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MHS CLASS OF 2018 EMBARKS



Marsing grads, parents look to future in more ways than one

Above: Justin Holm, taking a photo with his mother, has enlisted in the U.S. Army and will train as an intelligence analyst. **Right:** Jaden Kinney accepts his diploma from MHS principal Tim Little as district superintendent Norm Stewart (left) looks on. Jaden plans to become an officer through the Marine Corps Enlisted Commissioning program.



BLM sets stage to adopt state's sage-grouse conservation plan

The Bureau of Land Management has amended the Idaho sage-grouse plan, and public comment is sought.

The BLM released the draft resource management plan and environmental impact statement earlier this month. The 90-day comment period ends Aug. 2.

The preferred alternative aligns federal guidelines with the six-year-old state plan developed by Gov. C. L. "Butch" Otter's task force, which included Owyhee

County Dist. 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland and Dist. 23 state Sen. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson).

Public meetings are planned, but the BLM has not yet announced a schedule.

The RMP amendment and EIS can be reviewed online at <https://goo.gl/f94eKW>.

Written comments also can be submitted at that website or by mail or hand delivery to the BLM Idaho State Office, Attn.: Jonathan Beck, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise, ID 83709.

Hard copies of the documents also are available at the BLM Owyhee Field Office at 20 1st Ave. W., in Marsing and at the Bruneau Field Office in Boise.

The plan, which updates a 2015 document, is the BLM's latest step in the effort to preserve habitat in western states and promote multiple use, according to the new document's executive summary.

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Outpost Days offers music, history, more

Murphy welcomes annual OCHS fundraiser this weekend

The Owyhee County Historical Museum will come alive this weekend for its largest fundraiser of the year.

Outpost Days, which has been held in Murphy for nearly 50 years, runs Saturday and Sunday at the museum complex.

The event featuring exhibits and demonstrations harkening to the region's historic beginnings is the Owyhee County Historical Society's way to raise money to keep the museum vibrant.

Outpost Days includes vendors, lost arts demonstrations, live music, a live auction on Saturday, and the Horny Toad Race and concluding raffle

drawing on Sunday.

Each day starts with the Buckaroo Breakfast served inside McKeeth Hall. The food is served from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., and the menu includes pancakes, ham, scrambled eggs, fruit, coffee and juice. The cost is \$6.

The first day of the event will conclude with a Chuckwagon Beef Dinner that includes slow-roasted beef, au gratin potatoes, garden salad, vegetable, dinner roll and apple crisp.

The cost for the dinner is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children younger than 10. Drinks are

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The Beck family of Melba, which plays under the name Fiddle Express, is one of the featured musical acts at Outpost Days on Saturday. For more on the family band, see *Page 4*

Mountain Home man dies at C.J. Strike

Five people rescued in unrelated incident

A 30-year-old man has died after hitting his head while diving into C.J. Strike Reservoir.

Kory Lee Weaver of Mountain Home died en route to the hospital Saturday, according to Elmore County Coroner Jerry Rost.

Rost said Weaver apparently struck his head after diving off the boat dock at Black Sands

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VETS GIVE COMRADES MEMORIAL DAY SALUTE



Legionnaires show their respect

Herb Churruca (left) and Roger McAlveen salute after placing a flag at the grave of Leo E. “Mutt” Anderson on Thursday at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery on Cemetery Road on Thursday. Churruca and McAlveen are American Legion Post 128 members.

Local VFW decorates veterans’ graves

Representatives of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Samuel C. Phillips III Post 11065 placed flags at veterans’ graves Thursday at the Wilder and Fargo cemeteries ahead of Memorial Day. The group stands at the grave of Thomas G. Daugherty, the earliest veteran buried in the Wilder Cemetery. As a private in Company D of the First Regiment of the Wisconsin Infantry, Daugherty served during the Spanish-American War in the late 19th century.

From left: Ricardo Fernandez, Dennis Huhtala, Alana Craft, Tom Craft, Post Cmdr. Daniel Carlson, and Roger Knapp. Submitted photo



HHS grads to visit Otter, get scholarships

Nine Homedale High School graduates are among this year’s group of Idaho Governor’s Cup scholarship recipients.

The nine students will be recognized during a reception with Gov. C. L. “Butch” Otter and First Lady Lori Otter. The reception takes place from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday inside the Capitol in Boise.

HHS grads receiving \$3,000 each include Ashley Burks, Nallely Gonzalez, Kaden Henry, Maria Hernandez, Krista Mayer, Kendall Nash, Alicia Raine, Diana Vega, and Wyatt Wolfe, according to information provided by the school.

Gov. Cecil Andrus established the Idaho Governor’s Cup scholarship program in 1974.

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HOMEDALE STUDENTS MOVING ON UP



Homedale students head into summer with new schools in mind
*Homedale Middle and Elementary students experienced the transition to new phases in their lives last Wednesday. **Left:** Eighth-grader Christopher Aguilera receives his certificate of promotion from principal Moss Strong during a ceremony in the middle school gymnasium. Christopher's parents are Miguel Aguilera and Alma Corral. **Right:** Kindergartener Paige Spickler (left) receives her certificate from teacher Misty Sauer during the elementary school's commencement program. Paige is the daughter of Theresa Blackett.*

Repairs delay Homedale pool open

Originally scheduled for this week, the summer opening for the Homedale City Swimming Pool has been pushed back.

Set to open Tuesday, the pool will remain closed until Monday because of "unforeseen" repairs. The gates will open at 1 p.m.

City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram told The Owyhee Avalanche about the delay in a series of emails Thursday morning.

The problem is more bubbling of the gunite pool surface that was replaced several years ago during \$50,000 refurbishment project.

City public works supervisor Bret Smith told city councilmen about the issue during their May meeting.

On Friday, he said a contractor would make the pool repairs this week.

This is the third consecutive season that repairs have been necessary.

New coordinator leads Rimrock Sr. Center

The schedule remains the same, but the Rimrock Senior Center has new leadership.

Ellie Gillett recently took over as coordinator for the senior center that serves, Grand View, Bruneau and Oreana.

The center released its June calendar of events and the menu that is served in congregate meals on Tuesday and Thursday, the only days of the week the center is open.

The center is located at 525 Main St. Call (208) 834-2922 for more information.

Pinochle games are available after lunch each day the senior center is open.

Lunch is served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday.

Bridge is played at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month. The next bridge day is June 12.

The senior center bus leaves in the morning for Mountain Home shopping and appointments on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month, or June 12 and June 28 next month.

The senior center plans its annual ice cream social on Saturday, June 30 to coincide with Grand View Days.

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✓ **BLM:** Draft document seeks to carry out Zinke’s sage-grouse secretarial order

The new document’s preferred alternative also seeks to strengthen state-federal collaboration as envisioned in Secretarial Order 3353, which Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke issued nearly a year ago.

Under the preferred alternative, the BLM would fulfill Idaho’s request by modifying the net conservation standard put forth in the federal government’s 2015 plan. The new document points out the public didn’t have the opportunity to comment specific on the net conservation plan during land use planning for the current document.

The preferred alternative also would preserve another tenet for Otter’s plan, creating a three-tiered habitat management structure including priority areas, important areas and

general areas.

The preferred alternative also would cancel the BLM’s Obama-era recommendation to withdraw mineral lands from sagebrush focal areas (SFAs).

The new document designates livestock grazing as a secondary threat to sage-grouse habitat.

As in the 2015 final EIS, the 2018 document doesn’t address some issues raised by the public in scoping meetings, including an end to cattle grazing within sage-grouse habitat boundaries.

The amended RMP itemizes that more than 1.4 million acres were subject to treatment through habitat protection or restoration, removal of invasive plants and junipers, and fuel breaks construction in the past four fiscal years.

✓ **C.J. Strike:** Boaters safe after sinking

Resort. Bystanders initiated CPR at the scene before Grand View Ambulance rushed the man to the hospital.

Owyhee County Sheriff’s dispatch reports indicated Weaver struck his head on a rock.

OCSO dispatchers received several calls about the accident around 9 p.m.

Rost said it was unclear if alcohol was involved.

Responding agencies included OCSO, Bruneau Quick Response, Bruneau Fire and Grand View Ambulance.

The incident was one of two serious calls authorities handled at C.J. Strike during the Memorial Day weekend.

Sheriff’s personnel from Elmore and Owyhee counties sprung into action after 8 p.m. on Friday when a boat reportedly began to sink after being hit by a surge of water during a storm.

Elmore County put a boat in the water, and OCSO and Grand View Fire personnel joined the effort from the North Park boat ramp.

Three adults and two infants

in the boat got to safety on a steep, rocky section of shoreline, according to an Elmore County Sheriff’s press release.

The infants, both younger than 18 months, were showing signs of hypothermia and were checked out by ambulance personnel. The sheriff’s office reported the infants were wearing properly fitted life jackets.

— JPB

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Melba family’s fiddling featured for Outpost Days music

A musical Melba family is among the entertainment acts scheduled to perform at Outpost Days.

Fiddle Express will perform at 4 p.m. on Saturday during the Owyhee County Historical Society fundraiser in Murphy.

Musical acts are featured throughout both days of this year’s event at the Owyhee County Historical Museum.

Fiddle Express is composed of six members of the Beck family. Between them, the Becks play nine instruments and have won numerous state and national championships.

Family members get started young, entering fiddle contests and embarking on classical violin training at the age of 3.

Band members include Mom and Dad playing guitar and double bass to back up their children, who include:

- Andrew on mandolin, ukelele and fiddle
- Rachel on vocals, fiddle
- Eliza on fiddle and guitar
- Isaac on banjo

The musicians share their music with retirement communities, centennial birthday parties, church functions, blue-grass festivals or busking on market streets.

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OUTPOST DAYS AT THE OWYHEE COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Schedule

Both days

Buckaroo Breakfast — 8 a.m.to 10 a.m., McKeeth Hall
Pie shop — Open at 10 a.m., McKeeth Hall
BLM wild horses — 11 a.m. to noon
Model railroad club — All day, Ag Building
Clyde the Camel — All day, throughout complex
Cowboy fast draw —School alleyway
Farmer Bob — Near cabin
Fort Boise Garrison — Depot north lawn
Kids’ Corner — Stamp Mill Lawn
Yard sale — Behind museum

Saturday

Chuckwagon dinner — 5 p.m., Ag Building
Them Were the Days — 6 p.m., Depot Stage
Live auction — 3 p.m., McKeeth Hall

Sunday

Hit and miss engines — All day, in front of schoolhouse
Lady Lane — Noon to 3 p.m., inside museum

Horny Toad race — 4 p.m.

Depot stage entertainment

Saturday
Hourly starting at 10 a.m.
Sister’s Promise
Prime Time Swingers
Country Roads
Jr. Jammers
Boise Cloggers
Dry Buck
Fiddle Express
Sunday
Blue Dove, 11 a.m.
Makenzie Gustavson, noon
Sharon O’Neal, 1 p.m.
Square dancers, 3 p.m.

Lost arts

Throughout each day
On Stamp Mill lawn
Blacksmith
Inside museum
Caning and weaving
Quilting
Tatting

Vendors and attractions

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Musical train
Sage Chics 4-H club (Three Creek)



The winning tickets for the rifle and quilt raffles will be drawn Sunday at the conclusion of the Horny Toad race.

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✓ Outpost Days: Museum benefit has historical re-enactments, vendors

sold separately.

The Chuckwagon Dinner takes place at 5 p.m. inside the museum’s new Ag Building.

After dinner, Clark Heglar, whose appearance is sponsored by the Idaho Humanities Council, will perform as the Oldest Man in Idaho for his “Them Were the Days” presentation.

Heglar will perform at 6 p.m. on the Depot Stage, taking the audience back in time with descriptions of Idaho’s natural setting as well as telling stories and sharing anecdotes from the times gone by.

Wagons Ho!, a pioneer reenactment created by Caldwell residents Cal and Marla Clevenger, also will be on hand this weekend. The Clevengers recreate a pioneer camp and other experiences people may have gone through during the covered-wagon trip West in the 19th century. The couple brings their exhibit to Homedale Elementary and other schools in the state each year as part of the fourth-grade Idaho history curriculum.

Wagons Ho! will be conducted throughout both days on the

lawn near the Stamp Mill.

Raffle tickets will be sold for a chance to win a Ruger 5801 Mini-14 Ranch semi-automatic .223 Remington and a Constellation quilt handcrafted by Murphy resident Charlene Nettleton. The Nettleton quilt is 86 inches square.

Tickets for either drawing are \$1 each or \$5 for six. The drawings take place on Sunday after the Horny Toad race, and folks need not be present to win.

Former Nampa Police officer and Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputy Rick Wiley also will be on hand this weekend with copies of his new book “Murder and Meth in the High Desert.”

The book recounts the 1987 kidnapping and murder of Denise Williams, who was working as a police informant, including following the court proceedings and the lives of everyone involved — the victim, the suspect and those who investigated the case.

Wiley plans to attend Outpost Days from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday.

Live music performances

will take place at the Depot Stage throughout the weekend. The Depot Stage is actually part of the old train depot that once stood near Main Street in Marsing. It was moved to Murphy as part of the museum complex years ago.

As always, characters from

Owyhee County’s past will be on hand as OCHS members dress up in period garb.

Col. Dewey, portrayed by John Larsen, will be keeping watch at the Stamp Mill, and the School Marm (Vivian Good) will be at the schoolhouse next door to the mu-

seum whenever the school bell rings. Other characters include Farmer Bob (Bob Schaffer) and a pioneer woman (Linda Shaffer, who will be appearing at the kitchen exhibit inside the museum).

A yard sale will be held behind the museum both days.

Our Apologies...

The Marsing FFA apologizes to Christy Smith of Dreamhigh Photography for altering a picture.

Generator X

The first generator for the cabin was a six-horse Kohler that Uncle Bill bought second- or third-hand at a yard sale or an auction. With a little effort, the little engine popped to life and there was light! But that was about all as the electrical output was small and wouldn't run much of a power tool. And no amount of muffler would shut it up!

Bill bought another Kohler that was much larger, and not only was it able to run power tools, it could supply the electrical needs for all the buildings and the mine as well. It was installed in a shack by the mine, so the noise didn't matter than much. That left the little Kohler for us to experiment with.

Brother John had acquired two one-cylinder diesel engines and was able to get one running pretty well. I went out to his place to watch him demonstrate his newest mechanical marvel. He had it setting on a milk crate with a can of diesel fuel plumbed to the injector. It was started by a long hand crank that would release once it was started. Normally, it did start after a couple of turns, but for some reason the spring-loaded release didn't, and within a couple more swings of the crank, the milk crate was knocked out from under the little motor. It then clanked wildly around the shop floor like a break-dancing, one-legged iron robot bent on destroying everything in its path. Both of us just looked on as it ran into counters and equipment, dragging the



Reminiscing Owyhee memories

by
Stan
Soran

fuel tank along with it.

I was pretty much settled into being glad it wasn't my shop, but John was a little more concerned as there were two gallons of diesel fuel and the little engine got great mileage.

Like a tag team wrestler, he timed the swings of the crank and dove in to shut off the fuel valve. The berserk animal came to rest with no heavy damage done to anything.

OK, now that the functionality was established, it was time to put it to good use.

The motor and generator were mounted to an awkward heavy metal frame. A Chevrolet Vega gave up its crank flange, flywheel and starter for the experiment. The whole contraption looked pretty crude, but it was function not form we were after. We could work on points for style later. A set of pulleys and belts connected the one-lunger diesel to the generator, and the whole clumsy mess just did fit into the small shed at the back of the bunkhouse. Though it still didn't put out much wattage, it was quiet

with the large muffler and was hardly noticeable even at night. It could run all the lights and small appliances in the three cabins using almost no fuel.

All worked fine until someone plumbed the new Honda generator at the mine into the cabin at opposing phases or something and totally smoked our home-built contraption. The burnt-up generator was taken to the scrap yard and probably brought a pretty penny. I imagine that eventually there were enough strong backs available to move the rest of it to the same resting place.

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



The generator was housed in a little shed behind the bunkhouse by the Sorans' mine and camp. Submitted photo

University of Idaho Extension

Ways cow producers can maximize profit potential of their herd

Would an extra \$25 help? This was the title of an article that once appeared in BEEF magazine. The premise behind the article is that we currently live in a time of volatile input costs and cattle prices. With that said, an additional \$25 per head might not be a huge windfall but is something worth considering. The key

meet the requirements for natural programs. The potential increased value of additional weaning weight for implanted calves must be more than the premium that would be received for natural program calves. Otherwise, more would be lost than gained.

Feeding is the third key area. A different feeding approach can perhaps have the greatest influence on maximizing profit potential. In certain situations, getting more nutrients (energy) to cows with the highest risk of being "open" or calving late can pay in the long run.

Additionally, producers should evaluate options for reducing hay feeding. Stockpiling winter feed without putting it in a bale is an option worth considering. Hay meadows and other pasture ground can be managed to allow for a "stockpiled" standing feed at the end of the growing season. Stockpiled standing feed can then be rationed out to the cattle over the winter months by strip grazing.

Cattle will do very well on good quality stockpiled feed. It is also much less expensive to harvest that feed by grazing than by mechanical harvesting.

The future sustainability of your operation will be affected by the management decisions that you make. The three key areas mentioned here are good places to start. Take time to study the various options available in order to minimize input costs and maximize profit opportunities.

— 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.



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Another Breshears kids fishing day set

To honor a man who shared his love for life as a sportsman, local law enforcement personnel will take children fishing Saturday.

The 19th annual Leroy Breshears Memorial Kids Fishing Day runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday at Island Park in Marsing.

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Posse, sheriff's office and Idaho Department of Fish and Game team up each year to sponsor the event to which boys and girls in kindergarten through sixth grade can try their luck at the park's pond.

Some children are veterans at casting and reeling in a good-sized trout. Others will catch their first fish.

More than 250 boys and girls took part in the annual event last spring.

Organizers have secured sponsorships from local businesses, and bait and tackle are provided.

All young anglers must be accompanied by an adult and should strive to bring their own fishing gear.

There are a limited number of loaner rods and reels available.

The pond will close to all fishing Friday as trout provided by Fish and Game and the Posse are stocked in the pond.

There are prizes for the first fish of the day, largest fish and first boy and girl to catch their limit.

In addition to giving children a chance to experience the thrill of getting a fish on the line, the event pays tribute to Breshears, who was a longtime Hunter's Education instructor for IDFG in the Marsing area.

He was also a dedicated sheriff's Posse member, family man and advocate for getting the community's youth involved in hunting and fishing.

For more information on the fishing day, contact IDFG Sr. Conservation Officer Craig Mickelson at (208) 989-9328 or Posse president Danny Simmons at (208) 861-5411.

Jordan CWMA meeting slated

Further treatment on noxious and invasive weeds will be discussed at Monday's Jordan Valley Cooperative Weed Management meeting.

The meeting is set for 7 p.m. at the Jordan Valley CWMA office, 508 Swisher Ave., in Jordan Valley.

Treatment of specific species will be discussed, including Scotch thistle, for which the CWMA is planning spray days.

Attendees will hear an update on whitetop treatments that were carried out in May and also discuss fall medusahead treatments in the Idaho portion of the CWMA.

For more information, call (541) 586-3000 or by email at jvcwma@qwestoffice.net.



OHR's major expansion nearly complete

Construction of the Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation facility addition is in its final stages. The new building will contain six private and six semi-private rooms, and the nurses station above, as well as an area for physical and occupational rehabilitation. The project is expected to be completed on Friday, according to OHR director Melissa Truesdell.

HES to host free children's meals

School's out for summer, but that doesn't mean food services duties in the Homedale School District have concluded.

All boys and girls ages 1-18 can receive free summer meals.

Breakfast and lunch will be served at Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Wash- ington Ave., Monday through Thursday each week between Monday and June 14.

Breakfast goes from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., and lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to noon.

The Marsing School District has announced its free and reduced price meals policy for the 2018-19 school year.

Income guidelines are available to determine if a family qualifies for either a free meal or a reduced-price meal for their children.

Applications are available to all families in the district, and completed forms can be returned to the child's school for review.

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HES readers shatter records in bicycle pursuit

Masons mark seventh year of literacy campaign

Eight schoolchildren rode off into the sunset of the school year on new bicycles last Wednesday.

The big winners were selected as Homedale Elementary School celebrated a record-shattering Bikes for Books reading initiative.

The school's first- through fourth-graders read nearly 13,000 books in a three-month span this spring as part of the Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13 seventh annual literacy campaign.

Representing the Masons, George Decker saluted the voracious readers during an assembly led by HES principal Terri Vasquez. Decker pulled the names of eight children — a boy and girl from each grade — and Vasquez announced the bicycle winners.

Each child also received a helmet.

The winners included:

Fourth grade — Stella Heck, daughter of Camille and Jason Heck (Jan Silva's class), and Ezzy Escalante, son of Rebecca Lopez (Lesa Folwell)

Third grade — Lily Mitchell, daughter of Aaron and Jennafer Mitchell, and Dominick Montes, son of

Kimberly Montes (both Jaime Bahem)

Second grade — Amanda Alcantara, daughter of Rosalba Perez and Armando Alcantara (Nancy Smith) and Adrian Vega, son of Alma and Juan Vega (Laura Eubanks)

First grade — McKenzie Bell, daughter of Kathryn and Andrew Bell (Heidi Zanotelli), and Fabian Pina Martinez, son of Edith Martinez (Rebecca Albor)

Students earned tickets in the bicycle drawing for books they completed. Fourth-graders earned one ticket for every five Accelerated Reader points they earned. In the AR program, points are assigned according to the difficulty of each book.

Vasquez itemized the reading progress of each grade level during the past three years, and also announced the top readers from each grade level.

Schoolwide

The 2018 contest saw students read 12,810 books, which is more than double the number of books read in 2016. This year's total eclipsed last spring's book total of 9,030.

Fourth grade

The oldest schoolchildren in the contest read 2,690 books, exactly 300 more than a year ago and 750 more than the fourth-graders did in 2016.

The top readers in each class

were Cora McKerrow (400 books), Heck (220), Jonah Shippy (110), and Nathan Marston (100).

Third grade

This year's class read 3,070 books, nearly five times as many books as the 2016 third-graders. The current group topped last year's total by 60 books.

Top readers: Jimena Hurtado Vega (130), Brooke Love (110), and Brody Johnson and Dominick Montes (100 each).

Second grade

The 2018 group read 3,790 books, which was 1,400 more than a year ago, and 2,500 more than 2016.

Top readers: Cylas Purdom and Cain Roberts (130 each), Lily Beal, Sebastian Soto and Bronson Bothum (120 each), and Donovan Uranga, Keiser Garrett and Adrian Sanchez (100 each).

First grade

This class made the most dramatic strides, reading 2½ times as many books as their 2017 predecessors. This year's students completed 3,260 books compared to 1,300 a year ago and 2,210 in 2016.

Top readers: Calvin Love (190), Charlotte Marston (110), and Aayden Yost, Bryan Cuenca, and Isabelle Roseborough (100 each).

—JPB



This year's winners (from front): Ezzy Escalante, Stella Heck, Dominick Montes, Lily Mitchell, Adrian Vega, Amanda Alcantara, Fabian Piña Martinez, and McKenzie Bell.



The local Masons also awarded iPads to top readers at Homedale Middle School. **From left:** Skyler Parker (fifth grade), Jacqueline Zavala (sixth), Mason George Decker, Brayden Rose (seventh) and Téa Uranga (eighth). Submitted photo



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Duane Ash (center) talks about the joy of reading with Immanuel Santiago (right) as Jenessa Montes listens. Immanuel is the son of Vanessa and Isaac Santiago, and Jesessa's mom is Jennifer Ensley.

Teacher's legacy found within books' pages

Teachers and students alike say that Nancy Ash's spirit remains in a Homedale Elementary School classroom.

"I've benefitted from her wisdom, and I didn't know her that well," Jan Silva, the woman who now teaches in Ash's old classroom, said.

Ash's passion for teaching, her philosophy and her mentorship has been kept alive by teacher Teri Uria. Silva credits Uria with passing on her former colleague's legacy.

Fourth-graders are learning thanks to another driving force in Ash's approach — reading.

"If I had a dollar for every time my mother said, 'Start reading to your child before they get out of the womb,' " Drew Ash, the son of Duane and Nancy, said.

Dedicating the philanthropy to Nancy Ash, an anonymous community member recently made another donation to the school.

This time, Silva said, about \$200 was earmarked to purchase a book tied into the state's fourth-grade Idaho history curriculum.

After researching options, fellow fourth-grade teacher Stuart Emry discovered "The Story of Sacajawea, Guide to Lewis and Clark" by Della Rowland.

Several paperback copies of the biography looking at the Shoshone woman's life and impact on Meriwether Lewis and William Clark's

exploration of the American frontier in the early 19th century.

Silva said the book gives a historical account of the expedition and Sacajawea's younger days.

"It's a novelization of what Sacajawea went through (with the expedition) and what she probably did as a child," Silva said.

Silva's fourth-graders are reading the book now. Last week, the children made a cat's cradle after reading that the toy is something that Sacajawea may have enjoyed in her childhood.

In another twist of irony, Drew stood in his mother's old classroom last week and remembered that the Wheeler family — his maternal ancestors — were descendants of William Clark.

Nancy's husband, Duane, and her son, Drew, visited with students in Silva's class last Wednesday when the donation was announced. Each child had a book, and some discussed their love of reading with Duane.

Nancy Ash taught at HES for nearly 40 years. She passed away in July.

Duane said the presence of books in the classroom was a direct extension of his wife's love for gaining knowledge by turning pages.

"She was an aid reader," he said. "She read to her kids, and we have quite a book collection at home."

— JPB

Marsing third-graders help out Ronald McDonald House again

Children collect 166K tabs

Marsing Elementary students did their part to help the Ronald McDonald House Charities through its Pull Tab program.

Mary Hansen, the program chair, came to the school to receive the students' donation during a presentation ceremony in John Barenberg's third-grade classroom on May 21.

The students brought large water jugs filled with pull tabs into the room, one at a time, to the cheers of their classmates.

With each five-gallon water bottle brought in, Barenberg said, "But what if there were more?" A student would then bring in another bottle.

All told, the students brought in seven bottles of tabs, with a one-gallon storage bag thrown in for good measure.

According to Barenberg, last year three bottles of pull tabs were collected, making this year a resounding success.

Also involved in the pull tab collection was the Wilder-based Samuel C. Phillips III VFW Post 11065, which had representatives at the ceremony.

The total weight of the donation was 119 pounds, according to Hansen. She estimates each pound equals around 1,400 pull tabs for an estimated total of 166,600 pull tabs.

The \$28.25 in recycling proceeds from the donation goes into the RMHC pull tab account to help provide lodging and food for guest families whose children are staying at the nearby St. Luke's Children's Hospital or Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) in downtown Boise, among other facilities.

The students' collection drive spanned the school year, from August to May.

"Our Marsing Elementary third-graders really, really outdid themselves this year," Hansen said.

According to Hansen, the charity helped 578 Idaho families in 2017, including \$882,589 worth of lodging, meals, and support.

The RMHC of Idaho mission statement reads, "Ronald McDonald House Charities of Idaho operates the Ronald McDonald House



A Marsing third-grader places a bottle of pull tabs on the table May 21 under the direction of teacher John Barenberg. Looking on are Samuel C. Phillips VFW Post 11065 Cmdr. Daniel Carlson (left) and Mary Hansen from the Ronald McDonald House Charities.

to provide a temporary home for families of ill or injured children receiving treatment at Boise medical facilities."

It also points out that the charity invests in community health programs for children.

The most common reasons families needed to stay at Ronald McDonald House last year were premature birth and general pediatric services, accounting for over half the total of diagnoses.

Of those 578 families staying at the house on Warm Springs Avenue, 83 percent came from Idaho and 13 percent were from Oregon, with the rest being spread out all over the country, including Washington state, Texas, and Florida.

Owyhee County residents accounted for 0.5 percent of the number of families helped.

Nine days was the average stay for a family seeking assistance for a total of 4,573 room nights of lodging for guest families.

According to the documents, no child who needed to be in the hospital went without their parents at their side.

The students' efforts impressed Hansen.

"I know the word about our program will continue spreading, thanks to the generosity of the Marsing community and beyond," she said.

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Homedale Elementary students wrap up the year with field days
Above: Homedale High School students Omara Garcia (left) and Arnulfo Llamas got involved in the fun at the elementary school, playing “duck, duck, goose” during one field day. *Below:* Teacher Cam Long (far left) watches students run 100 meters. **From left:** Jacqueline Martinez, daughter of Julia and Juvenal Martinez; Imari Ortiz, daughter of Cas-sondra Daniels; Mia Badiola, daughter of Florentina and Bryan Badiola; Cora McKerrow, daughter of Jill and Justin McKerrow; and Avery Ross, daughter of Lisa and Zac Ross.



Friday storm takes out trees in Marsing
No injuries were reported, but there was slight damage when Friday’s storm-driven winds brought down quaking aspens in the Marsing yard of David and Sharon VanWassenhove. Photo courtesy Sharon VanWassenhove

Summer reading returns to Homedale

The Homedale Public Library has announced the theme for this year’s summer reading program.

From 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday June 7 through July 12, children will participate in activities themed “Libraries Rock!”

The program is open to boys and girls ages 4-12. Drop in at the library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., to sign up. Call (208) 337-4228 for information.

Activities will include:

- **June 7: Instruments** — John Zieske and some of the Homedale High School band will read a story and help children make instruments.

- **June 14: Reptiles rock!** — Reptile Adventures will make a presentation.

- **June 21: Science in Music** — Children will learn about sound waves and how they travel, and they’ll conduct science experiments.

- **June 28: Rocks!** — A visitor will explain geology to the children. There will be a rock craft and a hands-on activity

on how rocks are formed.

- **July 5: Rocking with nature** — A Deer Flat Wildlife Refuge representative visits.
- **July 12: Rock around the world** — Discussions and activities will teach about music from around the world.

Story Time sign language
During Story Time at 10:15 a.m., on Friday, DeAnn Thatcher will help tell the stories using sign language.

Thatcher will be signing while the story “Boy” by Phil Cummings is read. The story’s character is deaf.

Thatcher also will teach the children some signs.

The story “Amelia Who Could Fly,” by Mara Dal Corso, will be read, too.

The children will make clothespin airplanes afterward.

The final Teens & Tweens of 2017-18 will be held at 4 p.m. on Friday. Boys and girls ages 10-17 will engage in outdoor activities, such as water balloon relay, the gauntlet, sponge soaker, and more.

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Farmers market vendors meeting moved to Thursday

The Homedale Farmers Market mandatory vendors meeting planned for last week has been rescheduled for Thursday.

The meeting will take place at 6 p.m. at Bette Uda City Park, and comes one week before the start of the summer market season.

The Homedale Farmers Market will run at City Park from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. each Thursday through Sept. 27.

Market manager Denise Dixon cancelled last week's vendors meeting a little more than 24 hours before its scheduled start time, citing numerous cancellations because of high school graduation conflicts and the Memorial Day holiday.

Dixon said earlier that the vendor's meeting will last about an hour and will be held near the picnic area on the southwest corner of the park bordering South 2nd Street East and East Wyoming Avenue.

An Idaho State Tax Commission representative will answer questions about state tax requirements.

Kelly Berg from Southwest District Health will address Cottage Food Requirements for anyone planning to sell baked goods at the market.

Dixon also will cover market requirements and tips to being a successful vendor.

Anyone wishing to sell at the farmers market must complete a vendor application, which is available at www.homedale-farmersmarket.com under the "Join the Market" tab. Dixon said online registration will save time at this week's meeting.

Parents have until Thursday to register their children for Cultivate!, which is the market's children's nutrition program.

The educational program, which is held on Thursdays during the market, is open to first- through sixth-graders. Cultivate! registration forms were supposed to be sent home with elementary school students before the end of the school year.

There are only 25 spots available for the Cultivate! program.

BLM wild horse corrals tours offered again

Anyone interested touring the Bruneau Off-Range Wild Horse Corrals next Wednesday must RSVP by Friday.

The Bureau of Land Management plans tours at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the former Bruneau Cattle Co., property next Wednesday. This is the second year the federal agency has offered the tours.

Each tour for up to 20 people will last about two hours.

Spaces will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Call the BLM at (208) 329-4534 to sign up and receive driving directions.

Things to remember about next Wednesday's event:

- Tours start promptly at the scheduled time, so be at the facility a few minutes early or the wagon may leave will not return for late arrivals
- Bring comfortable shoes and clothes. Hats and sunscreen are recommended.
- Bring your own water
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GV Days returns with a twist

Back at the end of June, most of the festival will take place in one day

Grand View Days will continue, but most of the fun has been crammed into the final day of June.

Organizers have moved the festival back to a more traditional time of the month as most everything will take place Saturday, June 30.

The Fireman's Barbecue and fireworks will be held Saturday. In the past, those events and the first day of the softball tournament helped kick off the community get-together on Friday.

The Grand View Lions breakfast and church service will still take place on Sunday, July 1 at Lions Park.

The festivities begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 30 with the parade through town. Contact Katy Carothers at mz.katymarie@yahoo.com for more information.

The fun continues inside the park after the parade. There will be free bounce houses for children as well as concessions provided by the

Rimrock Booster Club.

Vendors interested in reserving space in the park can contact Cyndi Fullmer at (208) 599-2790 or cyndaray@hotmail.com.

Trevor Lawson is organizing the softball tournament. Call him at (208) 921-6296.

The horseshoe tournament will continue this year, but it has moved to Centennial Park and will begin at 1 p.m. Call Karlita Simper at (208) 599-0330 or Bill Mead at (208) 834-2196 for more information.

The Fireman's Barbecue will be served at 6 p.m., on Saturday at Lions Park.

New this year is a scavenger hunt, which is set for 7 p.m., on Saturday. Call Ayla Lawson at (208) 591-0946 or Robynn Hall at (208) 599-4038 for more information.

A live band will perform beginning at 8 p.m., on Saturday for the dance at Centennial Park. The Y-Bar will provide a full bar, which will be available with ID. For more information, contact Lisa Martinez at (208) 250-2600 or Jodi Jewett at theJewetts6@gmail.com.

The Grand View Days fireworks, which were set off on Friday in the past, will take to the sky at dark on Saturday.

Grazing permit meeting set Thursday

Two Rockville allotment grazing permits are the subject of a public meeting Thursday.

The Bureau of Land Management will hold the meeting from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. inside the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N.

A 30-day public scoping period ends on June 11.

Members of the public can drop by the meeting and get answers from BLM resource specialists and learn more about the process aimed at maintaining or improving land health and address resource impacts.

The BLM seeks input from the public, organizations and other interested parties to help identify potential issues that may be included in the agency's environmental analysis.

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A glimpse at Rimrock
All-1A WIC athletes

Avalanche Sports

New HHS coach
plans hoops camp

Homedale crowns senior athletes of the year

Two three-sport upperclassmen have been named Homedale High School's senior athletes of the year. Both Lainey Johnson and Jesse Packer competed in state competitions in the fall, winter and spring in their senior year. Johnson ran cross country and track and field all four years of high school. She also played girls' basketball and

softball during her career. She competed in the state meets for track and field and cross country all four years of high school. During the 2017-18 school year, Johnson attended state meets for cross country and track and field, and she was part of the Trojans squad that participated in the 3A Real Dairy Shootout girls' basketball state

tournament. During his senior year, Packer played on Homedale's 3A state playoff football team and also wrestled in the 152-pound division at the 3A state tournament in Pocatello. He capped his career as a member of the Trojans' 3A state runner-up baseball team. He played two years of varsity football.



Lainey Johnson



Jesse Packer



Homedale High School graduate Max Mertz (seated third from left) signs his letter of intent to attend Westminster College in Salt Lake City during a ceremony inside the gymnasium foyer last Wednesday. Seated, from left: Younger brother Milo, father Jamie, Max and mother Zel Mertz. Standing, from left: Assistant coaches Alex Willson, Luke Ankeny, head coach Heidi Ankeny, and assistant coach Starla Bender.

Mertz leaps at the chance to compete in college track

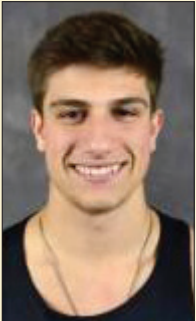
Homedale grad commits to Utah's Westminster

A year ago, Max Mertz's favorite event ended his track and field season. Now, he'll get to be a long jumper in college. Surrounded by family and coaches, the Homedale High School graduate joined the Westminster College track and field team during a signing ceremony last Wednesday. "Max is an outstanding athlete to coach. He's a great young man, and we're excited for him," Luke Ankeny, one of Max's coaches, said in opening remarks. Mertz is the third athlete from the Trojans program to move on to college athletics in the past two seasons, joining Jacob Furlott (West Valley City State University, South Dakota) and Carlie Sawyer (Spokane Falls Community College, Washington state). Homedale coach Heidi Ankeny addressed her other student-athletes when talking about Mertz's big day.

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Trojans shine in college

Homedale High School track and field alumni are making headlines in college.



Jacob Furlott



Carlie Sawyer

Carlie Sawyer is part of a collegiate championship team, and fellow freshman Jacob Furlott has been cited for the manner in which he carries himself as a student-athlete. Sawyer shared the glory last week when the Spokane Community College women's team won the Northwest Athletic Conference

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Left-handers lead HHS baseball's all-conference picks

Ben Lee misses SRV player of year by one vote

Homedale High School garnered a slew of first-teamers, predominantly sharing the all-conference baseball spotlight with regular-season champion Payette. While the Pirates were awarded both coach of the year (Tracy Bratcher) and player of the year (Bryant Gerdes), the Trojans had more top-line All-3A Snake River Valley conference players. Homedale beat Payette for the 3A District III championship and collected the second 3A state runner-up showing in coach Burke Deal's tenure. "This was a great season with great individual performances by our players," Deal said. The coach pointed out the teamwork that helped the Tro-

jans overcome two regular-season losses to the Pirates to win the district title and come within a seventh-inning rally to taking the school's first state crown in 20 years. "These boys really played well together," the longtime coach said. Left-handed pitcher Ben Lee came up one vote short in the conference player of the year voting, his coach said. "Between his effort at the plate and on the mound, Ben had an outstanding year," Deal said. "He was outstanding in the outfield as well." Lee was one of five Homedale first-teamers. He hit .437 with 19 RBI while picking up six wins with 71 strikeouts and a 1.80 earned-run average during his senior conference campaign. "Statistically, our entire team had an outstanding year," Deal said.

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Shown pitching against Payette in a March game, senior Ben Lee came up one vote shy of a player of the year designation.

Sports



Rimrock reflects on standout athletes

The Rimrock High School athletes who earned All-1A Western Idaho Conference and all-star honors during the 2017-18 school year included (from left) Michael Nanney (second-team infielder and pitcher, baseball), Mylee Meyers (honorable mention, volleyball), Valeria Lino (District III senior all-star team, volleyball and basketball; first-team, basketball; second-team, softball), Ian Burbank (utility defensive back, football), Todd Marvin (second-team infielder, baseball; honorable mention defensive back, football), Nick Lino (honorable mention defensive line, football), Dalton Allison (honorable mention offensive line, football), Sintia Varela (second-team, volleyball), Levi Nanney (first-team infielder, baseball), and Elizabeth Varela (honorable mention, softball). **Not pictured:** Christian Neilson (utility running back, football). Photo by Rachel Burk

✓ Baseball: Nine Trojans honored by 3A SRV conference coaches

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Other first-teamers included: **Drew Deal, jr.** — Deal was second among the Trojans’ all-conference players with 31 runs scored (Lee crossed the plate 36 times). The Homedale catcher batted a team-best .449 and hit a pair of home runs. He had four doubles and a triple to help build an OPS of 1.187. He also was on the mound for four victories.

Jake Collett, so. — Another left-hander, Collett was the Trojans’ leading pitcher. He won eight games, struck out 86 and posted an ERA of 1.24. At the plate, he hit .414 and had 15 RBI, just like Deal.

Clayton Wolfe, jr. — Wolfe ripped five home runs, sharing the conference lead with Payette first-teamer Zach Flannery. Wolfe had 25 RBI and scored 19 runs while also drilling six

doubles. He had a 1.115 OPS and picked four of the Trojans’ victories as a pitcher.

Jaylon Hilton, sr. — Hilton led Homedale with 28 RBI, and he scored 24 runs.

He homered once and hit .359.

Chase Stoddard, sr. — The third baseman scored 30 runs for Homedale and picked up 19 RBI. He had a pair of home runs and four doubles while

hitting .328.

The conference coaches designated three Trojans as second-teamers, including:

Wyatt Wolfe, sr. — The pitcher/left fielder hit .368 with 23 runs and 21 RBI and four doubles. He contributed two victories and 18 strikeouts on the mound.

Jesse Packer, sr. — Splitting time with Deal behind the plate, the HHS male senior

athlete of the year hit .365 with 31 runs scored and 17 RBI.

Ismael Garcia, jr. — Finishing the year at shortstop, Garcia hit .259 and scored 18 runs. Garcia had 84 chances in 29 games, and he was part of six double plays.

Homedale’s lone honorable mention selection was junior Mason Kincheloe. He hit .270 with eight runs scored and four RBI.

✓ Mertz: College offer caps comeback from harrowing hamstring injury

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“Max is a really strong example for those of you who think you might want to do something in college as far as athletics,” she said. “We’re super-excited for him.”

Located five miles outside of downtown Salt Lake City, Westminster is a NCAA Div. II school in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

After four state meets and four letterman years, Mertz chose an opportunity with the Griffins over staying close to home. He also considered The College of Idaho in Caldwell.

“I like the location and the campus a lot,” the 18-year-old son of Jamie and Zel Mertz said of Westminster.

The Griffins have ended a three-year provisional period, completing the transition from the NAIA to NCAA. Mertz will be part of the school’s first full-

fledged NCAA Div. II track team when the indoor season begins in mid-September.

“Max has a huge upside, and we look forward to developing our first triple jump recruit,” Westminster coach Dan Quinn said. “Max is an exceptional student, which is our first interest, and we hope that track can help round off his educational experience.”

The coach said Mertz’s “upbeat personality” impressed him the most when he met with his recruit.

Quinn said what other events Mertz will enter besides the jumps will be determined after indoor season training ends.

It was during his own indoor competitions that Mertz began contemplating following a similar path as Furlott. After all, just like Furlott, Mertz had forgone his senior season of basketball to concentrate on

track and field.

He had received interest from a few colleges at the tail end of his junior year, but Mertz admits he was thinking about continuing his football career at the next level.

But he realized something as he tested his healed left hamstring during the 2017 indoor season.

“I got to run with run with some guys I usually compete against,” he said.

“I just like the feeling you get when you get to the track, and they’re playing music as you warm up. It makes me happy to run.”

Running wasn’t even possible in the months after Mertz’s 2017 trip to the 3A state meet ended abruptly as he approached his first shot at the long jump at Middleton High School.

His left hamstring popped.

That injury created a cloud over the honor graduate’s final high school athletic year.

“I had trouble just bending over,” Mertz said, reflecting on the first weeks after the injury.

He wasn’t able to jog until the middle of June. Full sprints came at the end of July, only a few weeks before the start of football camp.

Everything seemed to be looking up until he injured his right hamstring early in the spring season, casting doubt on the rest of the campaign.

In fact, there would be no jumping until the District III meet in mid-May.

“I didn’t even know if I would jump at district,” he said.

Instead, Mertz kept busy competing with the Trojans’ 4x100 relay team and trying the sprints at a couple meets.

He says the relay is just behind the long jump on his favorite event list.

He returned to the long jump at the district meet. Mertz finished fourth on the Trojans’ home turf to narrowly qualify for the state meet.

Mertz would compete in four events at the state meet.

He was district runner-up in the triple jump, and was the only senior on the Trojans’ district champion 4x100 relay team. Running with a quartet that included his younger brother Milo, Mertz also reached the state meet in the 4x400 relay.

At State, Mertz’s best finish was a seventh-place showing in the 4x400. A dropped baton ended the Trojans’ chances in the 4x100, and the senior finished 11th and 12th, respectively, in the triple jump and long jump.

— JPB

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

32 years ago

May 28, 1986

Symms hits House budget on grazing fee increase

Livestock grazing on public lands in the West would be severely damaged if federal land grazing fees are allowed to double, Sen. Steve Symms told Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici (R-NM) in a letter.

Symms said the House Budget Resolution, which increased the fees from \$1.35 per Animal Unit Month (AUM) to \$2.75 per AUM “indicates a complete lack of understanding of livestock production” by the House, or “a conscious, calculated campaign to close public lands to the use of local people who have depended on them for a livelihood for generations.”

Symms, a member of the Budget Committee, told Domenici the new rate would not only cripple the range livestock industry, but, “would almost destroy many small communities and permanently mar the cultural patterns of the rural West.”

Youth wins Army Reserve award

The Army Reserve has announced that Anne-Marie Mansisor at Homedale High School has been named winner of the 1986 Army Reserve National Scholar/Athlete Award. The student was chosen by faculty and school administrators for her outstanding achievements in both academics and athletics.

A Bronze Scholar/Athlete medallion was presented to the Homedale High School student at graduation on May 20. Anne-Marie was recognized for outstanding achievements in both academics and athletics.

JV Rodeo results released

The results are in for the Jordan Valley Rodeo, held May 17-18. The winners are as follows:

Bareback: Dave Rainwater, first; Bruce Pape, second; Mont Russell, Galen Gebaur, Tony Stevenson, tied for third, fourth and fifth; Rollie Wilson, sixth.

Saddlebronc: Casey Bequeath, Brian Burford, tied for first and second; Rod Bean, third; Dave Holloway, Greg Holmes, tied fourth and fifth.

Bull riding: Louis Lequineche, first; Bret King, second; Jeff Ratcliff, Troy Potter, tied third and fourth; Jim Todd, fifth; Tim Waldron, sixth.

Cow riding: Bret Cope, first; Sam Fretwell, second; Joe Morrow, Clint Fillmore, tied for third and fourth.

Junior steer riding: Thumper Hood, first; Cory Fretwell, second; Travis Stringer, third; Sammy Flores, fourth.

All around cowboy: Wannie Mackenzie.

Hard luck cowboy: Mike Lupinache (bull riding).

Calf roping: Rich Pickett, first; Wannie Mackenzie, second; Doug Cook, third; Lonnie Wright, fourth; Bill Van Noy, fifth; Andy Bowden, sixth.

Senior barrel racing: Chris Holmes, first; Patti Miller, second; Ginger Roberson, third; Dixie Clark, Melody Mott, tied for fourth and fifth.

Junior barrel racing: Stefanie Dugger, first; Tiffany Roberson, second; Misti McDowell, third; Audrey Eddy, fourth.

Team roping: Glen Grenke and Greg Grenke, first; Dick Shenk and Sam Mackenzie, second; Wannie Mackenzie and Dave Gorley, Sr., third; Fred Eiguren and Steve Dugger, fourth; Dave Gorley, Jr. and Stacy Gorley, fifth.

Big Loop: Dale Blanthorn and Chuck Hall, first; Dennis Stanford and Pat Stanford, second; Tim Delong and John Delong, third; Jay Hoggan and Pat McGarry, fourth.

52 years ago

June 2, 1966

Area grads at U. of I. include Homedale youths

Graduating from the University of Idaho at Moscow June 12 will be Alan J. Johnstone, B.S., in Agriculture, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Johnstone, and Alfred J. Eiguren, B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Eiguren. Both are graduates of Homedale High School in 1962.

Others are Bachelor of Arts: Gerald E. Peterson, Wilder; Bachelor of Science in Pre-Medical Studies: Michael G. Morfitt, Wilder; Bachelor of Architecture: Lynn H. Messenger, Grand View; Bachelor of Science in Agriculture: Ed L. Burghardt, Grand View and Paul A. Yamamoto, Marsing; Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering: Ronald C. Agenbroad, Bruneau.

Bachelor of Law: Stephen C. Batt and James C. Morfitt, Wilder.

Bachelor of Science in Business: William H. Striegel, Grand View.

Kiwanis citizenship awards go to 2 HHS seniors

Marlen Pierce and Randolph Kotschevar were announced as the recipients of the Kiwanis citizenship awards during the special recognition banquet given in honor of the members of the Homedale High School National Honor Society. The event, hosted by the Kiwanis club, was held at the Masonic hall Wednesday evening, May 25.

Miss Pierce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pierce, and Kotschevar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kotschevar, received awards of \$100 each toward furthering their education. Miss Pierce, who was also awarded the Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship of \$100 last week, plans to enter Boise College next fall term and study for the teaching profession. She attended the Homedale schools all 12 years. Kotschevar, a certified accordion instructor, also plans to go to Boise College and major in Science. He attended the first five years at the Grand View School and the remaining years at Homedale. The scholarship presentations were made by Doyle McPherson, Kiwanis president, who also served as master of ceremonies during the evening.

The winners of the awards were selected by members of the high school faculty on the basis of citizenship, participation, sportsmanship, cooperation, leadership and scholastic achievements.

Homedale H.S. teachers make varied summer plans

Homedale High School teachers have varied plans for the summer:

Duane Ash – Mostly taking it easy. He plans on working for three or four weeks during vacation.

James Barayasarra – Plans to go to the University of Idaho on a National Science Foundation Institute grant at Moscow.

Ken Kellum – Will be working at the Terminal Ice Company in Nampa. Expects quite a bit of company this summer so will be staying pretty close to home.

Principal Darrel Reisch – Plans on working on his farm and may work elsewhere, too.

Supt. Deward Bell – He will be taking short trips in their new camper trailer. He will take his family to Banbury Hot Springs near Buhl, next weekend. He will also be on duty at the school during the summer.

Ardis Nash – Will be staying at home with her children.

Dean Vance – Omaha, Neb., teach drivers training.

Douglas Eier – Plans to attend University of Idaho summer school.

151 years ago

June 1, 1867

COURT HOUSE AND JAIL

The contract for building a Court House and Jail for Owyhee County was let on Wednesday last by the Board of County Commissioners to P.A. McMillan for \$16,850 in scrip on the County General Fund. The bids for doing the work according to the plans and specifications on file, were, J. M. Eves, \$19,750; J. B. Harper, \$17,200; P. A. McMillan, \$16,850. The ground selected is located on the east side of Jordan Creek, on Morning Star Street, near Second. The Jail is to be thirty feet by twenty-two, running back into the hill, built of hewn timber. The Court House will be two stories on top of the Jail, running back ten feet further into the hill, making the building 30x40 feet, with twenty feet walls. The first floor will be divided into three rooms, the main one being a Court room. The two smaller are designed as a District Clerk’s office and jury room. The Court room will be 30x30 feet, eleven feet high and ceiled over head – two porches in front and stairs on the side.

MRS. WALKER is scouting after Indians. Gen. Crook is busy somewhere – can’t keep track of him more than one day in a month.

FIRE MEETING

A meeting of citizens was held in the Challenge Saloon on Wednesday evening to hear the report of a Committee previously appointed to report on the best means of protecting the city from fire. The committee consisting of J. H. Robinson, H. Way and Miller reported the distance from the Knickerbocker ditch to the lower end of Washington and Second 150 feet, making 450 feet in all. They recommend the building of a cistern at the ditch 24x24 and twelve feet deep — conducted to the corner aforesaid in 4 inch iron pipes, with fire plugs at the corners and 300 feet of hose to attach, and that the whole cost is estimated at \$2,400, though bids will be received and the contract let to the lowest bidder.

RUBY SCHOOL

Rev. Sterling Hill informs us that a new school district has been formed corresponding to Road District No. 1 — the line running between Ruby and Silver and embracing all north of the lines. Sterling Hill, John M. Abbott and C. W. Moore have been selected as Trustees, and have employed Mrs. Adams at \$100 per month for five months’ term. The school opened last Monday in the Church building in Ruby.

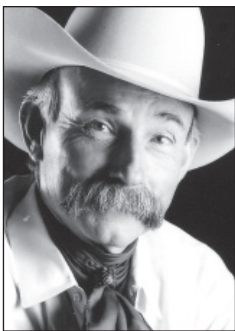
CITIZENS of Paradise and Queen River Valleys may find no consolation in being told that every Humboldt mail brings papers and letters to the Owyhee Office that should have been left at the offices in their settlements. We mention this fact that it may be known why the mails referred to are a great while reaching their destination.

INDIANS are still prowling along the road between here and Humboldt. The passengers that arrived Thursday evening report having seen their signal fires at China Caftan beyond the Owyhee River. The guard saw several Indians in close proximity to the road.

MR. BLACKINGER, of the Silver City Meat Market, informs us that he and other Owyhee butchers have lately purchased several hundred head of beef cattle. We notice with ravenous pleasure a decided improvement in beefsteaks.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense Feedlot cowboy

Let's put in good word for the feedlot cowboy. That group of fellers that meet every mornin' early at the horse barn, saddle up, get their instructions and ride off down the alley. These boys and ladies come from everywhere. Most are fair to middlin' horsemen with some sort of rural background. A few have come in from the outside, doin' ranch work. These particular buckaroos and brush poppers often have trouble adapting to a world of crowded pens, clangin' gates and speedin' feed trucks. They're used to a little slower pace, and the madhouse routine of pen checkin', processin', doctorin', sortin' and shippin' leaves 'em a little bamfoozled. Some of 'em catch on and others just float around the yard hopin' a heifer will calve or a steer will get out on the road.

A big bunch are young people who grew up around feedlots or horseshoers, rodeos, small farms or sale barns. They gravitate to bein' a feedlot cowboy. Some are naturals. They have cow savvy and a good eye. They put in their apprenticeship and work their way up to be the cattle foreman or manager someday.

There's another group who have a little college, maybe a degree, who are willin' to work and learn from the more experienced cowboys. If they don't get shot or run off by the crew, they eventually gain a position of responsibility.

Lots of feedlot cowboys are married. It's a steady job, often with housing furnished, a place to keep a horse or two and they're home every night. 'Curse there's always a few young, single bucks who sleep in the bunkhouse, stay up late and stay broke.

All of 'em complain about the mud, heat, cold, wind, sorry company horses, Holsteins, the cattle foreman, the pay, the doctorin', the cattle buyer, the no rope no dog rules and countin' with bankers.

They love harrassin' the new man, coffee in the shack, Sunday afternoons, tellin' jokes, seein' someone else get bucked off and Copenhagen.

Women, "cowpersons" if you will, are becoming more common on cowboy crews. There's never been much question that they could ride and spot sick cattle as well as a man, but we've been kind of a chauvinistic business. They're gettin' their chance now.

Abe brought a steer in to the doctorin' shack.
"Whaddya bring him in here for, Abe? He don't look sick to me!"
"He sure needs emergency surgery, Lloyd."
"What!"
"See that big ball of cow pucky hangin' on the end of his tail."
"Yea, so what?"
"It's stretched his skin so tight it's holdin' his eyelids open and he can't sleep!"

— Visit Baxter's Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features and to purchase Baxter Black books, CDs and DVDs. His newest book is "Scrambled Wisdom — Almost Isn't ... Is It."

Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee Governing for all



The dust has settled on the 2018 primary election, but the ripples created in the District 23A Idaho House of Representatives race could resonate for at least the next two years.

The voters spoke and stuck with the incumbent — Hammett Republican Christy Zito — over challenger Oscar Evans of Homedale.

It wasn't surprising: Voters stayed the course in general, re-electing incumbent Dist. 23 state Sen. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson) and — in Owyhee County — confirming assessor appointee Toni Gruenwald for a four-year term.

But the fact it was — for all intents and purposes — an incumbent sweep during some hotly contested races isn't the alarming aspect of the election.

Those paying close attention to the machinations and execution of the Dist. 23A race in particular may very well have seen a shift away from backing those who will govern for the greater good to backing those who will govern for the greatest roar.

When confronted by his opponent's supporters on his perceived weak Second Amendment stance (derived from a survey that essentially could have made him beholden to a special interest group), Evans — who for two decades had upheld the U.S. Constitution as a military pilot — had the audacity to say he would take each piece of legislation as it came and analyze how it could affect the citizenry on a whole.

For Evans, governing isn't about scorecards, but about on-the-ground impacts.

Although he is a transplant from hot, humid

Louisiana, Evans stood as a breath of fresh air for those Owyhees who have seen issues affecting their lives decided by a cabal of legislators from the northern and eastern portions of the district. Judging from the election returns, though, most Owyhee voters didn't harbor those same concerns.

Brackett was the last person to roam House chambers who could be said to have had a solid first-hand idea of how sensitive Owyhee County is to broad decisions made at the Statehouse each late winter and early spring. Since he took over in the Senate from the late Tom Gannon, there has been a succession of eastern legislators in the House who seemingly have had increasingly more narrow degrees of empathy for the Owyhee County cause.

Before the 2010 realignment, Steve Hartgen and Jim Patrick were proactive in checking the pulse of Owyhee County by checking in with the county commissioners. The line of communication between the House and Murphy weakened slightly with the arrival of Rich Wills and Pete Nielsen (thanks to the redrawing of district lines and the addition of Elmore County).

In the past two years — as implied by the county commissioners' official stance in the primary — Zito's communication has been virtually non-existent, and it showed in her voting record (at least regarding sage-grouse management; she did back efforts to convince the state to compensate Paul Nettleton and Tim Lowry).

— See *Governing*, Page 19

Americans for Limited Govt. Ending teen school violence more complex than gun bans or slogans

by Rick Manning

The world seems to be an upside-down place.

The latest example is the former Education Secretary Arne Duncan suggesting that no one goes to school in some kind of perverse strike until Congress "does something" about school violence. Of course, "doing something" is not defined in any other way than to ban guns. And since the under-aged criminal in the Santa Fe shooting used a shotgun and handgun that he stole from his home, and neither of the guns were the demonized black AR-15 semi-automatic rifles, the rhetorical narrative of the left didn't neatly fit the situation.

But that won't stop them.

As an alternative, Texas Gov. Gregg Abbott believes that aggressive social media screenings would help identify potentially troubled children before they became shooters, along with mental health screenings and metal detectors, all of which are doable first steps in securing our schools. But for those who wish to blame the gun, these common-sense approaches are seen as nothing more than eyewash.

The fact is that those who wish to use this horrific shooting to significantly curb access to firearms would create far more death and misery in the long-haul than they would ever solve. A Centers for Disease Control study confounds those who simplistically wish to

blame private gun ownership for times when firearms are criminally misused in that it states, "defensive gun uses by victims are at least as common as offensive uses by criminals, with estimates of annual uses ranging from about 500,000 to more than 3 million (Kleck, 2001a.)"

Rather than continue the silly merry-go-round of the modern debate about violence, it seems obvious that breaking outside those chains by asking a simple question, "What is different today from previous decades when these types of shootings were relatively rare?"

Teenagers today are bombarded with a dramatic increase in inputs into their brains over previous generations. Rather than passive entertainment like television, the current generation of boys and girls have millions of interactive mental inputs through video games, and their personal digital assistants allow them to listen to music or view other streaming media while making a phone call.

A 2016 National Public Radio story titled, "Heavy Screen Time Rewires Young Brains, For Better And Worse" reports about conflicts in the scientific community about the impact of video games on young brains.

"The debate centered on a study of young mice

— See *Violence*, Page 19

Commentary

Financial management

Park the project car until your finances are running smooth

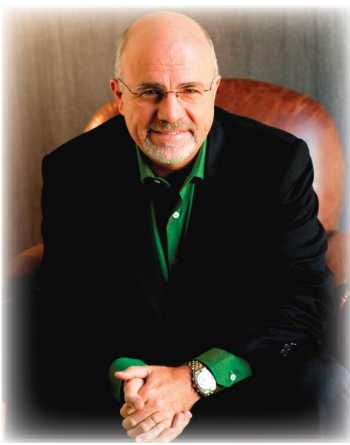
Dear Dave,
My husband has an old car that has become a real sticking point between us. He bought it for \$2,400, and it needs about \$4,000 in repairs and restoration. Together, we bring home \$50,000 a year, and I feel like this car is interfering with our ability to save money and pay off \$35,000 in debt. We already have two decent cars we drive to work, so what should I do about this?

— Stacy

Dear Stacy,
There are lots of guys out there who like shiny toys — especially cars. I get it, because I’m one of them. But these kinds of things are luxuries, and stuff like this should wait until the household and finances are in order. The family should always come first.
Dumping money into this while you two are struggling

financially doesn’t make sense. On top of that, it’s causing problems between you two on a deeper level. I’m sure your husband isn’t a bad guy, so try sitting down with him and explaining how it makes you feel. Let him know what it’s doing to your finances *and* your marriage. You might even write the financial side down, so he can see exactly what kind of shape you two are in and where the money is going.
Once you do this in a kind, but concerned manner, it may be a real eye-opener for him. On top of that, you might consider giving him a little incentive to get on board with the idea of getting your finances in order. Suggest that once the debt is gone, and you’ve got some savings in place, there might be a little extra cash on hand to help get that car up and running.
Good luck, Stacy!

— Dave



DAVE Says
by Dave Ramsey • www.davesays.org

Dear Dave,
My fiancé and I are planning to be married in less than a year. We’ve both been through your class at church, and the other night we started wondering if we should wait to have the wedding until we’re both completely debt-free. Would you give us your opinion?

— Michelle

Dear Michelle,
Congratulations! I hope you two will have long and happy lives together.
To answer your question, I don’t think there’s a reason to wait. When two people know they really love each other, they should get married whenever they feel in their hearts the time is right.
At this point, you shouldn’t be thinking about money as anything except an indicator of where you’re going. It doesn’t matter who got into debt or how, because everyone makes mistakes. But if you’re both serious about getting out of debt, living on less than you make, and are in agreement about how the dollars are going to be handled, then — where money is concerned — you’re ready to be married.
Many relationship experts say if a couple can agree on

four important things — kids, money, religion, and how to handle the in-laws — they have a great statistical chance of a happy marriage. I believe this, too. And make sure you meet with your pastor for some good, pre-marital counseling before the big day. With all this going for you, I think you two will be OK.
God bless you both!

— Dave

— *Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including The Total Money Makeover. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 14 million listeners each week on 585 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.*

✓ Governing: Hopefully needs of District 23 constituents will be heeded

From Page 18
After winning re-election, Zito seemed to double-down on her philosophy that the mountain must come to Mohammed. She told The Owyhee Avalanche that she won’t tell the commissioners what to do, but in reality, it may be that Zito doesn’t plan on altering her policy of waiting to hear from constituents and elected officials in her district rather than seeking out the voices.
Governing for a rural area doesn’t work that way. Politicians must be neighbors, and even in this day and age of special interests, the only way to be an effective representative is to get on the ground and maybe even get your hands dirty in a good way by shaking a few hands and listening — to what every one has to say.

Owyhee mirrors Idaho

A look at how Owyhee County’s voting stacked up against that of the state in the primary:

Governor
GOP winner: Brad Little. Owyhee votes: Little (by 33 votes over Raul Labrador)
Democratic winner: Paulette Jordan. Owyhee votes: Jordan (by 33 votes over A.J. Balukoff)
Lieutenant governor
GOP winner: Janice McGeachin. Owyhee votes: McGeachin (by 101 votes over Marv Hagedorn)
Democratic winner: Kristin Collum. Owyhee votes: Jordan (by 122 votes over Jim Fabe)
First Congressional District
GOP winner: Russ Fulcher. Owyhee votes: Fulcher (more than 2-to-1 over Dave Leroy)
Democratic winner: Christina McNeil. Owyhee votes: McNeil (by 80 votes over James Vandermass)

✓ Violence: Securing schools — not banning guns — is first step in safety

From Page 18
exposed to six hours daily of a sound and light show reminiscent of a video game. The mice showed “dramatic changes everywhere in the brain,” said Jan-Marino Ramirez, director of the Center for Integrative Brain Research at Seattle Children’s Hospital.
“Many of those changes suggest that you have a brain that is wired-up at a much more baseline excited level,” Ramirez reported. “You need much more sensory stimulation to get [the brain’s] attention.”
While there seems to be evidence to support the logical conclusion that how young people spend their time impacts how their brains are wired, what is unknown is whether this rewiring is somehow connected to the seeming spate of shootings.
Another factor that is different than the past is that the family structure — and particularly the absence of fathers in many homes when kids are growing up — is something that today’s young men have to deal with at an unprecedented level. The lack of discipline or perhaps even just instability because of the

disintegration of the nuclear family might play a role in the disaffection that these teen shooters act upon.
Does the ongoing war on males with the increased emphasis on so-called gender fluidity cause, for some developing males, an increased sense of being an outcast, creating the formula for this new generation of teen shooters? What role does bullying play?
And do the common use of psychotropic drugs on kids, particularly boys, at earlier and earlier ages have unforeseen impacts where the side effects are worse than the cure?
The truth is that none of us know the answers to these questions. And until we come to grips with these questions and begin to honestly try to find the answers, the circle of pain will continue. And recriminations will flow without any real answers to the underlying question, “What is wrong with these kids?”
Instead of engaging in knee-jerk screaming matches, our youth deserve that our nation have an adult conversation about the causes of these violent

outbursts. And until we dig deeper than sloganeering for public policy solutions, we will be counting tragedies, asking why and wondering why no one is doing anything that seemingly works.
If America is to do something, it needs to be the right thing. And to do the right thing, we need a lot more information on what triggers these young men. Failing to nail down the root causes of violence will leave authorities grabbing at air as they seek public policy solutions.
Our kids and our nation are too important to engage in emotion-based decisions that will fail as the underlying causes of violence are ignored. We need solutions that address the actual problems rather than creating feel-good, doomed-to-fail reactions.
In the meantime, it makes sense to secure our schools as Gov. Abbott suggests as a first step as we grapple with the tough questions that might reveal a much larger challenge than anyone ever dreamed.
— *Rick Manning is the president of Americans for Limited Government.*

Public notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that a public hearing will be held before the Homedale City Council on Wednesday, June 13th, 2018 at 6:00 pm at Homedale City Hall, 31 West Wyoming Ave. Homedale, Idaho.

The subject matter of this hearing is the Application for Special Use Permit filed by Ernesto Property, LLC requesting that they be allowed to build two townhomes at 301 W. Owyhee Ave., Lots 1-4 of Block 26, Homedale, Idaho.

The public is invited to attend and offer input.

Alice E. Pegram
City Clerk
City of Homedale
5/30,6/6/2018

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ZONE CHANGE

Please Take Notice: Marsing City Council will conduct a public hearing on June 13, 2018 at 7:00 pm at Marsing City Hall, 425 Main St., Marsing, Idaho to consider a request by Harvey and Pat Grimme, applicant and property owner, for a **zone change from Residential to Commercial/Industrial**. The three subject parcels are located at 111 2nd Ave. West, Marsing ID 83639, further described as follows:

1) Lots 16 through 20 inclusive of Block 15 of the Revised Townsite of Butte, now the City of Marsing ID

2) Lots 1 through 9 inclusive of Block 15 of the Revised Townsite of Butte, now the City of Marsing ID AND Lot 10, 11 and 12, Block 2 of Volkmer -Motzko's First Addition to the Village of Marsing LESS the following described parcel: Commencing at the SE corner of Lot 10 Block 2 Volkmer-Motzko's First Addition to Marsing ID, the point of beginning: thence west 69.9 feet along the south line of said Lot 10; thence north 99.19 feet parallel to the east lines of Lots 10 and 11 of said Volkmer-Motzko Addition; thence S89d42'20"E 69.9 feet to a point on the east line of said Lot 11; thence South 98.83 feet along the east lines of said Lots 11 and 10 to the point of beginning.

3) Part of Lots 10 and 11 Block 2 of Motzko Addition to Marsing more particularly described to wit: Commencing at the SE corner of Lot 10 Block 2 Volkmer-Motzko's First Addition to Marsing ID, the point of beginning: thence west 69.9 feet along the south line of said Lot 10; thence north 99.19 feet parallel to the east lines of Lots 10 and 11 of said Volkmer-Motzko Addition; thence S89d42'20"E 69.9 feet to a point on the east line of said Lot 11; thence South 98.83 feet along the east lines of said Lots 11 and 10 to the point of beginning.

The application for rezone is on file at the Marsing City Hall where it may be reviewed during regular business hours. The file will contain materials relevant to the request, the contents of which may change prior to the date of the hearing.

All persons desiring to be heard should appear at this hearing. Written testimony may be sent to Marsing City Hall, PO BOX 125, Marsing, Idaho, 83639. Written testimony must be received no later than June 13, 2018 by 5:00

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Regular Board Meeting of the above named School District will be held on the 11th day of June, 2018 at the school office in said district, at which meeting there shall be a public hearing at 7:00 P.M. on the maintenance and operation budget for the forthcoming school year and the amended maintenance and operation budget for the current school year.

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

This regular meeting and budget hearing is called pursuant to Idaho Code § 33-801, as amended. Dated this 23rd day of May, 2018.

SUMMARY STATEMENT -- AMENDED 2017-18 SCHOOL BUDGET AND 2018-19 SCHOOL BUDGET
ALL FUNDS

	GENERAL M & O FUNDS					ALL OTHER FUNDS				
	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2015-16	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2016-17	CURRENT BUDGET 2017-18	AMENDED BUDGET 2017-18	PROPOSED BUDGET 2018-19	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2015-16	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL 2016-17	CURRENT BUDGET 2017-18	AMENDED BUDGET 2017-18	PROPOSED BUDGET 2018-19
REVENUES:										
Beginning Balances	(1,106,114)	(1,195,201)	(831,279)	(1,193,790)	(920,717)	(1,729,319)	(1,818,952)	(1,671,213)	(1,832,982)	(711,099)
Local Revenue	(379,636)	(349,970)	(349,632)	(364,791)	(385,693)	(784,922)	(832,869)	(921,529)	(906,400)	(1,093,972)
County Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Revenue	(6,091,701)	(6,395,007)	(6,649,585)	(6,877,032)	(6,911,149)	(134,596)	(165,514)	(196,691)	(228,969)	(248,205)
Federal Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	(975,943)	(947,533)	(832,318)	(929,811)	(920,178)
Other Sources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(11,000)	-
Transfers	(30,142)	(30,339)	(22,365)	(25,928)	(26,316)	(485,590)	(277,636)	(183,315)	(527,611)	(181,609)
TOTALS	7,607,593	7,970,517	7,852,861	8,461,541	8,243,875	4,110,370	4,042,504	3,805,066	4,436,773	3,155,063
EXPENDITURES:										
Salaries	3,553,249	3,798,929	4,136,838	4,116,913	4,351,387	526,653	559,388	570,732	612,011	563,770
Benefits	1,333,254	1,434,628	1,606,515	1,587,843	1,670,149	231,719	245,197	249,723	252,745	250,642
Purchased Services	1,087,636	1,062,601	1,306,661	1,356,806	1,364,909	89,991	73,444	83,690	119,378	185,404
Supplies & Materials	229,971	258,179	284,525	290,251	280,415	306,966	286,933	283,929	319,415	325,209
Capital Outlay	72,361	105,889	61,310	63,125	63,306	309,038	406,934	1,515,513	1,903,998	1,328,114
Debt Retirement	-	-	-	-	-	392,798	391,706	393,951	393,951	-
Insurance & Judgments	54,374	54,374	55,463	55,463	58,237	67	67	67	67	69
Transfers	74,166	81,357	80,582	81,620	81,499	441,566	226,618	125,098	471,919	126,426
Contingency Reserve	-	-	320,967	417,700	373,973	-	-	-	-	-
Unappropriated Balances	1,202,582	1,174,560	-	491,820	-	1,811,572	1,852,217	582,363	363,289	375,429
TOTALS	7,607,593	7,970,517	7,852,861	8,461,541	8,243,875	4,110,370	4,042,504	3,805,066	4,436,773	3,155,063

Faith K. Olsen

Faith K. Olsen, Business Manager
5/30/2018

pm.

Dated this 7th day of May, 2018
5/23,30/2018

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Marsing Rural Fire District invites you to submit sealed qualifications for CM/GC Services for Construction of Fire Sub-station, to be located on the corner of Marsing Road and Walker Lake Road in Caldwell, Idaho. Qualifications will be received at the Marsing Fire House located at 303 Main Street, Marsing, Idaho until June 11, 2018, 4:00 p.m., local time. To request a copy of the Request for Qualification email marsingfiredistrict@yahoo.com.

5/30/2018
HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT
FY- 2018 SEAL COATS
ADVERTISEMENT
FOR BIDS

The Homedale Highway District is calling for bids for the seal coating of approximately 14.5 miles in the District. The bids must be delivered to the District on or before 5:00 p.m. MDT, 7/5/2018, either personally or by mail to: P.O. Box 713, Homedale, Idaho 83628, or hand delivered to 102 E. Colorado Avenue, Homedale ID 83628.

The sealed bids shall be opened at a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. MDT, 7/11/2018, at the Homedale Highway District office located at 102 E. Colorado Avenue, Homedale Idaho 83628.

For more information, and bid packets, contact Stewart Constantine at 208-337-3500, or Terri Uria at 208-249-1118. The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept the bid deemed best or to reject any or all bids and to waive any technicality.

5/30,6/6/2018

Terri Uria
Secretary
05/23,30/2018

NOTICE OF HEARING
CASE NO. CV-37-18-00164
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
IN RE: RONALD VAN HOOK

A petition to change the name of RONALD VANK HOOK (MOORE), now residing in the City of Melba, State of Idaho, has been filed in District Court in Owyhee County, Idaho. The names will change to VAN HOOK. The reason for the change in names is: was born Van Hook, adopted as Moore. Changed name back to Van Hook July 18, 1987 and have been Van Hook since.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 10:30 o'clock a.m.

NOTICE OF FEE INCREASES

The Homedale Jt. School District #370, Canyon and Owyhee Counties, proposes to increase the following fees by an amount that exceeds one hundred five percent (105%) of the fees charged this year. The proposed percentage increase of the fees is listed below.

Fee	Current (2017-18) Fee	Next Year (2018-19) Fee	Percent Increase
Elementary Lunch	\$1.75	\$1.85	5.72%
M.S. & H.S. Lunch	\$2.00	\$2.10	5.00%

This fee is being increased due to Federal Regulations.

All citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the increased fees request. The hearing will be held on June 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Homedale School District Board Room, 116 East Owyhee, Homedale, Idaho.

Faith K. Olsen
Business Manager

on June 18, 2018 at Owyhee County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

Date: May 7, 2018
Deputy Clerk of the District Court, Brenda Stimpson
5/16,23,30,6/6/2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CASE NO. CV37-18-00117
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 CHARLES LESLIE TURNER, 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 in care of Russell G. Metcalf, Metcalf Law Office, P.O. Box 385, Homedale, Idaho 83628, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 26th day of April, 2018.

Jennifer Turner, personal representative
c/o Russell G. Metcalf
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 385
Homedale, ID 83628
(208) 337-4945
5/16,23,30,6/6/2018

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Public notices

NOTICE OF PROPOSED BUDGET HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, Pursuant to Idaho Code 33-801 that regular meeting and hearing will be held by the Trustees of Pleasant Valley School District No. 364 on June 12, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at the Pleasant Valley School, 28026 Juniper Mountain Road, Owyhee County, Idaho. A copy of the budget is available for inspection in the School District Office by the public during office hours and shall remain available until the hearing. A summary of the 2018-2019 proposed budget is attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein as if set forth in full herein and being posted and published with the NOTICE OF PROPOSED BUDGET HEARING. The meeting and hearing are open to the public. The public is welcome and invited to attend and submit testimony. Time limit for testimony may be set forth by the Board of Trustees at the time of the meeting.
Rene’ Maestresjuan, Administrator
5/30/2018

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that a public hearing will be held before the Homedale City Council on Wednesday, June 13th, 2018 at 6:00 pm at Homedale City Hall, 31 West Wyoming Ave. Homedale, Idaho.
The subject matter of this hearing is the Application for Special Use Permit filed by Kimberly Stebly dba Teaching World requesting that she be allowed to operate a preschool and daycare in the Presbyterian Church located at 320 N 6th St. West, Lots 3-8 of Block 8, Homedale, Idaho.
The public is invited to attend and offer input.
Alice E. Pegram
City Clerk
City of Homedale
5/30,6/6/2018

SUMMARY STATEMENT 2018 - 2019 SCHOOL BUDGET								
ALL FUNDS								
Pleasant Valley School District #364								
REVENUES	GENERAL M & O FUND				ALL OTHER FUNDS			
	Prior Year Actual 2015-2016	Prior Year Actual 2016-2017	Prior Year Actual/Budget 2017-2018	Proposed Budget 2018-2019	Prior Year Actual 2015-2016	Prior Year Actual 2016-2017	Prior Year Actual/Budget 2017-2018	Proposed Budget 2018-2019
Beginning Balances	190799	222105	238815	249322	32253	26210	41512	29367
Local Tax Revenue	13025	8815	10328	10641		3600	3600	3600
Other Local	4614				4003			
County Revenue								
State Revenue	226525	233852	248459	271341		656	656	9640
Federal Revenue					13160	13275		
Other Sources		893						
Totals	\$434,963.00	\$465,665.00	\$497,602.00	\$531,304.00	\$49,416.00	\$43,741.00	\$45,768.00	\$42,607.00
EXPENDITURES	Prior Year Actual 2015-2016	Prior Year Actual 2016-2017	Prior Year Actual/Proposed 2017-2018	Proposed Budget 2018-2019	Prior Year Actual 2015-2016	Proposed Actual 2016-2017	Proposed Actual/Budget 2017-2018	Proposed Budget 2018-2019
Salaries	67408	92220	107078	108753	11614	11614	0	0
Benefits	22332	34309	41770	34593	13097	11988	0	0
Purchased Services	100896	79891	85082	121810	3337	5000	5050	10000
Supplies & Materials	4209	4683	10100	10100	1742	3000	3000	3978
Capital Outlay	2983	2825	4250	5750	1987	500	650	3000
Debt Retirement								
Insurance & Judgments	6461	12922	0	7107				
Transfers (net)	8571				8571			
Contingency Reserve								
Unappropriated Balances	222,103.00	238,815.00	249,322.00	243,191.00	26,210.00	11,639.00	37,068.00	25,629.00
Totals	\$434,963.00	\$465,665.00	\$497,602.00	\$531,304.00	\$66,558.00	\$43,741.00	\$45,768.00	\$42,607.00

A copy of the School District Budget is available for public inspection at the District's Administrative or Clerk's Office.

5/30/2018

SUMMONS
CASE NO. CV2017-01308
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT OF THE
STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND
FOR THE COUNTY OF
OWYHEE
COLLECTION BUREAU,
INC., an Idaho corporation,
Plaintiff, -vs- JAMES BURDINE
and BRANDI M BURDINE,

Individually, and as Husband and Wife, Defendants.
TO: THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S): CASE NO, CV2017-01308 SUMMONS FOR SERVICE BY PUBUCATION
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HHS plans girls’ basketball camp

The Homedale High School girls’ basketball program will play host to a youth camp Monday through next Wednesday.

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Camp times are 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. each day. The camp cost of \$30 includes at T-shirt. Make checks payable to Homedale High Athletics Girls’ Basketball.

For more information, contact new HHS girls’ basketball coach Cam Long at clong@homedaleschools.org or (208) 899-5266.

✓Trojans: Sawyer’s team win conference; Furlott saluted as champion of character

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championship at Clackamas Community College in Gresham, Ore. The meet ended May 22.

Sawyer attends Spokane Falls Community College, and the track and field program draws talent from both schools in the community college district.

The freshman finished fifth in her preliminary heat for the women’s 100 meters. She was clocked at 13.04 seconds.

Sawyer also competed in the long jump (4.82 meters) and the triple jump (9.96 meters).

Furlott capped his first year with the Valley City State University program in South Dakota as a North Star Athletic Association Champion of Character.

The award recognizes athletes who exhibit core values of integrity, respect, responsibility, sportsmanship and servant leadership.

Valley City State track and field coach Chris Johnson nominated the true freshman for the award.

Furlott earned all-conference nods earlier this month when he finished third in the 100- and 200-meter sprints to help the Vikings men’s team finish third at the NSAA championship meet.

Furlott raced to an 11.2-second time in the 100 and posted a 22.83 in the 200.

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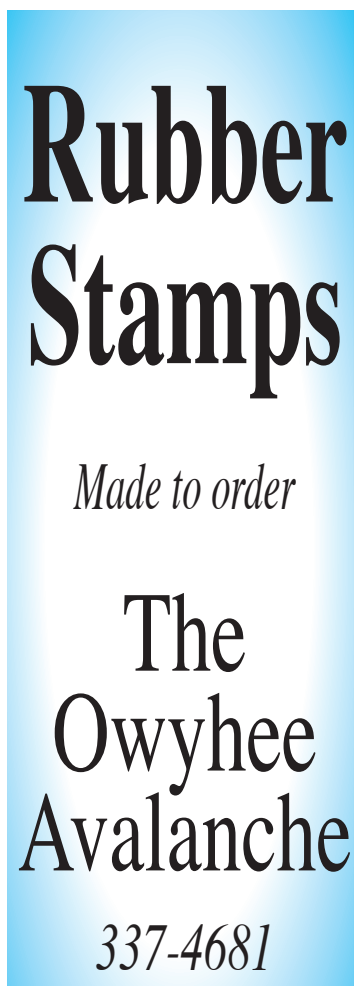
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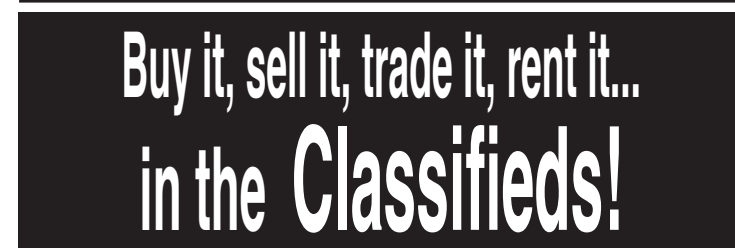
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