-profit research and marketing company representing upland cotton. CottonWorks.com is a go-to textile resource for industry professionals and students to discover what’s possible with cotton. It offers webinars, videos and online courses, as well as other resources and research to help people produce better products from cotton.

“A lot of people think of cotton as a non-environmentally friendly crop, but the industry has done a lot of research and they are creating new ways to farm it and ways to reduce the impact on the Earth,” Morrisroe said.

Morrisroe is majoring in apparel, textiles and design in the University of Idaho’s College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (CALS) and learned of the ambassador program through faculty members in the Margaret Ritchie School of Family and Consumer Sciences. Morrisroe is one of fewer than 20 CottonWorks.com ambassadors across the nation.

As part of the ambassador program, Morrisroe is responsible for promoting the website to U of I faculty, staff and students.



“I think this is a really great website that we can use in the classroom because it’s free and you can access it anytime, as opposed to similar things we use in class that cost money,” Morrisroe said.

Morrisroe is hoping that the ambassadorship will help her to connect with professionals in her field.

“I’m hoping to go more into the design aspect, but I think being able to connect with other people, especially companies such as Cotton Incorporated, to learn more about where these products come from and to be able to use that to create products of my own will be helpful,” Morrisroe said.

Discovering a career

Morrisroe first became interested in apparel while participating in University of Idaho Extension 4-H programs in her hometown. She entered sewing projects in the Owyhee County Fair and the Western Idaho Fair and modeled her creations. But, she didn’t realize that she could make a career out of her sewing interest until she attended

the UI Extension 4-H State Teen Association Convention on the Moscow campus.

“I joined 4-H when I was 6, and I did sewing all throughout high school,” Morrisroe said. “We came up here, and I decided to do the fashion lab because I like making things. I learned that I can do this thing that I like to do for fun as a career. So, that kind of sparked in my mind. I was still in high school and I realized that would be something I would really enjoy doing.”

Morrisroe also appreciated that the apparel program at the U of I was located within CALS, allowing her to have a deeper tie to how textile fibers are produced and their impact on the environment.

“I’m really looking into consciously choosing my textiles,” Morrisroe said. “We are an agricultural college, so I really care about that and I think the consumers care about that as well.”

Morrisroe is the daughter of Rob Aman and Bridget Morrisroe-Aman.

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Avalanche Sports

Trojans break out big bats in spring break tourney

Kelly throws no-hitter, joins Grant, Sophie Nash in HR parade

Three consecutive singles led to the winning run in Homedale High School's final game in the WTP Spring Break Classic softball tournament.

Allison Shenk, who started the bottom of the seventh inning with a base hit, scored when Alex Grant was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded and no outs.

The Trojans beat Canyon Ridge, 9-8, on Saturday to end the tournament at Vallivue High School just as they had begun it. In the tournament opener Friday morning, Dakota Kelly tossed her second no-hitter of the season in a 16-0 shellacking of the Riverhawks from Twin Falls.

Kelly got the win in the second game against Canyon Ridge, took, blasting a three-run home run during a seven-run fourth inning to erase the Riverhawks' 5-1 advantage.

Homedale (9-2 overall) tied the game, 1-1, in the second inning when Amaya Carter scored on freshman Kaitlyn Missamore's sacrifice bunt.

Missamore went 3-for-3 and had three RBI, including a two-run double in the fourth

inning. Grant had a pair of doubles and two RBI.

Sophie Nash was 2-for-4 with an RBI.

Saturday: Homedale 19, Emmett 9 (6) — The Trojans trailed against the Class 4A Huskies, but not for long.

After Emmett scored in its first at-bat, Homedale erupted with 12 runs in the bottom of the first inning.

Sixteen batters visited the plate, and the Trojans scored 11 runs on several walks, a hit batter and Dazsha Zamora's base hit before Emmett could record the first out. Amaya Carter's single was the only other hit in the inning for Homedale.

Kelly was 2-for-3 with four RBI. The winning pitcher knocked in two runs with a fourth inning single.

Sophie Nash drilled a two-run double in the fifth inning, and Amaya Carter led off the sixth with a single and eventually scored on a wild pitch.

Kelly struck out four in six innings and only four of the nine runs she allowed were earned.

Friday: Rocky Mountain 5, Homedale 3 — The Grizzlies scored three times in the fourth inning to snap a 2-2 stalemate and hand the Trojans their only loss of the tournament.

Homedale struck first when



Senior right hander Dakota Kelly throws a pitch during her no-hitter in Homedale's win Friday against Canyon Ridge.

Grant led off the bottom of the first with a double and scored on Kelly's two-out double.

But Rocky Mountain took advantage of Kelly's difficulty finding the plate in the fourth inning, using four walks and two singles to take a 2-1 lead.

The Trojans tied the game, 2-2, in the bottom of the inning when Zamora doubled and scored on Kelly's base hit.

Homedale's final run came in the fifth inning when Grant led off with a double and scored on Sophie Nash's ground ball to second base.

Friday: Homedale 16, Canyon Ridge 0 (5) — A pair of seven-run rallies helped the Trojans end the game early. Kelly struck out six while tossing a no-hitter.

Sophie Nash crushed a three-run home run in the second inning of a game in which Homedale showed off its power.

Nash's three-run shot was part of Homedale's first seven-run uprising.

Grant smashed a two-run

homer in the seven-run fifth inning that featured back-to-back doubles from Kelly and Josey Hall as part of five consecutive two-out hits.

Kelly drove in a run in the first inning with a double that plated Nash.

Nash went 3-for-4 with four RBI, and Kendall Nash was also 3-for-4.

Missamore knocked in three runs with two hits, and Carter went 2-for-3 with two runs scored.



Homedale first baseman is tagged out at home while trying to score on a wild pitch.



Kendall Nash lays down a bunt Friday against Canyon Ridge.

Sports

Seniors' project expands Rimrock concession stand

by Mandi Boren
For The Owyhee Avalanche

With four months left in their high school careers, Rimrock students Christian Neilson and Rafael Vega are working hard on their senior projects to expand the school's concession stand.

The upperclassmen are charging ahead with a longtime vision to expand the concession stand near the gymnasium to benefit students and community.

The extension includes a 16-foot addition to the west side of the stand. The expansion will help free up space for additional inventory, which is currently stored in a nearby maintenance closet.

Students broke ground for the project on Sept. 21. The project is running on schedule and is planned to be complete by the end of the month.

"It took a few weeks at the beginning of the year to get approval on the project," project mentor and woodshop teacher Greg Coccozza said.

The biggest question administration faced was how the construction would be funded.

According to a superintendent report given

at the December school board meeting, the funding issue was resolved with a three-way split between the school athletic department, the boosters club and the district. Each group agreed to pay \$700.

Neilson and Vega's project began with a staff idea a few years back. The idea entailed adding an extension to the cramped indoor concession booth at the school.

However, the plans were stalled last year because of a woodshop teacher vacancy. The vacancy was disappointing for administration and students alike.

The project took aim again this year when Coccozza was hired. According to Coccozza, the goal of the project is "to create an extension ... and attached storage room" to the existing concession area.

Athletic director Ashley Merrick said "the expansion will help get things organized," but more importantly the project teaches the involved students valuable skills.

According to the latest issue of The Rock, Rimrock's student newspaper, remaining components of the project include installing lighting



Ryan Nielson (left) works on a stud that will help wall in the new concession stand as woodshop teacher Greg Coccozza and Rafael Vega (right) assist. Submitted photo

and moving in refrigerators. Historically, Rimrock has offered students a strong woodshop program with plenty of hands-on experience. Students and community members look forward to the annual spring woodwork sale where students sell items made in class such as chairs, stools, bookcases and bed frames.

The sale will take place sometime in May.

MARSING HUSKIES



Baseball
Tyler Wood, sr., P
5 strikeouts in 4 innings vs. Nampa Christian



Softball
Hailee Bennett, jr., P/3B
10 strikeouts in win over Adrian in Sauer tourney



Track
Anahi Moreno Vargas, jr.
Has team's top mark in 100 and second-best in long jump

Baseball
Varsity
Friday, April 6, home vs. New Plymouth, 5 p.m.
Monday, April 9, home vs. Homedale, 5 p.m.
Tuesday, April 10, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 5:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, April 5, home vs. Rimrock, 5 p.m.

Softball
Friday, April 6, home vs. New Plymouth, 5 p.m.
Monday, April 9, home vs. Homedale, 5 p.m.
Tuesday, April 10, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 5:30 p.m.

Track and field
Thursday, April 5 at Melba Invite, 4 p.m.

Golf
Boys and girls
Wednesday, April 4 at 2A WIC meet, Riverbirch GC, Star, 3 p.m.
Monday, April 9 at 2A WIC meet, Ridgecrest GC, Nampa, 3 p.m.

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Excessive DUI charge nets man felony

A Marsing man is facing multiple charges following a traffic stop last Wednesday afternoon in front of Logan’s Market.

Liode Renteria, 37, was spotted in his 1992 Geo Metro by an Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputy crossing a lane while turning on to Idaho highway 78 and was pulled over into Logan’s parking lot.

According to Owyhee County’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman, the deputy could smell alcohol coming from the car and spotted multiple empty beers on the floorboard.

Renteria admitted to drinking and subsequently failed a field sobriety test. He also blew a .374 on the Breathalyzer test, more than four and one-half times the legal limit of .08.

He was charged with felony driving under the influence (excessive). It was his second such DUI in the last ten years.

The Marsing man was also charged with an open container infraction, Bowman said.

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Kuna woman not out of woods yet after DUI sentencing

Community service allowed for Marsing man’s punishment

Scheduled for sentencing Monday in a separate case in another county, a Kuna woman is on seven years felony probation after an Owyhee County drunk driving conviction.

Diana Renee Thompson was sentenced on a felony charge of a third or subsequent driving under the influence conviction March 26 in the courtroom of Third District Judge Thomas W. Whitney.

According to court records, Thompson was scheduled for sentencing on a felony DUI conviction in Canyon County on Monday.

In the Owyhee County case, a modified sentence resulted in the suspension of a state prison term of between two and seven years as well \$500 or \$790.50 in fines and court costs.

Whitney also revoked Thompson’s driving privileges for five years.

County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery dropped a misdemeanor driver’s license violation.

An sheriff’s deputy arrested Thompson on U.S. Highway 95 west of Marsing on Sept. 3 after a report of a vehicle parked on the side of the highway.

Thompson’s blood-alcohol concentration measured .222, nearly three times the legal limit of .08.

- A Marsing man must serve 10 days in county jail for misdemeanor excessive DUI.

Roger Allen Hance had a blood-alcohol level of .242 when he was arrested in the early hours of Jan. 13 at Main Street and Reich Street in Marsing.

In a March 27 sentencing hearing, Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober suspended the bulk of a six-month jail sentence, giving Hance credit for four days he had served in Murphy after his arrest and suspending the remaining 166 days of the penalty.

Hance may avoid the 10 days behind bars by performing 25 hours community service.

He is on 18 months supervised probation, and has had his driver’s license suspended for one year.

Hance must also pay nearly \$800 in fines and costs and enter a treatment program.

A misdemeanor driving without privileges charge was dismissed.

Canyon crash sends four Owyheeans to hospital

Members of a Marsing family were injured when a Caldwell man slammed into their vehicle on Idaho highway 55 after 9 p.m., on Saturday.

Idaho State Police reports that Angel U. Ramos Altamirano, 23, of Caldwell, was driving a 2002 Hyundai XG350 southbound on Florida Avenue when he failed to stop at a stop sign at the road’s intersection with Idaho 55 in Caldwell.

Ramos Altamirano’s vehicle collided with a 2016 Mitsubishi Outlander driven westbound on Idaho 55 by Linda Gerthung, 48, of Marsing.

Both vehicles went off the southwest corner of the intersection.

Gerthung and passengers David Gerthun, 42, Benjamin Gerthung, 19, and a minor child were transported by ground ambulance to St. Luke’s Nampa.

Ramos Altamirano was not injured, but his passenger, 24-year-old Alexis Gutierrez of Nampa, was transported by ground ambulance to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

All occupants in both vehicles were wearing seatbelts, according to ISP.

Mine thief slapped with decade of probation

Caldwell man ordered to pay nearly \$82,000 in restitution

A Caldwell man convicted of stealing copper wire from the South Mountain Mine has been placed on 10 years probation after his felony conviction for burglary and grand theft.

Third District Judge Christopher S. Nye ordered Jared D. Jeffcoat to also pay Thunder Mountain Gold Inc., \$81,890 in restitution. Thunder Mountain Gold owns the South Mountain mine site.

The judge suspended a state prison sentence of up to five years, and Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery dismissed two felony counts each of burglary and grand theft.

The lengthy probation also carries six months of jail time to be used at the discretion of Jeffcoat’s probation officer.

Jeffcoat was arrested on Oct. 9 and originally charged with three felony counts each of burglary and grand theft. The modified charges were filed after he entered a guilty plea on Jan. 12.

According to a sheriff’s report, Jeffcoat and his pickup were caught on a security camera on a trail leading into the mine in late September. At that time, 300 feet of high-voltage copper wire were reported stolen. The thief apparently gained access to the material by cutting through a locked gate at the mine shaft.

Another 1,500 feet of wire had been reported stolen between Aug. 10 and Aug. 25, but there was no video footage from that time, the report said.

Jeffcoat was arrested after making one of several trips to a Caldwell recycling center. Recycling center employees called law enforcement after Jeffcoat tried to sell a 55-gallon drum and four shopping carts filled with copper wire.

According to a sheriff’s report, Jeffcoat sold 2,277 pounds of copper wire at the same recycling center for nearly \$6,300 between Aug. 11 and Oct. 4.

Courthouse report

A list of felony and misdemeanor dispositions recently completed at courtrooms in Murphy and Homedale. Infractions are not included:

March 27
Hance, Roger, Marsing — Misdemeanor driving under the influence (excessive): 180 days in jail (10 days to serve, 4 days served, 166 days suspended), 25 hours community service in lieu of jail allowed, 18 months supervised probation, driver’s license suspended 1 year, treatment program, and \$798 in fines and costs. Dismissed: Misdemeanor driving without privileges

Medina, Cera Ann, Marsing — Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession: 3 days in jail (served) and \$300 in fines and costs. Dismissed: Misdemeanor injury to child

Ramer, Jess Alan, Idaho Falls — Misdemeanor driver’s license or commercial driver’s license violation: \$350 in fines and costs. Original charge: Misdemeanor driving without privileges. Dismissed: Misdemeanor failure to appear

March 26
Thompson, Diana R., Kuna — Felony DUI (third or subsequent offense): 2 to 7 years state prison (suspended after modified sentence), 30 days in jail (3 days served), 7 years felony probation, driver’s license suspended 5 years, \$790.50 fines and costs (\$500 suspended). Dismissed: Misdemeanor driver’s license or commercial driver’s license violation

March 23
Oneel, Kimberly Lynea, Homedale — Felony controlled substance possession: 2 to 5 years state prison (retained jurisdiction for 1 year), 17 days served, and \$485.50 costs. Sentence to served consecutive with Canyon County felony controlled substance case (4 years supervised probation)

March 22
Faulkner, Ty F., Gooding — Misdemeanor DUI: 180 days in jail (3 days to serve, 2 days served, 175 days suspended), 25 hours community service in lieu of jail allowed, driver’s license suspended 180 days, and 1 year unsupervised probation, and \$676 fines and costs. Withheld judgment. Dismissed: Misdemeanor alcoholic beverage consumed or possessed by driver, and failure to appear citation

March 21
Bogdanski, Lynette Marie, Homedale — Misdemeanor fail to purchase or invalid driver’s license: \$626 fines and costs

Cue, Jonathan J., Pocatello — Misdemeanor disturbing the Peace: 90 days in jail (2 days served, 88 days suspended), 177 days unsupervised probation, and \$307.50 costs. Original charge: Misdemeanor domestic assault in the presence of a child without traumatic injury

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On the edge of common sense
A love story

This is a love story.

In a small ranching community in the West there lived a man, his wife and four children. They were no different than their neighbors, they ran cows, built fence and did their part to keep their little town alive.

The children attended the local school. Students numbered less than a hundred. But the remoteness of the area instilled a strong interdependence among the ranchers, families and townies.

The man and his wife lived in his folks' old house on the ranch. They planned to remodel someday, but the vagaries of the cattle business, the demand for routine ranch improvements and the appetite of four teenagers combined to prevent any real home improvements.

When the youngest son began high school, the man dared to dream of the future: One where his wife could quit her town job and he could spend more time with her. For even after 20 years he never tired of her company.

Cancer, the assassin, drew down and shot out the light of his life.

His grief was deep. The community put their arms around this proud man and his family. They did what neighbors do. As the months passed, they were always there. Watching after his children while loneliness ground away at his broken heart. And watched over him, as well.

The fall that his youngest began his senior year, the man sold his cowherd. The market was good and his interest in the ranch had waned.

One day I got a phone call from him. He introduced himself and invited me to speak at his son's graduation. I didn't recognize the name of the town. He said there were six in the graduating class.

Arrangements were made. He sponsored a big BBQ that afternoon. Four hundred attended. He took a few moments before my introduction at commencement that evening to address the crowd. I was unaware of his tragedy. He spoke simply but expressed his appreciation to his friends and neighbors. He never mentioned his loss. It was unnecessary. In a community like this, everyone knew.

Afterward, some of us gathered in his living room for a nightcap. A few friends, his four kids, him and me. It was comfortable. The new graduate opened his gifts and spoke of his plans with the conviction and anxiety of youth. Nobody asked the man about his plans, but you could hear the page turning in his life.

I guess the hand-lettered sign hangin' on his gate post out by the road said it all:

"YAHOO! The last one finally graduated!

"Thanks friends.

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From the Statehouse
Lawmakers did much to protect life, liberty during 2018 Legislature

On March 28, 2018 the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-fourth Legislature of the State of Idaho went *Sine Die* at 5:19 pm. The Legislature stayed in session exactly five days after the last bill reached the governor's desk.

Citizens from our district had a tremendous impact on legislation passed in to law this session. Two bills I sponsored were citizen-initiated.

Senate Bill 1324, Cosmetology/Barber reform legislation, is the first of what will be many licensure reform changes. Licensure reform will be addressed by an interim committee that will review and recommend changes in our statutes. Work on S1324 started before the 64th session began in the summer of 2017. Make-up artist and stylists in our district initiated the conversation that became the reform. The board of Barbers, and the board of Cosmetologists along with many other stakeholders spent two years sorting out what would become this final piece of legislation. For me, it was a monumental day to be able to present this bill on the floor of the Idaho House of Representatives, see it receive unanimous

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approval, and then move on for the governor's signature.

Senate Bill 1314 is another change in statute that will provide justice. A citizen of our district came to me with a problem, and we were able to go to work to

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From Washington
Farm Bill reauthorization will help keep Idaho at the top

A quote from our nation's first president, George Washington, about the central role of agricultural production is inscribed on the exterior of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's main building in Washington, D.C.: "With reference either to individual or national welfare, agriculture is of primary importance." This importance is deeply felt in Idaho communities, where farms and ranches put food on our tables and support jobs. The need for timely reauthorization of the next Farm Bill is a message heard clearly in my travels around Idaho and meetings with food producers. I thank Idahoans for input on this important legislation and encourage you to continue to share your views as Farm Bill reauthorization discussions take shape.

The Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) reports that approximately 25,000 farms and ranches produce more than 185 different agricultural commodities in Idaho. These producers are responsible for Idaho leading or being ranked among top states in the production of alfalfa hay, barley, beans, cheese, hops, lentils, mint, onions, peas, potatoes, sugar beets, trout, wheat, and other commodities, and livestock outnumber people in Idaho. Idahoans produce far more than can be consumed within the state and are feeding the world — selling nearly \$2 billion of Idaho's produce, grains, meats, dairy and seeds worldwide, according to the ISDA.

Idaho agriculture is influenced by a variety of factors, including federal policies and programs. Throughout my time in Congress, I have greatly valued opportunities to work with Idahoans to help shape past Farm Bills to try to ensure that federal farm policy best empowers Idaho production. The current Farm Bill expires in September, and reauthorization discussions are under way in Congress. It is important to also remember that the Farm Bill affects a wide swath of federal policy far beyond traditional

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agricultural commodity programs. Federal nutrition, conservation, rural development, energy, world market access, forestry, specialty crop, organics, and many other programs are part of the Farm Bill. For example, incentives, rather than mandates, provided through Farm Bill conservation programs are the best way to achieve environmental results on private land and contribute more to enhancing our environment than any other federal policy.

Provisions in the last Farm Bill, the 2014 Farm Bill, reshaped the structure of farm commodity support, expanded crop insurance coverage, consolidated conservation programs, reauthorized and revised nutrition assistance, and more. As for many past Farm Bills, the budget is a major consideration for the next Farm Bill debate. Updated Congressional Budget Office estimates indicate that the 2014 Farm Bill is expected to cost less than projected when it was enacted. This means the new budget baseline for the next Farm Bill will provide lawmakers with less spending authority to work with than the 2014 bill, which will present some challenges. My priority for

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Commentary

Financial management

It’s safe to pay your taxes online; IRS won’t access account

Dear Dave,
Will paying my taxes online give the government electronic access to my checking account?
— Ashley

Dear Ashley,
If you use your checking account, of course they will have the ability to withdraw that money from your account. I believe I know where you’re going with this question, and I think you may be a little confused about my stance on this sort of thing.
There’s nothing wrong with certain entities having access to your checking account. I use electronic bill pay for utilities, mutual fund contributions, and things like that all the time. The

only time I warn people against giving electronic access to their bank accounts is when they’re dealing with collectors over a bad debt. The government — even the IRS — isn’t known for coming in and randomly taking money out of people’s accounts. Collectors, on the other hand, do it all the time.
You’re in a fight when you’re dealing with a debt collector. It’s an adversarial relationship. As a rule, no one in that industry should ever be given electronic access to any of your accounts. There may be a few decent debt collection companies out there, but many of them will lie, cheat, and steal to get your money.
I hope that clears things up,



Ashley.
— Dave
Dear Dave,
How can I convince my fellow millennials that government

isn’t the solution to their problems?
— Josh
Dear Josh,
I think you’re proceeding from a false assumption. Many millennials already understand it’s not the government’s job to take care of everyone and provide everything. The problem, I think, is there’s a group of people in every generation that wants someone else to take care of them.
The only thing I can suggest is that you try to be kind to everyone. It does no good to have a political discussion with a political neophyte. If you have friends like this, perhaps you could suggest they work to control and improve the variables in their lives they can actually control and make better — namely themselves.
You can’t control the variable of government, Josh. It’s not going to come to your rescue. It never has.
— Dave

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the next Farm Bill is to ensure that Idaho producers’ concerns and priorities are addressed during the reauthorization process.
Important in this effort is the understanding that the agriculture economy has had its fair share of challenges the past few years, characterized by low commodity prices and decreased farm revenues. Additionally, food demands are increasing with rising world populations. We are asking farmers and ranchers to meet these demands, while pressures on land, water and other requirements are also increasing. The next Farm Bill must continue to make wise use of taxpayer dollars, but also provide an appropriate safety net and risk management tools to allow our nation’s farmers and ranchers to weather difficult times. I encourage those interested in these issues to contact me with your views as Congress considers this legislation that affects so much of America.
— 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.

change the statute to remove what could potentially be a roadblock for employment and/or licensing. The ability to have arrest information removed from one’s record, or those records sealed when there is no conviction, is a giant step in ensuring the liberty of the people of our state. Thank you to those who step up and share their stories and point out problems that exist in current code. Also thank you to Sen. Burgoyne, Mark Manweiler, and Andrew Masser of the Defense Attorney Association for their hard work and example in making this legislation happen.
Because of your desire for stronger Stand your Ground/Castle Doctrine and your continued support, we were able to get a print hearing for what became House Bill 444. This legislation would protect those who are in a situation where they are forced to use deadly force to protect life from hostile aggression. I worked hard to advance H444. Though H444 did not receive its full hearing in the House State Affairs committee, we were able to keep the pressure on, and Senate Bill 1313 was created and passed in to law. S1313 codifies jury instruction and some case law. It is not as protective as we would like to see, but it is a step in the right direction and we will work just as hard next session to enact the protections that the citizens of our state deserve. I know of two men who are now serving sentences in Idaho prisons because the current law did not protect them when they were positioned to defend themselves with deadly force. This has to be corrected. It is your God-given right, protected by the Constitution, to defend your life.
House Bill 443 encourages public schools to offer an elective course in gun safety training and authorize instructors who will teach the courses.
House Bill 565 was successful legislation that will allow retired law enforcement personnel who have special 518 Concealed Carry cards to carry firearms on K-12 school grounds, college dorms, residence halls and event halls that hold more than 1,000 people. This will add to the ability to protect our students.
So far in fiscal year 2018, our state has enjoyed \$400 million above expected tax collections. It is time to give some of this back to the families of Idaho. Citizens received a small tax cut — \$174 per household. I supported legislation that would have

provided a larger cut of \$280 per household. This bill was not given a hearing; however, Dist. 34A Rep. Ronald Nate (R-Rexburg) proposed a trailer bill to increase the child tax credit and provide relief for Idahoans with larger families. Leadership used Nate’s idea, and our citizens ended up with \$129.5 million in tax relief this year.
Progress was made in the important pro-life battle by passing two bills that become law on July 1. The Abortions Complications Reporting Act (HB638) requires every hospital, licensed health care facility or individual medical practitioner to report to the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare on the health complications arising from the performance of abortions. Senate Bill 1243 requires the Department of Health & Welfare to inform women of the availability of an abortion reversal pill in case they change their mind within 48 hours after deciding to take their baby’s life by a chemical abortion. Approximately 1,200 babies are aborted in the state of Idaho each year. We must continue to work to save these lives. Each life is precious from conception to natural death.
Though the session is over, I want to hear from you. Many times in my interactions with our citizens, I heard the words “we are in this together.” To be your voice has been a privilege. It is a job I do not take lightly or for granted.

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Friday noon the week prior to publication

The Owyhee Avalanche

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Election letters

The Owyhee Avalanche will accept letters to the editor pertaining to the May 15 primary election until noon on Friday, May 4.

The usual letters to the editor guidelines apply, including letters must be no more than 300 words and letters must include contact information, including a phone number, of the letter-writer. Submit by:

- Email to jon@owyheeavalanche.com
- Fax to (208) 337-4867
- Mail to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628
- Or drop off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale

For more information, call (208) 337-4681, ext. 102.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

April 7, 1993

Local farmers rained out of fields

Talk isn't cheap in the coffee shop at Owyhee Lanes. Of late, it has been expensive for area farmers unable to get in the fields and plant this year's crop, unable to participate in their livelihood.

Nature has compensated for years of drought. Abundantly. Incessantly. Fields are mud. Tractors sit idle. The rain is pitching a shut out. Farmers can't even get to the plate.

Nobody needs to consult a calendar to know how far behind row crop farmers are this spring. A month for onions. Two weeks for sugar beets. Still in the ballpark for spuds, if they could get the ground ready. Grain should have been in by the middle of March.

"Right now we're in the coffee shop whining," said Rodger Nash, who sits at a table with Albert Stansell, Paul Akichika and others.

If the rains were to stop today on the 800 acres Nash farms with son Steve, some ground might dry out enough to work in three or four days, some ten. He worked until 9 p.m. last Wednesday night, doing what he could to get things ready to plant sugar beets, potatoes and corn. Thursday he woke up to rain.

How far behind farmers are depends, in part, on a couple of factors. How quick the soil can dry, what shape they left the fields last fall, and how much work they did in March before the rains came, said Dave Brown of the Soil Conservation Service in Marsing. Obviously fields that are rowed out will be ready to plant sooner than those still in corn stalks.

The predominant soil of much local farm ground, heavy and clay-like, takes longer to dry out than sandy soil. So it's hard to predict for any given area. Ground that has been worked smooth takes longer to dry than ground that has been ridged.

Funding woes to continue for Homedale schools

Figures have been out less than two weeks since the Legislature hammered out a last-minute education budget, but the bottom line for Homedale schools is an additional \$2,000 in revenues, way short of the district's growing needs.

"That's what we expected from the Legislature. It's not what we wanted, of course, because that doesn't give you anything," Homedale School superintendent Dick Peters said. "It doesn't deal with inflation."

Last year's projected revenue for the district was \$3,024,611, and this year's appropriation looks to be \$3,026,794, based on a funding formula the district utilizes. "It's always a projection. You can never say exactly," Peters said.

With roughly the same amount of dollars to work with, but ever-increasing enrollments at the elementary and secondary levels, administrators may put a hold on replacing textbooks and hiring needed faculty.

Lady Trojans take two from Vallivue

The Lady Trojans softball team (4-0) dropped Vallivue in a doubleheader last Thursday. The Trojans won the first 14-9 and the second, called after five innings, 9-2. This, coming off a win over New Plymouth March 30, 12-7.

But with a number of starters returning from last year's team, when they tied for the conference championship, big things were expected from coach Jim McMillan's team this year.

Power hitting helped the Trojans against Vallivue. Tony Belknap smacked two home runs in the second game and went 2-for-3 with 4 RBIs.

50 years ago

April 4, 1968

Fargo Ladies Club observes 60th anniversary

When the Fargo Ladies' Club held its regular meeting Wednesday, March 27, at the home of Mrs. Elmer C. Lock, its 60th anniversary was also observed.

The club colors were effectively portrayed in the room and table decorations using the St. Patrick motif and clusters of gorgeous pink hyacinths and pink roses.

Following the bounteous "share-a-dish" dinner, served by the social committee, Clarence Lemrick, J. W. Spellman, Marcus Aldacosia and Lock, the business session was held with the president, Mrs. W. E. Mills, in charge.

Substituting for Mrs. W. W. Wyman, devotional leader, Mrs. Mills stressed as her theme "Thoughtfulness toward Others" and read John 1:1-9, other Bible passages and several appropriate poems.

DeMolay group attends meeting at Pocatello

Five members of Gem Chapter of Homedale attended the 20th annual Conclave of the Idaho State Chapter of DeMolay in Pocatello March 21-24.

Attending were David Hirai, Barry Wood, Kim Tolsma, Gary Tanikumi and Dennis Tanikumi. Advisers accompanying them were Homer Anderson and Roy Ganow. Also in the advisers' charge were Dale Peery, Dana Sanders, Steve Nichols, Wes Beutler and Roger Arnold, all of Emmett. Peery was elected State Junior Counselor at the Conclave.

Two members of Gem Chapter were appointed to state offices. David Hirai was appointed state almoner and Dennis Tanikuni was appointed second district representative.

DeMolays from all over the state attended the Conclave, and all stayed in private homes. The DeMolays from Homedale stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Cy Stauber of Chubbuck.

After a very informative and interesting session, the DeMolays returned home Sunday, March 24.

Homemakers draw 345 women to Homedale

The Western District Extension Homemaker's Council meeting drew 345 women who registered at the Presbyterian Church Tuesday.

The meeting was launched with a "get acquainted" coffee hour during registration of guests preceding the meeting. Mrs. Kenneth Sadler of Nampa, Western District Director, called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. Invocation was given by the Rev. Ed Alora, pastor of the church, followed by the welcome by Homedale Mayor Les Carter.

Mrs. J. E. Shepherd of Eagle, State Extension Homemaker's President, brought greetings and also introduced the members of the state board who are: Ralph Gaffe, Boise, secretary; Kenneth Sadler, Nampa, Western District Director; C. L. Dougherty, Filer, Vice President; Robert Norris, Kimberly, Chairman of Health Committees; Paul Pattes, Emmett, Chairman of Civil Defense and Citizenship Committee.

Mrs. Lucia Wilson, Advisor to the State Homemaker Council and Assistant State Home Extension Home Economics Leader, introduced the following members of the Extension Staff: Betty Stalker, Ada County; Vicky Green of Adams; Elizabeth Bettig of Canyon; Marilyn Jordan, Elmore; Vi Rexford, Gem; Mary Lee Wood, Owyhee; Penny Jensen, Valley; and Jane Betts, Washington County.

140 years ago

April 6, 1878

THE late Pius IX was in the United States once. He was here, however, against his will and made a very short stay. When a young man he was sent on a mission to South America, and the vessel on which he was a passenger was compelled by storm to put into Norfolk.

THERE are portions of the Southern States and the Pacific Coast well adapted for tea culture. The cost of labor, however, would operate against the raising of tea in this country, and the supply must come from China and Japan for many years to come.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE

THE nomination of Mayor Huston as United States Attorney for this Territory, a position which he has ably and creditably filled for many years, has been rejected by the United States Senate. This may be set down as one of the first fruits of the "Kelly stench," revealing as it does the dangers of association with the insidious and contaminating clique whole "rule or ruin" proclivities that have been so conspicuously displayed during the past few weeks. Who will be the next victim? Good men are liable to suffer as a consequence of their supposed intimacy or connection with the evil spirits who are responsible for the spread of the miasmatic odors which have recently contaminated the atmosphere of the capitol. It is disgraceful business, and the editor of the *Statesman* with his total lack of influence to accomplish good can certainly, to some extent, congratulate himself upon achieving success as a mischief-maker, a brawler and a stirrer up of strife among neighbors. In his fall he drags down innocent victims with him, but what cares he so long as he can gratify his malevolence by unjustly stigmatizing all who don't agree with him in his unholy course. So much for the debased influences of an attempt to corrupt public sentiment and inflict wrong upon those who have independence and manhood enough left to assert their rights as citizens.

A CHINAMAN ATTEMPS TO KILL AN INDIAN — A Piute named "Joe," who lives with his squaw and children about nine miles below here, was in town on Sunday. While here he had some difficulty with a crazy Chinaman named Ah Hoy, who stole his hat and annoyed him in various ways. The heathen, knowing that the Indian was going home in the evening, started down in advance of him and secreted himself behind a stage-sleigh a short distance above Boonville. As the Indian passed, after dark, the Chinaman stealthily fired on him with a pistol, the shot taking an effect on the Indian's body a little below the left of the right nipple. Joe had strength enough to proceed as far as Brunzell's, where he fell from exhaustion and loss of blood. Dr. Belknap went down next morning and attended to him. He has since gone home, and will probably be around soon. As soon as the Sheriff received information he went down and arrested the crazy heathen and had him lodged in jail. The Indian is quiet and inoffensive, and probably if there had been some of his redskin brothers near town they would not only have made short work of Ah Hoy, but might have done a little wholesome cleaning out among Chinamen generally.

Public notices

OWYHEE COUNTY POLL WORKER ELECTION TRAINING

Owyhee County will be hosting poll worker election training for all current poll workers and anyone 17 years or older that is interested in becoming a poll worker. Please RSVP for one of the three locations posted below by calling the Owyhee County Clerk’s Office 208-495-2421 or emailing brussell@co.owyhee.id.us

This is a required training for all poll workers. Please plan on attending.

Training Location	Date	Time
Marsing American Legion – Community Hall Building 126 2 nd Ave. W. Marsing, Idaho 83639	Wednesday April 11, 2018	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Eastern Owyhee County Library 520 Boise Avenue Grand View, Idaho 83624	Thursday April 12, 2018	10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Owyhee County Courthouse 20381 State Hwy. 78 Murphy, Idaho 83650	Wednesday April 25, 2018	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

3/28,4/4/2018

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

On April 25, 2018 beginning at 10:00 am, the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hear testimony in the Annex Building of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 17069 Basey St., Murphy, Idaho on the following matters at the times listed below.

Beginning at 10:00 am, the Commission will hear application Z18-16, a request for a conditional use permit filed by **Jason Phillips** seeking approval to establish a single-family residence on a 2.7-acre parcel of land off Wilson Cemetery Road and Highway 78. The subject parcel, RP01S03W117212A, is in an Agricultural zone located in the NE¼ of the NE¼ of the SE¼ of Section 11, Township 1 South, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 11:00 am, the Commission will hear application Z18-17, a request for a conditional use permit filed by **Rickey and Linda Pollard** seeking approval to establish a single-family residence on a 3.8 acre parcel. The subject parcel, RP04S01W245450A, is in an Agricultural zone located approximately one-mile NW of the intersection of Bates Creek Road and Oreana Loop Road in Oreana situated in the NW¼ of the SW¼ of Section 24, Township 4 South, Range 1 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning 1:00 pm, the Commission will hear application Z18-15 filed by **DeRuyter Properties, L.P.** seeking approval of a conditional use permit to add an additional six units to a previously approved RV employee housing park on an approximately 74-acre parcel of land. The subject parcel, RP03N05W247951A, is located in an Agricultural zone approximately 3.2 miles NW of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Copies of the proposed projects are available for review in the Planning and Zoning office. For additional information please call 208-495-2095 ext. 2.
4/4/2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV37-18-00091 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 DONALD RAY BARNHILL, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned 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 addresses indicated below, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 15 day of March, 2018.
/s/: Jeffrey David Barnhill
5699 Old Bruneau Hwy
Marsing, ID 83639
William A. Morrow
MORROW & FISCHER, PLLC, Attorneys for Personal Representative
332 N. Broadmore Way, Ste. 102, Nampa, Idaho 83687.
Telephone: (208) 475-2200.
Facsimile: (208) 475-2201. Email: wmorrow@morrowfischer.com
3/21,28,4/4/2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV37-18-00105 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE MAGISTRATE DIVISION

In the matter of the Estate of DAN FREDRICK McCUSKEY, also known as DAN F. McCUSKEY, also known as DANIEL McCUSKEY, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the undersigned or delivered to Brooke

Link, Personal Representative of the estate, at 1303 12th Avenue Road, Nampa, Idaho, 83686, and filed with the Court pursuant to Idaho Code Section 15-3-804.

DATED this 20th day of March, 2018.
/s/: BROOKE LINK
Personal Representative
AARON L. SEABLE
HAMILTON, MICHAELSON & HILTY, LLP, Attorneys at Law
1303 12th Avenue Road, Nampa, ID 83686. Phone: (208) 467-4479. Fax: (208) 467-3058. Email: aseable@nampalaw.com.
ISB NO. 7191
4/4,11,18/2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV-2016-1086 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

In the matter of the Estate of ARTHUR SULLIVAN REINHART, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed as 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 (4) 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. In addition, it is

requested that a courtesy copy be mailed to the law office of James R. Gillespie, Post Office Box 2337, Boise, Idaho 83701.

DATED this 14 day of March, 2018.
/s/: Robin Reinhart Accinelli
2886 San Jose Court
Minden, NV 89423
3/28,4/4,11

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. 82209

DIANA HOOLEY, 26796 INDIAN COVE LN, HAMMETT, ID 83627-5016; DALE HOOLEY, 26761 INDIAN COVE LN, HAMMETT, ID 83627-5016; has filed Application No. 82209 for changes to the following water rights within OWYHEE County(s): Right No(s). 2-7039. The transfer proposes to split 2.63 cfs and 141 acres from 2-7039, retire from its current point of diversion and provide this water at a new point of diversion approximately 4.5 miles further downstream on the Snake River. Both places of use are located on land 12 miles south of Mountain Home, off the south banks of the Snake River.

For additional information concerning the property location, contact Western Region office at (208) 334-2190; or for a full description of the right(s) or proposed transfer(s), please see www.idwr.idaho.gov. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-222. Any protest against the proposed change(s) must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 Airport Way, Boise, ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 4/23/2018. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

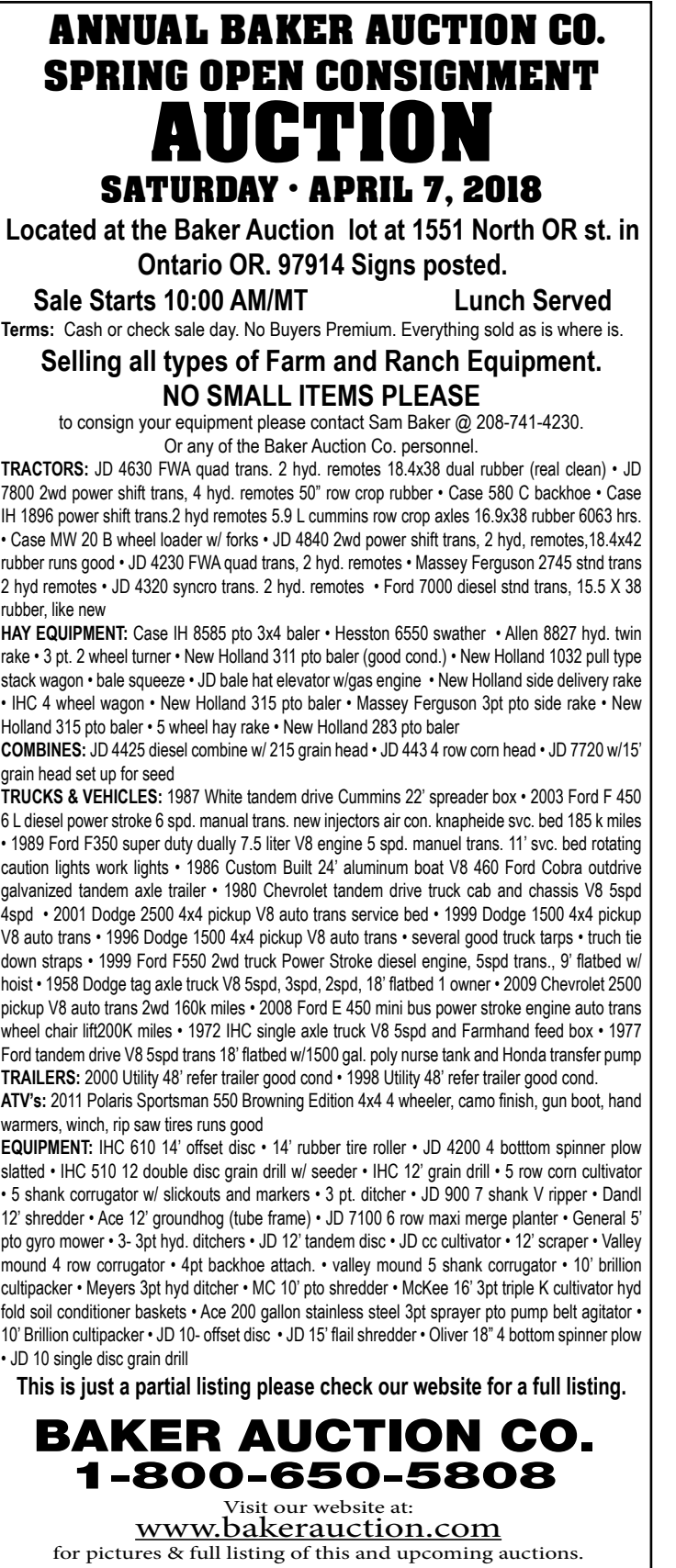
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<p>Calvary Fellowship Homedale Pastor Rich Wright 711 W. Idaho Ave. Church time is 10:00 am on Sunday & Wednesday at 7:00 pm River Youth Sunday 6:00pm (208) 880-4033</p>	<p>Golden Gate Baptist Church Wilder Pastor Robert Potter, Jr., CLP Corner of Second and "B" Streets Church time is 11:00 am on Sunday Call (208) 880-4308 for information</p>	<p>Our Lady of Tears Church Silver City Mass Summer Schedule 1pm June 11 • July 16 • August 20 • Sept. 17 <i>All invited to potluck after each mass at the home of Dave Wilper</i> For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031</p>
<p>Iglesia Misionera Biblica Homedale Pastor Silverio Cardenas Jr. 132 W Owyhee • 337-5975 Servicios: Vier - 7pm - Oracion Mier - 7pm Predicacion Dom - 10am Esc. Dom y 6:30pm "Una Iglesia Diferente."</p>	<p>Knight Community Church Grand View Pastor Ivan Sheller 630 Idaho Street 208-834-2639 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am</p>	<p>Crossroads Assembly of God Wilder Pastors Ron & Martha Hwy 19 & 95, 890-9132 Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Worship 6pm Wed. Bible Study 7pm</p>
<p>Assembly of God Church Homedale 15 West Montana, (208) 412-2946 Senior Pastor: Ivar Moore Sunday Bible study, 9:15 a.m. Sunday and Kidz services, 10:45 a.m. Wednesday and Kidz services, 7 p.m. www.homedaleagchurch.com</p>	<p>Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale 17434 Hwy 95, 337-3464 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Services: 10:45 am Sundays www.homedalefriends.org</p>	<p>Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church Caldwell 1122 W. Linden St. 459-3653 Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:30 am Spanish Mass: Saturday 7:00 pm Spanish Mass: Sunday Noon</p>
<p>Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Homedale 337-4248 Sunday Services 10am Pastor Sean Rippey Adult and Children Sunday School 9-9:45am Visitors Always Welcome! Call Church for Prayer requests</p>	<p>Chapel of Hope Hope House, Marsing Look for the Blue Church South Bruneau Hwy at the Hope House Welcoming Families, especially those with special needs children. Keith Croft, Pastor 880-2767 Jake & Alisha Henriouille, Youth Pastors 761-6747 Sunday Services at 10 am</p>	<p>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale 708 West Idaho Ave 337-4112 Bishop Mark Thatcher Bishop Chris Varuska Sunday 1st Ward 1pm Sunday 2nd Ward 9am</p>
<p>Homedale Baptist Church Homedale 212 S. 1st W. 739-5952 Sunday Worship 11am-Noon Pastor: Paul Chismar</p>	<p>Wilder Church of God Wilder 205 A St. E, 649-7698 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Service 11am Sunday Eve. 6:00pm Wed. Eve. 7:00pm</p>	<p>Mountain View Church of the Nazarene Wilder-Homedale 26515 Ustick Road 337-3151 www.mvcnaz.org Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm Children's Caravan Program</p>
<p>MARSING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY Asamblea Apostolica de Marsing 107 W. Main • Marsing, Idaho Pastor Jose Gutierrez 208-461-9016 or 880-6172 Sunday School 10:00 am Sunday Service 1 pm • Wednesday Service 7 pm Bilingual Services/Español</p>	<p>Iglesia Evangelica Wilder 317 3rd st., Pastor Ramiro Reyes 10 am Sunday School 11 am Service 482-7484 Bilingual</p>	<p>St. David's Episcopal Church 1800 Arlington Ave. Caldwell, ID 83605 208-459-9261 stdavids@stdavidscaldwell.org www.stdavid.episcopalidaho.org</p>
<p>Christian Church Homedale 110 W. Montana Pastor Maurice Jones 208-319-4650 Don Vanderbough 208-867-5418 Sunday Morning Worship 11am Church school 9:45</p>	<p>Bible Missionary Church Homedale West Idaho, 337-3425 Pastor Ron Franklin Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7:30</p>	<p>Assembly of God Church Marsing 139 Kerry, 965-1650 Pastor Rick Sherron Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am & 6 pm</p>
<p>Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing Pastor Daniel Swaim 116 4th Ave. W., 859-2059 Sunday worship: Morning: 11am-Noon• Evening: 6-7pm Sunday School 9:45am-10:45am Wednesday evening 7pm-8pm</p>	<p>Nazarene Church Marsing Pastor Bill O'Connor 649-5256 12 2nd Avenue West Worship Services - Sunday 11am and 6pm Sunday School - 9:45am Mid Week TLC Groups</p>	<p>Trinity Holiness Church Homedale 119 N. Main Pastor Samuel Page 337-5021 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Thursday Evening 7:30pm</p>
<p>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Marsing 215 3rd Ave. West, 896-4151 Sunday 1st Ward, 1:00 p.m. Bishop Rowley Sunday 2nd Ward, 9:00 a.m. Bishop McIntyre</p>	<p>Vision Community Church Marsing 221 West Main Marsing, Idaho 208-779-7926 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Adult, Kids & Youth Meetings Wed. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>United Methodist Church Wilder <i>Exploring the Bible: Public Invited</i> 2nd & 4th Tuesday: 4-5pm Corner of 4th St. & B Ave. Pastor Dave Raines 208-880-8751 Sunday Service 9:30am</p>
<p>First Presbyterian Church Homedale 320 N. 6th W. Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am 208-473-9331</p>	<p>Calvary Holiness Church - Wilder Corner of 3rd St. & B Ave. Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. • Sunday Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday: 6:00 p.m. • Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. calvarypantry@gmail.com Food Pantry hours: 2nd Friday of month 5-7pm 4th Friday of month 12-2pm Calvary Holiness Food Pantry Wilder Idaho</p>	<p>Garnet Seventh-Day Adventist Church 16613 Garnet Rd., Wilder 208-649-5280 Email: garnetSDA@icloud.com Sabbath School 9:30am Worship 10:45 am Wednesday Bible Study 7:00-8 pm</p>
<p>Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale 711 W. Idaho, 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am</p>	<p>Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church - Oreana 2017 Mass Schedule - the following Saturdays at 10:00am May 27 - June 24 (BBQ follows) - July 22 - Aug 26 - Sept 23 - Oct 28 - Nov 25 - Dec 16 All are welcome! For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031</p>	<p>Amistad Cristiana de Wilder UMC Esquina de 4 y calle B Domingos Servicio: 12:00 pm El Ropero (Banco de ropa) Miercoles 12- 2pm Martes y Jueves: 6:30 pm Ingles Sabados: 12:00 pm Arte Infantil Todo en Espanol, Inf. 989 7508</p>

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Three election candidate forums planned in April

With the Idaho Legislature adjourned, the election season is heating up in Owyhee County.

The county Republican Central Committee will sponsor two of three candidates forums planned in the month before the May 15 primary election.

The races for county office and District 23 legislative seats will be the focus at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 12 at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School in Bruneau.

There is only one contested race for Owyhee County office as appointed assessor Toni Gruenwald seeks a full four-year term in a Republican primary against Marsing Mayor James Ferdinand, who is a former assessor's office employee.

No one is seeking the Democratic nomination for the assessor's office, so the primary will serve to elect the next person to hold the office for four years.

Every other county office on the ballot this year is held by a

Republican who is uncontested in the primary and has no challenger on the Democratic side for the Nov. 6 election.

- Dist. 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi, who is seeking a two-year term

- Dist. 3 Commissioner Joe Merrick, who is seeking a four-year term

- Treasurer Annette Dygert, an appointee who is seeking a full four years in office

- Clerk Angie Barkell, who is seeking her second full four-year term

- Coroner Aaron Tines, who also is seeking his second full four-year term

There is only one District 23 legislative race on the May ballot as Dist. 23A Rep. Christy Zito (R-Hammett) faces a challenge from Homedale resident Oscar Evans.

District 23 legislators Megan Blanksma (House of Representatives, Seat B) and Sen. Bert Brackett are running unopposed in the GOP primary, and there are no Democratic challengers.

The county Republican party will play host to another candidates forum at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25 inside McKeeth Hall at the Owyhee County Historical Museum in Murphy.

Folks who show up at 6:30 p.m. will have a chance to meet the candidates.

In addition to county and District 23 races, candidates seeking governor, lieutenant governor and other statewide constitutional offices have been invited.

There is also a wide-open First Congressional District race this year as incumbent Rep. Raúl Labrador seeks the Republican gubernatorial nomination.

A third forum — this one presented by The Owyhee Avalanche and featuring county and District 23 hopefuls — will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 26 at The Bowling Alley, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale.

— JPB



Open house celebrates McClaskeys' 65th

Charles and Grace (Anderson) McClaskey of Caldwell are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 7, 2018 with a drop-in reception at Deer Flat Free Methodist Church, Caldwell.

Charles and Grace were married on April 5, 1953.

They had four children: Dennis (deceased), Becky (Jim), Mark (Cindy), & Tammie (Lyn). They also have six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Be kind to each other, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you. Ephesians 4:32

Art in the Park booth space free for local artisans

Organizer Susan Mansidor is looking for vendors for the annual Homedale Art in the Park scheduled for late spring.

The event for crafters and others is set for Saturday, June 9 at Bette Uda City Park. The event will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"We can accept more vendors. I also reached out to the schools for an opportunity to have a free booth for a fundraising opportunity," Mansidor said.

The cost of booth space depends on content.

The festival does not charge folks who want to sell handcrafted and homemade items. Mansidor said this is to support local and small entrepreneurs.

All direct sales rep booths have been sold.

Food truck vendors can reserve space for \$25.

For more information, search Homedale Art in the Park on Facebook or visit the event's website at www.HomedaleArtinthePark.com.

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