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## AWAKENING OWYHEE'S SLUMBERING PAST

Director, staff work to enliven Murphy museum

Eriks Garsvo is working to bring back to life the bustling towns of Owyhee County's past.

The Owyhee County Historical Museum director is moving at the speed of one of the locomotives on the Boise-Nampa-Owyhee Railroad that will be showcased in a new exhibit.

He took the opportunity to show off a few pieces of progress in the ever-changing series of museum galleries during Saturday's spring bazaar at the Murphy museum.

To draw people into the museum, organizers placed some of Saturday's bazaar vendors among the exhibit halls.

The centerpiece of the

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Evelyn Wenger (front), 5 years old, and her 7-year-old sister Autumn emerge from the Blue Bucket Mine. The girls are the daughters of Murphy residents Zach and Lindsey Wenger.

## Community cleanup slated in Homedale

Dog licenses, yard sale and burn permits available at City Hall

The City of Homedale is ready for spring, and wants to help its citizens get prepared, too.

The annual citywide community cleanup is set for Saturday, April 27.

Community volunteers are encouraged to meet at the Riverside Park boat dock before 8 a.m.

The cleanup will last from 8

a.m. to 2 p.m., this year. There will be only one cleanup day in 2019. Previously, the city organized back-to-back cleanup Saturdays.

City officials urged residents to get involved by pitching in with the cleanup of public spaces as well as taking the

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## Water starts flowing Monday; irrigation meetings now at night

Irrigation boards governing the south end of the Owyhee Project will meet Tuesday, a day after water is scheduled to begin flowing into the South Canal.

Next week's meetings also mark a switch to evening confabs for the spring and summer for the South Board of Control's group of directors.

The Ridgeview Irrigation District board will meet at 7 p.m.

Gem Irrigation District directors will convene at 7:15 p.m.

The South Board of Control, which is comprised of the Gem board and one Ridgeview representative will gather at 7:30 p.m.

All three meetings are held in the boardroom in the basement of the SBOC office, 118 S. 1<sup>st</sup> St. W., in Homedale.

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## Homedale Trobots headed to Houston

Rookie robotics team plans fundraiser

Thanks to a solid performance from its rookie team, the Homedale High School robotics team have qualified to compete in the For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) world competition on April 19-20 in Houston.

Now the work begins anew. After earning the Rookie All-star Award for the regional competition held at the Ford Idaho Center, the Trobots team finds itself in need of funds.

The regional was held Thursday through Saturday in Nampa.

A fundraiser is scheduled to run from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., on Friday at the high school.

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From left: Madelynn Blue-Ivey, Ryker Johnson, Maggie Johnson, Ashlyn Miller, Nyelah Johnson, Daryl Ramirez-Sanchez, John Lejardi, advisor Mark Thatcher, and mentor DeAnn Thatcher (seated). **Not pictured:** Mason Roundtree  
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# Sheriff's office sees several personnel changes

On-board computers would enable OCSO, Homedale PD to run record checks in field

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office has been a whirlwind of activity in recent weeks, and more changes may be on the horizon.

Atanacio Montes was promoted to corporal and will be the contact for the City of Marsing. He will attend city council meetings and be in charge of city ordinance enforcement.

Deputy Moises Montes was laterally transferred from detention to patrol to replace Chris Even, who became the Jordan Valley-area deputy for the Malheur County Sheriff's Office.

Christine Ballard accepted a position with Verizon Wireless and was replaced by Sta-

cie Woods as 911 dispatch coordinator.

"I am happy for both former employees," Owyhee County Sheriff Perry Grant said. "(The new jobs) are excellent financial opportunities."

He noted that Ballard would stay on with OCSO as a reserve dispatcher with a desire to become a Level 1 certified peace officer.

"And Chris, as always, will help us in any way he can," he added.

A new sheriff's dispatcher has been hired as well. Ingrid Roskam will begin on April 15 at a starting wage of \$14.67 per hour. Grant said one dispatcher position re-

mains open.

Teri Naito resigned her position as victim-witness coordinator. Grant moved Brenda Cameron temporarily from dispatch to cover the vacated coordinator position.

"Brenda has worked with victims in this capacity before, creating programs that are still active in Canyon County," Grant said. "She is currently working on grants for the continuation of the (victim witness-coordinator) program, along with creating more partnerships and moving the program forward."

"Brenda is very capable, and we are fortunate to have her."

**Patrol vehicles to be upgraded**

Grant said work by Ballard and sheriff's Sgt. Greg Bishop

has landed the sheriff's office an Office of Highway Safety grant to outfit patrol vehicles with computers, e-ticket machines, printers, and scanners. OHS is a division of the Idaho Transportation Department.

The sheriff's office will receive up to \$73,000, according to an OHS letter of award. The grant calls for a 25 percent match from the county, which is \$18,250.

The upgrades, which will also be expanded to some unmarked administration vehicles, will be done in the next couple months, Grant said.

Grant said OCSO and the Homedale Police Department cost-share several items, including the recent operations system upgrade that will allow officers and deputies to run record checks on vehicles and citizens from their patrol rigs.

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said his department paid for software licensing, and his officers have gone through training on the Idaho Public Safety and Security Information System (commonly referred to as "ILETS") in preparation to bring the system online.

"Due to the increase of call volume ... the need to work more independently from dispatch became glaring," Grant said.

The sheriff cites a 25 percent increase in call volume from 2017 to 2018 and another 18 percent from January 2018 to January 2019 as being part of his office's decision-making.

"These are almost unheard-of increases and the need for us to find ways to get out in front of it is clear," Grant said.

— TK

# Final phase of Murphy Flat Road paving under way



Heavy equipment stands at the ready near the intersection of Murphy Flat Road and Idaho highway 78 outside the county seat Monday.

Idaho Materials and Construction received notice to proceed with their Murphy Flat Road paving project during the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners meeting on March 25 in Murphy.

According to the notice, work was set to commence Monday and be ready for final payment on April 15. The BOCC expects a notice of substantial completion by its next meeting, on Monday.

On Feb. 11, Staker & Parson Companies, doing business as Idaho Materials and Construction, was awarded a contract to undertake the project.

The winning bid for the third

and final phase of the road rehabilitation was \$198,766.

The project consists of constructing approximately one mile of three-inch thick asphalt paving, with a width of 24 feet of existing base.

Approximately 2,700 tons of plant mix paving will be used.

The project engineer is Paragon Consulting, Inc., in Kuna.

The breakdown of the price is as follows:

- \$184,545 — Asphalt
- \$80 — Traffic control flaggers
- \$8,900 — Mobilization
- \$4,965 — Base preparation
- \$275 — Gravel approach

# Found body is Rose's

The body found in the Owyhees on March 15 has been officially confirmed as Eric Rose, Owyhee County Coroner Aaron Tines reported Monday morning.

An autopsy was performed March 20, and fingerprint testing identified the man who had been missing in the snow-covered mountains near DeLamar mine since an ill-fated early-February excursion by Rose, his 10-month-old daughter and her mother, Francesca Watson.

Watson and the child were found safe on Feb. 15.

Tines said Rose's body was transported to Pocatello so an anthropologist can analyze whether or not there are wounds present. Tests should take two weeks, he said.

Rose's body will be released to his family afterward. —TK

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Spectacular end to Grand View’s first cleanup day

Children watch as the Grand View Fire Department sets 15 dump truck loads of branches and debris ablaze after the year’s first river cleanup. Mayor Sandy Skinner, city council members and volunteers will continue their large-scale efforts to beautify the city’s river bank with two more days of work. Saturday’s second day will run from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and volunteers are asked to meet at the dump truck wherever it is parked in town. Water and soda will be provided. Another work day is planned for Saturday, April 27. For details, contact City Hall at (208) 834-2700 either today or Thursday. City Hall is closed on Friday. Submitted photo. **Next week:** A look at the Grand View Fire year in review.



Grand View greenbelt work winds through town

Fourth phase begins; may not be the final

by Mandi Boren

*For The Owyhee Avalanche*  
The Grand View Parks and Recreation began the fourth phase of the town’s greenbelt sidewalk Thursday. This stage of the project includes adding approximately 600 feet of paved sidewalk to the already paved 1,700 feet of walkway that runs through the center of town. According to Parks and Recreation member Terry Carothers, the greenbelt

project began in 2017 with an idea from organization member Doug Thurman. The organization is a small group of community volunteers that receives all its funding from private donations. The early phases of the greenbelt project included dirt work and installing drainage pipe while later phases involved planting sod and more than 50 trees along the walking path in the center of town. Carothers estimated the cost of the project to date to be around \$100,000 with materials, labor and equipment. Community volunteers and many local businesses are helping to make

the greenbelt vision a reality. Carothers said the Grand View Lions Club has been the project’s largest donor. Volunteers are pouring concrete, and Western Equipment, Simplot, Iron Horse Excavation and AgriLines are providing the labor and equipment. Carothers would like to see the project continue with more phases. “My vision is to eventually take the sidewalk from the cemetery up the river to Sixth Street.” But, he added, “A lot of that depends on monetary donations.” Current plans are to complete the fourth phase by August “... if volunteers

show up to help and the money doesn’t run out,” he said. Carothers said the parks and rec group is always looking for donations and volunteers. Individuals or businesses that would like to be involved in the Grand View greenbelt project are encouraged to contact any member of the organization or Carothers at (208) 834-2380. — Mandi Boren, an Oreana resident, covers the Grand View-Bruneau-Oreana area for The Owyhee Avalanche. Send news tips to her at [mandi@owyheeavalanche.com](mailto:mandi@owyheeavalanche.com).



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# Courthouse report

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

## March 25

**Brendon S. Cornwell, Homedale** — Misdemeanor controlled substance possession: \$200 in fines, \$197.50 in court costs  
**Cineus Rogil, Pompano Beach, Fla.** — Misdemeanor general logbook violation: \$43.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs

## March 20

**Mildred E. Couch, Melba** — Misdemeanor failure to notify of accident after striking highway fixtures (misdemeanor amended from leaving the scene or failing to stop for damage accident): \$106.50 in fines, \$162.50 in court costs  
**Brandon Franklin Hardt, Wilder** — Misdemeanor resisting or obstructing officers: 30 days in jail (served), \$142.50 in fines, \$307.50 in court costs  
**Jose Jimenez Carranza, Marsing** — Misdemeanor excessive driving under the influence: 365 days in jail (30 days served, 335 days suspended), 2 years unsupervised probation, 6-month driver's license suspension, \$500 in fines (\$250 suspended), \$202.50 in court costs  
**Kenneth K. Tamura, Homedale** — Misdemeanor disturbing the peace, animals: \$157.50 in court costs

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	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature		
				Max	Min	Avg
(measured in inches)						
(measured in Fahrenheit)						
Mud Flat						
03/26	5.7	15	10.9	50	33	41
03/27	5.3	14	11.0	53	34	41
03/28	4.8	12	11.0	46	30	36
03/29	4.5	12	11.0	43	26	35
03/30	4.3	11	11.0	46	20	35
03/31	3.9	10	11.0	49	25	38
04/01	3.4	8	11.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
03/26	6.0	17	11.8	43	35	38
03/27	5.6	16	12.1	49	32	41
03/28	5.2	16	12.4	42	31	34
03/29	4.9	15	12.5	40	31	35
03/30	4.6	14	12.5	44	30	36
03/31	4.7	13	12.5	47	31	40
04/01	3.7	11	12.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
03/26	17.3	42	22.1	45	35	39
03/27	17.2	42	22.1	48	31	39
03/28	17.0	42	22.4	42	29	33
03/29	16.9	41	22.4	44	28	32
03/30	17.1	41	22.5	48	27	35
03/31	17.3	41	22.5	52	31	40
04/01	16.6	39	22.6	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 61 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 3,081 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 61 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 434,418 acre-feet of water on Monday.

## ✓ Water: Maximum allotment for growers

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With water turn-in set for Monday, South Board manager John Eells has said that it will take about a week for water to be available system-wide.  
Eells said the Joint Board of the Owyhee Project has set this year's irrigation allotment from the South Canal at 4

acre-feet. Producers who take water from the Snake River via the Gem Pumping Plant in the older portion of the Gem district also will have 4 acre-feet.

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# Man sentenced for DUI twice in March

Marsing resident now has five drunk driving convictions

Less than two weeks after he was sentenced for one drunk driving conviction, a Marsing man was back in court for a similar disposition.

Jose L. Jimenez Carranza, 52, of Marsing was sentenced in the Homedale courtroom of Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington on March 20.

Jimenez Carranza, who just 12 days earlier had been sentenced for misdemeanor driving under the influence, was sentenced to two years unsupervised probation, among other punishments, for a misdemeanor DUI conviction.

The latest conviction stemmed from an April 24 arrest.

On March 20, Darrington ordered two years unsupervised probation and a driver’s license suspension of six months. Jimenez Carranza also must pay \$250 in fines (another \$250 was suspended) and \$202.50 in court costs.

In his March 8 ruling, Third District Judge Thomas W. Whitney suspended a lengthy state penitentiary sentence in connection with Jimenez Carranza’s arrest on Aug. 23.

Jimenez Carranza was convicted three times for DUI in the span of six months in Ventura, Calif., in 2016.

The March 20 punishment comes on the heels of Whitney’s ruling, which included six years’ felony probation and five years without a license.

# Elmore man answers for missed payments after drug conviction

A Mountain Home man was arrested in Elmore County on a \$10,000 Owyhee County warrant, stemming from 2017 drug charges.

According to Owyhee County Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman, Elmore County deputies picked up Alexzander Caward, 20, on a failure to appear warrant.

According to online court

records, Caward didn’t show up for a Feb. 25 review hearing and Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington issued a bench warrant.

Caward was originally sentenced in October 2017 to six months probation and ordered to pay \$947.50 in fines and fees.

No payments have been made, but during his appear-

ance before Darrington on Monday in Murphy, Caward made arrangements to pay \$500 per month to settle the case.

He is out of custody.

Caward was arrested on July 21, 2017, at Jump Creek Falls and charged with possession of one ounce of marijuana and drug paraphernalia, Bowman said.

— TK

# Kindergarten signup set next week

Marsing and Homedale elementary schools will hold kindergarten pre-registration and “meet the teacher” events next week.

Marsing’s pre-registration will run from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., on Tuesday at MES.

Parents will need to bring a

certified copy of their child’s birth certificate, immunization records, and their child.

Homedale’s pre-registration will go from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., next Wednesday at the elementary school.

Parents will need to bring their child’s birth certificate,

current immunization record, Social Security card, and proof of residency, such as a utility bill with physical residence address or a current signed rental agreement.

New incoming kindergarteners from both schools must be 5 years old by Sept. 1.

— TK

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## ✓ Trobots: Next stop is world tournament in Houston later this month

There will be a \$5 baked potato bar and \$5 bingo in the school’s cafeteria, and two rounds of “Nerf wars” from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the old gym. Team advisor DeAnn Thatcher said that dessert will be sold separately.

A GoFundMe page also has been created to help the team cover travel expenses, meals, hotel accommodations, and entrance fees.

As of Tuesday morning, \$345 had been raised. The stated goal is \$9,000.

Last Wednesday evening, the team took its robot to the Idaho Center and the pit was set up. Thatcher said because the school was fielding a rookie team, there wasn’t much to the pit, “but the Trobot stood proud.”

Nine team members attended the competition. Others missed the contest because of spring break conflicts.

Thursday morning, the team took to the pit and spent the day preparing the robot for competition, passing inspection, and participating in

practice rounds.

“Many teams told them that just making it out on the field was an accomplishment for a rookie team,” Thatcher said.

The team competed in eight matches Friday and three on Saturday.

“We are proud to announce that our Homedale Trobots made it on the field for every one of their scheduled matches,” Thatcher said.

She acknowledged that it can be a pretty rough sport, making it tough to make sure

the machine will show up for every match. She noted that things on the robot will bend, wires will break, and more.

The team was quick to solve the problems and make repairs between matches.

Each match consisted of two foes, called Red Alliance and Blue Alliance, with each side fielding three robot teams each. The Trobots were on the winning alliance once.

“Their rank was low (but) their abilities impressed the judges,” Thatcher said. “The

judges came to the pit and asked team members questions about their experience, their robot, and the future plans for their robotics group.

“Every year, a rookie team is chosen to go on to the national competition, and the Trobots were chosen.”

For more information about how to help the team, contact advisors Mark Thatcher or Liddy Renner at Homedale High School at (208) 337-4613.

— TK

## ✓ Homedale: City outlines rules and regulations for burning permittees

opportunity to tidy up their own property.

Curbside pickup at residences may be available depending on the amount of manpower available. Call City Hall ahead of time to schedule pickup at (208) 337-4641.

City Hall also has dog licenses and permits for yard sales and burning available. All three are requirements.

Dog tags cost \$10 for each spayed or neutered dog, and \$15 for each non-altered animal. Owners must bring proof of rabies vaccination when they get their dog licenses.

City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram reports that the city already has registered more dogs this year than all of last year — 216 in the first three months of 2019 compared to

200 in 2018.

There are benefits to having you dog licensed.

“If the dog is picked up and has a current city tag, we call the owner,” Pegram said. Sometimes, she added, the dog may be at City Hall awaiting pickup.

Unlicensed dogs will be transported to the Wilder kennel, which would cost the dog owner \$70 per night for boarding.

Burn permits are free, but applications collect information such as when and where the burning will occur and the name and contact information for the person responsible for it. The property owner’s name is also obtained, as is what type of material that will be burned.

Burn permits also must be

obtained for burning weeds along a fenceline or irrigation ditch. Yard waste, ceremonial fires, fires for cooking or recreation, and small fires for hand warming are allowed.

The permittee also must sign a document signifying that he or she has obtained a copy of the city’s burn regulations.

Burns can only be carried out between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m., and all fires must be completely out (not smoldering) by 6 p.m.

No one may burn within 20 feet of a structure, including fences. The Homedale Fire Department responded to one such illegal burn on the west side of town a few weeks ago.

There is a long list of items that cannot be burned, some of which are:

- Garbage such as food waste

or household waste

- Dead animals, animal parts or feces
- Automobile parts or materials from a salvage project
- Tires or other rubber materials
- Plastics
- Asphalt materials, such as composition roofing
- Tar, tar paper, heavy petroleum products or paint
- Treated wood of any kind
- Insulated wire
- Hazardous waste

Yard sale permits also are free, but residents are limited to just two sales per year. Pegram says the state views more than two yards sales in a calendar year as a business, and the person would have to obtain a tax ID number to continue legally.

### City Hall work set

Customers visiting Homedale City Hall on Friday will have to go through a different door.

City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram announced Tuesday that the lobby floor will be replaced in the wake of a flooding incident earlier this year.

City Hall’s main doors will be closed. Pegram said patrons can enter through the night door west of the main doors.

Dillabaugh Floors bid \$7,500 for the project. The city is paying \$350, and insurance will pay the rest.



# E. Owyhee Library Friends group offers scholarships, raffle

Book group continues Monday at lunch

The Friends of the Eastern Owyhee County Library has announced a couple of important deadlines. Tuesday, April 16 is the day the Friends will hold the quilt raffle drawing, and it’s also the last day that graduating high school seniors can apply for the organization’s college scholarship. The Friends discussed both items during its March 19 meeting. Proceeds from the quilt raffle will help fund the Grand View public library’s new Makers Space. The lap quilt is 4½ feet square, and raffle tickets cost \$1 each or \$5 for six.

You can pick up tickets at the library or from a Friends of the Library member. The winning ticket will be drawn during the next Friends meet, 7 p.m., on Tuesday, April 16 at the library. Scholarship application also can be obtained at the library or at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School. Students in the Grand View/Bruneau area are eligible to apply for the \$200 scholarships. The application deadline is 6 p.m., on April 16. The Eastern Owyhee County Library is located at 520 Boise Ave., in Grand View. The library is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Friday and Saturday. The library can be reached at (208) 834-2785, and more information can be found online at eastowyhee.lili.org.

## Senior menus

**Homedale Senior Center**  
*Salad bar available with each meal:*  
*Lettuce, tomato, boiled eggs, peaches, apricots, salad dressing*  
*Milk available each day*  
April 3: BBQ chicken on bun, rice, Calif. blend veggies  
April 4: Baked ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, roll  
April 9: Baked fish, mac & cheese, carrots, roll  
April 10: Pasta primavera w/white sauce, Calif. blend veggies, roll  
April 11: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, beets, roll

**Rimrock Senior Center**  
*All meals are served with milk & fruit juice,*  
*Cook’s choice soup*  
April 4: Tuna casserole or hot dog, baked beans, broccoli, cauliflower salad, fruit & yogurt, whole grain bun  
April 9: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, pears & cottage cheese, cheesy bread, fruit cobbler  
April 11: Oven fried chicken, scalloped potatoes, green beans, applesauce, yogurt & granola, muffin, brownie

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## Calendar

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

**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  
**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

**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**  
**Homedale Wrestling Club Tournament**  
9 a.m., Homedale High School gymnasium, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 697-8099 or (208) 941-5473  
**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

**Monday**  
**Board of County Commissioners meeting**  
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421  
**Homedale Public Library board meeting**  
1 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228  
**Homedale school board meeting**  
7 p.m., school district boardroom, 116 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4611

**Tuesday**  
**Blood drive**  
8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Homedale High School,

203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4613  
**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  
**Gem Highway District meeting**  
6 p.m., district office, 1016 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4581  
**Marsing school board meeting**  
7 p.m., school district office boardroom, 8th Avenue West, Marsing. (208) 896-4111  
**American Legion Post 128 meeting**  
7 p.m., Phipps-Watson American Legion Hall and Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing  
**Marsing school board meeting**  
7 p.m., school district office boardroom, 8th Avenue West, Marsing. (208) 896-4111  
**Ridgeview Irrigation District meeting**  
7 p.m., South Board of Control office boardroom, 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760  
**Gem Irrigation District meeting**  
7:15 p.m., South Board of Control office boardroom, 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760  
**South Board of Control meeting**  
7:30 p.m., South Board of Control office boardroom, 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

**Wednesday**  
**Melba school board meeting**  
5 p.m., district office, 511 Broadway, Melba. (208) 495-1141  
**Grand View City Council meeting**  
6 p.m., City Hall, 425 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2700, noon to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday  
**Homedale City Council meeting**  
6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641  
**Homedale Highway District meeting**  
7 p.m., Homedale Highway District office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., Homedale  
**Marsing City Council meeting**  
7 p.m., City Hall, 425 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4122  
**Marsing Fire Commissioners meeting**  
7 p.m., Marsing Fire Hall, 303 Main St.

**Thursday, April 11**  
**Fit and Fall exercise**  
10:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020  
**Owyhee Conservation board meeting**  
Noon, USDA Service Center, 250 N. Bruneau Hwy., Marsing. (208) 896-4544, ext. 102  
**Pinochle games**  
After lunch, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922  
**Owyhee Gardeners meeting**  
1 p.m., Lizard Butte Library community room, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 546-1829  
**STEMCraft at the library**  
4 p.m., grade-school ages, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

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# School menus

## Homedale Elementary

*Veggie bar, fruit bar, and choice of milk and juice each day*  
April 3: **Breakfast:** Mini pancakes, applesauce **Lunch:** Chicken taco, corn  
April 4: **Breakfast:** Large breakfast round, mixed fruit, string cheese **Lunch:** Crispito, refried beans, goldfish crackers  
April 8: **Breakfast:** Cherry frudel, peaches **Lunch:** Chicken fries, potato smiles  
April 9: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon pull apart, pears **Lunch:** Grilled ham & cheese, tater tots  
April 10: **Breakfast:** Rolled taco, applesauce **Lunch:** Pork chop, mashed potatoes/gravy

## Homedale Middle

*Fruit & salad bar, choice of milk and juice each day*  
April 3: **Breakfast:** Waffle sticks or cereal, applesauce **Lunch:** Spaghetti or corn dog, green beans, mozzarella bites  
April 4: **Breakfast:** Donut holes or cereal, string cheese **Lunch:** Pepp. pizza ripper or PB&J sandwich, rice krispie treat  
April 8: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza or cereal, peaches **Lunch:** Beef taco or Chicken taco, corn  
April 9: **Breakfast:** Yogurt parfait or cereal, pears **Lunch:** Chicken patty or rib-b-que, tater tots  
April 10: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick or cereal, applesauce **Lunch:** Ham & cheese sandwich or hot dog, potato chips, fruit choice

## Homedale High

*Salad, fruit choice and choice of milk and juice each day*  
April 3: **Breakfast:** Biscuits & gravy or mini waffles or cereal **Lunch:** Beef taco or chicken taco, corn  
April 4: **Breakfast:** Pancake bites or fruit & grain bar or cereal **Lunch:** Chicken tender, mashed potatoes w/gravy, roll or grab ‘n’ go chicken wrap  
April 8: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick or frudel or cereal **Lunch:** Popcorn chicken or Mini calzones, garlic toast, steamed carrots  
April 9: **Breakfast:** Croissant sandwich or bagel w/cream cheese or cereal **Lunch:** Hamburger or cheeseburger, tater tots, cookie  
April 10: **Breakfast:** Sausage plate or mini pancakes or cereal **Lunch:** Orange chicken or egg roll, steamed rice, pizza hot pocket, fortune cookie

## Marsing

*Elementary: Veggie bar, fruit bar, fruit juice and choice of milk each day. Middle/High School Grab-n-go line: Mon. & Wed.: Ch’burger, croissant sandwich; Tues. & Thurs.: Chick. sandwich, wrap; Every day: Pizza, salad w/breadstick*  
*All main entrees served with fries, milk & fruit/veggie bar*  
April 3: **Breakfast:** Maple pancakes, banana **Lunch:** Enchiladas & rice, baked sweet potatoes or PB&J  
April 4: **Breakfast:** Breakfast sandwich, grapes **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, pineapple, carrot sticks, jello  
April 8: **Breakfast:** Breakfast bar, apple **Lunch:** Chicken sandwich, green beans  
April 9: **Breakfast:** Mini cinnis, orange smiles **Lunch:** Taco Tuesday, Spanish rice, refried beans or PB&J, carrot sticks, snickerdoodle  
April 10: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, banana **Lunch:** Tater tot casserole, whole grain roll, buttered corn

## Bruneau/Grand View

*All breakfasts and all meals: Milk and fruit offered daily*  
*Jr.-Sr. high school: Salad bar, pizza offered daily*  
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  
April 3: **Breakfast:** Waffle and hash browns **Lunch:** Chicken taco, baked beans/salsa, corn  
April 4: **Breakfast:** Bagels & cream cheese **Lunch:** Little smokies, scalloped potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll,  
April 8: **Breakfast:** Cereal bar **Lunch:** Chicken & noodles, tossed Romaine salad, steamed carrots, whole wheat roll  
April 9: **Breakfast:** Biscuits & gravy **Lunch:** Nachos, whole wheat tortilla chips, refried beans/salsa, corn  
April 10: **Breakfast:** Muffins **Lunch:** Orange chicken, Oriental rice, stir-fry veggies

# Benefit sale set for Hope House

Three buildings are chock full of items for the Hope House barn sale set for Friday and Saturday.

The sale will take place in 6,000 square feet of space on the Hope House grounds, 7696 Old Bruneau Hwy., in Marsing.

Hundreds of donated items will be on sale from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Friday, and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Saturday. Shoppers must bring their own bags, and only cash will be accepted.

Most items will be marked half-price after 11 a.m., on Saturday.

All sale proceeds will benefit the children’s home nestled along the Snake River.

Items available during this weekend’s sale include:

- Clothes and shoes for all ages in a variety of sizes
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# Spring’s here; think inside the garden box

For many years now, I have been teaching gardeners to grow in raised beds or boxes. Why? Because this can make growing food at home so much easier and more efficient! For starters, you can build a raised bed or box over less than perfect soil, put one just about anywhere, save your knees or back, and spend less time weeding.

The easiest raised garden is made by simply mounding soil into circles or rectangles. You can till a garden spot, and then shovel out pathways, throwing the soil onto “beds”, or you can create mounds over bare ground using purchased loads of topsoil and compost.

For more permanent garden boxes, contain the soil in a structure. There are plenty of commercially available kits out there, but some can be very pricey, so here are some ideas for building on a budget.

Group pots or containers together. Plastic, terra cotta, wood or even metal can be used, as long you drill holes for drainage. Make sure that the surface underneath can withstand weight and water.

Use a child’s plastic wading pool, a livestock watering trough, a pond liner or even an old bathtub! Again, make sure there are holes in the bottom.

Arrange cinder blocks into a square or rectangle and fill with soil (more on that later). You can even plant in the cinder block holes. About 22 blocks will construct a 3-foot-by4-foot box.

In a wheelchair or have limited mobility? Make your beds at least two feet high.

Build long-lasting boxes out of lumber. Find dozens of plans online or ask a Master Gardener Volunteer (you’ll find these at the University of Idaho Extension Canyon County office this spring and summer). The best bed designs are no wider than four feet across for easiest access. If your budget allows, go for redwood or cedar, but many of our community gardeners have been using inexpensive fir for many years, and it holds up just fine.

Avoid using treated lumber, old tires or oozing railroad ties. There is a slight possibility that these items may leach toxins into the soil or contaminate your crops.

Pro tip: Install short sections of 1.5-inch PVC along the sides of your box and then use flexible tubing to create hoops covered with plastic or frost blankets for a home-made greenhouse!

Whatever you use to build your beds, fill them with a good soil mix. Blending about two-thirds high-quality topsoil with one-third compost works well. Multiply the width x length x height of your bed (in feet), then divide by 27 to find the cubic yards you’ll require.

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✓ Museum: Plenty of work going on to get new exhibits ready to view

upgrades is the replica of a Silver City mine that Garsvo and museum staffers built to give visitors a sense of what it was like to work in the numerous shafts that were sunk in the boomtown days of the 1860s and 1870s.

“You’re walking back in time when you walk into the tunnel,” Garsvo said.

Ore-cart track donated by mining enthusiast Dan Yanke and loose rock salvaged from the site of the old Rabbit Creek train trestle lend authenticity to the Blue Bucket Mine, which has been built to a height appropriate to the old mining days.

That means you’ll have to duck to miss the rafters. Garsvo has even padded a few of those beams in case someone doesn’t remember that mines from a century-and-a-half ago weren’t all that tall.

Future plans for the tunnel include adding rock to the sheetrock walls to turn the feature into an authentic-looking mine.

There is already a dimmer light switch in the converted closet at the end of the mine tunnel. That gives visitors a chance to experience just how dark it was to work in those mines. Tools and other artifacts can be found at the end of the shaft.

Mine lanterns that the museum already had on hand were converted to electricity in a non-invasive procedure that Garsvo said didn’t harm the historical integrity of the pieces. They can easily be converted back to kerosene.

Other plans for the Dale and Gypsy Jackson Gallery where the mine exhibit is housed include painting a mural to represent the mountains that envelope Silver City.

Now standing near the wall opposite the mine is a rough-hewn wooden pole topped with a glass insulator, both original



Owyhee County Historical Museum director Eriks Garsvo cranks up the player piano Saturday.

components of the utility line that carried electricity from Swan Falls Dam to the mining town. The 116-year-old, still-working lightbulbs Garsvo recently uncovered in the bowels of the museum would work nicely in this feature.

Other historic towns — Dewey, DeLamar and Wagontown among them — will get a spotlight under the new track lighting or LED lighting that has been installed in many places in the museum.

On another wall of the Jackson gallery is a large, ornate wood and glass display case containing several geological specimens found in Owyhee County. Representatives from the Idaho Mining and Geological Museum were scheduled to visit Tuesday after deadline to help identify the rocks.

One of the newer exhibits that is also still in progress showcases the Boise-Nampa-Owyhee Railroad, the terminus of which was in Murphy.

The exhibit features hardware found at the site of the historic Guffey Bridge train wreck. Garsvo plans to map out the historic railway’s route along the booth’s walls and dot the

map with the different towns along the route.

Although putting together the new-look museum’s different galleries has been hard work, Garsvo is still having fun.

He took time Saturday to crank up a 1920s player piano and filled the galleries with music as folks gathered to marvel.

The recommended donation to tour the museum is \$5 per person and \$20 per family. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., each day Tuesday through Saturday.

— JPB



Evelyn Wenger (left) her mother Lindsey, and Evelyn’s younger sister Emma pass by an original power pole from the line that ran from Swan Falls Dam to Silver City.



Hardware and other artifacts found along the Boise-Nampa-Owyhee rail line sit in a glass case inside the museum booth that’s under construction.

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# Obituary

## Clarice Beth Carothers

Clarice Beth Carothers, a lifelong resident of Grand View, Idaho, passed away peacefully in the comfort of her own home, surrounded by her loved ones, at the age of 93, on March 26, 2019.

Beth was born in Grand View, Idaho on August 2, 1925 to loving parents Fred and Bernice Palmer. As the only girl born to the Palmers, her beauty most certainly was comparable to the wild spirit she shared with her 4 brothers. She attended school in Grand View and graduated in 1943. She attended the St. Luke's nursing program until her marriage to high school sweetheart, James Carothers on April 21, 1945. They farmed in the area until they moved to Boise in 1954 where they worked together as owner-operator of several service stations.

She enjoyed being active in



brother: Gordon Palmer of Scottsdale, Arizona; 5 children: John Carothers of Grand View, Kelly Carothers of Richland, Washington, Patricia Carothers of Caldwell, Caroline Hezeltine of Nampa, and James Carothers of Mountain Home, as well as 12 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by husband, Jim Carothers and her 3 brothers: Dean, LaVon, and Glen Palmer, and parents Fred and Bernice Palmer.

Services were held on Monday, April 1, 2019 at Knight Community Church in Grand View with burial following at Riverside Cemetery. Arrangements were under the care of Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel.

Donations in Beth's memory may be sent to Knight Community Church, PO Box 146, Grand View ID 83624.

church, the community, and as a Lioness in both Grand View and Boise. As a favorite pastime, they enjoyed bowling and won several individual and team awards. When asked what she loved the most about her life, she said, "Being a wife and a mother," roles she fulfilled perfectly. She had many lifelong friends and was adored by all who knew her.

Beth is survived by her

Geep the lamb visited Homedale Public Library on Friday during Story Time and 4-year-old Athena Sevy, 4, of Homedale, fell in love. Athena is the daughter of Carrie and Ace Sevy.



## Science fun at Homedale Library

Children at Homedale Public Library's Story Time will have "fun with math and science," at 10:15 a.m., on Friday.

Library youth services coordinator Carol McMichael will read "Make it Move," by Susan Canizares and Betsey Chesson, and "Water Play."

The children will also take part in various movement activities. They will complete bubble painting and marshmallow shooter crafts.

During Teens & Tweens at 4 p.m., on Friday, the youths will make a video for the summer reading program. The theme is "A Universe of Stories."

Teens & Tweens is open to boys and girls ages 10-17.

## Death notice

**PATRICIA RUTAN**, 83, of Nampa, a longtime Owyhee County resident, died Tuesday, April 2, 2019. A viewing will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., on Friday, April 5, 2019 at Zeyer Funeral Chapel, 83 N. Midland Blvd., Nampa. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m., on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at the Melba Cemetery.

## RFPA members must take firefighting refresher course

### BLM set to deliver fire engine

This is a busy week for the Owyhee Rangeland Fire Protection Association (RFPA).

Today, the Bureau of Land Management Boise District Fire and Aviation division will hand off surplus wildland fire engine in a Jordan Valley ceremony.

Owyhee Rangeland Fire Protection Association firefighters must undergo training this week to remain certified.

Certification allows the firefighters to maintain their first-responder status for wildfires that break out on Bureau of Land Management lands.

Currents members of the

Owyhee RFPA and other local RFPAs can take their mandatory annual refresher training in one of two classes:

- **2 p.m., today** — Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 902 Bassett St. (U.S. Highway 95), in Jordan Valley
- **4 p.m., Thursday** — University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. W., in Marsing

RFPA members who still have radios are asked to bring for testing.

BLM fire officials also will huddle with RFPA representatives this week to go over 2019 fire operation plans.

For more information about the Owyhee RFPA, call secretary/treasurer Lisa MacKenzie at (208) 583-2354.

## HHS coach, principal to speak at Marsing prayer breakfast

The monthly Marsing prayer breakfast welcomes an inspirational speaker of a different kind this month.

Matt Holtry, the Homedale High School principal and football coach, will address the non-denominational gathering Saturday, April 13 in the basement of the Marsing Church of the Nazarene.

The breakfast begins at 8 a.m., and the church is located at 12 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. W.

Holtry has been the Trojans' football coach for 10 years, leading the program to the Class 3A Milk Bowl state championship game last season and to a pair of 3A state semifinals earlier.

He became the HHS principal nearly four years ago after serving as Dean of Students. Coming to HHS as a math teacher, he also has held down the position of athletic director and varsity girls' basketball coach in the past.

Holtry played college football at Boise State and McPherson College in Kansas. He's a 1998 graduate of Vallivue High School in Caldwell.

Everyone is invited to attend the free breakfast and bring prayer requests.

For more information about the prayer breakfast, call Jack Muldoon at (208) 896-4220.

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# Putting the “field” in Owyhee Field Office

New local BLM chief gets out on the ground, welcomes involvement

Donn Christiansen seems at home in his new role as Owyhee Field Office manager.

He has spent nearly 28 years in various roles in the federal land management bureaucracy, but has always been close to the Owyhees even when he may have been working elsewhere.

“I like dealing with mountains and rangelands (and) recreation areas,” the native Oregonian said.

Christiansen and his wife live on the south end of Lake Lowell in Nampa in a house they’ve owned for nearly six years. They have children and grandchildren in the Treasure Valley, and he lived in the Caldwell area earlier in his career.

“I’ve boated on the Owyhee Reservoir and hiked the trails,” he said. “I’ve dealt with wilderness areas a lot, so it’s to have them so we get out and see the land.”

Christiansen says it’s important to get out on the land to truly understand what permittees — from ranchers to recreationists to other types of public lands users — see, do and want out of the public lands system.

Since he started in the job in November, Christiansen hasn’t been one to sit in his Marsing office and let the world come to him. He has been out in field (“It’s called a field office, after all,” he says) meeting with cattle ranchers on their turf, so to speak.

“I can tell you that several called early on and wanted to know when they could come in and meet me,” he said. “My response is, ‘When can I come out

and see you on the land?’

“I have had several opportunities to do this, and my style is to do ‘ground-truthing,’ which means we don’t just talk about the land. We need to visit it and discuss the issues on-site whenever possible.”

Christiansen’s philosophy seems to align with the new “landscape-level” philosophy that has percolated into the local BLM culture.

An open-door policy with the public for Christiansen and his staff of about a dozen specialists aims to help make decisions that fit the needs in the field office rather than a national template that many critics have complained about in the past.

“I think it’s a way cooperatively for us to work with what’s important to the people in the county,” Christiansen said of a more transparent and accessible approach to communicating with the public at-large and permittees in particular.

He aims to take the mystery and mistrust out of contact with BLM employees out in the field.

“When they see us pull up in a truck, I don’t want them to feel like they have to stop what they’re doing thinking they’re doing something wrong,” Christiansen said.

It’s like, ‘Thanks for being out here. Thanks for coming and recreating, and thanks for coming to enjoy the outdoors. Thanks for picking the trash up.’”

Christiansen sees a symbiotic relationship between public lands users



*Donn Christiansen is no stranger to the Owyhee country. He owns a house in Nampa and used to recreate in the Owyhees when he lived in Caldwell, too.*

and land managers.

“It’s not just looking at things from a regulatory standpoint,” he said. “It’s looking at things from the public using the land for what the land is meant to be used for.”

“And the majority of people do the right things, and we need to focus on that aspect of land use.”

Christiansen’s interest in public lands began when he would hunt and fish while growing up in the Willamette Valley farming town of Stayton, Ore.

“Having grown up in an agricultural small town, the privilege to work with the public, stakeholders and agency partners in a rural community setting was exciting,” Christiansen said of his decision to come to Owyhee.

He has held on to that youthful

exuberance for public lands recreation and has tried to involve youth in programs throughout his career.

He started as a Civilian Conservation Corps Job Corps manager in the Mt. Hood National Forest. That transitioned into managing the program at the national level to oversee and implement the Advanced Wildland Fire Training Program. Christiansen also developed militia crews to support national firefighting efforts.

The training program prepared more than 800 students a year to mobilize nationwide to provide support for national disaster response programs, gaining skills needed in careers in wildland firefighting for federal, state and private agencies. The Job Corps youth would start as camp and cook support teams for fire suppression units in the field.

Christiansen encourages organizations within the Owyhee Field Office — user groups but especially youth groups — to get involved in hands-on management.

“I think one of the opportunities that we can look at is, ‘How do you get more youth out on the ground?’” he said.

FFA and 4-H groups as well as high school seniors could organize cleanup projects at public lands sites, such as the Rabbit Creek Trailhead, and Christiansen envisions a network of signs similar to the Adopt-a-Highway system.

“We’re giving credit to user groups, and it’s public land,” he said. “Allow the public to take some personal responsibility in keeping it and improving it.”

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Owyhee Extension educators heralded

University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Educator Scott Jensen (left) and UI Owyhee County Family and Consumer Sciences educator Suriñe Greenway were honored last week during the UI Extension annual conference. Jensen received the Excellence in Extension award from Extension director Barbara Petty, and Greenway earned the UI Extension Diversity award for conducting programs targeted to minority audiences. Jensen will receive the University of Idaho Excellence in Outreach and Engagement award later this month in Moscow, too. Submitted photo

Puncturevine herbicide coming to NOCWMA

Landowners within the Northwest Owyhee Cooperative Weed Management will be able to pick up chemical free of charge during the CWMA’s annual Spray Day.

The tools to battle invasive weeds will be distributed on Saturday, April 13, in two locations.

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.

Herbicide will be available from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds in Homedale.

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.

Before picking up chemicals, operators should ensure that their sprayers are in good working condition and that all fittings and valves are tight and leak-free. Filling your sprayer with water for a test run is a good idea before picking up weed spray.

For more information,

contact Debbie Abel at (208) 896-4544 ext 102 or email [Debbie.Abel@id.nacdn.net](mailto:Debbie.Abel@id.nacdn.net) or Tammie Hedges at (208) 845-2668 or email [support@newenvironment.us](mailto:support@newenvironment.us).

You can get information on the 64 noxious weeds listed by the Idaho State Department of Agriculture by visiting [www.agri.state.id.us/Categories/Plantsinsects/NoxiousWeeds/weedlaws.php](http://www.agri.state.id.us/Categories/Plantsinsects/NoxiousWeeds/weedlaws.php)

According to NOCWMA, safety tips for people spraying for weeds include:

- 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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This puncture-vine specimen also features a flower. Within three weeks, the spiny seeds may appear.

Photo by Clint Shock



# OWYHEE WEED WATCH

**Name:** Puncturevine (*Tribulus terrestris*)

**Description:** Commonly called goathheads, it is one of the most obnoxious and irritating of all weeds.

Summer annual with prostrate stems radiating from a central root crown extending to 3 feet or more in diameter.

Each seed pod has three pointed spines and each fruit separates into four or five three-pronged burs, each containing two or more seeds. These seed capsules are very hard and durable, making them resistant to drought, moisture rot, insect feeding or predation by seed-feeding rodents and birds. These capsules help preserve the seeds for up to 20 years. These sharp spines also provide this weed with an easy way to get its seeds spread around. Stems are highly branched and reddish-brown on mature plants.

Five-petal bright yellow flowers are borne from the leaf axil. From flowering to viable seed can be as short as three weeks. Leaves are opposite and divided into three to seven leaflets on a short petiole.

Can be toxic, mainly to sheep in early spring.

**Habitat:** Prefers disturbed well-drained sandy and loose soils. Found along roadsides, canals, in pastures and cultivated fields.

**Origin:** Mediterranean region of Europe and Africa.

**Control:** Many people become frustrated trying to control puncturevine. It grows so quickly in the summer months that it can be difficult to keep up with. The smallest shower seems to trigger more germination.

The weed is very susceptible to most common herbicides. It is essential that spraying commence at or before flowering. A shallow-rooted plant, it can be controlled with tillage. It does have the capability to regenerate if the root crown is not removed. Continued tillage is required during the season to combat new seedlings.

Pre-emergent control with chlorsulfuron is the best initial treatment, followed by tillage or herbicide treatments later in the season.

You need to bag or burn puncturevines that have flowers because viable seeds can form even after being pulled.

When using herbicides always read and follow label directions on any chemical. It's the law.

— Information modified from "Selected Noxious Weeds of Eastern Oregon," by Gary Page, Malheur County weed inspector. Material for this feature is provided by Jordan Valley Cooperative Weed Management Area coordinator Eric Morrison.

For more information on noxious weeds, contact your local CWMA or county weed department.

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# NOCWMA fights jointed goatgrass, too

The Owyhee Avalanche is republishing information received from the Northwest Owyhee Cooperative Weed Management Area because of concerns from Tammie Hedges that editing of the submitted article on jointed goatgrass may have created confusion.

The jointed goatgrass article originally appeared in the Avalanche's Ag 2019 special edition on March 27.

Also in that edition, Hedges' last name was misidentified as "Hughes" in the primary article outlining NOCWMA's work.

The jointed goatgrass article reappears below, verbatim to how NOCWMA submitted the article:



Goatgrass (left) is similar in appearance to winter wheat (center) and a hybrid.

**Jointed goatgrass:**

**Why is it a noxious weed?**

Jointed goatgrass is found mostly in wheat fields, but it survives along roadsides, waste areas, alfalfa fields, and pastures. It has steadily continued to invade more areas throughout Owyhee County as well as neighboring Counties.

Jointed goatgrass is a troublesome winter annual and reproduces by seed that is generally viable for 3 to 5 years, it can hybridize with winter wheat and reduce wheat crop yields.

This Idaho State-listed noxious weed is a winter annual grass 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 of a series of joints being stacked upon top of each other. Each joint has 2 to 6 small flowers.

Leaves are alternately arranged with long hairs on margins and sheaths. Leaf blades are flat and 1/8- to 1/4-inch wide.

Preventing the invasion of jointed goatgrass

into wheat fields and other areas should be a top priority. Focus should then be put on controlling small populations, crop rotation and the prevention of jointed goatgrass seed production.

**Herbicide control**

There are numerous herbicide products available to control jointed goatgrass depending on the areas and the timing of application always read the chemical label when choosing which works best for your circumstance.

**Mechanical control**

Destroy small infestations of jointed goatgrass in winter wheat fields.

Change the crop, for at least two years, to a late spring crop such as millet or sorghum. To prevent goatgrass seed production, the infested area must not be planted to fall-sown grains. Jointed goatgrass seed may remain viable in the soil for several years; therefore, to prevent re-infestation, the crop must be changed for at least three years. It will help to rotate with such crops as sorghum, corn, other row crops, or a crop, such as millet, which is planted late in spring.

**Biological Control**

None known

# Senior project blood drive Tuesday at HHS

Mellyssa Hernandez's senior project blood drive will be held next week at Homedale High School.

The blood drive will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Tuesday. The school is located at 203 W. Idaho Ave.

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# Avalanche Sports

## Homedale breaks even at spring break tournament

Larger schools roll to Saturday victories

Homedale High School earned a four-game split during its stay at the WTP Spring Break Classic softball tournament. The Trojans (6-5 overall) closed out the two-day tournament early Saturday afternoon with a 10-2 loss to Richland, Wash. Homedale played Friday's game at Vallivue High School in Caldwell then the scene shifted to Ridgevue High School in Nampa on Satur-

day. **Saturday: Richland, Wash., 10, Homedale 2** — The Bombers built a 9-0 lead before the Trojans loaded the bases in the fourth inning. Kaitlyn Missamore scored on an error for Homedale's first run, but the Trojans were unable to do any more damage. Missamore was one of six Trojans to get singles, including Amaya Carter, who was 2-for-3. Dazsha Zamora led off the fifth inning with a base hit and scored on DeLaynie Dorsey's shot back to the pitcher. The Trojans stranded run-



The Homedale High School softball team's infield celebrates after starting pitcher Olivia Cardenas (center) struck out an Eagle junior varsity batter Friday at Vallivue High School.

## Youth wrestling tournament this weekend in Homedale

The annual Homedale Freestyle/Greco-Roman Wrestling Tournament invades the town's high school gymnasium this weekend. The Greco-Roman tournament will be held Friday. Wrestlers in seven divisions from Under-6 to Juniors will begin competition at 7 p.m.

Saturday's freestyle bouts start at 9 a.m. for the U6, U8 and U16 divisions and 11 a.m. for U10, U12, U14 and Juniors. Wrestlers competing both days will weigh-in between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m., on Friday. Freestyle-only wrestlers begin weigh-ins at 6:30 a.m., on Saturday. Medals will be awarded to first-through fourth-place competitors in Pre-Bantam and Bantam, and to the top three finishers in each weight class in Intermediate through Juniors. Divisional outstanding wrestler trophies will be awarded from Intermediate through Cadets.

Pre-registration for the tournament is available at [www.trackwrestling.com](http://www.trackwrestling.com) and ends at 10 tonight. The entry fee is \$15 for one tournament or \$20 for both. On-site registration on either day of the tournament will cost \$5 more. Concessions will be available.

# Homedale Trojans

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Baseball  
Brady Trout, Jr., C/P/OF  
Four RBI during last month's tournament in John Day, Ore.

Softball  
Josey Hall, sr., 1B  
Hit .333 (4-for-12) with 5 RBI in spring break tourney

Track and field  
Kari Woods, sr., shot put  
Season-best 26-3.75 for fourth in Weiser on March 19

Golf  
Arnulfo Llamas, Jr.  
Third year with the Trojans

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Austin Conant, sr.  
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**Baseball**  
Varsity  
Wednesday, April 3 at Parma, 5 p.m.  
Thursday, April 4 at Ontario, Ore., 5 p.m.  
Saturday, April 6, at Melba, 1 p.m.  
Monday, April 8, home vs. Fruitland, 5 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 9 at Baker, Ore., 5 p.m. MDT  
Junior varsity  
Monday, April 8 at Fruitland, 5 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 9, home vs. Baker, Ore., 5 p.m.

**Softball**  
Varsity  
Wednesday, April 3 at Parma, 5 p.m.  
Thursday, April 4 at Ontario, Ore., 5 p.m.  
Monday, April 8, home vs. Fruitland, 5 p.m.  
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**Track and field**  
Thursday, April 4 at Dave Mangum Invitational, Melba H.S., 4:15 p.m.

**Tennis**  
Thursday, April 4, home vs. Nyssa, Ore., 4 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 9 at Weiser, 4 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 10, home vs. Four Rivers Community School (Ontario, Ore.), 4 p.m.

**Golf**  
Boys and girls  
Wednesday, April 10, home for 3A Snake River Valley conference meet (9 holes), River Bend GC, Wilder, 3 p.m.  
Girls  
Monday, April 8 at Buhl Invitational (18 holes), Clear Lake CC, Buhl, 10 a.m.

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# Sports

## From page 14

### ✓ Homedale: Trojans open tournament with bigs in Caldwell on Friday

ners at third base in two different innings. Alex Grant led off the game with a single and wound up on third base after a pair of grounders.

Josey Hall's fifth-inning single helped Zamora reach third base on her way home. But Hall, Homedale's senior first baseman, was stranded at third after two ground balls.

Two Richland pitchers induced 15 ground-ball outs.

**Saturday: Idaho Falls 11, Homedale 1 (5)** — The Class 4A Tigers won for the seventh time in nine games with a 10-run rule victory at Ridgevue.

Idaho Falls scored five earned runs in the top of the first inning to chase Jayci Swallow, who gave up three hits and three walks in 2/3rds of an inning.

Only one of the Tigers' final six runs was earned as the Trojans committed three errors.

Homedale trailed 7-0 when Sophie Nash led off the fourth with a single and later scored an unearned run on Missamore's base hit.

Homedale managed just five

hits in five innings. Grant was 2-for-3, and Olivia Cardenas had a single.

Grant reached second base in the first inning on a passed ball. She and Nash were the only two Trojans to get that far on the base paths against Jaidyn Clement.

Clement struck out four and walked no one over five innings.

**Friday: Homedale 12, Madison 3** — Hall had a two-run single, and winning pitcher Cardenas clubbed a two-run triple in the Trojans' five-run first inning that sealed the deal early on Vallivue's varsity diamond.

Nash doubled and later hit a run-scoring triple in the Trojans' three-run seventh inning.

Zamora also had an RBI double in the seventh.

Grant was stranded at third base after her one-out triple in the fourth inning.

Hall and Cardenas drove in three runs apiece, while Nash was 3-for-5 with three runs scored.

Cardenas worked around nine hits and four walks to get the win.

**Friday: Homedale 10, Eagle JV 0 (5)** — Cardenas struck out 10 and fired a two-hitter in the tournament opener on the Vallivue JV field.

Homedale started fast again, piling up six runs in its first at-bat. The first six Trojans to step in the batter's box reached base safely.

Grant led off the game with a double, and she and Zamora scored on Nash's two-run double. Hall followed immediately with the third double of the inning to bring in Nash.

Dorsey knocked in Hall with a single, and Cardenas' grounder plated Dorsey. Missamore scored on a wild pitch.

Nash doubled and scored again in the second inning as Homedale built an 8-0 lead.

Nash and Hall collected two RBI each, while Missamore was 2-for-2 with two runs scored.

Grant and Nash went 2-for-3, and Nash and Zamora each crossed the plate twice.



Olivia Cardenas flips a pitch toward home plate Friday against the Eagle JV.

# MARSING HUSKIES



**Softball**  
Ashley Loucks, sr., ss  
Third year, one of just three seniors on team



**Track**  
Gabriela Rodriguez, sr., thrower  
First year on team



**Golf**  
Logan Stansell, sr.  
Third year on team

**Softball**  
Thursday, April 4, home vs. Vision Charter, 5 p.m.  
Friday, April 5 at Cole Valley Christian, 5 p.m.  
Monday, April 8, home vs. Horseshoe Bend, 5 p.m.  
Tuesday, home vs. New Plymouth, 5 p.m.

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

**Golf**  
Boys  
Wednesday, April 3 at 2A Western Idaho Conference meet (9 holes), Ridgecrest GC, Nampa, 3 p.m.  
Monday, April 8 at 2A WIC meet (9 holes), River Birch GC, Star, 3 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 10, home for 2A WIC meet (9 holes), TimberStone GC, Caldwell, 3 p.m.

Girls  
Thursday, April 4 at 2A WIC meet (9 holes), Centennial GC, Nampa, 3 p.m.



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# Mandatory boat inspection stations open again

Owyhee County boat check stations are open for the season, and the sheriff’s office reminds boating enthusiasts to stop for inspection before heading out to their favorite spots.

The Bruneau River Soil Conservation District, in conjunction with the Idaho Department of Agriculture, provides invasive species inspection stations at the intersections of Idaho highway 55 and U.S. Highway 95 west

of Marsing and Idaho 51 and 78 in Bruneau.

The stations were put in place years ago as part of a program to keep zebra mussels and quagga mussels from infesting Idaho’s waterways.

Sheriff Perry Grant said his office provides peace officers, either deputies or sheriff’s Posse members, to partner with inspectors at these sites, primarily to ensure vehicles transporting watercraft that don’t stop are returned to the

stations for inspection.

“It is an infraction not to stop at a check station, and you could be issued a civil penalty,” Grant said. “If intentionally and purposefully disregarding the station, you could be written a misdemeanor citation and be required to appear in court.”

According to Grant, the secondary duty of his officers at these sites is to maintain peace and assist in the inspection process; they are

also trained inspectors.

Anyone transporting watercraft — including boats, kayaks and paddleboards — must stop at the boat checks.

Grant said that boats coming from mussel-infested states such as Nevada, California, and Arizona are hot-washed to ensure invasive species are removed. This is separate from the standard inspection.

According to conservation district representative Rayola

Jacobsen, of 3,077 boat checks performed at the Bruneau site in 2018, none had mussels. Three of the 2,169 boats inspected at the Marsing site were fouled.

Statewide, 50 boats fouled out of 110,000 checked.

The boat check stations have historically opened at the end of February or beginning of March and closed after the Labor Day weekend.

— TK

# Chamber hears about The Rock of Homedale project

## Easter egg hunt set for April 20

Last week’s Homedale Chamber of Commerce luncheon revealed more details about The Rock of Homedale.

One of the organizers for the community youth center near Homedale High School, Kathy Deal visited the March 23 luncheon at The Bowling Alley.

Deal said she has raised \$265,000 and needs \$70,000 more to reach the \$335,000 construction cost.

She said one unidentified donor gave a large amount of money with stipulation that the center would be ready for operation by September.



Kathy Deal discusses The Rock of Homedale with the architectural rendering of the project as a backdrop.

“I have been leading a Young Life group in my home for eight years,” she said. Young Life is a non-denominational Christian-based youth group.

“I really have a passion for bringing kids together, but the problem is that my house is out on Hoskins Road and a lot of kids don’t have cars,” Deal said. “One of the obstacles is getting kids out to my home to be a part of Young Life.”

Deal has been teaching Christian education during seventh period for the high school. Because of separation of church and state as defined in the U.S. Constitution, she has taught the class at the nearby Homedale Assembly of God church.

“It’s still not ideal,” she said. “Kids still have to leave school. It’s about three blocks away.”

She decided she wanted to get a place closer to the high school, and one day she noticed a lot behind Subway was for sale.

community center the kids can go to near the campus.

“My goal is to have it used all the time, because I (will) use it for two hours on Sunday and an hour-and-a-half four days a week.”

The building plan features a main room that is the size of half a gymnasium. She wants to have a roll-up door in the back of the building so the kids can enjoy the tree in the back.

The building plan has a small kitchen so the students could have a cup of coffee in the morning before school if they wanted.

“It just would be great for the kids to have some place safe and close where they could hang out,” she said.

She also said that to help with donation efforts, The Rock of Homedale organizers are selling memorial bricks that will be laid in the back of the building. The bricks sell for \$500 each.

Homedale Easter egg hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 20, at Sundance Park on South 1<sup>st</sup> Street West.

The festivities will start at 10 a.m.

Mayor Gheen Christoffersen said that a police officer would be on hand to sound the horn to begin the hunt.

“Last year we had about 2,200 eggs,” Parker said. “That seemed to be just about right, there weren’t too many crying kids when they left.”

He said he saved the poster-boards directing families to the correct spot for their respective age groups.

“Other than that, it pretty much runs itself,” Parker said.

students walking to the middle school on Johnstone Road, safer. But he was told that other communities that applied for the grant were in higher need to increase safety.

After acquiring all the necessary land that runs the proposed route from Sundance Park to Johnstone Road, across from the middle school, Christoffersen said city officials thought they had done everything necessary to qualify for the grant.

“We really thought we would get it,” he said.

The most recent projected project was around \$265,000, Christoffersen said. Some of the figure represents in-kind funding.

“I think we could shave a little money off that,” he said. “When we came up with the plan, I thought they wanted a 6-foot fence for the path, but they just needed a 4-foot fence. That wouldn’t be a lot of savings but it would be some.”

He estimates with a 4-foot fence the project would take between \$200,000 to \$250,000.

“Now it’s back to the drawing board to figure out what we gotta do,” Christoffersen said.

— TK

**Easter egg hunt announced**

Chamber of Commerce president Gavin Parker announced that the



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*Above: James Monson (left) dishes up some of his Brewer’s Chili for a visitor to the MRW Fire & Rescue Chili Cook-off on Saturday in Murphy. Left: Givens resident Jack Young adds molasses to his chili cook-off entry.*

# Chili lovers devour MRW Fire & Rescue contest entries

A lack of cooks didn’t spoil visitors’ appetites at the Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire & Rescue Chili Cookoff. There were only about five entries bubbling during Saturday’s Owyhee County Historical Society Spring Bazaar, but the crowd that gathered in Murphy eagerly

awaited the tasting hours. “We actually had a fairly good turnout. Most servers ran out of chili before the end,” MRW Fire Capt. Louis Monson said. Monson has heard that more competitors will be cooking up their secret recipes in 2020 for the 10<sup>th</sup> annual contest.

Richard Monson of Nampa walked away with two trophies Saturday – the People’s Choice Award and the Green Chili Award. Givens Hot Springs resident Jack Young’s chili won first place in the red chili division. He added molasses to two different versions of

his concoction — Afterburner Cowboy Chili and Gringo Cowboy Chili. The mild version was for the gringos, he said. James Monson’s Brewer’s Chili had the added ingredient of barley. The Boise resident won the trophy for Best Other Chili.

The Board of County Commissioners — Dist. 1 and chair Jerry Hoagland, Dist. 2 Kelly Aberasturi, and Dist. 3 Joe Merrick — joined Dist. 23B Rep. Megan Blanksma (R-Hammett) to judge the chili this year.

— JPB

# SPRINGTIME AT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY BAZAAR



## Sweet treats, sounds and rides in Murphy

**Clockwise from left:**  
Annalia Anderson talks to shoppers about the canned goods at Jackie’s Country Kitchen booth inside McKeeth Hall. A 16-year-old Meridian High School student, Annalia was given a chance to sell cupcakes to fund her trip to Europe by booth owner Jackie Benson.  
Steve VanAtter plays a tune on his Native American flute while sitting his Dadio V’s Unique Art booth during Saturday’s Owyhee County Historical Society spring bazaar.  
The Owyhee County Historical Museum’s vehicles — a 1940s John Deere tractor and 1915 Model T — are parked next to museum director Eriks Garsvo’s vintage Plymouth sedan.





# Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

## On the edge of common sense 90 percent taxes is nothing new



This year I’m having a déjà foo. I remember learning in high school social studies that the maximum income tax then was 90 percent! I was stunned! Over the years, I watched President Kennedy reduce the max tax to 62 percent. In 1989 Reagan reduced the max-tax to 28 percent. Tax Creep rose then George W. Bush knocked it back to 30 percent after the 9/11 depression and now, President Trump has used tax relief to lift a chronic economy out of stagnation. It is an old cycle. Lately some politicians have proposed Socialism as a future for America whereas max-taxes of 70 percent and 90 percent are demanded. But do you think well-off Americans will pay these exorbitant taxes? OF COURSE NOT! This is America! A good businessman will call his lawyers, accountants and brokers to invest his money back into his own business, donate to charities, buy bonds, etc. ... all TAX EXEMPT!

In the ’70s, they bought cattle feed in advance, they bought barges, railroad cars, built apartments, bought farmland, funded construction and invested their money back into the private sector. They preferred to choose how to invest their own money themselves rather than hand it over to politicians. It was good for them, but it left the middle class businessman struggling to get ahead.

I’m a good example. In 1982, I moved from a regular check to entrepreneurship with no “financial expertise or advisors,” so the government took half my money! It was tough. Sometimes my airline ticket was more than my speaking fee!

I owe two presidents credit for making it possible to convert this “workin’ for wages cow vet” into the self-supporting cowboy poet that I became. In 1978, President Carter deregulated the airlines. Suddenly, the airlines had competition, and travel became affordable. Then President Reagan dropped the tax rate from 50 percent in 1983 to 28 percent in 1987. He let me keep my money to invest in my own business! I took off and never looked back.

This cycle of raising taxes — depression — lower taxes — expansion — tax creep — overspending and raising taxes, repeats over and over and over, like the tide. It is a battle of opposing political mentalities. Group One – liberals, live by words ... lawyers. Group Two – conservatives, live by actions ... businessmen.

Each group looks at the government’s responsibility differently. One wants to be Cared For, the other Left Alone. I don’t question either one’s motive, I just assume it is money and power. To those who are pushing extremely high taxes on the “rich,” remember they are not stupid. They will invest their money into their business, construction, infrastructure, research, industry, create jobs, erect a wall around their home in San Francisco, donate to Detroit Public Schools Foundation or some worthy cause before the government can take it from them. And finally, sky-high taxes will also stifle low- and middle-class entrepreneurship from succeeding and leave them to join the 44 percent of Americans that pay no federal taxes at all.

Right or Wrong, I quote:  
“If you are not generous when you can afford to be, it marks you as a small person. However, being generous with somebody else’s money simply marks you as cheap.”

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

Jon P. Brown, managing editor

## Eyes on Owyhee Spring fresh



Each spring brings the opportunity for change and a fresh look.

With so much construction going on in Owyhee County, it seems everyone has embraced the idea.

Folks in the Marsing business corridor may not agree at the moment, but that town’s myriad projects could go a long way toward making citizens’ pride bloom.

Maybe more should have been done to make sure the business owners had ways to cope with the loss of parking spaces and access. But the labor pains are going to be worth the rebirth of a town that has always considered itself the Gateway to the Owyhees.

Once the new bridge, new approaches into Island Park, new pavement down Main Street and the planned sidewalk segment is completed on the west end of the main drag, Marsing will sparkle with a rural modernism that most small towns can only dream of.

School pride may soar as well when the new middle school and high school gymnasium go

online. Grand View residents have gotten in on the act, too.

The fourth phase of the greenbelt construction has begun, and Mayor Sandy Skinner and other volunteers — including the fire department — participated in the first day of a riverfront cleanup project Saturday.

A second cleanup is scheduled for this Saturday.

There has been activity at Rimrock Senior Center and at City Hall, too.

In Homedale, the public library’s expansion is under way, and locally owned Succor Creek Construction is hard at work on the Owyhee County Fairgrounds community center.

And that doesn’t take into consideration private residential construction on the west side of town with townhouses on North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street West and single-family homes in Westwood subdivision.

— See *Spring*, Page 19

## From Washington Constituents’ voices do make a difference in Congress

Idaho families struggling with debilitating diseases, such as heart disease, cancer, diabetes, or less common and rare illnesses, regularly share their heartbreaking, but also inspiring, personal experiences with me. These insights drive my longtime advocacy for necessary National Institute of Health funding to support medical research to save and improve lives. Each year, I join fellow senators in urging congressional appropriators to fully fund this critical research. This is one example of the countless ways essential input from Idahoans guides my efforts in the U.S. Senate.

Personal insights and experiences of fellow Idahoans are indispensable in best shaping federal policy. Thank you to all those who have taken the time to attend the hundreds of town meetings I have held across Idaho, written, emailed, called, and scheduled time to meet with me in Idaho or Washington, D.C. Your input is extremely helpful in guiding my efforts in the Senate on your behalf. It helps me better understand how federal policies affect everyday life and assists with identifying needed change.

In a 2017 report, the Congressional Management Foundation assessed the degree of influence citizens have on congressional decision-making, finding that — despite the widespread belief that citizens’ voices are not heard in Congress — constituents sharing their views with lawmakers is very effective in shaping federal policy. The study was conducted over a period of more than 10 years. Some of the report’s key findings include the following:

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- “Direct constituent interactions have more influence on lawmakers’ decisions than other advocacy strategies.”
- “Congress places a high value on groups and citizens who have built relationships with the legislator and staff.”
- “Citizen advocates are more influential and contribute to better public policy when they provide personalized and local information to Congress.”

Please keep sharing your views with me. I am listening closely and value your viewpoints greatly. We may not always agree, as I have to weigh the positions of the entire constituency as best as possible. But, I am always listening

— See *Constituents*, Page 19



# Commentary

## Financial management

### Work together to ease fiancé’s daughter into the real world

**Dear Dave,**  
I’m getting married this summer and about to become a stepfather, but my fiancé’s daughter from a previous marriage seems very irresponsible. She’s 20 and lives at home, has trouble holding a job, and she doesn’t really want to work. When she doesn’t have money to make her car payment, she seems to expect her mom to pay it for her. My fiancé and I both agree that she has been too lenient with her in the past, but she doesn’t want to suddenly pull the rug out from under her. How do you think we should approach this situation?

— Kendall

**Dear Kendall,**  
Marriage counselors say you have a good chance of having a successful marriage if you’re

in agreement on four things — religion, money, children, and in-laws. So, first things, first. I’d strongly suggest you and your fiancé go through pre-marital counseling to make sure you’re on the same page when it comes to handling this and other issues.

If you and her mom really want to show her you love her, you’ll make sure she starts learning some character and discipline. And it’s *very* important that both of you are on the same page and in agreement every step of the way. You might also want to read a book together by Dr. Henry Cloud called “Boundaries.” This is a great book, and it will give you both several ideas for creating a reasonable timeline aimed at teaching her more responsibility.

I would advise letting her



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mom present any changes to her initially. Neither of you wants to create a scenario where *you’re* viewed as the bad guy. Let her mom start the process by explaining that she made a few mistakes in terms of teaching her more about personal responsibility

and self-reliance when she was younger. Then, she can begin to lay out the first few rules and expectations.

In my mind, there’s nothing wrong with requiring her to get a job within 30 days if she doesn’t already have one. If she needs to go job hunting, make sure she’s out of bed and on the road no later than 8 a.m. every morning. During this first phase, looking for work every day should be her job. It wouldn’t be a bad idea to start teaching her about budgeting, saving, and everything else that goes into handling money responsibly during this time, too.

Next, Phase 2 might consist of requiring her to help around the house doing chores on her days off, or whenever mom needs a hand. Then, after a month or two of this, Phase 3

might consist of her paying a small amount in rent.

Do you see what I’m doing? By stepping up the expectations gradually you’re building a foundation so she’ll have the tools and knowledge to where, in the sixth or seventh month, she’s moving out and taking care of her own responsibilities.

Like an adult!

— 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](http://daveramsey.com) and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.*

### ✓ Constituents: You can reach out to your local congressman for help

*From Page 18*  
and respect all points of view on the issues. Contact information can be accessed through my website at [www.crapo.senate.gov](http://www.crapo.senate.gov).  
Additionally, if you find yourself in need of help with a personal issue involving contacting a federal agency, I am happy to assist you. There may be times when emergencies arise, such as when a passport is needed to assist a family member who is ill in a foreign country, your company is having difficulty getting Medicare reimbursement, or some other unexpected event occurs requiring attention. If this happens, please contact the staff in one of my regional offices to discuss your situation, after which I will

contact the agency on your behalf to assure you have been given every consideration available by law.  
While I cannot direct a certain outcome, I can help communicate the circumstances and request the agency take appropriate actions to assist you. Additionally, because of jurisdictional constraints, I can only assist with federal agencies. Information regarding contact information, the required privacy release form and frequently asked questions, can be accessed through my website at [www.crapo.senate.gov](http://www.crapo.senate.gov).  
The 2016 enactment of Trevor’s Law, named for cancer survivor Trevor Schaefer of Boise, proved again the power of one Idahoan. This law, which strengthens federal coordination in investigating potential cancer

“clusters,” was enacted after Trevor shared his story with me, and he and his mother, Charlie Smith, and Susan Rosser proposed cancer cluster legislation. Every step of the way, Trevor stayed with the legislation and overcame many hurdles. Please keep letting me know your views on issues of importance to you so together we can continue to make important advancements such as these.  
— *Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho’s senior member of the U. S. Senate. He is in his fourth six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman.*



Something on your mind?

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

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### ✓ Spring: Projects throughout Owyhee County are in various stages of progress, few complete

*From Page 18*  
Throw in the expanded Owyhee Health and Rehab facility, and Homedale seems to be poised for some pride, too.  
There is still plenty of work to be done in Homedale, though.  
The city-owned Peterson property, deemed park space by the family that donated the land, hasn’t developed. There has been some movement, but there seems to be no formal plan.  
Playground equipment purchased with a wellness grant a couple years ago still has not been completely installed at Riverside Park. Police personnel performed a work day last year to move the project toward completion.  
Even with so many projects either going in progress or idling, there still is a way that folks can show their

pride in Homedale.  
The annual community cleanup day takes place on Saturday, April 27.  
In years past, there have been very few private citizens, or even service clubs, showing up to help out with tidying up public open spaces. But several have taken advantage of the day to clean their own properties.  
There is only one day set aside this year, and it comes a week after the Homedale Chamber of Commerce Easter egg hunt.  
Maybe with no other big events planned on April 27, the citizenry will come out in droves to help spruce up the public areas of Homedale.  
Just as Marsing could be heading toward a rosy future, Homedale residents have the potential to brighten the days ahead by tidying up today.

Speak up with a letter to the editor.



# Looking back...

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

## 25 years ago

April 6, 1994

### Three of six county offices contested

Nine candidates for elected offices in Owyhee County met Friday’s filing deadline, with three of six races contested so far.

The last day candidates can withdraw before the May 24 primary election is April 25.

The deadline for write-in candidates to declare their intent for office is May 13.

Chairman Richard Bass, the incumbent Republican, will face Democratic challenger Roman Usabel of Marsing for the District 1 seat on the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners.

Two of the three commissioners are up for election this year.

Republic Commissioner Chester Sellman is running unopposed to represent District 3.

In November, Republican Jim Huntley Jr. will face Democrat Charlene Nettleton for the position of Clerk of the District Court.

Both are seeking the office currently held by Barbara Jayo, who is retiring in January. Nettleton has been the chief deputy clerk and auditor for 23 years.

Two Republicans are vying for the office of county assessor — incumbent Larry Bachman and political newcomer Thomas Driscoll of Homedale.

### Vance to close doors of store

Homedale’s one and only hardware store is closing after 14 years on Idaho Street.

The Vance Corporation, retailer of building materials and hardware, will shut its doors by the end of April. The owners are in the process of selling off the remaining inventory now, and it’s going fast.

Founded by Marion Vance, a one-time Boise Cascade employee, the family-owned company currently employs three people.

Actually, Vance Corp. leaves the Homedale market on an upswing. Gross revenues topped \$1 million in 1993, the second year of rebounding sales, and business is up 20 percent this year over last.

But Kelly Vance said he’s doing what anybody would do, seeking a better return, and bigger profits are found in dairy construction.

Plans are to build four big dairy barns in the Northwest this year. One Vance just completed accommodates 60 cows and measures 300 feet in length.

### Pryor hires on with Homedale city crew

Will Pryor has joined the three-man Homedale city crew as a maintenance worker and equipment operator.

He replaces Terry DeWeese.

Pryor is a 1991 graduate of Homedale High School. He previously was employed with Franklin Building Supply in Caldwell.

Pryor, 22, enjoys hunting and fishing in Owyhee County. Every Fourth of July he looks forward to entering the Homedale Lions’ demolition derby.

### Marsing boys extend win streak to 4 games

Victories over Melba and Nampa Christian gave Marsing baseball its winning record of the season.

Now 4-3 overall, 3-1 in league, the Huskies have had to overcome three losses in their first three games, but have played strong in their last four, beating their opponents by a total of 44-10.

Over spring break Marsing ripped the winless Melba Mustangs for 12 runs, while allowing only one.

Doug DeVelbiss hit a solo home run for Marsing.

## 50 years ago

April 3, 1969

### Thirty-Second Annual Lizard Butte Easter Sunrise Service

Easter Sunday, April 6, 1969 – 6:18 A.M.  
Flag Raising...Explorer Post 101, Boy Scouts, Nampa 2d Ward, LDS

Bugle Call and Song “Christ Arose”...Tim Davidson, Sharon Fodge, Homedale  
Angels at the Cross...Sandra and Kay Hoskins, Sunny Slope

Invocation...Rev. W. L. Robertson, Marsing  
Welcome...C. M. Van Slyke, Association President  
Group Singing... “The Old Rugged Cross” Leader, Rev. Quincy Fodge, Homedale

Group Reading...Rev. James McMillan, Deer Flat  
Violin Medley...Mrs. Lyle Barnes, Caldwell,  
Accompanied by John Carr, Greenleaf  
Poem “God of the Open Air”...Mrs. Lora Altig, Caldwell

Solo “I walked Today Where Jesus Walked”...Mrs. Ken Kellum, Homedale

Sermon...Pastor Earnest Chamberlain, Caldwell  
Group Singing “He Lives”... Rev. Quincy Fodge  
Benediction...Rev. Charles Neifert, Riverside  
Pianist...Mr. Cecil Hardinger, Greenleaf  
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**WINNERS** in the advance ticket sales contest to the PTA-sponsored “International Smorgasbord” received cash awards at a recent PTA meeting. Principal Herb Fritzley presented checks to the top three salesman: Roger Kora, 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner receiving \$5 for selling \$75 worth of tickets; David Takasugi, second, receiving \$7.50 for selling \$195 in tickets; and Tami Uda, first, receiving \$10 for selling \$210 in tickets. All three are in Mrs. Nancy Ash’s 6<sup>th</sup> grade room.

### Grazing group buys big ranch in Owyhee area

The Glenns Ferry Grazing Association has purchased the Henry Rubelt, Jr., cattle ranch in Owyhee County with a \$500,000 loan from the Farmers Home Administration, according to Seth D. Redford, FHA supervisor at Boise.

Property sold by Henry and Thelma Rubelt consisted of rangeland at Juniper Mountain in the southwest corner of the county. Summer headquarters is at the Star ranch 90 miles southwest of Glenns Ferry and winter headquarters is the Hyde Ranch at Oreana.

Rubelt’s property had combined the following old holdings in Owyhee County: Hyde, Brooks, Hackberry, Boni Orysobol, Pleasant Valley Nickel Creek, Joe Swisher, Ben Mills, Star, Heaven, Castro, Wiseman, Brace and Twin Springs ranches.

### Sen. Church asks no park fees for older users

Sen. Frank Church is co-sponsoring legislation to exempt citizens over age 65 from paying entrance fees at National Parks and National recreational Areas.

The Idaho Senator noted that as of March 31, 1970, the present Golden Eagle Passport program — which provides one low-cost ticket admitting the bearer to all U.S. National Park Service areas — which will be phased out under existing law. The Golden Eagle Passport was used by many elderly persons.

## 145 years ago

April 4, 1874

### A Lucky Escape

Frank Hunt, proprietor of the Owyhee Exchange, and his barkeeper, Jas. Ryan, sleep upstairs in the northeast room of the building. Frank’s good dog “Sport” is also allowed to sleep in the same apartment. District Attorney Ensign has his office and bed-room on the south side, adjoining Frank Hunt’s sleeping apartment. A stove pipe passes through Mr. Ensign’s office from the saloon below and thence out through the roof. About one o’clock last Monday morning Frank Hunt was awakened by his dog Sport who was whining and scratching at the door in a very unusual manner. Hearing a crackling noise, Frank jumped out of bed, ran out on the balcony and saw the roof in flames immediately over Mr. Ensign’s room, through the glass door of which he also saw the cloth ceiling all ablaze. He pounded on the door till he succeeded in rousing Mr. Ensign, who leaped out of bed and dashed a pitcher of water on the flames. By this time, several persons had arrived, and Ryan was on the roof tearing off the burning shingles. Water was procured from the saloon and passed up to Ryan who, after considerable difficulty, succeeded in extinguishing the fire, It was a narrow escape, not only of the building in which the fire originated, but also for the whole town, as the wind was blowing a gale from the west at the time. Had it not been discovered until two or three minutes later, it would have been under such headway as to render the subduing of it an utter impossibility. But for the sagacity and intelligence displayed by that noble dog Sport, Silver City would, in all probability, now be in ashes. Sport deserves to wear a gold medal the remainder of his days. It is thought that rust had eaten holes in the stove pipe where it passed through the roof; hence the origin of the fire. This should be a warning to our citizens, who cannot be too careful in seeing that their stove pipes are in a safe condition. The burning of our town would be a calamity from which it could never recover.

### Fortunes floating away

The divisibility of quicksilver is so great that particles of it float down streams of water, invisible to the naked eye, and yet large enough to contain still smaller particles of gold and silver, or both. The presence of these floating metals can be shown by placing a sheet of copper in Jordan Creek below any of our quartz mills, where, in a short time, it will be completely covered with quicksilver. Since the discovery of this camp, hundreds of thousands of dollars have thus floated away and been lost. In Washoe, the muddy waters of the streams, for many miles below the quartz mills, have been collected in reservoirs and allowed to settle, yielding, in almost every instance, immense fortunes. The same thing might be done with equal success in Owyhee. Infinitely small as these particles of precious metals are that float away, invisible to the naked eye, they have, in the aggregate, great commercial value.

### A charity concert

A number of ladies and gentlemen of Silver City, assisted by the Brass Band, propose next Saturday to give a vocal and instrumental concert, in Champion Hall, for the benefit of the poor. We understand that it is the intension to purchase a sewing machine for Mrs. Allison, and divide the remainder of the proceeds of the entertainment among certain destitute families in town. The object is of the most worthy description, and it is to be hoped the affair will be liberally patronized.



# Public notices

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

On April 24, 2019, the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hear testimony in the Annex Building of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 17069 Basey St., Murphy, Idaho on the following matters at the times listed below.

**Beginning at 9:00 am**, the Commission will hear application Z19-16 a request for a conditional use permit filed by **Tim Boelens and Bonnie Schaeffer** seeking approval to establish two single-family residences on a 40-acre parcel of land located near the end of Hunt Lane approximately 2.5 miles southwest of Homedale. The subject parcel, RP03N06W128400A, is in an agricultural zone in a portion of the in the SW¼ of the SE¼ of Section 12, Township 3 North, Range 6 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

**Beginning at 10:00 am**, the Commission will hear application Z19-17 a request for a conditional use permit filed by **Mary Jo Sample** seeking approval to establish a single-family residence on an approximately 15-acre parcel of land located off South Gulley Road approximately 3 miles west of Homedale. The Applicant proposes to make a lot line adjustment to the subject parcel, RP03N06W027231A, to reduce it from 15 acres to five acres. An adjacent parcel, RP03N06W027240A would increase to approximately 15 acres. Both parcels are owned by Margie Shenk and are located in an agricultural zone in a portion of the SE¼ of the SE¼ of Section 2, Township 3 North, Range 6 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

**Beginning at 11:00 am**, the Commission will hear application Z19-18 a request for a conditional use permit filed by **Idaho Department of Fish & Game** seeking approval to establish a single-family residence for employee housing on an approximately 93-acre parcel of land off Hot Creek Road approximately 1.5 miles south of Bruneau. The subject parcel, RP06S05E367201A, is located in an agricultural zone in a portion of the E½ of the E½ of Section 36, Township 6 South, Range 5 East, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

**Beginning at 1:00 pm**, the Commission will hear application Z19-15 a request for a conditional use permit filed by **Fowers Little Valley, LLC** seeking approval to establish a third single-family residence for employee housing on a 160-acre parcel at 27948 Pond Road, Bruneau, Idaho. The subject parcel, RP06S04E144800A, is in an agricultural zone located in the SW¼ of Section 14, Township 6 South, Range 4 East, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

**Beginning at 2:00 pm**, the Commission will hear application Z19-14 a request for a conditional use permit filed by **Oma K. (Bronc) and Dixie May** seeking approval to establish a single-family residence on an approximately 3.6-acre parcel to be divided from an approximately 20-acre parcel located at 28433 Jacks Creek Road, Bruneau, Idaho. The subject parcel, RP06S05E211200A, is located in an agricultural zone in a portion of the W½ of the NE¼ of Section

21, Township 6 South, Range 5 East, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

**Beginning at 3:00 pm**, the Commission will hear application Z19-19 a request for a conditional use permit filed by **Bachman Land & Livestock LLC** seeking approval to establish a gravel pit on an approximately 116-acre parcel located at 32241 Colyer Road in Bruneau, Idaho. The subject parcel, RP06S05E241201A, is located in a multi-use zone situated in the SENW¼, the SWNE¼, and a portion of the NESW¼, all in Section 24, Township 6 South, Range 5 East, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

**Beginning at 3:30 pm**, the Commission will hear application Z19-20 a request for a conditional use permit filed by **Bachman Land & Livestock LLC** seeking approval to establish a gravel pit on a 160-acre parcel and a 110-acre parcel located on Hot Springs Road approximately 4 miles southeast of Bruneau. The subject parcels, RP07S06E090600A & RP07S06E044800A, are located in an agricultural zone situated in the E½ of the NW¼ and the W½ of the NE¼ of Section 9, and in the E½ of the SW¼ and a portion of the SW¼ of the SE¼ of Section 4, both in Township 7 South, Range 6 East, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Copies of the proposed projects are available for review in the Planning and Zoning office. For additional information please call 208-495-2095 ext. 2.  
04/03/2019

**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, 2019-2020.

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.

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 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), IDAHO CODE. 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 1, 2018.

DATED This 7th day of March, 2019.

S:/Ryan M. Fawcett, a member of the Idaho State Bar  
Successor Trustee  
03/13,20,27,04/03/2019

**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: Q31032812 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. 267932; 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 Owyhee, 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 herein 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

**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  
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# Public notices

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT TRANSFER NO. 82946**  
CHRIS UNRUH, 25289 HIPWELL LN, GRAND VIEW, ID 83624-5119; has filed Application No. 82946 for changes to the following water rights within OWYHEE County(s): Right No(s). 2-10201; to see a full description of these rights and the proposed transfer, please see [www.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/wr/QueryNewTransfers/QueryNewTransfers.aspx](http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/wr/QueryNewTransfers/QueryNewTransfers.aspx). The purpose of the transfer is to change a portion of the above rights as follows: The purpose of this transfer is to change the irrigated acres for water right 2-10201. The new acreage is located just north of the original place of use, between the Grand View Canal and Highway 78, roughly 3.7 miles southeast of Grandview, Idaho. For additional information concerning the property location, contact Western Region office at (208) 334-2190; or for a full description of the right(s) or proposed transfer(s), please see [www.idwr.idaho.gov](http://www.idwr.idaho.gov). Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-222. Any protest against the proposed change(s) must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 Airport Way, Boise, ID 83705 together with a protest fee of

\$25.00 for each application on or before 4/22/2019. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.  
GARY SPACKMAN, Director  
04/03,10/2019

**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.  
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# BLM, non-profit cited for raptor work

Award comes on heels of silver anniversary

Birds of prey conservation work was saluted Thursday at the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area.

The Public Lands Alliance has bestowed its 2019 Public Lands Partner Award upon the Bureau of Land Management NCA and the Birds of Prey NCA Partnership.

NCA manager Amanda Hoffman and Birds of Prey NCA Partnership (BOPP) president Steve Alsup accepted the award in ceremony at Dedication Point overlooking the Snake River.

The BOPP is a Boise-based non-profit organization.

The NCA and the BOPP received the award in honor of their work together to protect and conserve public lands and enhance the experience of visitors at the NCA.



Steve Alsup (left) and Amanda Hoffman stand with the Public Lands Partner Award they accepted Thursday morning at Dedication Point in the Morley Nelson Birds of Prey National Conservation Area. Hoffman is the NCA manager, and Alsup is president of the Birds of Prey NCA Partnership. Photo by Michael Williamson / BLM

The NCA and BOPP were recognized for their work while celebrating the area's 25th anniversary. Coordination resulted in 40 community events, including interpretive hikes, habitat restoration projects, trash cleanup events, the Snake River Raptor Fest, NCA Film Night, and the NCA Commemoration Event.

The NCA outreach doubled compared to a typical year, with more than 18,000 people

learning about the area's purpose.

The NCA, part of which is in Owyhee County, was established by Congress in 1993 and includes protections for nesting raptors and their habitat across approximately 26,000 acres and along 81 miles of the Snake River. It is home to the greatest concentration of nesting birds of prey in North America, and perhaps, the world.



A lone worker climbs into his vehicle on the temporary trestle bridge beneath the Snake River bridge in Marsing. Construction of the new bridge is expected to be completed by summer of 2020.

## Marsing roadway construction updates

Work on Idaho highway 55 continues in Marsing. According to the latest Idaho Transportation Department update, here's what to expect this week:

- Crews will pave the south side of Idaho 55 between Riverfront Drive and 4th Avenue West, beginning midweek. The work is scheduled to last three days.
- Paving will require closing access to Idaho 55 from the south at 4th Avenue West, 3rd Avenue West, 1st Avenue West, Old Bruneau Highway, and Riverfront Drive.

Access will be open from the north side of these intersections.

Flaggers will assist with paving operations. A detour route will be in place on Old Bruneau Highway.

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