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Construction mangles Marsing traffic

A line of vehicles begins to back up across the Snake River bridge at the temporary traffic signal at the entrance into Marsing.

Roadwork ruffles Main Street merchants

ITD will strive for better communication, safety

Marsing business owners aired their frustrations about the roadwork that has transformed Main Street during a public meeting.

Approximately 25 business owners and supporters met last Wednesday with Idaho Transportation Department Idaho highway 55/Snake River bridge project manager David Barrett and Cecilia Hockett from Boise-based public relations firm RBCI.

The meeting at Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center comes in the midst of the major reconstruction project that has created some difficult

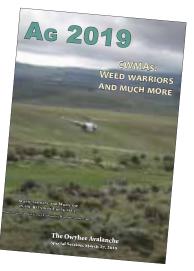
Sandbar, senior services shutdown related to construction

The Sandbar Restaurant With a Cause is closed until further notice, and organizers point to the ongoing road and bridge construction in Marsing.

According to a press release from the Marsing Senior Center board of directors, the restaurant has been closed since March 6.

The press release states — See ITD, page $5A \mid$ that the town's de facto senior citizen center — the operation of which is overseen by the senior center board — was experiencing a "slow down in business" as a result of reduced access to the restaurant because of construction projects on Main Street (Idaho highway 55) and the Snake River bridge, which is scheduled for replacement

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The Owyhee Avalanche's annual look at agricultural issues, including the irrigation outlook and a rundown of what cooperative weed management areas do.

OCSO launches **911** text feature

Authorities: Use new capability when voice call can't be placed

When unable to place a traditional 911 call, people experiencing an emergency can now send a text message to Owyhee County Sheriff's dispatchers.

In a Thursday press release,

— See **911**, page **4**A

Grand View-Bruneau artesian wells subject of meeting

State agency to discuss state of groundwater

A public meeting is set to discuss flowing artesian wells in the Grand View-Bruneau area.

The Idaho Department of Water Resources will staff the public meeting, set from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., next Wednesday at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School, State Hwy. 78, Bruneau.

The informational meeting will attempt to educate well owners and the

general public about state requirements as well as changes that could come about if Senate Bill 1001 becomes law.

"The Department felt it necessary to amend existing law to remove obsolete provisions regarding a costsharing program for the repair or plugging of flowing artesian wells," IDWR groundwater protection section manager Tom Neace told The Owyhee Avalanche in an email.

— See Wells, back page



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Sheriff's deputies could start issuing electronic tickets

Sheriff's office personnel get promotions, pay raises

Steps have been taken to give sheriff's deputies the ability to produce electronic tickets rather than writing paper citations.

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office has been awarded an Office of Highway Safety (OHS) E-Ticketing Grant.

Electronic ticketing is reportedly a more efficient way of generating citations in a patrol

In a letter to the sheriff's office, dated Feb. 27, OHS manager John Tomlinson wrote that the project is funded for up to \$73,000, with a match amount of 25 percent of the project coming from the county in the form of a hard match.

The letter states that all equipment must be purchased before Sept. 30 and fiscal year 2019 reimbursements must be submitted to OHS prior to Oct. 15.

At its March 18 meeting, the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners received an equipment bid of \$12,731.85 from MH Technology Supply Corp., of Liberty Lake, Wash.

The bid covers 12 each of bar code readers, printers, cables, vehicle adaptors, and mounting materials, along with uncoated receipt paper.

The bid has not yet been accepted.

OCSO has staffing changes

The sheriff's office has seen some new hires and staff shuffling of late.

Stacie Woods accepted a promotion to 911 dispatch coordinator, replacing the outgoing Christine Ballard. Woods receives a raise from \$15.94 per hour to \$20.08 per hour. Her change in position and new pay grade will go into effect on Monday.

Ballard has accepted a position with Verizon Communications.

Atanacio Montes has received a promotion to corporal, Marsing enforcement. His new compensation is \$19.53 per hour and will start on Monday.

Inez Larrusea has been promoted to sheriff's lead dispatch, and will make \$16.74 per hour. Her new position and duties will start on Monday.

Cameron McCormack has been hired as a dispatcher, making \$15.94 per hour, and will begin on Monday.

19 years in a row



Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire Capt. Louis Monson stirs his concoction during last year's chili cookoff in Murphy.

OCHS spring bazaar, **MRW Fire & Rescue** chili cookoff slated

Public can attend craft sale, taste homemade chili

Tasty eats will be available both indoors and outdoors Saturday at the Owyhee County Historical Museum.

Owyhee County Historical Society's Spring Bazaar will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., inside McKeeth Hall at the museum, 17085 Basey St., in Murphy.

The bazaar will feature local crafts, and pie and other food will be available for purchase.

adjacent to McKeeth Hall, mrwfire.org or call (208) 495-Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson 2154.

Fire and EMS will present its ninth annual chili cookoff.

The public will be able to judge the chili and vote for the People's Choice award.

There also will be firstplace trophies awarded in five categories.

The entry fee is \$20 for the first recipe and \$10 for each additional entry.

Chili tasting is open to the public, and will begin at 11:45 a.m. Suggested donations for tasting cups and spoons are \$5 for adults and \$4 for senior citizens. Children younger than 12 can sample the different chili entries for free.

For entry forms, rules or On the walkway and lawn information, email info@



Wednesday morning in Owyhee County

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and Speech Therapy



That's when the Owyhee Avalanche hits the news stands





Rockville, Ore., resident Cooper Mackenzie (left) is all smiles as Oregon state Sen. Cliff Bentz (R-Ontario) writes a note. Bentz also accompanied Cooper onto the floor of the Senate at the state capitol in Salem. Photo by Sharon Green

Fourth-grader's writing gets a showcase in Oregon fact book

Rockville boy visits state capitol for signing

Cooper Mackenzie hung out with his state senator last week.

Cooper's a fourth-grader at Rockville School, so he likely didn't talk policy with Oregon Sen. Cliff Bentz (R-Ontario).

Actually, Bentz probably asked the Jordan Valley boy about his essay on showing a fair animal, which is part of the 2019-20 Oregon Blue Book.

The 10-year-old son of Josh and Lexi Mackenzie was one

of six essayists across Oregon who had their writing chosen for the annual publication. This year's theme is fairs and festivals in Oregon.

Cooper, his parents, and his teacher, Sharon Green, traveled to Salem, Ore., to meet local legislators — Bentz and Rep. Lynn Findley (R-Vale).

There was also a ceremony and book signing inside the Galleria at the Oregon state capitol to recognize Cooper and his fellow published writers.

Cooper's essay was about his first year of showing a 4-H pig in last year's Owyhee County Fair. The essay was a school assignment, and the Oregon Blue Book judges didn't seem to mind that the fair Cooper was showcasing actually takes place in Idaho but attracts several border participants.

According to the Oregon Secretary of State website, the Oregon Blue Book is the state's official almanac and fact book. Originally published in 1911, it has been updated and issued every other year for more than a century.

The 2019-20 edition was limited to a printing of only 1,500 books available for purchase. Books can be purchased by visiting the Secretary of State's website at sos.oregon.gov/blue-book/ Pages/default.aspx.



Cooper Mackenzie (center) stands with his mother Lexi and father Josh in front of a large representation of the cover of the 2019-20 Oregon Blue Book inside the Secretary of State's office in Salem. Cooper is one of six essayists from around the state to have his writing in this edition. Photo by Sharon Green

Owyhee County Fair in Homedale, Idaho

I like fair a lot. You can show different animals. I showed a pig. I loved it because I had a great time! My pig's names were Molly and Joe. I had my pigs for almost a year. My pigs were like friends to me. It was really hard to sell Molly. I mean I did not like to feed them, but they were funny. At feeding time they ran around in circles. Showing my pig was awesome! I got third for juniors.

There are a lot of rides at the fair. On one you go down a slide really fast. The bungee jumping was popular. You could do back flips too.

You see a lot of friends there. Some show animals and some do not. The food is so good. Some is not good for you, some is. Like the snow cones are not good for you, but they sure taste good on a hot summer day.

I love fair!

Cooper Mackenzie Fourth Grade Rockville School Jordan Valley, Oregon



9th Annual CHILI COOKOFF

30 March 2019

Owyhee County Museum, Murphy Idaho

(On the lawn outside, In conjunction with the Murphy Spring Bazaar)

Cookoff Team Entry Fee: \$20 for first entry. \$10 for each additional entry

Chili Tasting open to the public at 11:45 AM \$5 Donation Requested, Seniors \$4, Under 12 Free

For entry forms, rules or information contact lnfo@mrwfire.org Or phone 208-495-2154

Awards for 1_{st}place in each of 5 categories and the "Peoples Choice"

This event is sponsored by: Young's Riverfront Ranch, LP Wilson, Idaho



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$\sqrt{911}$: Dispatch official says text-to-911 shouldn't replace emergency voice calls

911 capability was scheduled for 8 a.m., on Monday.

The release, which lists new county 911 coordinator Stacie Woods as a contact, stressed that the text-to-911 feature isn't a replacement for making voice calls to 911.

The text feature should be used only when someone is unable to call 911.

press release include:

Examples cited in the OCSO

- The hearing- or voiceimpaired
- If someone is in a medical emergency and is incapable of speech
- Situations when speaking out loud would endanger the caller, such as a home invasion, a domestic violence incident, or an active shooter situation
- A caller is on the edge of a cellular service coverage area — a possibility in a county as vast as Owyhee County — where voice calls may not get out but a text message can.

Dispatchers cannot automatically locate a person using text-to-911, so reporting parties must include location information in their concise message.

The service is available only on select cellphone providers: AT&T, T-Mobile, and Verizon.

As a way to remember the protocol, OCSO used this message: When in an emergency situation, all wireless callers should remember to "Call 911

the sheriff's office said text-to- if you can; Text 911 if you can't."

> Other things to keep in mind if you need to send a text-to-

- · Customers should use the texting option only when calling 911 is not an option.
- Using a phone to call 911 is still the most efficient way to reach emergency help.
- Texting is not always instantaneous, which is critical during a life-threatening emergency. It may take slightly longer to dispatch emergency services in a text-to-911 situation because of the time involved: Someone must enter the text; the message must go over the network and the 911 dispatcher must read the text and then text back.
- · Providing detailed and exact location information and nature of the emergency in the first text message is imperative, since Owyhee County 911 will initially only receive the location of the cellphone tower closest to the call's origin.
- Never use text abbreviations, emoticons or slang to ensure that the intent of the dialogue is as clear as possible.
- Customers must be in range of cell towers in Owyhee County. If customers are outside
- or near the edge of the county, the message may not reach Owyhee County 911.
- Texts to 911 from areas where the service is not

available will receive a "bounce back" message explaining that Text-to-911 is not available in that area, and urging the sender to make a voice 911 call.

- Texts sent to 911 have the same 160-character limit as other text messages.
- Wireless customers who use Usage Controls should remove this feature to ensure full text-to-911 capabilities.
- Wireless customers must have phones that are capable of sending text messages. The solution is available for customers who use the native SMS provided by wireless carriers. Customers should consult their over-the-top (OTT) messaging provider to determine if and how text-to-911 is provided by the on application.
- The texting function should only be used for emergency situations that require an immediate response from police, fire or emergency medical services. For nonemergency situations, citizens should call (833) 337-4222.
- Out-of-Service cellphones will not be able to Text-to-911; there must be an active data plan for Text-to-911 to work.
- Do not joke around. If you text to 911, responders will be dispatched.
- Text-to-911 should only be used to communicate between emergency help and the texter. No pictures, video, other attachments, or other recipients can be appended to the message.

Marsing Idaho 55/bridge construction update

Work to rebuild Idaho highway 55 and replace the Snake River Bridge continues in Marsing.

According to the latest Idaho Transportation Department update, here's what to expect this week:

- Excavation work will continue on Idaho 55 from 14th Street to 3rd Avenue West. Expect temporary access delays as crews work past homes and businesses.
- Curb and gutter work began Monday on the south side of Main Street from Riverfront Drive to 3rd Avenue West on Monday.
- ITD expects paving to begin late this week from Riverfront Drive to 3rd Avenue West. Once paving is complete, traffic will switch to the south side of Idaho 55 in early April.
- 2nd Avenue West (north and south) at Idaho 55 is closed until road construction is complete later this year. Watch for detour signs.
- Anticipate delays up to 15 minutes.
- Driveway access will be open, with brief delays.
- · Work will occur during daytime hours.

For more information, call (208) 334-8874 or visit itdprojects.org/marsing55improvements. Also, Marsing55 to 22828.

Jordan Valley student on Wyoming school's honors list

Abel Cunningham of Jordan Valley has been named to the fall semester Honors List at

Nancy Cunningham.

Wyoming Catholic College. Abel is the son of Ron and

Honors List students must earn a grade-point average between 3.50 and 3.69.

Wyoming Catholic College is a private liberal arts college in Lander, Wyo.

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ITD: Workers' behavior questioned, too

challenges for downtown businesses — from reduced parking options to temporary detour road signs and directions that may be difficult to understand.

One representative reported that the retail company she works for has lost upwards of 50 percent of its sales as a result of the construction and traffic congestion. She said she couldn't give the exact numbers to reflect this, but estimates the businesses sales have been halved.

"It's tough, I know, working within the existing right-ofway," Barrett said. "You have to keep the road open, you have to keep traffic moving through, and the contractor needs to get in there and build. He needs to do his own operation.

"I understand where you're coming from. It's a pain."

Becky Wright from Logan's Market attended the meeting, as well, and was dismayed by the distressing traffic problems created by new travel patterns.

"Those really sharp turns (from Idaho 78/8th Avenue West and Main Street/Idaho 55), your vehicles are going off the sides of the road and going into holes," Wright said. "It's really difficult to make those turns."

She said the narrow lanes and sharp corners at that intersection are especially problematic for semi-trucks and other vehicles with trailers. She said the sudden drop-offs where the road has been excavated are especially difficult.

A popular consensus among is a lack of communication

the gathered business owners was that the wait time for the temporary traffic lights near the bridge is too long. They contend that too many cars get backed up, and they believe shorter lights would help with flow, which could only help Main Street businesses.

"It took me 45 minutes to get from my house (in Marsing) to the bank and to work," Wright said. "The traffic was backed up from the bridge, all the way to the White House restaurant."

Wright said one of her customers told her that traffic was backed up into Canyon County from the bridge Lowell Road and Idaho 55 junction.

Others at the meeting asked Barrett if there was a way to detour semi-trucks because of safety concerns. Several have said that they have witnessed truckers speeding across the bridge into town, trying to catch the green light and avoid the wait.

Because the prospect of losing business and money as a result of the construction is very personal, many business owners were quite passionate in their testimonials.

Teresa George, of All About Nails at 111 Main St., addressed the meeting via speakerphone.

"I have a prime view through my window of what's been going on the last month," she said. "As a business owner, I am very disgusted at the treatment of the businesses."

George said her biggest issue

between ITD businesses. She also inadequate communication from road crews and confusing road signs are problems.

She also said a section of sidewalk in front of her business was removed without prior notification.

"I have ladies as old as 98 years old, with walkers and on oxygen," she said. "How can they access that area, when I show up and find I have no entrance to my business?

"You guys (construction officials), literally, affected my income and the health of my clients who tried to access my business."

George also alleges that construction workers used profanity and disparaging remarks against her. This message was echoed by other business owners.

"I'll be honest," she said. "I took pictures and emailed them to my clients and told them if they get hurt, they should sue ITD," she said.

Barrett said that he had met with others at ITD and discussed the incident when the section of sidewalk was removed without advance notice.

"I can only apologize for that," he said. "We'll definitely try to do a better job and give better advance warning if we're going to be removing something right in front of your businesses."

In a follow-up email from Barrett to Marsing businesses, he wrote that ITD will make a concerted effort to send weekly



Cathy Streibel, owner of the building that houses All About Nails, stands in the spot where a construction crew removed a section of sidewalk and placed cones to warn pedestrians. Those cones also restricted access to the salon. Submitted photo

emails and place phone calls to businesses throughout the construction process.

In response to the need for bulletins as construction milestones are met: "We will send these emails as they are necessary," Barrett said.

Regarding concerns about the speed of traffic and illegal maneuvers by trucks in Marsing: "We have placed calls to the Idaho State Police and the Owyhee County Sheriff's (Office) requesting a larger presence in the area. Both agencies agreed to increase patrols," Barrett said.

Concerning adding business access and business parking signage: "We are continuing to work toward finding locations for additional business access parking and signage," Barrett

Barrett wrote in his email that Idaho 55 traffic signals are set to allow 250 seconds of traffic and the Old Bruneau Highway signal is set for 70 seconds. ITD will continue to monitor the signal timing and traffic flows.

Hockett said that they will continue to communicate with businesses via email and if more meetings are warranted and requested, that decision will be addressed at that time.

Sandbar: Restaurant, services closed until further notice

beginning later this year.

Detour signs were in place get to Sandbar Avenue businesses, including the Sandbar and The Spot restaurants.

"The road construction proved to be too great a hurdle to overcome," the media release states. "Road closures and detours are a challenge for even thriving business, but for a 501c(3) nonprofit in a small, rural community, it was an insurmountable hardship."

The Marsing Senior Citizens board of directors continues to meet to explore all possibilities moving forward.

"It truly saddens us to have to make this decision," the release reads. "We are left with no other feasible option at this time."

The Sandbar's closure also letting motorists know how to has ended local administration of meals assistance to nearly 20 people who rely on Meals on Wheels.

> The Sandbar provided 3,740 congregate meals and 3,465 meals on wheel to senior, veterans, and disabled citizens in the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

> Other area senior centers, including those in Homedale and Melba, Caldwell Meals on Wheels, and Mom's Meals, have agreed to adopt all 17 of the Sandbar's Meals on Wheels clients.

> The Sandbar has had other setbacks during its two-plus years of existence. The restaurant was closed for six weeks in the summer of 2017 after a

age.

Recovery from that closure was a long and slow process, but the Sandbar continued providing services for area seniors, although the overhead costs of the programs was greater than compensation received, the release contends.

"We are humbled by the generosity of this great community over the last two years and their donations of time, products, services, and money," it reads. "We can't express enough how grateful we are."

Transportation services provided by Elderly Opportunity Agency, with the use of the Sandbar's bus, ceased a few

broken hose on a Coca-Cola months ago because of a lack dispenser caused flood dam- of funds, board member Betty Ackerman said.

In the years since the senior center was transformed from the small building on Main Street to the Sandbar offering meals to everyone in the community, the restaurant's mission has been offering meals, connection and a helping hand to homebound seniors, and offering a meeting place for active ones.

— TK

Open House for Gene Clapier's 90th Birthday



Saturday, March 30th from 2-4 p.m. Marsing American Legion-Community Hall, 126 S 2nd Ave. W

Cake and Ice cream will be served No gifts, but stories are welcomed.

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Assessor's office continues Circuit Breaker assistance days

The Sandbar Restaurant with a Cause may be closed for business, but its doors will open today for a planned property tax reduction workshop.

Owyhee County Assessor's Office personnel will be on hand between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., to help eligible property owners with Circuit Breaker tax reduction applications.

The Sandbar Restaurant with a Cause building is located at 18 Sandbar Ave. With road construction, the direct route to the restaurant is closed, so motorists must follow detours.

Bruneau residents can get Circuit Breaker help from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., on Thursday at the Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St.

(208) 495-2817 for more information about the workshops.

According to the Idaho State Tax Commission website, property owners eligible for Circuit Breaker could reduce their taxes from \$150 to \$1,320on their own or up to one acre of land.

To qualify, applicants must meet criteria:

- Owned and lived in a home or mobile home in Idaho as primary residence before April 15, 2019. Some may qualify if they had lived in a care facility or nursing home. Contact the assessor's office for informa-
- Had an income of \$30.450 or less in 2018
 - Met one or more of the ployee retirement system.

Call the assessor's office at following requirements as of Jan. 1, 2019:

- Age 65 or older
- Widow(er)
- Blind
- Fatherless or motherless child younger than 18
- Former prisoner of war/
- Veteran with a 10 percent or more service-connected disability or receiving a pension from Veterans Affairs (VA) for a non-service-connected disability
- Disabled as recognized by the Social Security Administration, Railroad Retirement Board, or Federal Civil Service. If not covered by the listed agencies, then disabled as recognized by a public em-

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Veggie bar, fruit bar, and choice of milk and juice each day March 27-28: Spring break

April 1: Breakfast: Cereal, peaches Lunch: Mini Corn dogs, Mixed vegetables

April 2: Breakfast: Toast, sausage patty, pears Lunch: Nachos, baby carrots

Homedale Middle

Fruit & salad bar, choice of milk and juice each day March 27-28: Spring break

April 1: Breakfast: Rolled taco or cereal, peaches Lunch: Chicken nuggets or mini corn dogs, steamed carrots, fruit

April 2: Breakfast: Chocolate chip muffin or cereal, yogurt, pears Lunch: Cheeseburger or popcorn chicken, baked beans, goldfish crackers

Homedale High

Salad, fruit choice and choice of milk and juice each day March 27-28: Spring break

April 1: Breakfast: Tornado or twin berry bites or cereal **Lunch:** Pepp. pizza ripper or PB&J sandwich

April 2: Breakfast: Croissant sandwich or cinnamon roll or cereal Lunch: Spicy chicken sandwich or cheesy chicken sub, French fries, cookie

Marsing

Elementary: Veggie bar, fruit bar, fruit juice and choice of milk each day. Middle/High School: Grab-n-go line: Monday

& Wednesday: Cheeseburger, croissant sandwich Tuesday & Thursday: Chicken sandwich, wrap Every day: Pizza, salad w/breadstick

All main entrees served with fries, milk & fruit/veggie bar March 27-28: Spring break

April 1: Breakfast: Banana bread slice, apple Lunch: Corndog, Steamed carrots rice krispie treat or PB&J

April 2: Breakfast: Cherry frudel, orange smiles Lunch: Chicken parmesan, green beans or PB&J

Bruneau/Grand View

All breakfasts and all meals: Milk and fruit offered daily Jr.-Sr. high school: Salad bar, pizza offered daily March 27-28: Spring break

April 1: Breakfast: Apple frudel Lunch: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes & gravy, steamed broccoli, whole wheat roll April 2: Breakfast: Biscuits & gravy Lunch: Mac Attack, tossed Romaine salad, baby carrots

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Salad bar available with each meal: Lettuce, tomato, boiled eggs, peaches, apricots, salad dressing Milk available each day

March 27: Hot dog on bun, chili, tater tots, carrots

March 28: Pork roast, mashed potatoes w/gravy, broccoli,

April 2: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, broccoli

Rimrock Senior Center

All meals are served with milk & fruit juice

March 28: Chicken A'La King, biscuits, peas & carrots, grape & apple salad, bar cookie

April 2: Meat loaf, baked potato w/gravy, Harvard beets, spinach, Mandarin oranges & cottage cheese, whole wheat roll, cook's choice soup

Calendar listings submissions

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. For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.

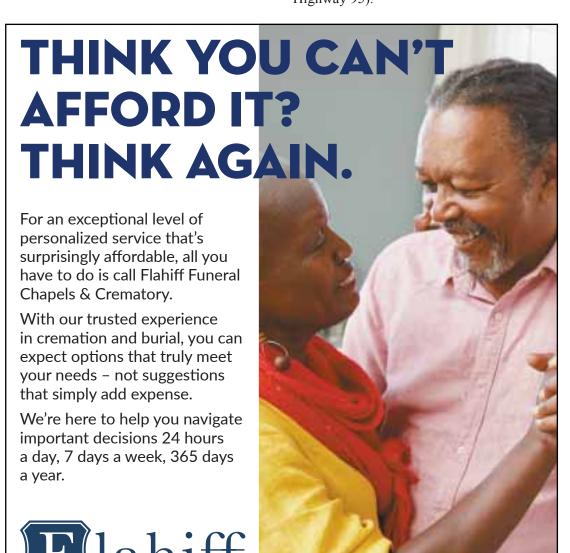
Death notices

SANDRA INETH HINTON, 84, of Homedale, died Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at a Boise hospital of natural causes. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

CODY WYNN LARSEN, 53, of Jordan Valley, died Sunday, March 17, 2019 in Missoula, Mont. A celebration of life and potluck meal will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Saturday, April 20, 2019 at the Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 902 Bassett St. (U.S. Highway 95).

208-337-3252

FlahiffFuneralChapel.com





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Call us with community events, happenings or questions: (208) 337-4681

Calendar

Today

Senior bus to Mountain Home

9:30 a.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922

Circuit Breaker property tax reduction

1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Sandbar Restaurant with a Cause, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 495-2817

Thursday

Fit and Fall exercise

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

Pinochle games

After lunch, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922

Circuit Breaker property tax reduction

1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 495-2817

STEMCraft at the library

4 p.m., grade-school ages, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

Mennonite Youth Choir

7 p.m., refreshments served, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View.

Friday

3D printer 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

3D printer class

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

Teens and Tweens program

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

Saturday

OCHS spring bazaar

10 a.m. to 4 p.m., McKeeth Hall, Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2319

MRW Fire & EMS chili cookoff

All day, \$20 first entry, \$10 each additional entry, 11:45 a.m., chili tasting (donations: \$5 adults, \$4 seniors, younger than 12 free), Owyhee County Historical Museum complex, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. info@mrwfire.org or call (208) 495-2154.

Free lunch

Noon to 12:30 p.m., First Presbyterian

Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419

Pinochle and dominoes games

1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922

Sunday

Game night

6 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. Youth 12 and older. (208) 896-

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Let's Talk About It book series

12:30 p.m., lunch, 1 p.m., book discussion, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

Adult book club

7 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Tuesday

Fit and Fall exercise

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

Pinochle games

After lunch, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922

Homedale Music Booster meeting

6 p.m., Homedale High School band room, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4613

Wednesday

All veterans coffee

9 a.m., Phipps-Watson American Legion Hall and Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing

Thursday, April 4

Fit and Fall exercise

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

Pinochle games

After lunch, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922

Rimrock Sr. Center board meeting

1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922

STEMCraft at the library

4 p.m., grade-school ages, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

Owyhee County Fair Board meeting

7 p.m., Owyhee County Fair office, fairgrounds, 420 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3888 or (208) 941-4522

University of Idaho

With spring comes risk of grass tetany in cattle

grass is starting to green up, and cows are soon to be off the hay and on to green grass.

As livestock go to grass, producers should be on alert for grass tetany. Grass tetany is a metabolic disease in cattle and



other rumi- Scott Jensen nants, usually associated with grazing lush pastures. Low blood magnesium concentration is the most common cause of this disease.

Several factors usually come into play when grass tetany problems occur. These include:

- 1) low magnesium content of rapidly growing pastures
- 2) high potassium content of rapidly growing pastures
- 3) high protein content of spring pastures
- 4) storms or other stress that cause animals to go "off feed" for a short period of time
- 5) lactation losses of magnesium and calcium in the milk.

Cattle that are affected by grass tetany are often found only after they are dead. Typically there is evidence that they struggled with grass and dirt disturbed by the thrashing of their feet and head. Fluid can be collected from within the eye to help determine magnesium concentration at the time of death. Consult with your veterinarian on how to collect and have these samples processed.

If conditions are present to make you suspect that a grass tetany problem might occur, the simplest course of action

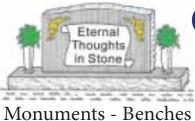
Spring is officially here! The is to immediately make some good quality alfalfa hay available to the cattle. Do NOT move or stress the cattle if at all possible. Alfalfa contains plenty of magnesium and calcium to prevent further grass tetany problems. If you should encounter a live animal suffering from grass tetany symptoms, IV therapy with solutions of magnesium and calcium should be administered post haste. Again, consult with your veterinarian for specific treatment recommendations.

Prevention of grass tetany is ideal. This can be accomplished by supplementing magnesium and calcium in the diet. Salt/ mineral mixes and blocks or molasses licks are the simplest and most common methods to supplement these important minerals. If using molasses supplements for this purpose, be sure that it contains a large percentage of beet molasses. Molasses supplements that are high in urea will actually increase the risk of grass tetany.

Supplements should provide a minimum of 1 ounce of magnesium oxide (or other magnesium equivalent) and 1 ounce of dicalcium phosphate (or other calcium source) per animal per day. You've probably heard that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. This is especially true in the prevention of grass tetany problems!

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

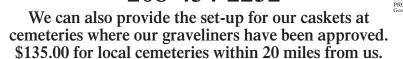




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Homedale FFA benefit packed with laughs



Gunner Campbell and Walter Miller rush to retrieve the ball and pass to one of their fellow players on a donkey. Submitted photos



Jenna Rupp smiles as she tries to control her donkey during the game. She played for the victorious red team.

FFA donkey hoops entertains Homedale crowd

Some rookie players provided laughs for the crowd during the March 18 donkey basketball game inside the Homedale High School gymnasium.

The Homedale FFA chapter presented the game, in which the red team beat the white team.

Fourteen players saw action, but the game was a 5-on-5 contest with four players on each side riding donkeys.

The rules are simple:

The one player from each team not riding a donkey stands in the center circle, and they allowed to pass the ball to their teammates, help a teammate onto their donkey or pass the ball back into the court.

If a donkey rider drops the ball, they must get off their donkey and race to grab it.

— Information provided by Homedale FFA chapter reporter Brooke Pfost.

PLENTY OF WORK AROUND HOMEDALE



Succor Creek Construction owner Barney Harper (far right) pitched in last week when the second concrete slab was poured for the community center planned at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds





Above and left: Workers smooth out the concrete that will serve as the floor for the new community center.

Broken pipe shuts down Homedale High School, business





Above: Homedale public works supervisor Bret Smith searches through the mud and muck for a broken water line March 19, in front of Subway on East Idaho Avenue. The broken pipe replacement necessitated turning water off down East Idaho, from North 1st Street East to North 4th Street East for more than three hours. Homedale High School officials released students at 10:30 a.m. as a result, and Subway was closed most of the day. Left: Water service along the business corridor was restored around 2 p.m., and Smith flushed lines.

Mediation date set for accused hitchhiker killer

Nicholas Blake Vandenberg's first-degree murder case is set for mediation before Third District Sr. Judge Ronald J. Wilper at 9 a.m., on Tuesday, April 16 in Canyon County

before Third District Judge Christopher S. Nye

He's charged with three felonies: first-degree murder with an enhancement for using a deadly weapon and destruction of evidence.

A planned mediation conference for alleged conspirator Montanna Rae Reed hasn't been scheduled yet, but it will also take place

before Wilper. She is charged with felony conspiracy to commit first-degree murder and a felony count of failing to report a death.

A trial date before Third Jury trial set for June District Judge Susan E. Wiebe is still on the docket for October.

> Earlier this year a third defendant agreed to plead guilty to felony charges of accessory to first-degree murder, destruction of evidence and failure to report a death.

> As part of a mediated resolution, Willie Keith Rabey also consented to testify against his alleged co-conspirators at their jury trials.

Courthouse report

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

March 19

Miriah Shanel Trejo, Marsing — Misdemeanor Fish and Game violation, hunt trap or fish without a license: \$135 in fines, \$167 in court costs

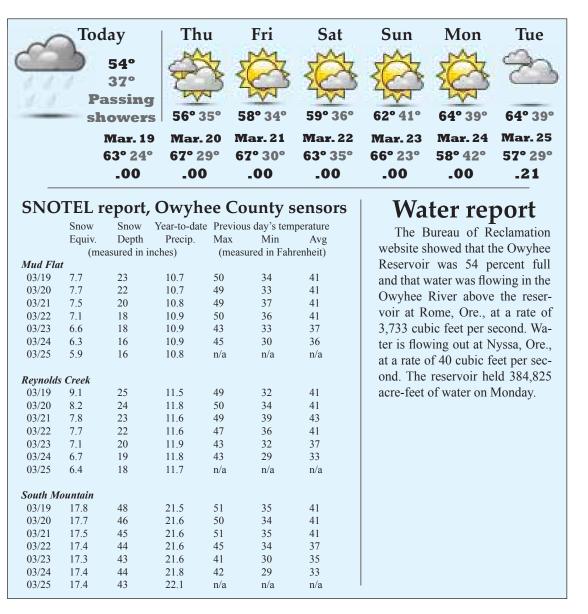
March 18

Gordon Mark Stimmel, Marsing — Misdemeanor controlled substance possession, misdemeanor drug paraphernalia: \$560 in fines, \$395 in court costs

March 13

Dewight James Young, Caldwell — Misdemeanor batterydomestic violence (amended from felony battery-domestic violence inflicting traumatic injury), misdemeanor malicious injury to property: 180 days in jail (14 days served), \$5,000 in fines, \$337.50 in court costs.





One sex abuse case prosecuted, one still on district court docket

among the recent felony workload for the Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

The kidnapping case that emerged in December has also evolved into a case involving sexual abuse charges against defendant Chancey Lee Baker.

The 36-year-old Homedale resident faces eight counts of lewd conduct with a child younger than 16, and two counts of sex abuse of a children younger than 16.

Baker was arrested in late 2018 along with Mikal James

Two sex crime cases are Christensen, 24, and Tressa Marie Sipes, 41, and accused of kidnapping a 35-year-old Homedale woman and keeping her captive.

> Baker's case is only the latest such sex abuse case third-term Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery has brought to the Third District Court.

> Paul Michael Gydas — The Missoula, Mont., resident was sentenced in February to up to five years in state prison after his conviction for felony video voyeurism and two counts of misdemeanor battery. The battery charge

was amended from two counts of felony forcible sexual penetration with a foreign object.

According to court records and an Owyhee County Sheriff's report, Gydas was accused of using a cellphone to take images of a woman in a bathroom of a home the victim shared with Gydas and his spouse. Gydas apparently carried out the crimes from January to March 2017.

He was also originally accused of sexually abusing the woman, but a plea deal reduced that charge to battery.

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Farmers Market seeks youth volunteers

Volunteers are sought to help with the 2019 Homedale Farmers Market season.

Organizers suggest students apply to help vendors or assist in the weekly children's nutrition class, or just help spread the word about the market.

Market manager Denise Dixon will write a letter of recommendation at the end of the summer. Market staff will keep track of volunteer hours.

The volunteering can boost students' college applications, too.

Anyone who wants to help out can obtain a volunteer application at www. homedalefarmersmarket. com.

The weekly markets will be held from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., each Thursday at Bette Uda City Park. The season begins June 6.



Benefit concert comes through with flying colors

Under the Shadow of the Owyhees concert chair Janet McCornack, a Homedale resident, stands with Caldwell-based Danza Azteca Tonatiuh on March 17 at the Homedale Presbyterian Church. The fourth annual fundraiser generated \$345 for The Rock of Homedale and 120 cans of food for the El-Ada Community Partnership Owyhee County food pantry, according to event publicist Ben Cardenas. Submitted photo

Mental crisis center grand opening set April 22

Owyhee will utilize Caldwell-based facility

The mental health center that is designed to help western Idaho counties such as Owyhee County will open in late April.

The Western Idaho Community Crisis Center's grand opening will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on established by Southwest District access outpatient care will typically

Building, 524 Cleveland Blvd., Suite 160, Caldwell.

There will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony at noon.

The center will be open for services on April 23, and will serve Owyhee, Canyon, Adams, Gem, Payette and Washington counties.

The Region 3 crisis center has been

Monday, April 22, at the Cornerstone Health in partnership with Lifeways, end up in an emergency room or county

The center will be open 24 hours a day to provide stabilization and behavioral health services, for periods fewer than 24 hours. The center will assist adults in need of crisis services for behavioral health struggles.

A press release from the crisis center said adults in crisis who are unable to

jail.

In an attempt to save costs, the crisis center will provide an alternative location for individuals to recover before being connected to community resources. Persons in crisis will not be charged for their care at the crisis center, the release said.

— TK

BLM Resource Advisory Council to convene in Vale

Council that helps with decision in the Vale District will meet next week.

The Southeast Oregon RAC will convene Thursday and Friday, April 4-5, at the Vale District office, 100 Oregon St., in Vale.

The meeting will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on April

The agenda includes presentations and discussions regarding the Southeastern Oregon Resource Management Plan Amendment Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Lakeview Resource Management Plan Amendment Draft Environmental Impact Statement, the proposed Cal-

agement Resource Advisory April 5. It's open to the public. project, Virtue Flat OHV Area, begin at 11 a.m., on April 5. and any other business that may reasonably come before the RAC.

> If no quorum is achieved, the advisors will meet as the SEORAC Public Lands Access Subcommittee, but no action will be taken.

A half-hour comment period, during which the public

The Bureau of Land Man- 4 and from 8 a.m. to noon on ico/Grassy Mountain mining may address the RAC, will of 38 committees in the West

For information about the Southeast Oregon RAC, contact Larisa Bogardus at lbogardus@ blm.gov or (541) 523-1407.

RACs provide advice and recommendations necessary for the BLM to consider resource and land management issues within the agency. The Southeast Oregon RAC is one

that serve as sounding boards for BLM initiatives, regulatory proposals and policy changes.

"RAC members provide valuable insight on issues and solutions for a wide variety of BLM resource management activities in Harney, Malheur and Lake Counties," BLM Burns District Manager Jeff Rose said.

Blood drive slated at HHS on April 9

Homedale High School student Mellyssa Hernandez is organizing a blood drive.

Hernandez's senior project take place from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Tuesday, April 9 at the high school, 203 E. Idaho Ave.

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Controversial bills heat up Statehouse halls

Medicaid eligibility, initiative process at heart of debate

by Cheyenna McCurry

For The Owyhee Avalanche

Controversial legislation this session has sparked conflicts in the Idaho Statehouse between legislators and the public.

Among the proposals are Senate Bill 1159, which would make it significantly harder for voter initiatives and referendums to get on the ballot, and House Bill 277, which is a redraft of H 249 and would add "sideboards" to Medicaid eligibility.

Last Wednesday morning, the Statehouse halls were filled with protestors demanding legislators to kill S 1159 and H 277 "to follow the will of the people."

Joint panel develops S 1159

S 1159 would nearly double the number of required signatures to qualify a measure for the ballot and at the same time decrease the time allotted to collect signatures from 18 months to six months.

After the Senate State Affairs Committee held two hearings for S 1159 last week, members held the bill in committee and left it up to Chairwoman Patti Anne Lodge (R-Huston) to bring it back for another vote.

Despite overwhelming opposition, after the last hearing Lodge expressed her plan to revisit the bill in committee the following week and take a vote in an attempt to advance it.

Last Wednesday, the committee discussed S 1159 and eventually sent the bill to the 14th order where all Senators can propose possible amendments and debate them on the floor.

"I think there's an error in the bill that needs to be dealt with at some point, and maybe if it gets off our floor, the House can deal with it," Sen. Chuck Winder (R-Boise) said during the meeting.

Amendments to S 1159 consisted of clarifying when the 180-day signature collection period would begin and that a petition sheet should only include signatures from one county and not one legislative district.

On Friday after suspending the rules and debating, the Senate barely passed S 1159 with a 18-17 vote.

Sides argue bill's intent

Since Sen. C. Scott Grow (R-Eagle) introduced S 1159 on March 5, opponents have expressed concerns with

what they called retaliation from the majority party in both houses.

"Under the bill [S 1159] being currently proposed, there is no way Medicaid expansion would have made it on the ballot," Luke Mayville, co-founder of Reclaim Idaho, said in a March 11 press conference.

On March 20, in a press release titled "Setting the Record Straight on Initiative Bill," Senate Republicans responded to what they called "misinformation and false accusations" surrounding the drafting of the bill.

"[S 1159] is the result of a House-Senate working group made up of elected legislators who are concerned about the integrity, transparency and fairness of the initiative process," the press release reads.

President Pro Tempore Brent Hill (R-Rexburg) told a Nampa newspaper that "it wasn't a formal working group," and he wasn't a part of it.

Lodge revealed in an interview that she participated in the joint group.

"The legislation was from a committee of House and Senate people. I happened to have been on that committee, and we had several meetings," Lodge said. "The intent of the meeting to begin with was, 'What are we going to do to protect the people of Idaho from being California?' ... 'How are we going to keep people really informed?' "Lodge said.

Lodge said she only attended a few meetings, but knew about the group's idea to increase number of legislative districts required on petition signatures from 18 to 32 in an effort to encourage inclusion of rural districts in the initiative process. She said she believed it would "better the state of Idaho."

However, volunteers of Reclaim Idaho, a grassroots movement responsible for Medicaid expansion's spot on the ballot, say they collected signatures from all 44 counties and 35 legislative districts

"If you wanted to ensure that rural interests were being heard, then why would you cut the time to collect signatures? If anything, you would allow the petition gathers more time to reach small, rural towns," Ketchum resident Todd Achilles said in S 1159 hearing testimony.

"No representative of a payday lending business had a part in drafting [S 1159]" was also stated in the press release in response to a story published by Boise State Public Radio after the last hearing for S 1159 on March 15.

The story confirmed that Grow communicated with John Sheldon, a Moneytree lobbyist and former president of Treasure Valley Racing, for advice on the initiative process. Sheldon had

worked to collect signatures for the horse racing initiative.

In a March 20 statement, Reclaim Idaho called out the Senate GOP's "misleading" information, saying that "they are attempting to shine a positive light on this bill ..."

"The people of Idaho understand Senator Grow's bill is an attack on our constitutional rights. Issuing such a false and misleading statement only confirms that," Mayville said in the press release.

Lodge went door-to-door to collect signatures for the horse racing proposition. She said proponents need only $2\frac{1}{2}$ months to get enough signatures to put the initiative on the ballot.

Proponents say S 1159 promotes transparency

"Everything's hard work. Going door-to-door is tough, but I wouldn't say it was working in the salt mines. I had fun just gathering the signatures for the horse racing initiative," Lodge said in an interview.

Supporters for S 1159 believe it will promote voter involvement and transparency in the initiative and referendum process.

In an unusually timed press release, the Idaho House Republican Caucus expressed support for S 1159 before the bill had a chance to pass the Senate.

"These new requirements would not hinder the referendum process; only create more concise standards for statewide ballot questions," Rep. Jason Monks (R-Nampa) stated in the release.

The press release came on March 15, the same day Senate State Affairs Committee voted to hold the bill in committee.

House State Affairs Committee Chairman Steven Harris (R-Meridian) says he plans on hearing S 1159 once it gets to the House.

In frustration, Idaho Democratic legislators proposed draft legislation during a March 17 press conference that would create "sideboards" for Legislature.

"The small group of legislators making discussions without the consent of the rest of the Legislature has shown that they do not have the political courage that it takes to collaborate and come to a compromise," Sen. Michelle Stennett (D-Boise) said at the press conference.

Idaho Minority leaders say that the Legislature should "face the same hurdles" as what's being proposed in S 1159. The Democrats' proposed legislation would prevent attempts to reverse initiatives for 180 days after they become law. It would also require co-

sponsors from 32 legislative districts and provide negative fiscal impacts in order to repeal a voter initiative or referendum.

H 277 moves to Senate

H 277, introduced by Rep. John Vander Woude (R-Nampa), was reported out of the House Health & Welfare Committee with no recommendation to pass. Committee members believed that allowing the bill to go to floor would give all Representatives an opportunity to debate and consider the bill.

H 277 was redrafted from the previous Medicaid "sideboards" bill H 249. Similar to the old bill, the new one still has the mandatory work program. However, the required hours per week were reduced from 40 to 20 work, train or volunteer hours per week.

After a long floor debate, the House passed the bill, 45-25. Eight House Health & Welfare Committee members voted against the bill, enough what would have killed it in committee.

"We are grateful we had the opportunity to have such a robust debate on this important piece of legislation..." Majority Caucus Chair, Dist. 23 Rep. Megan Blanksma (R-Hammett) said in a press release. "The bill saves on the costs related to Medicaid expansion by focusing on patient-centered managed care."

While H 277 heads to the Senate for consideration, it will have to compete with Senate Bill 1204 proposed by Senate Health & Welfare Committee Chairman Sen. Fred Martin (R-Boise). The Senate bill instead would implement a voluntary work/training program.

Opponents of H 277 supported S 1204 as a compromise during a Thursday Senate Health and Welfare Committee hearing.

"The Council applauds this thoughtfully crafted proposed legislation. Senate Bill 1204 provides a positive approach to assisting Idaho residents to find and keep a job," Christine Pisani, executive director of the Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities, said during the hearing.

"Senate Bill 1204 is a compromise that I can live with," Reclaim Idaho volunteer Sam Sandmire said.

Both H 277 and S 1204 are currently in the Senate for consideration.

— Cheyenna McCurry is a legislative intern with the James A. and Louise McClure Center for Public Policy Research in Boise, and a student in the University of Idaho School of Journalism and Mass Media. She is contributing articles from the 2019 Legislature for The Owyhee Avalanche and other newspapers around the state.





SWDH well water testing comes to Homedale

Southwest District Health environmental health specialist Darvis Opp came to the Homedale SWDH office on March 19, to test well water for nitrates for concerned citizens. Opp said 19 people stopped in to have their water tested.

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Sheriff's deputies make drug arrest at **Marsing High School**

Marsing High School and referred to juvenile court with felony possession of for drug charges, after a tip received by school officials, Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman

The 15-year-old female allegedly admitted to having 3.5 grams of marijuana on her in two plastic bags.

She has been charged with misdemeanor counts of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• Deputies arrested a Homedale man on drug charges following a traffic stop on Thursday on U.S. Highway 95.

According to Bowman, Steve McCabe, 58, was pulled over in a 1998 Nissan Maxima near the intersection of U.S. 95 and Jump Creek Road for

A juvenile was arrested at not having a license plate.

McCabe was charged a controlled substance and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia after a K-9 unit discovered 2.4 grams of methamphetamine on his person, according to Bowman.

McCabe was the passenger in the vehicle. The driver, 31-year-old Lisa Pevler of Caldwell, was cited for no proof of insurance and failure to register a vehicle, both infractions.

McCabe made his initial appearance before Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington on Friday morning and is scheduled for his preliminary hearing at 9 a.m., on Monday.

He is currently in custody in the Owyhee County Jail in Murphy.



Homedale's Ismael Vega Aguilera, 10, applies hot glue to his water bottle piggy bank's googly-eyes during Teens & Tweens on Friday afternoon at the library.

Library welcomes live lamb

The Homedale Public Library's Story Time children will spend a little time on the farm Friday.

The program will be held at 10:15 a.m. at the library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

The library will have a special visitor, a live baby lamb, as part of the activities.

Youth services coordinator Carol McMichael will read "Barnyard Hullabaloo," a collection of poems by Giles Andreae illustrated by David Woitowycz.

McMichael will also read the classic nursery rhyme "Mary Had a Little Lamb."

The children will also make a lamb craft.

During Teens & Tweens at 4 p.m., boys and girls ages 10-17 will play board games.

The library is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., on Thursday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Friday, and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturday. It is closed Sundays.

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Wells: Groundwater plan for Grand View-Bruneau was never developed

No action has been taken on SB 1001 since it was referred to the Senate Resources & **Environment Committee** early in the 2019 legislative session.

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Officials also will discuss the Grand View-Bruneau Ground Water Management Area (GWMA) and the Bruneau Ground Water Management District. They'll share ground water data that has been obtained in recent years.

The Grand View-Bruneau GWMA was established in late October 1982, but no management plan was ever developed. Likewise, no GWMA governing board was ever seated.

New groundwater diversions have been limited since area designation, Neace said.

agency worked with well owners to eliminate leakage and unrestricted flow.

Several researchers have studied the impact of groundwater development on spring flows over the past quarter-century. The habitat studies began after the federal government placed the Bruneau Hot Springsnail on the Endangered Species list

The IDWR website says that the ground water management area was established in late October 1982 because of actual increases and projected increases in groundwater withdrawals as well as declining hot spring flows.

Neace said it is fair to say that establishment of a plan

After designation, the state and a governing board will be discussed next week, but there is nothing certain about the formation of the elements beyond discussion.

> For more information about the meeting, contact Neace at (208) 287-4935 or thomas. neace@idwr.idaho.gov.

> Neace said the lack of a groundwater management plan and even a governing board isn't unusual for many of the GWMAs established in the state.

> Newer GWMAs — such as Lewiston Plateau, Malad Valley, Bear River, and Southeast Boise — do have committees and plans, Neace

> "In more recent years, IDWR has made a concerted effort to create committees

and development plans within a few years after designation," he said.

Reasons for the lack of a management plan are varied, according to Neace:

- State law doesn't require the development of a plan but merely says the IDWR director "may approve a management plan for the area."
- The primary effect of a designation to establish a moratorium area on new water appropriations. Neace said interest beyond that key step may not have existed among the IDWR and local users in GWMAs that do not have management plans.
- There could be a lack of data to establish a plan.

"We probably had enough data to designate the area but not additional data to begin discussions about a management plan," Neace said.

• Although the IDWR has made some effort to develop management plans in many GWMAs, Neace thinks the Grand View-Bruneau area wasn't given a high priority because of demographics such as a small population and less existing ground water developments compared to other GWMAs.

Plans were developed for Bear River and Southeast Boise, but a Mountain Home plan never materialized possibly because users or committee members couldn't build a consensus on a plan.

— JPB



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Homedale's Jason Puri puts down a bunt during the conference-opening game against Weiser at John Jackson Field.

Homedale pounds Weiser to start conference baseball

Trojans split Iron Triangle games in Oregon

Clayton Wolfe and his Homedale High School baseball teammates sent a message in the conference opener.

Wolfe blasted a two-run

home run to start off a big six-run third inning, and the Trojans won their 3A Snake River Valley conference opener via the 10-run rule.

A senior designated hitter, Wolfe went 3-for-3 with three RBI and three runs scored in Homedale's 16-6 win in a game stopped after six innings at John Jackson

Wolfe's home run and Brady Trout's run-scoring triple pushed the Trojans (7-4 overall) to an 8-4lead. Garrett Bettleyon also doubled and scored a run in the rally.

Weiser scored three runs in the top of the first and held a 4-2 lead after two innings.

— See **Baseball**, page **3B**

Trojans ride no-hitter, slam in SRV opener

HHS softball falls to powerful Ontario

DeLaynie Dorsey helped Homedale High School open the conference softball season with a bang.

The junior right fielder smacked a grand slam in the bottom of the fifth inning to end the Trojans' 13-1 3A Snake River Valley conference victory over Weiser.

The Wolverines walked

Josey Hall to load the bases and take their chances with

Jayci Swallow spun a nohitter at Sundance Park in a game that was halted after five innings because of the 10-run

Weiser cashed a leadoff walk with an earned run and 1-0 lead in the top of the first against Swallow, but she settled down to stifle the Wolverines the rest of the way.

Alex Grant led off the bottom

— See **Trojans,** page **3B**



Homedale senior first baseman Josey Hall follows through on her two-run home run against Weiser at Sundance Park.

Husky will continue career at Midwest school

Katelyn Fewkes has an opportunity to continue her volleyball career at Southeastern Iowa Community College.

The Marsing High School senior signed a letter of intent during a ceremony last Wednesday.

The 2A Western Idaho Conference honorable mention selection after last season, committed to the West Burlington, Iowa, college with family and friends at her side.

"I got a call from Coach (Michelle) Glass and flew down about two weeks ago," Fewkes said or her official campus visit. "I got to practice with them, and I watched some film."

The Blackhawks finished 2018 with at 23-17 overall, 3-6 in conference. They lost in the first round of the Iowa Community College Athletic Conference tournament, 3-0,



Katelyn Fewkes (center) signs her letter of intent to play volleyball at Southeastern Iowa Community College. From left: Stepmom LaDean Fewkes, dad Brad Fewkes, Katelyn Fewkes, mom Carrie Nielsen, and Carrie's boyfriend Rod Adams.

College.

"We're super-excited." Fewkes' mother, Carrie Nielsen, said. "She has an opportu-

to Iowa Central Community nity to explore and get some training and educational guid-

> "It's kind of bittersweet," Fewkes' dad, Brad, said. "It's

hard to let the last one go."

The 18-year-old, who graduates in May, said she plans to study agriculture at SICC.

— TK

Marsing hangs on vs. Wilder

Melba rolls past Huskies in teams' 2A WIC opener

The Marsing High School softball team survived a busy week, one that wasn't even guaranteed to happen a few weeks ago.

Despite concerns of having inadequate numbers to field a full team, the Huskies (1-2 overall, 0-1 in the 2A Western Idaho Conference) produced a script filled with highs and

Marsing returns to the diamond after spring break

— See **Marsing**, page **5B**

Young Trojans learn on the court as tennis season gets underway

Experience is the key to growing in any discipline, and Homedale High School's tennis players have had plenty of chances to move forward in the past couple weeks.

"We are quite young but improving by the day," Trojans coach Scott Michaelson said.

The team saw competition four times between March 14 and March 19.

"We played Nyssa (on March 14), but it turned into more of a scrimmage," Michaelson said. "They had a lot more players, and we started matching up people with anyone that was available that we thought would be a good match."

The coach said the scrimmage helped freshmen get a taste of victory before non-conference meets against two other Oregon schools — Vale and Ontario.

March 19: Vale 7, Homedale 1 — The Trojans' top girls'

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doubles team of Makayla Kelly and Mikayla Smith picked up the team's only victory at Bette Uda City Park in the meet's most intense match.

Kelly and Smith downed Rachel Wolfe and Kailey McGourty, 6-4, 6-2.

Michaelson only put two boys' matches together. Connor Slater lost, 6-0, 6-1, to Vale No. 2 singles player Porter McKrola. Joseph Zamudio and Austin Conant continued as Homedale's top boys' doubles squad, falling to Payton Kelso and Ricky Leyva, 6-0, 6-3.

The Vikings picked up victories by forfeit through the rest of the boys' ladder.

Lindy Phariss battled Vale's Flavia Bruton at No. 1 girls' singles, but lost 6-2, 6-2.

Abby Henry and Chevene Kelly saw the most court time against Vale. They lost varsity singles matches and then played tough against Jackie Marquiz and Erika McBride before losing, 6-1, 6-3, in a junior varsity girls' doubles match.

Laney Swallow and Elizabeth Whitehead played No. 2 girls' doubles and lost to Vale's Alexis Shaffeld and Riley Kersey, 6-1, 6-0.

March 18: Ontario 5, **Homedale 4**— The experience of winning that Michaelson wants for his players came in Oregon against the Tigers.

Kelly and Smith rolled at No. 1 girls' doubles, beating Izzy Mills and Anna Bertelini, 6-1, 6-1.

Zamudio and Conant joined forces to win at No. 1 boys' doubles, downing John Aleman and Jonathon Snow, 6-2, 6-2.

Henry played two matches and split the results. She triumphed at No. 3 singles with a 6-2, 6-2 victory over Hailma Awess. After winning the first set of a JV doubles match, Henry and Whitney Ross fell to Janelle Hernandez and Ana Buvalcaba, 5-7, 6-1, 6-0.

Swallow and Whitehead beat Sam DeLeon and Melissa Lopez, 6-3, 6-0, in the No. 2 girls' doubles match.

March 15: Ontario 4, Homedale 3 — Zamudio pulled double duty in a nonconference home match.

He beat George Gueya, 6-1, 6-0, in the top singles match, the only one contested in the boys' ladder. He and Conant rolled past Andrew Barba and Jonathon Snow, 6-0, 6-1, at No. 1 doubles.

Kelly and Smith whitewashed Kareene ToVanche and Emma Navarette, 6-0, 6-0, to win the No. 1 girls' doubles match.



Chase Stoddard is a freshman third baseman at Itasca Community College in Minnesota. Submitted photo

Homedale alum Stoddard makes impact at Itasca CC

Homedale High School graduate Chase Stoddard is off to a solid start as a freshman third baseman at Itasca Community College in Minnesota.

After playing seven games for the Vikings of Grand Rapids, Minn., Stoddard is hitting .353 (6-for-17) with five RBI and five runs scored. He also has a .421 on-base percentage.

Two of his six hits are

doubles, ranking him 12th in the Minnesota College Athletic Conference.

Itasca snapped a four-game losing streak with a 5-3 seveninning victory over Allegheny College's junior varsity on March 19.

Stoddard was 1-for-2 with an RBI in the victory, which took place in Tucson, Ariz.

The Vikings were 3-10 before playing Riverland Community College on Sunday.













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Garrett Bettleyon, sr., OF 7-for-13, 3 RBI, 4 runs and 2 doubles in four games



Jayci Swallow, sr., P Opened 3A SRV with 5-inning no-hitter vs. Weiser

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Monday, April 1, home vs. Payette, 5 p.m.

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Wednesday, April 3, home vs. Parma, 5 p.m.

Track and field

Thursday, April 4 at Dave Mangum Invitational, Melba H.S., 4:15 p.m.

Tennis





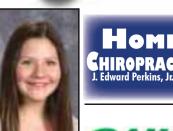
Caleb Smith, jr., sprinter Swept the sprints and anchored winning 4x100 relay team



Mikayla Smith, sr.
Part of Trojans' No. 1 girls' doubles team



Shanlee Swallow, jr.
Led Trojans with a 48 at the Weiser Invitational











Tuesday, April 2, home vs. Payette, 4 p.m. Golf

Boys and girls Monday, April 1 at 3A Snake River Valley conference meet (9 holes), Scotch Pines GC, Payette, 3 p.m.

Softball Varsity

WTP Spring Break Classic Friday, March 29 vs. Eagle, Vallivue H.S. JV field, Caldwell, 9 a.m.

Friday, March 29 vs. Madison, Vallivue H.S. varsity field, Caldwell, 1 p.m. Saturday, March 30 vs. Richland, Wash., Ridgeview H.S.

JV field, Nampa, 11 a.m. Saturday, March 30 vs. Idaho Falls, Ridgeview H.S. varsity field, Nampa, 1 p.m. 3A Snake River Valley conference

Monday, April 1, home vs. Payette, 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 3 at Parma, 5 p.m. Junior varsity Thursday, March 28 vs. Hunter, Utah at Vallivue H.S., Caldwell, 4:30 p.m.

3A Snake River Valley conference Monday, April 1 at Payette, 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 3, home vs. Parma, 5 p.m.





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Sports

Homedale teen among Rabbit Creek 100 winners

Melba pro finishes in top 10 in desert race

Melba rider Jared Schlapia finished eighth in the pro race of the Rabbit Creek 100 on Sunday.

The third round of the AMA National Hare and Hound Association season took place Saturday and Sunday in the Owyhee desert outside Murphy.

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Joseph Wasson won the pro race in 2 hours, 53 minutes, 53 seconds.

Homedale rider Jace Love won the 201cc-250cc C division, finishing

in 4:00:58. His listed sponsor was Specialty Inc. Wood Products, a Homedale business.

Other divisional winners included: **Pro 250cc** — Zane Roberts, 2:59.41

Pro women's 86cc open — Morgan Tanke, 3:43:17

251cc open A — Patrick Miller,

251cc open B — Taylor Hoffman, 3:52:34. **Local** — 7. Kaden Binford, 4:10:46

251cc open C — Corey Baez, 4:33:13

201-250cc A — Corbin McPherson, 3:11:44

201-250cc B — Drew Whitney,

86-200cc A — Will Grindstaff, 3:29:51

86-200cc B — Riley Wood, 3:50:03. **Local** — 3. Rylan Binford, Homedale, 4:04:16

86-200cc C — Grayson Slocum, 4:30:15

Veteran A (30 years and older) — John Levie, 3:30:39

Veteran B — Kyle Negus, 3:58:24 Senior A (40 and older) — Paul Krause, 3:26:01

Senior B — Jarod Hunter, 4:03:24 Senior C — Cody Wade, 4:29:55 Super Senior A (50 and older) — Curtis Dice, 3:25:59

Super Senior B — Trae Buchert, 4:17:26

Super Senior C — Pete Mollov. 3:11:24

Women 86cc open A — Ashlee Gage, 4:13:37

Women 86cc open B — Lexy Baker, 4:20:09

Women 86cc open C (1 lap) — Ty Woolslayer, 2:52:38

Masters 60 and older (1 lap) — James Miller, 2:33:47

Pioneer 70 and older (1 lap) — Larry Barlage, 3:29:37

Sportsmen (1 lap) — Levi Bailey, 2:36:48. Local — 29. Josh Love, Homedale, 3:26:21

$\sqrt{\text{Baseball:}}$ Trojans challenge larger schools over three days in John Day

From Page 1B

But senior right-hander Drew Deal shook off the rocky start to get the victory.

Bettlevon went 3-for-3 with three RBI.

Carson Brown's third single brought home Jason Puri and Dominic Quijano to end the game in the sixth inning.

Trout and Puri also collected two RBI each, while Deal and Karsen Freelove each crossed the plate twice.

Saturday: Homedale 6, South Umpqua (Ore.) 3 Kincheloe's fifth-inning double brought home the goahead run to spark a two-run rally in the final day of the Iron Triangle Tournament in John Day, Ore.

With the back-and-forth game tied, 3-3, Brady Trout drew a walk to start the fifth inning and stole second before Kincheloe's second hit of the

insurance run on an error later in the inning.

Kincheloe led off the fourth inning with a single and later scored as part of a two-run uprising that gave the Trojans a 3-1 lead. Grounders by Puri and Quijano brought RBI.

Tommy Muir went the distance for the win, striking out 10 during his three-hit performance. All three South Umpqua runs were unearned as Homedale committed four errors.

Friday: Dallas, Ore., 5, **Homedale 2** — Deal struck out eight and walked no one, but three Trojans errors led to three unearned runs in the second day of the Iron Triangle Tournament.

Homedale fell behind, 4-0, after three innings against the second Oregon 5A team it had challenged in as many days.

Dallas broke the game open

game. Kincheloe scored an with three unearned runs in the third as Homedale committed two of its three errors.

> The Trojans cut the lead in half in the fourth inning. Wolfe and Bettleyon opened the frame with back-to-back doubles.

Wolfe scored on Bettleyon's hit, and Bettleyon came in when Kincheloe reached on

Deal had two singles in four at-bats.

The Dragons grabbed a 1-0 lead in their first at-bat when Carter Weisensee laced a twoout single and scored on Hunter Bennett's triple.

Thursday: Homedale 15, Grant Union (Ore.) 7 Kincheloe helped himself from the plate after falling behind, 3-0, from the mound during the first day of the Iron Triangle Tournament.

The senior pitched a complete

game, striking out five and working around seven hits and five walks.

He was 2-for-2, and his double triggered the Trojans' second-inning rally that resulted in a 5-2 lead. Homedale stayed one step

ahead of the tournament host, extending a 6-4 lead with a three-run fifth inning before the Prospectors broke through with two runs in the bottom of the frame.

The Trojans capped the game with six runs over their final two at-bats.

Drew Deal doubled to lead off the seventh as part of four consecutive hits and five successive baserunners. Homedale posted four runs in the inning.

Deal was 3-for-4 with two doubles and three RBI, and Wolfe, Freelove and Quijano knocked in two runs each.

Quijano scored three times.

Thursday: Crook County (Ore.) 7, Homedale 2 — Trout's ground ball was the only RBI of the game for the Trojans, who took a 2-0 led in the second inning of the opener and then couldn't muster more firepower.

The Class 5A Cowboys from Prineville, Ore., tied the game in the bottom of the fourth inning then secured the win with a five-run fifth inning.

Garett Bernard and Louis Duran combined to hold Homedale to three singles.

Two Homedale innings were wiped out when Crook County junior catcher Brody Connell threw out baserunners.

Ismael Garcia singled in the second inning, but he was caught stealing to end the threat. Freelove had a two-out single in the fourth inning, but was cut down trying to swipe second.

Trojans: Varsity, JV teams scheduled to play games in Caldwell over spring break

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of the first with a single and tied the game on Sophie Nash's base hit.

Hall then gave Homedale (4-2 overall, 1-0 in conference) a 3-1 lead with a two-run home

Nash finished 3-for-4 with five RBI. She doubled home Dazsha Zamora in the fifth inning then scored on Dorsey's grand slam as the Trojans closed the game with a six-run

Dorsey went 3-for-4, while Kaitlyn Missamore was 2-for-3 with a double.

Thursday: Ontario, Ore., **8, Homedale 2** — The Tigers never trailed, scoring seven times in the fourth inning to

build an 8-0 advantage in a two singles in between those non-conference game.

Ontario, a Class 4A team, remained unbeaten after four games as senior Lexi Navarrete led off the game at Sundance Park with a home run. Freshman Samantha Ray blasted a grand slam in Ontario's big inning, which also featured a two-run double from Tessa Hart.

Homedale out-hit Ontario, 9-6, but could get little offense

The Trojans scored their first run in the bottom of the fourth when Amaya Carter walked with two outs and scored on Swallow's base hit. Losing pitcher Olivia Cardenas got the first of her at-bats.

Cardenas singled and scored on Grant's two-out double in the sixth inning

Nash continued her hot start, going 2-for-4.

Homedale takes part in the massive WTP Spring Break Classic on Friday in Caldwell and Saturday in Nampa.

Homedale's junior varsity squad challenges Hunter, Utah in a non-conference game at 4:30 p.m., on Thursday at Vallivue High School in Caldwell.

HMS boys recognized for unbeaten season

The Homedale Middle School eighth-grade boys basketball team capped a second consecutive unbeaten season for that level.

Coached by Riley Qualls, Wayne Joyner and Matt Strong, the Trojans beat Fruitland, 61-37, to win the 3A Snake River Valley conference tournament on Feb. 27 in Ontario, Ore.

HMS athletic director Karen Liebschwager shared the boys' basketball success with school trustees during the March board meeting.

"Wayne did a great job with the B team," she said in her report. "They worked hard all year and ended the season

The eighth-graders' trip to the tournament was marked by a strong traveling fan base that brought several clever signs.

Homedale's seventh-graders came within one game of going to the district championship, Liebschwager said.

The seventh-graders were coached by Benji Sorenson and Mike Frank.

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

30 years ago

March 29, 1989

Homedale gets cooperative weather station

Paperwork is still being processed to turn the local weather-watching apparatus at J.C. Watson Company in Homedale into a full-fledged Cooperative Weather Service Station, one of roughly 120 located in Idaho operated in cooperation with the National Weather Service, part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

A thermograph connected to thermometers has been installed at the company's facility, allowing the temperature to be continuously and automatically reported around the clock, seven days a week, on special thermograph charts. A precipitation gauge is also in place to measure rainfall daily.

During the fruit frost danger period covering April and May, data from the local station will be broadcast from Boise every morning over NOAA Weather Radio, located at 162.55 Mhz on the radio dial, according to Thomas J. Egger, meteorologist for the NWS. Egger, who broadcasts the fruit frost forecast, said the Homedale station will be one of six in southwestern Idaho and southeastern Oregon contributing information for the daily program.

Funds raised for Homedale's defibrillator

The Homedale Ambulance Association has raised the \$6,700 it needed to purchase a defibrillator.

"Thanks to the generous donations from the community we've been able to match the \$3,200 grant we received from the Caldwell Trust," Ida Burt, HAA president, said.

Burt said the Homedale merchants and businesses donations during Defibrillator Day, Dec. 16, 1988, raised \$1,099.

The HAA crew added \$500.53 to that by painting local businesses' windows with Christmas scenes.

The Homedale Chamber's Farmers Appreciation Breakfast at which the HAA crew cooked, raised another \$133 for the defibrillators.

The HAA received another \$500 in private donations, and \$1,288 from the Homedale Trust.

Also, Owyhee Lanes & Restaurant has pledged to pay the shipping costs, Burt said.

Jordan Valley news

The regular election on Tuesday night included the vote on merging the high school and grade school districts as well as selection of new school board members.

Lee Ann Conro and Catherine Wilson were on the ballot for the grade school board, and Daniel Arritola opposed LaVonne Kasper for the high school board position. Richard Eiguren was unopposed for the opening on the Arock board.

The Jordan Valley Cemetery District had two candidates for the two positions that needed to be filled, Phil Jaca and Jim Zatica.

County Whittenberger Institute reps named

Lori Itano of Homedale and Jennifer Mathews of Rimrock High School have been selected as the two high school students to represent Owyhee County at the Whittenberger Summer Institute at The College of Idaho July 16-29.

The students will live at the Institute for two full weeks and receive two full weeks of instruction from master teachers across the United States.

They will be doing concentrated studies on Shakespeare and critical analysis of poetry and drama.

50 years ago

March 27, 1969

4-H leader's service honored

Mrs. John Jesenko accepted a gift from Tami Uda, president of the Kitchen Maids 4-H club, at a surprise party last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Bob Bauer, given by 21 members of the club.

Other officers are Aimee Zanks, vice-president; Patsy Salisbury, reporter; Robin Arima, treasurer; and Sheila Huter, recording secretary.

The gift was in appreciation of 19 years' service as a leader of two 4-H clubs, Saints of the Skillet and Kitchen Maids. Mrs. Jesenko is presently an advisor.

Mrs. Bauer has taken over duties as leader with Mrs. Ray Huter assistant.

Easter egg hunt divided into two age groups

The annual Easter egg hunt sponsored by the Homedale Chamber of Commerce will be held on Saturday, April 5, at 10 o'clock at the city park.

It is requested that the smaller children up through third grade meet in the lower section of the park and fourth grade children on through 12 years of age meet in the high school parking lot.

The committee in charge of the hunt includes Don Shaffer, Paul Zatica, Reed Frye and Jim Duncan.

Homedale meets Council on TV quiz show

A team of ninth-graders from Homedale High School will compete against Council High School on Junior Varsity Quiz Saturday on Channel 7, KTVB.

Junior Varsity Quiz brings together top students from junior high schools in this area, competing on an academic field.

The five-member teams are selected by the schools on the basis of general knowledge and quick recall. Questions span every field of interest and information from science to the fine arts.

The Homedale team is made up of Eileen George, Lynne Kushlan, Maxine Stansell, Diane Takasugi, Kevin Miyasako and Wayne Alora, five of whom will compete.

Installs officers

The American Legion will meet on April 2 at 8 o'clock in the Legion Hall at which time new officers for the year will be installed.

New officers are John Eason, commander; Bob Paxton, first vice-commander; Bob Paxton, second vice-commander; Bob Bauer, adjutant; John Dexter, finance officers; Allen George, sergeant-at-arms; Allen Blessing, chaplain; Bert Adams, historian; Lester Carter, service officer; and Joe Eiguren, executive officer.

High school news

Appointment of editors for school publications during the 1969-70 term was announced this week by Dean Vance, high school journalism advisor.

Co-editors next year of the Trojan Timepiece school newspaper are Roy Eiguren and Dennis Tanikuni.

Editor of the Trojan school annual will be Betty Eidemiller.

Roy has been involved with the production of the annual and paper for the last two years.

Dennis has also been a photographer for the annual and has been assistant editor for the school paper.

Betty has been the assistant editor for this year's annual. She has also been active as a member of the paper staff. Betty has also served as a member of the school public relations team along with Roy.

145 years ago

March 28, 1874

THE SOUTH CHARIOT MINE – By invitation of, and in company with, Superintendent C.S. Miller, we took a trip through the South Chariot mine last Wednesday. We expected to see something good, but must confess that we were totally unprepared to behold the immense bodies of rich ore that met our gaze in the various drifts and winzes of the mine. The half had not been told us.

The 6th level has gone north into ore 300 feet in lengths, and is still be driven ahead, the face of the drift looking as well as usual. This immense chute of ore shows a vein in placers fully 5 feet wide, and will average at least 2½ feet throughout its entire length. On the 6th level, winze No. 1 has been connected with the 7th level in a solid vein of rich ore from top to bottom. Winze No. 2, 200 feet further north, is being sunk for the 2nd connection with the 7th level, and is now down 49 feet in splendid ore.

THE POLITICAL POT

Ed. Avalanche – I observe that various public spirited citizens of this county, as well as of other portions of the Territory, are beginning to throw themselves in sight as suitable victims for immolation on the altars of the public welfare at the ensuring general election next Fall. It is perhaps a little early to begin stirring the political pot, inasmuch as the election does not come off until next November, but I suppose they have little else to do, and they feel the importance of beginning in time. My only excuse for chipping in at the present time, and troubling you with this epistle, is because certain things are suggested to me by the movements of our local politicians, which things the spirit moves me to submit my following views.

Now that it has been bruited abroad that our present Delegate, Hon. John Hailey, has got enough of it, public expectation is agog to know who his successor will be. It seems to be taken for granted that some faithful Democrat will be rewarded for his devotion and patience with this prize, and the great question is, on looking over the dead level of mediocrity to choose from, who shall it be? Here is a whole brigade of privates, but nary a General.

So far as I have been able to judge, these patriotic and self-sacrificing mortals still look to old party organizations to furnish them transportation into power. I suppose we will have the same old party fight repeated here next Fall, with the same old routine of insipid details. We will have primaries, County and Territorial Conventions – Republican and Democratic. Of course each set will resolute vehemently against the other set, and that on our side alone depends the country's salvation. The old threadbare tactics will be resorted to, the old stale buncombe repeated, and when the contest is ended, the result will be announced with the usual flourish – "Another glorious victory," "Triumph of the right," etc.

Is there a voter in Idaho Territory who can give a sensible reason why he should assist in the performance of the farce of putting a party ticket in the field during the coming Summer, and electing it? Do the Republicans desire them to endorse the Credit Mobilier, back-pay-grab, and the various swindling schemes for which their party is more or less responsible? Do the Democrats want thus to endorse the public corruption so rampant in the State of New York as displayed in the career of Tweed? In present posture of affairs, a great many citizens of this Territory, as well as your humble servant, are getting badly mixed up in this thing.

Sports

√ **Marsing:** Melba rolls in conference start

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to face 2A WIC foe Nampa Christian on the road Tuesday.

Thursday: Marsing 17, Wilder 16 — Hailee Bennett's walk-off home run in the bottom of the seventh inning snapped a 16-16 tie in a non-conference game on the Huskies' field.

The Class 1A Wildcats (0-4) tied the game, 16-16, in the top of the seventh inning.

No statistics were provided.

Last Wednesday: Melba 28, Marsing 6 (5) — The Huskies got a front-row education as to why the Mustangs (5-1, 1-0) are one of the top teams in the state. The Mustangs closed out the game via the 10-run rule by scoring 13 times in the top of the fifth inning.

Marsing starter Bennett struggled out of the gate, allowing eight runs in the first inning alone. For the game, the senior allowed just seven hits but 29 runs in the Huskies' conference opener.

Bennett struck out four batters but allowed 25 free passes.

The Huskies' only hits in the game were singles by Ashley Loucks and Karla Salazar.

Melba starter Cindy Read, an Owyhee County resident, struck out 13 and pitched a complete-game two-hitter. She walked five.



Marsing's Hailee Bennett pitches in last Wednesday's conference-opening loss to visiting Melba.

Andrina Webster, who went Kennedy Mickelson. 3-for-3 and knocked in six runs. She had a double, walked twice and scored four runs.

At the plate, Read walked five times, and three Melba starters, Esther Riley, Owyheean Megan Bowman, and Camille Bangerter, received four baseson-balls each.

Besides Webster's offensive output, Melba got hits from Annabelle Dickard, Bangerter, The Mustangs were led by Bowman and Owyhee resident

March 19: Horseshoe Bend 19, Marsing 18 — The Huskies opened the season on the road against the Class 1A, Div. I Mustangs in coach Monique Smart's first game.

Bennett recorded a stand-up triple in the game, while fellow senior Fallon Lopez hit a hard double.

Loucks and sophomore Destiny Wood had two singles each.

Huskies sprinter wins NP 100

AJ Ayuban parlayed a personal record into a championship at the New Plymouth track meet on Thursday.

The Marsing High School junior finished first in a field of 14 triple jumpers, with a winning distance of 38 feet, 11 inches. He finished nearly 1½ feet ahead of Kelvin Pascacio of Nyssa.

Ayuban also placed fourth in the long jump at 18-6, a season best. He finished 18th in the 100 meters with a time of 12.48 seconds and was the third leg of the fourth-place 4x400 relay team (4:06.95).

Among the throwers, senior Taj Jacobi placed fourth in the shot put with a throw of 39-10. He was seventh in the discus at 98-02.

Boys

The Huskies set a slew of bests at the competition.

Chris Baham set a personal record in the 100, with a time of 12.56 and placed 20th overall.

Trayton Jacobi placed 11th in the 200, finishing with a personal best time of 24.91. He led off the fourth-place 4x400 relay effort and finished sixth in the shot put with a throw of 38-2.

Junior Merrick Hall finished third in the high jump (5-6), two inches behind first-place Covy Kelly of Garden Valley. He also ran the 200 in 25.64, good for 17th place, and finished sixth in the long jump (18-4).

Austin Pool just beat the 1-minute mark in the 400 (59.50), finishing seventh.

Renaldo Aguirre was the highest-ranked Husky in the 800, crossing the line at 2 minutes, 23.06 seconds, good for 11th place.

Senior Elias Orndorff placed just behind Trayton Jacobi in shot put (36-10) and Taj Jacobi in the discus (97-2).

Senior Christopher Even threw the discus 89 feet, good for 13th place.

Girls

Gabby Rodriguez was solid in the shot put, finishing fifth in the field of 34, with a personalrecord throw of 28-6. She also threw a personal-best 70-11 in the discus.

Freshman MarDee Hall was ninth in the shot put, throwing

Anahi Moreno Vargas was the Huskies' highest finisher in the 100 (15.84), a season best, and 28th place overall. She also placed sixth in the 400 in a personal best 1:14.76.

Hailey Christiansen placed just behind Moreno Vargas in the 100 (16.06) and finished eighth in the 400 (1:19.12).

Senior Sefora Arriaga ran a season-best 15:28.93 in the 3,200.

Christiansen and Moreno Vargas finished back-to-back in the long jump (12-4.75 and 12-4.5).

MARSING HUSKIES



Softball Fallon Lopez, sr., 1B Double in season opener vs. orseshoe Bend



Track and field AJ Ayuban, jr., triple jump of 38-11

Won at New Plymouth with a PR

Softball Tuesday, April 2 at Nampa Christian, 5 p.m.

Track and field Friday, April 5 at Lynn Behrman, Parma H.S., 3:30 p.m.

Go Huskies!

Golf Boys

Wednesday, April 3 at 2A Western Idaho Conference meet (9 holes), Ridgecrest GC, Nampa, 3 p.m. Girls

Tuesday, April 2 at 2A WIC meet (9 holes). Riverbirch GC, Star, 3 p.m.





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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense The gift

Seems like I ride a lot of borrowed horses. At folks' ranches or trail rides, ropings or brandings they mount me 'cause I'm usually a long way from home. I often bring my own saddle. They offer to lend me a saddle as well, but I decline for personal reasons. Sometimes it's the only way I can find my own horse!

In the mornin' when we saddle, I kinda hang back till the bunch is picked through and then see if I can spot anything familiar. After lunch I wander down the picket line lookin' for my saddle.

My daughter and I would buy a few ol' gummers every spring to calve out on our little patch of grass. She'd check 'em every day a'horseback and we'd run 'em all summer. I could ride out in the pasture in August, look 'em over, come back in the house and not remember what they look like. She can describe cows from five years ago!

I figger it's a gift.

Like some people can draw, some can sing and some can fit a steer. There are some people who can look at a horse colt at two years of age and pick that sucker outta the string 12 years later. Or recognize a cow comin' through the chute out of a herd of 400. Or a steer in the ropin' box ... "He drags a little."

I used to think that they were puttin' me on or show talkin' to impress folks. But I'm convinced there are horsemen and cow people who dang sure really know that animal.

If I set my mind to it, I can make a point of checkin' the animal out. Does he have three white stockings, is his tail black, did his ears get froze off, does he have one eye? Then I might remember him for a day or two

Maybe it's just lack of attention on my part ... not payin' attention to details. But I've always been like this. I've never seen a memory course for cowboys with my problem. But I'm sure I'm not the only one. It could begin with a few basics, i.e. sex, number of legs, species, color, broken limbs, tuberculosis, blindness.

But I'm convinced a person with a gift sees more than just physical characteristics. They see personality, movement, ability, potential ... they see the individual. I envy their gift. I wish I had part of it. But I guess I just have to be thankful that my dog remembers me and the family cat has three legs.

— 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 "A Commotion in Rhyme." When you order the new book, be sure to tell them you learned about it in The Owyhee Avalanche.

Gov. Brad Little

From the Statehouse Increase in starting pay helps attract, retain valued educators



Think back on your favorite teacher. We all have one.

Mine was Mrs. Dresser, my second-grade teacher at Butte View Elementary in Emmett. Before Mrs. Dresser, reading felt like a chore to me. She brought joy to reading and set me on a path of learning that benefits me still today.

Undoubtedly there are moments in many teachers' early careers when they internally debate whether to continue in their chosen profession because of low pay.

Last Wednesday, I signed my teacher pay bill, increasing starting teacher salaries to \$40,000 a year. The Idaho Legislature passed the bill with overwhelming support. We are sending a clear signal to our teachers and Idahoans considering a career in education that we appreciate and value them.

We have a challenge retaining teachers in the early parts of their careers, particularly in rural, underserved, and border communities. About 15 percent of Idaho's teachers leave the workforce after just one year on the job, and one-third of teachers who become certified in Idaho do not teach in an Idaho school.

Dedicated, high-quality, professional educators

in Idaho classrooms are a huge factor in students' long-term success and achievement. I want to ensure Idaho's starting teachers are compensated fairly and competitively so they remain here and educate the next generation of Idahoans.

My teacher pay bill focuses on one key component of the teaching pipeline and career continuum: get more teachers trained and in Idaho classrooms. Our goal is to mentor them and pay them more as they progress in their careers and demonstrate student success.

Mrs. Dresser had more impact on me than she ever knew. Like all teachers, she loved learning and helping others learn. She had a heart for making a difference.

There are future "favorite teachers" all around us. I hope Idahoans considering a career in education feel encouraged by our efforts to increase starting teacher pay. We want them to know we appreciate their hard work, and we honor the commitment they make to our kids every day.

— Brad Little (R-Emmett) is in his first term as Idaho governor. He previously served 10 years as lieutenant governor and was a state senator for nearly eight years.

From Washington

Idaho innovators help promote safety, potential around world

In 2017 alone, 1,432 patent applications were filed by residents of Idaho, and 752 patents were issued to Idahoans, according to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). USPTO reports that nearly the same number of patents (744) were issued to Idaho residents in 2018. Considering the innovative products and services already coming out of Idaho, it is no surprise that Idahoans continue to brim with ideas to make lives easier and better our communities and world.

In recent months, I have had the opportunity to help recognize a couple of local innovators. In November, I met with Nate Roskam, with Because International, which was one of nine winners of the USPTO's "Patents for Humanity" award, meant to honor innovators who used technology to meet global humanitarian challenges. The USPTO honored Because International for distributing 180,000 pairs of resizable shoes in over 95 countries. The company has been recognized for developing an expandable shoe to prolong the fit of shoes for children around the world to protect them from soil-transmitted illnesses.

I also had the opportunity to help honor Edmund O. Schweitzer, III, Ph.D., who is being inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame. My colleagues in the Idaho Congressional Delegation, Sen. James E. Risch, and Reps. Mike Simpson and Russ Fulcher, and I submitted a Congressional Record Statement to congratulate Dr. Schweitzer for receiving this award.

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

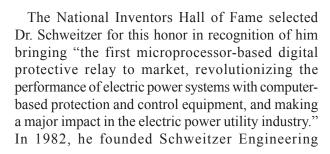
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Commentary

Financial management

Behavioral changes, not consolidation, breaks the debt cycle

Dear Dave,

I've heard you tell people to avoid debt consolidation companies. Why do you think debt consolidation is such a bad thing?

— Tom

Dear Tom,

The main reason is that debt consolidation makes you feel like you did something to really change your financial world when you didn't. That's part of the catch. Believe it or not, I hear people all the time say things like, "I took out a loan, and paid off all my debt!" No, you didn't. All you did was move your debt around. It's still there!

In cases like this, the biggest issue remains because you didn't do anything to address

the real problems — you and your behavior. When you have debt, the number of payments you have left isn't the problem. The problem isn't interest rates, either. The problem is the person you look at in the mirror every day.

Until you get mad enough about your financial situation and the real reasons for it until you fix you and your behavior — you'll never make any progress toward winning with money!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

My husband and I are following your plan, and we're in the middle of saving up our emergency fund. When do you recommend buying a new car in the process? Do we have to



wait until we've finished all the Baby Steps?

– Alanna

Dear Alanna,

I never advise buying a brand-new car, unless you

\$1 million. At that point, you've got enough assets that you won't get rocked by the ridiculous depreciation that comes with buying a new vehicle.

Now, you don't have to drive a beater until you pay off your house or anything like that. I advise people to drive the minimum they can in terms of a car until they complete my first three steps. Baby Step 1 is a beginner emergency fund of \$1,000. Baby Step 2 is paying off all debt except for your home. Baby Step 3 is fully funding your emergency fund with three to six months of expenses.

After you've accomplished these first three steps, then you can move up to a nicer car.

have a net worth of at least Notice that I didn't say move up to a new car. I want you to save up cash, and get a really nice used car.

> That's what the typical millionaire does, and I want you to model your financial behavior after people who are in the position you want to be in some day!

> > — 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 15 million listeners each week on 600 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.

Americans for Limited Government

Report finds no collusion; prosecute those behind Russia hoax

by Rick Manning

Special Counsel Robert Mueller in his final report to Attorney General William Barr determined that "[T]he investigation did not establish that members of the Trump Campaign conspired or coordinated with the Russian government in its election interference activities."

Similarly, Barr and Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein after looking at Mueller's report found "no actions that, in our judgment, constitute obstructive conduct, had a nexus to a pending or contemplated proceeding, and were done with corrupt intent, each of which, under the Department's principles of federal prosecution guiding charging decisions, would need to be proven beyond a reasonable doubt to establish an obstruction-of-justice offense ..."

Barr's letter to Congress makes it clear that the president and all his team are unambiguously exonerated from having anything to do with Russian interference in the 2016 election. Mueller's report, according to Barr, acknowledges that this alleged Russia collusion was a "primary consideration for the Special Counsel's investigation ...

This should end forever the Democratic Partycreated fantasy that President Trump and his campaign were in some way working with the Russians to impact the results of 2016 presidential

This ends almost three years of investigation

into candidate and then President Donald Trump in relation to Russia. Every media outlet owes President Trump a non-stop apology for their continued claims that there was a conspiracy and that his presidency was illegitimate.

Mueller ended his investigation with zero prosecutions of Trump campaign officials for conspiracy with Russia to hack the DNC and Podesta

This false narrative driven by a toxic combination of the Clinton campaign, the Democratic National Committee and the Obama Justice Department, the FISA court, State Department, FBI, CIA and other foreign policy intelligence operatives demands that Barr immediately prosecute those involved in this destructive attack on our constitutional system of governance and the electoral process.

Many of the facts are already in the public domain, but justice demands declassification of the internal Department of Justice documents used to justify this attempt to overthrow the results of a presidential election

Unfortunately, many will cling to the idea that somehow the president "obstructed justice" in this process as Mueller neither exonerates nor condemns the actions of the president or any member of his team in his report, leaving that determination to the attorney general. Barr and Rosenstein make it clear in their letter to Congress that there was no obstruction of justice, exonerating the president and his team because the essential elements of obstruction of justice were not found by the special counsel, including most importantly any underlying crime to obstruct.

Regardless of the Mueller report and the attorney general's findings, the left will continue to cry obstruction of justice in the months ahead in an attempt to save face for dragging the nation through two years of doubt about the legitimacy of the Trump presidency. In doing so, the Democrats and some never-Trumpers will be making the underlying claim that an innocent person targeted in a criminal investigation has no right to defend themselves publicly during the course of that investigation. This is absurd on its face and is nothing more than an attempt to obscure their own roles in this sordid attempt to take down a duly elected president.

In light of the Mueller findings, the president should immediately pardon anyone who was convicted of a process crime resulting from the Mueller investigation, and the attorney general should begin work on getting to the bottom of who perpetrated this Russia collusion fraud on the American public and begin the process of prosecuting them with the same vigor exhibited against the president and his team.

— Rick Manning is the president of Americans for Limited Government.

Innovators: Idaho thinkers are developing solutions for home and abroad

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Laboratories, Inc., SEL, which has a manufacturing facility in Lewiston, to develop and manufacture digital protective relays and related products and services. In January, Dr. Schweitzer received his 200th patent pertaining to electric power system protection, metering, monitoring and control.

These are examples of the many in our communities who are turning great ideas into practical tools that meet the demands of our ever-changing and

modernizing society. Idahoans are fueling growth and feeding the world by creating innovative agricultural products and energy developments. Idahoans are establishing cutting-edge services that ease the way we do daily tasks. They are seeing a need in local communities and communities around the world and turning their ideas into solutions that keep people safe from harm and give children a chance to grow up and pursue their dreams.

I am deeply proud of the know-how and ingenuity

that is flourishing in Idaho, and I will continue to support federal policy that gives homegrown Idaho innovation every opportunity to take root, grow and succeed.

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

Homedale girls golf off to impressive start

Trojans second to SRV rival in Weiser Invite

Freshman Téa Uranga broke 90 in her Homedale High School golf debut, leading the Trojans to seventh place at the Nampa Invitational.

"The girls did great (March 19) for their first tourney of the year," HHS coach Casey Grove said.

Uranga shot a 13-over-par 85 at Centennial Golf Course, finishing three strokes off the lead.

"I knew she was capable of shooting that, and I am glad she did for her first varsity tourney of her career," Grove said.

Homedale shot 403, which was six shots behind sixthplace Mountain View. Eagle won the tournament at 342.

Brooke Pfost was Homedale's second-leading scorer at 102, and Grove called her the team's "biggest surprise."

"She has been putting in a lot of work in the offseason getting lessons, and it showed by her performance," Grove

"She is really competitive, so I was really happy for her."

Despite fighting an illness

all week, Shanlee Swallow battled to a 104. Grove said she physically wasn't 100 percent during the 18-hole tournament.

Emma Parker fired a 112. and Ashlyn Miller came in

"Emma and Ashlyn didn't have their best day, but they did show glimpses of good golf," Grove said. "It's just a matter of consistency with high school golfers."

Last Wednesday: Second at Weiser Invitational

— Swallow seemed to recover even more, posting the Trojans' lowest score in a nine-hole tournament at Rolling Hills Golf Course.

"We played pretty good as a team. After playing 18 holes the day before, it was nice to see the girls come back and make improvements from the previous day," Grove said.

"The goal is to get a little better every match, so hopefully that trend continues."

Swallow fired a 12-over 48, finishing nine shots behind medalist Sara Lundberg from the hometown team, which also won the team title.

Swallow was tied for ninth with Weiser's Faith Lee.

Uranga and Parker shot 49s to finish in a four-way tie for 10th place.

Maggie Johnson (left) takes the handoff from Homedale teammate Allison Whitehead to start the anchor leg of the 4x100-meter relay in Weiser. Photos by Machele Randall

HHS sprinter smokes Weiser field

Several girls register personal records

Caleb Smith sent a strong message that he was ready for the track season last week.

The Homedale High School junior dominated the boys' sprints, winning the 100 and 200 and cleaning up for the Trojans' victorious 4x100meter relay team.

With Smith leading the way, Homedale's boys finished third behind Fruitland and meet host Weiser on March 19 in Washington County.

Junior Matthew Randall won the 1,600 meters in 5 minutes, 16.06 seconds, and he was runner-up in the 3,200 at 11:27.21. He also finished fifth in the 800 at 2:21.01.

Sophomore Thomas Symms delivered in the discus again, flinging a 146-foot winning effort. He was fourth in the shot put at 38-4.

The Grizzlies swept both team titles, winning by more than 80 points over the Weiser boys and out-pacing the Weiser girls by 30 points.

Smith was out-pacing the field, too.

He beat fellow junior Marcus Barinaga of Fruitland in both sprints. Smith got his rival by .26 of a second to win the 100 in 11.3 seconds, and ran a 23.43 to defeat Barinaga in the 200.

The Trojans had four of the top five times in the 200, including Keagan Christensen's personal record. The son of new HHS



Nathan Cornwall prepares to land during the triple jump.

coach Bobby Christensen was fourth, sandwiched between junior teammates Jake Collett (third at 24.78) and Gage Purdom (fifth at 25.11).

Homedale sophomore Erik Hernandez finished fourth in the 100 at 12.03.

Collett, Hernandez and Smith got together with Jose Ojeda to beat Fruitland in the 4x100 relay. The Trojans raced to a 45.28 time, more than a half-second faster than the Grizzlies.

Purdom was fifth in the 400 at 55.77.

Sophomore Giovanni Aguilera posted a personalrecord time of 11:38.73 to take sixth in the 3,200.

Sophomore John Breshears pulled off a personal-best throw of 31-7.5 to finish seventh in the shot put. He PR'd in the discus and finished 12th with a 79-6. Freshman Alex Monreal was 13th with a PR of 77-11.

Nathan Cornwall claimed sixth in the triple jump with a personal-best 35-8. The senior was ninth in the long jump at

Freshman Josh Brown leapt to a 13th-place mark of 15-10 in the long jump and flew 32-11 for 11th place in the triple jump. Both were personal bests.

Bryce Cornwall was seventh in the triple jump at 35-7.

Girls

Junior Maggie Johnson notched a personal-best time of 13.5 to finish fourth in the 100 meters, and she was third in the 400 at 1:06.53.

Johnson anchored the Trojans' fourth-place 4x100 relay team. She joined Emily Craft, Natalia Martinez and Allison Whitehead to finish in 57.42.

Senior Kari Woods' seasonbest shot put throw of 26-3.75 was good for fourth place.

Three freshmen had their best throws of the season. Martinez was 11th at 23-0.75, Brooklyn Ashliman finished 13th at 22-11, and Isabel Jacobs reached 21-7.

Jacobs also had a personalbest throw of 85-2 to finish third in the discus, the best finish all afternoon for the Trojans' girls' team.

Craft was seventh in the high jump at 4-2.

Dice helps Mustangs roll up more victories

Seth Dice cemented one win and sparked another last week for the Melba High School baseball team.

With non-conference play winding down, he had the game-winning hit in the ninth flawless fielding, taking six inning for a 4-3 win over Vale, Ore., on Friday.

On Saturday, he ripped a 1-2 pitch for a two-run single to ignite the offense in the Mustangs' seventh consecutive victory to open the season.

Melba pounded Payette, 14-4, in a game that ended in the sixth inning after the Mustangs scored six times.

Henry Clark and Jake Svedin had singles in the sixth.

Mark Stradley won the game with help from relievers Tim Reinertson, an Owyhee County resident, and Abe Riley.

Stradley gave up four hits and four runs while striking out four in four innings.

Reinertson and Dice racked up three hits each for Melba. Reinertson also stole five bases, and six Mustangs swiped at least two bases.

Dice also led the Mustangs' chances without an error.

Friday: Melba 4, Vale, Ore., 3 — Dice's walk-off RBI single in the bottom of the ninth

capped four unanswered runs.

Vale grabbed a 3-0 lead in the fourth inning behind RBI from Jason Ponce, Isael Lopez, and Tanner Hamilton.

Riley's run-scoring single helped Melba knot the score, 3-3, in the bottom of the fifth.

Dillion Bodily took the win for Melba. He threw a twohitter over five scoreless relief innings. He struck out four. Clark started on the mound for the Mustangs, allowing three runs on two hits over four innings. He fanned five.

Public notices

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC AUCTION SALE OF PROPERTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a public auction sale of property by the City of Marsing, Idaho. Bids will be accepted until April 3, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at 425 Main Street, Marsing, Idaho. The property will be offered to the highest bidder and is listed as: Honda EB11000 gx620 Generator; 20HP; 14.9 kW; 1,204.7 hrs; 9.5 kVA rated output; 10.5 kVA max output. Inquiries may be made to the office of the Marsing City Clerk, 425 Main Street, Marsing, Idaho or by phone at (208) 896-4122. 03/27/2019

HOMEDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS for

ARCHITECTURAL/ ENGINEERING SERVICES

Homedale School District is seeking Statements of Qualification from qualified design teams to provide comprehensive Architectural/Engineering Services for a variety of projects within the District.

To be considered, proposals must be received by 4:00 PM on April 15, 2019 at the Homedale School District Office. 'Request For Qualification' packets will be available on March 20, 2019 from the School District Office: Homedale School District, 116 E. Owyhee Avenue, Homedale, Idaho 83628, 208.337.4611.

All questions concerning this RFQ should be directed in writing to: Rob Sauer, Superintendent Homedale School District rsauer@homedaleschools.org
03/20,27/2019

INVITATION TO BID BUS MAINTENANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: Sealed bids will be received in the District Office of the Superintendent of Schools located in Bruneau, Idaho 83604, 39678 State Highway 78, Telephone (208)-834-2260, until 5 o'clock p.m., April 09, 2019 for bus maintenance, materials and services for one year, 2019-

Please pick up the bus maintenance information packet with specifications and bid forms at the District Office, 39678 State Highway 78 Bruneau, Idaho. For additional details contact Superintendent, Ryan Cantrell at 208-834-2260 or Bus Transportation Supervisor, John Aquiso 208-599-2625. The bids will be opened at the regular board meeting April 09, 2019 at Rimrock Jr. Sr. High School. Board Meeting is held at 7pm.

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept the bid deemed best, or reject any and/or all bids and to waive any technicality.

and to waive any technicality.

By Order of the Board of Trustees

Joint School District No. 365 39678 State Highway 78 Bruneau, Idaho 83604 JayDene Aquiso 03/20,27,4/3,10/2019

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the members of the MARSING COMMUNITY DISASTER FUND, an association will be held at eight (8:00) o'clock p.m., Tuesday, April 2, 2018 at the MARSING COMMUNITY CENTER for the purpose of electing (1) director-at-large for a

term of 3 years, (3) area directors for a term of 3 years. One (1) each from the communities of Riverside area, Sunnyslope area, Knowlton Heights area, and Director-atlarge Thomas Ineck. Director-atlarge from within the Association boundaries, area directors, for the election of officers for the Association and any other business relative to the Annual Meeting. Jessica Showalter, Association Secretary.

03/20,27/2019

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE MAGISTRATE DIVISION Case No. CV37-19-00030 NOTICE OF HEARING RE: PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS AND FOR ADOPTION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF ESTRELLITA VALADEZ and JOUE AMEZQUITA, Minor Children. TO: FRANCISCO AMEZQUITA NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SanJuana Valadez and David Zaragoza, have filed herein a Petition for Termination of Parent-Child Relationship, Adoption, Guardianship and Custody in the above-entitled matter, a copy is on file at the Owyhee County

Courthouse.

Hearing has been set upon said Petition for Tuesday, the 23rd of April, 2019, at 10:30 o'clock a.m., at the Courtroom of the above-entitled Court in Murphy, County of Owyhee, State of Idaho. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that you have the right to have counsel represent you in this matter, and if counsel is requested by you and you are financially unable to employ counsel, counsel shall be provided for you.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that you are required to register your claim of paternity and your intent to support and exercise rights and responsibilities towards the above-named minor child with the Vital Statistics Unit of the State of Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, prior to the date of any termination proceeding, pursuant to Idaho Code Section 16-1513. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that you must respond to the petition for adoption within twenty-one (21) days of service if you intend to intervene in or contest the adoption. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that you have twentyone (21) days from the date of service of this notice to file a written objection to this adoption pursuant to Idaho Code § 16-1505(5) (a). If you fail to file a written objection to the adoption within the twenty-one (21) days after service of this Notice, you waive any right to further notice in connection with the adoption, forfeit all rights in relation to the adoptees, and are barred thereafter from bringing or maintaining any action to assert any interest in the adoptees.

DATED this 6th day of March, 2019.

s:/ Robert Ward HALL, FRIEDLY &WARD Attorneys for Petitioners 03/13,20,27/2019

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF

OWYHEE CASE NO. CV37-19-00062 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARTIN D. REGIS, DECEASED, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned was appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must both be presented to the undersigned at address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED: 03/08/2019 s:/Sherry L. Cooley, Personal Representative c/o William L. Punkoney, ISB #8446

White Peterson Law Office Attorneys for Personal Representative 03/20,27,4/03/2019

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

To be sold for cash at a Trustee's Sale on August 7, 2019, 09:00 AM at the In the Lobby, Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650, the following described real property situated in Owyhee County, State of Idaho ("Real Property"): In Township 1 South, Range 2 West, B.M., Owyhee County, Idaho. Section 18: That portion of Government Lot 3 of Section 18, T1S, R2W, B.M., lying South and West of the High Line Canal. Excepting therefrom, any portion thereof which many lie within the East 330 feet of said Lot 3. Together with a Manufactured Home affixed to and made a permanent part of the subject real property described as follows: Year: 1992 Make: KITM VIN: X9474B22SN14088AB Body: HS Model: TL System Ident. Number: Q3I032812 Commonly known as: 12946 Bailey Road, Melba, ID 83641-4302 Angela M. Fritzler and Eric J. Fritzler, as Grantors conveyed Real Property via a Trust Deed dated December 29, 1998, in favor of North American Mortgage Company as Beneficiary, in which Transnation Title & Escrow, Inc. was named as Trustee. The Trust Deed was recorded in Owyhee County, Idaho, on January 6, 1999, as Instrument No. 227119, and modified pursuant to the following modifications: modification recorded on September 26, as Instrument No. 258249; modification recorded on April 14, 2009 as instrument No. 20/932: and modification recorded on December 7, 2012, as Instrument No. 279354, of Official Records. The Deed of Trust was assigned for value as follows: Assignee: MidFirst Bank, a Federally Chartered Savings Association Assignment Dated: June 4, 2008 Assignment Recorded: June 19, 2008 Assignment Recording Information: Instrument No. 265399 Benjamin J. Mann is the Successor Trustee pursuant to a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Owvhee. State of Idaho on June 26, 2017 at Instrument No. 293070, of Official Records. The Beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust due to Grantor's failure to make monthly payments beginning May 1, 2016,

and each month subsequent, which

monthly installments would have

been applied on the principal and interest due on said obligation and other charges against the property or loan. By reason of said default, the Beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable. The total amount due on this obligation is the principal sum of \$107,462.86, interest in the sum of \$13,056.75, escrow advances of \$4,794.13, other amounts due and payable in the amount of \$12,137.23, for a total amount owing of \$137,450.97, plus accruing interest, late charges, and other fees and costs that may be incurred or advanced. The Beneficiary anticipates and may disburse such amounts as may be required to preserve and protect the property and for real property taxes that may become due or delinquent, unless such amounts of taxes are paid by the Grantors. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds of this sale include the Trustee's fees and attorney's fees, costs and expenses of the sale, and late charges, if any. Beneficiary has elected, and has directed the Trustee to sell the above described property to satisfy the obligation. The sale is a public sale and any person, including the Beneficiary, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding by certified funds (valid money orders, certified checks or cashier's checks). The conveyance will be made by Trustee's Deed, without any representation or warranty, including warranty of title, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis, without limitation, the sale is being made subject to all existing conditions, if any, of lead paint, mold or other environmental or health hazards. The Grantors, successor in interest to the Grantors, or any other person having an interest in the property, or any person named in IRC § 45-1506, has the right, at any time prior to the Trustee's Sale, to pay to the Beneficiary, or the successor in interest to the Beneficiary, the entire amount then due under the Deed of Trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually incurred and attorney's fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and by curing any other default complained of nerein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Deed of Trust with Successor Trustee's and attorney's fees. In the event that all defaults are cured the foreclosure will be dismissed and the foreclosure sale will be canceled. The scheduled Trustee's Sale may be postponed by public proclamation up to 30 days for any reason. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Successor Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The above Grantors are named to comply with IRC § 45-1506(4)(a). No representation is made that

they are, or are not, presently

responsible for this obligation. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Dated this 22nd day of March, 2019. Benjamin J. Mann Substitute Trustee 376 East 400 South, Suite 300, Salt Lake City, UT 84111 Telephone: 801-355-2886 Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8AM-5PM (MST) File No. 14907

3/27,4/3,4/10,4/17/2019

STATE TIMBER SALE CR600199, SOUTH

MOUNTAIN TON

A public oral auction will be conducted at the Idaho Department of Lands office, 8355 W. State Street, Boise, ID 83714, at 10:00 a.m. local time, on Thursday, April 4, 2019 for an estimated 38,639 tons of timber, marked or otherwise designated for cutting. In addition, there is an unestimated volume of forest products that may be removed at the option of the purchaser. Prior to bidding, eligible bidders shall present a certified check or bank draft payable to Treasurer, State of Idaho, or a bid bond acceptable to the State, in the amount of \$120,282.08 which is 10% of the appraised net sale value of \$1,202,820.76. The average minimum bid price is \$36.84 per TON. The successful bidder's deposit will be forfeited to the State should the bidder fail to complete the contract. The State will not accept bids from parties who are delinquent on payments on existing state contracts.

The sale is located within Sections 34 and 36, Township 07S, Range 05W, and Sections 1, 2, 3, 11 and 12, Township 08S, Range 05W, B.M., Owyhee County, State of Idaho. Sale duration is 4 years. The sale may include blowdown and/or insect and disease infected timber which may result in additional volume and recovery reductions. Interested purchasers should carefully examine the sale and make their own estimates as to volume recovery, surface conditions, and proposed construction prior to bidding on the sale. Additional information concerning the timber and conditions of sale is available to the public and interested bidders on the department's timber sale website at http://web.idl.idaho. gov/timbersale/Search.aspx or from the Idaho Department of Lands office, Boise, Idaho.

Please note purchaser insurance requirements posted on the timber sale website.

The Department of Lands, as authorized by the State Board of Land Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids provided that good and sufficient grounds for rejecting the bid shall be stated in the rejection notice and shall not be in violation of applicable law.

If you are disabled and need some form of accommodation, please call (208) 334-3488 five days prior to the date of sale. For text telephone services, please call 1-800-377-3529.

03/13,20,27,04/03/2019



Public notices

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING REGARDING FLOWING ARTESIAN WELLS - APRIL 3, 2019

Rimrock Junior - Senior High School 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. 39678 State Highway 78, Bruneau, ID 83604. The purpose of this public information meeting is to educate well owners and the general public on State requirements and 2019 legislative changes regarding flowing artesian wells. The meeting will also address the Grandview – Bruneau Ground Water Management Area and Bruneau Ground Water Management District that have been in place for many years under the Department of Water Resources. The meeting will provide time for questions from the public regarding these

For more information contact Tom Neace at the Idaho Department of Water Resources at 208-287-4935 or thomas.neace@idwr.idaho.gov

03/27/2019

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN FILED TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF IDAHO:

57-12001 MICHAEL ALEXANDER, CHARLOTTE ALEXANDER, CHARLOTTE ALEXANDER, 9474 FISH POND LN, MELBA, ID 83641-4201 Point of Diversion SWNW S22 T01N R03W OWYHEE County Source SNAKE RIVER Tributary COLUMBIA RIVER Use: IRRIGATION 03/01 to 11/15 0.15 CFS Total Diversion: 0.15 CFS Date Filed: 2/28/2019 Place Of Use: IRRIGATION T01N R03W S21 L1(SENE) T01N R03W S22 SWNW Total

57-12002 MICHAEL ALEXANDER, CHARLOTTE ALEXANDER, 9474 FISHPOND LN, MELBA, ID 83641-4201 Point of Diversion L1(SENE) S21 T01N R03W OWYHEE County Source SPRING Tributary SNAKE RIVER Use: IRRIGATION 03/01 to 11/15 0.05 CFS Use: IRRIGATION FROM STORAGE 03/01 to 11/15 9 AF

Use: IRRIGATION STORAGE 01/01 to 12/31 9 AF

Use: WILDLIFE STORAGE 01/01 to 12/31 0.12 AF Total Diversion: 0.05 CFS 9.1 AF Date Filed: 2/28/2019 Place Of Use: IRRIGATION, IRRIGATION STORAGE, WILDLIFE STORAGE T01N R03W S21 L1 (SENE) Total Acres: 1.8

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 4/8/2019. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

protest to the applicant. GARYSPACKMAN, Director

03/20,27/2019

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Tuesday the 9th day of July, 2019, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m. of said day in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, Ryan M. Fawcett, as Successor 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: Lot 7 and 8 in Block 71 of the Amended Townsite Plat of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho. The Successor Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code,

the Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 18 E. Montana Ave., Homedale, ID 83628, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty 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 ISMAHEL CARDENAS, a Single Person, Grantor, to Ryan M. Fawcett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE **ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION** SYSTEMS, INC., recorded July 7, 2015, as Instrument No. 287139, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho; and assigned to the IDAHO CENTRAL CREDIT UNION by Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded on January 23, 2019, as Instrument No. 298720, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTOR IS NAMED TO **COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-**1506 (4)(a), <u>IDAHO CODE</u>. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT HE IS, OR IS NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, monthly installment payments under the Note dated June 29, 2015, in the amount of \$245.32 each, for the months of September, 2018 through January, 2019, inclusive; and for each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reimbursement. All delinquent payments are now due, plus accumulated late charges, plus any costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure. The accrued interest is at the rate of 4.00% per annum from August 1, 2018. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$33,194.06, plus accrued interest at the rate of 4.00% per annum from August

DATED This 7th day of March, 2019.

S:/Ryan M. Fawcett, a member of the Idaho State Bar

of the Idaho State Bar Successor Treustee 03/13,20,27,04/03/2019

Sports

HOMEDALE JV SQUADS START BREAK AT HOME



Trojans take part in Taylor Sauer tourney

Homedale High School junior varsity pitcher Emma Criffield, a freshman, delivers to the plate during Saturday's 11-0 loss to the Sugar-Salem during the Taylor Sauer Memorial softball tournament at Sundance Park. Catcher Madison Miller was voted Most Valuable Player for Homedale, which also played JV teams from Vallivue and Gooding.



Wilder sweeps Trojans

Homedale High School junior varsity player John Lejardi throws a pitch during the first game of a non-conference doubleheader against Wilder on Friday at John Jackson Field. Lejardi struck out four in the first five innings of a 6-1 loss. The Wildcats won the second game, 7-5.

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Melba rebounds for softball split

After scoring 85 runs in its first four softball games, Melba High School was stymied Saturday.

But it didn't last long.

Winning for the sixth time in seven games, Payette got away with a 9-1 victory in the first game of a non-conference doubleheader against the visiting Mustangs.

Then Melba's bats woke up for a 14-7 dust-down in the finale.

The Mustangs ended the week 5-1, including a 29-6 win over Marsing last Wednesday

Conference opener for both.

Game 1: Payette 9, Melba 1 — Senior Jordyn Higley pitched a one-hitter for the Pirates, who trailed 1-0 after giving up an unearned run in the third inning.

Camille Bangerter was the only Melba player to get a hit against Higley, who emerged victorious after the Pirates scored three runs in the fifth and six runs in the sixth.

Melba was hurt by seven errors that led to six unearned

Game 2: Melba 14, Payette in the 2A Western Idaho 7 — The Mustangs ran away

from the Pirates after scoring three second-inning runs to snap a 3-3 deadlock.

Bangerter tripled and scored two runs while knocking in two others.

Owyhee County resident Cindy Read collected four RBI while going 2-for-5 with a double. She struck out six and survived giving up 12 hits to get the win.

Andrina Webster had a double among her three hits and knocked in a pair of runs.

Esther Riley and Owyheean Megan Bowman scored three runs apiece.



Camille Bangerter rips a hit during the Mustangs' 2A Western Idaho Conference-opening win over Marsing.

Melba girls dominate tri-meet at Nampa Christian

Mustang boys pile on the PRs against 2A WIC competition

Twelve event wins propelled the Melba High School girls to a tri-meet victory last Wednesday in Nampa.

Kylahn Heritage won at 800, 1,600 and 3,200 meters as the Mustangs cruised to a win over 2A Western Idaho Conference rivals Cole Valley and Nampa Christian.

Owyhee County resident Jordan Dayley played a part in four wins.

The junior swept the hurdles, winning the 100 in a personalrecord time of 16.28, and taking the 300 in a season-best 49.38.

She won the high jump with a 4-foot, 9-inch effort.

Dayley also teamed with Kortney Trappett, Telissa Christensen and Kate Clark as the Mustangs captured the 4x200 relay by five seconds over a Nampa Christian quartet.

Trappett claimed the 400 with a PR of 1:05.06, winning by more than a second.

Senior Emily Oldham excelled in the throws again, winning the shot put at 31-3, and dominating in the discus with a throw of 110-3.

Freshman teammate Tayler McCoy was the closest competitor in the shot put, pulling off a PR of 83-9 for second

Another senior, Emma Clark, was a two-time winner. She took the pole vault after clearing 10 feet and captured the triple jump with a 36-10 effort.

She was second in the long jump at 17-2.5 followed by Kate Clark, who had a thirdplace mark of 15-6.5.

runner-up showing in the 100 meters at 12.58.

Kate Clark was second in the 200 with a PR of 27.62. She was fourth in the triple jump (31-10.5), and freshman teammate Christensen took third with a PR of 32-2.

Heritage was clocked at 2 minutes, 33.93 seconds in the 800, winning by nearly four seconds. She ran exactly six seconds faster than the runnerup in the 1,600 (5:51.27), and enjoyed a 22-second cushion in the 3,200.

Teammate Marissa Cole was third in both the 1,600 (6:13.34) and the 3,200 (13:00.06).

Owyheean Lynae Richardson, a senior, tied for third in the 100 hurdles at 18.34. She was fifth in the 300 hurdles (57.58).

The Mustangs came up with

Emma Clark also had a a lot of personal-best marks, but only one victory as Reagan Manzer ran a PR of 45.24 to win the 300 hurdles.

> Sophomore Joey Bradshaw ran his best time (11.66) to finish sixth in the 100.

Junior Brock Luddeke had a PR of 25.02 for fifth at 200 meters.

Senior Dallin Forsgren ran a PR of 1:01.65 for fifth place in the 400.

Manzer had more PRs. He was second in the 1,600 at 4:54.45, and fifth in the 800 at 2:14.

Sophomore Joshua Leavitt was second in the 3,200 at 10:44.52, and he ran a 5:01.79 to finish fourth in the 1,600.

Owyhee County resident Stewart Stears grabbed third in the 110 hurdles (18.68) and the 300 hurdles (47.4). He also participated on the Mustangs' third-place 4x100 relay team.

Zane Helm, Luddeke, Bradshaw and Manzer put together a second-place run in the 4x400 relay (3:56.99).

Hank Svedin logged a shot put PR of 31-9, finishing fourth in front of fellow Melba junior Trey Wilson based on attempts.

Wilson was second in the discus (96-8), while Luddeke got a PR of 82-3 to take fifth. Svedin's eighth-place 72-6 also was a PR.

Sophomore Cameron Wood registered the best high jump of his career, clearing 5-2 for fourth place.

Helm's long jump PR of 16-8.5 was good for fourth place. Freshman teammate Kyler Oakes also had a PR in the long jump with his ninthplace 15-8.

Helm was third in the triple jump at 35-7, while Wood finished fifth (33-8) and freshman Easton Draper sixth at 33-0.

Antelopes relay teams run wild at New Plymouth meet

teams collected four victories a 200 leg before Riley Lucas long jump with a 14-3.75 Thursday in New Plymouth.

Shayla Griffin led the girls' relay teams to wins in the 4x200-meter relay and the sprint medley relay.

Junior Wade Bond helped the Adrian boys to wins in the 4x100 and 4x200 relay races.

Griffin and fellow senior Roby Young also notched some runner-up placings.

Griffin ran the opening leg, and Young closed the effort as Adrian won the 4x200meter relay in 1 minute, 58.15 seconds. Sadey Speelmon and Zoe Nelson also ran the relay.

Adrian also won the sprint medley relay in 2:03.93. Griffin and Speelmon run 100

Adrian High School's relay meters each, and Young had at 4-6 and was seventh in the with another PR at 24.39. finished out with a full lap on the Pilgrims' track.

> Young was second in the triple jump with a 32-foot, 7-inch mark.

Griffin turned in a 13.55 for second in the 100.

A freshman. Nelson was fifth in the 200 at 29.53. She ran an eighth-place time of 14.15 in

Griffin, Lucas, Speelmon, and Young earned silver medals in the 4x100 with a time of 55.17.

Junior Kenzie Sorrell finished third in the pole vault

Freshman Lizzy Nielson finished fifth in the high jump

Another ninth-grader, Allyssa Dudley, flung the shot put $28-\frac{1}{2}$ for seventh place.

Junior Wade Bond kicked off two relay race victories for the Adrian boys.

Bond, Ethan Sheets, Conley Martin and Clay Ready completed the 4x100 in

Bond, Sheets, Martin and third-leg athlete Gavin Bayes triumphed in the 4x200 relay in 1:39.79.

Bond was third in the 300 hurdles with a personal-best of 43.04. He ran to fifth in the 200 with a personal-record time of 24.22. Martin was seventh

fastest boys' 100 of his early career, finishing seventh at 12.08.

Freshman Riley Griffin's 19.87 was good for fifth in the 110 hurdles.

Junior Logan Griffin's PR of 1 minute, 38 seconds was good for 10th in the 400. Griffin also had a PR for 13th-place in the 800 at 5.61.

Senior John Ellsworth was 10th in the 800 at 2:22.06.

Ninth-grader Bayes had one of Adrian's other top 10s in the 300 hurdles, running to eighth place in 48.8. Junior Riley Bradford was 10th in a PR of 49.36.

Sophomore Ready was 10th

in the shot put with a PR of A freshman, Martin ran the 34-4. Cole Kennedy-Gooch also got a PR at 31-9.

Manuel Aguirre finished seventh in the high jump with a 4-10 effort.

Sophomore Tim Werling posted a PR to finish ninth in the triple jump (32-2).

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OCD CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR

Josh Bruce shows the heart of conservation

Jordan Valley rancher improves efficiency and production

Being good stewards of the land is a goal for all ranchers worth their salt. Making the best of what they've got and preserving and improving their environment is in their thoughts and deeds.

The decision to make Jordan Valley's Josh Bruce 2018 Conservationist of the Year was an easy one for the Owyhee Conservation District board of directors to make.

While introducing Bruce during January's dinner at Marsing's Sandbar Restaurant with a Cause, Tate Walters from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resource Conservation Service said OCD's decision was a logical one.

"Josh continues to look forward into the future at other opportunities to increase production in working agriculture while conserving resources," Walters said.

Bruce's stewardship steps include signing up with the NRCS to improve sage-grouse habitat and installing improved irrigation lines to conserve water.

Last summer, Bruce installed 11,000 feet of gravity-fed buried main line with flood risers to continue flood irrigating his ranch. This allowed for better efficiency with more production with less water,



Josh Bruce received a plaque during the Owyhee Conservation District's annual banquet in Janaury.

Bruce said.

"We hope to conserve 30 to 40 percent of the water we were using, but at the same time keep all of the sloughs and drainages that are habitat to various waterfowl and wild-life," he said.

The Bruce Ranch is located about seven miles outside the town of Jordan Valley, where Josh, the son of Bob and Carol Bruce, grew up. He attended Pleasant Valley Elementary and graduated from Jordan Valley High School in 2000.

The 37-year-old received a Bachelor of Science in Business

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The Gem Irrigation District pumping plant sits along the Snake River, on Old Bruneau Highway. Irrigators who rely on the Snake River water in the old Gem district will receive a full allotment of 4 acre-feet in 2019.

Wet February charges 2019 water outlook

Marsing road work delivers new Gem infrastructure

Producers relying on the South Canal to help grow crops in 2019 can expect their full allotment of irrigation water.

The Owyhee Project Joint Board set the tentative allotment at 4 acrefeet for the South Canal during a meeting in Nyssa, Ore., on March 19, South Board of Control manager John Eells said.

"With the projection with what we have for the snow in the watershed, there is enough water to bring us up to over the 4 acre-feet," Eells said, adding that Owyhee Reservoir could reach capacity in the right situation.

"If it comes off right, it will be a fill, but you don't know how it's going to come off." There were 350,000 acre-feet of water in the Owyhee Reservoir last Wednesday, which Eells said is equivalent to 3 acre-feet.

Eells said operators who take their water from the Snake River (old Gem Irrigation District producers) also will get 4 acre-feet.

The tentative turn-on date has been set for Monday, April 8.

"We generally come on around the 10th, so it's just a normal turn-on," Eells said. "It could change, but it's weather-dependent."

It takes about a week for the entire system to be charged with fresh water, he said.

The optimistic outlook for the runoff season stems from SNOTEL numbers popping up at measurement stations at South Mountain in southwest Owyhee County and Fawn Creek in Nevada. Both sites are within Owyhee Basin watershed.

Telemetry at both sites indicate

water content of between 17 and 18 inches in the snowpack. Fawn Creek has 5 feet of snow (60 inches), and South Mountain has 46 inches.

Even the lower-in-elevation Mud Flat station in Idaho, there's water content of 7.7 inches in 22 inches of snow.

The snowpack was helped by a snowy February, and Idaho Natural Resources Conservation Service water supply specialist Ron Abramovich said in a release that watersheds across the state benefitted.

"Streamflow forecasts mirrored the weather and shot up like a good month on the stock market," Abramovich said.

"Above to well-above normal volumes are expected for all basins south of the Clearwater Basin, and normal runoff amounts are predicted

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The Farm Service Agency Ada-Canvon-Owvhee County Committee consists of:

Back row, from left: Gale Maslonka, Meridian area, LAA 5; Brian Jemmett, Parma area, LAA 1; and David VanWassenhove, Marsing, LAA 6. **Front row, from left:** Jaime Gonzalez, Meridian/Nampa area, LAA 3; Jessica Reynolds, Kuna area, LAA 4; and Dennis Evans, Middleton area, LAA 2, committee vice-chair. **Not pictured:** Seth Thomas, Oreana, LAA 7, committee chair

Photo by Farleigh Byers, program technician, Canyon/Ada/Owyhee County FSA Office

Farm Service Agency county committee: Producers helping producers

Owyheeans help advise USDA office on policy, assistance

One man is closer to the beginning of his agricultural career than its end. Another has put in his work and is now enjoying the fruits of his labor. But Seth Thomas of Oreana and David VanWassenhove of Marsing are still working for their brothers and sisters in farms (and ranches) as part of a panel advising program decisions for the local Farm Service Agency office.

The Canyon/Ada/Owyhee Farm Service Agency County Committee meets at 9 a.m., on the third Tuesday

of each month at the FSA service center, 2208 E. Chicago St., Ste. B, in Caldwell.

Thomas, 35, is the co-owner with his brother Logan of Thomas Cattle Co. He has been the committee chair for 14 months. Although he is in his initial three-year term on the U.S.

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√ Committee: Local members want to learn, help

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Department of Agriculture-affliated board, Thomas decided to jump into the leadership role.

"I have been fortunate to serve with very knowledgeable producers on the board," Thomas said. "In sitting through meetings and listening to their experience and knowledge, I have learned a great deal."

VanWassenhove, 65, viewed running for a spot on the County Office Committee (COC) as a chance to educate himself further about how the panel of peers helps colleagues, something he had seen in action while running VanWho Inc.

"I was expecting to just learn a little more about how all of what the committee actually did worked," the lifelong Owyhee County resident said.

"They kind of oversee the farm programs and make sure they're being implemented the way they were intended."

Committee members hail from geographically specific areas — called Local Administrative Areas (LAAs) — within the coverage boundaries of the FSA office.

VanWassenhove was elected to LAA 6 in November 2017. He succeeded Kathleen Smith the following January.

Thomas is in LAA 7, which includes all areas of Owyhee County except those covered by LAA 6 and the Duck Valley Indian Reservation. His first term ends on Dec. 31, 2019.

Most Canyon/Ada/Owyhee panelists are farmers, but VanWassenhove has learned in his first term that FSA programs helped many cattle producers during the harsh winter of 2016-17.

"The biggest thing since I've been on there for me was seeing

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Owyhee County Dist. 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi (right), who is also the county's weed supervisor, talks about the county's inventory of herbicide during a Northwest Owyhee County Weed Management Area meeting earlier this month in Marsing. Looking on are steering committee members Ray Mansisidor (left) and Elmon Thompson.

Northwest Owyhee landowners, government agencies take aim at weeds

The Northwest Owyhee County Weed Management Area is marking its 10th anniversary this year by doing what it has always done — facilitating a voluntary, cooperative working relationship between private landowners and agencies on all three levels of government.

And that relationship is going strong if demand for chemical already this year is any indication.

"The phone is already ringing off the hook with (requests for weed spray)," NOCWMA administrative assistant Debbie Abel said at a recent board meeting.

Based in Marsing, the NOCWMA has established a formal partnership with the Owyhee Conservation District, the governments of Owyhee County, Homedale and Marsing, the South Board of Control Gem

NOCWMA Spray Day set April 13

Landowners within the Northwest Owyhee County Weed Management Area once again have a chance to pick up chemical free of charge to battle invasive weeds.

The annual Spray Day is set for Saturday, April 13.

Chemical will be distributed from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center, 250 N. Bruneau Hwy., in Marsing. The scene shifts to the Owyhee County Fairgrounds in Homedale in the afternoon as herbicide will be available from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Premixed Chlorsulfuron/Telar will be poured into certified sprayers. The chemical can

be applied as a pre-emergent to control puncturevine, also commonly called goat heads.

Only containers certified for chemical applications will be filled.

Organizers ask that participants ensure that their sprayers are in good working condition and that all fittings and valves are tight and leak-free. You can prefill your sprayer with water to test them.

For more information, contact Debbie Abel at (208) 896-4544 ext 102 or email Debbie.Abel@id.nacdnet.net or Tammie Hedges at (208) 845-2668 or email support@newenvironment.us.

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Spray: Only certified sprayers will be filled

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To help fight the scourge of noxious weeds that plague Owyhee County and neighboring areas, the Idaho State Department of Agriculture has listed 64 of the most invasive weeds documented in the state.

To view the entire list and get complete information visit www.agri. state.id.us/Categories/Plantsinsects/ NoxiousWeeds/weedlaws.php

Four noxious weeds that have been reported in southern Idaho

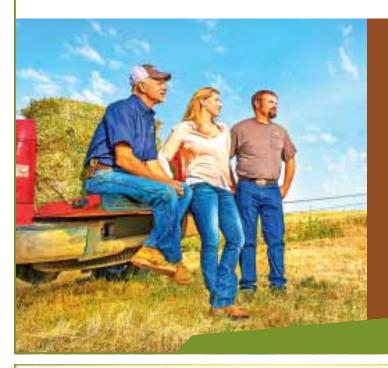
for which folks should keep an eye out include Oxeve Daisy, Yellow Starthistle, Purple Loosestrife, and Yellow Toadflax.

NOCWMA also provides safety tips, which should be followed by anyone applying chemical to control weeds:

- Wear protective clothing, including boots, gloves, safety glasses, long sleeves and pants
- Do not let children spray because it can be hazardous to their health.

- Do not spray in temperatures above 85 degrees because of volatility, or in winds higher than 10 mph because of overspray concerns.
- Do not spray near standing water, livestock tanks, gardens, or other vegetation
- Do not spray within 3 feet of desired vegetation, grass, flowers, bushes, trees.
- Do not over or under spray chemical because targeted weeds can become resistant to chemical.





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Neighbors provide E. Owyhee weed success on land, in canals

Aquatic invasive was one of the first problems tackled

The Eastern Owyhee Cooperative Weed Management Area (EOCW-MA) is in its second decade of work to improve the natural resource.

The EOCWMA was formed in 2008 with the mission to control noxious weeds and reduce the number of infested acres within its boundaries.

The steering committee developed a plan to organize, assist and coordinate landowner treatment efforts through tilling, burning and grazing as well as using chemicals and biocontrol agents to control and reduce noxious weeds.

The CWMA is divided into five sectors — East Bruneau, West Bruneau, Grand View, Oreana and South of Grand View.

Its boundaries are from the west fork of Sinker Creek on the west to the Twin Falls County border on the east, and from the Snake River on the north to the Nevada border, including the Idaho side of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation on the south, following the Jordan Valley CWMA boundary along the Owyhee mountain range to the west fork of Sinker Creek. The Eastern Owyhee CWMA also includes the Chattin Flats area in Elmore County along the north side of the Snake River.

The EOCWMA sees livestock grazing as a low-cost vegetation management tool with significant



The Eastern Owyhee County Weed Management Area (left on map) is bordered by the Bruneau River to the west, Twin Falls County to the east, the Snake River (in part) to the north, and the Nevada state line to the south. Map provided by Jordan Valley CWMA

return in weed control and fire suppression. Grazing also helps improve and enhance sage-grouse habitat.

Coordinator Rayola Jacobsen said in a report that coordination between the EOCWMA and Owyhee Sage-Grouse Local Working Group and work with neighbors ensures that weed-fighting efforts do not harm the sage-grouse.

The EOCWMA has served as a unifying agent in the area, too.

One of the original goals of helping landowners in the Bruneau Valley address noxious weeds found in a five-mile contiguous block of land has brought folks together in a working group. The efforts of the adjacent property owners have reduced the noxious weed biomass in the area

significantly, Jacobsen said.

"Enlisting neighbors in these efforts fostered cooperative efforts and strengthened the EOCWMA's efforts to build working relationships as expressed by our logo "Neighbors working together to control noxious weeds," she said.

Private landowners treated noxious weeds on several thousand acres of private land in 2018 using different techniques:

- 5,212 acres by chemical application
 - 4,550 acres through grazing
 - 5,750 acres by tilling
 - 430 acres by burning

Landowners reached into their own pockets to reseed about 100

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$\sqrt{\text{Northwest:}}$ Scores of landowners take advantage

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Irrigation District, the Opaline Irrigation District, and the Reynolds Creek Irrigation District as well as the Bureau of Land Management, Idaho Department of Lands, and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

NOCMWA's treatment area stretches into Canyon County. The region covered extends from the Oregon state line in Homedale to Silver City along the Snake River.

The Canyon County portion was added in 2010, when NOCWMA annexed the area along the Snake River in Homedale and Marsing to the upper southwestern shoreline of Lake Lowell.

The biggest outreach for the CWMA is its annual spray day, which will be held April 13 this year.

Last year, 108 landowners partici-

pated in the spray day, picking up chemical either at the U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center in Marsing or at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds in Homedale.

From the spray day, 412 acres were treated for puncturevine control.

Throughout the rest of 2018, about 200 landowners obtained chemical to treat other noxious weeds on the State of Idaho list, such as Whitetop, Canada and Scotch Thistle, Perennial Pepperweed, Russian Knapweed, Poison Hemlock and others.

The officers on the NOCWMA steering committee have remained the same for the past four years — Chairman Kent Curtis, vice-chair Tim Volk and treasurer Elmon Thompson.

Landowners wanting to obtain chemical asked to call ahead to the NOCWMA office at (208) 896-4544,

ext. 102 to arrange pickup. Folks in the Homedale area can call Curtis at (208) 965-9568.

Other board members include Charles Kiester, Paddy Doyle and Ray Mansisidor.

In addition to Abel, Tammie Hughes also helps with staffing. Abel was hired after longtime Owyhee Conservation District administrative assistant Gina Millard retired.

Abel can be reached in the office Monday through Friday at (208) 896-4544, ext. 102 or via email at Debbie.Abel@id.nacdnet.net. Contact Hughes at (208) 845-2668 or support@newenvironment.us.

"Gina ... has been instrumental in keeping this program running smoothly, distributing herbicide to landowners in the Marsing area," Hughes said.

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In an appearance at the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association winter meeting in Oreana last month, Owyhee County Assessor Toni Gruenwald talked about the importance of local input when determining agricultural land valuations.

Assessor still looking for valuation info for county agricultural lands

Gruenwald said data from landowners could keep assessments down

Work continues in the Owyhee County Assessor's Office to get information to help determine agricultural land values.

Assessor Toni Gruenwald visited the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association winter meeting last month in Oreana to lobby landowners to provide data.

"I have not received as many questionnaires back as I had hoped," Gruenwald said last week.

She said she has reached out to OCA president Lorna Steiner again to see if she could help spread the word.

"We still have time to get these

back from the producers," Gruenwald said

Gruenwald is especially concerned about dry graze land values because the Idaho State Tax Commission has developed a new land valuation formula.

"If I have the right information, this formula will work fine for Owyhee County," Gruenwald said.

"If I do not get local information and have to use (U.S. Department of Agriculture) numbers, it raises the value per acre quite a bit."

This was the point Gruenwald was trying to make with ranchers in February.

Last year, state tax commission officials felt that Owyhee County's dry graze valuations were too low, according to Gruenwald.

The state argued that the land should be valued at \$18 per animal unit, according to the USDA site, but county valuations placed the assessment at \$7.60 per unit.

Dry graze values rose 20 percent last year after discussions with the tax commission.

"The reason I had to do that is I had no information. I had none. The state was able to tell me 'Well, go up.'"

Gruenwald said the return of questionnaires that she has distributed to owners of ag land

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Irrigation boards shuffle members in advance of November elections

Opaline has third Div. 3 director since 2017

Area irrigation district elections are coming up again in November, but some changes have already been

seen

Former Opaline Irrigation District secretary Dan Birmingham was

appointed to serve as Division 3 director earlier this year when Bruce Bradshaw told his colleagues last

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Owyhee's other irrigation boards

Owyhee County's other boards, including when directors' terms expire, meeting information and contact information.

Reynolds Irrigation District

Div. 1 — Dean Young (2021)

Div. 2 — Lou Sanchez, vice-chair (2020)

Div. 3 — Jerry Hoagland, chair (2019)

Secretary

Brad Huff, (208) 495-2950

Ditch rider

Kris Davis, (208) 250-0193

Meeting time — First Thursday of the month, 1 p.m., Wilson School House

Opaline Irrigation District

Div. 1 — Zenaido Ponce, vice-chair (2020)

Div. 2 — Kenny Sevy, chair (2021)

Div. 3 — Dan Birmingham (2019)

Div. 4 — Charles Robertson (2020)

Div. 5 — Elias Jaca (2021)

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Meeting time — First Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., 7300 Opaline Rd., Melba

Grandview Irrigation District

Div. 1 — Mark Frost, chair (2021)

Div. 2 — Buster Ridley (2020)

Div. 3 — Arnold Hipwell (2019)

Secretary

Dixie McDaniel, (208) 834-2350

Ditch rider

Evan Shaw, (208) 599-4780

Meeting time — First Tuesday of the month, 11 a.m., Grand View Irrigation District Office, 645 Idaho Ave.

Snake River Irrigation District

Div. 1 — Ron Ridley, vice-chair (2020)

Div. 2 — Dan Whitted (2021)

Div. 3 — George Bennett, Jr., chair (2019)

Secretary

Dixie McDaniel (208) 834-2350

Ditch rider

Mike James, (208) 599-2828

Meeting time — First Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m. (April through October), 1 p.m. (November through March), Grand View Irrigation District Office, 645 Idaho Ave., Grand View

Grand View Mutual Canal Co.

Chair — Rohl Hipwell (2020)

Vice-chair — Randy Hipwell (2022)

Director — Jerry Meyers (2021)

Secretary

Dixie McDaniel, (208) 834-2350

Ditch rider

John Morrison, (208) 599-2310

Meeting time — First Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Grand View Irrigation District Office, 645 Idaho Ave., Grand View. Shareholders meeting in February.

Upper Grand View Canal Co.

Chair — Jens Schkada (2022)

Vice-chair — Billy Wolfe (2020)

Director — Charles Ensz (2021)

Secretary

Dixie McDaniel, (208) 834-2350

Ditch rider

John Morrison, (208)599-2310

Meeting time— Annual meeting is held the first Monday in February. Special meetings as necessary.

Construction workers assemble part of the infrastructure for a drain ditch in the older portion of the Gem Irrigation District earlier this year. The ditch runs under Idaho highway 55 (Main Street) in Marsing, and the work was part of the rehabilitation of the roadway. Crews also put in a new culvert for the section of C Canal that runs under Main Street in downtown Marsing.



√ Water: Crews finishing Jump Creek siphon work

From Page 4 for northern Idaho."

Earlier in March, the streamflow gauge on the Owyhee River in Rome, Ore., was off the charts, indicating a large influx of water into the Owyhee Reservoir.

"That was just because we had the rain and it picked up that lower water," Eells said. "If it rains up there (in the watershed), it takes seven to eight hours for (the increased flow) to show up at the Rome gauge."

February precipitation in the Owyhee and Bruneau basins was more than 200 percent above the 30-year median. Likewise, the Owyhee snowpack was 137 percent above the 30-year average, and Bruneau was 127 percent above.

According to NRCS data, the Surface Water Supply Index is at its highest in nearly 25 years in the Owyhee Basin. The Bruneau Basin SWSI is at 1.5, which is a 14-year high.

Both indicators forecast normal water years in both regions.

According to the NRCS, the SWSI provides a more comprehensive water availability outlook by combining streamflow forecasts and reservoir storage.

Although Eells is always watching the water, he has had his eye on Marsing-area construction projects as the water year approaches.

A South Board crew has been busy patching the upper siphon on Jump Creek, which is located near the Bureau of Land Management Jump Creek Recreation Area.

Eells said maintenance was necessary when a preseason inspection turned up a leak.

"We found a crack in it, and now they're repairing it," he said.

Two Gem Irrigation pipes have seen work during the early construction for the run-up to the Idaho highway 55 rehabilitation in Marsing.

But Eells is confident that the

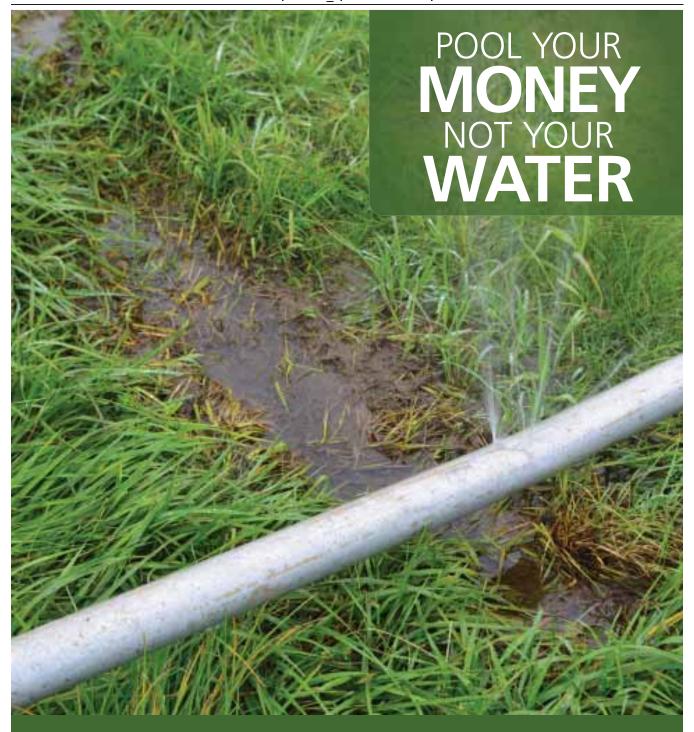
third-party crews will finish the work before water starts flowing.

The C Canal, which runs under Main Street near Marsing City Hall, has been upgraded with a new box culvert under the roadway, Eells said. Crews have been given until April 8 to complete the project.

Earlier in the winter, the Gem Irrigation's drain ditch west of Marsing near John DeOsio's fireworks warehouse was also replaced.

Eells said things have gone smoothly even though the Idaho Transportation Department-contracted companies and South Board maintenance crews have been sharing the same construction space.

"They'll get it done," he said of meeting the April 8 deadline. "We're working around each other. We'll be all right."



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One Jordan Valley Cooperative Weed Management Area project last year was spraying for Whitetop in the Squaw Creek area with equipment mounted on UTVs and tractors. Photo by JVCWMA

Jordan Valley CWMA work is about more than weeds

Group is integral to community-wide resource preservation effort

The Jordan Valley Cooperative Weed Management Area lives up to its name with a network of landowners and other officials banding together to improve habitat on 5 million acres.

The CWMA encompasses state, private and Bureau of Land Management lands in Malheur County

and Owyhee County.

The organization's work, which stretches far beyond spraying weeds, helps improve rangeland health and sage-grouse habitat.

CWMA coordinator Eric Morrison said that the folks involved in the fight have developed common management objectives, set realistic management priorities, facilitated effective treatment methods, and coordinated efforts along geographic boundaries with similar land types, use patterns, and problem species.

The major noxious weeds within the CWMA are leafy spurge, hoary cress, perennial pepperweed, Scotch thistle, and diffuse, spotted, Russian knapweed, along with yellow

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acres, and the remaining land was allowed to re-cover by natural vegetation, which Jacobsen said encouraged native species to recover.

The CWMA has also had a longtime focus on Hydrilla, an invasive aquatic plant that showed up in the Bruneau River in December 2007 and triggered an Early Invader Rapid Response (EDRR) in the CWMA.

Idaho State Department of Agriculture staff subsequently found Hydrilla in several canal systems.

Eradication efforts have brought a 97 percent reduction of plants.

Last year's efforts included:

- The Governor's Office of Species Conservation carrying out weed treatment within the EOCWMA
- The treatment of 20 acres affected by Whitetop, which included any necessary reseeding.
- Ground restoration using state funding
- · Annual grass treatment/bacteria research
 - Fuel breaks establishment
- Continuing review of how areas affected by the 2015 Soda Fire have rehabilitated
 - Treatment of juniper
- Fence marking to help further preserve the sage-grouse population

- The EOCWMA has provided equipment for the local Rural Fire **Protection Associations**
- Acquiring Idaho Department of Lands mobile technology
- Installing livestock watering systems to help ranchers improve grazing management
 - Wet meadow restoration

For more information on the CWMA, including 2019 efforts to control and reduce noxious weeds. contact Owyhee County weed superintendent Kelly Aberasturi at (208) 249-4405, CWMA chair Eric Davis at (208) 845-2630 or Jacobsen at (208) 338-0019.





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√ Committee: Local FSA director urges participation

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the death loss of the different cattle," VanWassenhove said. "You'll never make a farmer whole with a government program. You assist them to try to help them stay afloat."

The committee gave input on indemnity and disaster payments during that time and continues to help during times of flood, wildfire and drought loss.

The Caldwell office staff. including Marsing resident Gwen Miller, prepares applications for assistance and other programs, and the committee reviews the needs. If a producer's application is turned down, the committee sits as an appellate commission.

One example VanWassenhove gave was the COC approving one producer's previously rejected application on a hardship because it was proven that he had missed the filing deadline only because of illness.

Thecommitteereviewsapplications for assistance such as income safetynet loans and payments. Members also provide input on setting county average yields for commodities.

"The COC and FSA are very important to other Owyhee County producers," Thomas said. "FSA has many different programs to help any type of producer that's just getting started or in times of need."

The committee also advises on conservation programs, emergency programs and payment eligibility.

Most recently, the committee has been implementing changes brought by new federal laws, including the 2018 Market Facilitation Program. Canyon/Ada/Owyhee FSA executive David Van Wassenhove

Local Administrative Area 6 First term ends Dec. 31, 2020

Age — 65 **Hometown** — Marsing Family — Wife Sharon

(married 41 years), chil-Nate, dren Megan and Amy

Business — VanWho Inc. (retired three years)

Lifelong



Owyhee County resident

Seth Thomas

Local Administrative Area 7 County committee chair First term ends Dec. 31, 2019

Age — 35 Hometown — Oreana Family — Wife Elizabeth

(married 10 vears), children Adeline and Rylan

Business — Co-owner, Thomas Cattle Co.

Owyhee County resident



director Kyla Pearson said the new legislation provides direct payments to producers of several different commodities — including corn, wheat, dairy, hogs and sorghum — affected by export losses through "illegally retaliatory tariffs."

"The COC reviews the applications and the production and determines if the applications should be approved or not, according to policy," Pearson said.

Under the direction of the COC, the local FSA office has made payments to dairy producers enrolled in the Margin Protection Program, which protects dairymen when their margin — the difference between all milk prices and average feed costs — falls below a certain amount selected by the individual operator.

VanWassenhove said the price support programs, such as margin protection, were a big help when he was actively farming corn seed, wheat, barley, alfalfa, silage corn and dry corn. He retired three years ago.

The COC also monitors the acreage reporting process. Farmers must submit the reports — twice a year in some cases — to maintain access to some USDA programs.

Both Thomas and VanWassenhove think that Owyhee County producers receive the same level of service and assistance from the federal programs despite the merger of county FSAs during the Obama administration. That merger closed the Owyhee County location.

"They're still getting the help that's needed," VanWassenhove said. "It's just not as convenient for a lot of the farmers to go to Caldwell as (it was) to have the office in Marsing."

Producers who are involved in federal programs are eligible to vote in COC elections, which happen

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√ **Committee:**Nominate June 1

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every year. Likewise, those same farmers and ranchers can run for office too.

In the most recent election, a former Homedale resident — Susi Larrocea Phillips — lost a rare contested election for LAA 5 in the Meridian area. Gale Maslonka won the election by 13 votes, 73-60.

It was the only contested race, but Pearson said the return rate of mail ballots from producers was low. Only 140 of the 1,291 eligible voters (11 percent) cast ballots in LAA 5. In LAA 4, where Jessica Reynolds was running, only 10 percent of the eligible farmers voted.

"It is important that county committees are comprised of members who fairly represent the diverse demographics of production agriculture for their community," Pearson said.

"All producers, including women, minority and beginning farmers and ranchers, are encouraged to participate in the nomination and election process."

The COC nomination period opens June 1, and the elections are held in December.

Thomas' position is up for election this year. Vice-chair Dennis Evans (LAA 2) and LAA 3 rep Jaime Gonzalez also will see their three-year terms end in December.

"I am proud to serve on a board with a great group of people and with an FSA office that is wellrun, works great as a team and has the best interest of the producers in mind," Thomas said.



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√ **Jordan Valley:** CWMA educates at Field Days

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Outreach and education

The CWMA also tries to raise awareness of the problems associated with noxious and invasive weeds with education outreach to the general public, teachers and students, and local landowners.

One of the biggest educational opportunities comes each April during Owyhee Field Days for fifth-graders at Owyhee Reservoir. Last year, 550 students visited the CWMA station to learn about noxious weeds.

The CWMA plans to participate in Field Days again this year.

The organization also helps landowners maintain herbicide certification though outreach events such as weed seminars, which have been held each year since 2004.

In January, 45 people attended the Winter Weed Seminar, and 120 recertification credits were earned for Idaho and Oregon.

The seminar has provided an average of 100 recertification credits each year to participants from Idaho, Oregon and Nevada.

CWMA officials also make ranch visits for one-on-one discussions about weed control issues and to help develop weed management plans.

"This has been a useful method of informing and educating landowners that do not have the time to attend monthly meeting," Morrison said.

Staying connected

Jordan Valley rancher Dennis Stanford chairs the CWMA board, which consists of landowners and land managers within the CWMA.

Funding sources

The Jordan Valley CWMA is funded solely through grant money from agencies in both Idaho and Oregon, including:

- Idaho State Department of Agriculture
- Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB)
- Oregon State Weed Board
- Malheur County Weed Advisory Board
- Malheur County Vector District
- Owyhee County Weed Department
- Owyhee Watershed Council
- Oregon Department of Lands

The board oversees the CMWA's actions, but all decisions are made by landowners with county, state and federal partners acting in an advisory role.

The CWMA holds meetings on the fourth Monday of the month at its office on Swisher Avenue in Jordan Valley

At these meetings, landowners may gather with representatives from the Oregon Department of Agriculture, commercial pesticide applicators, Oregon and Idaho BLM, Owyhee and Malheur County weed departments, the Oregon Department of Transportation, and the Owyhee Watershed Council.

"Both the Owyhee County and Malheur County Commissioners remain extremely supportive of our efforts and progress to date," Morrison wrote in a report for the Avalanche. "Cooperation among all of these individuals and agencies has been the key to the success of this CWMA."

The coordinator position was created in 2007 when the CWMA and Owyhee Watershed Council signed a contract.

As coordinator, Morrison assists

with weed projects in Idaho and Oregon, and he's responsible for several endeavors:

- implement early detection rapid response (EDRR) to weed invasion; provide public outreach, education, and training;
 - assist with grant applications;
- complete numerous reports such as end-of-year reports and annual operating plans;
- map and assist with treatment of noxious and invasive weeds;
- organize weed control projects and activities; and
- organize monthly CWMA meetings

How funding helps

The Owyhee Cattlemen's Heritage Foundation administers the costshare grant used for Idaho programs within the CWMA.

There are several different governmental agencies in both Oregon and Idaho that provide CWMA funding each year.

The money is used for various noxious weed treatment projects,

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√ Jordan Valley: Office space used by many groups

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- Whitetop helicopter treatments on Upper Reynolds Creek, Cow Creek and the Jordan Valley area along with ground treatments in numerous locations.
- Medusahead treatment at Parsnip Peak in Oregon in conjunction with the Owyhee Watershed Council, Oregon Department of Lands and private landowners.
- Jordan Valley Whitetop Spray Give-a-way has decreased the amount of whitetop in Jordan Valley by 85 percent in town.

Morrison said the program's success prompted the addition of Scotch thistle to the list of noxious weeds that can be treated with the pre-mixed herbicide.

• Twelve ranchers, Owyhee County, Malheur County and the JVCW-MA sprayers treated whitetop at Johnstone Corral last year.

"This was the first year of treatment and the participants felt good about the job done and look forward to 2019 and the next treatment," Morrison said.

The Johnstone Corral sits just north of the JV CWMA boundary, so coordination with the Northwest CWMA helped determine the best strategy, Morrison said.

But fighting weeds isn't just the work of the CWMA.

Landowners treat hundreds of acres themselves with herbicides provided from grants through the state ag departments in Idaho and Oregon.

More than 4,300 acres were treated in the Jordan Valley CWMA with the majority of the work aimed at

Jordan Valley CWMA board

- Dennis Stanford, chair
- Forest Fretwell, vice-chair
- Eric Morrison, CWMA coordinator
- Landowners John Stoddard, Vern Kershner, Clint Fillmore, and Owyhee County Dist. 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland
 - Nicole Sullivan, Trout Unlimited
 - Gary Page, Malheur County weed supervisor
 - Dean Johnson, Idaho Department of Lands
 - Lonnie Huter, BLM Idaho
 - Lynne Silva, BLM Vale District

Scotch thistle, perennial pepperweed and Russian knapweed.

A community mainstay

In addition to the spray day, the CWMA also has made equipment available for area landowners. Several ranches each year have added either ATV sprayers or three-point sprayers for their use.

The collaboration goes beyond weeds, too.

The Malheur County Vector District has partnered with the CWMA

for office space, keeping the Jordan Valley office open and provided the vector district a physical location and phone access in town.

The CWMA office has also been used by the BLM and landowners for permitee meetings, and by Oregon State Land for public comment meetings.

Local firefighters utilize the space, too. The Jordan Valley Rangeland Fire District holds a spring organizational

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Jointed goatgrass can affect wheat yields

One invading noxious weed in Owyhee County and neighboring counties is jointed goatgrass.

The weed is found mostly in wheat fields, but it survives along roadsides, waste areas, alfalfa fields, and pastures.

A winter annual, jointed goatgrass reproduces by seed that is generally viable for three to five years.

It can hybridize with winter wheat and reduce wheat crop yields.

The Idaho State Department of Agriculture has identified jointed goatgrass as a noxious weed.

The weed is vegetatively similar to wheat in the seedling stage. Plants have upright stems that branch at the base, growing to around 2.5 feet tall.

It has a narrow, non-spreading spike of flowers with the appearance

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Goatgrass (left) is similar in appearance to winter wheat (center) and a hybrid.

√ Jordan Valley: Invasive control helps sage-grouse

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meeting, and the Owyhee Rangeland Fire Protection Association has been holding meetings in the CWMA office.

"We feel that involvement in the community is vital in accomplishing our goal of working together," Morrison said.

Looking out for sage-grouse

Improving prime sage-grouse habitat includes trying to get a handle on noxious weeds such as hoary cress and spotted knapweed, which Morrison said is expanding at an alarming rate.

"The ranchers are working to curb the trend on private land and improve the habitat for sage-grouse and other wildlife in the area," he said.

One example is ranchers increasing the number of areas treated on upper Cow Creek to eliminate as much hoary cress as possible.

Morrison said ranchers and other weed fighters remain vigilant because the area is still susceptible to invasive and noxious weed expansion in burned areas left behind by

Looking ahead

Fighting weeds is a job that never ends for the Jordan Valley Cooperative Weed Management Area.

"Leafy spurge will continue to be our No. 1 priority in terms of mapping, treatment, and monitoring," JV CWMA coordinator Eric Morrison said.

The CWMA will also focus on hoary cress, perennial pepperweed, Scotch thistle and diffuse, spotted, and Russian knapweed.

"These noxious weeds are becoming a major problem in portions of Malheur and Owyhee counties," he said.

New on the hit list this year is puncturevine, but in a somewhat unique twist, the CWMA has a chance to control it.

"There is very little puncturevine within the CWMA, and we want to keep it from becoming a problem," Morrison said.

The CWMA will continue to raise public awareness of noxious and invasive weeds, including new potential invaders such as salt cedar and squarrose knapweed.

The vigilance also will go forward on familiar species the CWMA has engaged for years.

the 2015 Soda Fire.

The CWMA also has been part of the coalition carrying out juniper mastication, joining forces with Owyhee Sage-grouse Local Working Group, The Nature Conservancy, and the federal Natural Resource Conservation Service.

More than 30,000 acres of juniper on private and state ground have been treated, and the results are obvious.

"Sites that were masticated in 2009 have shown increased grass and forbs and return of sage-grouse to many sites," Morrison said.

$\sqrt{\text{Goatgrass:}}$ Crops can prevent it

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of a series of joints being stacked on top of each other. Each joint has two to six small flowers.

Leaves are alternately arranged with long hairs on margins and sheaths. Leaf blades are flat and are 1/8- to ½-inch wide.

The priority for controlling jointed goatgrass is preventing invasion in wheat fields and other areas. Beyond that, focus on controlling small populations, crop rotation and preventing jointed goatgrass seed production.

There are numerous herbicide products available to control jointed goatgrass depending on the areas and the timing of application. Applicators should always the chemical label when choosing which works best for circumstances.

Mechanical control options include:

- Destroying infestations in winter wheat fields
- Jointed goatgrass seed may remain viable in the soil for several years, but reinfestation can be prevented by rotating crops for at least three years to a late spring crop, such as millet or sorghum, or row crops or corn.
- To prevent goatgrass seed production, the infested area must not be planted to fall-sown grains.

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Ranchers work tirelessly to keep rangeland safe from fire

Another piece to the puzzle that is preserving the natural resource is the role of groups like the Owyhee Rangeland Fire Protection Association (RFPA).

The nonprofit organization was created in 2012, and its members — ranchers, farmers and rangeland permittees — work together to prevent and suppress range fires in the southwestern portion of Owyhee County.

The RFPA operates on donations and the annual fee of \$250 paid by each member. Each year the group seeks donations to perpetuate its vital mission of protecting rangeland and other wildlands and wildlife.

Tax-deductible donations accepted or those who want to help but can't actively fight fires can sign up for associate memberships, which also carry an annual dues of \$250.

Membership dues or donation checks can be mailed to ORFPA, P.O. Box 163, Jordan Valley, OR 97910. Call association secretary/ treasurer Lisa MacKenzie at (208) 583-2354 for more information.

The rest of the Owyhee RFPA board includes:

- President Teo Maestrejuan
- Vice-president Winston Gammett
- Directors Kenny Kershner, Daniel Richards, Mitch Hipwell, David MacKenzie, Mike Stanford and Ted Blackstock

The Owyhee RFPA plays a key role in defending ranchers' livelihoods as well as protecting and en-

Mandatory training set for new and veteran range firefighters

Continuous training is necessary to keep Owyhee Rangeland Fire Protection Association firefighters certified.

But the RFPA is always looking for new recruit to bolster its network of volunteers to help knock down wildfires in southwest Owyhee County before they get out of hand.

There are two opportunities for current members of the Owyhee RFPA and other local RFPAs to get their mandatory annual refresher training taken care of:

- 2 p.m., Wednesday, April 3 Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 902 Bassett St. (U.S. Highway 95), in Jordan Valley
- 4 p.m., Thursday, April 4 University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing

RFPA members who still have

their radios are asked to bring them so they can be tested.

Successful completion of the training maintains certification and enables a RFPA member to continue fighting fires of land in Idaho that's managed by the Bureau of Land Management.

Anyone interested in joining the RFPA must undergo new member training.

A new member class will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, April 24-25, and Monday and Tuesday, April 29-30 at the U of I Owyhee County Extension Office in Marsing.

RFPA secretary/treasurer Lisa MacKenzie must receive an RSVP from prospective students by Monday so she can obtain enough supplies for all participants.

Call MacKenzie at (208) 583-2354.

hancing wildlife habitat for elk, deer, antelope, sage-grouse and other native species.

In fact, much of the area the RFPA protects is prime sage-grouse habitat, and the quick response and rapid attack that RFPA members can provide is crucial to preserving habitat from devastating fires.

Local "boots on the ground" also

can help minimize a fire's impact because RFPA members know the lay of the land on which they work.

A formal RFPA is necessary to satisfy governmental agencies' safety concerns, and this is accomplished through ongoing training of its members to maintain a cooperative

√ Rangeland: Associate members, donations help

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and coordinated approach with government management entities such as the Bureau of Land Management.

Through training, the RFPA members can be legally authorized to fight fires on public lands, leased lands and public lands adjacent to private lands.

The RFPA's objective is to reduce and eliminate large, destructive

wildfires through suppression and early intervention. Essentially, quick response from RFPA members can save valuable time and keep fires small once they are spotted. Often, it can take state or federal firefighters hours to respond to the scene.

Donations and grants help the Owyhee RFPA equip member ranchers and landowners with vital tools, such as engines, truck, water tanks, protective gear and radios and first aid kits.

The RFPA owns some of the equipment, while individual ranchers own some of the equipment, too.

RFPA proponents say that it is difficult to estimate the amount of time and resources members donate because ranchers typically underestimate the value of their contribution of time spent and equipment used.



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$\sqrt{\text{Valuation:}}$ County land values rank near bottom

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will give her the data she needs to hold off another attempt by the state to raise values in accordance with federal estimates

Reynolds Creek rancher Brenda Richards, who is heavily involved in land issues, stressed the importance of local information, too.

"If she has (local statistics), this will give her the power to talk about our county on a separate level than the (general) statistics because the statistics do not fairly represent what's going on in Owyhee County," Richards said.

Unlike irrigated ag land valuation, the dry graze formula does not use rent per acre.

The dry graze formula is a complicated equation in which the average value of per cow/calf pair is multipled by the number of months the animals can be grazed to find

the gross income. A dollar figure on expenses is obtained by multiplying the project gross income with expense percentages.

The effective gross income is determined by subtracting expenses from the projected gross income. That figure is further distilled to gross income per acre by dividing the effective gross income by the average amount of acres needed to support a cow/calf pair.

Dividing the gross income per acre by the cap rate will determine the average value per acre.

According to valuation comparisons from 2018 that Gruenwald provided, Owyhee County's assessed value per acre for dry graze was between \$30 and \$38 per acre, which was the third-lowest range in the state.

Shoshone and Benwah counties in northern Idaho were the highest

with an average of \$271 to \$754 per acre.

Owyhee County was in the middle of the pack for 2018 assessed value for irrigation ag land. Median values were between \$736 and \$1,092 per acre.

The irrigated ag land valuation formula divides net rent per acre by the total cap rate (state cap rate plus the median local tax rate).

Net rent per acre is determined thusly: median rent per acre minus water costs minus management fees.

Owyhee County's 2018 irrigated grazing land valuations were between \$296 and \$395 per acre, which is the third lowest category in the state.

Meadow land valuations were \$171 to \$280 per acre in 2018, the second-lowest range in Idaho.

— JPB





√ Elections: Former secretary now Opaline director

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month that he would have to resign.

The Division 3 seat is up for election on Nov. 5.

Bradshaw had been the Division 3 supervisor since 2017 when he was appointed to succeed longtime board member Jay Hall, who announced his retirement.

Birmingham was appointed to the board months after resigning as the district secretary, a position now held by Pam Howard.

The Division 3 directorship is the only Opaline board position up for election in the fall.

Vice-chair Zenaido Ponce and Division 4 director Charles Robertson will be up for re-election in 2020, while Division 2 director and board chair Kenny Sevy and Division 5 director Elias Jaca are due in 2021.

Other elected irrigation board positions that could be on the ballot this fall include:

- Jerry Hoagland, chair and Reynolds Irrigation District Division 3 director
- Arnold Hipwell, vice-chair and Grand View Irrigation District Division 3 director
- George Bennett, Jr., chair and Snake River Irrigation District Division 3 director
- Dennis Turner, Division 3 director and vice-chair of Gem Irrigation District
- Chris Landa, Division 3 director of Gem Irrigation District

• Bret Nielson, Ridgeview Irrigation District. Nielson's board position is subject to Oregon election regulations. The 40-day filing period for the Nov. 12 mail-ballot election runs from Aug. 30 to Oct. 9.

Turner, Landa and Nielson also sit on the South Board of Control.

Upper Grand View Canal Co., named Jens Schkade chair during its February meeting. Schkade replaced Hipwell, who is still a director for the Grand View Irrigation District.

Candidate nomination forms for Idaho-based district boards in the county will be accepted at the respective irrigation district offices between Sept. 6 and Sept. 22.

— TK





Youth crowd around the Little Acres Jams booth last July during a Homedale Farmers Market night at Bette Uda City Park. Market organizers are offering children a chance to sell again this year, and three days of workshops are scheduled in May.

Grant to grow Farmer's Market community garden concept

Homedale group gets ready for another season of fresh sales

As the weather warms up, people begin to look for fun and interesting things to do outdoors. Sometimes it's something new, but sometimes folks lean on the old standards.

When the Homedale Farmer's Market kicks off again this year in Bette Uda City Park, it will be the organization's seventh season of fresh produce, pastries, arts and crafts, and more

This year's market received a boost in funding from a \$2,000 Whole Kids Foundation grant.

According to Farmer's Market president Denise Dixon, who has been with the group since its inception in 2013, the Austin, Texasbased foundation supports schools, projects, and gardens.

"They inspire families to improve children's nutrition and wellness," she said. "They have special projects, such as bee-box grants and community grants to help keep the community healthy and active." She said that her initial request was for \$6,000, but because the market only received one-third that amount, she will have to be very selective with what to do with those funds.

According to Homedale public works supervisor Bret Smith, the city has authorized the use of a 60-foot-by-40-foot piece of land between the city swimming pool and the Riverside RV park for a community garden.

Dixon said she is expecting the grant money within a month and will

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√ Market: Spring plant sale scheduled for May

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use it to help fence the area and put in raised garden boxes.

She said she plans to put together a garden committee including community members interested in helping with the project. This committee will meet to decide on priorities and work on the garden.

The community garden will serve as a hands-on classroom for the market's "Cultivate" to teach boys and girls how to plant, care for and harvest garden products.

"Watching something grow, knowing you had a part in planting it, can be quite exciting and motivating to growing your own food," Dixon said.

The garden will not only be available to the Farmer's Market but will also be open to other organized groups that could benefit from the space, including FFA students, as well as local senior citizens involved in projects.

"There is nothing like pairing children with our senior citizens," Dixon said.

The market uses its children's nutrition program to help support healthy living for local youth. The children received tokens at the end of each class to purchase fruits and vegetables from that day's vendors to take home and share with family.

Important market dates to keep in mind:

- May 4 and 11 Annual spring plant sale, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bette Uda City Park. Garden plants, flowers, hanging baskets and more, available for purchase.
- May 16, 23 and 30 Free youth vendor training, 4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. in the Homedale High School

Ag building. Prospective vendors ages 8-18 will learn to prepare, market and manage their items at the market. Program registration, which is free, must be turned in by April 23.

• June 6 to Sept. 26 — The Farmer's Market summer season runs every Thursday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Bette Uda City Park except for Aug. 8 when the market will set up at the Owyhee County Fair. Vendor fees are \$50 for the season, \$80 if paid after June 30. A daily vendor fee of 5 percent of sales

is assessed at the end of the market day. A one-time vendor fee is \$10 plus 5 percent of sales.

- June 6 to Aug. 15—"Cultivate," the children's nutrition program, will be held each Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 28 Community yard sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bette Uda City Park.

Visit the market's website at www. homedalefarmersmarket.com for details on becoming a vendor or any of the programs.

— TK







Hop industry finds more room in Homedale

The proliferation of hops fields has trickled into Owyhee County. A worker ties guy wires off on a post during construction of hop posts in a field on U.S. Highway 95 south of Homedale.



Springtime is tilling time

With the Owyhees as his backdrop, a farmer near Idaho highway 55 and U.S. Highway 95 works his field Friday morning in preparation for the coming season.





Above: Josh Bruce moves a calf on his ranch. Submitted photo **Left:** He's also active as an Owyhee Cattlemen's Association director.

√ **Conservation:** Bruce worked with NRCS to install more efficient flood irrigation system at ranch

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Economics from the University of Idaho in 2005 then returned to work the family ranch. He worked part-time for a while, eventually taking over management and working the ranch full-time in 2010.

The Bruces, with wife Alicia and sons Houston, Pace, and Jaxon, run a cow calf operation comprising about 450 head of cattle with a small feedlot. They raise most of their hay on about 300 acres of farm ground. They grow grass hay and alfalfa.

Their cattle spend about seven months on Bureau of Land Management, state, and private land. The other five months, the animals are pastured on crop residue and fed hay.

"We do business like everyone else up here," Bruce said.

He said the flood irrigation system he installed provides a more efficient method of watering for him because the operation typically runs out of water in July.

"In the last few years, we signed up with the Natural Resources Conservation Service to improve sagegrouse habitat," Bruce said.

Toward that end, Bruce and others removed approximately 1,500 acres of juniper, cutting and piling the trees. The also burned the trees and seeded the burned areas.

"The amount of water and feed has tremendously increased," he said. "We hope to continue these projects with more land in the future."

Bruce acknowledges that all his work and accomplishments were group efforts.

"These projects would not have been possible without help from the NRCS," he said. "Tate Walters, who is the head of the Marsing office, has been of great assistance through planning and organizing these projects."

Bruce, who is an Owyhee Cattlemen's Association board member,

believes he was chosen as the OCD Conservationist of the Year because of the number of projects he has been able to do in a short period of time.

With humility, Bruce prefers to defer credit for the projects he's accomplished to others, including Walters and the NRCS.

"I am glad they like the work we are doing, but I am thankful for the opportunities that they have provided for us," he said. "They are helping us become more efficient and effective."

Bruce said that his family intends to continue ranching in Jordan Valley and hopes he can continue to remove more juniper trees to improve the range ground.

When looking to the future, he shows the heart and credo of a true conservationist.

"We are always looking for a way to become more efficient and to conserve resources," he said.

— TK

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Standing tall at harvest time

Zack Dygert of Guffey (left) and his foreman stand atop a semi-trailer load of corn during the harvest of a Grand View-area field. Photo by Mandi Boren



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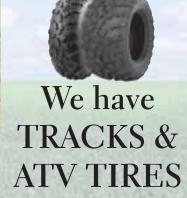


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