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Above: Friends and volunteers gather at the Homedale boat dock during the first full day of the search for Adrian Monreal. **Below, counter-clockwise from left:** Sheriff Perry Grant, Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman, Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller, and Posse member Travis Hyer discuss search efforts before launching a boat Thursday morning.

Community rallies after Snake River boating accident

Homedale High graduate's body recovered Sunday

Even as it was breaking because of tragedy, Homedale's heart shone through with teamwork.

Hundreds of volunteers flocked to the town's Snake River boat dock for four days last week after a recent Homedale High School graduate went missing after the boat he was in was swamped last Wednesday night.



Adrian Monreal

The body of the 19-year-old man, identified by the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office as Adrian Monreal Rubio, was recovered from the water Sunday morning across the river from River Bend Golf



Course, nearly two miles west of Homedale, according to sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman.

"We would like to extend condolences to the family and friends of Adrian," the sheriff's office wrote in Sunday's press release.

"In addition, the tireless efforts of all volunteers to give peace to the family are greatly

— See *Accident*, page 16



Volunteers skim across the Snake River west of the Homedale boat dock on Thursday (foreground) as Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller searches the riverbank near Helton's Island in a boat piloted by Homedale resident Kevin Ensley.

Lights, camera, demolition!

Cast of upcoming TV show crashes Lions Club derby

The Homedale Lions Fourth of July Demolition Derby is going international this year, and mayhem most likely will ensue.

A group of seven drivers from two states and a Canadian province have signed up for next Wednesday's 37th annual smash-up, and they're bringing a TV crew.

Jim "Gumby" Simko, also known as the Stormin'

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A rundown of the main event and other events surrounding the Homedale Lions Club Demolition Derby.

Mormon, is the ringleader for a group of derby veterans who

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Numerous vendors ready for Marsing's Third of July event

Lions BBQ, Sandbar shuttle make return

Marsing's annual Third of July Fireworks Extravaganza is set to run from 6 p.m. to midnight on Tuesday at Island Park.

The event, coordinated by

the town's Chamber of Commerce, will include vendors both old and new.

The Sandbar Restaurant with a Cause will provide shuttle service to Island Park from the high school gymnasium parking lot. Handicap parking only will be allowed in Island Park. Other visitors

— See *Marsing*, page 5

Local golfer reaches prestigious jr. tourney

Daniel Uranga's golf career keeps drawing him to the southeastern United States.

Two and a half years after visiting Augusta National for the USGA's Drive, Chip and Putt Nationals, the 16-year-old has qualified for the oldest junior golf national tournament in the U.S.

Although he lost a playoff at the Trusted Choice Big I Junior Qualifier last Wednesday,



— See *Golfer*, page 17 Daniel Uranga



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Busy derby day descends on Homedale next week

Lions’ 37th annual fundraiser crowns Fourth full of activity

With an action-packed evening planned, the start time of the Homedale Lions Fourth of July Demolition Derby has been moved up.

Next Wednesday’s 37th annual derby begins with a grand entry at 5:30 p.m., inside the Owyhee County Fairgrounds rodeo arena.

The gates open at 3:30 p.m.

Derby organizers continue to concentrate on safety upgrades as the event chugs toward its fifth decade.

The erstwhile boundary logs that ring the arena floor are being replaced this year with concrete jersey barriers.

Lions Club president Will Pryor said the addition of concrete barriers will cut down on the chances of derby cars leaving the arena. A couple of times in recent years, cars have either jumped the logs or have been pushed over the

logs because of the impact of another vehicle. In both instances, spectators were injured.

One log will remain in place to allow quick access to the arena in between heats, but all spectator areas will be fronted by the jersey barriers next Wednesday.

Farm Bureau Insurance is sponsoring the championship final again this year, and the derby will feature a compact car heat for drivers 16 and older as well as a Power Wheels heat for young boys and girls.

There are some new faces in the field this year, including Homedale residents Alfredo Castro, Amy Fossette, and Jason Puri, Caldwell’s Jose Mendoza and Craig Bailey, and Greenleaf driver Tom Needham.

Although Needham is new to the Homedale event, he’s no stranger to derby life.

He said he competed

in demolition derbies at Meridian Speedway and in Emmett about 30 years ago, and he also toured with a monster truck series.

Needham plans to enter a 2006 Dodge Charger, which triggered a quick vote by the Lions Club membership during the June 20 drivers meeting. The Charger is fuel-injected, so organizers had to create a waiver for Needham. In the past, only vehicles whose engines are fed with carburetors have been allowed into the field.

The Lions Club has decided to give spectators a chance to show their appreciation for the top drivers in the event.

This year, donation buckets will be placed at the front gate and the concession stand so fans can help build the prize money for Twisted Metal and Road Rage awards, which recognized the hardest hit and most aggressive driver during the derby.

Tickets for the Homedale derby are on sale online

either through the Homedale Lions Club Facebook page (click the “Tickets” link on the left side) or at Ticketbud.com (search for 37th annual Homedale Lions Club Demolition Derby).

Ticket prices (including service charges) range from \$21.97 for the covered grandstand (A section) to \$16.73 for the B section (grandstand side, uncovered) and \$13.58 for the C section (beer garden side).

Derby organizers have worked hard to have events throughout the day in Homedale this year, too.

- For the second consecutive year, a parade open to all entrants will travel west down Idaho Avenue from the Homedale High School parking lot.

The parade will feature trailered demolition derby cars, horse entries, classic cars, tractors and any other themed floats.

Anyone who wants to be in the parade can bring their entry to the HHS parking lot when lineup begins at 8:30 a.m.

The parade will push off at 9 a.m.

Call Elly Wass at (208) 981-7167 or Larry Wass at (208) 941-1813 or email

wass0401@gmail.com for parade entry information.

- The inaugural Believe Pulling Sled truck pull will be held at 1 p.m. at the fairgrounds. Registration will run from 10 a.m. to noon, and there are categories for stock and modified pulling vehicles. The entry fee is \$35 plus \$15 per person for additional support staff.

Spectator admission for the first-time event is free.

For more information, call (541) 212-4123.

- From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the grassy area between the fairgrounds midway and the rodeo arena, a benefit corn hole tournament will be held. The entry fee is \$10, and proceeds will help the HHS cheerleading and boys’ basketball programs.

Cash prizes include \$100 for the champion, \$75 for second place and \$50 for third place.

Call Johnny at (208) 9654428 or Evonne at (208) 9193919 for corn hole tournament information.

- The City of Homedale is sponsoring a large fireworks show that will light up the sky above the fairgrounds after the derby consolation heat and trophy presentation ceremony.

Man arrested at Jump Creek on felony warrants

A Nampa man is being held in the Owyhee County Jail after being found in the Jump Creek Recreation Area early Saturday morning.

An Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputy was searching for people in Jump Creek after-hours when he happened upon three people just after 5 a.m. in a Chrysler 300 in the popular recreation area.

The 35-year-old driver, William Satterfield, was found to have two felony warrants from different counties, ac-

cording to sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman.

Satterfield was wanted on a \$100,000 Canyon County warrant for unlawful possession of a firearm. He also had a \$25,000 Gem County warrant for failure to appear to face a driving under influence charge.

Satterfield, a second adult male and an adult female were charged with infractions for being at Jump Creek outside regular hours. Regular hours run from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., seven days a week. — TK

Homedale Lions Club 37th Annual DEMOLITION DERBY

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At the Fairgrounds • 11 am - 2 pm • \$10 entry - 1st Prize \$100!
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BLM sage-grouse plan open house draws small turnout

There was a notably small turnout for Thursday’s public meeting on the Bureau of Land Management’s proposal to align its sage-grouse conservation plan with the state’s strategy.

“I’m a little disappointed there weren’t more people who showed up,” Owyhee County Dist. 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland said.

BLM Idaho sage-grouse lead Jon Beck estimates there were about 15 attendees during the two-hour public meeting at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center.

The meeting was structured to allow citizens with questions about the changes to come in at any point during the event to get answers about the proposed changes.

Although the attendance wasn’t what he had hoped for, Hoagland was pleased with the proposed changes, which aim to align the federal plan with the state plan that Gov. C. L. “Butch” Otter’s task force came up with years ago.

Hoagland was one of the task force members.

“The big things for this plan is doing away with the sage-



Jon Beck (right), BLM’s Sage Grouse Lead, discusses the collaborative process time table for the Greater sage grouse conservation changes with an interested citizen on Thursday at Marsing’s Phipps-Watson American Legion Community Hall.

brush focal areas,” he said. “It’s just another unnecessary layer of bureaucracy.”

He also was glad to see that the BLM could drop livestock grazing from a primary threat to sage-grouse habitat to a secondary threat.

“Our intent is to align BLM plan with the state plan,” Beck said.

In aligning the plans, the following issues were discussed:

- **Modifying habitat boundary designations** — This will allow flexibility to adjust the habitat manage-

- **Modifying lek buffers on a landscape level** — The state contends that flexibility in lek buffer application should be based on site-specific information, habitat quality, and type of development, not a one-size-fits-all approach.
- **Changing requirements for design features** — Some see the current plan’s required design features appendix (RDFs) as redundant, unclear, and inflexible.
- **Modifying decisions for livestock grazing commensurate with the threat posed** — The state contends that the issue of improper livestock grazing is a secondary threat in Idaho that should be managed using existing regulations. The government’s 2015 plan elevates the threat of grazing.
- **Modifying the BLM plan’s mitigation strategy to align with the state’s mitigation strategy, including standard for no net loss** — Information posted at last week’s meeting stated that the net gain mitigation standard is an elusive standard and creates no certainty to project proponents. The state can find no clear authority for the fed-

eral agencies to require a net conservation gain standard.

Also discussed were effects comparisons for “no-action alternative” and “management alignment alternative.”

A no-action alternative would limit development in habitat management areas (HMA) with buffers, RDFs, screening criteria, and a net conservation gain mitigation standard.

Changes brought by the management alignment alternative (a k a plan alignment) would increase flexibility for development in important habitat management areas (IHMA) and general habitat management areas (GHMA), potentially removing Greater sage-grouse habitat after a thorough review of the screening criteria.

Examples of no-action and management alignment comparisons were given for minerals, livestock grazing, wild horse and burro, and recreation as well.

The public comment period ends on Aug. 2. The final environmental impact statement will be completed by September and the record of decision by October.

— TK

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Business takes advantage of Chamber program



Before (left): Even after the name change, the restaurant carried the old Owyhee Lanes sign. **After (right):** Workers installed new signage recently to align the restaurant with the official (and colloquial) name. Submitted photos

With a nod to the restaurant’s past, new signs were installed at the Bowling Alley recently.

The new signage is part of the restaurant and bowling facility revitalization carried out as part of the Helping Homedale beautification project launched by the Homedale Chamber of Commerce.

Business owner Donna Marose said Homedale-based Voodoo Graphics was contracted to design the sign, which retains a font reminiscent of the old Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant sign that had been on top of the building since about 1960.

Donna and Mike Marose were forced to change the name of the restaurant when they reclaimed ownership of the business in 2016.

Donna said the revitalization will continue with exterior paint and restoration of the iconic bowling pin and bowling ball on the roof above the bowling center’s entrance.

The Maroses plan to use the Chamber of Commerce match money before the entire project is completed, Donna said.

Each year, the Helping Homedale project will use a fraction of a \$22,000 fund donated to the Chamber after the dissolution of the Homedale Development Co.

The money will be used to match beautification investments by town businesses to encourage storefront improvements. All businesses — not just those that belong to the Chamber — are eligible for the program.

The 50 percent match is

capped at \$250 for each business.

For more information on the Helping Homedale program, contact Chamber president Gavin Parker at (208) 337-3271 or gsparker72@yahoo.com.

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From page 1

✓ Marsing: Several vendors set for Monday celebration at Island Park

must park in public places around town.

The Marsing Lions Club will present its annual fundraiser barbecue.

The menu includes Traeger cross-rib chuck roast, homemade beans, homemade potatoes, rolls and coleslaw.

The prices are: \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$5 for younger than 12, and 5 and younger eat free.

Other vendors for this year's event include:

- The Bureau of Land Management
- Hope House
- Idaho Central Credit Union
- K & R Kettle Corn
- King Taco Charros
- Mama Celia's
- Maria Cruz
- Marsing High School cheer
- Maui Wowie
- The Pour House
- Wilderness Wireless, providing free WiFi

- 4-H
- Marsing Chamber of Commerce

There will be two vendors set up on the north side of the bridge:

- Kona Shaved Ice
- WeeNee Wagon

The Chamber of Commerce will sell raffle tickets for a Kate Hynes original painting and a Dale Curtis wooden bench. The raffle drawings will happen next Wednesday morning.

The proceeds from the Marsing Lions barbecue will go toward eye tests and glasses for the community, the Easter egg hunt, and to help with the fireworks. The barbecue will begin at 6 p.m. and will continue until the food is gone.

This year's event sports a new electronic board that automatically sets off the fireworks, which will help the show be more consistent and safe, according to Chamber president Julie Scheu-Franklin. The

board was purchased by the Marsing Fire Department.

Donations are still being accepted for help with the fireworks and will be accepted Tuesday at the park, as well. In-person payments can be dropped off at Marsing City Hall at 425 W. Main St., or mailed to Marsing Chamber of Commerce at P.O. Box 247, Marsing, ID 83639.

For more information, call Scheu-Franklin at (208) 859-2087. — TK

✓ Derby: Reality television show's filming will include local drivers

are ramping up a reality TV show called Mayhem Racing.

"It's going to be a lot of fun, and it's good for Homedale because when everybody sees it (on TV), it's going to be a blip on the map," Simko said.

The Homedale Lions Club recently finalized a contract with the derby drivers and the production company developing the new show.

Simko said the Homedale derby will be the second episode of the show's first season early next year. The 13-episode season will air on MavTV and possibly other networks.

In addition to Simko, six other derby drivers who are part of the TV show will be in town.

And these drivers, some of whom were on Simko's one-year reality show "Kings of Crash" on Velocity six years ago — are no strangers to the winner's circle.

• Stan McDonald from Monroe, Ga., won the California Mid-Winter Fair and Fiesta derby in early March in Southern California. He was driving a car called the Angry Peach in Imperial, Calif.

• Randy Makowsky of Vancouver Island, British Columbia, also has a championship under this belt this year. The Canadian won the Baker Bros. Performance Total Destruction event June 9 at Western Speedway in Victoria, B.C.

The rest of the band of drivers includes:

• Anthony Trippler of Logan, Utah, who is nicknamed Redbeard for a hirsute reason that Simko says will be fairly obvious fairly quickly to

Homedale derby fans.

• Johnny Gullo of West Haven, Utah, who also starred in the Kings of Crash and is part of the Stirrin' Dirt racing team with Simko.

• Colter Wilker from Cache Valley, Utah, who is called "Young Guns" and drives for Team Trump.

"He's hilarious," Simko said.

• Paul Cox, a Glendale, Utah driver whom Simko said earned back-to-back hardest hit in the country distinctions a couple years ago.

"I would say we're more experienced than anything," Simko said in summing up the bunch. "We're just all good ol' boys at derby."

The Homedale episode will also showcase local drivers. Simko and the rest of the cast and crew will arrive in town Tuesday.

"We'll put the local guys on, too, and get them in front of the camera," Simko said. "We'll have some fun with them and have some fun with the town."

The episode probably will include footage of the parade and the fireworks show and other aspects of derby day.

Simko said "Mayhem Racing" aims to help people understand the evolution of demolition derbies.

"The whole premise of this show is to show what derbies have become and where they're at," he said. "It'll show the variety there is in derbies."

"We're trying to get derbies out to people who haven't been to them in years."

Simko has competed in 140 derbies in his career, and he calls the Homedale event "old

school" because of classic rules and — in some cases — regulations he hasn't seen in years.

"You're 20 years behind (derby rules), but that's not a bad thing," Simko said. "In my opinion, it's a good thing."

Simko said Homedale's rules — including mounting radiators precariously on car roofs — harkens his derby teeth-cutting days in Bishop, Calif.

"Homedale is very old school in the derby world," he said. "Don't get me wrong. That's not a knock. To me that's the

draw for Homedale.

"I'm going back to when it was just fun. It was about going out and building a car and wrecking it."

Building cars to Homedale specs has been an interesting challenge.

"For us, coming to Homedale and trying to figure out how to build by the rules of your show is fun," Simko said.

Still, Simko, said he's bringing a 1974 Chevrolet station wagon "with a brand-spanking-new aluminum radiator going right behind

the front bumper."

Being a stranger in town also makes aggression easy, he said.

"I don't know anybody, so I can hit everybody."

But the entertainment factor will be high, even for the guys who are being paid to entertain on TV.

"It's been a long time since I've been to a derby with this style of rules," Simko said.

"We're all excited to do it. I'll probably be laughing the whole time because I'll be having fun." — JPB

Guidelines For Idaho's Updated Trespass Law
Effective July 1, 2018

Overview

In Idaho, most sportsmen who ask are willingly given permission to hunt or fish on private land. Many landowners are sportsmen themselves and are happy to allow others to enjoy their property responsibly. Unfortunately, the amount of deliberate vandalism and other harmful activities on public and private land by a small minority of people has been on the rise. Idaho's trespass law was recently consolidated and amended to protect private property and to maintain Idaho's culture of respect for our land and our laws. 70% of Idaho is public land. Therefore, it is important that the 30% of privately-owned land is respected and protected.

Sportsmen/Recreationists

- If an area is cultivated, fenced, or marked as private property continue to ask for permission.
- If a field is cultivated, do not drive across it even if you are sure it has not been planted. You can still cause significant damage.
- Do not tear down or damage fences. Use gates to cross fence lines. If you open a gate, make sure it is secure behind you.
- Repairs are very costly to landowners. Do not shoot anything except wild game for which you have a valid license.
- Remember, posting must be done "in a manner that a reasonable person would be put on notice that it is private land" so you will "know or have reason to know" that you are entering private property as required by law.

Idaho Property Owners

- Posting is required to ensure people are put on notice that they are entering private property. This primarily includes unfenced and uncultivated land, as well as fence lines between public and private land.
- The law specifies how posting is to be accomplished when required.
- Some property needs no posting under the law since the property line is clear and it is obvious that it is private property. Examples include a home and its associated yard and outbuildings or a business and its parking lot. Also, all cultivated land and fenced land not adjacent to public land needs no posting under the law since the property line is clear and it is obvious that it is privately owned.
- To prevent trespass, landowners must post "conspicuous 'no trespassing' signs or bright orange or florescent paint." Such posting, when required, must be done at a minimum where the property line intersects navigable streams, roads, gates and other rights-of-way entering the land, and at property corners.
- Again, posting must also be done "in a manner that a reasonable person would be put on notice that it is private land" or the person will not "know or have reason to know" that they are entering private property as required by law.

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Death notices

JAY BALL, 82, who was raised in Marsing, died on Friday, June 15, 2018. A viewing and visitation was held on Monday, June 25, 2018 at Accent Funeral Home, Meridian. Graveside services with military honors were held Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at Kuna Cemetery. Arrangements: Accent Funeral Home, Meridian. www.AccentFuneral.com

JOHN MARVIN HENMAN, 86, of Wilder, died Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at home of natural causes. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-0833

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Salad bar available with each meal:
Lettuce, tomato, boiled eggs, peaches, apricots, salad dressing
Milk available each day
June 27: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, beets, roll
June 28: Roast pork, mashed potatoes w/gravy, peas & carrots, roll
July 3: Baked fish, rice, California blend veggies, roll
July 4: CLOSED
July 5: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes w/gravy, peas & carrots
July 10: Roast beef, mashed potatoes w/gravy, mixed vegetables, roll
July 11: Tuna salad sandwich, Italian pasta salad, potato salad

Rimrock Senior Center

All meals are served with milk & fruit juice
June 28: Hamburger w/bun, lettuce, onion, tomato, pickle, green salad, deviled eggs, baked beans, fresh melon, ice cream
July 3: Polish sausage w/bun, sauerkraut, cooked carrots, fresh melon, whole wheat roll, cookie
July 5: Beef stroganoff, buttered noodles, cooked beets, green salad, cottage cheese & pineapple, cream cheese Danish
July 8: Roasted chicken, rice & gravy, green beans, orange carrot Jello, salad, whole wheat roll, zucchini bread
July 10: Baked fish or alternative, coleslaw w/apples, French fries, fresh cucumbers & tomatoes, garlic bread

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Obituaries

Carroll Lee Balko

1924-2018
Carroll Lee Balko, formerly of Valley Center, Calif., passed away in Caldwell, Idaho, on June 2, 2018 of natural causes
Carroll was born in San Pedro, Calif., to Edgar and Una Balko. He was one of three children.
Carroll met the love of his life, Elaine, when both were working at the Rialto Theater in San Pedro. In February of this year, they celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary.
During World War II, Carroll served in the Army as a military policeman, guarding German POWs. He made seven trips across the Atlantic delivering them to stateside camps.
After the liberation of Paris, he and other MPs took the surrender of German soldiers



in the city. Following the war, he worked in shipyards, delivered milk, Weber Bread and as a salesman.
Upon retirement, Carroll worked part time as a salesman for Levitz Furniture store in San Marcos, Calif. While there, a man burst into the store with two automatic weapons. He

had been involved in a shootout with police. Carroll talked him into surrendering, disarmed the man and delivered him to the police. In recognition for his act, Carroll was honored with a hero award from the San Diego Police Department.
He is survived by his wife Elaine; children Sherrie Frazer and husband Lloyd of Valley Center, Calif.; Linda Hanley and husband Michael of Jordan Valley, Ore.; Troy Tanner and wife Mary of Reedsport, Ore.; Chrissie and husband Jim of Arroyo Grande, Calif.; 14 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.
Carroll's lifetime dream was to be a cowboy. He achieved it when he rode with the Hanley Ranch crew on Owyhee County, Idaho's Juniper Mountain.

(Laurie) Frank Burghardt

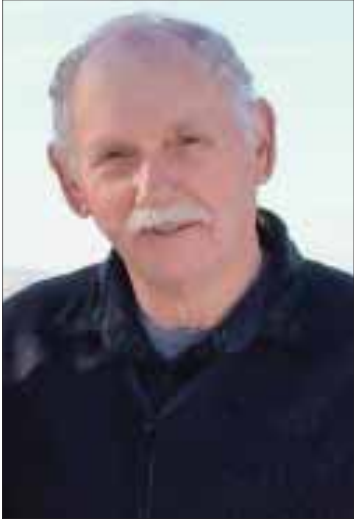
(Laurie) Frank Burghardt, 75, passed away June 22, 2018 at home after a short illness.
Frank was born April 8, 1943 to William G. and Lulu M. Burghardt.
He graduated from Idaho State University in 1965.
In 1980, he married Eva Spiller. They moved to Georgia in 1985 where he worked until

he retired and moved back home in 2012.
He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and 3 brothers (Charles, Edd, and Sheldon).
He is survived by his sister, Willa Hipwell, and numerous nieces and nephews.
Per his request, no services will be held.



Frank Miles Vannoy

Frank Miles Vannoy went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on June 22, 2018. Frank was born on July 17, 1947 in Missoula, Montana.
After school, he joined the Montana Army National Guard Special Forces. On June 14, 1969 he was joined in marriage to Shirley Fischer.
Frank lived in various locations while he logged, worked on water drill rigs, and farmed. He worked at Noxon Public Schools in Montana from 1979 to 1984 until he took over the family ranch in Greenough, MT. He ran the ranch until retiring in 2006. Frank lived in Stevensville, MT and Ione, OR until settling in Marsing, ID in 2014.
Frank enjoyed ranching, woodworking, going on mission trips, camping, fishing, and spending time with family & friends. Those who knew him best, knew that you could



win his heart with a box of donuts or a baked pie. He kept you on your toes with his quick wit and you knew he was up to something mischievous if he had a twinkle in his eye.
Frank was preceded in death by 2 sisters and 4 brothers-in-law. He is survived by his wife, Shirley of 49 years; children Alvina "Allie" (Rob) Sellers

of Marsing, ID, Josephine (Mark) Foster of Belgrade, MT, Nathan (Sally) Vannoy of Kalispell, MT; grandchildren Destiny, Zac, & Libby Sellers; Danielle & Jonathan Foster; and Ann & Olivia Vannoy; his parents Walter & Clara (Loomis) Vannoy, 7 sisters, 6 brothers-in-law, & 2 sisters-in-law as well as numerous nieces & nephews.
Memorials may be given directly to Shirley to forward to the African missions that they have been supporting for the last several years.
A graveside service with military honors is being held at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery at 444 Cemetery Rd, Marsing, ID on June 28, 2018 at 11:00 AM followed by a reception at the Vision Community Church in Marsing. Services are under the care of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale.

Calendar

Today

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

County P&Z hearings
10 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse Annex, 17069 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2095. ext. 2

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

Thursday

Summer reading program
10 a.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

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

Summer reading program
1 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Friday

STEM class
10 a.m. to noon, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. Grades 5-12. (208) 834-2785

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

STEM class
Noon to 2 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. Adult class. (208) 834-2785

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

Saturday

Grand View Days parade
10 a.m., downtown, mz.katymarie@yahoo.com

Grand View Days softball tournament
All day, town softball field, (208) 921-6096

Grand View Days events
After parade, Centennial Park, cyndaray@hotmail.com or (208) 599-2790

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

Grand View Days horseshoe tournament
1 p.m., Centennial Park, (208) 599-0330 or (208) 834-2196

Grand View Days Fireman's BBQ
6 p.m., \$10 adults, \$7 senior citizens, \$5 children, Lions Park

Grand View Days scavenger hunt
8 p.m., ages 9 and younger, Grand View Elementary School; 8:30 p.m., 10 and older, Centennial Park; after fireworks, adults, Centennial Park. (208) 591-0946 or (208) 599-4038

Grand View Days dance
8 p.m., Centennial Park, (208) 250-2600 or thejewetts6@gmail.com

Sunday

Grand View Lions breakfast
8 a.m. to 11 a.m., donation, Lions Park

Grand View Days church service
10:30 a.m., Lions Park

Monday

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

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

Tuesday

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

Third of July celebration
6 p.m. to midnight, Island Park, Marsing.

Wednesday

Homedale Independence Parade
8:30 a.m., line up at high school; 9 a.m., parade down West Idaho Avenue, Homedale. (208) 991-7167 or (208) 941-1813

Homedale truck pull
10 a.m. to noon, check in; 1 p.m., competition, Owyhee County Fairgrounds, Homedale

Homedale cornhole tournament
11 a.m. to 2 p.m., \$10 entry, Owyhee County Fairgrounds, Homedale. (208) 919-3919 or (208) 965-4428

Homedale Lions Demolition Derby
3:30 p.m., gates; 4:30 p.m., drivers meeting; 5:30 p.m., grand entry, Owyhee County Fairgrounds, 420 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale.

Thursday, July 5

Summer reading program
10 a.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grandview. (208) 834-2785

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

Summer reading program
1 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Friday, July 6

STEM class
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BQA certification improves product, profit for cattlemen

Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) is a nationally coordinated, state-implemented program. The program provides training on animal husbandry and welfare practices that benefit the animal as well as ensure that the beef and beef products purchased by consumers are safe and wholesome. BQA certification is not about someone telling you what you can and can't do. BQA



Scott Jensen

certification is about being a member of a team of producers committed to raising the highest quality beef possible. BQA programs have evolved to include best practices around good record-keeping and protecting herd health, which can result in more profits for producers. When better quality cows leave the farm and reach the market place, the producer, packer, and consumer all benefit. When better quality beef reaches the supermarket, consumers are more confident in the beef they are buying, and this increases beef consumption.

In recent months, several retail outlets, restaurants, and packers have stated a future requirement for BQA standards and certification. Costco has requested that BQA training occur throughout the supply chain. Wendy's stated that by 2019, they would only source beef from BQA-certified feedlots. Several of the major packers will require livestock haulers to be BQA transportation certified by 2019 or they will not be allowed entrance to the plant. Many of the branded marketing programs already require BQA certification.

How do you get BQA certified? In Idaho, the BQA certification program is funded by

Beef Checkoff dollars through a grant from the Idaho Beef Council and administered by University of Idaho Extension. Extension BQA trainers provide certification training as requested across the state. Trainings require about two hours. There is also an option to complete an online certification training through national BQA. The website is <https://www.bqa.org/certification>. The online option is currently free, sponsored by the animal pharmaceutical company Boehringer Ingelheim.

BQA certification training covers receiving and shipping cattle, handling/processing cattle, proper injections including needle management, feed additives, residue avoidance/withdrawal times, handling non-ambulatory animals, proper euthanasia and carcass disposal, corral and water tank management, and many other management practices. BQA certification is valid for three years.

BQA certification reflects a positive public image and instills consumer confidence in the beef industry. When producers implement the best management practices of a BQA program, they assure their market steers, heifers, cows, and bulls are the best they can be. Give me a call if you would like to join the team and become BQA certified.

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

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One big Grand View Day planned Saturday

Annual community festival’s timeframe pared down, not the fun

The longstanding Grand View Days celebration will take place primarily on Saturday. Organizers have crammed most of the activities — spread out over three days in the past — into one big Saturday celebration — with a church service and a benefit breakfast planned Sunday.

In the past, fireworks and the Fireman’s Barbecue were held on Friday with a full day of fun on Saturday and worship and breakfast on Sunday.

This year, the festival will begin at 10 a.m., on Saturday with the downtown parade.

Parade details

Parade chair Katy Carothers said parade entries will gather at the American Legion Post 134 hall at 9 a.m. to line up. The parade will travel Riverside Avenue, 2nd Street, Iowa Street and wind up on Main Street.

An anonymous judge will pick the top three floats for awards.

Carothers said between 20 and 30 entries are expected, including Grand View’s volunteer emergency responders from the fire and ambulance crews.

The Mountain Home Air Force Base honor guard will

carry the colors during the parade.

Snake River 4-H club has entered the parade, and some members will be on horseback.

The Masterful Mutts 4-H group from Mountain Home will feature canines performing tricks along the route.

Carothers also said Mountain Home City Cruisers car club members will drive their automobiles along the parade route.

“They are a group of mostly retired or current military that all have a similar interest in cars,” Carothers said. “They are a fun group of people.”

Carothers will accept parade entries until the morning of the event. Contact her at mz.katymarie@yahoo.com for more information.

Saturday in the park

After the parade, activities are planned all over town.

- Entertainment and shopping opportunities are planned for Centennial Park.
- Softball and horseshoe tournaments will be staged
- Later in the evening, there will be scavenger hunts for different age groups and a dance at Centennial Park.

Immediately after the parade,

the park will come alive with free inflatables for children, shopping opportunities and other attractions. The festivities will run until 5 p.m.

Nearly 20 vendors have reserved space in the park, including crafters, food vendors, and Scentsy and Pampered Chef dealers. Call Cyndi Fullmer at (208) 599-2790 or cyndaray@hotmail.com for information on selling during the celebration. The cost is \$20 for a 10-foot-by-10-foot space, or \$50 for a food vendor.

The Micron STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Bus returns to the area for the event. The STEM Bus visited Grand View Elementary during the school year.

The Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School freshman class will offer a dunk tank as a fundraiser.

Next door to the park, the Rimrock Senior Center will hold its annual ice cream social.

Firemen feed community

At 6 p.m., the annual Firemen’s Barbecue will be served at Lions Park with a menu of pit roast, corn, baked potato, salad, rolls and a drink.

US Ecology Idaho has provided sponsorship to allow the first 50 senior citizens who get in line to eat free.

Prices are \$10 for adults, \$7 for seniors after the first 50, and \$5 for children younger than 5.

Scavenger hunts debut

New this year are scavenger hunts, which have been divided along age group lines.

At 8 p.m., boys and girls ages 9 and younger can look for hidden items on the Grand View Elementary School playground.

Children 10 and older will conduct their hunt at Centennial Park at 8:30 p.m.

The adult scavenger hunt takes place at Centennial Park after the fireworks show.

Prizes available include passes for Wahooz mini golf and Roaring Springs water park – both in Meridian – Jump Time passes, gift cards to Bri’esta Coffee Co., in Mountain Home, and free classes at Mountain Home Yoga Center.

Call Ayla Lawson at (208) 591-0946 or Robynn Hall at (208) 599-4038 for more information on the hunts.

Other Saturday events

The softball tournament will run during the day at the town’s ballfields. The entry fee is \$50 per team, and the point of contact is Trevor Lawson at (208) 921-6096.

The horseshoe tournament will feature two-person teams,

and it will be held in an area next to Centennial Park. The entry fee is \$10 per team. Beer will be available for purchase with a valid ID from a keg donated by JC Landing. Call Karlita Simper at (208) 599-0330 or Bill Mead at (208) 834-2196 for more tournament information.

The fireworks show will take place after dark.

A free community dance will be held at 8 p.m. at Centennial Park. The Y-Bar will provide a cash bar, available with valid ID.

Sunday’s finale events

The annual Grand View Lions Club breakfast, which is available for a donation, will be held from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Sunday at Lions Park.

The menu will include sausage, eggs, pancakes, milk, juice and coffee.

Proceeds will help the club make improvements on its hall.

The club meets on the second Friday of each month at the Snake River Grill.

Also planned for Sunday, Knight Community Church pastor Ivan Shetler will lead worship services at 10:30 a.m. at Lions Park.

— JPB

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Chief: Homedale PD not affiliated with fundraising calls

The Homedale Police Department is not affiliated with a phone solicitor calling businesses as part of a fundraiser. Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said Monday that a caller identifying himself as “David” and offering a chance to buy T-shirts as a fundraiser for HPD isn’t affiliated with the local department. The chief also said the department doesn’t endorse the company either.

Eidemiller said he decided against getting involved with the third-party company, but at least one business received a solicitation Monday morning.

In an unrelated issue, Eidemiller reminded citizens not to allow anyone remote access to

their computers.

The warning comes in the wake of a fraudulent call in which someone claiming to be from the phone company wanted access to a person’s computer.

Eidemiller said folks should never click on pop-up ads claiming to be from internet service providers or Microsoft that asks for personal information or tries to send the user to a website.

The chief said clicking on those ads will allow the scammer to access the computer and all files and personal information that may be accessible through the computer.

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HHS streetscape undergoes dramatic change

Brad Case of Top Cut Services chainsaws through some branches of trees he felled last week in front of Homedale High School on East Idaho Avenue. Parma-based Top Cut was contracted by the school district to make way for a new fence to be built as part of the increased focus on security at Homedale's three public schools.

Several locals earn U of I honors

Students with Owyhee ties have earned spots on the 2018 spring Dean's List at the University of Idaho in Moscow.

To be included in the Dean's List, students must maintain at least a 3.5 GPA on a minimum of 12 graded credits during the semester. The spring 2018 semester ended May 11.

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Jennifer Bautista Ramirez — College of Agricultural & Life Sciences, B.S. in Food Science, University of Idaho/Washington State University Bistate School of Food Science

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Orion S. Cardenas-Ritzert — College of Natural Resources, B.S. in Ecology, Conservation and Biology, Natural Resources major

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Anthropology

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Jordan M. Goins — College of Agricultural & Life Sciences, B.S. in Family and Consumer Sciences

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Isaac W. Riley — College of Agricultural & Life Sciences, B.S. in Animal & Veterinary Science

Jessica A. Riley — College of Agricultural & Life Sciences, B.S. in Animal & Veterinary Science

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Richard A. Symms — College of Business & Economics, B.S. in Business

Wilder

Daria T. Paxton — College of Natural Resources, B.S. in Environmental Science

Lawsen J. Matteson — Business & Economics, B.S. in Business, Accounting and Business majors

Riley Haun — College of Letters Arts & Social Sciences, B.A. in Journalism & Mass Media



Seed company joins Homedale Chamber's beautification movement

Lora Ingram, Alforex Seeds inventory coordinator, waters the new flowers on display in front of the office located at 504 W. Idaho Ave. in Homedale. The company was among the first to take advantage of the Chamber of Commerce's matching funds as part of the Helping Homedale beautification project.

Cove Rec camp sites to remain open during water system project

Plans to upgrade the Cove Recreation Site water system isn't expected to affect camping opportunities at the Owyhee County campground.

The Bureau of Land Management announced last Wednesday that work to upgrade freshwater supply lines throughout the rec site will begin on July 9 and last through the Labor Day weekend.

The Cove Rec site is located on the south shore of C.J. Strike Reservoir southeast of Grand View.

During construction, BLM campground managers will

make every effort to keep campsites accessible to visitors and minimize construction impacts wherever they can, a BLM press release stated.

"We anticipate that most of the Cove's campsites will be available this season. But we recommend that visitors contact the BLM office at (208) 384-3300 for updated information," Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area manager Amanda Hoffman said.

The Cove Recreation Site campground has 38 campsites.

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County’s marine deputies looking for impaired boaters

The Owyhee County Sheriff’s Marine Patrol unit has joined the national campaign to combat impaired boating.

Operation Dry Water is a nationwide crackdown on people who operate watercraft while under the influence.

The campaign will focus on educating boaters about safe boating practices, which includes boating sober, and enforcing the state’s boating under the influence laws.

With the summer boating season underway, and the Fourth of July holiday approaching, OCSO reminds boaters that impaired boating is against the law. Operating a vessel under the influence of alcohol or drugs is illegal on all bodies of water and can lead to serious injuries and consequences.

In Idaho it is illegal to operate a vessel with a blood-alcohol concentration level of .08 or higher, which is the same as it is to operate a vehicle.

“The accidents and tragedies that happen because individuals chose to drive drunk or impaired, on land or on the water, are preventable. The decision lies with the individual on whether they chose to operate a boat or vehicle while under the influence,” Sheriff Perry Grant said in a press release.

“As law enforcement, it is our job to do all we can to ensure the safety of our recreational boaters and paddlers. That is why Owyhee County is joining other ... agencies across the country to do our part in keeping boaters safe and preventing accidents related to boating under the influence.”

Alcohol is the leading contributing factor in recreational boating deaths, and a major contributor to accidents, according to U.S. Coast Guard recreational boating statistics.


The Owyhee County Sheriff Marine Patrol encourages boaters to enjoy the boating season to its full extent by boating sober, wearing a life jacket, and taking a boating education course.

The national Operation Dry Water weekend will take place Friday through Sunday.







The mission of Operation Dry Water is to reduce the number of alcohol- and drug-related accidents and fatalities through increased recreational boater awareness and by fostering a stronger and more visible deterrent to alcohol use on the water.

Visit operationdrywater.org for more information about boating under the influence.

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Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 67 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 249 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 148 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 475,630 acre-feet of water on Monday.

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

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Left: The river of lava that eventually overtook Kapoho Beach. **Right:** The red arrow indicates where Will Caldwell’s house stood as lava enveloped the area and poured into the Pacific Ocean.

Marsing High graduate still has eyes for Hawaii

Caldwell returns to mainland, family with island dreams intact

Will Caldwell is working to get back to paradise, and the Marsing High School graduate has a lot of help.

The 33-year-old is back in his old stamping grounds, working six days a week to find a way back home to the big island of Hawaii.

“I don’t like the cold very much,” the 2003 MHS graduate said.



Will Caldwell, his parents Brent and Lisa Merritt and Ranger.

But Mother Nature had other ideas when lava from the Kilauea volcano overran the two-story home Caldwell purchased in March.

Now, Caldwell is living on the mainland — on his parents’ farm two miles from Givens Hot Springs — and continuing his job for an e-commerce consulting company as he works to make mortgage payments for a house that no longer exists and makes plans to either rebuild or buy another piece of paradise and move

back across the Pacific with his 5-year-old Boston terrier Ranger.

“I’m hoping over the next few months to save as much as I can,” Caldwell said. “If the lava does stop, I’ll build a small place.”

Caldwell’s sister, Andi Merritt Hansen, started a GoFundMe page so folks could help Will make his mortgage payments. He also piled up money by selling many of the possessions he was able to save before the volcano claimed his two-story beach home.

Caldwell’s job helping people market on eBay and Amazon allows him to work from anywhere. He spent the past 4½ years working from the Hawaiian Islands. The former Army reservist moved there in November 2013 after living in Orem, Utah.

In March, he bought the house on Kapoho Beach in the community of Pahoa. Caldwell says Pahoa is a

sleepy community similar to his hometown. It’s twice as big in population and area, but doesn’t have a stoplight and has one grocery store and one gas station.

“The community there is a free-flowing community. They’re not judgmental at all,” Caldwell said. “It’s a pretty tight-knit community, especially with this disaster.”

But Caldwell said he is fortunate compared to some of his neighbors.

“There are a lot of people staying in tents and in shelters,” he said.

Less than two months after he closed on the house — and while he was waiting to hear on his homeowners insurance — the first Kilauea fissure opened.

Once the lava began to flow, the insurance company stopped issuing new policies. Caldwell had sent his paperwork in just a week before the first venting.

“I never heard from them, and then lava started coming out of the ground,” he said.

Caldwell, who had owned property on Hawaii previously, purchased his latest home with the idea of making the mortgage payment by renting out the second floor as an Air BnB destination.

When heat from the lava flow took his home, Caldwell said his 10- to 20-year plan went with it.

Caldwell was able to get some belongings out of the residential floor, but the furnishings in the top floor were lost. The lava has left the ground pretty much intact, so he has mulled the idea of rebuilding on his two-tenths of an acre, too.

“But there’s a new fissure, so it’s looking like (the lava) could be here for the long run,” Caldwell said.

The Hawaiian home was destroyed a month after the first lava began flowing.

Originally it looked as if Caldwell’s home would be spared as the lava flowed in a horseshoe around the structure. Luck ran out, though, and the man and his dog evacuated about four days before the house disappeared.

Now, back home, Caldwell said he’s grateful for the help of his large family and the Marsing community.

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Hattie Mertz makes
Seattle U.’s Dean’s List

Homedale High School graduate Hattie Mertz is an honor student at Seattle University again.

The daughter of Jamie and Zel Mertz has earned a spot on the College of Nursing Dean’s List for the Winter 2018 term.

College Dean Kristen M. Swanson announced the nomination in a June 6 letter to Mertz.

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Marsing FFA's 2018-19 chapter officers and others gathered at a retreat earlier this month. **Front row, from left:** Annie Miller, reporter; Amaya Mendoza, sentinel. **Back row, from left:** Savannah Stroebel, Idaho FFA state reporter; Jessica Sevy, secretary; Logan Stansell, president; Cade Brackett, treasurer; Nic Usabel, advisor. Submitted photo

Marsing FFA officers prepare for new year

by Annie Miller
Chapter reporter

Marsing FFA took its annual officer retreat June 18-19. The retreat that took place in Crouch, Idaho was their first event as active officers. State Reporter Savannah Stroebel attended the event to help with teamwork and leadership building. The officers worked on the schedule for the upcoming year and went over every event, tailoring it to fit their chapter. The officers evaluated what they felt were the most

important priorities for the chapter, and developed a plan of action to implement important changes. In addition to leadership activities and planning, officers floated the Middle Fork of the Payette River. The officers would like to thank Marv Hill for the use of his family's cabin for this important event. Upcoming events for the chapter include a record book and Owyhee County Fair work session from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Aug. 1 inside Room 202 at Marsing High School.



Homedale Senior Center coordinator Joan Thomson shows off the quilt that will be given away as a raffle prize at the end of the Buckaroo Breakfast series in August.

Homedale Senior Center quilt raffle ticket sales ongoing

Ticket sales for the Buckaroo Breakfast quilt raffle have entered the final six weeks at the Homedale Senior Center. Chances to win the quilt cost \$1 each of \$5 for six tickets. Proceeds from the quilt raffle helps cover operational costs for the senior center, which is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week. The winning ticket will be drawn on Saturday, Aug. 11 during the final Buckaroo Breakfast of Owyhee County Fair week. The center serves congregate meals each day that it's open, and also operates a Meals on Wheels program. There is a thrift store open each day of operation as well. Money raised at the store also helps the senior center. A widows breakfast takes place on the first Tuesday of each month, and the senior center board of directors meet at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday, which will be July 10 next month. Each Tuesday and Thursday, the senior center hosts a Fit and Fall exercise class from 10:30 a.m.to 11:30 a.m., just before lunch is served. Foot examinations will be available on a first come, first served basis on Tuesday, July 17. The clinic begins at 8:30 a.m., and examinations cost \$15. The clinics are offered every other month. The next clinics will be held in September and November. The Ladies Coffee Group meets at 9 a.m. each Wednesday. The senior center is located at 224 W. Idaho Ave. For more information on the raffle and the center's programs, call (208) 337-3020.

Nampa driver tears through field, faces DUI, other charges

A Canyon County man is behind bars after being spotted driving recklessly in a field late Saturday afternoon near Grand View. Christopher Callahan, 28, Nampa faces multiple charges after an incident in which he drove his 2001 Ford Mustang off Idaho highway 78 into a field near milepost 71. According to Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman, Callahan was tearing up the ground trying to get out of the field. When deputies approached, the smell of burnt marijuana and alcohol could be detected on Callahan, Bowman said. A search by deputies found 0.6 grams of marijuana and a marijuana pipe, he said. The Nampa man refused a field sobriety test, but a blood

draw was performed when he was brought to the county jail. Callahan was charged with five misdemeanors, including possession of a controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia, driving on a suspended license, resisting and obstructing an officer, and misdemeanor driving under the influence. He was also found to have an probation violation warrant out of Ada County. Callahan is currently in custody at the Owyhee County Jail in Murphy.

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Rylan Love, Homedale Public Library summer reading program volunteer, explains the science of sound waves to an interested group of children on Thursday afternoon. Love explains how vibrations from music cause the items on the plastic-covered glass bowls to dance around.

Homedale’s summer readers to learn about rocks Thursday

Homedale Public Library’s summer reading program, Libraries Rock!, continues at 1 p.m. on Thursday.

This week’s theme is Rocks! Program participants will hear about rocks and fossils from Homedale resident Steve Belknap. Belknap is also an officer for the Friends of the Library.

There will also be a display of different kinds of rocks for the children to learn about, and a rock activity for participants to engage in later.

As always, snacks will be provided.

- Story Time at 10:15 a.m., on Friday will feature a scarecrow theme.

Youth services coordinator Carol McMichael will read “Scarecrow Pete,” written by Mark Kimball Moulton and illustrated by Karen Hillard Good. The book is about a friendly scarecrow who encourages a young child to read.

The children will then make a scarecrow for the library’s garden.

The library is located at 125 W. Owyhee Ave. For more information on the library’s programs, call (208) 337-4228.

Homedale library expansion cost increases revealed

HVAC, electrical, plumbing costs jump nearly \$28K

The approximately \$67,000 increase includes:

- Nearly \$7,500 more for sitework because of increases in excavation and utilities work and landscaping and walks.
- Almost \$5,000 more for masonry and concrete work.
- Roofing and siding has nearly doubled to \$15,000, and other pre-engineered building expenses has driven the category total to \$62,000, nearly \$11,000 more than originally projected. The building costs do not include more than \$46,000, which is the value of the steel shell donated by Caldwell’s R&M Steel.
- About \$5,500 more for interior drywall, painting and floor sealer.
- Nearly \$8,500 more for doors and glass and glazing.
- \$13,000 more for heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems.
- The plumbing system will cost \$7,500 more.
- Another \$4,300 has been added to the line items for electrical systems and fire alarm systems.
- Another \$2,500 has been built into the cost summary for the category covering general conditions, permits and bonding.

Not included in either cost estimate is the price for furniture and other fixtures. Jensen has said she has secured some grants and items for furnishing and equipping the expansion already.

Homedale Public Library board members have come up with some ideas to close the funding gap for the expansion project.

Library director Sharla Jensen said a donation campaign, grants and a raffle are among the fundraising ideas that emerged from a June 16 special meeting.

“The board members and I are checking with various local businesses for donations. I am pursuing a few grants through Simplot and Albertsons,” Jensen said.

The library also previously applied for a \$25,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development, which was included by anticipated revenue in the Idaho Community Block Grant application.

The library continues have a fundraising booth at the Homedale Farmers Market each Thursday at Bette Uda City Park.

The cost of adding a 3,600-square-foot building to the library footprint originally was projected at nearly \$471,000.

According to documents provided by the City of Homedale last week, the new projected price tag is just under \$538,400.

Lizard Butte Library youngsters get musical

Two-year-old Sterling Jerome, from Marsing, tries out her brand-new homemade harmonica, with the help from mom, during Lizard Butte Library’s summer reading program last Wednesday morning. Sterling is the daughter of Colten and Kylie Jerome.

The Lizard Butte Library summer reading program concludes today.

Helping Homedale Business Beautification Contest

Homedale Chamber of Commerce is offering matching funds for improvements of business storefronts.

The Homedale Chamber of Commerce will reimburse businesses in city limits 50¢ of every \$1 spent on storefront beautification.

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(Maximum reimbursement of \$250 per business, the committee must approve any funds.)

Examples of storefront improvements:

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Independence Day closures announced

Federal holiday pushes back Avalanche delivery by a day

In observance of the Fourth of July next Wednesday, many businesses and government institutions will be closed.

Owyhee County government offices, including the county clerk, the courts, DMV, assessor, and the museum will be closed.

The government offices of the cities of Homedale, Marsing, Grand View, Jordan Valley, and Adrian will also be closed.

Fire, law enforcement, and ambulance services will be available.

All post offices will be closed, as well, which will affect the postal delivery of The Owyhee Avalanche.

Next week's edition of the

Avalanche, which would normally come out on Wednesday, will be available on Thursday instead.

US Bank branches in Marsing and Homedale will be closed for the holiday.

Albertsons in Homedale will be open regular hours but Sav-On Pharmacy will be closed.

Logan's Market in Marsing will be open its regular hours.

The public libraries in Owyhee County — Homedale, Lizard Butte in Marsing, Eastern Owyhee County in Grand View, and Bruneau Valley — will be closed.

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

The Owyhee Avalanche's office will be closed on Wednesday, but all deadlines remain the same for the July 11 edition. The office will reopen at 8 a.m., on Thursday, July 5.

Potential water rights battle averted

Special legislative session avoided

There will be no special session of the Idaho Legislature after a water rights agreement was reached.

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter and House Speaker Scott Bedke announced last week that water users and water managers agreed on prioritizing water rights from Boise River reservoirs, eliminating the need for a special session to address the issue.

If Otter had called a special session, legislators were prepared to propose an amendment to Idaho water law to prioritize existing water-rights allocations following any flood-control operations if area growth and development prompts any sizeable increase in water storage capacity along the Boise River system.

Water users across the state — including in Owyhee County — had their eyes on the conflict triggered by a proposed hydroelectric project in Elmore County.

Irrigators were concerned about the right to refill the reservoir space opened up by flood-control releases in order to ensure their water-

rights allocations could be met. They wanted assurances that allocating water to fill new storage capacity within the system was not prioritized over filling established reservoirs.

The agreement reached last Wednesday involves the Idaho Department of Water Resources, municipal water system operator Suez, the Boise Project Board of Control and the irrigation districts it serves in southwestern Idaho.

It includes specifics about the processes for prioritizing and appealing water-right allocations to thousands of landowners — from farms and parks to residential lots — over 167,000 acres in the Treasure Valley.

Bedke said the 2019 session of the Legislature would seek to codify the agreement's provisions.

"This enables us to address the concerns of everyone from municipal water users to irrigation districts in one of America's fastest-growing areas without going to court," Bedke said.

"That speaks volumes about the level of collaboration we have developed in Idaho's water community in recent years, as well as our commitment to being proactive in protecting Idaho water rights."

BOCC learns: No location yet for regional crisis center

State requirements complicate search for suitable space

The search continues for an appropriate location for the Region 3 Behavioral Health Community Crisis Center.

According to Southwest District Health director Nikole Zogg, members of the crisis center workgroup seriously considered two locations that were being offered for donation. Neither location was selected, though.

Zogg said the primary reasons for the locations were rejected related to physical location and proximity to Interstate 84, costs of renovation, square footage and parking limitations, and access to public transit.

"We are working with a real estate company who has provided several options for lease or purchase," Zogg said. "We are giving some of these locations consideration but are in the early stages of vetting them."

The contract with Idaho Department of Health and Welfare requires the crisis center be located in Canyon County

and be connected to a public transit route. The crisis center will serve Owyhee, Adams, Canyon, Gem, Payette, and Washington counties.

Beyond the requirements laid out by the agreement with Health and Welfare, Zogg said the workgroup would like to find a location that has convenient access to I-84, has ground-level access, requires minimal renovation, and is between 5,000 to 7,000 square feet.

Ideally, the center would be located as centrally as possible in Canyon County and the rest of the region. Additionally, the facility would be able to accommodate 20 visitors at a time, with room to expand.

Southwest District Health will select a subcontractor to perform the daily operations of the center. The subcontractor will provide the staffing necessary to perform the medical, risk, and behavioral health assessments, develop care plans, provide intervention and referral services, and develop an aftercare plan for each client.

The Idaho Legislature has provided a one-time payment of \$200,000 to be used for leasing, purchasing, or renovating a facility. It has additionally committed \$1.5 million to fund the first year of operations.

"It is anticipated that the Legislature will provide \$1.5 million in the second year as well, with the expectation that the crisis center be working toward a plan to share the costs in future years," Zogg said. "The shared cost is anticipated to be split 50/50 between the state of Idaho and community partners."

Zogg said there is a plan in place to sustain the crisis center, including receiving support from the cities of Caldwell and Nampa, the six counties in the region, St. Luke's and Saint Alphonsus, and health insurance companies. Details with these partners are still being worked out.

The Region 3 Crisis Center is set to open in December.

"The opening date is contingent upon securing a location and completing any necessary renovations," Zogg said.

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Hundreds of community members turned out Thursday night for a candlelight vigil for Adrian Monreal at the Homedale boat dock. Photo by Chardee VanDerhoff

✓ Accident: HHS principal circulates contacts to help community cope

appreciated.”

Adrian Monreal — as he was known — disappeared when he and seven other local men ages 18-21 were caught in a sudden storm while riding in a small boat downstream from the Homedale bridge.

“The public should be aware that sudden storms can greatly affect the flow of the river,” Bowman said. “Never underestimate the river’s current.”

The other seven occupants — an 18-year-old from Homedale; 19-year-olds from Homedale, Wilder and Caldwell; 20-year-olds from Caldwell and Wilder; and a 21-year-old from Caldwell, according to Bowman — were able to safely swim to shore.

Bowman said three life vests were found, but none of the passengers wore the safety devices. The boat was a 17-foot Tracker, according to Sheriff Perry Grant. According to dealer specifications, the boat model is rated for a total weight capacity of 500 pounds. But the vessel was carrying twice as much with people and equipment, the sheriff’s office reports.

“It is very important that life vests are available for everyone on board a boat,” Bowman said, adding that boaters should know the weight capacity of any vessel they use.

Bowman also said alcohol



Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller (standing at right) and two volunteers discuss the underwater search Thursday afternoon with a diver.

was a factor, but no citations were written.

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller praised the community for rallying after word got out that Monreal had gone missing while trying to reach the riverbank.

“If people around the area want to know why you live in Homedale, (Thursday) was a shining example,” Eidemiller said Friday as the search continued.

“One of our sons, brothers and friends was in trouble, and people came out to help. Homedale is more than a com-

munity. It’s a family.”

Fourteen boats, most of them private watercraft, were on the river conducting searches beginning Thursday morning. By the afternoon, only boats with sonar were allowed on the river.

Grant and other OCSO leadership personnel as well as sheriff’s Posse members were on the water, and Eidemiller was on a boat that dragged the river in the area where Monreal’s friends reported last hearing him near Riverside Park. A scuba diver also searched.

Many of the boats launched Thursday were owned by bowfishing aficionados, and those crafts were distinctive because of the platforms that jutted above the boats.

Some volunteers walked the bank, and local pilot John Rogers flew over the river into late Thursday afternoon.

Personnel from the Canyon County Sheriff’s Office and Idaho Department of Fish and Game also helped in the search.

Homedale businesses helped feed the volunteers as well with the City of Homedale, Boise Cascade and Subway providing sandwiches; Idaho Pizza Co., providing Thursday’s dinner; and Albertsons giving discounts for all supplies that were purchased related to the search.

The search began after a 911 call was received shortly before 10:30 p.m., on Wednesday.

Eidemiller said the Homedale Fire Department responded to the scene and provided lights by which people searched the river. Wilder Fire volunteers also arrived to illuminate the water.

Monreal family members,

friends and other people who knew Adrian from his high school days gathered at the Homedale boat dock to give assistance or moral support. Countless others reacted on social media throughout the four days of searching.

Matt Holtry, who was Monreal’s high school principal and football coach, posted on Facebook and the school district’s communication platform information that could help people cope with the tragedy.

District superintendent Rob Sauer shared Holtry’s post with The Owyhee Avalanche:

“As our Homedale family copes with the recent event that has impacted many of us, we want you to know that there are individuals within our community that are here for you during this difficult time,” Holtry wrote.

“If at any time you feel the need to talk to someone or feel the need for a resource to turn to, please know there are amazing people here for you to turn to. We love you, and we need each other during these difficult times.”

Among the contacts Holtry shared:

- Edene Christensen — (208) 860-5230
- Middle school counselor Brianne Topmiller — (208) 870-2453 or Btopmiller@homedaleschools.org
- Elementary school counselor Randee Garrett — (208) 989-2248 or rgarrett@homedaleschools.org
- Homedale Friends Community Church pastor Luke Ankeny — (208) 614-0197 or luke.anken@gmail.com
- Marybeth Puri — (208) 250-2724
- Holtry — (208) 697-9286 or mholtry@homedaleschools.org
- HHS student support specialist Debbie Flaming — (208) 630-4049 or dflaming@homedaleschools.org

— JPB and TK

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Sports

Local sprinter reaches Jr. Olympics

An Adrian High School athlete with Homedale ties has qualified for the Junior Olympics.

Michael Babcock will be part of the Idaho Dash club's 4x100-meter and 4x400 relay teams when the Hershey National Finals Junior Olympics are held next month.

Babcock, who recently finished his sophomore season at Adrian, competed in the 100 and 200 sprints as well as the two relay races during the USA Track and Field Western Regional Finals on Friday and Saturday.

The national qualifier was held in Provo, Utah, on the Brigham Young University campus. Michael's mother, Michelle Wallace, provided the details.

The Idaho Dash's relay teams won both championships in the 17-18 age group. The top five qualifiers in each event earn a spot in the national finals,

which will take place July 23-29 in Greensboro, N.C.

Babcock reached the western regional finals in the 100, placing eighth.

He didn't make it out of the preliminary heats in the 200 on Friday.

According to Athletic.net, Babcock was runner-up in the USATF Snake River Association Jr. Olympics Championships in both the 100 and 200 on June 16. He achieved personal records in both races, running a 11.47-second 100 and finishing the 200 in 23.27.

The Idaho Dash relay teams also won the Snake River championships in the 4x100 (44.59) and 4x400 (3 minutes, 52.2 seconds) Babcock teamed with Troy Colleran, Samuel Gross and Bradley Johnson in the 4x100. Babcock and Johnson were joined by Kobe Crump and Taylor Rainford in the 4x400 victory.

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✓ Golfer: Top junior meet takes place in South Carolina

the incoming Homedale High School junior still managed to make the field for the Big I national tournament.

Tony and Jennifer Uranga's son will compete at the Daniel Island Club's Ralston Creek course outside Charleston, S.C., from Aug. 6 to Aug. 9.

Uranga led the Idaho qualifier after 36 holes at Shadow Valley Golf Club in Boise. But Jake Slocum forged a tie at the top when he finished his round about a half-hour later.

Tony said Daniel's body tightened up during the 25-minute wait, and he pulled his tee shot on the first hole of the playoff.

Slocum won the tournament when Uranga bogeyed the playoff hole.

"It was a good lesson to stay loose," Tony said.

The top three golfers from the qualifier reached the national tournament. Uranga and Slocum will both be juniors at their respective high schools in

August. Slocum attends Rocky Mountain High School.

Zach Martin of Rexburg also will represent Idaho at the Big I.

The Big I national tournament has been the first stop on great careers for some notable professional golfers, including Bobby Clampett (1975), Bob Tway (1976), Justin Leonard (1989) and two-time winners Billy Andrade (1980-81) and Tiger Woods (1990 and 1992).

The Big I qualifier marked the best finish for Uranga in some top-notch junior tournaments thus far this year.

Earlier this month, Uranga finished seventh at the John Dropping Invitational Memorial at BanBury Golf Club in Eagle.

Also in June, he finished tied in the top 10 in his age group (15-18) at the IMG Academy Junior World Qualifier at Caldwell's TimberStone Golf Course.



Two alpacas, Grace and little Nugget (left), entertained festival-goers as Nancy Castro (in pink) looked on during Outpost Days on June 2 in Murphy. Grace and Nugget live on the animal rescue ranch of Corey and Nancy Castro in Murphy.

Murphy ranch provides a home for animals in need

Facility provides PTSD, autism therapy

A Murphy couple has spent the past few years opening their home to sick, injured, and abandoned animals in the hopes of creating a safe and therapeutic environment for people looking for comfort.

Corey and Nancy Castro, owners of Homestead Animal Rescue, started their business unintentionally. They had planned to move somewhere where they could just have a little land, maybe five or 10 acres.

They would eventually end up with 68 acres in Murphy and what would become Homestead quickly took in its first animal, an old horse named Gus.

"His owners placed him with us to spend his final months," Nancy said. "He lived on for almost two years! He was a great horse, and we grew to love Gus very much."

Taking care of Gus was the impetus that led the Castros to open their home to other animals in need.

Nancy said as a result of her first husband, Kevin Coordes, being killed in a car accident in 2007, her family had suffered through some post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

"Being a special education teacher and having PTSD hit my own family, I got the idea to invite others with disabilities, or even just those people who don't have an opportunity to see farm animals, out to our ranch to enjoy them," Nancy said.

As the animals increased in number, Corey and Nancy realized there would be some difficulty with feeding and caring for them. The Castros realized that Corey's job as an

erosion control foreman and Nancy's work as a paraprofessional for the Nampa School District wouldn't cover all the costs.

They decided to apply for 501(c)(3) nonprofit status. This allows for federal tax exemption of nonprofit organizations, specifically public charities and private foundations.

This status would allow Homestead to receive donations and grants. They have received one grant, and they do petting zoos for a small fee and donations.

The Castros would like to expand, in the hopes of being able to provide housing for a ranch hand in exchange for work. They have plans for a new barn with electricity, to provide warmth to the animals during the cold months.

They have also been working on new fencing to place animals in better locations to accommodate special needs visitors, including those in wheelchairs.

The hope is to move as many of the animals as possible into new homes, but it doesn't always work that way.

"Some of the animals here are placements and are older or have special needs," Nancy said. "This is now their forever home."

Other animals they receive are just there to get veterinary care and then be adopted out to approved homes. The Castros visit the prospective adoption homes and there is an application that states that if the adopting families have to get rid of the animal that it will be returned to Homestead at no cost.

The animals come to the Castros in a variety of ways.

Nancy said she once went on a rescue of two mini pigs that were in very poor condition. They were in a small

concrete enclosure and they were skinny and wild. One of the animals died of a preexisting genetic disorder, but they still have the other with them in Murphy.

The Castros assisted animal control officers in catching and holding a calf that was running down 12th Avenue in Nampa. They treated her injuries and got her back to her owners.

Nancy also said they have been recently trying to chase down two pigs in the area of Garrity Boulevard near JC Penney in Nampa with no success.

"They are way smarter than you would think," she said.

Nancy believes the therapy provided is invaluable and that both children and adults can connect with different animals in ways even she doesn't fully understand.

"The animals are not judgmental," she said. "They are warm and fuzzy and will listen to you all day long."

"Kids who struggle to read will come out and read to an animal because they do not get corrected and are not embarrassed if they read it wrong. The animals don't care."

She added, "One young man, about 8 years old, just wanted to chase a chicken around. My husband caught one for him, and he sat and talked with the chicken in his own language. He was mostly nonverbal. It is a way for these kiddos to come out of their shells."

If anyone is interested in coming to see the animals at Homestead Animal Rescue, wants more information or would like to donate, call (208) 703-0608. Corey and Nancy can also be reached on their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/homestead66.

— TK

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense



I Know You'll Miss This Man

The Lord spoke to the heavy hearts that stood with hats in hand
“Your sadness pains me deeply and I know you’ll miss this man
But, it’s true what you’ve been hearing, Heaven is a real place.
That’s no small consolation. You should use that fact to face

The emptiness his parting left that seeps into your bones
And draw on it to ease your pain. For he is not alone.
You see, all his friends are up here and all his loved ones, too,
'Cause it wouldn't be a heaven without each one of you.

And heaven for a cowboy is just what you might expect,
It's horses that need tunin' up and heifers that need checked.
It's long rides with a purpose and a code that lights the way
And a satisfying reason to get up every day.


It's the ranch he's always dreamed of and never knew he'd find
And if you think about it, you can see it in your mind.
Him, leanin' in the saddle with his ol' hat on his head,
Contentment set upon his face like blankets on a bed.

The leather creaks a little as he shifts there in the seat.
The bit chains give a jingle when his pony switches feet.
And you somehow get the feelin' that he's sittin' on a throne
A'gazin' out on paradise just like it was his own.

I can promise you he's happy, though I know you can't pretend
You're glad he made the journey. It's too hard to comprehend.
The earthly way you look at things can never satisfy
Your lack of understanding for the answer to the 'Why?'

So, I offer this small comfort to put your grief to rest,
I only take the top hands 'cause my crew's the very best.
And I know it might seem selfish to friends and next of kin
But I needed one more cowboy and Billy fit right in.”

— 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.”



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State Sen. Michelle Stennett, Dist. 26

Invasive species
Idaho needs strong borders to protect public waterways



A story broke this month about a boat being stopped at the Washington-Idaho border. At first blush, it might seem like an odd event to draw news coverage. However, it wasn't the boat the inspectors were interested in — it's what was on the boat that made them nervous.

What they found on that boat were Zebra mussels. Inspectors are also on the lookout for Quagga mussels. Collectively, we refer to both species of mussels as “invasive” species. These invaders have hard shells, multiply by the hundreds of thousands, and are generally no bigger than a fingernail. We must strengthen our state's borders to make sure they never take root in our public waterways.

Believe it or not, Russia and Ukraine *do* pose a big threat to Idaho — the Zebra and Quagga mussels trace their origins to waterways in those countries. Over the past few decades, they have made their way to the United States via overseas cargo ships. They first surfaced in the Great Lakes and have steadily moved West. To date, Idaho has remained “mussel-free” thanks in part to the diligent men and women who protect our borders at inspection stations. They are trained to search and sanitize boats that enter our state. These mussels could be

devastating to Idaho.

Just how devastating? One estimate puts the annual price-tag for dealing with these invasive species at \$90 million. That's every year. That's just Idaho. These mussels can attach themselves to just about anything — dams, hydroelectric gears, irrigation systems. They can destroy beaches and shorelines. If you fish, farm or boat, you are a potential target. Being a rural legislator representing Camas, Gooding, Lincoln and Blaine Counties, that means just about every one of my constituents is at risk.

To date, Zebra or Quagga mussels have not entered Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Alberta, or British Columbia, but they are present in many other Western states. Diligent border inspections and an informed, cooperative public are critical to protecting those borders from aquatic invaders.

I recently spoke with inspectors along the Idaho-Montana border. They told me about the frustrations boaters experience when stopped. However, when these inspectors explain the threat invasive species pose to Idaho, most boaters understand. The problem is, they can only do so much. None of our

— See *Waterways*, Page 19

Center for Rural Affairs
Farm bill proposal would leave rural businesses behind

by Anna Johnson

Anyone familiar with rural communities knows that locally owned businesses are the jewels that make them vibrant. However, in many rural communities, entrepreneurs can struggle to establish new businesses. Often, needed resources and training in business planning are unavailable to aspiring, rural business owners.

A farm bill program, the Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program (RMAP), helps small business owners bridge those gaps. RMAP awards grants to community organizations, which in turn offer rural entrepreneurs crucial support ranging from composing business plans to accessing loan capital.

Although RMAP represents a small piece of the farm bill, it impacts rural communities in a huge way. Unfortunately, this program is on weak footing: if the current farm bill drafts are finalized, RMAP's funding will vanish. Renewing this funding is crucial not only for rural entrepreneurs, but also for their local economies and the communities they serve.

Small business entrepreneurship is a vital economic development strategy for many rural communities. Locally owned and owner-

operated small businesses are particularly important as large employers in rural areas diminish and take their employment opportunities with them.

Facilitating the development of small businesses puts the economic future of rural communities in the hands of its own members — people committed to its future.

The unique approach of RMAP provides important tools to entrepreneurs and offers an important economic development strategy for rural communities — a big bang for the taxpayer's buck. We

urge legislators in the Senate and the House to include funding for this proven program in the renewal of the farm bill.

— Anna Johnson is a senior policy associate for the Center for Rural Affairs, a private, non-profit organization established in 1973 that works to strengthen small businesses, family farms and ranches, and rural communities by addressing social, economic, and environmental issues. The farm bill passed the U.S. House of Representatives, 213-211, on Thursday. The Senate Agriculture Committee passed its version out of committee on June 13. The current farm bill expires on Sept. 30.



Commentary

Financial management

Ditch precious metals investments, concentrate on debt

Dear Dave,

I make about \$240,000 annually, and I will be maxing out my 401(k) contributions this year. I have \$60,000 in student loan debt I'm trying to pay off, a small amount left on my home mortgage, plus I've been investing in a lot of gold and silver. Those investments are worth about \$30,000 right now.

In addition to this, I've got \$10,000 in cash just sitting in a savings account for emergencies.

Should I stop the gold and silver investing, and focus on paying off the loans, or keep

splitting my money between them?

— Adam

Dear Adam,

I'd stop investing in gold and silver completely. I don't put money in precious metals at all, because they have a lousy long-term track record.

My advice would be to cash out every bit of your gold and silver, and put the money toward paying off your student loans. That would instantly cut your student loan debt in half. Then, with your salary, you should be able to pay off the rest in just a few months.



The key will be to start living on a very strict budget. Don't

spend on anything that's not absolutely necessary. I also want you to temporarily stop contributing to your 401(k). Do this just until you get the student loan debt wiped out, then pick it up again like before.

If you want to put even more toward retirement, you could check with a quality investment professional — one with the heart of a teacher — to see if you're eligible for a back-door Roth IRA. When it's all said and done, Adam, I want you to have 15 percent of your yearly income going toward retirement.

You already know the value of saving and investing.

With your income, once you knock out your debt and begin investing again, you have the very real potential to become a millionaire in just a few years!

— 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](https://twitter.com/DaveRamsey).

✓ Waterways: State's checkpoints protect irrigation infrastructure

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border checkpoints are open 24 hours. Many boaters enter our state after dark without being inspected. Furthermore, the federal government needs to take charge of foreign waterways where the mussels are already present. The feds have jurisdiction over Lakes Mead, Powell and Havasu, three of the most mussel-infested waterways in the West. Every boat coming out of those contaminated waterways should be inspected before they leave the shore — let alone cross into another state.

As someone who represents rural Idaho counties, I cringe at the thought of these things getting into irrigation pipes or hydroelectric machinery. The price tag is just as nerve-wracking.

Summer boating in Idaho is a generations-long tradition. But please understand the threat Idaho faces and support our border inspectors. You don't want to make the news as the person who brought invasive species into Idaho.

— Sen. Michelle Stennett is the Senate Democratic Leader. She represents District 26 (Lincoln, Camas, Gooding and Blaine counties) in the Idaho State Legislature. Owyhee County operates two boat check stations — at the U.S. Highway 95-Idaho highway 55 junction in Marsing and near the Idaho 78-Idaho 51 junction in Bruneau — as part of the Idaho Department of Agriculture invasive species program.

From Washington Better forest management to prevent wildfires crucial to rural economies

June is the start of fire season in Idaho and most of the West. In recent years, we have experienced devastating fires of unprecedented size and intensity. This includes the Pioneer Fire, which burned 190,000 acres of Boise National Forest in 2016 and the Teepee Springs Fire, which burned 95,000 acres in the Payette National Forest in 2015. This year's fire season is projected to be "above average," according to the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC).

The main reason we are experiencing these devastating fires is because our forests have been poorly managed, leading to historically high fuel loads.

Over the past 30 years, the Forest Service has dramatically reduced the scope of its management activities in the national forests, mainly because of the increase in litigation springing from the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). In Fiscal Year 2015, the Forest Service harvested 2.9 billion board feet of timber from National Forest timberlands, a 70 percent decline from what was harvested three decades ago. There is a direct link between the dwindling amount of timber harvested in federal forests versus the increasing number of acres burned.

The decline in Idaho's timber harvesting has also had a devastating effect on our rural communities. Unemployment has skyrocketed, and counties that depend on timber receipts to fund schools, roads and daily operations have become desolate and broke.

The best way to solve these interconnected problems is to stop the government's overregulation and litigation so that we can put our people and our land back to work. Unfortunately, most politicians want to put a band-aid on these problems, instead of actually fixing them.

We see that with SRS ("Secure Rural Schools") funding. These are federal payments to local governments to help offset their losses in revenue from a decline in federal timber harvests over the past several decades. SRS was intended to be a temporary program but instead has turned into a typical Washington "solution." Instead of empowering people by getting government out of the way, SRS makes rural counties more dependent on Washington. SRS is necessary for the time being, given the unfairness of the current situation. But it should be a stopgap measure on the

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way to a long-term fix.

Recently, I addressed these issues with Vicki Christiansen, the interim chief of the Forest Service, at an oversight hearing of the House Natural Resources Committee.

I pressed Interim Chief Christiansen on what the Forest Service is doing specifically to increase timber harvesting and to reduce the cost of NEPA compliance. She reported some encouraging information (for example, since the Forest Service adopted a wholesale review process eight months ago, NEPA costs have fallen by about 10 percent). However, I know the Forest Service can do a lot more if the commitment and leadership is there.

At the hearing, I also advocated for an innovative idea to aid timber-reliant communities. The Forest Service routinely relies on stewardship contracts and good neighbor authority to do work necessary in the forests. Good neighbor authority and stewardship contracting do not require revenue sharing with the counties. I encouraged Interim Chief Christiansen to have the Forest Service use traditional timber sales, so that local communities can benefit economically. Going forward, I will continue to press her on this idea and other ways we can aid timber-reliant communities.

Better forest management is critical for Idaho's economy, our environment, and our public safety. I will continue fighting for real solutions, instead of kicking the can down the road. Our way of life depends on it.

Letters to the editor

All letters to the editor submitted to The Owyhee Avalanche must be no longer than 300 words, signed and include the writer's address and daytime phone number.

The deadline for submitting letters is noon on Friday. Letters can be submitted in these ways:

- E-mailed to jon@owyheeavalanche.com
- Faxed to (208) 337-4867
- Mailed to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628
- Dropped off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

June 30, 1993

Armory funds get nod from House of Reps.

Idaho Congressman Larry LaRocco announced that the House of Representatives approved H.R. 2446, the 1994 Military Construction Appropriations Bill, which includes \$9,342,000 for military facilities in southwest Idaho.

Gowen Field in Boise would receive the largest appropriation of funds, \$6.4 million for various construction projects. The Army National Guard would get \$1.157 million for the construction of an armory in Homedale.

Officials said the site has already been selected for the Homedale armory. A new facility is needed to replace the current building, which is crumbling because of soil problems.

“We’re pretty early on in the process for getting the approval for it,” said Lt. Col. Field, a spokesman for the Idaho National Guard in Boise.

“We haven’t been told anything that would lead us to think that we’re not going to build it next year,” he said. “As far as we’ve always been concerned it was a 1994 project.”

City wants ultralights to pay user fees

The city of Homedale says ultralight aircraft, like other planes, should pay tie-down fees at the airport.

“It’s the users that pay for that facility, and I think they’re users,” city supervisor Larry Bauer said.

But one ultralight owner has told him his craft is not an airplane.

Another ultralight owner anted up one month’s fees, which run \$5, after the city tagged his ultralight.

The city signs a contract with airplane owners for the tie-down fees, but that agreement may lack the bite of an ordinance — a route the city may consider, Bauer said.

“We don’t really have an ordinance that says it’s a requirement that if they use that facility they pay for it,” he said. “I can’t believe you have to go that route for \$5 a month.”

Local barrel racer cashes in

Homedale’s Max E. Bruce bested much of the competition at two recent barrel racing events, placing well enough to collect two checks and awards.

Bruce placed first at the barrel derby in Reno, Nevada, June 19-20. Among her winnings, a belt buckle, an Australian coat, horse boots, horse blanket, spurs and a check for \$700.

At the Utah Barrel Futurity and Derby at Vernal. Bruce took second in the derby average and won prize money of \$400.

Upcoming events the perennial winner is competing in include three rodeos over the Fourth of July in Vale, Grangeville and Hailey.

Local golfers compete at Elks tourney

Sixty-eight junior golfers participated in the Caldwell Junior Elks Golf Tourney June 23 and 24. Among the competitors at the Fairview Golf Course in Caldwell were five local golfers.

Gavin Parker finished third in the 13-year-old boys division; Andrea Bideganeta took fourth among girls ages 12-13; John Bideganeta finished fourth in the 10-11-year old group; and in the boys ages 8-9 Jason Bideganeta took fourth and Spencer Batt fifth.

The first three places received trophies, and all the participants enjoyed a lunch hosted by the Caldwell Elks.

50 years ago

June 27, 1968

Standing committees named for Chamber

Standing committees of the Homedale Chamber of Commerce for 1968 have been announced:

Park & Waterways

Ray Tolsma, chairman; Everett Colley, director; Sid Tucker, H.L. Petersen, John Matteson, Tom Arvin, Kenny Downing.

Highway & Bridge

Harper Saunders, chairman; Dale Jackson, director; Frank Matteson, Gordon Cahill, Dick Eismann.

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Tom Morris, chairman; Clarence Ferguson, director; Jim Murray, Poke Henson.

Publicity

Everett Colley, chairman; Bill Bredy, director; Dr. Bill Bauscher, Jim Duncan.

Welcoming

Clarence Ferguson, Andy Warfield.

Retail Merchants

Lester Carter, chairman; Roy Schamber, director; Bill Bredy, Marion Vance, W. H. Bailey, Clyde Newman, Ed Manning, George Murray, Paul Zatica.

Finance

Don Shaffer, director; Homer Anderson, chairman; Doyle McPherson, Reed Fry, Victor Uria, Martha Titmus.

Special Activities

Reed Frye, chairman; Andy Warfield, director; Paul Zatica, Marvin Hill, Dick Eismann, Herman Koenig, Jim Duncan, Herb Fritzley, Howard Bergeson, Cliff Turner, Dr. Robert F. Turner, Ray Tolsma, Poke Henson, Tom Arvin.

Board of Directors

Clarence Ferguson, president; Andy Warfield, vice president; Roy Schamber, secretary-treasurer; Ray Tolsma, Dale Jackson, Bill Bredy, Don L. Shaffer.

Chamber hears Highway 95 plans, 4-H talks

Bill Sacht, Boise, state highway engineer for district 3, discussed bridge and highway projects planned by the department in the Homedale area at the Homedale Chamber of Commerce meeting Tuesday noon at the American Legion Hall.

Sacht also told of the department’s plans for rebuilding a section of Highway 95 from the Oregon line and relocating that part of the highway along Squaw Creek Canyon.

Debra Horn and Carol Howell, who were sponsored by the Homedale Chamber of Commerce for half scholarships at the recent 4-H club congress in Moscow, spoke to the Chamber.

Miss Howell told of the campus tour and career opportunity study made by the 4-H members and of classes and workshops attended. Miss Howell and Miss Horn are both members of the Sage Creek Livestock club and the Homedale-Marsing Builders club. Miss Howell’s father is LeMoyne Howell and Miss Horn’s Parents are the Stan Horns.

Smith grandson enters pro ball

Phillip Smith, son of Mr. and Mr. Walter Smith, Caldwell, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith of Homedale, is en route today (Thursday) to Salt Lake City, Utah, having signed a contract with the San Francisco Giants Professional Baseball Organization.

He has been at spring training in Medford, Ore., for the last 10 days. Phil is scheduled to go on the mound in the opening game of the season at Ogden, Utah, Saturday, pitching against the Dodgers.

140 years ago

June 29, 1878

A TRIBUTE

The Hollister *Enterprise*, edited by 4 gentlemen well known in this vicinity and who were intimate friends of the late O. H. Purdy, has the following reference to the deceased: “Among the killed was O. H. Purdy, than whom, a braver man or more fearless Indian fighter never shouldered a gun. He was one of the earliest of the pioneers of Owyhee. A warm-hearted, positive man of unflinching integrity and high sense of honor. We ranked him among our most valued and esteemed friends. Mr. Purdy’s life on the western slope has been a succession of hard knocks and harder fights. Dame Fortune had connected with him and lured him on from camp to canyon, from mountain to plain, but like hundreds of others, he never basked in their smiles-though pluck to the last. The old veteran’s troubles are over; he has lain down to sleep amid the rugged scenery, which he was one of the first to discover, and there are many old-timers who will join us in a tear over the grave of poor “old Purdy.”

THE U. S. Army having been recently increased to 25,000 men, it is reasonable to suppose that as soon as the ranks are filled up, the Pacific Coast section of the country will be allowed to fill its quota of troops. There are less than 2,200 soldiers in General McDowell’s division at the present time, and one-third of these have been sent to Idaho to engage in the work of putting down the present insurrection. There is pressing demand for the presence of troops in the Territories as recent circumstances go to show. At least one-fourth of the United States Army ought to be assigned to service in the Pacific Coast states and territories. Troops are not needed in the Southern States, and it is worthy of note that there is less demand for the presence of the soldiery in that section of the country at the present time than there is anywhere else, whether north, east, or west. Texas needs a considerable force it is true, but the claims of that state are not so urgent at the present time as those of Idaho and the adjoining country, where we have a savage foe to contend with in what would seem like overwhelming numbers. We repeat that there is no section of the country where troops are more urgently required than they are in the Territories, and if justice is done to the Pacific Coast the number of troops ought to be at least quadrupled during the present season.

BREVITIES

A large number of horses belonging to Mr. Hank, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Hawes and several other residents of Bruneau reached here on Tuesday, having been driven in to town, the object being to protect them from future savage raids.

At the recent meeting of the Republican Territorial Central Committee the 21st of September was fixed as the day for holding the convention to nominate a candidate for Delegate to Congress. Owyhee is entitled to a representation of four in the convention.

We need more arms in Owyhee. This county is now more exposed than any other section of the Territory, and will probably have to bear the brunt of the destructive work of the savages. The Governor should see that there is at least one hundred stand of arms in Silver City.

Public notices

**NOTICE OF PENDING
ISSUE OF TAX DEED**
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, AS FOLLOWS: That a delinquent entry was entered as of January 1, 2014, in the records of the County Treasurer as Tax Collector of Owyhee County, State of Idaho, for the following properties:

**Parcel RP03N05W107920A
Jan Bryant 16413 N Hayli St.
Nampa, ID 83651** Property known as Tax 6C Section 10 3N 5W, Owyhee County, Idaho
Tax: \$112.06
Late Charge: \$ 2.24
Interest: \$ 60.99
Costs: \$125.00**
TOTAL \$ 300.29

**Parcel RPA0010066005CA
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C/O Marshalee Kirksey
2615 Weber Rapids Place
Meridian, ID 83642**
Property known The N 144.5' of Lots 5&6, the E2 of the N 144.5' of Lot 7 Block 66, or more commonly known as 14 E UTAH AVE, City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho
Tax: \$270.72
Late Charge: \$ 5.42
Interest: \$147.35
Costs: \$ 37.50**
TOTAL \$ 460.99

**Parcel RPA0010066004A
Rodney Hanson
C/O Marshalee Kirksey
2615 Weber Rapids Place
Meridian, ID 83642**
Property known as the N 144.5' of Lot 4 Block 66, City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho
Tax: \$198.46
Late Charge: \$ 3.96
Interest: \$108.00
Costs: \$ 37.50**
TOTAL \$347.92
**Pursuant to Idaho Code §63-1005 (3), amounts will increase as additional cost and fees in the tax deed process are added.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED, that if said delinquent entry is not redeemed on or before August 13, 2018, by payment of said unpaid taxes together with late charge, interest and all unpaid costs and expenses up to the date of said payment at my office as Tax Collector, Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, ID, I shall thereupon, as required by law, make application to the Board of County Commissioners of Owyhee County, State of Idaho, for a hearing to be held on August 20, 2018, or as soon thereafter as said application can be heard at the **Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, Idaho**, for tax deed conveying the above described property to **OWYHEE COUNTY**, State of Idaho, absolute title, free of all encumbrances, except any lien for taxes which may have attached subsequently to the assessment hereinafter referred to. **YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED**, that the record owner or owners or any party of interest as defined by §63-1005, Idaho Code, may appear in person or by counsel, and if appearing, shall have adequate opportunity to be heard for the purpose of protesting the procedures used in taking this tax deed. **NO OTHER TYPE OF PROTEST WILL BE HEARD. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED**, that inquiries and objections concerning this notice of the information contained therein shall be directed to the **OWYHEE COUNTY TREASURER** at

20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650; or by calling (208) 495-1158 no later than five (5) working days before the hearing date.
6/27, 7/4, 7/11, 7/18.
Dated this 11th day of June, 2018
**Annette Dygert
COUNTY TREASURER
and EX-OFFICIO TAX
COLLECTOR FOR OWYHEE
COUNTY, IDAHO**
6/27, 7/4, 7/11, 7/18/2018

**NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING
SPECIAL USE PERMIT**
Marsing City Council will conduct a public hearing on July 11, 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 SPECIAL USE PERMIT to develop a manufacturing facility. Work may include powder coating. The three subject parcels are located at 111 2nd Ave. W and 211 Main Street, Marsing ID 83639, and further described as follows:
Lots 16 through 20 inclusive of Block 15 of the Revised Townsite of Butte, now the City of Marsing ID

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.
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 SPECIAL USE PERMIT 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 July 11, 2018 by 5:00 pm. Dated this 21 June, 2018. Publish: 27 June, 2018.
6/27/2018

INVITATION TO BID
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That the Board of GEM HIGHWAY DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS invites bids for the following:
Furnishing road oil for approximately 7.58 miles of seal coating. Gem Highway District

will furnish cover material in stockpile. Bids should state cost per mile. Work to be completed before September 1, 2018. All bids must be filed with the Secretary of the Board of Gem Highway Commissioners, P.O. Box 453, Marsing, Idaho 83639-0453, on or before 5:00 PM the 16th day of July, 2018.
The right is reserved to reject all proposals, or to accept the proposal or proposals deemed best for the Gem Highway District, and to waive any technicality. Bid packets are available by calling KEITH BERENDS, Road Superintendent, Phone 896-4581, Cell phone 860-6918.
Dated June 18, 2018
Stella J. Bush
Secretary-Treasurer
6/27, 7/4/2018

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S
SALE**
**T.S. No. 046484-ID / Parcel
No.: RP03N04W331192A**
On 10/9/2018 at 9:00 AM (recognized local time), IN THE LOBBY OF THE OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 20381 HIGHWAY 78, MURPHY, ID 83650, in the County of Owyhee, SYDNEY K. LEAVITT, ESQ., a member of the State Bar of Idaho, of ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit: THAT PART OF THE SW 1/4 NE 1/4 SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST OF THE BOISE MERIDIAN, LYING NORTH AND EAST OF THE GEM IRRIGATION DISTRICT "C" CANAL. MORE CORRECTLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: ALL THAT PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (SW 1/4 NE 1/4) OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, BOISE MERIDIAN, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO LYING NORTH AND EAST OF THE GEM IRRIGATION DISTRICT "C" CANAL The Trustee has no knowledge of a

more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: 1 MILE N NORTH CANAL RD, MARSING, ID 83639 AKA, 5979 THOMPSON RD, MARSING, ID 83639, is commonly associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by RANDY E. HANSON AND HEATHER M. HANSON, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Grantor(s), to PIONEER TITLE COMPANY, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, as Beneficiary, dated 2/10/2003, recorded 2/18/2003, as Instrument No. 242537, official records of Owyhee County, Idaho. Please note: The above named Grantors are named to comply with Idaho Code Section 45-1506(4)(a); no representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for the obligation. The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to make monthly payments when due from 10/14/2012 and all subsequent monthly payments thereafter, including installments of principal, interest, impounds, advances, plus any charges lawfully due under the note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust, Deed of Trust and as allowed under Idaho Law. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust as of 6/4/2018 is \$56,918.74 including interest, costs, fees, including trustee and/or attorney fees and costs, and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation there under or in this sale and to protect the security associated with the Deed of Trust, as authorized in the Note, Deed of Trust or as allowed under Idaho Law. Because interest, late charges, fees, costs and expenses continue to accrue, the total amount due varies from day to day. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary

after receipt of funds to satisfy the debt. For further information, write the Trustee at 4375 Jutland Drive, Ste. 200, San Diego, CA 92117, or call (866)931-0036 DATED: 6/4/2018 SYDNEY K. LEAVITT, ESQ., a member of the State Bar of Idaho, of ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP
6/13, 20, 27, 7/4/2018

**THE FOLLOWING
APPLICATIONS HAVE
BEEN FILED TO
APPROPRIATE THE
PUBLIC WATERS OF THE
STATE OF IDAHO**
**57-11983 HOMEDALE
JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT** #370 116 E OWYHEE AVE HOMEDALE, ID 83628 Point of Diversion L8(SWSW) S3 T03N R05W OWYHEE County Source GROUND WATER Use: IRRIGATION 03/01 to 11/15 0.08 CFS Total Diversion: 0.08 CFS Date Filed: 4/5/2018 Place of Use: IRRIGATION T03N R05W S3 L8(NWSW) L8(SWSW) Total Acres: 4
**57-11985 HOMEDALE JOINT
SCHOOL DISTRICT** #370 116 E OWYHEE AVE HOMEDALE, ID 83628 Point of Diversion SENE S8 T03N R05W OWYHEE County Source GROUND WATER Use: IRRIGATION 03/01 to 11/15 0.2 CFS Total Diversion: 0.2 CFS Date Filed: 6/4/2018 Place of Use: IRRIGATION T03N R05W S8 SENE Total Acres: 10. Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. For additional information concerning the property location, contact Western Region office at (208) 334-2190; or for a full description of the right(s), please see www.idwr.idaho.gov. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-203A. Any protest against the approval of the application(s) must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 Airport Way, Boise ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 7/9/2018. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.
GARY SPACKMAN, Director.
6/20, 27/2018

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

On the 4th day of October, 2018, at the hour of 10:00 o’clock A.M. on said date at the office of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, ID 83650, Owyhee County, Idaho, TitleOne, as successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in lawful money of the United States of America, payable in full at the time of the sale, the following described real property, located in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, more particularly described as follows: A parcel of land being a portion of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, and a portion of Government Lot 4, of Section 26, and a portion of the Northwest Quarter of Section 35, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at a found brass cap marking the North Quarter corner of said Section 35; thence South 0°31’17” East, coincident with the east line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 35, a distance of 645.08 feet to a 5/8” rebar/cap PLS 14221; thence North 73°23’06” West, 316.38 feet; thence North 69°46’59” West, 141.71 feet; thence North 26°17’26” West, 120.04 feet; thence North 15°02’39” West, 252.43 feet to the centerline of an existing gravel road; thence North 69°27’33” West, coincident with said centerline, 73.21 feet; thence North 74°47’33” West, coincident with said centerline 251.89 feet; thence North 68°01’20” West, coincident with said centerline 215.18 feet; thence North 71°03’41” West, coincident with said centerline, 119.01 feet; thence North 79°56’59” West, coincident with said centerline, 98.70 feet; thence South 88°41’20” West, coincident with said centerline, 126.22 feet; thence South 82°54’07” West, coincident with said centerline, 575.45 feet to a point on the south line of said Section 26; thence leaving said centerline, North 7°27’39” West, 55.99 feet; thence North 50°27’48” East, 710.60 feet; thence North 12°23’15” East, 731.74 feet to the southerly right of way line of State Highway 78 and the beginning of a non-tangent curve; thence 1044.90 feet along the arc of said

curve to the left, with a central angle of 10°16’11”, a radius of 5820.58 feet, subtended by a chord bearing South 46°40’27” East, 1043.50 feet; thence North 65°59’00” East, 113.32 feet to the centerline of said State Highway 78, and the beginning of a non-tangent curve; thence 131.64 feet along the arc of said curve to the left, with a central angle of 1°18’59”, a radius of 5729.58 feet, subtended by a chord bearing South 53°01’47” East, 131.64 feet to the Idaho Transportation Department Station 280+84.00; thence South 53°18’39” East, coincident with said centerline of State Highway 78, a distance of 373.27 feet to a point due north of the quarter corner common to Sections 26 and 35; thence South 0°31’17” East, 250.46 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH a 40 foot wide ingress/egress easement being 20 feet right and 20 feet left of the following described centerline, and located in Sections 26 and 35, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at a found brass cap marking the North quarter corner of said Section 35; thence South 71°34’41” West, to the centerline of an existing gravel road, 108.74 feet; thence South 58°42’37” West, coincident with said centerline, 97.34 feet; thence South 65°10’37” West, coincident with said centerline, 98.45 feet; thence South 63°31’56” West, coincident with said centerline, 92.48 feet; thence South 74°12’55” West, coincident with said centerline, 48.91 feet; thence South 81°44’38” West, coincident with said centerline, 49.83 feet; thence North 79°04’58” West, coincident with said centerline, 52.85 feet; thence North 60°39’48” West, coincident with said centerline, 48.40 feet; thence North 69°27’33” West, coincident with said centerline, 73.21 feet; thence North 74°47’33” West, coincident with said centerline, 251.89 feet; thence North 68°01’20” West, coincident with said centerline, 215.18 feet; thence North 71°03’41” West, coincident with said centerline, 119.01 feet; thence North 79°56’59” West, coincident with said centerline, 98.70 feet; thence South 88°41’20” West, coincident

with said centerline, 126.22 feet; thence South 82°54’07” West, coincident with said centerline, 575.45 feet to a point on the south line of Section 26, and the POINT OF TERMINUS.

Together with the water rights represented by Idaho State Department of Water Resources Water Right No. 2-2144 with a claimed priority of March 21, 1958 to 3.7 cfs of irrigation water from the Snake River a tributary of the Columbia River and Water Right No. 2-10011 with a claimed priority of April 1, 1982 to 0.2 cfs of irrigation water from the Snake River a tributary of the Columbia River Water Right No. 57-10232 with a claimed priority of March 21, 1958 to 0.19 cfs of stock water and 0.04 cfs of domestic water with a total diversion of 0.23 cfs of the waters of ground water together with any and all other water rights and ditch rights appurtenant to the above described premises.

The street address or the designation commonly used for the property is 8319 Clark Road, Marsing, Idaho 83639. The name, address and telephone number of the person or firm from whom information may be obtained is Robert Squire, P.O. Box 1188, Burley, Idaho 83318, (208) 878-0650. The sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding the title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Rodney D. St. Clair, an unmarried man, as Grantor, to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp. as Trustee, and D.L. Evans Bank as Beneficiary, dated April 18, 2017, and recorded on May 2, 2017 as Instrument No. 292654 in the office of the County Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho.

The default for which said sale is to be made is the failure to pay monthly installments for 2017 in the sum of \$120,417.78, and

The balance owing as of this date on the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust is \$679,451.53, together with unpaid taxes of \$15,604.03 and accruing interest, and costs of sale.

DATED this 5th day of June, 2018.

Title: Trust Officer
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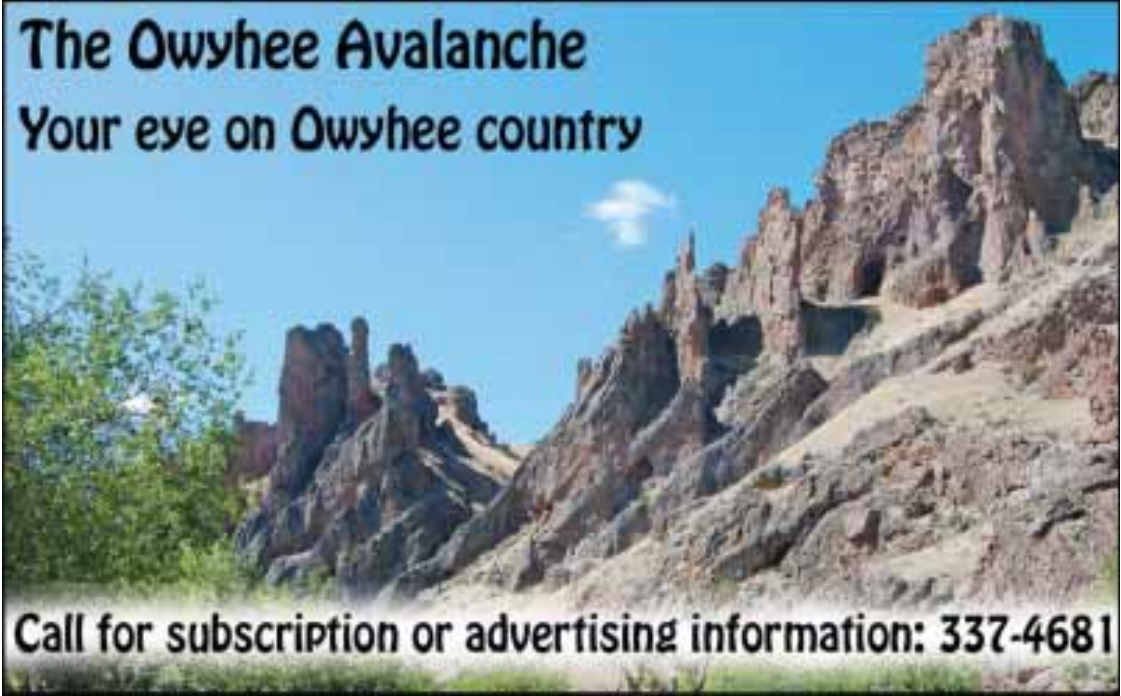
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