

# The Owyhee Avalanche

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### Marsing, Rimrock grads celebrate

*Above: Marsing High School graduates fling their caps toward the new gymnasium's ceiling at the end of Thursday's commencement exercise. Photo by Breeana Lootens*

*Right: Confetti begins to cascade down on Rimrock's graduates to close Saturday's ceremony in Bruneau. Photo by Rachel Burk*



## Marsing auctioneer bids for world title

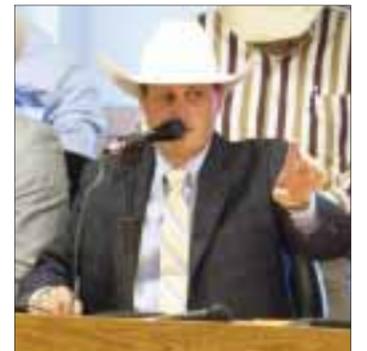
Zumstein has called county livestock auction

A Marsing man is hoping the third time is the charm, as he prepares for the 2019 World Livestock Auctioneer Championship in Tulare, Calif.

Zack Zumstein will be on the big stage Friday and Saturday at the Tulare Sales Yard for the third consecutive year.

He qualified for the world final with a top-10 finish at the WLAC Western Regional at Delta Sales Yard in Delta, Colo.

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Zack Zumstein



Marsing City Hall could relocate to the Sandbar building if sale details are worked out.

## Marsing eyes City Hall on river

City trying to buy defunct Sandbar restaurant building for office space

The City of Marsing has extended an offer to purchase the building where the Sandbar Restaurant with a Cause was located before closing its doors on March 6.

According to Mayor James Ferdinand, if the purchase is approved, the intent is to move the city offices to the property by the Snake River.

When Marsing Senior Center purchased the Sandbar in 2016, the majority of the funds came from state and federal grants.

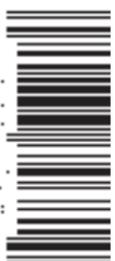
Senior center officials paid \$275,000 for the restaurant at that time. The City of Marsing ponied up \$15,000 in general fund money to help with the purchase, and the Marsing

Disaster Auction board added \$25,000.

Ferdinand said the total of what the city must pay for the property depends on what the Idaho Department of Commerce decides to do about the grant money that was used to purchase the property three years ago.

“(I believe) the price of the Sandbar was in the \$365,000 neighborhood, which also

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# Juvenile arrested for alleged Homedale High School threat

Police, district take action after discovery of note

A 17-year-old boy faces a misdemeanor charge after threatening violence on the final day of classes at Homedale High School.

Homedale Police confirmed the boy was arrested and taken to the juvenile detention center in Canyon County after authorities investigated a possible threat.

The boy has been charged with making a threat of violence at school, according to HPD.

Authorities were alerted after the note was handed to a teacher, school officials said.

Homedale schools superintendent Rob Sauer and HHS principal Matt Holtry said a district investigation was conducted simultaneously with the law enforcement probe.

"We investigated this very thoroughly, and we took it very seriously," Sauer told The Owyhee Avalanche on Friday. "At no time did we think there was any immediate danger to our students or our staff."

Sauer said as much in a note to parents through the district's electronic messaging system on the afternoon of May 28. In his message, Sauer said school disciplinary action and law enforcement action was taken.

"At no time was there any immediate danger to students or staff members," Sauer wrote. "We take student and

staff safety seriously. We appreciate your continued support as we finish the school year strong."

Sauer explained why the district waited until investigations had begun before informing parents.

"We didn't want to create an undue scare when, through our investigation, we didn't believe there was a very credible threat," he said. "We also recognize that it was specific to the last day of school (last Wednesday), so that communication happened before then."

The boy was taken into custody a few days before the school year ended.

Sauer and Holtry said that further disciplinary action against the student is still to be determined.

The men said there were no red flags about the student's potential for dangerous behavior prior to the threat.

"The investigation didn't bring to light any areas of concern," Sauer said.

Holtry said even with the threat apparently targeting the last day of school, attendance wasn't affected last Wednesday.

"I think anytime something like this happens it's disappointing, but at the same time to know even on the last day of school the number of kids that were at school ready to go, to take their tests (shows that) parents were supportive in their kids (being) there, trusting that we did our job in taking care of the situation and providing a safe environment for their kids," he said.

"(It) was reassuring to me that the work that we've done and the things we've put in place helped build that trust and helped build that culture to the point where people still felt good about bringing their kids even though there was this safety threat that was out there."

The public reaction to the threat was much different than several years ago when word got out that a student had threatened violence at the high school. The suspect was in custody by the time parents began streaming to the front of the school at midday to pull their kids out of class.

"I think ... we did a better job handling this process," Sauer said comparing the public's reaction to the two incidents. "And I would say (last Wednesday) law enforcement did a nice job being visible and being around. It was really a nice balance with what they provided, and we appreciate that a lot."

The smoothness with which last Wednesday's final day of classes went is a testament to the district's School Resource Officer relationship with HPD, too, Sauer and Holtry said.

"I think having an SRO now is also very helpful in dealing with the process," Sauer said.

"It was key that Karl (Kingston), who is our SRO, was on duty over the weekend to where that transition of school to law enforcement was a smooth transition," Holtry said.

"Karl is really good to work with," Sauer added.

— JPB



Two mustangs rear up after being released Thursday in a remote part of the Hardtrigger Herd Management Area outside Marsing. The release marked the second consecutive day of the Bureau of Land Management's plan to return horses to the range four years after the Soda Fire. BLM photo by Heather Tiel-Nelson

## Folks come from all over to see wild horse release

BLM Hardtrigger area now has minimum number of animals

Nearly 300 people from several western states turned up Thursday as the Bureau of Land Management turned out the first batch of wild horses at the Hardtrigger Herd Management Area.

The public was able to view the first of two releases in the Marsing-area HMA. Fourteen horses bolted from stock trailers and returned to public land as hundreds of people from Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington state looked on.

"We were pleased to offer people this unique and special opportunity to watch this first group of wild horses return to the Hardtrigger (last Wednesday)," BLM Boise District manager Lara Douglas said. "We recognize how impor-

tant it is to manage healthy wild horses on healthy rangelands."

The entire Hardtrigger HMA was burned by the 279,144-acre Soda Fire in 2015.

After the fire, the BLM gathered the wild horses, and the animals have been under the agency's care at off-range corrals in Boise and Bruneau.

The BLM released 45 wild horses into the HMA last week, including 31 in a more remote area of the management area on Thursday.

The release put the number of animals in the HMA on the lower threshold of the Appropriate Management Level (AML) for the Hardtrigger, which is 66 to 130 wild horses.

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# Reading means (bike) riding for HES contest winners

Homedale Elementary School students closed another year of reading with an awards assembly last Wednesday.

Eleven children, ranging in first grade through fourth grade, won prizes for their voracious reading in the final months of the school year as part of the Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13 Bikes for Books contest.

Children received entry into a drawing for bicycles and helmets — one for a boy and one for a girl in each grade — for reading books and garnering points in Accelerated Reading (AR) quizzes.

First- through fourth-graders read 10,790 books, according to numbers shared by HES principal Terri Vasquez during the assembly inside the school multipurpose room. Fourth-graders, who read larger, more complex books, lead the way with 3,630 books — an increase of nearly 1,000 books over last year.

Third-graders read 3,000 books, while second-graders finished 2,110 books, and first-graders read 2,050.

The top reader from each grade won Kindle Fire tablets:

• **Fourth grade** — Brody Johnson from Stuart Emry's class read 310 books. He's the son of Karlin and Sonya Johnson.

• **Third grade** — Cain Roberts, the son of Ben and Janai Roberts, read 240 books. He was in Kayla Blackstock's class.

• **Second grade** — Conner Grove from Jamie Bahem's class read 120 books. His parents are Casey and Tracy Grove

• **First grade** — Bradee Swan, the daughter of Christi and Shay Swan, read 80 books while attending Heidi Zanotelli's class.

School physical education teacher Cam Long drew the names of winners in the bicycle giveaway:



This year's Bikes for Books winners included: **Front row, from left:** Treven Freelove, Makinna Brown, Karlee Smith, and Jayden Warren. **Back row, from left:** Conner Grove, and Bella Kirk. **Not pictured:** Avery Contreras



The student who read the most books at each grade level went home with a Kindle Fire tablet. **From left:** Brody Johnson, fourth grade; Cain Roberts, third grade; Conner Grove, second grade; and Bradee Swan, first grade.

• **Fourth grade** — Boys: Thomas Olivera, 10, son of Joshua and Bradie Olivera, and Emry's student. Girls: Bella Kirk, 10, daughter of Joe and Sara Egusquiza, and Jan Silva's student

• **Third grade** — Boys: Jayden Warren, 10, son of Jake and Shaia Warren, and Blackstock's student. Girls: Makinna Brown, 11, daughter of Melanie Duncan and Robert Brown, and a student in Robyn Chandler's class

• **Second grade** — Boys: Grove. Girls: Avery Contreras from Bahem's class.

• **First grade** — Boys: Treven Freelove, 7, son of Matt and Janelle Freelove and Elizabeth Albor's student.

Girls: Karlee Smith, 7, daughter of Tyler and Ann Smith and Tammy Glaser's student.

— JPB



### Cited for Homedale schools service

Above: Colleagues honored Homedale School District retirees during last Wednesday's year-end luncheon.

From left: High school teacher Darrin Cook, 20 years; elementary school paraprofessional Lori Conant, 29 years; and district maintenance and transportation supervisor Tom Muir, 32 years. Below: The family of Homedale Elementary pre-first grade teacher Melanie Harper (second from left) surprised her when she received the district teacher of the year award. From left: Husband Barney Harper, Melanie Harper, nephew Dustin Walker, daughter Megan Harper, and son Kenny Harper. Submitted photo





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# Recent Homedale graduate lives out her dream as an author

## Kendra Thatcher eyes work in film

A young Homedale native has seen a lifelong dream come true.

Kendra Thatcher, a 2018 Homedale High School graduate, has written two books, a novella called "Shoes AKA My Life," and a short story, "Smooth as Silk."

Both books were published by Amazon in March.

"I personally formatted my books to meet Amazon's requirements, then submitted them to review," Thatcher said. "After they reviewed them, they were published as paperbacks and e-books."

Thatcher isn't sure on an exact number of books sold yet, but she thinks that sales have gone well.

She thinks the most challenging part of the process is getting word out about her books, such as through advertising and publicity.

Thatcher has already held one book signing, at HHS a couple weeks ago, for teenagers whom she, until just recently, called classmates.

A second book signing is



Kendra Thatcher signs a copy of her book, "Shoes AKA My Life," for outgoing sophomore Katelyn Jerome at Homedale High School on May 14 in the school's foyer.

planned at Homedale City Library, from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday.

In an attempt to beef up marketing, Thatcher has looked into some of Amazon's suggestions for advertising, including having occasional free giveaways to rouse more interest in her books. The company also suggests creating an email list of "followers" and to keep them updated on her current and future books.

Thatcher is working toward becoming a filmmaker, something else that she is passionate

about. For her, however, it all started with the stories.

"I was 7 when I started writing little stories," she said. "The possibility and realization that I could become a filmmaker didn't hit me until my junior year in high school."

Although Thatcher is not currently studying filmmaking in school, she has been studying it online and in books and has been experimenting with it on her own and with friends.

She also plans on going to Utah sometime soon to serve as a personal assistant or volunteer on movie sets.

"Oftentime they're open to giving people opportunities for experience," she said.

Her interests have always centered on the arts. Besides her writing and filmmaking efforts, she has long been involved with acting. She performed for several years in plays at HHS, directed by her mother, DeAnn Thatcher.

Her father, Mark Thatcher, is a math and science teacher at the high school.

Currently she's also participating in Music Theater of Idaho productions in Nampa, and occasionally gets involved in various crafting projects.

"(Ultimately) my goal as an author and budding filmmaker is to create wholesome entertainment for everyone to enjoy," she said.

She has other plans for the future, too.

"I plan on writing books, making movies, travelling the world, and marrying Prince Charming." — TK

# OCD supervisors change meeting date

## Summer tour scheduled

The Owyhee Conservation District has changed the date of its June supervisors meeting.

The board of supervisors was supposed to meet next Wednesday, but now will convene at noon on Wednesday, June 20.

The board of supervisors' monthly meeting takes place at the U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center, 250 N. Bruneau Highway, in Marsing.

The conservation district also has announced plans for its summer tour, which will take

place on Thursday, July 25 at Josh Bruce's ranch in Jordan Valley.

Bruce is the reigning OCD Conservationist of the Year, and interested community members are invited to join the tour.

The group will carpool from the USDA Service Center, leaving at 9 a.m., on July 25. Interested parties can tag along or grab rides.

Lunch will be provided, so OCD officials are asking for RSVPs by July 18. Contact Debbie Abel at (208) 896-4544, ext. 102 or Debbie.Abel@id.nacdn.net to reserve a spot.

# Bruneau-GV school board plans public hearings

A new budget and higher student lunch fees will be the focus of a public hearing scheduled at next week's Bruneau-Grand View School District trustees meeting.

The trustees will meet at 7 p.m., on Thursday, June 11 inside the Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School library, 39678 State

Hwy. 78 in Bruneau.

Comment will be taken on the proposed 2019-20 budget and a proposed lunch price increase of more than five percent.

Lunch prices are scheduled to increase from \$2.70 to \$2.80 at Rimrock, and from \$2.45 to \$2.55 at Grand View and Bruneau Elementary schools.

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# COSSA to celebrate 50 years with open house, reunion

A two-day open house next week will celebrate the golden anniversary of the Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency.

COSSA is a five-school consortium, including Homedale and Marsing, that provides professional technical education and alternative education opportunities at its campus at 109 Penny Lane in Wilder.

The COSSA Regional Technology

and Education Center (CRTEC) will be the site of the open house and reunion on Friday and Saturday, June 14-15.

The event will feature free hot dogs and soda, and the public will be able to tour classrooms and shots and see displays of events from COSSA's first 50 years.

The COSSA Academy Alternative Jr/Sr High School is funded by the State

of Idaho as a separate school district. Special education and career technical education programs are partially funded by consortium districts as funded by a COSSA levy in each district.

"In a sense, every patron of every public school district in the consortium pays a small amount in taxes for COSSA", COSSA CEO Dr. Harold Nevill said.

"I invite all of those patrons to come

to the open house on June 14 and 15, take a tour, and see what their taxes are paying for."

COSSA currently has approximately 650 students in special education, 135 students in the alternative school, and 250 students in career technical programs.

In addition to Homedale and Marsing, students from Wilder, Notus and Parma benefit from the consortium.

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### ✓ Auctioneer: Two valley callers in the running for world championship

"This is my third go, so I'm feeling a lot more confident than I have in previous years," Zumstein said. "It's pretty great, listening to tapes of these guys that have been doing it for years, and here I am, next in line."

Also competing in the world championship is Eric Drees, of Nampa, who works at Seven Rivers Sales Commission in Emmett.

Thirty-one auctioneers from California, Kansas, Canada, and 27 other locations from across North America qualified for the 56<sup>th</sup> annual world championship event after three regional competitions.

"We are looking forward to hosting the event this year. It's an exciting thing to be a part of," Tulare Sales Yard

owner David Macedo said in a release. "You're going to see 31 of the most confident men in the world at what they do be a little nervous, and that's kind of fun."

The reigning world champion, Jared Miller from Iowa, will be in attendance, along with many other past champions, according to Livestock Marketing Association marketing and communications coordinator Sam Capoun. Each past champion will sell cattle during the Parade of Champions.

A win at the world championship would make Zumstein a Livestock Marketing Association representative. He would be the group's spokesman for the year and would be required to make a number of appear-

ances selling at member auction yards.

"You're the face of the LMA, more or less," Zumstein said.

Last year, Miller received use of a truck for a year, a leather-tooled briefcase, a championship belt buckle, \$6,000 in cash and a championship ring, a Golden Gavel award, and a money clip, according to a 2018 Western Livestock Journal article.

Zumstein said there are a number of other small prizes from business sponsors.

The WLAC competition includes an interview Friday and a live auction on Saturday.

During the live sale portion, contestants sell cattle to actual bidders seated around the sale ring. The judges score each contestant on their presenta-

tion, chant, execution of sale, and how likely they would hire the auctioneer.

During the interview aspect, auctioneers must establish their knowledge of the livestock marketing industry and express that knowledge with clarity.

Zumstein has been an auctioneer since 2007. His family owns Treasure Valley Livestock Auction in Caldwell, and he sells cattle there.

He also works at auto auctions in Nampa and Boise every week, and has previously called the Owyhee County Junior Livestock Sale.

He works with JBS Auctions, which is owned by Homedale native JB Salutregui. Zumstein sells farm equipment, and works many benefits and

fundraisers.

He was the announcer at the 2018 Owyhee County Rodeo.

Zumstein, 33, grew up in Prairie, in Elmore County. His love of auctioneering was fueled and he was set off on a career he enjoys when his grandparents bought the sales yard in Caldwell.

He has lived in Marsing for nearly four years.

The championship can be viewed in a live online stream at [www.LMAauctions.com](http://www.LMAauctions.com). The interviews will start at 4 p.m., MDT, on Friday and the auctioneering competition will begin at 9 a.m. MDT on Saturday.

A one-hour recap of the competition will air on RFD-TV on June 27.

— TK

### ✓ Marsing: Mayor's understanding is city is only entity to make an offer

included the grant payback, if needed," Ferdinand said.

The city was given first shot at buying the property, he added.

"As I understand it, there were no other offers," Ferdinand said.

Marsing has a \$100,000 building fund, and the rest of the money would be covered from capital outlay funds, Ferdinand said. That money is used to purchase fixed assets, such as property and equipment.

Ferdinand said those funds would be replaced with the sale of the current city hall, if the Sandbar property purchase receives approval.

He said the city is waiting

on the Department of Commerce's blessing, and there should be an answer within the next couple weeks.

"The Sandbar was purchased with grant funds," the mayor said. "That is why we need to make sure that all parties comply with the terms before we can move forward towards formal acceptance and closing."

A press release in March stated that the Sandbar was experiencing a "slow down

in business" as a result of the reduced access to the restaurant because of construction projects on Main Street and the Snake River bridge.

The Marsing senior citizens board decided that the construction proved to be too large a hurdle to overcome and decided to close the Sandbar's doors "until further notice."

The senior center/restaurant experienced other setbacks, as well, including a broken hose

on a Coca-Cola dispenser that caused flood damage in the summer of 2017. That incident closed the restaurant for six weeks.

Ferdinand gave no timetable on when City Hall would be

moved to the new location, if the purchase is accepted.

Attempts to get comment from a member of the Marsing Senior Citizens board of directors were unsuccessful.

— TK

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# BLM plans meeting on grazing permit renewal

A public meeting is planned Monday as part of gathering scoping comments on a proposed grazing permit renewal in Owyhee County.

The Bureau of Land Management opened the comment period Saturday for a permit in the Silver City grazing allotment. Comments will be accepted until the end of the month.

A public meeting is sched-

uled from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the BLM Owyhee Field Office, 20 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. W., in Marsing. Resource specialists will be on hand to talk about the process and answer questions.

Through scoping comments, the public, organizations and other interested parties will be able to identify potential issues that the federal agency could include in the environmental analysis. Comments are most

helpful if they provide specific actions, resources or issues to be considered and analyzed. Comments will be taken until June 30.

"The scoping process is a critical part of our planning process and ensures public involvement," BLM Owyhee Field Manager Donn Christiansen said.

Maps and information about the renewal process are avail-

able at: <https://go.usa.gov/xmHxG>. The URL is case sensitive.

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- Mail: BLM Owyhee Field Office, 20 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. W., Marsing, ID 83639; Attn.: Donn Christiansen.

Commenters should be aware that their entire com-

ment, including personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While those commenting can ask in to withhold personal information from public review, the BLM cannot guarantee that they will be able to do so.

For more information, contact LeeAnn Pallett at (208) 896-5912 or [lpallett@blm.gov](mailto:lpallett@blm.gov).

## Weed managers meet today in Marsing

The next Northwest Owyhee Cooperative Weed Management Area meeting is scheduled for today.

The men and women concerned about the spread of noxious weeds in that part of the county will meet at 6 p.m., at the U.S.

Department of Agriculture Service Center.

The center is located at 250 N. Bruneau Highway in Marsing.

The meeting is open to the public.

For more information on NOCWMA, call (208) 896-4544, ext. 102.

## Courthouse report

A list of felony and misdemeanor dispositions recently completed in Owyhee County. Infractions are not included:

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# Family Funday is Sunday at Mtn. View church

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Mountain View Church of the Nazarene will present its third annual Family Sunday Funday.

The community event runs from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., on

Sunday at the church, 26515 Ustick Road on the corner of Ustick Road and Batt Corner Road between Homedale and Wilder.

For more information, call the church at (208) 337-3151.

The event begins with a fun worship service designed for the whole family. The service features musicians from

within the Mountain View congregation, and Pastor Chuck Ryan's message focused on "Fun and The Family of God."

After the service, free hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided, and folks can enjoy pie, cobbler, ice cream, and a drink for a donation. Lunch will be served on the church lawn.

Donations benefit the church's Work & Witness Mission Team that will travel to Utah in the summer to help a small sister church put a new roof on its building.

Proceeds also will help send Mountain View teens to the Nazarene Youth Conference.

In addition to the lunch, the after-service activities

include free rides provided by the Owyhee Carriage Co., and the Wagons Ho! pioneer experience for children. Both offerings are free.

A family-style softball game will take place in the afternoon, and other activities include inflatables and games.

There will be door prize drawings throughout the day.

# Oregon agency sets B2H power line hearing in Ontario

Malheur County residents can attend a public hearing on the proposed Boardman-to-Hemingway electrical transmission line is set for later this month in Ontario, Ore.

The Energy Facility Siting Council, part of the Oregon Department of Energy, has planned five public hearings throughout the area that would be affected by the 500-

kilovolt power line that will run from Boardman, Ore., to the Hemingway substation near Wilson.

The Malheur meeting will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18, at the Four Rivers Cultural Center, 676 SW 5th Ave., in Ontario.

Idaho Power proposes to construct and operate the 273-mile power line.

Idaho Power's proposed alternative routes would run through five Oregon counties (Malheur, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, and Baker) before crossing into Owyhee County.

The power line will stay primarily on public land in Owyhee County.

Major components in the Oregon part of the project, according to documents received

from the Oregon Department of Energy, would include the 500kV line, the removal of 12 miles of 69kV line, and some minor rebuilds.

Idaho Power is also proposing four alternative routes to the proposed one, totaling approximately 33 miles of transmission line.

Citizens' written comments can be included in the record of the public hearings if re-

ceived by the ODOE by 5 p.m., on July 23. Comments may be submitted prior to, during, and after the public hearing by mail, email, hand delivery or fax.

Mail comments to 550 Capitol St. N.E., Salem, OR, 97301 or email to B2H.DPOComments@Oregon.gov.

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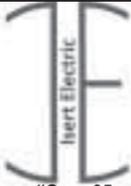
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# Obituaries

## Lawrence Guheen Kent

A memorial open house will be held from 2-4pm on Monday, June 17, at the Homedale, ID LDS church pavilion. All are welcome to join us as we remember and honor the life of Lawrence Guheen Kent.

Born in Nampa, Idaho, on December 14, 1933, Lawrence was the only child of Tina and Ira (I.G.) Kent. His life started on a 160-acre farm in Meridian, with an outhouse and no electricity, where his dad did the plowing, hay-cutting, and cow-milking by hand or horse-power. As a kid, Lawrence worked on the farm, went fishing, rode horses and bikes, and ice-skated. He learned to swim in the Ridenbaugh canal and hooky-bobbed off of car bumpers in town. He was a voracious reader, and he loved baseball and showing steers in 4-H. In high school, he was a boxer, a member of the Honor Society, an Eagle Scout, and he ate a lot of food at his grandma's house. As a senior, he missed out on many of those lunches because he was busy chasing a girl named Ellen Marks. After their first double-date, neither went out with anyone else again. Dad graduated from

Meridian High School in 1951, and started classes at Boise Junior College that fall. He and Mom married on December 26, 1952, at the Meridian LDS church. In 1953, they both graduated (Mom from MHS, and Dad from BJC), and they moved to Homedale, where they lived out nearly all of their 65 years together.

Mom and Dad leased Sage Creek Ranch, south of Homedale, for many years, where they farmed and raised cattle with Dad's parents. At age 23, Dad lost his father unexpectedly and was always grateful for the farming help and guidance he received from their neighbors at that time. Three daughters were born during their years on Sage Creek. Mom and Dad both became active in the community; Dad played softball and bowled, held positions in the LDS church, and became the leader of the Sage Creek 4-H Club. He was elected to office and active on the boards of several seed grower associations and was a member of the Owyhee Co. Cattlemen Assoc. They grew alfalfa and raised Angus cattle; there were years when more than a third of the steers at the



Owyhee Co. Fair were from the Kent's herd, including several grand champions. Dad was chosen Homedale-area "Farmer of the Year" in 1963.

In 1968, the Kents moved to, and eventually bought, their farm on Highway 19, west of Homedale, where they continued to raise increasing numbers of Angus. A son and another daughter joined the family. Dad and Mom enjoyed going to football games, fishing, camping, and spending time with their kids and grandkids. Dad has told many stories of parties and hunting and fishing trips with Homedale friends whom he treasured to his last day. In 1977, Mom started working as a kindergarten aide, and Dad lost his only full-time farm helper. He became well-known as an employer of Homedale

kids. Dad had an unrivaled work ethic, however, farming is a fickle business, often influenced by uncontrollable factors. In the '80s, the cattle market and crop prices fell dramatically. The cattle had to be sold and pasture plowed under for row crops like seed corn, carrot and radish seed, and acres of beautiful flower seed, much of which was weeded on hands and knees. Financially, times were difficult, and Dad could no longer work like he wanted to due to continuing health issues. He expressed how humbled and thankful he was for the help of good people around him, family and friends, who essentially took over the operation of the farm at its end while Dad was ailing (some of whom continued to provide invaluable help for many years to come). By 1995, he had sold the farmland and machinery, keeping just the house and three acres.

After Mom retired, she and Dad spent several happy years on their small plot of land. They loved their dogs and kept a healthy flock of chickens and several barnyard cats. They were still avid growers of flowers and vegetables, and there was nothing they

loved better than to share their garden bounty with anyone who would have it. Mom was eventually diagnosed with Alzheimer's and in 2016, she and Dad both moved into assisted living in Caldwell, as we had conceded that it was no longer safe for them to be at home. Mom passed away on December 30, 2017, and now Dad, on April 8, 2019, at age 85. Dad said he had always dreamed of a farmhouse and a big red barn on a mountain ranch. We hope that's where he is now, with Mom, and a couple of good dogs named Curly and Blue, casting into a creek full of rainbow trout, free from his worldly worries.

Lawrence took his greatest pleasure and pride in his family. He is survived by four daughters and one son: Kristie (Gary) Garrett, Karen (Thayne) Anderson, Korene (Larry) Landa, Kevin (Penny) Kent, and Kelli (Jolee) Kent; 13 grandchildren, and 29 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ellen, and his parents. We would like to thank Heart 'n Home Hospice and Prestige Assisted Living at Autumn Wind in Caldwell for their care of both of our parents.

## Sharon Jean Stevenson



On May 29, 2019 Sharon Jean Stevenson, devoted wife and mother of four, passed away at age 78.

She was born on July 15th, 1940 and adopted by Earnest and Edith Sims in Boise, Idaho. Sharon attended several different elementary schools including Nampa, Bonners Ferry, and Homedale. She attended Nampa High School. Sharon spent her summers with her Aunt Lydia and Uncle Earl

Newman on a ranch outside of Council, Idaho.

Sharon's love of horses started as a teenager when she got her first horse named Desi.

She married Wylie R. McBride in 1957 and later divorced. They had three children: Patricia, Richard, and Pamala. She also enjoyed being a foster mother. From 1965 to 1970, she cared for 52 babies and 31 children for the Nevada Catholic Welfare Bureau.

On November 11, 1972, she married Arvel Stevenson in Virginia City, Nevada. They had a baby boy on November 14, 1973 named Joshua in

Marysville, Washington. They lived in Reno until 1983 and then moved to Wilder, Idaho.

They began the Sha-vel Equestrian Center. They spent years showing, training, and breeding Arabian horses. They also enjoyed attending car shows with the No Limit Classics Car Club.

Sharon was preceded in death by her parents, son Richard, and 2 great-grandchildren. Sharon is survived by her loving husband Arvel of 46 years, daughters Pat and Pam, son Josh (Melissa), 15 grandkids, 23 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

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# Obituaries

## Jay Ray Jackson

Heavenly spirits are celebrating because Jay Ray Jackson has joined them. After a 17-year battle with Frontotemporal Dementia, Jay peacefully completed his Earthly journey on February 16, 2019 surrounded by family.

Those fortunate enough to have shared life with Jay will be forever enriched and he will be deeply missed. A kind, lively and creative soul, Jay brought enthusiasm, generosity and positive energy to everyone he touched.

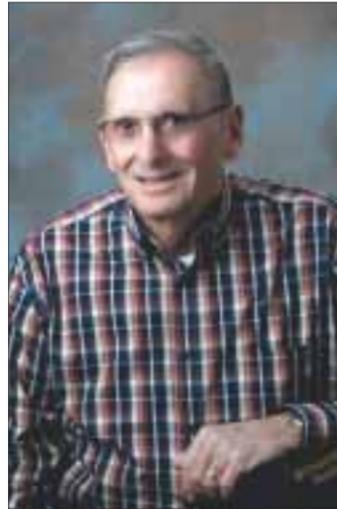
Jay was born to James C. Jackson and Irene Groesbeck Jackson in Nampa on May 3, 1939. While his father was off to war, Jay lived with his grandparents and was forever grateful for their love and care.

After everyone returned from the war, Jay lived with his father in Homedale where he learned to handle heavy equipment and perfected his talent for construction work. He became a licensed private pilot at the age of 16, later graduating from Homedale High School. After high school, Jay graduated

from Boise Jr. College and finished his higher education at San Francisco State before returning to Homedale to found A & J Construction Co., Inc. Working with his father, uncle and brothers, Jay pioneered the construction of concrete farm ditches using wheel trenchers and slip forms. He was also active in the National Air Guard.

Jay married Marilyn Freeman in 1968 and they welcomed two children, Ginger Jackson (Shields) and Jason Jackson, into the family. A devoted father, Jay adored his children and often took them with him on trips and out to job sites. Jay and Marilyn later divorced.

Jay established an agricultural spray plane business at a young age assisted by his two brothers, Jim and Jerry. With other family members, Jay and his father helped build the Homedale airport with the "Airport in a Day" project. He flew for his entire life, obtaining a commercial license and was rated to fly twin-engine planes and helicopters. Using his aircraft, Jay was able to expand his construction business to



faraway areas. He was a master at tough jobs and brilliant in the field. "Can't" was not in his vocabulary. Besides projects in Idaho, he completed many projects in other states, including dams in Texas, pipelines in Nebraska, transmission towers in Alaska, canals in Arizona, Nevada and New Mexico, a water system in the bottom of the Grand Canyon and hurricane repair in Hawaii.

As one looks around Idaho, Jay's time here is evident all around from farm ditches to larger canals, water

and sewer systems, dams, hydropower projects and more. One of his earliest jobs was the construction of Horse Thief Basin Dam, creating a recreational reservoir enjoyed to this day. Later, he built the electrical generation facility on Magic Dam. One of his memorable accomplishments was the Lucky Peak Power project. In the early '80s, Jay realized that the irrigators in the Boise Board of Control project were about to lose the license to develop a hydropower project on Lucky Peak Dam. He contacted Gerry Guentz of Nampa, and the two of them flew to Washington DC to confirm the status of the license. Through their efforts, the license was saved and since then irrigators in the Boise project receive money from the power generation each year.

In 1986 Jay and Maureen Cegnar were married in Reno, NV and made their home in Homedale.

Jay was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Joey Jackson. He is survived by his wife, Maureen, children Ginger

Shields and Jason Jackson, stepsons Blake Dickey, Justin Cegnar and Erik Cegnar, brothers, Jim (Becky) Jackson, Jerry (Pam) Jackson and Gary Imbs; granddaughters Mattie Hancock and Kylei Shields and great-granddaughter, Aniya. He is also survived by numerous cousins, nieces and nephews and his cat L.C.

A graveside service is planned for 2:00 PM on June 8, 2019 at the Wilder Cemetery followed by a Celebration of Jay's Life at Mountain View Nazarene Church (26515 Ustick Rd., Wilder). Flahiff Funeral Chapel is assisting in arrangements.

The family would like to thank all of the staff (angels) at Family Life Memory Care and First Choice Hospice for the loving care they gave to Jay.

The family suggests memorial gifts to the Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration, Radnor Station Building 2 Suite 320, 290 King of Prussia Road, Radnor, PA 19087 or Alzheimer's Idaho, 13601 W. McMillan Road #249, Boise, ID 83713.

## Teresa Elaine McKay

Teresa Elaine McKay was born Oct. 3, 1954 to Don and Bess McKay. She grew up on the family Ranch near Jordan Valley, Oregon. She went to the one-room schoolhouse at Pleasant Valley through Elementary School, and into Jordan for High School. She later got her Beauticians License and worked in several Salons.



She had 5 incredible children. She married Tom Warren and together they had Tamra (Steve) and Tyler (Heidi). She had four wonderful grandchildren: Jackson and (Dylan), and Lucy and (Tobias). Her other amazing sons are Paul, Sterling and JT.

Teresa was very creative and could make things happen when there were nearly no resources. She loved flowers and jewelry and beautiful things. She had an incredible sense of humor and could see the funny side of most anything.

Teresa had a severe fall off a cliff onto some rocks when she was 18. She never recovered from that Traumatic Brain Injury, which contributed to

a lot of heartache, pain and struggles in her life and others. She lost to a hard battle with cancer the last few years. It was a long journey home, but love had the last word. We love you, Teresa, the struggles are over. May the good Lord hold you in the palm of His hand and your soul now rest in peace.

She was preceded in death by her dad, Don and baby brother, Joseph. She is survived by her mom, Bess and siblings: Dennis, Deanna, Mary, Kathleen, Pat, Rita, Molly (Blaine) and Neil (Karrienne) as well as many nieces and nephews. Condolences and memories may be shared at [www.flahifffuneralchapel.com](http://www.flahifffuneralchapel.com).

## Service notice

PEGGY MARIE WIRTH, 75, of Homedale, died on April 20, 2019. A Celebration of Life will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., on Saturday, June 8 at 2369 N. Aldercrest Place in Eagle.

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## Tour to look at sage-grouse habitat improvements

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The sage-grouse restoration and habitat enhancement tour is open to everyone. The tour is a joint venture between the Owyhee County Sage-grouse Local Working Group and the Jordan Valley Cooperative Weed Management Area.

The tour will take off at 9 a.m., next Wednesday from the Eastern Owyhee Emergency Services building, 520 Roosevelt Ave., in Grand View.

Drinks will be furnished, but attendees must bring lunch, good

hiking boots and cameras.

The tour will focus on efforts to mitigate habitat loss and fragmentation and other threats to the sage-grouse population.

Project partners also include private landowners, the Idaho Governor's Office for Species Conservation, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Idaho Departments of Fish and Game and Lands, The Nature Conservancy, and the Bureau of Land Management.

Contact the Jordan Valley CWMA office at (541) 586-3000 or by email at [jvcwma@qwestoffice.net](mailto:jvcwma@qwestoffice.net) for more information.

## Irrigation meetings slated

Irrigation directors will meet Tuesday in Homedale.

The Ridgeview Irrigation District board of directors will start the three-meeting gathering at 7 p.m.

The Gem Irrigation District

board convenes at 7:15 p.m.

The South Board of Control directors will meet at 7:30 p.m.

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**Name:** Scotch Thistle (*Onopordum acanthium*)

**Description:** Robust biennial 3 to 6 feet in height.

Stems have vertical rows of prominent, spiny, ribbon-like leaflets or wings.

Basal leaves have sharp yellow spines, are up to 2 foot long and 1 foot wide. Upper and lower leaf surfaces are covered with fine wooly hairs, giving the foliage a gray-green appearance.

Plants flower in mid-summer with globe- or urn-shaped flower heads, in groups of two or three at branch tips. Flower heads are up to 2 inches in diameter, with long, stiff, sharp bracts at the base. Flowers range from dark pink to lavender.

Seeds are smooth, slender, plumed and may remain viable for 20 years; however, seeds suffer high rates of loss to insect, bird and rodent predation.

Scotch thistle reduces forage production, and large spiny plants present a barrier to livestock and wildlife, preventing animals from grazing or accessing water.

**Habitat:** Scotch thistle is often associated with waste areas, as well as rivers, streams, canals, or other waterways. It can be abundant in dry pastures, fields, and rangeland.

**Origin:** The Mediterranean region of Europe through much of Asia.

**Control:** Scotch thistle, as with all biennials, can be controlled by mechanical means. You need only sever the rosette below the growing point, about 1 inch below the soil surface. As it only spreads by seed, stopping that production is key to success, and good results are seen using 2,4-D or Glyphosate.

Clopyralid chemistry and Aminopyralid are highly active on thistles. Herbicide treatments in the first year of growth are most effective. Persistence will quickly yield results with rapid reductions in density within a couple of years.

Remember, when using herbicides always read and follow label directions on any chemical. It's the law!

— Information on Scotch Thistle from "Selected Noxious Weeds of Eastern Oregon," by Gary Page

For more information on noxious weeds, contact your local cooperative weed management area (CWMA) or county weed department.

**Jordan Valley** — Eric Morrison, (541) 586-3000

**Northwest Owyhee** — Tammie Hedges, (208) 462-6153

**Eastern Owyhee** — Matt Voile, (208) 863-1559 or [mvoile63@gmail.com](mailto:mvoile63@gmail.com)

**Owyhee weed supervisor** — Kelly Aberasturi, (208) 249-4405

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## Homedale library summer reading to begin

The Homedale City Library's summer reading program begins Thursday, and Story Time continues Friday.

The Boise Astronomical Society's presentation on the Solar System will be held at 1 p.m., on Thursday for the first installment of the summer reading program, "A Universe of Stories."

The presentation will include solar viewing if skies are not overcast.

Participants also will make a Solar System craft, and an "Out of This World" photo booth will be set up.

• During Story Time at 10:15 a.m., on Friday, "Sophie's Fish" by A.E. Cannon and "The Pout Pout Fish in the Big Big Dark" by Deborah Diesen will be read.

A paper plate fish aquarium craft is also planned.

The library is located at 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

Call (208) 337-4228 for more information on library programs.

## Free youth lunches to be served in Marsing

The Marsing School District has launched its summer feeding program in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

All children ages 1-18 can get a free lunch at City Park. The program started Monday and runs each Monday through Thursday.

The meals will be served from noon to 1 p.m., and the program will run through July 31.

Lunch will not be served on July 4.

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## 4-H can play key role in ag industry's future

A recent article by USA Today highlights the U.S. Department of Agriculture's focus on rural communities, the ag industry, and those who keep the field thriving. One article addresses diversity.

Referencing the 2012 Census of Agriculture, which was conducted by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), the article reports that "of the country's 3.2 million farmers, nearly 96 percent are white, and out of all farmers, 70 percent are male." These statistics prove that there is still work to do when it comes to drawing in more diverse workers in order to expand the skill-level across the industry. Titled "A Colorful Future," this article addresses many aspects of diversity that are seen within agriculture and the organizations that continually grow and empower the diverse populations within this arena. "If the U.S. agriculture industry expects to thrive and innovate to meet future demands," states the author, "American farmers need to be as diverse as the crops they grow."

Within the agriculture trade, there is a definite need to bring innovation to the field, which means fostering a future culture of agriculture that uses current and future technology. By expanding on what is already present, it will help improve and strengthen industry practices in the field. Exploring



Janelle Thompson

this path means that focusing on refreshing the talent within the industry is necessary. Inspiring ag exploration and developing interests at an early age help grow the pool of future farmers who will soon inherit land, take over local and family businesses, and hold positions within agri-business corporations.

On the importance of creating a channel of future farmers, National 4-H Council president & CEO Jennifer Sirangelo said, "Increasing diversity among farmers and other agriculture professionals will play a key role in driving the innovation, creativity and determination that will be needed to increase feed production, reduce waste, and improve infrastructure in order to sustainably feed 9 billion people in 2050."

For more than 100 years, 4-H has developed programming that encourages youth to explore agriculture and ag-related topics through hands-on experiences, in-school and out-of-school learning, and curriculum. Every opportunity to perform a project, show an animal, or plant a crop is a vehicle towards growing tomorrow's farmers and agriculture leaders.

— Janelle Thompson is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension 4-H coordinator. For more information, you can reach Thompson at the U of I Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104 or owyhee@uidaho.edu. The office is located at 238 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. W., in Marsing. Column source: Kittrina Thompson, "USA Today Spotlights Diversity in Ag," 2019

## Senior menus

### Homedale Senior Center

Salad bar available with each meal:

Lettuce, tomato, boiled eggs, peaches, apricots, salad dressing

Milk available each day; roll every day except June 12

June 5: Pasta Primavera, Calif. blend veggies

June 6: Baked fish, baked potato, creamed spinach

June 11: Grilled chicken breast, Calif. blend veggies, rice

June 12: Tuna salad on a bun w/lettuce & tomato, macaroni salad

### Rimrock Senior Center

All meals are served with milk & fruit juice

June 4: Baked potato w/sour cream, coleslaw w/apples, green beans, pineapple w/cottage cheese, roll, apple Danish, cook's choice soup

June 6: Cheesy chicken casserole, green salad, noodles, fresh melon, cottage cheese, bread, cake, cook's choice soup

June 11: Lasagna, green salad, peaches, yogurt, fruit cobbler, garlic bread, cook's choice soup

# Calendar

### Today

#### Free children's breakfast

7:30 a.m., to 9 a.m., Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale.

#### All veterans coffee

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

#### Free children's lunch

11 a.m., to noon, ages 1-18, Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale.

#### Make-it class

4 p.m., open to school-aged children, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

#### Grand View Fire commissioners meeting

5 p.m., Grand View Fire Station, 721 Roosevelt Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2511 (call ahead to ensure meeting will be held)

#### Northwest Owyhee CWMA meeting

6 p.m., U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center, 250 N. Bruneau Hwy., Marsing. (208) 896-4554, ext. 102

### Thursday

#### Free children's breakfast

7:30 a.m., to 9 a.m., Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale.

#### Fit and Fall exercise

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

#### Free children's lunch

11 a.m., to noon, ages 1-18, Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale.

#### Story Time

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

#### Bingo

12:30 p.m., free, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922

#### 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

#### Summer reading program

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

#### Book signing

4 p.m., to 7 p.m., author Kendra Thatcher, Homedale City Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

#### Lizard Butte Library board meeting

5:30 p.m., Lizard Butte Library community room, 111 W. 3rd Ave., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

#### 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

#### Story Time

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

### Saturday

#### Prayer breakfast

8 a.m., non-denominational, guest speaker each month, Marsing Church of the Nazarene, 12 S. 2nd St., Marsing.

#### Free lunch

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

#### Pinochle and dominoes games

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

### Sunday

#### Family Sunday Funday

10:30 a.m., to 4 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Rd, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

### Monday

#### Free children's breakfast

7:30 a.m., to 9 a.m., Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale.

#### Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

#### Free children's lunch

11 a.m., to noon, ages 1-18, Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale.

#### Homedale school board meeting

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

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#### 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

#### American Legion Post 128 meeting

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



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# OUTPOST DAYS GOLDEN JUBILEE



Outpost Days hosted a cattle drive demonstration on Saturday that served as both entertainment for the gathered crowd and education and instruction for the youths involved. The boys and girls ranged from 8 to 18 years of age.



Owyhee County Historical Society charter member Julie Hyslop of Nampa performs the Outpost Days ceremonial ribbon-cutting with the assistance of son Jim Hyslop, and surrounded by family and friends. Museum director Eriks Garsvo stands on the far left. Julie Hyslop was a central figure in the formation of the museum in 1970.



Tristin Davis, 11 years old, of Nampa takes a crack at axe-throwing at the Idaho Free Trappers booth on Saturday. Tristin is the foster son of Chelle Gluch.



## Horny Toad World Championship Sunday in Murphy

- Grand champion** — “Lightning McQueen,” Ivan House, 4, Guffey
- Runner-up** — “Speedy,” Kinsley, 9, and Brinley, 5, (last names not provided), Caldwell
- Third place** — “Spot,” Heather McElroy, 6, Parma
- Best name** — “Jubilee,” Bodie Halpin, 11, Nampa
- BOCC champion** — Joe Merrick, District 3



The Outpost Days golden jubilee hosted a fun run to start the day Saturday. Michelle Tate (right) rallied after the start to win the 10-kilometer run. Megan Jamison (left) was runner-up.



The Beck family from Melba, performing as Fiddle Express, delighted crowds with down-home bluegrass Saturday at the Marsing Depot stage. The family consists of Andrew (mandolin, ukulele, fiddle), Rachel (fiddle, vocals), Eliza (fiddle, guitar), and Isaac (banjo). Joining in on the fun is mom Emma (double bass) and dad Rich (guitar).



Owyhee County Historical Museum director Eriks Garsvo takes a couple folks on a hayride on a trailer pulled by the museum’s recently restored John Deere tractor.

# Avalanche Sports

## Adrian barrel racer reaches Jr. High national rodeo

### Marsing girl among state qualifiers

An Adrian girl just missed the all around championship and won the barrel racing title at the Idaho Junior High School Finals Rodeo.

Sydney Davis had the best aggregate of 44.0 seconds in three go-rounds during the rodeo, which was held Friday through Sunday at the Bannock County Fairgrounds in Pocatello.

Davis has qualified for the National Junior High Finals Rodeo, which will take place June 23-29 in Huron, S.D.

She was one of five athletes with Owyhee country ties that qualified. Long go-rounds were held Friday and Saturday, and the championship short-go took place Sunday.

Davis was runner-up in the all around after also finishing sixth in girls' goat tying and getting top-20 finishes in

girls' breakaway and pole bending.

Other locals included:

• **Meg Eiguren, Arock** — The rookie finished second in girls' breakaway at 24.5 seconds, and she also competed in team roping.

— See *Rodeo*, page 18



Owyhee River Cats shortstop Tommy Muir puts the tag on Ridgevue's leadoff hitter, Isaac Mercer, to complete Brady Trout's pickoff in the first inning Thursday.

## River Cats split first home games to start Legion season

### Car wash fundraiser slated for Saturday

The single-A Owyhee River Cats ended the first week of the American Legion baseball season by winning two of three games.

Players from the single-A squad and from the Junior Legion team will man a fundraising car wash from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Saturday in the Homedale High School parking lot.

Legion players are selling tickets for \$10 apiece.

**Friday: River Cats 19, Ontario, Ore., 1 (5)** — Three pitchers teamed up to limit Ontario to one hit over five innings in Oregon.

Homedale High School graduate Chase Stoddard, who returned to the area after playing junior college baseball in Minnesota in the spring, went 3-for-3 with three RBI and three runs scored for the River Cats.

Another HHS graduate,



Brady Trout fires a pitch toward the plate in the early-going of Thursday's game against the Ridgevue Pilots.

Ben Lee, drove in four runs.

Beeg Hockenull scored four times while going 2-for-3 with a double.

Hockenull was the second of three Owyhee pitchers. He gave up a single and an unearned run in relief of starter Drew Deal, who struck out seven batters in three innings. Dakota Gammel had one strikeout in the final inning.

**Thursday: Ridgevue 6, River Cats 5 (8)** — The Pilots managed just five hits at John Jackson Field, but were able to pull out the extra-inning victory.

The River Cats tied the game, 5-5, in the bottom of the seventh inning when Hockenull led off with a single and later scored on a double play ball.

— See *Legion*, page 18

## Small group of locals off to H.S. state finals rodeo

Three local students have qualified for the Idaho High School State Finals Rodeo, which starts Saturday in Pocatello.

Homedale's Sean Schnabele and Jordan Valley's Tayler Eiguren and Birch Eiguren have qualified as team ropers out of District 2.

Tayler Eiguren also will compete in breakaway roping after finishing third in the district standings.

Schnabele and roping partner Peter McBride finished third after the district season, while

the Eiguren siblings were fourth in team roping.

The top four cowboys and cowgirls in the final District 2 standings for each event have earned berths in the weeklong rodeo, which has two performances each day between Monday and Friday, June 7 at the Bannock County Events Center on the fairgrounds in Pocatello.

The top finishers at the state rodeo finals, which ends on Saturday, June 8 with a top 20

— See *State*, page 18



Homedale's summer league girls' basketball team takes a break during its first tournament of the season. Submitted photo

## New girls' basketball coach builds chemistry

New Homedale High School girls' basketball coach Clay Hatfield has begun the process of getting to know his players.

The summer season began during the weekend at the View Shoot-Out with games played at Mountain View High School in Meridian and Skyview High School in Nampa.

While the team managed only two open-gym sessions

before the tournament, Hatfield said he was impressed with the players' effort and potential.

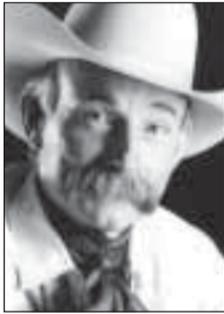
"I was very happy with the energy and the positive attitude I saw from the team this weekend," he said.

"Four games in two days is a rough stretch for any team that has only been working together for two days and even

— See *Basketball*, page 18

# Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



## On the edge of common sense Training new neighbors

In rural America, farmers and “rural lifestylers” are often neighbors. Seeking a place to better raise their children, to retire in peace, or to escape the continuing anxiety of the city, they move to the country and build a house on a two-acre plot.

A wire fence separates them from a grass pasture or corn field. As the ’stylers grow accustomed to the habits and chores around the neighboring farm, they sometimes can be helpful. But unfortunately, their efforts can sometimes turn awry!

Last spring, Sofia and Brett (names have been changed to protect the ’stylers) noticed that one of Farmer Larry’s little two-day-old calf’s umbilical cord was still attached! They were very concerned, knowing the calf wouldn’t survive without their help! Should they try to call Farmer Larry? Would the calf’s innards fall out? Would he bleed to death? Is this an emergency? They agreed it was!

They climbed under the fence and hurried into Larry’s pasture, picked the calf up, drug him under the fence and took him home to their garage for safe-keeping until Larry could be notified.

They called the sheriff’s office. Officer Johnny arrived and listened to the story. The calf looked pretty rough, like it had been chased, jumped on, dragged, scuffed under bob wire, banged on a concrete driveway and tangled in a 20-foot long orange electric cord that was attached to a tipped over table saw in the back of the garage.

Sofia and Brett were modestly proud ... they had saved one of God’s little creatures. Maybe Farmer Larry will give them a reward? But they agreed with each other they would not accept it ... heroes don’t charge for good deeds ... “Love thy neighbor as thyself,” etc.

Officer Johnny was thinking whether he should arrest them now for cattle rustling, animal abuse, trespassing, bovine violence or calfnapping.

He called Larry and told him the story. Larry laughed and cussed and mused. “Officer Johnny,” he finally said, “Explain to them about calving and the navel and all, give ’m my cellphone number, you can have the calf to bottle raise, and if Sofia asks ... just tell her I like blueberry pie.

— 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*.

## Letters to the editor

### Hats off to Marsing High School’s Class of 2019

One advantage of being older than the hills is that I have the pleasure of seeing not only my grandkids graduating from Marsing High School but also seeing their friends graduate.

Congratulations and a big hand to the Class of 2019 and their parents, especially Emma Heitz, Landon Villa, Colton Hutchings, Hayden Kish and Peyton Green.

To quote that famous religious leader David O. McKay, “We are leaving the future in good hands!”

You go, Class of 2019!

Ray Heidt  
Homedale

### Grateful for Marsing Fire’s quick response

I want to extend a big “thank you” to the Marsing Rural Fire District for their help with a controlled burn on my property that quickly grew out of control.

I was burning some brush on my five acres, and the fire grew quicker than I was prepared for. I believe a neighbor called emergency services, and they got out to my property, just outside Marsing, very quickly. They got the fire under control in no time.

I think if they hadn’t gotten out so quickly, the fire might have spread to my neighbor’s property. The fire had already covered a good portion of my five acres.

Again, a big thanks to MRFD and all they do to keep us safe.

Leroy Ellis  
Marsing

## From Washington

### Reforms strengthen small businesses that make country’s economy grow

Americans turning ideas into jobs and opportunities have made our country into a force of innovation and productivity. The Idaho Small Business Profile issued by the Office of Advocacy, within the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), includes the following important small business and economic growth statistics that show just how important they are to our communities:

- 162,905 small businesses in Idaho account for 99.2 percent of Idaho businesses and 56.2 percent of Idaho’s workforce;
- Small businesses created 14,998 net jobs in Idaho in 2016 alone;
- Private-sector employment increased 2.1 percent during the 12-month period ending in February 2019;
- In the third quarter of 2018, Idaho grew at an annual rate of 3.9 percent, faster than the overall U.S. growth rate of 3.4 percent;
- In February 2019, Idaho’s unemployment rate at 2.9 percent was nearly 1 percentage point under the February 2019 national unemployment rate of 3.9 percent; and
- Idaho is home to 13,523 minority-owned business employees;

These numbers further substantiate an understanding about the important role of small businesses. They not only provide jobs in communities big and small across our country, but also back countless local important efforts. Youth sports teams, local food banks, service organizations and countless others turn to small businesses to support efforts that make a difference in the lives of Idaho families.

I co-sponsored a resolution recognizing the 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary of National Small Business Week celebrated each May and commending the entrepreneurial spirit of small business owners in the U.S. and the impact that small business owners have on their communities. Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) introduced S.Res. 191, which fellow Idaho Sen. Jim Risch also co-sponsored along with a total of 61 senators from both sides of the aisle. The Senate unanimously passed the resolution that recognizes the more than 30 million small businesses in the

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United States that employ nearly one-half of the U.S. workforce and produced one-third of all U.S. goods sold abroad. Importantly, the resolution reads, “2 of every 3 new jobs are created by small businesses,” and reflects an understanding of “the importance of creating a small business climate that allows for sustained, entrepreneurial success.”

Through enactment of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act and rolling back overly burdensome and costly federal regulations that pile unnecessary paperwork on America’s small businesses, Congress and the Trump Administration are making progress in creating an economic climate that enables small businesses to succeed. These reforms are contributing to substantial growth in our economy, the creation of millions of jobs and increased wages. We must continue to build on this progress to fully reinforce America as a place where a sound idea and hard work can be built into a successful business and lasting jobs.

— 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.

# Commentary

## Financial management

### Debt snowball may roll backward with some home refis

**Dear Dave,**

I recently started following your plan, and I've looked into refinancing the home I bought five years ago to free up more money to put toward paying off debt. My interest rate is 3.625 percent, along with a private mortgage insurance payment of \$200 per month. This makes my mortgage payment \$2,700 a month, and I owe \$325,000 on the house. I was offered a re-financing plan that included a monthly payment of \$2,576 with no PMI, but the interest rate would be 4.6 percent. What do you think?

— Phil

**Dear Phil,**

You don't need to refinance with those numbers. You'd be going up more in terms of interest rate than you'd save with no PMI. The only reason the payment is going down is that you'd be agreeing to stay in debt longer.

Now, if you could've lost some of that interest rate, and gotten rid of the PMI, that *might* have come close to making sense. But, even that might not have worked in the end, because you'd have closing costs associated with the deal.

There's no way this deal is a good idea. You'd essentially be going up a full percentage point in terms of interest, and all you'd really be doing is resetting, or re-casting, the loan. Basically, you'd be starting over on the loan. That's why the larger payment and PMI would go away, but you'd have a significant increase in your interest rate.

Where you're at right now is fine, Phil. You're off to a good start, so just keep on moving forward with getting out of debt and gaining control of your finances!

— Dave



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**Dear Dave,**

My wife and I are completely debt-free, and we have a full emergency fund in place. We bring home around \$110,000 a year combined, and we are both maxing out 401(k)s at work. We each just opened additional IRAs, as well. At this point, we want to start setting aside \$30,000 a year for a few years as savings to help buy a home.

With all this in mind, what do you think about the idea of vintage watches as an investment? I work with a high-end retail company, and I've noticed certain sports watches have been doubling or even tripling in value over time. Would it be OK to spend around \$5,000 on a vintage watch now, or should I wait until we're in even better financial shape?

— Mike

**Dear Mike,**

Yeah, you could do that. Just make sure you look at it the right way. It would be a hobby, not a real investment.

I have a friend who has collected a few thousand bottles of wine over the years. The value of most of them has gone up since he bought them, but it's not part of his investment strategy. So, if you buy a \$5,000 watch in your situation, that's OK. Just don't

go nuts and buy 10 of them, you know?

What we're talking about here are collectibles. It could be the first step in building a collection of fine watches over the years. You could do the same thing with cars, but don't make them part of your investment strategy. Treat them like consumption items, things you can afford to spend money on and enjoy.

Then, if they happen to go up in value, it's icing on the cake!

— 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 16 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](https://twitter.com/DaveRamsey).

## Summer is near

### Unplug and make the most of the warm weather

by Glenn Mollette

Summer is here and will soon be gone.

Here is what you can do for an enjoyable summer.

Turn off the television. Seriously how much of your life have you spent staring at the television? I grew up watching one channel most of the time and have surely parked a lot of my life in front of the tube. Television is good for a little entertainment, news and salvaging a boring day. However, life has to be more than television.

Limit yourself to no more than 15-20 minutes of social media every day. Actually every other day might be better. Wish your friends happy birthday, stay in touch with significant people in your life, and then



turn it off.

Unplug yourself from negative people. Do you really need negativity in your life? You may be stuck with some at work and even family. However, stop catering to those people who drain you, resent you, and are envious of you. Spending time with people who constantly badmouth others and are angry about something is not enhancing your life.

Formulate your own opinions on all the national political issue stuff that we hear every day. We hear political jargon nonstop, and it's driving us all crazy. Do you really want to spend your entire summer listening to politicians from Washington who aren't interested in what you are doing but only what they are doing? You can pick it all back up this winter when there are 10 inches of snow on the ground.

This summer be involved in doing. Do something. Participate. Visit your local state parks. Sit by a lake

somewhere. Go fishing. Picnic. Take lots of walks. Sit on a porch with a friend or family member. Use your telephone for conversations. Garden some. Mow your grass. Sing in your church choir. Connect with a local exercise class. Shoot some basketball. Take some mini one- or two-day trips. Connect with people. You may be working six or seven days a week. Still, find a way to smell the roses and enjoy summer.

There is something about participating in life that makes life more like life. It doesn't have to be on a grand scale or in a grand arena. However, it can be in your arena.

It's our individual lives we are talking about, and that's what will matter to you at the end of your summer.

— Syndicated columnist and author Dr. Glenn Mollette is the founder of Newburgh Theological Seminary in Newburgh, Ind.

## Contacting elected officials

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Select Committee on Ethics

Select Committee on Intelligence

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##### Committees

Natural Resources

Education and Labor

# Looking back...

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

## 25 years ago

June 8, 1994

### Outpost Days raises funds for OCHS

The Owyhee County Historical Society celebrated Outpost Days Saturday and Sunday in Murphy with clear skies and plenty of people attending.

The annual OCHS fundraiser celebrated Owyhee County history with lost art demonstrations including quilters, spinners, horeshoeing, blacksmithing, a cobbler, and a rawhide worker.

In addition, the historical society sponsored what president Will Hyslop called "the nation's only Great Horny Toad Race." Twenty-four Toads were entered and were run in four heats with a final race to decide the champion.

In addition to the Horny Toad Race was an auction, quilt drawing, live music by the Old Time Fiddlers, a slide presentation on Silver City, and a clogging performance by the Grand View Cloggers. A particular highlight was the stamp mill demonstration given by mining engineer Roy Astottlebiner.

Vendors sold ice cream, pies, fajitas, hamburgers, pork ribs, and Cajun chicken. Saturday night, OCHS sponsored a Dutch Oven Dinner that was catered by Black Kettle Catering of Caldwell.

### Homedale P&Z drafts city area of impact

A proposed Homedale area of impact would extend as far south as Market Road, taking in a predominantly rural area planning officials said is prime ground for subdivisions.

Homedale Planning and Zoning Commissioners Wednesday finalized the boundaries of the impact area, which is considered the likely path of city growth. The City Council will next consider the proposal before beginning negotiations with Canyon and Owyhee County Commissioners.

The impact area would give the city veto power over development in an area bordered by Market Road on the south, Homestead Road and Purdom Lane on the north and back down Garnet and Jump Creek Road on the east.

### Chamber members advised to work together

Homedale's businessmen were hoping to discover a quick and painless way to circumvent the sales they may lose when and if the U.S. Highway 95 bypasses Homedale, but community planning specialists Jerome Mapp and Jim Birdsall told them at last week's meeting that there may be no easy answers, and that keeping their businesses afloat may require extensive planning, a lot of work, and not a little foresight.

Mapp and Birdsall are from Ida-Ore, a non-profit organization that works with city and county governments in Idaho's Region 3, the state's southwestern corner, helping them to invigorate fading downtown economies.

The pair was involved in downtown revitalization projects in Eagle and Cascade, but said that a similar project in Homedale wouldn't necessarily revive its economy.

Mapp advised Homedale's businessmen that unless they work together to provide shoppers with the product mix they want, it won't matter how good the sidewalks look or how many trees the town plants, those shoppers will take their business elsewhere.

An attractive downtown might help bring shoppers into town the first time, he said, but only by cooperating with market analysis and merchandising could businesses hope to get those customers back again and again.

## 50 years ago

June 5, 1969

### Homedale man wins rodeo at Jordan Valley

Jordan Valley held its annual rodeo Saturday and Sunday, May 24 and 25. The All Round Cowboy of the Rodeo was John Davis, Homedale, Idaho. A. R. Phipps, Eagle, Idaho, and Gene Perkins, won the Big Loop, receiving saddles donated by Don Mittler, Meridian, Idaho, and the Jordan Valley Rodeo Association. Receiving a \$25 purse each were Steve Alley and Jim Yourent, winners of the Rope Off.

Those winning the bull riding contest were: first, Bob Conforth, Weiser; second, Tom Prout, Nampa; and third Gary Kivie, Reno, Nevada.

The bareback riding winners were: first, Bob Wroten, Jordan Valley; second, Tom Wroten, Jordan Valley, and Steve Brocheneck, Boise; and third, Jim Fenstermaker, Burley.

Harold Whight, Malta, Idaho, took first in the saddle broncs riding followed by Larry Robinson, Kimberly, second; and Ralph Jim, Jr., Owyhee, Nevada, and Dennis Manning, Burley, third.

Those winning the cow riding were: first, John Davis, Homedale, second, Jim Hellewedge, Meridian; and third, Joe McKay, Harper.

Steer riding winners were: first, Rodger Stringer, Nampa, second, Terry Prater, Nampa; and third, Miss D. Stanford, Jordan Valley.

In the barrel racing event, Elaine Vail, Nampa, took first; Patty Kauffman, Eagle, second; and Lynda Pelia, Burns, Ore., third.

John Davis of Homedale had the fastest time in the calf roping, followed by Don Stevenson, Boise, and Grant Roberts, Murphy.

The team roping event was won by Fay and Bob Burrell, Rockville. Second were Dick Jayo and John Wright, Murphy; and third, Don Arritola and Greg Grenke, Jordan Valley.

### Strike by ironworkers stalls bridge construction

The Homedale bridge work is at a standstill this week as ironworkers are on strike across southern Idaho and western Wyoming.

A total of nearly 200 members of Iron Workers Local 732 struck contractors Monday, halting about \$30 million worth of construction.

Affected in this area were Amalgamated Sugar Company's \$7 million expansion program at Nampa, the Morrison-Knudsen general headquarters building in Boise, and two buildings under construction for the State of Idaho.

The latter are the state office building and the Supreme Court Building at the Capital Mall in Boise.

Other construction projects halted include a life science building and a sports arena at Idaho State University, and a mental health center at Idaho Falls.

More than \$10 million in state building was jolted to a halt.

Ross Jensen, financial secretary and business manager for the IBIW in Pocatello, said the strike was called "because we don't have a contract."

He said the union had notified the Association of General Contractors four months ago of new wage demands. The AGC had not replied to the request by contract termination time, Jensen said.

### Succor Crik Sam Sez:

"The first guy that lands on the moon is gonna bring back 60 pounds of rocks. Sounds like the job calls for a rockhound."

## 145 years ago

June 6, 1874

### A Patent Piano Player

The latest invention calculated to do away with human skill is a patent piano player, by which an aspirant for musical distinction can perform the most difficult pieces without the preliminary torture called practicing, or those terrors to the infant mind called scales. This wonderful machine owes its birth in Paris. It occupies a position in front of the keyboard of the piano, and extends from above the keyboard to the floor. Over the keys of the piano are keys corresponding to the keys beneath them. These are the sages of the machine, and they have this advantage over the human hand, that they have a finger over each note. The top of the machine is about one foot in width: It has in the center two rollers which are moved by a crank. These carry the music through and as it passes the piano plays it. The music is on paper and the notes are made by cutting holes in squares. As these notes pass a certain point they allow a hammer to pass through, and the stroke of the hammer is communicated to its own key on the piano. Each key has its hammer. It only requires that these holes be cut at proper intervals to strike say number of keys to say given series. The machine can be adapted to any instrument with keys.

### Hurrah for the Telegraph!

A company incorporated last week in San Francisco for the purpose of constructing a telegraph line from Winnemucca to Boise City via Silver City. Two hundred and seventy-five miles is the estimated length of the line. President, A.P. Minear; Treasurer, G. S. Dodge; Secretary, Martin Jones; Vice-Presidents, Ceil Deane, and I. M. McDonald. Capital stock has been actually subscribed.

The line will most likely follow the present stage road. Our enterprising townsman, John Catalow, has contracted to deliver the poles along the line from Silver City to Winnemucca, and has already commenced to do so. He will bring the poles from the railroad this way as far as Summit Springs (which is about half the distance from here to Winnemucca) and take the remainder from this direction to that point, working simultaneously from both ends of the lines.

It is confidently expected that the line will be completed to Silver City by the first of August, and perhaps sooner. After the poles are delivered the line can be put in operation in a very short period of time.

### The Poorman

The owners of the once famous Poorman mine put it on the San Francisco market last week and all the stock to be sold was taken in twenty-four hours after the subscription list was opened. We understand that work will be commenced upon it immediately, with either Tom Pheby or Dudley Hoyt as Superintendent. We have always contended that the Poorman yet contained hidden wealth, the unearthing of which would astonish the world, as of yore. From July 19<sup>th</sup>, 1866, to November 1<sup>st</sup> of the same year — a little over three months — the Poorman yielded bullion to the amount of \$546,691.59. At a depth of 100 feet from the surface, a solid mass of ruby silver was found, which weighed over 600 pounds. A portion of it was sent to the Paris Exposition and received a premium of a gold medal. Poorman shows considerable free gold and it has milled as high as \$4,000 per ton.

# Public notices

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

On June 26, 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 10:00 am**, the Commission will hear application Z19-26 a request for a conditional use permit filed by **Boyd & Amanda Young** seeking approval to establish a second single-family residence on a 45-acre parcel located at 16111 State Highway 78, Melba Idaho. The subject parcel, RP01S02W204203A, is in an agricultural zone in a portion of the in the S½ of the S½ of Section 20, Township 1 South, Range 2 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

**Beginning at 11:00 am**, the Commission will hear application Z19-24, filed by **Dave and Callie Hann** seeking approval of a preliminary plat for a previously approved two lot residential subdivision on approximately 9 acres. The subject parcel, RP04N06W362440A, is in an agricultural zone located adjacent to 1561 Hill Rd. Homedale, Idaho in a portion of the NE¼ of the NW¼ of Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 6 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

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

06/05/2019

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Marsing City Council will hold a public hearing to consider any and all comments on the following: Jessica Ferdinand petitioner, is requesting approval of a conditional use permit to allow pigs in city limits until fair season is over in August of 2019. The address of the parcel is 319 Bruneau Hwy, Marsing. Comments will be taken at the public hearing or may be submitted in writing for consideration. Written comments must be postmarked to the Marsing City Hall, P O Box 125, Marsing, ID 83639 or delivered to Marsing City Hall. Written comments will be received until 5:00 p.m. on June 12, 2019 and will be read into the record at that public hearing. The public hearing will be held at the City Council Meeting which begins at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at Marsing City Hall located at 425 Main Street, Marsing, Idaho.

Dated this 24th day of May, 2019

05/29,06/05/2019

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Marsing City Council will hold a public hearing to consider any and all comments on the following: TV Group LLC, Victor Thompson, petitioner, is requesting approval of a variance to the side setbacks to the street from 20 feet to 10 feet requirements. The address of the parcel is 1013 Edwards Street, L12 & 13, B4 Bosmas Sub, Marsing. Comments will be taken at the public hearing or may be submitted in writing for consideration. Written comments must be postmarked to the

**Owyhee County, Idaho  
Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2018**

Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position	
	Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Primary Governmental Activities	Component Unit
<b>Primary Government:</b>					
Governmental Activities:					
General Government	\$ 2,491,910	\$ 555,457	\$ 73,843	\$ (1,862,610)	\$ -
Public Safety	3,398,217	443,390	139,408	(2,815,419)	-
Highways and Streets	1,272,720	252,472	9,200	(1,011,048)	-
Sanitation	334,291	1,251	19,559	(313,481)	-
Health	53,569	-	-	(53,569)	-
Welfare	944,532	-	377,000	(567,532)	-
Education	74,135	-	-	(74,135)	-
Culture and Recreation	219,026	-	-	(219,026)	-
<b>Total Primary Government</b>	<b>\$ 8,788,400</b>	<b>\$ 1,252,570</b>	<b>\$ 619,010</b>	<b>(6,916,820)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Component Unit:</b>					
Fair Board	\$ 58,199	\$ 40,967	\$ -		(17,232)
<b>General Revenues:</b>					
Property Taxes				3,224,512	-
Intergovernmental				4,091,392	-
Other				103,723	-
Unrestricted Investment Earnings				112,439	-
Change in Fair Market Value of Investments				68,481	-
Disposal of Assets				16,585	-
<b>Total General Revenues and Special Items</b>				<b>7,617,132</b>	<b>-</b>
Change in Net Position				700,312	(17,232)
Net Position, Beginning of Year - Previously				9,386,683	33,101
Prior Period Adjustment				(186,945)	-
<b>Net Position, Beginning of Year</b>				<b>9,199,738</b>	<b>33,101</b>
<b>Net Position, End of Year</b>				<b>\$ 9,900,050</b>	<b>\$ 15,869</b>

06/05/2019

Marsing City Hall, P O Box 125, Marsing, ID 83639 or delivered to Marsing City Hall. Written comments will be received until 5:00 p.m. on June 12, 2019 and will be read into the record at that public hearing. The public hearing will be held at the City Council Meeting which begins at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at Marsing City Hall located at 425 Main Street, Marsing, Idaho.

Dated this 24th day of May, 2019

05/29,06/05/2019

**HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

The Homedale Highway District is calling for bids for a CHIP SPREADER. The sealed bids must be delivered to the District on or before 5:00 p.m. June 12, 2019, either personally or by mail to: P.O. Box 713, Homedale, Idaho 83628, or hand delivered to 102 E. Colorado Avenue, Homedale ID 83628. The sealed bids shall be opened at a regular meeting at 7 p.m., on the date of June 12, 2019, at the Homedale Highway District office located at 102 E. Colorado Avenue, Homedale Idaho 83628. For specifications or for more information, contact Dan Herman at 208-337-3500, The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept the bid deemed best or to reject any or all bids and to waive any technicality.

Terri Uria  
Secretary  
5/22,6/5/2019

**NOTICE OF HEARING FOR NAME CHANGE IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE**  
**IN RE: JEREMIAH ALIJAH CRANDALL, JEDIDIAH AZARIAH CRANDALL, JARISTIAN AMISHA CRANDALL, JERREK AUGRELIO CRANDALL**  
**CASE NO. CV 37-19-127**

A Petition to change the name of JEREMIAH ALIJAH CRANDALL, JEDIDIAH AZARIAH CRANDALL, JARISTIAN AMISHA CRANDALL and JERREK AUGRELIO CRANDALL, now residing in the city of Marsing, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Owyhee County, Idaho. The names will change to JEREMIAH ALIJAH FUENTES, JEDIDIAH AZARIA FUENTES, JARISTIAN AMISHA FUENTES and JERREK AUGRELIO FUENTES. The reason for the change in name is for personal reasons.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 10:30 o'clock a.m. on 06/17/2019 at the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy IDAHO. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

Date: 05/09/2019  
Angela Barkell, Clerk of the District Court  
s:/Lena Johnson, Deputy Clerk  
05/22,29,06/05,12/2019

**NOTICE OF HEARING IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE 3rd JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE**  
**IN RE: LOGAN MATTHEW MORALES**  
**CASE NO. CV 37-19-133**

A Petition to change the name of LOGAN MATTHEW MORALES, a minor, now residing in the City of Homedale, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Owyhee County, Idaho. The name will change to LOGAN MATTHEW JEFFRIES. The reason for the change in name is: Father has not been involved for nine (9) years. I earned rights through Canyon County Court in 2013.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 10 o'clock A.M., on June 19, 2019 at the Owyhee County Courthouse, 31

W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

Date: April 29, 2019  
s/: Cindy Chaves, deputy clerk  
For Angela Barkell, Clerk of the District Court  
5/15,22,29,6/5/2019

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE**  
**IN RE: LYNELL ANN PINKERTON**  
**CASE NO. 37-19-157**

A Petition to change the name of Lynell Ann Pinkerton, now residing in the City of Marsing, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Owyhee County, Idaho. The name will change to Lynell Ann Sult. The reason for the change in name is: I am divorced and no longer wish to keep the name from that marriage.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 10:30 o'clock a.m. on 07/03/2019 at the Owyhee County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

Date: May 13, 2019  
Angela Barkell, Clerk of the District Court  
s:/Cindy Chaves, Deputy Clerk  
05/22,29,06/05,12/2019

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

US Ecology Idaho, Inc. (USEI) is hereby providing notice of a recent Class 2 Permit Modification and Request for Temporary Authorization in accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR Part 270.42. The purpose of this modification request is to update the facility Inspection, Contingency, and Hazards Prevention Plans and allow USEI to undertake hazardous waste treatment operations at the Grand View, Idaho facility following

a November 17, 2018 incident. The required 60-day comment period shall begin on the date of publication of this notice in the Idaho Statesman. All comments should be addressed to: Department of Environmental Quality 1410 North Hilton Boise, Idaho 83706-1255

Attention: Mr. Garrett Bright A Public Meeting shall be held regarding this Class 2 Modification request at Rimrock Jr./Sr. High School in Owyhee County at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 09, 2019. Copies of the request for modification and supporting documentation are available for viewing and copying at the following locations: State of Idaho Department of Environmental Quality 1410 North Hilton Boise, Idaho. US Ecology Idaho, Inc. 20400 Lemley Road Grand View, Idaho Eastern Owyhee County Library Grand View, Idaho.

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) contact for request for permit modifications is Mr. Garrett Bright at (208) 373-0163. The permittee's history during the life of the permit being modified is available from the Agency contact person.

If you have any questions regarding this Permit Modification, please feel free to contact USEI's contact person, Ms. Rebecca Hogaboam at (208) 834-2275, or Mr. Garrett Bright with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality for further information at (208) 373-0163.

06/05/2019

**LIEN SALE**

Unit # 6, Juan Morales, 516 W. Oregon Ave. Homedale, Idaho 83628. Abandoned storage containing household items, clothing.

Auction will be held 06/08/2019 at 4595 E. Market Rd. 10am-10:30am at Market Road Storage.

05/29,06/05/2019

# Public notices

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

**57-12004** GARY G KING 30103 HIGHWAY 78 OREANA, ID 83650-5045 Point of Diversion NWSWS25T04SR01EOWYHEE County Source WASTE WATER Tributary CASTLE CREEK Use: IRRIGATION 03/01 to 11/15 1.42 CFS Total Diversion: 1.42 CFS Date Filed: 4/29/2019 Place Of Use: IRRIGATION T04S R01E S25 SWNW NWSW SWSW T04S R01E S26 SESE Total Acres: 71

**57-12005** CALVIN D LOW SUSIE F LOW 21101 OREANA LOOP RD MURPHY, ID 83650-5125 Point of Diversion NWSW S35 T04S R01E OWYHEE County Source CASTLE CREEK Tributary SNAKE RIVER Use: DIVERSION TO STORAGE 11/16 to 02/28 1.4 CFS Use: IRRIGATION FROM STORAGE 03/01 to 11/15 65 AF Use: IRRIGATION STORAGE 01/01 to 12/31 65 AF Total Diversion: 1.4 CFS 65 AF Date Filed: 5/10/2019 Place Of Use: IRRIGATION FROM STORAGE T04S R01E S35 NENE NWNE Place Of Use: IRRIGATION STORAGE T04S R01E S35 SWNE SENW Total

Acres: 79

This application proposes to appropriate trust water and will be evaluated in compliance with Section 42-203C, Idaho Code, and IDWR's Water Appropriation Rules, IDAPA 37.03.08.

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT TRANSFER NO. 83238 CALVIN D LOW and SUSIE F LOW, 21101 OREANA LOOP RD, MURPHY, ID 83650-5125;** has filed Application No. 83238 for changes to the following water rights within OWYHEE County(s): Right No(s). 57-104, 57-116, 57-120, 57-127, 57-149, 57-2104, 57-89, 57-95; 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 the transfer is to add a point of diversion and pump station on Castle Creek. Water will be used at the current place of use located west of Castle Creek Rd approximately 12 miles west of Grandview

Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. For additional information concerning the property location, contact Western

Region office at 208-334-2190; or for a full description of the right(s) 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 §§ 42-203A and 42-222. Any protest against the approval of the application(s) must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 Airport Way, Boise, ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 6/24/2019. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

GARY SPACKMAN, Director  
06/05,12/2019

## Sports

### Jordan Valley Big Loop and Rodeo results

Held May 17-19

**Big Loop** — 1. Quinton Anseth and Cleve Anseth, 17.00 seconds (apx.); 2. Nathan Kelly Jr. and Steven Jim, 22.00 (apx.); 3. Kasen Skinner and Kolby Currin, 24.03; 4. JT Jaca and Lee Wright, 25.098

**All around cowboy** — Luke Logan

**Bull riding** — 1. Levi Quillen, 82 points

**Team roping** — 1. Luke Logan and Kaleb Logan, 7.56 seconds; 2. Jerad

McFarlane and Ryan Powell, 7.58; 3. Richard Eiguren Jr. and Jason Eiguren, 7.87; 4. Scott McCullough and Kelsey Cook, 8.56; 5. Duncan Mackenzie and Wannie Mackenzie, 8.64

**Saddle bronc** — 1. (tie) Shawn Mentaberry, 83 points; and Clay Stremmler, 83; 3. Luke Logan, 81; 4. Austin Cutler, 79

**Stock saddle bronc** — 1. Zalina Arritola, 81 points; 2. Gus King, 79; 3. Zack Tindall, 78; 4. Tanner Shepard, 76; 4. Dalton Jim, 75

**Calf roping** — 1. Dusty Easterday, 13.447 seconds; 2. Sammie Mackenzie, 15.47; 3. Quint Bell, 17.937; 4. Scott McCullough, 18.873; 5. Colby Currin, 20.072

**Barrel racing** — 1. Tanya Robinson, 18.208 seconds; 2. Kyna Schrader, 18.487; 3. JoJo Giannini, 18.675; 4. Donna Fowler, 18.917; 5. Amanda King, 18.926

**Breakaway roping** — 1. Katie McFarlane, 2.0 seconds; 2. (tie) Brit-tany Truman, 2.83 and Rylee Potter,

2.83; 4. Logan Nedrow, 2.95; 5. Dixie Barry, 3.1

**Jr. steer riding** — 1. (tie) Trey McFarlane, 74 points; Ryker Layne, 74; 3. Colt Byrd, 72

**Jr. barrel racing** — 1. Kelsey Gluch, 18.295 seconds; 2. Bailey Robinson, 19.242; 3. Kourtney Rogers, 19.954; 4. Georgia King, 20.065; 5. Shawnee Telford, 20.194

**Cow riding** — 1. Tate Sword, 79 points; 2. Elias Hibbs, 75; 3. Colton James, 74

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### ✓ State: Homedale had big role in season

final performance, will qualify for the National High School Finals Rodeo next month in Rock Springs, Wyo. Those top state competitors who don't reach the national finals will be invited to the Silver State International Rodeo,

which starts later this month in Winnemucca, Nev.

The final four rodeos of the District 2 season were held during the Memorial Day weekend in Homedale. In fact, all but two of the rodeos on the 2018-19 District 2 schedule

were staged either at Badiola Arena or the Owyhee County Fairgrounds.

Fruitland's Cole Eiguren, who has ties to the Jordan Valley area, was the boys' all around champion in District 2.



Arock, Ore.'s Meg Eiguren competes in breakaway roping during the District 2 season. Photo by Cherie Rolland

### ✓ Legion: HHS grads return for the summer

The game was a seesaw battle throughout.

Ridgevue led, 3-0, before Owyhee struck for three runs in the bottom of the fifth inning, including Cody Liebschwager's game-tying two-run single.

Hockenhull was 3-for-4 with a double from the leadoff spot. Tommy Muir went 2-for-4.

Brady Trout got the start on the mound for Owyhee.

He struck out eight in 5 1/3 innings, but surrendered five walks and three unearned runs.

**Last Wednesday: River Cats 13, Nampa Indians 3 (5)** — Owyhee opened the season with an eight-run first inning and cruised to a home victory.

Gammel doubled twice, including a bases-clearing hit in the first inning that accounted for three of his four

RBI.

The River Cats rolled out to a 10-0 lead after two innings.

Garrett Bettleyon also had a double, while he and Lee had two hits apiece.

Lee was the starting pitcher, striking out six and giving up a walk and two hits over 2 2/3 innings. Nampa scored three runs — only one earned — against Muir, who struck out three in relief.

### ✓ Basketball: Open gym held through June

tougher with a new coach coming in so close to game day."

While the team did not get the results they were looking for, Hatfield emphasized: "This was more about getting our basketball legs and me having the chance to get to know some of the players."

Hatfield will continue open gym sessions throughout June and July, and the team will attend the Gonzaga camp in Spokane, Wash., later this month.

Hatfield said any high school girls interested in playing should contact him at [chatfield@homedaleschools.org](mailto:chatfield@homedaleschools.org).

barrel horse and is ready for summer season.

• **Morgyn Babcock, Marsing** — Babcock nearly reached her goal of clean runs with no penalties in barrel racing and pole bending, according to her mother Michelle Wallace.

Days after finishing eighth grade, she rode clean on three of four runs, but missed the short go.

Her mother said she made significant strides with a new

• **Celie Davis, Adrian** — Another rookie, her best finished was 20<sup>th</sup> in pole bending, and she was 21<sup>st</sup> in barrels. She also competed in goat tying and breakaway.

• **Logan Cummins, Owyhee, Nev.** — The rookie was 17<sup>th</sup> in the boys' breakaway and also rode in team roping.

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# Breshears Fishing Day means more than trout

More than 120 youth anglers attended the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Leroy Breshears Fishing Day at Marsing's Island Park on Saturday. The event honors a longtime hunter education instructor who died from cancer, and several of Breshears' relatives, including great-grandchildren, attended this year's event.

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Posse purchased more than 400 pounds of rainbow trout from a hatchery in Hagerman. The Idaho Department of Fish and Game also delivered several hundred catchable rainbow trout prior to the event. The Owyhee County Sheriff's Posse also purchased custom-designed T-shirts to hand out to anglers who signed in at the registration booth.

Also this year youth an-

glers were able to meet a working drug detection dog from Caldwell Police Department. Officer Jared George and his K-9 partner Arlo stopped by to interact with youth at the event.

IDFG Officer Craig Mickelson and K-9 Blue met with several youth, too. K-9 Blue is trained in wildlife detection, evidence recovery and tracking.

Other sponsors included IDFG, the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office, City of Marsing, Marsing Lions Club, Logan's Market, White House Drive Inn, Breshears Family, Matteson's in Homedale, NAPA Owyhee Auto Supply (Homedale and Marsing), Homedale Lions Clubs, Albertsons, Perfection Repair, Randy and Jerry Breshears, and American Legion Post 128.



Marsing's Constance Wahl (left) and Trenton Rodemack of Homedale caught the largest fish of the day. Constance, 5, pulled in a trout that was 22 inches long and weighed 4.185 pounds. Trenton, 12, landed a 22 1/8" fish that tipped the scales at 4.605 pounds. Trenton also was the first boy to catch a fish, at 9:19 a.m., on Saturday



Madison Crossley, 6, of Star was the first girl to catch a fish Saturday.

## Submitted photos



**Left:** Hope Steinmeyer, 4, was the first girl to catch her limit at Island Park on Saturday.

**Right:** Timothy Steinmeyer, 8, was the first boy to get six fish on his stringer.

Both children live in Marsing.



## Commissioners retain auditor

Owyhee County has again retained the services of Zwygart John and Associates, PLLC, to audit the books for fiscal year 2019, which ends Sept. 30.

The Board of County Commissioners ratified the new contract during its May 28 meeting in Murphy.

The audit will include financial statements of governmental activities, component units, each major fund and the remaining fund information for the county.

The firm estimates that the audit will cost \$11,450, based on the time required at various levels of responsibility, plus out-of-pocket expenses.

The agreement states the company will notify the county if circumstances arise to significantly affect the fee.

Whenever possible, Zwygart John will attempt to use county personnel to assist in preparation of schedules and analyses of accounts.

### Gun range deal continues

County commissioners renewed the lease on a rancher's property for the sheriff's office weapons training.

The gravel pit owned by Paul Nettleton is located near the intersection of Tyson Road and Idaho highway 78, south of Murphy.

The county has leased the gun range for another 10 years. Nettleton will receive \$5,000 in \$500 annual installments.

The lease took effect Saturday and runs through Dec. 31, 2029.

The original agreement, signed in May 2009 dur-

ing Sheriff Daryl Crandall's administration also was for \$5,000. The county had lagged on payments the past few years, but according to Sheriff Perry Grant, Nettleton never complained or made an issue of it.

"We forget to pay Paul every year, so we thought we would get something in writing so he could get paid," Grant said. "He's never minded, but now we'll be set up so he'll get paid."

Payments for the past three years were made two months ago.

The county agrees to make capital improvements as necessary, with Nettleton's approval. The county also agrees to keep the premises tidy and free of waste. Subletting to a third party or letting other persons occupy the property is prohibited. — TK



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